

Schedule of Events

June 3	By the Sea Concert presented by the Music Ministry of Trinity Church	7 p.m. in the Sanctuary: Featuring a variety of vocal and instrumental selections in solo and ensemble format with a sea theme.
June 4	Children's Sunday School & Children's Education: The Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-21)	
June 4	Confirmation Sunday	Caroline Burgeson, Jon-Luke Duley, Megan Faust, Linden Monroe, Rebecca Lacy, Eloise Lorenze, James Mallek, Jack Prewett, Davis Sawyer, Jane Sullivan, Amelia Swenson, Stefan van Biljon
June 5	Crafts for a Cause	Meet 7 - 8:30 p.m. All adults are welcome, no craft skills required. For more info, contact mollysprouse@gmail.com.
June 6	Book Chat: <i>Pnin</i> by Vladimir Nabokov	If you'd like to try out Trinity's book club before it breaks for the summer, please join us at McLean Family Restaurant on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss <i>Pnin</i> , by Vladimir Nabokov, the story of a haplessly disoriented Russian émigré employed on an American college campus in the 1950s. We'll also exchange book ideas. If you plan to attend--or want to be added to our mailing list--please contact Kathy Maher at Kathyngs@gmail.com.
June 10	Kids' Movie Night	6-9 p.m. for ages 3 & up. Members of Honduras mission team will supervise the children while parents go out. Free-will offering accepted to support the mission team.
June 11	Children's Sunday School & Children's Education: Creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4a)	
June 11	Graduate Recognition	James Betts, Potomac School; Alex Brunner, McLean High School; Emily Hunt, University of Massachusetts; Anne Laughlin, Georgetown University; Ashley Long, Langley High School; Isabella Marku, McLean High School; Sedina Tsikata, Vanderbilt University; Katie Slade, Langley High School; Laini Taylor, University of Toronto; David Todd, McLean High School
June 11	Teacher Appreciation	Nila Curry, Melissa Harris, Keith Lee, Jennifer Robeson, Steven Robeson, Jennifer Short, Jim Sprouse, Lauren Michelle Stevens, Jeremy & Lindsey Stover
June 11	Martha's Table Sandwich Making	We make 900 meat and cheese sandwiches & trail mix bags for the hungry served by Martha's Table in Washington, D.C.
June 11	Ice Cream Social & Bike Parade	3 - 5 p.m. Bring your bike or scooter for a parade around the parking lot and ice cream on the playground.
June 11	Youth Group Graduation Banquet	5 p.m. A chance for the youth group to celebrate the high school class of 2017!
June 16-18	Annual Conference	
June 18	Town Hall Meeting	Topics: Worship and Education
June 18	Children's Sunday School & Children's Education: Jesus grew in wisdom and stature (Luke 2:42-52)	
June 19	Crafts for a Cause	Meet 7 - 8:30 p.m. All adults are welcome, no craft skills required. For more info, contact mollysprouse@gmail.com.
June 20	Trustees Meeting	
June 25	Children's Sunday School & Children's Education: John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus (Luke 3:2-6)	
June 28-July 6	Honduras Mission Trip to H2H	Please pray for our mission team members: Peggy Fox; Leah Horan; Kat, Lucy & Olivia Kehoe; Keith & Christine Lee; Zoe Skoric; Leslie & Meredith Vorndran
June 30	Registration deadline for Vacation Bible School: Hero Central	Aug. 7-11; For ages 3 - rising 4th grade. Register: umtrinity.org/education/children Volunteer: Jen Calsyn (jenufuqua@gmail.com , 703-447-2492) Marci Thomas (lovemarci@hotmail.com , 703-992-8216)

Be Brave

By Eileen Gilmer, Associate Pastor

One of the most awesome gifts I have been given in my role at Trinity Church is to pray with you. I pray for you every day. I also get to pray with you frequently; sometimes I pray during the offering, other times in the pastoral prayer, still other times it's in the benediction at the end of the service. You might not have noticed, but one of my frequent prayers is that God will make us bold, brave and courageous in our faith walk. I pray this for myself, for Keith and Jim; and I pray this for you, too.

Why do I do this? It's because we human beings frequently overthink things. This includes our call to be Jesus to the world. What will people think if I speak up against injustice? Will I be rejected if I question the status quo? Will people think I'm weird or a zealot if I live out God's love? This is where being bold and courageous comes into play.

"So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:6)

We have every reason to be brave because that's how God calls us to live. But how can we be bold without the confidence of God's powerful, ever-present Spirit? Sometimes we need a little help. I wear a reminder of God's wish for us to be emboldened. It is a silver bracelet that simply says: be brave. I look at it frequently.

Though I doubt anyone ever considered John Wayne to be a great theologian, he has been credited with a quote that is appropriate in this instance. "Courage is being scared to death ... and saddling up anyway." That's what God calls us to do. No matter what we're facing, God tells us to be brave and confident as the beloved children of a grace-filled creator ... then to saddle up anyway.

I'll see you in church!



June 2017

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Membership Update

Baptism

Muse Mireia von Schritlz

Withdrawal

Jan Symons

Transfers

Audrey Copeland
David & Leslie Fisher

New Members

Preston & Maggie Perrin
Karl & Nanci von Schritlz

Address Changes

Dustin & Lisa Bomar & family
3081 Peachtree Dr NE
Atlanta GA 30305

David & Shelley Stevens
55 Ohio Ave
The Plains OH 45780

Are you moving?

Please send your new address to the church office (703-356-3312 or info@umtrinity.org). Thank you. This will ensure that we have all the correct information to send news and contribution statements to the correct address. Thank you.

If you are interested in **joining the church** or learning more about our ministries, please contact a pastor or the church office.

The End of Another Year

By Keith Lee, Associate Pastor

Summer Children's Sunday School

The semester ends on June 11 with graduation Sunday celebrating those who will move on to next phase in their discipleship path. That means summer session will begin on June 18. Last summer Lauren Michelle and I taught the whole session and we had a great time. However, for this year, I would like to get more volunteers involved because Trinity has many talented parents and members who have tremendous teaching skills. Therefore, I have sent out requests to former teachers and substitutes to teach one lesson for the summer. I asked "What is the one lesson on Jesus you would like to teach using your talent in art, craft, music, dance, storytelling, etc.?" I am asking the volunteers to create, one memorable lesson for our children. Let's look forward to a great summer of children's Sunday School!

Confirmation Class of 2017

The Confirmation Class of 2017 (listed on calendar for June 4) will be presented on June 4 with a banquet following the service. I had a tremendous time with these wonderful confirmands. I'm truly sad that this process has to end. They are inquisitive, energetic, creative, beautiful souls who not only were actively engaged in class but also encour-

aged me in my ministry journey with hope and energy. The future looks bright for the Kingdom of God at Trinity. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey in Christ for the transformation of the world. Also I would like to thank all their parents for their wonderful contributions to the process. Moreover, my heartfelt gratitude to Loren Monroe for being the designated second adult by attending all classes. Thank you! The good news for me is that this process will begin again in September with a new group of confirmands. If you have a rising seventh grader, please keep an eye out for announcements for confirmation 2018!

Youth Group Graduation Banquet

We are hosting a graduation banquet on June 11 at 5 p.m. for graduating high school seniors: a potluck with games, prizes, photo booth, and t-shirt signing to celebrate their contributions to youth group and life at Trinity. Since coming to Virginia in 2006, this will be my tenth graduation ceremony, and you would think that I would be used to it. But it moves me with so much emotion because there's something greater than moving on from one education institution to another. I'm so honored to be part of it. Please come and celebrate with us that day.



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On the Road Again...

By James C. Sprouse, Senior Pastor

The Virginia Conference lists 1,060 clergy under appointment full and part time. Together, we serve the 1,205 churches throughout the state. On Wednesday, June 28, around 200 clergy and their families will load all their personal belongings into a moving van and travel to their next pastoral appointment. Some will travel to large, multi-staff church communities, others to rural congregations; all go in hopes of joining Christ in faithful ministry. Across the Conference, those clergy who are retiring will try to adjust to being retired and will feel a bit strange when Sunday rolls around and they find out what life is like in the pews ... again.

This year, nearly two out of every 10 churches of the Virginia Conference will receive a different pastor.

On Sunday, July 2, twelve new pastors to the Arlington District will arrive in the pulpits of their churches prepared to work at making disciples for Jesus Christ. Those churches will swell in attendance as active and inactive members turn out to check out the new pastor or associate pastor.

The Arlington District will receive 12 new pastors, and bid farewell to 12 pastors who served our District in love and fellowship. There are two retirements on our District. A new satellite church begins on July 1 called Floris-Online. A new church start begins July 1 called Arlington New Faith Community. The District will close Impact Church, effective July 1. And, five candidates from the Arlington District Committee on Ordained Ministry will receive their first appointments.

On another joyous note: we welcome the reappointment of the Reverend Keith Lee as our associate pastor who is the spiritual leader for our youth, the Education Committee and Young Couples. We are also blessed by the reappointment of Reverend Eileen Gilmer as a Local Pastor appointed to serve Trinity in Outreach Ministry. Eileen is pursuing her M.Div. at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Join with me, Catherine, Eileen, Harriet, Keith, Jerry, Jose, our lay leader: Jose Rivera, and all the Trinity family as together we make disciple for Jesus Christ.

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What's new on our blog:

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The Spire deadline is the 15th of the month.

Spire Editor: Harriet Latta.

Submit items to info@umtrinity.org.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Worship Services
at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (all ages) – 9:30 a.m. (Sept–June)

Children's Education – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Communion and Healing – 12 noon

Celtic Evensong & Communion – 5 p.m. (last Sun. of month)

Here to serve Christ and you:

James C. Sprouse – Senior Pastor

Eileen Gilmer – Associate Pastor

Keith Lee – Associate Pastor

Jose Rivera – Lay Leader

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We are anchored in Scripture and energized by congregational commitment. Trinity Church fosters the Christian values of joy, faith, service, hope and love.

Trinity extends the opportunity to experience the Grace of God through worship, discipleship, study and fellowship in the traditions of the United Methodist Church.

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