

Life of the Church and Announcements
March 22, 2026

Upcoming Events and Happenings



Lent at Trinity

CONVERSATIONS AFTER COMMUNION 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, MARCH 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHOSEN WATCH PARTY
SUNDAY MARCH 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
CLASSROOM A
5:30-7PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
LETTER TO AMERICAN CHRISTIANS
SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 15TH & 22ND.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 2ND
LOVING-KINDNESS MEDITATION
7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3RD
7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL, 5TH
7 AM - OUTSIDE CHAPEL
9AM - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
10:10AM - EGG HUNT
11:15AM-TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
BRUNCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 8AM-11AM



International Day of Remembrance For the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Since 2007, the United Nations (UN) has held an annual event on **March 25** to honor and remember the 18 million people who, for more than four centuries, were forcefully removed from Africa to the Americas and Europe. who suffered and died during the transatlantic slave trade. Partners around the world also host their own annual commemorations, educational programs, artistic workshops, and panel discussions to mark the event. <https://www.un.org/en/rememberslavery>



In addition, on March 25, 2015, the UN dedicated a Permanent Memorial titled **The Ark of Return** on the grounds of its headquarters in New York, NY, inviting people everywhere to contemplate the legacy of the slave trade and to fight against racism and prejudice today. <https://www.un.org/en/rememberslavery/memorial>

On Wednesday, 25 March 2026, at 10:00 a.m. EST, the UN General Assembly will convene its annual plenary meeting for this event, which you can watch live at <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k1t/k1to0zloza>.

*The song that Michelle, Drusilla, Judith, and Yvonne will sing today, titled **I Remember, I Believe**, is our recognition of this event. The song was written by Bernice Johnson Reagon, the founding member of a founder of civil rights area Freedom Singers and later of Sweet Honey in the Rock, an all-female, African American, a cappella ensemble based in the District of Columbia metropolitan area.*

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/sweet-honey-in-the-rock-about-sweet-honey-in-the-rock/716/>

50th Anniversary of the METRO Rail System

Trinity member **Ted Lutz**, representing the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, was one of the dignitaries on the dais that day at the official opening ceremony. He became METRO's second General Manager eight months later.



With encouragement from Trinity colleagues, Ted plans to give a presentation reflecting on his experiences during the tumultuous early days of both the new rail system and the rapidly changing bus network.

This relaxed presentation and discussion will be held on
Thursday, March 26th, from 10:00 am to 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall

2025 Contribution Statements for Tax Purposes

Once again, in an effort to save paper, time, and money, Trinity will not be mailing Contribution Statements to all contributors from this past year. Our Church Connect system allows you to access the statements yourself. We will mail the Statements to our "senior" members who may not be able to easily access the electronic documents. You can access your statement through ChurchTrac by following these [instructions](#).

Please contact Carol Hart, our treasurer, at treasurer@trinityarlington.org with any questions or if you would like her to send a paper statement to you. If you have trouble accessing your Church Connect account, contact Ben Stewart at ben@trinityarlington.org.



Official Welcome for Matt Wheeler

Sunday, March 29th

Mark your calendar and plan to "officially welcome" Matt into the Trinity community.

10:00 a.m. at Just Coffee
12:15 p.m. in the Narthex

Grab some cake, coffee, and enjoy a time of connection with Trinity's Director of Music



Friends of Tent of Nations
North America
People Building Bridges

A Jew, A Quaker, and a Presbyterian...

...walked into a cave in the West Bank and met a Lutheran.

Later, they were joined by an Episcopalian, a Muslim, a Methodist, another Presbyterian, and one still questioning her faith. What do these individuals have in common? The binding tie is their deep passion for a just peace in an area of the world that finds it very difficult to remedy decades of falsely generated fear and hatred that have resulted in walls, rather than bridges, being built. Out of this first encounter with the Tent of Nations Farm, the Friends of Tent of Nations North America was formed to give much-needed support and to help tell a critical story.

Use the link below to hear more of the story and to get the latest updates from FOTONNA:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/E9PTqMZ>



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of three special offerings collected by the PC(USA) when Presbyterians worldwide join in responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. OGHS currently supports projects in over 100 countries through partnerships involving community development grants, sustainable development efforts, and support to rebuild and seek peace following disasters. This offering is collected during Lent and on Easter. Donation envelopes are available on the welcome tables in Calvin Hall and in the sanctuary pew racks, or you can donate online.

Youth and Children's Corner

VBS Registration is open!

Our **VBS is held this June 22 - 26, from 9:00 am -12:00 pm**, and is for rising 4-year-olds to 5th Graders.

Please note: due to current constraints, our VBS is only open to Trinity community members, including our preschool families. Please join us for a great week exploring God's creation and our place in it.

Register by clicking this [link](#).



Thank you for your "donations of plastic bags" over the past few months. The Youth Project has ended, so please know that we **NO LONGER NEED ANY MORE PLASTIC BAGS.**

Ways to Serve in the Community and in the Church

Trinity Easter Brunch 2026

Easter brunch (help needed). Enjoy a potluck Easter brunch whenever suits your schedule, 8:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish if you can—but join us regardless! Warm casseroles are greatly appreciated. Other options include pastries, fruit, bagels, and deviled eggs! You are welcome to drop off cold dishes in the Fellowship Hall kitchen the day before (please label for "Easter Brunch").

To help with set-up, hosting, or cleanup, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4EAEA829A4FD0-62834495-easter#/>





Zara Johnson, an 11th grader at Washington-Liberty High School, is collecting school supplies and used books for a public elementary school in the rural Philippines as a service project for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

- New or used books in English for readers in grades K-6, especially storybooks and picture books for grades K-3.
- #2 pencils
- Markers/crayons
- Notebooks/paper (double-lined and single-lined)
- Scissors
- Erasers
- Blocks, Legos, manipulative toys

Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be left in the labeled boxes in the Narthex until March 27. Questions? Contact Zara at zarajohnson282@gmail.com.

Serving with S.O.M.E.

Trinity has been preparing breakfast for over 30+ years on the 3rd Monday of the month for SOME ([So Others May Eat](#)) in DC. They have recently completed a renovation of the kitchen, dining room, and building at 71 O Street NW.

Breakfast preparation consists of 3-4 people arriving at 6:00 a.m. (*finishing by 7:30 a.m.*) and cooking eggs, sausages, grits, and other duties as needed. It's a great way to start the morning and support people in need. Visit the [Sign Up Genius](#) link to volunteer - for more information, contact Todd Parker at 703-237-7699. [Sign up here!!](#)



Spring Break Food Bag Distribution



To help support Drew families during Spring Break, the PTA will be organizing our Spring Break Food Bag Distribution.

Distribution Date: Friday, March 27

At dismissal outside the main entrance of Drew Elementary School Food bags are available for any student who would like one. To help ensure we have enough supplies for every family that needs them, we've created two donation wishlists:

Target Wishlist:

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/601841e0-f014-11f0-8e80-e5b4259f7eb1>

Amazon Wishlist:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12506P0F5GI1S?ref_=wl_share

Any donation - big or small - makes a real difference. Please also share these links with friends, neighbors, businesses, or organizations who may be interested in supporting this effort. We'll follow up again after Tuesday's meeting with any updates. In the meantime, if you have questions or ideas, please reach out anytime at ec@drewpta.com.

Thank you for helping to keep our community informed!

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