



Trinity United Methodist Church
903 Forest Avenue
Henrico, Virginia 23229

December 2025

The Trinity Window

PASTOR'S PEN

Luke 2:10-13 (CEB)

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and laying in a manger. Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Advent is upon us, and Christmas will soon be here! The liturgical (church) year has begun once more. This is the season of lights, of decorations, of gifts, of carols, of gatherings, of celebration. As busy as we are trying to fit in all the social and church obligations on our calendars, we need to strive to keep in mind why we are doing this in the first place. Sure, gathering with family and friends is wonderful, and should be done. But the real reason that we do all this craziness in the first place is to welcome a child—Emmanuel—God with us. It is the nativity that God descends as one of us *for* us. It is in the nativity that we see the full depth of God's love and hope for humanity. That's why it is so special. God with us.

Our faith tells us that God is always with us, but this makes it real. God is always there to comfort us in our times of discomfort and discomfort us in our times of comfort. It is in that uneven walk together that we are able to see God in each other. May we continue to celebrate, comfort, and convict each other in faithfulness. May we use the occasions of celebration to remind ourselves that God does, indeed, love each and all of us. May the festive season bring us closer together to those we love dearly, and also those we have difficulty with. We have work to do and love to share. The nativity shows us how.

God is here. That is *the* something worth celebrating.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian



*A monthly
publication
connecting you to
what's new and next
in faith, life, and
fellowship at Trinity*

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PASTOR DANIEL'S STUDY

During Advent, Pastor Daniel's study will discuss sermons of Frederick Buechner. Pastor Daniel will provide the material. We will meet on December 4, 11, and 18.

Pastor Daniel's study meets **Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm** in room 323. No registration is required; just come as you can and as you are!

TRINITY STUDENTS: CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Our **Christmas Party is coming on Sunday, December 14**. This year, we'll be having breakfast for dinner! To sign up to provide a dish, visit: <https://bit.ly/trinitystudentschristmas>

We'll also have a White Elephant gift exchange and ask those attending to bring a small gift of \$20 or less. Pajamas or Christmas clothes are encouraged!

We will not meet on December 28 and will return on Sunday, January 4!

A NEW RECORD AT THE TRINITY PUMPKIN PATCH!

Thank you to all who served in this year's Pumpkin Patch! This was our third record year in a row, with this year's sales up 22% over last year. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, shared about the Patch, purchased pumpkins, and more!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Muriel Garson passed away on November 2.

Sadie Mae Thomas was baptized at Trinity on November 9. Sadie Mae is the great-granddaughter of Trinity member Janet Hill.

PUB THEOLOGY— DECEMBER 9

On **Tuesday, December 9**, our special guest for Pub Theology will be a local bluegrass band. These musicians will be leading us in our annual singing of Christmas carols.

We meet at WayGone Brewery in the Canterbury shopping center on Patterson Avenue. Start time is 5:45pm, and the program ends by 7:00. The church provides pizza and requests a \$5 donation to help offset the cost. Water, soft drinks, beer, hard seltzer, and wine are available for purchase. You do not need to be a consumer of alcohol to attend. With any questions, contact Bill Pike at bpiketrinityumc.net.

We hope to see you there!

BELLEMEADE PARK EVENTS

Saturday, December 6 – Conserve and Create. This is our last 2025 event. Light maintenance and cleanup will be performed from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Individuals, families and friends are invited.

The Saturday Literacy Academy at Bellemeade Park is having a **Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students from Collegiate School, who participate in the Oak Grove- Bellemeade Elementary School literacy program, will be present to interact and enjoy the company of the many children they mentor. This is an opportunity for Trinity youth to invest in community service and enjoy time with these elementary school students. Trinity youth are invited to attend this event and enjoy the festivities including photos with Santa, cookies, singing, story time and helping children select and wrap gifts for their parents. Youth, please register your participation with Pastor Daniel.

Holiday Party Book Drive – November 17 – December 10. Trinity youth and adults are invited to donate gently used and new books for pre-K through 5 th grade children to pick out and take home. Books should be placed in Mission Central in bags labeled “Bellemeade Holiday Party” no later than December 10.

GOOCHLANDCARES

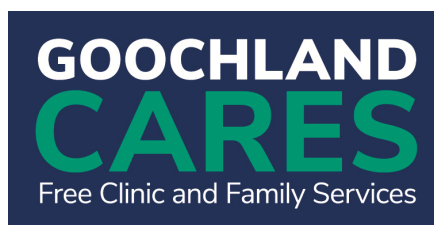
GoochlandCares, one of our three key mission partners, created special opportunities for Trinity members to serve!

Food Pantry Small Group: Volunteers are needed for this group that will meet the second Saturday of each month from 9 to 11am. Action items include cleaning up around the food pantry (4 volunteers) and picking up donated food from Publix (2 volunteers) before bringing it to the Pantry for unloading.

Clothes Closet Small Group: 5-6 volunteers are needed on the second Monday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30am to assist with sorting donated clothing and housewares.

You can sign up for these serving opportunities via Sign Up Genius. We already have four people signed up for the first spot at the Food Pantry - join the group!

Carol Wampler, our GoochlandCares contact, has prepared wonderful resources and guides to get started with volunteering. See them on our website, along with the link to the Sign Up Genius, at: <https://www.trinityumc.net/missions>. If you are unfamiliar with Sign Up Genius, instructions are on the website.



COMING SOON WITH YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart programs are open to everyone! Come and bring a friend!

Tues, January 20:

An afternoon with our favorite speaker, Bill Pike. Meet in Trinity Hall from 2-3:30pm; refreshments provided.

Tuesday, March 24:

Day trip to the Virginia War Memorial. A tour will be led by Trinity's Mike Cross. We will stop for lunch on the way home! Hours: 10am-2pm.

Thursday, April 23:

Day trip to Petersburg to visit Historic Blandford Church. We will have lunch in Petersburg following our tour. Hours: 10am-3pm

Registration for these events will be on Sundays or with Judy at care@trinityumc.net



CONFIRMATION 2026

Pastor Daniel is preparing for Confirmation!

In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and becomes a professing member of the local congregation of the church. Prior to Confirmation Sunday, there is a 7 week process of classes and conversations to prepare the student for this decision.

There will be a 1-hour orientation on February 1.

Confirmation classes will meet weekly on Sundays from 12:30 to 1:30pm; lunch will be provided.

There is a rehearsal for the Confirmation service with a dinner to follow on February 14. **Confirmation is Sunday, February 15.** The student can determine during which service they would like to be Confirmed.

E-mail Daniel at dguenther@trinityumc.net by **January 11** to indicate if you are interested in participating and a preferred mentor, if you have one. Pastor Daniel would be happy to assign a mentor.



IN TRINITY'S WORDS...

We asked YOU: **What is your favorite thing about Trinity during Advent? A tradition, a piece of décor, an event, a song...anything you can think of!**

“Create and Celebrate! This is such a fun event for all ages. Each year when we take out our holiday décor, it is so fun seeing the pieces my girls have made during this event. We look forward to it every year!” -Haley Hildebrand

“Lessons and Carols!” -Anonymous

“I love when the church is fully decorated with lights in the windows, wreaths and garland, and the poinsettias on the altar. Finally the lighting of the advent candles and all the beautiful Christmas music. I can't wait!” -Lynn Berry

“A lot comes to mind! In no order, the Advent Christmas tree and the window decorations, the weekly lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath—the extra Sunday afternoon services, especially Lessons and Carols and the play—just the joy of being in church together with our Trinity family. And, of course, I love Christmas Eve service! Everything feels so right when I leave the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.” -Nancy Askew

2025 Create & Celebrate Crafts



ADVENT GREETERS

As we prepare our hearts for the Advent season, we're inviting friendly faces to help welcome everyone who walks through our doors. Greeters play an important role in creating a warm and joyful atmosphere for all who join us during this special time of year.

If you enjoy meeting people, sharing a smile, and helping others feel at home, we'd love for you to serve as a greeter! You'll welcome guests in the Welcome Center, assist them with directions, and share a simple word of kindness that can make a big difference.

Greeters are needed before and after Sunday services throughout Advent, as well as for our Christmas Eve services. Even one shift helps!

Thank you for helping us make this season bright with hospitality and love.
-The Trinity Connect Team

To sign up, visit: <https://bit.ly/trinityadventgreeters>

ADVENT AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 30: Caroling, 3pm | Meet at Trinity

We'll gather at 2:45pm at Trinity to receive routes and coordinate carpools before leaving at 3pm to spread some cheer to some of our members!

Caroling teams will return to Trinity at 4:30pm for hot chocolate and cookies in the Welcome Center.

Register now!

Sunday, December 7: Create and Celebrate, 3pm | Trinity Hall

Come out for an evening of crafting - create new decorations for your home this holiday season!

There will be crafts for all ages; children are welcome to attend in their pajamas.

From 5-6pm, we'll join in Trinity Hall for a pizza dinner. We're having a dessert potluck:

bring your favorite dessert to share!

Register now!

Sunday, December 14: Lessons and Carols, 3pm | Sanctuary

A beloved holiday tradition: join us for this spectacular musical experience in the Sanctuary!

Enjoy a multi-voice choir with special musicians, under the direction of Ben Miller, as they lead us in a celebration of the season in music and Scripture.

There will be a small reception after the concert in the Welcome Center.

Sunday, December 21: Christmas Play and Cookies, 3pm | Trinity Hall

Our Trinity members are putting on a play! Get in the holiday spirit by watching

"'Twas the Night Before" and enjoying celebratory cake afterwards.

You're invited to bring cookies to share!

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship

4pm: Instant Christmas Pageant

6pm: Modern Service

8pm and 11pm: Traditional Services

6pm, 8pm, and 11pm will include candlelight. All services will include Communion.

Sunday, December 28: Carol Sing and Tacky Sweater Sunday | Combined service at 10am

For events where registration is requested, find links to register on our website at trinityumc.net/christmas2025



A NOTE FROM BEN MILLER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Greetings, Trinity Family!

I hope you are all ready for Advent and Christmas! Here is your insight into music events at Trinity for the coming month.

On Sunday, November 30, we will be caroling in the afternoon. Registrations are now open, and you can find more information on the church's website.

Lessons & Carols will be on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00pm. The music ministry has been working very hard the last few months to prepare this beloved part of Advent at Trinity, and we can't wait for you to see what we've cooked up.

For Christmas Eve, we have four (4) separate worship services for you and your family to choose from based on your schedule and preferences. They are:

- 4:00pm - An improvised nativity pageant for children and their families. No preparation required.
- 6:00pm - Modern Worship with music led by the Trinity Praise Team.
- 8:00pm - Traditional Worship with music led by the Trinity Choir.
- 11:00pm - Meditative Worship. This is quite similar to the Traditional service, but is adapted to greet the newborn King in a simple and beautiful atmosphere.

And on Sunday, December 28 we will have a casual Combined Worship at 10:00 AM with Christmas carols by request. Start choosing your tacky sweaters now!

If you have any questions about your Music Ministry, I hope you will reach out to me directly.

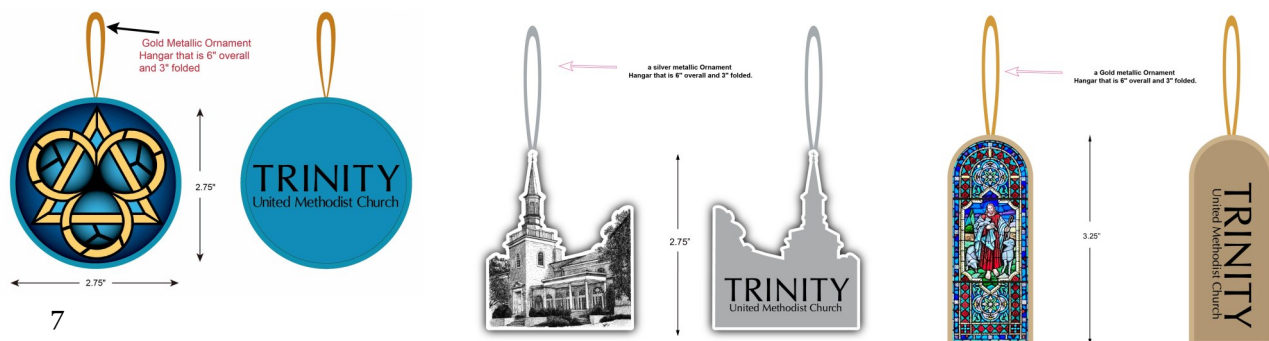
Soli Deo Gloria- Ben Miller

ORDER YOUR TRINITY ORNAMENTS—COMING IN THIS MONTH!

This Advent, we are hosting a fundraiser! Any proceeds will benefit Trinity in a fund to be determined by our Finance Committee.

These **high-quality, custom embroidered ornaments** made by a small business are for sale for \$12 each—or a special price of \$30 for all three!

For the order form and the option to pay online, visit <https://trinityumc.net/christmas2025>.



CREATION CARE AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas Recycling: Dos and Don'ts - At Christmas, recycling some seasonal items can be confusing. Here are some tips:

Christmas cards & envelopes: if either the card or envelope has glitter, embellishments or a metallic finish, it can't be recycled. If it's all plain paper, recycle.

Wrapping paper: glitter, metallic or foil finishes make wrapping paper non-recyclable. If you're unsure, perform the scrunch test; if it stays in a ball when scrunched, it can be recycled. Do not recycle shiny ribbons & bows.

Christmas food packaging: a lot can be recycled but not all in the same place.

Clean clear plastic packaging can be recycled with your plastic grocery bags at many grocery stores.
Black plastic cannot be recycled.

Clean foam trays, cups & egg cartons can be recycled at Publix stores.

Glass bottles and jars can be recycled – keep the lids on to make sorting easier.

Pizza boxes & food-contaminated items cannot be recycled.

Broken glass ornaments: glass ornaments are not recyclable. Wrap the broken bits in a bag or bubble wrap & put in general waste.

Delivery & gift boxes: Break these down to take up less room & recycle.

Give presents that don't involve recycling:

Give the past for the future. Ask parents and grandparents to give you an ornament that has been a part of your growing-up Christmas traditions. Pass along its story to your children. Or make tree ornaments representing something meaningful to you. Glue family photos to card stock and hang them on the tree. Create new stories to tell each Christmas.

Give an awesome experience, perhaps a trip to a national or state park, a local museum, a concert. Give an adventure—an experience that can be shared, talked about, and remembered long after the usual “stuff” has been covered over in the landfill.

Give without waste. Parties and holiday meals can be merry without plastic and food waste going into the landfill. Choose reusable tableware and decorations. Use silicone bags or glass containers to send home with guests any extra food; compost scraps. Buy only what you need and keep portion sizes moderate – overeating is also food waste.

Give to help others. The innkeeper gave shelter to the Holy Family and likely some food, too. Volunteer at a local shelter or donate to a food drive. Seek out opportunities that help people and planet. Both are in need.

ANGEL TREE FOR OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This year, in addition to the Apple Angel Tree providing school supplies requested by teachers at Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School, we added a Holiday Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts for over 25 OGES students. The students were recommended by teachers working with the school social worker and a Communities in Schools representative.

Angels representing each of the 25 students were hung on a beautiful Christmas tree in the Welcome Center on Sunday, November 16. All the angels were quickly picked and will receive a toy, book, and clothing item.

Gifts are to be returned in a plastic bag tied shut with the angel attached no later than Sunday, December 14. Gifts should not be wrapped, but wrapping paper may be included in the bag. Gifts will be turned in as they are received. Thank you for your enthusiasm for this new project!



SHERBOURNE THANKSGIVING BAGS

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to exceed our goal of 100 Thanksgiving bags of nonperishable items for families served by the Sherbourne Food Pantry! We delivered the heavy bags of food on Monday, November 17th. They were distributed to 100+ appreciative families on Wednesday, November 19th.

One special bag was prepared by Mrs. Hannah Castro's Trinity preschool class. These students collected all the food items, filled the bag, said a blessing over the filled bag, and delivered it to Trinity Hall! They also prepared a Thanksgiving card to go with the bag. Below is a picture of Debbie Goodman, Sherbourne Food Pantry Manager, holding the card before it was slipped back into the bag.

Special thanks to Ann and Mike Pierce and Becky and Dave Henderson who helped deliver all the bags to Sherbourne. Becky and Dave also deliver the weekly food collection for Sherbourne each Monday morning.

Again, thanks for helping make all this possible!



THANK YOU!

Outreach class is appreciative of everyone who came out in support of the annual Veterans Pancake Breakfast. That thank you includes our Veterans and their families and the Trinity staff. We learned a lot about the Mighty Pen Project from our guests David L. Robbins and Phil Trezza. If you would like a copy of the Mighty Pen Project 2024 Journal, they can be found in the Welcome Center. These journals were provided free by the Virginia War Memorial.

We are appreciative of **Karen Adams's** leadership with the Thanksgiving Bags for the Sherbourne Food Pantry and the Holiday Angel Tree for Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School. We are thankful for her dedication and time with both projects.

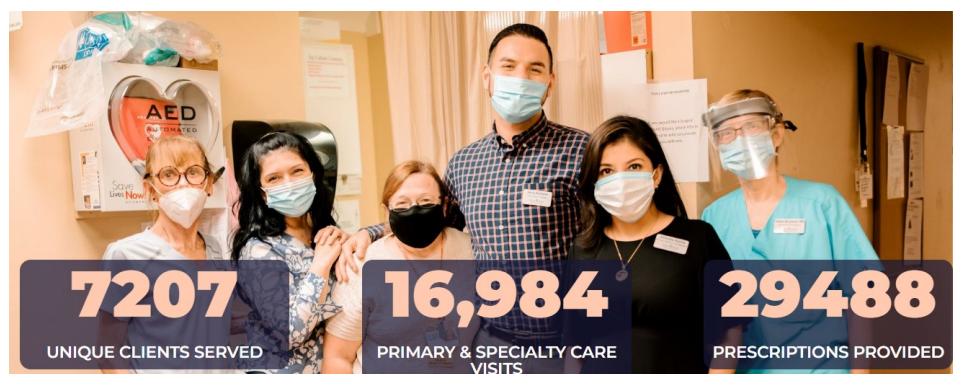
CEDARFIELD CELEBRATION

Join us on **Tuesday, December 9 from 3:30 to 4:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall of Cedarfield for our quarterly celebration! We will have refreshments, updates on Trinity and Cedarfield happenings, a devotion by Jo Lewis, music, communion, and—most importantly—opportunities to fellowship with our members who reside at Cedarfield!

Cedarfield's address is 2300 Cedarfield Parkway, off of Three Chopt Road. If you can participate on December 9, please contact Carol Wampler (804-784-7177 or carolwampler@msn.com) or John Taylor (804-740-4405 or jaydeetay@verizon.net). Everyone is welcome!

CROSSOVER'S NEW CLINIC

Recently, CrossOver Healthcare Ministries celebrated 20 years in the West End of Richmond when they opened a second clinic, located on Quioccasin Road. Twenty area churches supported this endeavor, and Trinity United Methodist Church was one of them. CrossOver provides a healthcare home for low-income patients across Central Virginia with limited access to quality medical care. CrossOver serves more than 7,000 patients annually.





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Service Day December 11 at 9:00

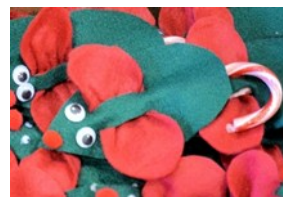
Everyone is invited to join us in Trinity Hall - we have lots of activities planned! We will pause at 10am for the presentation of the Harvest Day offering check to Shineforth (formerly UMFS) and for a program of Christmas music performed by the students of the Anna Julia Cooper School, as a 'thank you' for last year's Harvest Day donation to purchase their instruments.

Projects and leaders

- Prepare stockings and wrap presents for Shineforth residents, led by Lauren McMullen (Shineforth)
- Make Christmas poppers for Sherbourne UMC, led by Circle 10
- Create Christmas centerpieces, led by Bonnie Andrews
- Write birthday cards for Oak Grove ES students, led by Pat Rollison and Circle 1
- Wrap the mini loaves for delivery to Oak Grove ES staff, led by Karen Adams & Pam Carnahan – we deliver a loaf of bread for each staff member, teacher, custodian, cafeteria worker and bus driver at the school
- Create 75 additional felt angel Christmas ornaments, led by Gail Clelland & Trinity Stitchers
- Fill Christmas stockings for Trinity's homebound members and others on the prayer list, led by Gail Clelland & Trinity Stitchers
- Assemble cookie treats for AA meetings at TUMC, led by Jo Lewis
- Prepare candles for Christmas Eve services, led by Dianne Moore and Circle 4
- Write cards to send with the Pastor's letter to TUMC homebound members, led by Circle 10
- **Collect items for Covenant Woods, Hermitage & the Doorways – check the lists by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://trinityumc.net/women>**

Projects completed in advance

- Made candy cane mice (Circle 11) and collected coloring books and crayons (Circles 4 & 5) to bring to Service Day for the Sherbourne Food Bank families
- Prepared holiday treats for our staff, Circle 7
- Created 110 felt angel Christmas ornaments for Oak-Grove Bellemeade, Sherbourne UMC, The Doorways, Shineforth and CrossOver Healthcare



Circle plans for Christmas gatherings

Circle 1 will lunch at Napa Kitchen on December 16 at 12:30

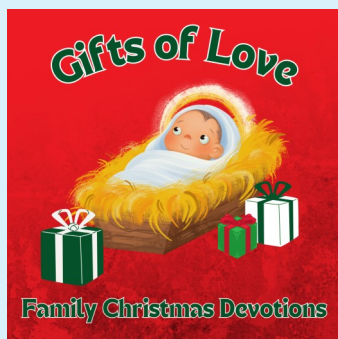
Circle 4 will lunch at The Local on December 4 at 11:30

Circle 7 will meet for dinner at the Greek Taverna Restaurant on December 18 at 6:30

Circle 10 will meet at the home of Carolyn Simpson on December 4 at 6:00

ADVENT DEVOTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Our Director of Kids Ministries, Jen Williams, has prepared devotionals and family Advent activities for preschool-aged children. They will be available in the Welcome Center beginning on Sunday, November 23. You'll find them in red and green envelopes. Feel free to take one to enjoy with your children, grandchildren, or any other children in your lives!



Since 2008, Trinity UMC's Upward program has introduced children and families to Christ through sports. This fun, supportive environment allows children to learn athletic fundamentals and life lessons through competition and cooperation.

Shortly after Christmas begins one of the most exciting and uplifting seasons at Trinity: Upward Basketball and Cheerleading! This unique program introduces young children to the excitement of playing a sport while encouraging positivity and an uplifting environment.

This year, we are looking for **greeters** to be a welcoming presence for the many families and friends that come every game to watch their little athletes, as well as help with simple timekeeping and announcing. These are newcomer-friendly roles meant to help encourage and welcome!

There will be a training on Monday, January 5 at 6pm in Trinity Hall to learn more.

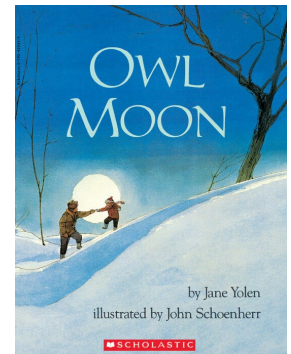
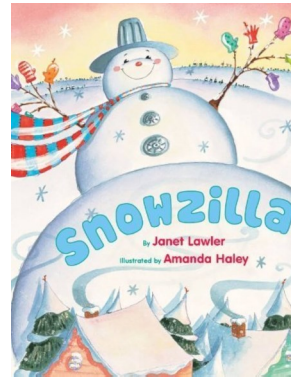


READING AT OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On **Tuesday, December 9**, you are invited to a Holiday Read-Aloud at Oak Grove Bellemeade Elementary School. We have time slots reserved from 9:30 until 10:15am with an 8:45am departure in a van from Trinity.

You would be in a classroom of 18-20 students with a teacher present, reading either *Snowzilla* or *Owl Moon* (provided by the school). There will also be an activity provided for you to do with the students after reading.

To attend, please register via [our website](https://subspla.sh/xr77dhq) at <https://subspla.sh/xr77dhq> and make sure that you bring a valid state ID with you on read-day (for the school's security system)!



TRINITY FRIENDS OF BARNABAS MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

The Trinity Friends of Barnabas team is coming together for our **January 17-24 Mountain Medical Team Mission Trip**. Each of our 13 volunteers (so far!) are raising \$2,250 for their own trip.

We are still seeking donations to cover the \$11,500 our team needs to cover medical supplies we use during our visits to FOB's partner communities. You can see more details and our fundraising progress by scanning the QR code. We would love for you all to help us with this fundraising!





What's Happening in Trinity KIDS Ministry?

9AM Worship Hour:

Nursery available for kids under three



Preschool – Elementary: **Kids Church**
(kids are dismissed before the first song and return by the last song).

10AM Discipleship Hour:

Nursery available for kids under three

Preschool – Elementary: **Stay, Pray, and Play** - Kids gather in Trinity Hall. Our time starts with Ben Miller, our Director of Music, leading the kids in music and movement for 25 minutes. For the remainder of the time, kids choose from playing games (dodgeball, pickleball, basketball, gaga ball), board games, or crafts.

11AM Worship Service:

Nursery will be available for kids three and under.



Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that God gives people to guide us, God gives hope to guide us, God gives a Savior to guide us, and God gives direction to guide us.



Join us at the 4pm Christmas Eve service for our Instant Kids Christmas Pageant! We will have costumes ready for your kids! Show up a little before 4pm and your kids can dress up as an angel, shepherd, or an animal! Kids remain seated with their parents until their character is called forward to join the pageant scene.



Kids Church at 9am: <https://bit.ly/4fapSEo>

A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Hello Trinity! Our Finance Committee met on Sunday, November 16, 2025. This meeting focused on two primary topics; October financials and the 2026 budget.

- We still have a way to go to meet our July -December budgeted revenues. Please make sure that you are up to date on your pledge and if not do your best to get it in before December 31st.
- You will receive a statement in mid-December showing where you are with your pledge. We will have these printed statements in the Welcome Center on Sunday December 14th ready for your pickup, or we will mail it the following day.
- A very generous donor gave \$105,000.00 to help pay down the Welcome Center debt. This (along with an additional payment, approved by Finance, of \$25,000 from available restricted funds) allowed us to pay the Welcome Center debt down by \$130,000.00 bringing the balance to \$623,216.32. The Capital Campaign loan is being paid down as your pledges to the capital campaign are received. We currently have a balance on that loan of \$333,799.79.
- Now for the 2026 Stewardship Campaign and the 2026 Budget: as of November 16, estimates of giving for 2026 were \$1,104,546. There are many who pledged in the previous campaign that have not yet done so.
- Your Finance Committee plans to present a final budget to Church Council the middle of December. As frequently communicated, the expense budget is expected to be about \$1,400,000.00. We are well short of that number at this point.
- I ask that if you have not yet submitted your estimate of giving that you prayerfully consider what God has given you and how you can best support the ministries and operations of Trinity. If you have already submitted, your estimate of giving but feel that God is calling you to do a little more, please contact Leah Cruise in the church office and she can make that change for you.

I want to say thank you to each of you for the many ways that you support Trinity with your prayers, your time, your talents and your resources. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support Trinity and it's work for each of you and the community.

Did You Know:

Utility costs, (electricity, fuel, water and sewer) for the previous 12 months were \$66,2994.82, and there is a proposal to increase electricity costs by 8%.

Again, Thank you for your commitment to Trinity.

In Christ,

Elaine Peele

TRINITY STAFF: OUR CHRISTMAS FAVORITES



Our Trinity staff compiled their favorite Christmas songs into a free Spotify playlist! To listen, find the playlist at:

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3pQ5sqrVJXOJ79LJtXsuuS?si=709xw7GvQgyl6XWTogBGiA&nd=1&dlsi=bb781980ef574934>

Or, in the Spotify app, scan the code below.

We hope you enjoy our eclectic taste in holiday music!



IN CLOSING: A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Trinity Family:

What a joy it is to be editing my third edition of The Window—full of Advent events, service opportunities, special worship, and excitement! I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you in my first 100 days at Trinity, and I look forward to meeting many more. I love worshiping with you on Sunday mornings and working with the staff during the week. Oh, how we are surrounded by blessings here!

One of my favorite things about Advent is that it begins a new year in our liturgical church calendar. We are beginning new year in the life of Trinity this week. I pray that we all have eyes to see what will sprout up amongst us this season—the guests, opportunities, fresh understandings of beloved scriptures, friendships yet to be formed. God is always doing *a new thing* in our midst!

I am so excited to experience my first Trinity Advent alongside you!

Wishing you all the love, peace, hope, and joy this season brings,

Laura

JANUARY DEADLINE

Articles for the January edition of The Window are due by **December 15**.
All articles or questions may be submitted to Laura Maher at lmaher@trinityumc.net.

Thank you!

