

*Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion  
April 9, 2017  
Eleven o'clock in the morning*



CONNECTING  
GROWING  
SERVING  
CELEBRATING

## MUSIC NOTES

### **Hosanna! The King Comes Today!**

This Palm Sunday anthem by Emily Lund quotes selections from Psalms 118 and 24. Paired with children's voices, this piece for SAB choirs echoes with the rousing cries of "Hosanna! The King Comes Today!" Emily Kroese Lund (b. 1971) began composing in 2000, focusing on sacred choral and children's music, as well as sacred piano arrangements. She is a member of the Escondido United Reformed Church in California, where she serves as a pianist and organist.

**Ride On, King Jesus!** is a spiritual arranged by Dr. Larry L. Fleming (1936-2003) founder and long-time music director of the National Lutheran Choir— a noted conductor and composer of both choral and instrumental music. A native of Montana, Fleming attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota on a \$50 music scholarship! A professor of music at Valparaiso University, Concordia College and Augsburg College, Fleming founded the enormously popular Advent Vespers. Inspired by the work of Wilhelm Ehmann and the German Kantorei tradition he left Augsburg in 1986 to found the National Lutheran Choir, serving as its music director until his retirement in 1999. A favorite spiritual for Palm Sunday, the lyrics of "Ride On, King Jesus" have been interpreted as an answer to the mistreatments by slave masters, who were no match for the God who was on the slaves' side. Fleming's arrangement concludes with an infectious Coda in which the choir is divided into several groups which enter independently, singing over each other, emulating the excitement of the crowd as they welcome Jesus.

**Crucifixus** is from the B Minor Mass of J.S. Bach (1685-1750). Although Bach's Mass in B Minor is revered for its overwhelming dramatic sweep and sense of unity, it was not originally created as a single work. It is made up of music composed over a 25-year period, some of it adapted, some of it new. It was not until the late 1740s, near the end of his life, that Bach began to expand this mass, already his largest and most complex, into a full Catholic mass. In assembling his music into a complete Latin mass, Bach turned to a form with a classic tradition and a sense of permanence, one that transcended the tastes of his day and the specific practices of his own denomination. To complete the mass, Bach needed to add a Credo (Symbolum Nicenum), a Sanctus, and a final section comprising the Osanna, Benedictus, Agnus Dei, and Dona nobis pacem. Most of the movements in these sections are reworkings of music he had written earlier. For some, he borrowed and revised (often extensively) music from his own cantatas; in a few movements, he appears to have added choral parts to what may be now lost instrumental concertos. *Crucifixus* is the central movement of the Credo; it has the hypnotic repeating bass line of a passacaglia. Remarkably, the bass line, which repeats every 4 bars, is never harmonized the same way twice. This movement is adapted from a chorus in Cantata no.12 and is written in larger note values to suggest an older style. Program notes by Martin Pearlman

**Christ, We Do All Adore Thee** (Adoramus Te, Christe) is the final chorus of Dubois' *Les sept paroles du Christ*. Théodore Dubois (1837 – 1924) was an important organist, composer and teacher of music on the Paris music scene during the late 1800's. The composer of four operas, a large-scale ballet, several oratorios, and a Requiem Mass as well as many orchestral works, Dubois remained a composer of the "academic style." He composed *The Seven Last Words of Christ* in 1867 for Saint Clotilde in Paris, where he was the choir director (Maitre de chapelle). At the end of the Seventh Word, Dubois concludes his sacred cantata with a serene hymn-like setting of the medieval antiphon Adoramus Te, Christe. Program notes by Yvonne Grover

**The postlude** *Alle Menschen müssen sterben* BWV 643 is a chorale prelude by J.S. Bach. *Hark! A voice saith, all are mortal* is one of the most beautiful of all the preludes in the *Orgelbüchlein*, a collection of organ chorales written between 1717 and 1723. Though only 45 were completed, Bach sketched and outlined in his manuscript places for 164 preludes and 161 chorales to cover the needs of the church year. The chorales are the expression of the sung choral in the idiom of the organ. As you listen to the soaring melody, note the figure throughout the bass line is one which expresses tranquility and restrained happiness. The chorale tune is accompanied by the continuous use of thirds and sixths.

## 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.*



### DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS, 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.*

*We welcome children, their parents, and others who wish to participate to process slowly down the center aisle as they follow the crucifer, wave the palms, and gather at the front of the Sanctuary and remain there during the Processional Hymn and Prayer Over the Palms.*

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### ✠ GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Pastor Bill Davis

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we begin this solemn celebration in union with Christians throughout the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem in triumph to complete his work as our Savior; to be rejected, to suffer and die, and to be raised from the dead. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

### ✠ PROCLAMATION OF JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM ~ Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor Bill Davis

### ✠ HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Hymnal no. 280

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. - Refrain**
- 2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. - Refrain**
- 3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. - Refrain**
- 4. To thee before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. - Refrain**
- 5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. - Refrain**

### ✠ PRAYER OVER THE PALMS

Pastor Bill Davis

Almighty God our Savior,

on this day your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem  
and was proclaimed Messiah

by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory,

and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord

and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life

that, with all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph

the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, brought down out of heaven,  
where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Hosanna! The King Comes Today!*  
Trinity Trebles, Choristers and Chancel Choirs

Emily Lund

*Lift up your heads, ye gates open wide, that the King of Glory may come inside. Mighty and strong, holy and true! Rejoice! Your King comes to you! Hosanna, Hosanna, prepare the way. The mighty King comes today! This is the day the Lord has made Let us rejoice, let us be glad! Blessed is he who comes in the name, the saving name of the Lord!*

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Tom Tyler

*We invite 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. There is no StoryTime today for children kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade.*

ANTHEM

*Ride On, King Jesus*

arr. Larry Fleming

*Ride on, King Jesus, no man can hinder you. Ride, King Jesus, ride to me. When I looked around me to find someone who's gentle and kind, someone to show me the way, I look to Jesus and I pray. When I need someone to hear, to help me conquer my fear, when I can't find the way, I look to Jesus and I pray.*

## LITURGY OF THE PASSION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of mercy and might:  
for in the mystery of the passion of your Son  
you offer your infinite life to the world;  
gather us around the cross of Christ,  
and preserve us until the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, OT, Page 680

Nancy Hunt

CANTICLE OF CHRIST'S OBEDIENCE

Philippians 2:5-11

Nancy Hunt

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a servant,  
being born in our likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Matthew 27:11-54

Pew Bible, NT, Page 32

Pastor Bill Davis and Marianne Vannatta

SERMON

“Standing Trial”

Pastor Bill Davis

RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION

Pastor Bill Davis

Our Redeemer suffered death,  
was buried and rose again for our sake.  
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher,  
for us you were obedient, even to death:  
**Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

Christ our life,  
by dying on the cross  
you destroyed the power of evil and death:  
**Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.**

Christ our strength,  
you were despised,  
and humiliated as a condemned criminal:  
**Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

Christ our salvation,  
you gave your life out of love for us:  
**Help us to love one another.**

Christ our Savior,  
on the cross you embraced all time  
with your outstretched arms:  
**Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us your peace.**

Eternal God,  
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ  
so give us the grace of repentance  
that we may pass through the grave with him  
and be born again to eternal life;  
for he is the One  
who was crucified, dead, and buried,  
and rose again for us,  
Jesus our Savior,  
who taught us to pray together, saying:

#### 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 ANTHEM

*He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered and was buried.*

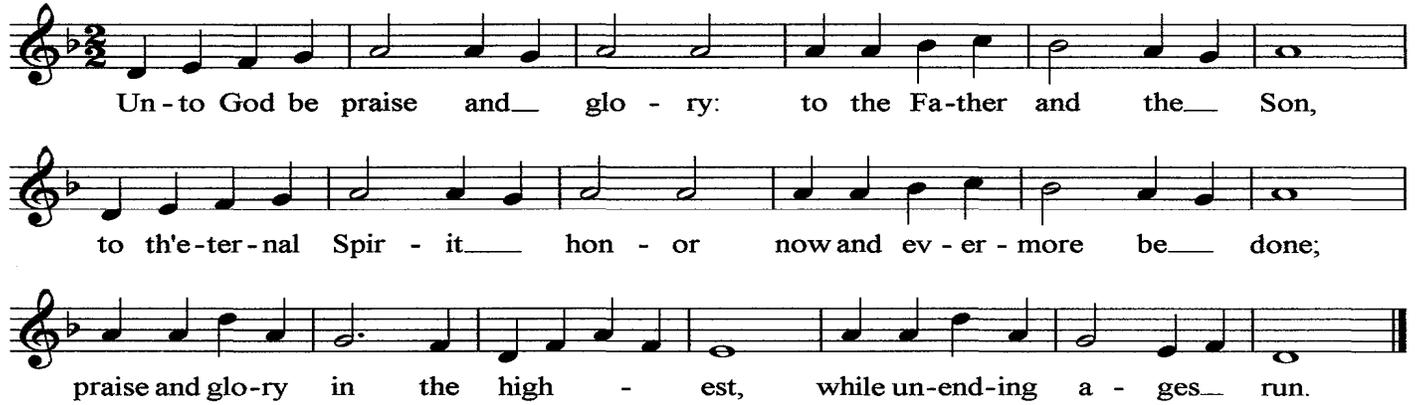
*Crucifixus*

J.S. Bach

✠THE DOXOLOGY

*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

Hymnal no. 296, stanza 5



Un - to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa - ther and the Son,  
to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;  
praise and glo - ry in the high - est, while un - end - ing a - ges run.

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O God,  
for in your infinite love for the human race,  
you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature  
and to suffer death on the cross  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Receive our tithes and offerings  
as a sign of our gratitude and our desire  
to serve you by taking up our cross  
and humbly following in the way of Christ. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

Hymnal no. 294

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

✠THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

Théodore Dubois

✠POSTLUDE

*Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben*

J.S.Bach

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**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God.

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

**Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Worship: 158 Offering: \$8,548.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$1,468.78

**Those Serving at Worship Today:**

*Acolyte: Sophie Moran*

*Counters: Richard McKinney*

*Crucifer: Aidan Gibson*

*Greeters: Steve and Connie Blood*

*Liturgist: Nancy Hunt*

*Pew Duty: John Ploch*

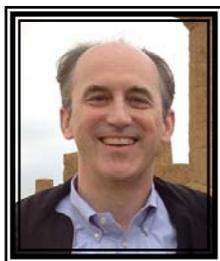
*Sound: Harley Hopkins*

*Ushers: Kaaren Christopherson, John Wesley Collins, Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaberty (Head Usher), Alva Smircinia*

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

## You are invited to a conversation & update on The A Way Forward Commission

with Dave Nuckols *today, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM* at Fairlington United Methodist Church on King Street. Dave, a Reconciling Ministries Network Board Member, Minnesota Conference Lay Leader and member of the Bishop's A Way Forward Commission is in Virginia after a Washington, DC meeting of the commission to offer an update on the commission's work. The Commission on A Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. For more information on A Way Forward visit, [www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward](http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward). For more information on Dave Nuckols, visit [www.rmnetwork.org/newrmm/who-we-are/board](http://www.rmnetwork.org/newrmm/who-we-are/board).



**Easter Egg Hunt:** Calling all Easter Bunnies! On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Trinity UMC has its annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast from 9 AM - 11 AM. Invite your neighbors and friends and come meet the Easter Bunny! If you have any questions or to volunteer, please contact our Christian Formation Chair, Mary Beth Buccholz ([christianformation@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:christianformation@trinityalexandria.org)).

**Rise & Shine Forum April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 AM:** Trinity United Methodist Church invites you to join us for a light breakfast and *Conversation with Najla Mangoush: The Journey to Virginia*. Najal Mangoush, Program Office for Peacebuilding & Traditional Law at the George Mason University Center for World Religions, Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution, shares experiences & perspective about her native Libya, its struggles toward true democracy and her hopes for peace, love & greater understanding among all global citizens.

## April is Trinity's Month to Collect Food for ALIVE!

Alexandria's Food Center serves as a collection/storage point for many of our City's food pantries. ALIVE! manages the Center. One in five Alexandrians suffers from food deprivation. For our city's children, the stats are even more troubling. In some Alexandria City schools, over 80% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price breakfasts/lunches. Please help ALIVE! continue to provide thousands of Alexandrians each month with food. The greatest need is for canned meat items, tuna, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, soups, canned veggies and fruit, boxed or bagged rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, and crackers. And

please don't forget, for a mere 19¢ a pound, Capital Area Food Bank can supply ALIVE! with meat, canned goods, pasta and more. So, for only \$20, 105 pounds of the aforementioned items can be purchased. Nonperishable donations can be left in the closet off the Narthex. For monetary donations, please make your check payable to "Trinity UMC" and annotate "ALIVE! Food Pantry" on the check.

**Bikes for the World Bike Collection** - Have you been looking for a mission opportunity to invite your neighbors to, so they can experience Trinity UMC in action? Let them know they can donate bikes they're not using at our annual Bikes for the World event Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> during our Morning of Giving from 9AM to Noon. Reuse of bikes is a really green way to provide much needed, reliable and easy-to-maintain transportation in many developing countries - Ghana, Panama, Costa Rica, Barbados and Uganda are a few. What condition? "Serviceable" is good enough! We also need a few folks to greet donors and fill in donation receipts or to do a bit of light wrench-turning. Mark your Connection Card if you can assist. Contact Gordon Johnson at 703-751-7195 or [gfbj\\_va@yahoo.com](mailto:gfbj_va@yahoo.com) to volunteer or if you have questions.

**Sign Up For Trinity's Semi-Annual Community Blood Drive.** Trinity's Semi-Annual Blood Drive is on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, during our Morning of Giving, from 7:30 - 11 AM. As usual, it is the same morning as the Trinity Men's Pancake Breakfast, available from 7 - 10 AM. The pancakes are yummy, so come and bring your friends and neighbors for a good pancake breakfast before donating blood! Gluten-free available.

The blood drive is again in Inova's bloodmobile and Inova Blood Donor Services continues to have an immediate need for most blood types. Remember to eat a good breakfast before donating. You need to be well for at least 3 days prior to donating, and you must bring a photo ID to present to INOVA personnel.

It must be at least 56 days (8 weeks) since you last donated, so you can't have donated since February 14<sup>th</sup>. Most healthy people can be blood donors and must be at least 16 years old, with signed parental consent form, or 17 years old and up with no consent form (no upper age limit), well for 3 days (no symptoms of illness, including colds), and 110 pounds minimum. The donation process takes about 1 hour and plenty of slots are available. Please consider participating in this worthy mission.

Volunteers are needed for signing people up by phone, reminder calls, registration the day of the drive, and to provide baked goods for the event. For questions, to volunteer or to make an appointment at, contact Carol Bowers at [carol\\_bowers@cox.net](mailto:carol_bowers@cox.net) or 703-534-5230.

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

**Trinity is seeking applicants for the position of the Director of Christian Formation (DCF).** This is a part-time position with an expected commitment of 25 hours per week. The DCF should be present on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship. Total annual compensation is \$25,000 to \$35,000, commensurate with experience and the schedule agreed upon by the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the candidate. Request a full job description at [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org). Interested applicants should send resumes and cover letters to Jeff Lane, SPRC Chair, by email at [Jeff.lane38@gmail.com](mailto:Jeff.lane38@gmail.com), with a copy to [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org). Applicants should provide a mailing address, daytime and evening telephone numbers, and an email address. Direct any questions you may have to Mr. Lane via the email address above.

**The Della Somerville Circle meets on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (a week later than usual) at 7:00 PM** at the home of Sue Stewart at 1600 River Farm Drive in Alexandria. Please let Linda Pitts know at [ibcpitts@aol.com](mailto:ibcpitts@aol.com) or Sue at [riverfarm@cox.net](mailto:riverfarm@cox.net) if you can join us.

Our Trinity family had a wonderful **multi-generational mission event on March 26<sup>th</sup> where we "Changed the World through Sandwiches!"** It was wonderful to see how the kids self-organized and jumped right into the task at hand. They created a highly effective assembly line, complete with smiley faces on the sandwich bags. The Bemisderfer family joined in on the festivities after being formally recognized into the Trinity family during the service. The adults did a terrific job, too. After all was said and done, 167 sandwiches (and even more leftover cheese slices) were delivered to Martha's Table where they would be loaded up on McKenna's Wagon, their mobile food truck that feeds 150-250 homeless people across the city every evening. A heartfelt thanks to all who participated. ~ Mary Gillman

**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. We are planning a musical for the Trebles and Choirsters on June 11<sup>th</sup> and need more singers. 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. Come see Linda at the organ after a service or email her at [music@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:music@trinityalexandria.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 Hogganson ([michelle.boganson@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.boganson@gmail.com)), our StoryTime Coordinator or Mary Beth Buchholz ([marybeth@freespiritfloral.com](mailto:marybeth@freespiritfloral.com)), our Christian Formation Chair if you have questions or to sign up for a story time date.

**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).



**Alexandria Handbell Concert:** Free handbell concert on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Trinity Church 2911 Cameron Mills Road in Alexandria, VA. Alexandria area churches join together to ring fabulous music. The program includes individual choir performance as well as several mass choir renditions.

**Celebrate the Increase!** Too often we hear discouraging news about church trends, but there are many good things happening in the Alexandria District! On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM at Christ Church, 7600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station 22039, Alexandria District churches are invited to come and celebrate the increases in professions of faith and average worship attendance across the district. Retiring Alexandria District Secretary, Martha Flanagan, will also be honored as part of the banquet. Dinner will be served. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to each Alexandria District church. Additional tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$15. For more information and to register visit, [www.etouches.com/celebrate-the-increase](http://www.etouches.com/celebrate-the-increase).

## Trinity's Table Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>15</sup> PM

*Menu: Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert*

We invite you to make your favorite soup to share. If you are unable to bring soup to share, then bring a loaf of good crusty bread to go with the soup!

RSVP on your the Connection Card.

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

**Walkway to Independence:** Community Lodgings' mission is to lift families from homelessness and instability to independence and self-sufficiency through transitional housing, affordable housing and our Youth Education programs. You can support our mission by purchasing a brick that will be part of our "Walkway to Independence." Your brick can be engraved with the name of your business or organization or in honor a loved one. The bricks will construct the walkway from the sidewalk to the entry doors of the Fifer Family Learning Center, one of the locations for our Youth Education programs, located at 607 Notabene Drive, Alexandria, VA 22305. The bricks will be installed during the renovation to the building to be completed in 2017. These are quality bricks with laser engraving that should last a lifetime. To place an order visit: [www.fundraisingbrick.com/communitylodgings](http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/communitylodgings). For questions regarding our engraved brick campaign, please contact Susan Fitzpatrick at [esfitzpatrick@msn.com](mailto:esfitzpatrick@msn.com).

**The Carpenter's Shelter invites you to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carpenter's Cook-Off!** Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-3:00 PM at The Birchmere (3701 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA.)



It is the tasting event of the season! Carpenter's Cook-Off is one of Carpenter's Shelter's signature events held in the spring. This year, we will feature a special presentation to three extraordinary honorees for taking the idea of the cook-off from concept to reality. Almost 15 years later, the cumulative funds raised at the previous cook-offs total nearly \$1 million. The honorees will receive the first Carpenter's Cook-Off Leadership Award. The Awards are given to honor the creativity and outstanding service to the homeless men, women and families in Alexandria.

The afternoon's celebration will consist of 25 top-rated local restaurants showcasing their delicacies (you get to taste and judge), live music by the Alpha Dog Blues band, award presentation, live auction and raffle prizes. This is a family friendly affair that's fun for all! Early bird tickets are on sale now at [www.carpentersshelter.org/cook-off/](http://www.carpentersshelter.org/cook-off/).

**FUMW Annual Plant Sale:** April 29, 2017 from 8 AM to 12 PM The Fairlington United Methodist Women (FUMW) offer a variety of bedding annuals, vegetables, herbs, planters and hanging baskets in the church parking lot. Come early for the best selection! For more information, email Donna MacPherson at email [dcmtfb@aol.com](mailto:dcmtfb@aol.com). If you place a pre-order, you may pick it up on Friday evening (4/28) after 6 PM, or Saturday during sale hours in the Fairlington UMC Fellowship Hall. Cash, checks and credit/debit (+3% fee) accepted.

**Caretakers of God's Creation Climate Justice Conference** takes place in Northern Virginia. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual United Methodist Caretakers of God's Creation Conference is at Mt. Olivet UMC in Arlington this year to complement the National People's Climate Justice March on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The conference is a day of inspiration, education and preparation. It begins with worship, with a message of hope by UM Bishop C. Joseph Sprague. The service also includes major addresses by the Rev. Fletcher Harper, the Rev. Jeny Phillips, and concludes with communion and sermons by Bill McKibben and Michelle Roberts. Please contact Jaydee Hanson at [jaydeehanson@gmail.com](mailto:jaydeehanson@gmail.com) with questions.

**On Sunday April 30, 2017, Community Lodgings** hosts its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser, Spring Forward, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Union Street Public House, located at 121 S. Union Street in Alexandria, VA. This event showcases Community Lodgings' commitment to the City of Alexandria and spotlights all the work they have accomplished.

The event includes live music, an exciting silent auction, a dinner buffet, open bar, and a beer and wine tasting. Union Street Public House is once again donating their venue, food and staff. Proceeds support housing and education programs for homeless and low-income Alexandria families.



**Walk for a Good Cause & in Good Company! The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon** is on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for ALIVE!'s Child Development Center (CDC), a highly-rated full-day preschool program serving children of low-income working parents. Choose to participate in a 5k or 5-mile stroll through beautiful Old Town Alexandria. The walk begins and ends at First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, VA. On-site registration and T-shirt distribution starts at 1:15 PM with the walk kicking off at 2:00 PM. Join us for a picnic and live music along with prizes at the conclusion of your walk. To pre-register visit: [www.alive-inc.org/walkathon2016.shtml](http://www.alive-inc.org/walkathon2016.shtml).

**Trinity UM Church Office is closed,  
Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Easter Monday.**

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

**Stamp Out Hunger!** Every second Saturday in May, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers, who participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive - the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

Led by letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO), with help from rural letter carriers, other postal employees and other volunteers, the drive has delivered more than one billion pounds of food the past 24 years.

Carriers collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices and deliver them to local community food banks, pantries and shelters. Nearly 1,500 NALC branches in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands are involved. The United States Postal Service, National Association of Letter Carriers, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, AFL-CIO, Feeding America, United Way, Valassis and Valpak Direct Marketing Systems are all supporting this year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

To donate, just place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carrier delivers mail on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The carrier will do the rest. The food is sorted, and delivered to an area food bank or pantry, where it is available for needy families.

With 49 million people facing hunger every day in America, including nearly 16 million children, this drive is one way you can help those in your own city or town who need help.

**Convergence at Randolph-Macon College:** Too often students get the message in high school that they should not discuss faith at the same time as science. And in too many of our faith communities, young people learn about faith but never hear voices engaging science.

Randolph-Macon College believes in the convergence of faith and science. This summer we bring together people of faith who are also scientists! Rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors can apply to be a part of this 11-day learning adventure June 22-July 2 on our campus in Ashland, VA.

Convergence includes lectures and workshops led by R-MC and Union Presbyterian Seminary faculty along with special guest leaders. We visit Shalom Farms, go rafting on the James River, help with a river and creek clean up project, and enjoy other area activities. Participants not only gain personal knowledge but also create a resource to help other young people gain insights about the convergence of faith and science.

Find out more or apply at [convergence.rmc.edu](http://convergence.rmc.edu). Applications are now being accepted!

**Holy Land Journey with Bishop Sharma D. Lewis and the Virginia Conference of the UMC:** Join Bishop Sharma D. Lewis and the Virginia Conference of the UMC on a 10 day Holy Land Journey, February 26, 2018, starting at just \$3098!

The tour begins with worship as you sail across the Sea of Galilee. Visit Capernaum, center of Jesus' ministry in the Galilee and on the Mount of Beatitudes, contemplate the "Sermon on the Mount." Explore the Church of the Fish and the Loaves at Tabgha, traditional site of the feeding of the 5,000. See the Chapel of the Primacy, where Peter professed his devotion three times to the risen Christ. In Magdala, once home to Mary Magdalene, visit a recently discovered first century synagogue. Recall Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River.

Day 4 takes you to visit the Franciscan Wedding Chapel in Cana, site of Jesus' first miracle, before continuing on to Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home. Look out over Tel Megiddo (Armageddon) to view one of the most important archaeological sites in Israel. We end the day in Caesarea, a center of the early Christians where an angel visited Cornelius, the first Gentile believer, and where Paul was imprisoned for two years before appealing to Caesar.

As you stop in Jericho on Day 5, view the ruins of the city conquered by Joshua. In the distance you can also see the traditional site of the Temptation of Jesus. Continue to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. End your day with a group picture taken from the Mount of Olives, where Jesus ascended into heaven.

On day 6, 7, 8 and 9 explore Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Old City with an optional trip to the Dead Sea. Pick up a brochure in the Narthex or contact the Church Office for more information [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).



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April 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ The Journey to Virginia  
Najal Mangoush, Program Office for Peacebuilding & Traditional Law at the George Mason University Center for World Religions, Diplomacy & Conflict Resolution

April 30<sup>th</sup> ~ The Role of Prayer in Healing  
led by Dr. Steve Blood and Pastor Bill Davis

May 7<sup>th</sup> ~ "Are you Smarter than a Trinity Confirmand?"  
Intergenerational Breakfast and Class

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

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## Save the Dates

**April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Thursday - Join us for dinner (in lieu of Trinity's Table for the week) in the Fellowship Hall anytime between 5:30-7:30 PM for Soup and Salad. We invite you to make your favorite soup to share. If you are unable to bring soup to share, then bring a loaf of good crusty bread to go with the soup! Holy Thursday Worship follows at 7:30 PM, ending with the Stripping of the Altar.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday - Self-Guided Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary between Noon and 3:00 PM. Printed resource guides will be available for your use and you may be here throughout the time or a portion thereof.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Saturday - The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Sunday - There are no Sunday School Classes. Worship begins at 10:45 AM with a choral prelude. The Festive Easter Service continues with all choirs participating, accompanied by strings, organ and trumpet. The service concludes with the congregation and choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Church Office closed in observance of Easter Monday.

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for a Morning of Giving! Trinity's Semi-Annual Blood Drive and our Annual Bikes for the World event is scheduled for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** US Post Office: Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Confirmation Sunday

**May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>:** VA United Methodist Church Annual Conference at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** 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 TUMC

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04/09/17</b>	<b><i>Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion</i></b> 9:30 AM Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 AM Processional with Donkey (Entrance Plaza) 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) Noon Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 3:00 PM Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 PM Confirmation - Living As Saints (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 PM Trinity Book Group (Parlor)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/10/17</b>	<b><i>Trinity Preschool Spring Break Begins</i></b> 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/11/17</b>	7:00 PM Boy Scouts #113 (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/12/17</b>	2:30 PM Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Chapel) 6:15 PM Trebles and Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/13/17</b>	<b><i>Holy Thursday</i></b> 5:30 PM Trinity's Table (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 PM Holy Thursday Worship - A Service of Word and Table (Sanctuary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/14/17</b>	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b> 12:00 PM Self-Guided Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04/15/17</b>	<b><i>Holy Saturday</i></b> 9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04/16/17</b>	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b> 10:45 AM Worship (Sanctuary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/17/17</b>	<b><i>Easter Monday</i></b> <b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b> 7:00 PM DAR Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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