



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Spire

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## On the Road Again ...

By James C. Sprouse, Senior Pastor

The Virginia Conference lists 1,002 clergy under appointment full and part time. Together we serve the 1,205 churches throughout the state. On Wednesday, June 27, Virginia Conference 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 43 of our clergy 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.

Yearly about one out of every 10 churches of the Virginia Conference will receive a different pastor.

On Sunday, July 1, 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 seven incoming senior pastors and five incoming associate pastors. There are three retirements on our District. A new satellite church begins on July 1 called Restoration Loudoun. The District staff welcomes Michelle Holmes Chaney to be part-time Coordinator for Church Development, replacing Melissa Dunlap who will be appointed to Vine UMC as a part-time associate.

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 received her MA from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in May of 2018. Join with me, Catherine, Eileen, Harriet, Keith, Jerry, Jose, our lay leader: Peggy Fox, and all the Trinity family as together we make disciple for Jesus Christ.

Shalom, Jim

## Real-Time Prayer During the Week

By Eileen Gilmer, Associate Pastor

Let's face it. Most of us feel strapped for time. Every day we must figure out what will be in and what will be out of our schedule. We feel life putting demands on our day and we can't do it all. Often God gets put on the back burner. When something's got to go, God will understand, right? It's not as though we *want* to put our faith at the bottom of the to-do list, it just works out that way.

Here are some questions you might have about a new way for us to pray at Trinity.

### *What can I do about trying to fit God-time into my life?*

I have an idea for you. It will only take about five minutes out of your day and you can become more actively engaged in prayer, reflection and encouragement. Please join me every weekday morning at around 8:30 for Facebook Live. We have a few minutes of scripture and reflection, followed by prayer. If you are already my friend on Facebook, you'll be able to see it live. It will also be there if you want to watch it later in the day. If you are following Trinity Church, you can find the video on the church's Facebook page right after I finish showing it live.

### *What are the benefits to me?*

This is a great opportunity to go to God in prayer on a regular basis. Maybe you are uncomfortable praying. Maybe you have not prayed very often or maybe you've never prayed. No matter. The psalmist writes: *"In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation"* (Psalm 5:3). This scripture tells us that prayer is an opportunity to share with God our thoughts, needs and thanks. It is also a time to give God an open heart that is ready to accept God's guidance.

### *Does it take a lot of time?*

Not at all! Each one runs about five minutes. We have a little scripture, reflection and prayer. As the psalmist wrote, *"I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."* If you have a prayer concern, let me know. We would love to lift up your concerns or celebrations.

I hope you'll join us live on a weekday at 8:30 or watch a recorded version when it fits your schedule. We will lay down our requests before God and wait in expectation!

I'll see you on the web or in church.

## **Young Families Help Build Trinity Community**

By Keith Lee, Associate Pastor

We offer up a big shout out to all the volunteers who signed up for being part of NLI teams. From the responses we have so far, a high percentage of NLI participants are parents and leaders in youth and children's ministry. One of the reasons why I am enthusiastic about children's ministry is that many parents commit to faithful church participation to encourage their children's spiritual formation. As a parent I know that it takes a whole church community to raise a child spiritually in the Lord. I offer two points to consider for NLI teams.

### ***Young families appreciate the multi-generational ministry environment at Trinity where different age groups from toddlers to retirees thrive and grow spiritually.***

This is a framework for young families to find their place in our community. Some churches are a one generation church which means only one age group (e.g. the elderly or just young adults) congregates. I find that young families want to be in a faith community where they find all age groups in which they experience the energy of children, creativity of youth, passion of young adults, growth of young families, stability of older families, and wisdom and experience of older members. A faith community that strives to be multi-generational is attractive to young families due to diversified characteristics that each age group contributes to the life of the whole. As we are observing now, Trinity is a great multi-generational church and is primed to receive many young families.

I ask that NLI teams understand this vital advantage of Trinity and seek ways to develop and sustain this advantage.

### **Young families desire relevant and meaningful programs and ministries that teach Christian values, help form significant relationships with one another, and assist in outreach programs to the community.**

Trinity offers a full array of programs for children: Sunday School for children, Trinity Trebles, and Vacation Bible School. In addition Children's Ministry sponsors fun-filled events like Trunk or Treat, Bounce-back Sunday, Community Movie Night, Easter Egg Hunt and Advent Workshop. Some of my fondest memories at Trinity come from Children's Ministry events. Most of these programs and ministries are organized and run by Trinity volunteers. I am very proud and grateful to our lay volunteers and leaders for such outstanding children's offering of spiritual resources at Trinity.

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## Membership Update

### New Members

Katherine Black  
Kyle Black  
Sydney Detwiler  
Evan Dunn  
Jake Hensley  
Lauren Hensley  
Joyce Lee  
Sophia Raveling  
Anna Speidel  
Owen Sullivan  
Riley Turk

### Address Updates

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Vienna, VA 22182

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### Are you moving?

Please send your new address to the church office (703-356-3312 or [info@umtrinity.org](mailto: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.

## What's New on Our Blog:

### Ask Henry

- Meet Trinity's newest mascot <https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-pw>

### Music

- Free Concert: June 2 <https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-pu>

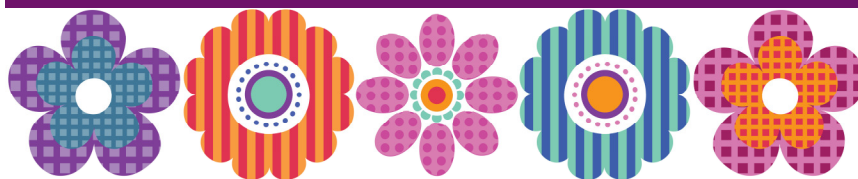
### Crafts for a Cause

- New project for foster children <https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-ps>

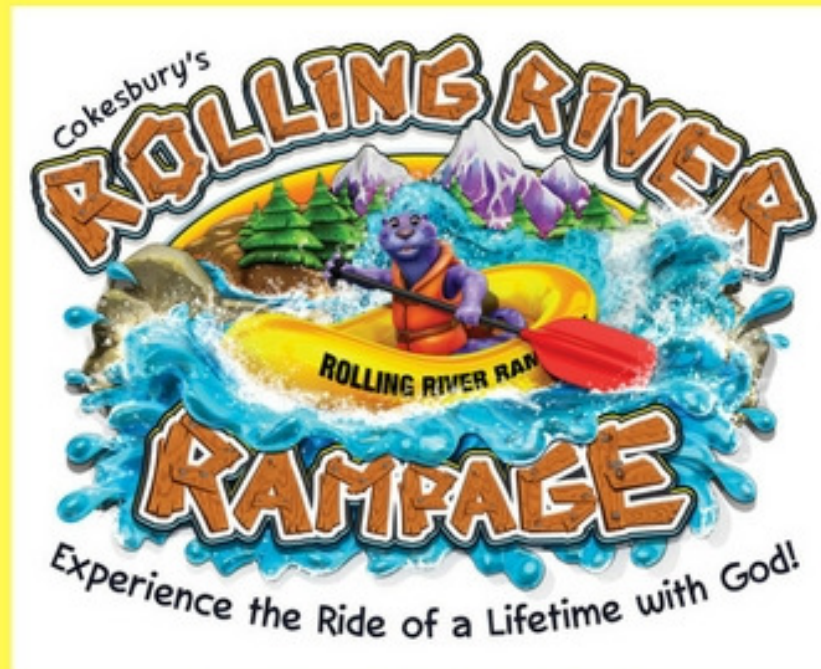
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One new idea that we're implementing with the help of Trinity Men's Group is "Casual Sundays." This idea was suggested by parents because it's tough to get little ones dressed and ready for church. On Casual Sundays, we have a less formal atmosphere and the Men's Group holds a picnic. We'll have one on June 17 to celebrate the end of spring semester. Please invite a neighbor on this Sunday.

For NLI, I recommend tweaking existing programs or developing new ones that encourage families to develop relationships with one another so that a new family who just moved into the area can find not just an array of children's programs but a faith community that cares for one another.



# Vacation Bible School 2018



August 6 - 10, 2018

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages 3 - rising 4th grade

Volunteer / Register at  
[umtrinity.org/education/vbs](http://umtrinity.org/education/vbs)

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### Schedule of Events

June 2	Tales As Old As Time free concert, 7 p.m.	For more, visit: <a href="https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-pu">https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-pu</a>
June 3	Executive Council 11:45 a.m.	Meet in the Library to focus on Next Level Innovation
June 15-17	Annual Conference Hampton, VA	
July 4	Office Closed	
June 4 & 18	Crafts for a Cause 7–8:30 a.m.	Learn about new and on-going pro- jects: <a href="https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-ps">https://wp.me/p3ZFFv-ps</a>
June 17	Casual Sunday	
July 8	Executive Council 11:45 a.m.	
Aug. 6-10	Vacation Bible School: Rolling River Rampage Visit <a href="http://umtrinity.org/education/vbs">umtrinity.org/education/vbs</a> to register / volunteer	



**BOOK CHAT:** Trinity's book club is going on vacation for the Summer, and we'll read whatever we like! We'll resume in September, so if you have any book suggestions—or would like to be added to the mailing list—please contact Kathy Maher at [Kathyngs@gmail.com](mailto:Kathyngs@gmail.com).

**Summer Office Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday:**  
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Friday: 9 a.m - 12 p.m.**  
**JUNE - JULY - AUGUST**

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**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

Jerry Rich – Director of Music

Catherine Wethington–Dir. of Children's & Youth Choirs

Harriet Latta – Office Manager

Jose Luis Nuñez-Ruiz–Sexton

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***The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church*** is to be a vibrant, growing church home for all who seek companionship, direction and inspiration in their lives as they develop a personal, relevant relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

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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**Bible Quiz**

What word was he placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is \_\_\_\_\_, so he \_\_\_\_\_ in all you do for it is written: 'He \_\_\_\_\_, because I am \_\_\_\_\_' "

A. righteous  
B. holy  
C. loving  
D. merciful



Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)