



"If it's really you, Lord, tell me to come."

Welcome to March, and Lent - blowing in like a lion! Throughout this newsletter, you will read reports of the dynamic events and projects taking place at Trinity. Some are traditions, like Shrove Tuesday Soup Supper, handmade Easter Eggs, and the Variety Show. And there are some new and exciting things happening, too. The dynamic sign, the electronic access /security system, and the Dream Like Jesus vision and ministry.

Together, these things remind us of where we come from, encouraging one another when we share meals and fellowship as a faith community. This gives us strength to step out of the boat and into the opportunities before us.

March 5 is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. It's a day of humility and a straightforward reminder that "from dust and ashes you came, and to dust and ashes you shall return." Traditionally, the church has not so much "celebrated" Lent as endured it. (Seriously, 40 days without chocolate is a test of ultimate endurance!)

With the state of the nation and world these days, we might be tempted to just circle the wagons, hunker down, watch, and wait. But we can't do that. That's not who we are.

Rebekah Simon-Peter says, *"That's not what Jesus wants for us, and it's certainly not how he lived in his time on earth. Though we look to the Kingdom of Heaven for our eternal reward, we cannot forget our call to create the Kingdom of Heaven on earth."*

So I invite you to look at Lent differently this year. Let's focus our attention not on the storm around us, but on Christ, lifting our gaze from belief in Jesus to living with the belief of Jesus. If we are going to transform our community and world in the same way we are transforming our church, we will need the faith of Jesus, possessing a miracle mindset, accepting that we are in this together **with** Christ.

I am praying for you.

Pastor Alan





Stay Connected

Join Us for Lenten Worship & Lunch

This Lenten season, we are coming together with our sisters and brothers from Chester UMC and Bermuda Hundred UMC in a meaningful new way. Bermuda Hundred UMC has graciously invited us to join them each Wednesday during Lent, starting March 12, 2025, at 12:00 Noon, for a special time of Lenten Worship and Lunch.

We will begin with a brief devotion and worship, followed by a light meal shared in fellowship.

Location: Bermuda Hundred UMC, 2025 Florence Avenue, Chester

Questions? Call the BHUMC office at 804-530-1391

We hope you will join us as we journey through this sacred season together!

United Methodist Men

The UMM will be going to the Keystone Museum in Colonial Heights, Wednesday, March 12.

Meet at the church by 8:45 am and we will go by church bus to the museum. Breakfast and lunch are served at the same time. Meals are between 6 and 17 dollars. Tickets to the museum are 15.00 dollars and they give a discount for seniors or veterans. Please contact Jack to reserve your spot, at pfdcapt@aol.com or 804.720.1198.

A Wonderful Shrove Tuesday Celebration!

What a joy it was to gather as a church family for our Shrove Tuesday Soup Dinner! The room was filled with warmth, laughter, and the delicious aroma of homemade soups as we shared in a meal together. It was a beautiful way to begin the Lenten season, strengthening our bonds of fellowship and faith.

A huge thank you to everyone who brought soup, decorated tables, and contributed to the celebration. And, of course, congratulations to our winners for Best Cake Decoration - Joy, Best Cake Flavor - Brent , and Best Table Decor - Everly!

Check out the photos below to see the talented winners and their amazing creations. We are grateful for each and every one of you!



Family Ministries

3rd Saturday - Community Family Game Night

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Gather your friends, family, and neighbors along with your favorite game. Join us for an evening of fun and bonding over games! Enjoy popcorn while you play.



Children's Ministries News

Wacky Wednesday - Every Wednesday, 5:45-7:00 PM

Bring the kids for food, fellowship, and Bible stories every Wednesday from 5:45-7:00 p.m. on the playground. .

Our Wednesday kids will be showcasing their talents in the Variety Show on Friday, March 21, and will also take part in leading the entire Worship service on April 27. Over the coming weeks, we'll be preparing for these special events, and we can't wait to see them shine!

Youth Ministries News

Youth Bible Study - Every Wednesday, 5:45-7:45 PM

Youth (grades 6th-12th) are invited to join us for dinner and worship arts (rotation) Dinner at 5:45 p.m., Worship Arts at 6:00, Bible Study at 6:45.

Youth Group-

Join us @ Trinity UMC 6-7:30 pm (3/9, 3/23)

And join us for a Joint Youth Group with Chester UMC @4pm (3/16)

For more information or to volunteer with the youth, please contact Vickie Weber at vjbrynilsen@gmail.com or 757-510-1286.





Melodic Updates

Experience "The Witness" - A Powerful Lenten Musical

The Music Department of Trinity United Methodist Church invites you to a moving musical presentation of "The Witness."

This powerful production tells the story of Jesus' final hours—from betrayal to Crucifixion—through the eyes of The Witness. Written and directed by Rachel Allyn, the performance features music by renowned composers Dengler, Aspinall, Martin, Choplin, Stewart, and Hopson.

 Date: Friday, April 18, 2025

 Time: 7:00 PM


 Location: Trinity United Methodist Church

Join us for an evening of worship, reflection, and beautiful music as we journey through the story of Christ's sacrifice. All are welcome!

Join Us for the "All Creatures Great and Small" Variety Show!

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and entertainment at our upcoming Variety Show! This year's theme, "All Creatures Great and Small," promises a delightful mix of performances celebrating the wonders of the animal kingdom.

 Date: March 21, 2025

 Time: 6:00 PM

Come enjoy, laugh, guffaw, and cheer as performers of all ages take the stage! Whether you sing, dance, act, or have a unique talent to share, ALL acts are welcome!

 Want to participate? See Rachel by **March 15** to sign up.

Don't miss this fun-filled evening—bring your friends and family for a roaring good time! 🐒🐶🐦



Buildings & Grounds Update

Our Buildings & Grounds team has been hard at work ensuring the church facilities are well-maintained and operating smoothly. Here are some recent accomplishments:

- **Lawn Mower Maintenance:**

- Jack Jackson winterized both lawn mowers by draining the gas and oil, refilling the oil reservoir, and replacing the air filter.
- The fuel filter on the riding mower was replaced, and both mower blades were sharpened to ensure they're ready for spring.

- **Facility Inspections & Maintenance:**

- Mayo and Associates conducted their annual inspection and service
- Fire extinguisher inspection tickets were replaced, allowing Bob Cassada to officially document the inspections.
- Adams Heating and Air Conditioning performed their quarterly HVAC service.
 - The narthex unit required new fuses to function properly.
 - The unit in the secretary's office wasn't heating properly—Adams found and cleaned two extremely dirty filters.
 - Plans are in place to inspect and clean the remaining four wall units, which will now be scheduled for routine service.

- **New Kitchen Water Heater Installed:**

- A brand-new hot water heater has been installed in the kitchen, ensuring reliable hot water for church events and activities.

A big thank you to everyone who helped keep our church in great shape!

- Gary

Exciting News: Our New Electronic Church Sign is Here!

We are thrilled to share that our **brand-new electronic church sign** is now up and shining bright!

This sign is more than just words—it's a **beacon of hope, love, and community** for everyone who passes by. Our prayer is that it serves as a daily reminder of God's unwavering love and the welcoming spirit of our church.



With over **44,000 cars passing by on Route 10 every day**, this new sign provides an incredible opportunity to **share God's word**, announce church events, and **invite others into fellowship**. It's a powerful tool to reach beyond our walls and into the hearts of our community.

A **heartfelt thank you** to our generous donors who made this vision a reality! Your support has given us a meaningful way to **spread God's love and message** to thousands each day.

We are excited for all the ways this sign will help us **connect, inspire, and share the Good News**. Thank you for being a part of this exciting new chapter for our church!

Thank You!

With your incredible support, Trinity Kids donated 400 lbs of food and \$300 to the Chesterfield Food Bank! What a wonderful blessing to help those in need—thank you for making a difference!



Order Your Personalized Chocolate Easter Eggs!

It's time to order your delicious Chocolate Easter Eggs! We are offering gluten-free Peanut Butter and Butter Cream eggs, each covered in rich chocolate and priced at \$5 per egg. Every egg is beautifully personalized and packaged—making it a thoughtful gift!

Looking for a simple way to share kindness and invite others to worship? These eggs are a sweet way to connect with neighbors, friends, or even a stranger.

How to Order:

Orders are due by Wednesday, April 2. Early orders are greatly appreciated!

✉ Order by Email:

Send your order to Karen Sismour at KJSismour@verizon.net with the subject line: Eggs - Your Last Name (e.g., Eggs - Layman).

Please include:

- Name to be written on the egg
- Type of egg (Peanut Butter or Butter Cream)
- Full name and phone number of the person picking up the order

📄 Order with a Paper Form:

Forms are available in the basket at the sanctuary entrance. Please fill out one form per egg and drop it in the designated basket at the church. Do not mail forms.

💰 **Payment-** (Prepayment is required (cash or check)).

- Make checks payable to: TUMC (not UMW)
- Memo line: Write "Easter Eggs"
- How to submit payment: Place it in the envelope provided and drop it in the basket at the sanctuary entrance.
- Do not mail payments or place them in the offering plate.

Egg Pickup

📅 Pick up your order between Wednesday, April 9, and Palm Sunday, April 13.

Additional Notes for Paper Orders

- ✓ Complete one form per egg
- ✓ Clearly print the name to be written on the egg
- ✓ Mark only one egg type per form (Peanut Butter or Butter Cream)
- ✓ If you are in the church directory, you do not need to add contact info

Support a Great Cause!

All proceeds help fund the **Children's Music Camp and Coffee Corner.**

Want to support but don't need an egg? Donations are welcome!

- Write one check for eggs (memo: Easter Eggs)
- Write a separate check for donations (memo: Donation to Easter Eggs)

Thank you for your support!

Easter Egg Team: *Beth Wilkes, Mary Potter, Karen Sismour*



📞 Questions about eggs or decorations? Contact Beth Wilkes.

✉ Need to make changes to your order or payment? Email Karen at KJSismour@verizon.net.

Trinity Online Store!-

Get ready to show off your Trinity pride with some awesome gear! Our Trinity Swag Shop is officially open, and we've got everything you need—from T-shirts to cozy sweatshirts and hoodies, perfect for the cooler weather ahead.



Order Your Trinity Gear!

Choose your style, color and size below!

by Shelby Beck

COLOR



STYLE \$31.00



SIZE

S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL [Size & fabric](#)

Whether you're heading to a church event, out in the community, or just lounging at home, now's the time to grab your favorite Trinity gear and represent in style! ☀️ Check out the shop and order your favorites today: [Order Your Trinity Gear](#)

Don't wait—hoodie season is right around the corner, and you won't want to miss out on these super soft, stylish options! 😊

Happy shopping!

Ways To Give -

Your bank's Bill-Pay program. You can authorize your bank to send a check each month to Trinity. These services are typically free, and recurring payments can be set up so you can rest assured your tithe is made. Have your gift sent to:

Trinity United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 2527
Chesterfield, VA 23832



As always, you can mail or place your personal check in the offering plate. However you give, we are grateful for your financial support of Trinity UMC's ministries.

March Birthdays

March 1: Les Morgan

March 2: Lucy Shields, Matthew Saunders, Amber Schneider

March 6: Gerald Moody

March 7: Tom Baskin

March 9: Carolyn Wilson, Elizabeth Kump

March 10: Peggy Farrar, Alan Layman

March 11: Corey Sapp, Brenda Shepherd

March 12: Hillary Shields, Emily Shields

March 14: Evelyn Cox

March 16: Guy Cash

March 21: Dylan Day

March 23: James Miller

March 24: Peyton Roach

March 25: Jeff Raynor

March 28: Angie Parrish

March 29: Bert Watson

March 30: Rachael Linkous

March 31: Madeline Sawyer



Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!

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