

And I will ask the Father,  
and He will give you  
another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.  
This is the Spirit of truth....  
John 14:16-17

*Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation Sunday*

*May 21, 2017  
Eleven o'clock in the morning*



CONNECTING  
GROWING  
SERVING  
CELEBRATING

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠*Please stand in body and/ or spirit.*

*Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.*

*Childcare for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Davis

*Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

### INTROIT

*Blessed Be the Lord*

Timothy Shaw

Trinity Choristers and Trebles

*Blessed be the Lord, praise His name forever more. Alleluia. Who alone does wondrous things. May His glory fill the earth.*

### ✠OPENING LITANY OF PRAISE *(adapted from traditional Easter sources)*

Jill Robinson

Come, let us worship the One  
who is victor over hell and death.

He ascended on the cross  
so that we who sit in the shadow of death  
might be raised with him!

**We worship and adore you, O Savior of the world.**

Today Christ tramples on death;  
he is risen, and has granted joy to the world,  
so let us sing his praises.

**We will sing to the Lord.**

Through your cross we sing and praise you, O Christ.  
We sing and glorify your resurrection  
for you are God and you only do we praise.

**Sing praises, sing praises to the Lord.**

You endured the cross.  
You trampled down death by death.  
We bless you and sing of your resurrection!  
**We bless you and sing of your resurrection.**

Glory to you, O Lord;  
for, overthrowing the prince of death,  
you gave us new life.

**O Lord, glory to you.**

O Christ, because of your resurrection,  
the angels sing  
and the archangels dance. Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

### ✠HYMN

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

Hymnal no. 88

### ✠OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, almighty and ever-living God;  
for in your great mercy you hold together  
all things in heaven and on earth,  
receive the prayers of all your children,  
and give to all the world  
the abiding Spirit of your truth and peace;  
through our Passover and our Peace,  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Jill Robinson

*We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210 and elementary-aged children (kindergarten through 2nd grade) may go to room 206 for StoryTime.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

Pew Bible, NT, Page 137

Jill Robinson

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever: even the spirit of truth.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

Pew Bible, NT, Page 234

Jill Robinson

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✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

✠GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

Pew Bible, NT, Page 109

Pastor Bill Davis

Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia!**

SERMON

“Promises”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us*

Hymnal no. 331

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Baptismal Covenant I*

Hymnal no. 33

CONGREGATIONAL COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,  
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church  
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,  
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A pause follows each prayer, which ends with: *Leader: Lord, in your mercy... People: **Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*“The Call” from Five Mystical Songs*  
Paul Taylor, baritone

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## ✠THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## ✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

We thank you, great God of love,  
 for gracing us by your Spirit  
 to be both hearers and doers of your word.  
 Sharing your compassion for the world,  
 we worship you with our tithes and gifts,  
 and pray that you will use us and them  
 to bring hope and light to a needy world;  
 in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠HYMN

*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

Hymnal no. 663

## ✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## ✠CHORAL RESPONSE

## ✠POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

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**Today's Anthem** by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) is found in one or other of two important sources of early Anglican music known as the Wanley and Lumley partbooks (books which separated out the parts...just the soprano, just the alto, etc.) It is believed that both sets date from about 1546-8, and that their contents reflect the progress of Cranmer and his colleagues towards the first Book of Common Prayer (1549). *If ye love me* is a very early example of the Anglican anthem (the word 'anthem' had been coined two or three centuries earlier as an English version of the Latin 'antiphona'). It survived the Marian reaction and came back into use in Elizabeth's reign. On the evidence of these works, the anthem very early acquired formal and stylistic mannerisms, notably a preference for four-part writing and syllabic declamation, a tendency to alternate homophonic episodes with passages of simple imitation, and the habit of sectional repetition, particularly of the final section. Listen for the repeated phrases: for example, "e'en the spirit of truth". Notes by Nick Sandon

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jack Bower's Birthday and our wedding anniversary from his loving wife, Beth Bowers.

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**Members of the 2017 Confirmation Class of Trinity United Methodist Church are:** Harrison Thomas Cantrell; Kirsten Elin Johnson; Elizabeth Buchholz Lane; Ava Caroline Regehr; Abigail Freitag St. Jean; Anna Margaret St. Jean; Tucker Thomas Stone; Christian Peter Torborg.

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Please join us following worship in the Narthex for fellowship and refreshments with our church family.

**Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Worship: 155 Offering: \$3,885.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$4,111.48

**Those Serving at Worship Today:****Acolyte:** Sophie Moran**Counters:** Ginny Carl, Marshall Cook, Renée Ruppel**Crucifer:** Aidan Gibson**Greeters:** Judith Andrews, Jenny Palazio**Liturgist:** Jill Robinson**Pew Duty:** John Ploch**Sound:** Harley Hopkins**StoryTime Leaders:** Alan and Liz Detemeister**Ushers:** Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn, Alva Smircina

# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS



**Calling all High School  
and  
College Graduates!**

We recognize graduates on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> during worship. If you are a grad or know of a grad, please provide the following information to the Church Office: Graduate's name, where graduating from, plans for after graduation, and contact information.

Please also indicate if the grad is able to be present for worship on June 4<sup>th</sup>.



**2017 Lenten-Easter Offering** – Trinity Church thanks you for your generous support. Due to your generosity this season, the Lenten-Easter Offering now stands at \$7,044. We are still accepting donations through the end of May. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC and note “2017 Lenten-Easter Offering.” Or give online through Trinity’s Online Giving ([www.trinitalexandria.org/775060](http://www.trinitalexandria.org/775060).) Locate the Missions Fund line and specify an amount and indicate “2017 Lenten Easter Offering” in the text box.

**Our Music Program at Trinity is open to all!** We invite you to join us as we begin a new season of anthems for singing and compositions for ringing. In addition, if there are those who wish to contribute instrumental music to our services, please know that your talents are welcome. We have a three octave set of handbells and need more ringers to complete the choir. If you have experience but cannot commit, you could offer to be a substitute ringer. The Chancel Choir welcomes new singers in all sections. There are no auditions for any of the choirs. Come try us out! And if you wish some private coaching, that is also available. Questions? Contact Linda Cancellieri at the organ after a service or email her at [music@trinitalexandria.org](mailto:music@trinitalexandria.org).

**The Children’s Ministry Team needs Story Time volunteers!** You do not need to be a parent to volunteer! No need to feel overwhelmed about what to do with the children. The Christian Formation Team plans and provides the story time lesson for you! Please see Michelle Hoganson ([michelle.boganson@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.boganson@gmail.com)), our StoryTime Coordinator if you have questions or to sign up to lead.

**Annual Conference information now available:** Preparation for Annual Conference 2017 is underway. The event takes place June 16-18 2017, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Va. Visit the webpage for more information, [www.vaumc.org/AC2017](http://www.vaumc.org/AC2017).

For 70 years, the **Samaritan Offering** has generated vital funds to assist residents of the communities of Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH) when they are at their most vulnerable. Your gift supports the Samaritan Program, a benevolent fund that provides financial assistance to residents who have outlived their monetary resources and, through no fault of their own, can no longer afford the full cost of their care. We are collecting Samaritan Offering gifts, from now through Father’s Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making a gift today to help those who are in need of your generosity. You truly can make a difference in someone’s life. Contributions can be made by visiting the VUMH website at [www.vumb.org](http://www.vumb.org) to give online directly. Or you may drop your check made payable to Trinity in the offering plate with VUMH noted on the memo line of your check.

**Mission Encounter to be held July 28-29:** Mission Encounter is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board (formerly the Board of Global Ministries) and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women. This event offers a wonderful opportunity to come alive to mission by participating in an exciting weekend mission education experience. There are classes for adults in which men, women, clergy, and laity alike come to learn and be involved in mission groups by choosing one class out of three choices — “Living as a Covenant Community,” a spiritual growth study; “The Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US (Red Bird, Oklahoma, and Alaska), a geographical study; or “Climate Justice,” a social issue. This year’s Mission Encounter occurs from 8<sup>00</sup> AM on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>00</sup> PM on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and is offered at Bon Air United Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235. Contact Gail Sutcliffe with questions at 703-490-3381.

**Trinity’s Table**  
**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup> PM**

**Menu**  
**Popeye’s Fried Chicken**  
**Rice N’ Beans**  
**Coleslaw**  
**Mac and Cheese**  
**Biscuits**  
**Chocolate Molten Lava Cake**

**RSVP on the Connection Card.**

# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

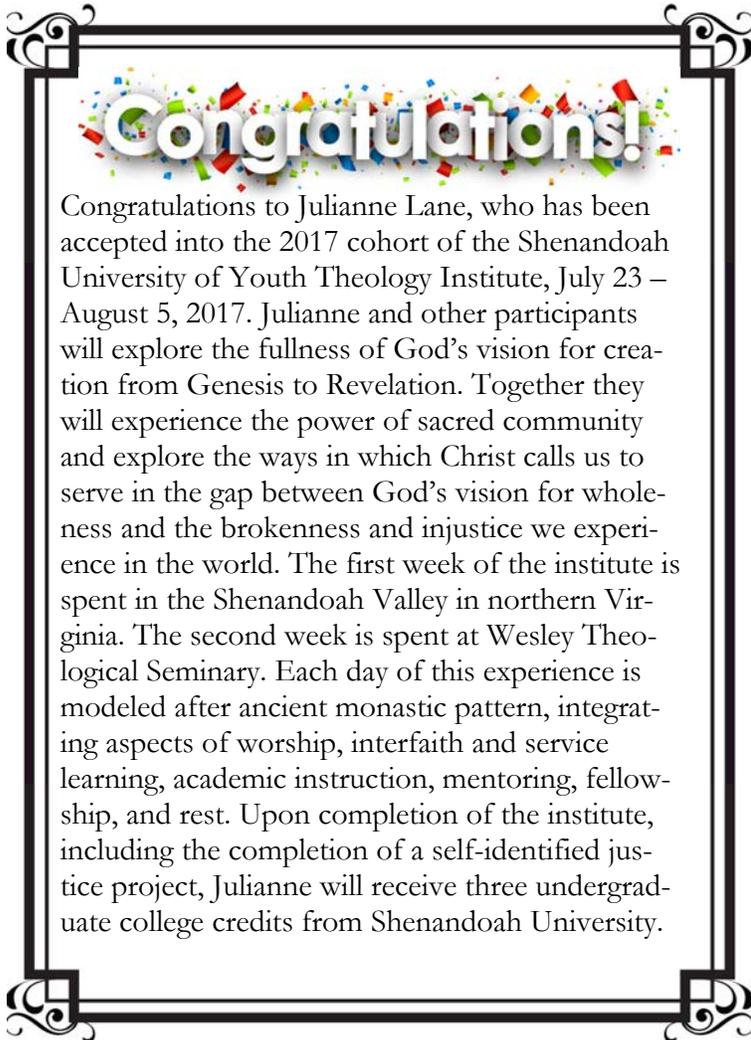
**Registration for Lake Junaluska's Festival of Wisdom and Grace now open:** The Festival of Wisdom and Grace at Lake Junaluska, from August 7 – 10, is a time of renewal and inspiration for older adults. Speakers include Dr. John Ed Mathison, Dr. Everett Worthington and Dr. Patricia Suggs. This year's theme is "Forgiveness – Living in Grace." Workshop topics include Body Movement, Helping Three Generations Forgive Love and Pray, and Engaging the Generations as Encore Ambassadors for Reconciliation. Continuing Education Unit credits are included in the professional track registration. CEU credits are also available for regular program participants for an additional \$10/person fee (1-1.5 CEUs available). This event is sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults, a group that creates and strengthens intergenerational ministries in the Southeast. Packages include the program fee, lodging, and meals. For more information about the Festival of Wisdom and Grace, call 800-222-4930, email or visit [www.lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace). Lake Junaluska is a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. For more information about Lake Junaluska programs and events, visit [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com).

**Wheel on down Old Dominion Boulevard in style at the annual North Ridge Wheel Day Parade on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.** Kids of all ages are invited to decorate their bike, trike, scooter, skates, stroller, doll carriage, or anything with wheels and join the fun. Arrive at 2:45 PM to line up for the parade of rolling children, which starts at Beverley Circle on Old Dominion Boulevard and rolls downhill to the Beverley Hills Church. Prizes and refreshments are included. This event is FREE, open to all ages, and requires no reservations. Just show up with your the decorated wheels of choice and have fun.

What is the history of Wheel Day?

A North Ridge tradition dating back to the early 1940s, Wheel Day was conceived by local Cub Scouts at the Beverley Hills Church and quickly evolved into an annual event. Neighbors came to watch the parade of kids make their way through Beverley Hills with wagons, doll carriages, and bicycles all brilliantly decorated and made into floats. According to North Ridge Lore, the event also included a soap box derby for a number of years. Although Wheel Day celebrations became more intermittent and less elaborate in the 1960s, members of the North Ridge Citizens' Association resumed the annual tradition in the 1970s and continue it to this day. Wheel Day is now celebrated during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Rain Date is Memorial Day. For questions or more information contact, Tom Tyler: [ttyler@aol.com](mailto:ttyler@aol.com).

**Register for one of Wesley Theological Seminary's variety of courses.** Check out the variety of exciting learning opportunities this summer at Wesley Theological Seminary including courses: "Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness: The Role of Scripture and Tradition in Presidential Politics," "Spirituality in Nature," "T.S. Eliot and the Search for God," and "Liturgical Dance as Spiritual Practice." Learn more and register for a class today by visiting [www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3).



Congratulations to Julianne Lane, who has been accepted into the 2017 cohort of the Shenandoah University of Youth Theology Institute, July 23 – August 5, 2017. Julianne and other participants will explore the fullness of God's vision for creation from Genesis to Revelation. Together they will experience the power of sacred community and explore the ways in which Christ calls us to serve in the gap between God's vision for wholeness and the brokenness and injustice we experience in the world. The first week of the institute is spent in the Shenandoah Valley in northern Virginia. The second week is spent at Wesley Theological Seminary. Each day of this experience is modeled after ancient monastic pattern, integrating aspects of worship, interfaith and service learning, academic instruction, mentoring, fellowship, and rest. Upon completion of the institute, including the completion of a self-identified justice project, Julianne will receive three undergraduate college credits from Shenandoah University.



Trinity Church  
**Trinity's Table**  
Cookout  
Gluten-Free  
Vegetarian  
Options Available  
Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Hosted by: **Ronnie Willett, Grill Master**

# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

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## Save the Dates

May 28<sup>th</sup>: Ascension Sunday. ***No Children's Sunday School or Rise & Shine Adult Forum.***

May 29<sup>th</sup>: Trinity UM Church Office and Trinity Preschool is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

June 4<sup>th</sup>: We are celebrating the day of Pentecost, Graduation and SPARKS! Sunday. Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Red is the color associated with Pentecost, which is symbolic of "tongues of the fire" described in the second chapter of Acts. In honor of Pentecost Sunday, we invite you to wear red.

June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: VA United Methodist Church Annual Conference at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. For more information on this year's Annual Conference visit: [www.vaumc.org/AC2017](http://www.vaumc.org/AC2017).

June 18<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Vacation Bible School. Pick up a registration form in the Narthex or visit: [www.trinityalexandria.org/VacationBibleSchool](http://www.trinityalexandria.org/VacationBibleSchool).

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### **The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:**

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40*

*Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.*

### **The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:**

*Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.*

# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05/21/17</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday</i></b>
	9:00 AM	Breakfast and Conversation with Rabbi Jack Moline
	9:30 AM	Rise & Shine Adult Forum - <i>The First Amendment &amp; True Religious Freedom</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	1:30 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>05/23/17</b>	
	8:00 AM	Trinity Preschool Art Show (Parlor)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/24/17</b>	
	9:20 AM	Trinity Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
	2:30 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
	5:30 PM	Trinity's Table - <i>Popeye's Fried Chicken, Sides, Biscuit, Dessert</i> (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
	6:15 PM	Trebles Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/25/17</b>	
	8:00 AM	Trinity Preschool Art Show (Parlor)
	7:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>05/26/17</b>	
		Trinity Preschool Closed
	2:30 PM	Brownie Troop #4164
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>05/27/17</b>	<b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b>
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>05/28/17</b>	<b><i>Memorial Day</i></b>
		Church Office Closed
		Trinity Preschool Closed



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