The BEACON

November 4, 2026

2027 COMMITMENTS DUE



Thanks for the positive response from those who have returned their 2027 time, talent, and financial pledges to date. Our gifts are tangible ways of thanking God for our many blessings. They support the Church's mission of carrying on Christ's work in the world as we seek "to care actively in the name of Jesus Christ."

We are reminded that our 2027 commitments are due by **Sunday, November 8**. They may be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the church office. You may also make your pledge directly on our website, www.holytrinitylynchburg.org. ***Our mission and ministry spending plan cannot be finalized until pledges are returned. Every pledge is extremely important!*** We are aware that there have been postal service delivery issues. Anyone who has not received a 2027 packet is asked to contact the church office.

FALL SEMINAR

Our Fall Seminar - exploring *Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God* – is underway on Wednesdays, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The November 4 topic is "Empire" and "Jesus," (Part 1) and the November 11 topic is "Jesus" (Part 2) and "Paul's Mission." A light supper is served. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning

Esteemed Bible scholar Amy-Jill Levine takes us into the foundational stories of the Hebrew scriptures with clarity, depth, and imagination. She presents Genesis as a *living* text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human.

November 6 - Adam and Eve
November 13 - Cain and Abel
November 20 - Noah

Matins (Morning Prayer) follows at 8:00 a.m.

NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin its exploration of *Twelve Steps to A Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong on November 6, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for $15.00 each.



SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 8, at 11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth invite all to enjoy delicious homemade soups and chili.

Free-will gifts will be received for Youth Missions.
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES
CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m.

NEW RIVER ENSEMBLE

This program – on the theme "Intimations of Change and Eternity" – includes original works by ensemble members Brendan Cooney and Martha Hyde, as well as their re-imaginings of a song by Cole Porter and the Ballad of John Henry, and an American fantasia on Debussy's *Children's Corner.* They will also offer music by Marilyn Bliss, Max Bruch, and Andrea Casarrubios, weaving a fresh contemporary flavor with traditional and classical selections. They play a variety of instruments and voice for added color, giving a vibrant presentation that explores the old and the new, an enjoyable venture into light and shadow, meaningful depths and playful shadows.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026

The Lessons: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green. A coffee hour follows each service.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION and HOME COMMUNION
9:30 A.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH (all ages)
9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)
Elusive Grace
Retraining Our Hearts
Learning to Love God, Love Jesus, Love Mercy



10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM and HOME COMMUNION
11:30 A.M. - SOUP LUNCHEON
4:00 P.M. - CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT - New River Ensemble
6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades six and above)

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8 - 14

MONDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	-	CONNECTING WITH GOD - *Know God - Know Self* (via Zoom)
TUESDAY,	5:40 P.M.	-	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	-	CHURCH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY,	10:00 A.M.	-	WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
	12:10 P.M.	-	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	-	FALL SEMINAR - *Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God*
	7:00 P.M.	-	ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	-	DISCUSSION GROUP - *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God*
FRIDAY,	7:00 A.M.	-	FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES - *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning*
	8:00 A.M.	-	MATINS (Morning Prayer)
	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	-	BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*
SATURDAY,	8:30 A.M.	-	CPR/AED TRAINING

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, is **Mary Booth**. Hospitalized and released is **Walter Smith**. Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **Brenda Van Fossen**. . . . Farewell and Godspeed to **Cal Farmer** as he moves to Richmond.

JAMES CHARLES STOCK
1949 - 2026

Our sympathy to his family.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity
on Friday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **November** project is a food drive for the **Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry**. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of November. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP

The Women's Sewing Group invites new members to join them Wednesday, November 11, from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m., in the Community Room. People who do not sew are welcome since there is work to be done (stuffing and labeling) that does not require sewing skills. Come enjoy the fellowship and serve the wider community at the same time. Please speak with **Kathy Busch** or **Carole Royer** for additional information.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels.
Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8 - 14



Sunday, November 8

9:30 a.m. - Holy Trinity Youth (all ages)

11:30 a.m. - Soup Luncheon

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six and above)



CPR and DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION



Saturday, November 14, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall

This session will train people in adult, child, and infant CPR and in the use of Holy Trinity's Automated External Defibrillator (AED). No official certification card is given through this class; therefore, it will not fulfill the requirements of some health professions.

Please make reservations in the narthex or call or e-mail the church office to register for this free class. Space is limited. Please speak with Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff for additional information.

THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this special worship experience, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

November 15, at 6:00 p.m.

LIVING WITH BLACK BEARS

Guest Speakers: Susan McConnell & Helen Wheelock
Members, Central Virginia Master Naturalist

Black bear numbers in central Virginia are rising. Historically, bears were rare outside remote mountain areas, but due to habitat improvements, reduced hunting, and natural range expansion, Virginia's Department of Wildlife Resources is now attempting to manage black bears to maintain stable, sustainable populations while addressing human–bear conflicts. Learning about bears can help prevent negative interactions and dispel unfounded fears.

We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, November 17, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the November class explores "From Scholar to Provocateur: Luther Takes on the Church," as we continue this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held November 18, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, November 19, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex or contact the church office to receive the reading material.

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HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL & SALLY von OESEN POTTERY SALE

Our Harvest Food Festival will be held Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This popular Program Development Fund event features our famous Brunswick Stew, assorted homemade soups, chili, stew, barbecue, casseroles, assorted jellies and butters, and baked goods. We need everyone's help to prepare and donate foods. There is much demand for foods that may be frozen easily for later enjoyment. Quart food containers are available at the church. Food items that cannot be put into individual containers should be brought in disposable aluminum pans.

An added feature this year is the opportunity to purchase pottery handcrafted by Sally von Oesen.
Plan to do some holiday shopping.

NAME(S): _____

☐ I will donate _____ casserole(s)/soups(s) Type(s):_____

☐ I will donate _____ baked goods. Type(s):_____

☐ I will donate _____

BRUNCH BUNCH

Sunday, November 22
12:00 p.m.

Bentley's on Bedford
2302 Bedford Avenue

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office by **November 20**.





GOD IN FILM

Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper and theological discussion as we view ***The Greatest Showman***.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

HEAD USHER MEETING

The Head Ushers will meet Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor.
Please notify the church office if you are unable to attend.

THANKSGIVING DAY
INTERFAITH SERVICE OF UNITY AND REFLECTION

Thursday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m.
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church
5810 Fort Avenue



We look forward to worshiping with our neighbors from
Agudath Sholom Synagogue, Centenary United Methodist Church, Church of the Covenant,
First Christian Church, Peakland Baptist Church, Peakland United Methodist Church,
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church,
and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lynchburg.

The Reverend Ruth Dueñez Harrison, pastor of Church of the Covenant, will deliver the sermon.

The monetary and non-perishable food offerings are designated for the Cosby Woods Food Pantry located on Boonsboro Road at Church of the Covenant/Camp Kum Ba Yah.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.



MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday
from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.

2027 TIME and TALENT and FINANCIAL NEEDS

It takes the time and talents of hundreds of people to carry out Holy Trinity's mission and ministry each year. As we prayerfully consider our commitments for the coming year, may we keep in mind these specific needs: Adult Choir, Altar Guild, bulletin and newsletter folders, coffee hour servers, communion assistants, greeters, home communion ministers, lectors, office assistants, and ushers.

Our mission and ministry is also dependent on our financial contributions as we strive "to care actively in the name of Jesus Christ." Please prayerfully consider the following for 2027: make a pledge; increase giving by $10.00 per week; or, increase giving by 1% of income as a step toward the biblical tithe of 10%; or, move beyond 10% for those already tithing; or, make an extraordinary and/or legacy gift to support current and future ministries.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Our Holy Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 6, following both worship services for the purpose of electing members of Church Council and trustees, acting on a property easement for the traffic roundabout at Langhorne Road/ Rivermont Terrace/Vassar Street, and approving a 2027 Spending Plan. All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Those who are unable to be present that day may request an absentee ballot by contacting the church office. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office (or mailed) once the 2027 Proposed Spending Plan is finalized by the Finance Committee and Church Council.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*
Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*
Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*
Parish Administrator: *Ellie Quillen*
Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

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