



*“Owe no one anything,  
except to love one another.”  
Romans 13:8*

*Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 10, 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.*



### 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.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Toccatina for Flutes*

Pietro Yon

### INTROIT

*Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 149)*

Sue Stewart

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Together, let us rejoice in our Maker;

**let all God's children rejoice in their Ruler.**

Let us make melody and praise God's name.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in God's people.**

### ✠OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O God of unity and peace,

for Christ has taught us

that where two or three are gathered in his name

he is present among them.

Grant us a new heart

to presume the goodness of every sister and brother,

and a spirit sensitive to the burdens

each of them bears,

that by loving our neighbor as ourselves

we may bear witness to that love

which is the fulfilling of your law;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God forever and ever **Amen.**

### ✠HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Hymnal no. 559

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

“Be kind and compassionate to one another,

forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Eph. 4:32, alt.)

Let us confess our lack of love and our need of divine mercy.

**Gracious God, you create us for community  
and call us to love as you love.**

**We often lose patience with those closest to us  
and are unkind to friend and stranger alike.**

**In our idolatry of ourselves alone,  
we demonstrate unbridled envy and pride,  
frequently traffic in anger and aggression,  
and seek to manipulate and dominate others.**

**Cherishing grudges of the past, we refuse to forgive.**

Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us yet again.  
By the relentless working of your Holy Spirit,  
renew within us godly compassion, teach us to forgive,  
and move us to live as your people in loving service to all;  
by the power and example of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*(Silence for reflection and confession)*

When we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

✠THE PEACE

Christ, our reconciliation and our peace,  
is present among us now.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.*

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Carrie Pritts

*We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) and younger may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210. Worship bags for elementary age children can be obtained from an usher.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Pew Bible, OT, Page 58

Sue Stewart

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

ANTHEM

*"Old Favorites" Hymn Medley No. 9*

arr. Paul Taylor

Stephen Blood, bass; Paul Taylor, baritone; Sharon Taylor, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Pew Bible, NT, Page 162

Sue Stewart

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

✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.)*

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

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Pew Bible, NT, Page 20

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

*"Under Obligation"*

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

*The Gift of Love*

Hymnal no. 408

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada*

Hymnal no. 883

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bill Davis

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

Pastor Bill Davis

OFFERTORY

*Nearer, My God, to Thee/Theme from the film Titanic*  
Stephen Blood, bass; Paul Taylor, baritone; Sharon Taylor, piano

arr. Paul Taylor

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of light and love,  
for you provide all that we need.  
As first you gave the gift of life and love to us,  
so now we bring our gifts to you.  
Accept them as an expression of the love and concern  
we have for our neighbors near and far,  
and as representative of our commitment  
to the practices of forgiveness, freedom, and hope;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Hymnal no. 557

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on "Gaudeamus Pariter"*

Wilbur Held

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**Today's anthem**, "*Old Favorites*" Hymn Medley No. 9, was arranged by Paul Taylor for a 2014 performance at Trinity UMC by Stephen Blood and Paul and Sharon Taylor, part of a tradition of annual performances by the trio dating back to 2004. Created from hymns selected by Stephen Blood, the medley celebrates the name and love of Jesus, culminating in the joy we will feel when we see him in heaven. In today's offertory anthem, the hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee*, often associated with the sinking of the Titanic, is here joined with the theme from the 1997 film Titanic.

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

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

**Those Serving at Worship Today:**

**Greeters:** Joan and Greg Hlinka

**Liturgist:** Sue Stewart

**Pew Duty:** John Ploch

**Sound:** Harley Hopkins

**Ushers:** Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher)

# TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

The **Della Somerville Circle** meets on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at Tempo Restaurant, 4231 Duke St. in Alexandria. Mark your calendar and join the United Methodist Women for an evening of Christian fellowship. RSVP to Linda Pitts: [ibepitts@aol.com](mailto:ibepitts@aol.com).

**Join us Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> for our Fall Kickoff and Church-Wide Picnic** at Fort Ward Park (4301 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304)! We will gather at 11AM in the amphitheater for casual worship then have a picnic. The church is providing fried chicken, biscuits, water, plates, cups, and utensils. We ask that you bring a side or dessert and a friend or neighbor. If you bring something that needs to stay cold, don't forget a cooler and ice. There are picnic tables but for added comfort you may want to bring camping chairs or seat cushions. There will be ample parking near the amphitheater and picnic area. There will be valet service for those needing assistance and folks helping to point you in the right direction. In the event of inclement weather, we will move everything to Trinity and will make the decision by 9 AM that morning. Please contact Pastor Bill, Carrie Pritts, Jill Robinson, or Mary Beth Buchholz with any questions. Hope to see you there!

**On Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall, parents of all youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to meet to go over information for the upcoming school year. Stay tuned for details.

**Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** at 9 AM in the Courtyard on Cameron Mills Road side of the church: ALL Creatures Great and Small are to be individually blessed by Pastor Bill. Each pet receives a certificate with its name on it, signed by Pastor Bill. Bring a picture of pets unable to attend. Dog treats and water are provided. No retractable leashes, please. If you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Lucelle O'Flaherty at 703.408.4008.

**Volunteers needed!** Are you looking for a place where you can be a tremendous support to the overall operations of Trinity UMC, with little time commitment and not much physical demand? Then look no further! The Trinity Counters need you!! The commitment is coming to the church office after the sermon and working with two other congregational members to add up all the contributions that have come in since the previous Sunday's count. It generally takes less than 30 minutes. Using your fingers and toes to count is acceptable, but may not be preferred. We do provide an adding machine, circa 1975, to aid you (at least it's not a slide rule). You have your choice of which Sundays you can serve Trinity in this capacity. We are using the on-

line website, Sign Up Genius, and when you receive the e-mail request to sign up, you simply go to the link and pick which Sundays you can count over that next few months. A couple days prior to the days you selected, you'll get a reminder e-mail. It really is that simple. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Rich McKinney at [cbrm@mac.com](mailto:cbrm@mac.com).

## Financial Report for Trinity UMC August 2017

Here is the financial status through the month of July.

	Month of July	Year to date	Last Year
Total Receipts:	\$31,050	\$288,232	\$295,943
Total Expenses:	\$34,513	\$262,967	\$306,253
Net:	\$(3,463)	\$25,265	\$(10,310)

As usual our receipts in July were below average and we had a negative balance for the month of \$3,363. Our total balance for the year is positive at just over \$25,000. Even so, our giving for the year to date is lower than it was last year at this time. August and September are typically our lowest giving months of the year so please keep that in mind as you consider your giving going forward. Thank you for your support and giving. Your financial support is greatly appreciated! For questions contact, Rich McKinney, Financial Secretary at [cbrm@mac.com](mailto:cbrm@mac.com).

**Our Bi-District (Arlington and Alexandria) Clergy** have several meetings each year featuring well-known speakers and topics. In 2017/2018, these speakers will each hold an evening session designed specifically for church leaders. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Graham Standish will give a seminar entitled "Becoming a Spiritually Vital Leader" at Dulin UMC, 513 E Broad St, Falls Church, VA. The session costs \$10 per person. Register at [www.eiseverywhere.com/spiritual-formation](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/spiritual-formation). For more information visit, [www.novaumc.org/Spiritual-Formation/](http://www.novaumc.org/Spiritual-Formation/).

**Ready, Set, Run for Shelter!** Carpenter's Shelter is proud to host our 7th annual Run for Shelter, featuring a 5K, 10K and Fun Run on Saturday, November 18th at 8 AM. Run starts at USPTO Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Proceeds from this signature community event fund Carpenter's Shelter's mission to assist the homeless to achieve sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy. For more information and to register visit [www.carpentersshelter.org/run-for-shelter/](http://www.carpentersshelter.org/run-for-shelter/).



# TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

## A Special Invitation to Join Trinity's Music Program

If you sing or ring, there is a place for you in our program. If you wish to contribute to our worship by playing an instrument, we welcome you. We offer many opportunities to share your talents here at Trinity UMC. As we begin the fall season, this is the perfect time to add music to your calendar! Join us as we prepare the Mozart Requiem.

### Children's Choirs:

Trebles Grades K-5 Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM  
Choristers Grades 6-12 Rehearsal After Worship

Chancel Choir: (adult) Thursday 7:45-9:45 PM  
Trinity Ringers: (all ages) Thursday 6:15-7:30 PM

Please join us for music-making, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. We look forward to welcoming you to our music program! Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music with interest/questions at [music@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:music@trinityalexandria.org).

**UMCOR Responds to Harvey** – The United Methodist Committee on Relief is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams in Louisiana and Texas to provide relief to the scores of thousands of people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been so adversely impacted. Also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, and Central Texas Conference who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey. You may also partner financially with UMCOR in responding to the needs of communities and individuals impacted by Harvey; please make checks payable to Trinity UMC, noting "Harvey" on the memo line. Or go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) for updates on the situation and information about how to give electronically to UMCOR.

**September is National Hunger Action Month.** Challenge and deepen your spiritual life as you read, reflect, and take action to end hunger in our community and across the country. Pick up a copy of the Society of St. Andrew's 2017 Calendar for Prayer and Action in the Narthex after worship today. The calendar includes Scripture readings and related reflections or activities suitable for the entire family for each day of September. To make a donation to the Hunger Action Month offering, make your check payable to Trinity UMC and note "hunger" on the memo line.

**On August 14, 2017, Sierra Leone experienced torrential rain,** triggering a series of heavy floods and mudslides in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. To date the death toll has reached nearly 500; however, there are still 600 people missing. Rescue workers continue to recover bodies from the muddy rubble. Sierra Leone's Office of National Security (ONS) estimates more than 3,000 people have lost their homes. There is grave concern that another mudslide or flood is likely to occur, as more rain is predicted in Sierra Leone's forecast. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in contact with our United Methodist partners in Sierra Leone and dispersed a \$10,000 emergency grant. UMCOR cannot do the work it does without the care and support of its donors. You can share in UMCOR's mission by giving to UMCOR Advance #982450 to support its response to international disasters. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC, noting "Sierra Leone."

HELP MAKE

**FRIDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup>**



A LUCKY DAY FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS YOU

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017**

Support & Celebrate the  
Mission of Rising Hope

Hope  
GROWS  
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# TRINITY UMC'S SAVE THE DATES

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September 14<sup>th</sup>: Trinity's Ringers rehearsals begin

September 17<sup>th</sup>: Fall Kick-Off ~ Worship and Picnic lunch in Ft. Ward Park. Bring a friend!

September 20<sup>th</sup>: Trebles rehearsals and Trinity's Table begins

September 24<sup>th</sup>: Youth Parent Meeting

September 30<sup>th</sup>: Blessing of the Animals @ 9 AM in the Courtyard.

September 30<sup>th</sup>: District Day-Alexandria and Arlington District Conferences & Board of Missions Meeting 9 AM to Noon @ St. Matthews UMC, 8617 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, VA.

October 9<sup>th</sup>: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.

October 21<sup>st</sup>: Charge Conference @ 9 AM

November 5<sup>th</sup>: All Saint's Sunday with Special Music Offering during worship. Daylight Saving Time ends.

November 17<sup>th</sup>: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Veterans Day.



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION SESSIONS

Discipleship Workshops  
For Church Leaders

Sept 20 - Feb 21 - Apr 12

For more information visit:  
[www.novaumc.org/spiritual-formation/](http://www.novaumc.org/spiritual-formation/)

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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 UMC

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/10/17</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:30 AM	Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>09/11/17</b>	
	7:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09/12/17</b>	
	6:00 PM	Della Somerville Circle (Off Site)
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 PM	Trustee Meeting (Parlor)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09/13/17</b>	
	2:30 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
	7:30 PM	Trustee Meeting (Parlor)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/14/17</b>	
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>09/15/17</b>	
	12:45 PM	Trinity Preschool Staff Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/17/17</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	11:00 AM	Worship (Ft. Ward Park)
	12:00 PM	Fall Picnic (Ft. Ward Park)
	3:00 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)



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Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 5 PM | Friday 9 AM - 2 PM

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### Trinity United Methodist Church Staff

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Director of Christian Formation  
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