

KIDSNEWS

Fall 2015



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2015 FALL KICKOFF

Saturday, September 12 - Mission Footprint 5K & Children's Fun Run

The fourth Annual Mission Footprint 5K and Kids Fun Run will be held at Trinity. Proceeds will benefit the Micah Initiative, CARITAS, Crossover Ministries, Camp Alkulana and Westview on the James.

Kids Fun Run - \$5, 5K Online Registration - \$25,
5K Late (after 9/9) or paper - \$30, Family Max - \$60
Register at www.trinityumc.net.
Questions email Bill Pike at bpike@trinityumc.net.



Saturday, September 12 - Upward Registration opens (More information on page 2)

Sunday, September 13 - Sunday School & Worship

During our Sunday School hour all our children's classes will be promoted to their new classes for the year!

All three of our worship services will be glorious celebrations including:

- 2nd Sunday of our sermon series, "Unbinding the Heart"
- Glorious music
- A Blessing of the Backpacks
- A Blessing of Educators



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, September 27 - Church Wide Family Picnic Camp Westview on the James

The event is **FREE** and includes:

- Lunch from 1:30-2:30 ~ bring your **signature** dessert to share!
- Pool and lake fun to include canoes, kayaks, water trampoline and zip-line
- Opportunity for hands-on mission at Shalom Farms
- Guided bus tours of the camp
- Indoor activities for our Seniors

Everyone is welcome! Registrations help us to plan, so please sign up online at www.trinityumc.net, on the attendance pads during worship, or by calling the church office at 288-6056, by September 20 - Sign up only one time, please.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS YOUR KIDS BELONG IN?



AT 9:30 AM

- Crib** Room 210
- Toddlers** Room 206
Walkers that are born after 9/30/13
- Nursery 2 & 3** Room 200
Two years old by September 2015.
Have birthdays before the end of September 2013.
- Pre—K (Nursery 4 & Jr. K)** Room 208
Four years old by September 2015
and have not entered Kindergarten.
- Kindergarten** Room 108
- First grade** Room 100
- Second grade** Room 304
- Third grade** Room 300
- Fourth grade** Room 301
- Fifth grade** Room 302

AT 10:45 AM

Kindergarten - 5th Grade - God Squad Room 300
(Class for K – 5th grade children who worship at the 9:30AM service.)

8:15 & 10:45 Nursery

Trinity provides the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM nurseries so that parents that feel their children are too young to be in the worship service (N4 or younger) have a safe place to leave them.

- 8:15 AM Nursery for Crib - N4 - Room 206
- 10:45 AM Nursery for Crib/Toddler - Room 210
- 10:45 AM Nursery for N2 - N4 in Room 208

Blessing of the Backpacks!



Sunday, September 13 there will be a special blessing of all school children in all three worship services! Children should bring their backpacks to worship. Children will be invited to come forward with their backpacks for a moment of prayer and blessing.

Let's send our kids into a new school year assured of God's strength, love & presence with them always and our loving support.



Upward Basketball and Cheerleading 2014-2015 Season

Hello Trinity Family! The Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is almost here!
The planning for the upcoming season is in full force, and we are really excited!

There will be more information coming soon, but here are some important dates to remember:

- September 12 – Online Early Registration opens at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW59507> through 9/30/15
 - September 13 - Ministry Marketplace is 9 am – 12:30 pm
 - October 1 - Online Registration at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW59507> through 11/1/15
 - October 4 – Upward Open House at Trinity UMC
 - October 10 & 24 - Hoop Clinics & Evaluation
 - October 31 & November 6 - Evaluations
 - November 1 - Registration closes
- We hope you'll join us for another exciting Upward Season at Trinity UMC!

Onward and Upward! ALL IN!



God Squad

God Squad is a fun and motivating class for Kindergarten – 5th grade children who worship at the 9:30AM service! The class will meet at **10:45 AM every Sunday in room 300**. The teachers, Jo Lewis

& Betsy Keen are so excited about this class!!

Starting *God Squad* will be an amazing opportunity for families who worship at the 9:30 Contemporary service to worship together and also take advantage of faith formation in a smaller group setting. Questions? Contact Leila Denton, ldenton@trinityumc.net.



Heart felt THANKS goes to our VBS and PowerXpress Volunteers!



Time for Children's Choir!

September 16 is when it all begins! You won't want to miss the new music and fun we have planned!

YOU are invited!!

Celestial Choir - N4 - Kindergarten

directed by Patsy Hallett

Rehearsals: Wed. nights **5:15** - 5:45PM

Room 317

Carol Choir - 1st - 2nd graders

directed by Pat Ruscus

Rehearsals: Wed. nights **5:15** - 5:55PM

Room 319

Rainbow Singers - 3rd - 5th graders

directed by Katie Berlin

Rehearsals: Wed. nights **5:15** - 5:55 PM

Choir Room

Joyful Noise - Handchimes

for 3rd - 5th graders

directed by Peggy Hart

Rehearsals: Wed. nights 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Room 312



How to contact:

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Pat Ruscus - patavid@comcast.net

Katie Berlin - kwberlin@henrico.k12.va.us

Peggy Hart - pghart@henrico.k12.va.us



See page 8 for the children's choir registration form. We request one form for each child. Please feel free to copy the form and have it ready when you bring your child/ren on September 16.

Wednesday nights during Wednesday Fellowship Night

6:00 - 6:30 PM

When you finish eating dinner, join other kids for crafts and kid-like fellowship. Give your parents a few minutes to talk and finish their dinner while you have fun.



Through out this year the Children's Ministry Team would like to greet you and offer you the opportunity to have a few minutes to meet the other parents in your child's age group.

We plan to start with our **1st grade class** on **September 20** at **10:30 AM**. We will email you a special invitation prior to the event.

Most "Meet & Greet" events will be held in the classroom for 10 to 15 minutes. During this time of fellowship there will be a special "treat" for you and your kids.



Worship Instruction For First Graders

WIFF is being offered to all first graders at **10:45 AM** (during 11:00 worship time). This will be a **six week** program, beginning September 27 in room 200, and it is very important that your children make every effort to attend every Sunday. There will be a very **important parent session on September 20 at 10:45 AM in room 100**. (immediately after the "Meet and Greet; Join us for a Treat" for First Graders & Parents.) Parents of all first graders are requested to attend this session, so you will have a better understanding of what WIFF is all about and how you can support your children in their efforts to participate in worship.



Mission Kids

September 20

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

for all 1st - 5th graders and their parents.

Come Join the Fun: Games,
Group Pictures, Party, Crafts,

See pictures from Summer Mission Trip

You will need to bring a drink or dessert to share. We will meet from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in Room 300.

Wear MISSION KIDS t-shirt, if you have one.

Projected dates:

(Meeting/field trip times and locations may vary.)

October 4 FT
October 18 Hang doorhangers
October 25 Trunk-or-Treat
November 1 - 5PM meeting
November 8 - FT
December 6 - FT



Parents are always welcome and needed.

Parents who are not staying for the meetings should come to the room to drop off kids and pick up kids each meeting time. (Our meeting is the only one in that section of the building and it may not be safe to have kids going through the empty building.) This will also help to keep parents informed about our projects and activities.

All parents will be helping to prepare snack meals for the meetings. All volunteers must comply with Trinity's Child Protection Policy (screening, background check & annual training). All children must have a new 2015 permission form (see page 9) if they wish to go on field trips.



Blessing
of the
Animals

**Saturday,
October 3**
2:00 PM for all
animals
Veterans Memorial
Garden
(the one with the
flagpole on Forest
Avenue.)

All animals:

- need to be healthy and up-to-date with shots.
- In a carrier or on a leash with adult supervision
- Be very sociable and safe around other animals (If your pet is too shy, too aggressive or just too difficult to transport, please just bring a photo to be blessed.)

See you there!



**Sunday
October 25**
4:30 - 6:00 PM
**CONTESTS * PRIZES
TREATS * GAMES * FUN
FREE HOTDOGS**



TRINITY LEGO FEST

Building Faith Brick by Brick

November 15

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for this amazing event and plan on bringing a friend.

Lego Games and Lego Fun!!

More details to come.



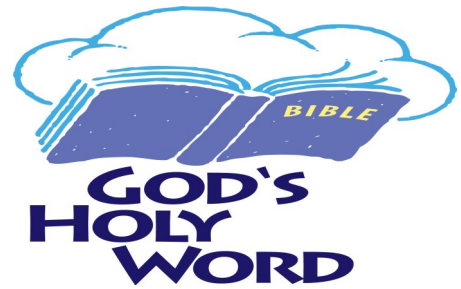
Adult Sunday School Opportunities

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Mastin Fellowship	Room 319
McClure Bible Study	Room 324
Christian Beliefs Today	Room 323
Contemporary	Room 321
FaithWorks	Room 309
Life Choices	Room 322
Outreach	Room 310
Pathfinders	Room 317

10:45 AM - 12:00 noon

Ordinary People	Room 322
Seekers Book Discussion Class	Room 317
After 9:30 Class	Room 309
Kids Ask the Darndest Questions	Room 323



THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Congratulations to this year's third graders; you will be receiving your Bibles on Sunday, November 22 at the 11AM service. Be sure your parents have returned the card with your name on it. If you are parent of a third grader and you did not get a letter and a card, make sure they contact Leila Denton (288-6057, x208). Cards are due by September 16, so the Bibles can be ordered.

Advent Adventure

Sunday, November 29

SAVE THE DATE

Look for more information.



GIVE A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

The MISSION KIDS are sponsoring a church-wide mission project to benefit the children of The William Byrd Community Center. Members of the congregation are to take ornaments from the tree (beginning November 11) and purchase, wrap and return gifts (by December 9) with the special tag attached. Gift Tree can be found just outside of Leila Denton's office.

Mark your calendars for Manger Build

Who: Dads and their daughters and sons
What: Spend quality time with your children building a manger to be used this Christmas season

When: Saturday, December 12 at 10:30 AM

Where: Trinity Hall and the adjacent parking lot

How: Contact Jonathan Kennedy (804-874-9531).

jkhoki@yahoo.com .

A \$20.00 fee provides you a pre-cut manger ready for assembly; just bring your hammer and be ready to roll.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Registration opens October 4

The Children's Christmas Pageant is December 20 at 4 PM. Children are invited to participate. Look for registration forms in October through Sunday School and email. More information and conditions are outlined on the registration forms. To be considered for a speaking/acting part, registration forms need to be in by November 4. Parts will be assigned November 22.



After-School SNACK


Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



Edible Cornucopias

If you're planning a harvest party, set up a snack station so people can fill their own edible cornucopias.

What you need:

- Waffle cones
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurt-covered raisins, etc.)

What you do:

1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
3. Enjoy!

Thankful TREE

Make this Thanksgiving decoration and keepsake as a reminder of God's many blessings.

What you need:

- Acrylic paints
- Paint brush
- White cardstock (8" x 11")
- Baby wipes or wet paper towels
- 8" x 11" frame (available at dollar stores)
- Black permanent marker
- Bowls or paper plates

What you do:

1. Paint your palm, fingers, wrist and a portion of your arm with brown paint.
2. With the white cardstock placed vertically, press down your painted hand and arm. The print should resemble a tree trunk and branches.
3. Clean your hand and arm with baby wipes or wet paper towels.
4. Dip your fingertips into different-colored paints and press them onto the paper to make leaves. (It's autumn, so leaves can be falling!)
5. When paint is dry, write "thankful" down the trunk with permanent marker. Also write your name and the year in the corner.
6. Frame and display your decoration.

PUZZLE

STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

- Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.
- all
 - body
 - eyes
 - eat
 - crop
 - far
 - health
 - honor
 - wise
 - lose
 - pay
 - with

Do not be _____ in your own _____;
 _____ the _____ and shun _____.
 This will bring _____ to your _____
 and nourishment to _____ bones.
 _____ the LORD _____ your wealth,
 with the firstfruits of _____ your _____.

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

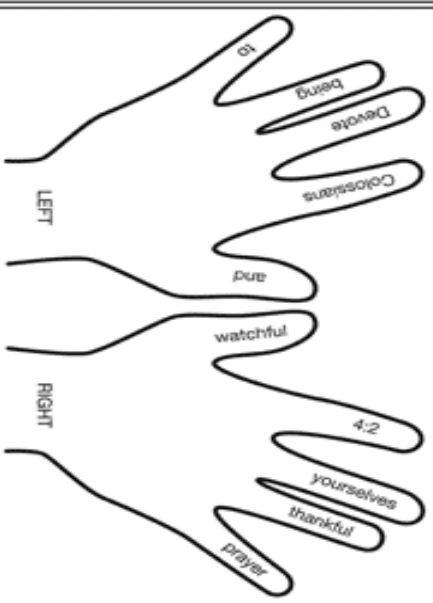
Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

PUZZLE

Praying hands

One way to show our thankfulness is to bow our heads, fold our hands and pray to God.

Directions: Complete Colossians 4:2 (NIV) by selecting one word on the left hand, then one on the right and so on. Go back and forth, using the word banks as a guide.



_____ _____
 _____ _____
 _____ _____
 _____ _____
 _____ _____
 _____ _____, NIV

Answer: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2, NIV

PUZZLE

A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to "never again ... destroy all living creatures" (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.

"As long as the _____ th _____
 _____ ures, _____
 _____ and har _____, _____
 _____ and h _____, 1+2= _____ mer
 _____ and _____ ter, day and night
 _____ n _____ r _____ cease."
 GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

MISSION KIDS

PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

NAME _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMERGENCY PHONE AND NAME _____

A. I give my child permission to ride in transportation provided by Trinity United Methodist Church, its staff, members, and volunteers, and grant permission for the above named child to participate in the Mission Kids activities provided by Trinity United Methodist Church.

B. I give permission to any adult chaperon representing Trinity United Methodist Church to act in my behalf if my child is injured or ill and I cannot be reached.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY _____

POLICY NUMBER _____

C. The following are special conditions concerning my child of which chaperons should be aware. (Include allergies, food problems, physical conditions, medications currently taking, or other needs.)

D. In consideration of Trinity United Methodist Church providing supervision and transportation in conjunction with Mission Kids activities, I hereby hold harmless Trinity United Methodist Church, its staff, members, and volunteers and for my heirs, executors, and assigns do release and discharge Trinity United Methodist Church, its staff, members, and volunteers from all claims, action, demands, and compensation whatsoever which I may have now, or in the future, on account of or in any way growing out of circumstances related to Mission Kids activities, except for gross negligence. I further declare that the terms of the Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I understand that Trinity takes pictures and pictures of my child may be used on Trinity's website.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THIS RELEASE.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT
OR GUARDIAN _____

DATE _____