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Trinity Times

October 2018

See Our New Look for the Trinity Times: We are exploring new ways to present major news stories and opportunities to participate in the life of the Church and to provide space for spiritually enriching columns from our pastor, the Rev. Dr. Gerry Hanberry.

Micah's BIG Question a six-part worship series, Oct. 21 – Nov. 18. appears on page 5.

Pastor Gerry's column now appears on page 3 of the Trinity Times.



Annual Yard Sale

Trinity and Immanuel Lutheran will be holding their 2nd annual joint yard sale this fall. We had a wonderful time last year with food, music, and all kinds of sales!

The date will be **October 6** from 8am – 2pm. Space rentals will be \$20 per spot; each space will be the size of a parking spot. Start going through your belongings and buy a space to sell your treasures! For more information call Sue Myers 443-375-6788.

Spaces are open to the public so if you know of anyone or any vendor that would like to set up please give them my name and number!



Food Bags for Backpacks Project

Trinity UCC is preparing to start our fifth year of donating "Food bags for Backpacks" to Manchester Elementary School. October donations are due at the church by Sunday, **October 14**. Items may be placed in the box in the Sunday School Room. You may also write a check to Trinity UCC and note Food Bags for Backpack Project in the memo line.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY OPENS IN MANCHESTER

Sunday, Sept. 9 at 10:15 AM, following the 9 AM Sunday morning worship service, The new Manchester Little Free Pantry at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3184 Church Street in Manchester officially opened with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. The pantry is inspired by and supported by a grant from the Hampstead Little Free Pantry, and was built as an Eagle Scout project by Connor Vogelsang of Boy Scout Troop 320 of Immanuel Lutheran Church. The walk-up or drive-up pantry is located along Church Street behind the large wooden cross between Immanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity United Church of Christ, facing the parking lot between the two buildings. It will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will include canned food items and non-food household items. People can take what they need when they need it. Donated items can be placed in the pantry or dropped off at Immanuel Lutheran Church next door. For information call the church office at 410-374-4463 or Trinity UCC at 410-374-2727.

Manchester Historical Center

Open House...Grand Reopening
Six rooms of town history and memories to share with you.

Oct. 7, 2018

3208 York St.

1pm – 4pm



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/11 – Susan Davidson
- 10/11 – Lorne Haines
- 10/12 – Kelly Rhoten
- 10/22 – Patricia Warner
- 10/23 – Madison Hudgins
- 10/25 – Andrea Haines
Ashby Haines
Alexander Wolfgang-Fantone
- 10/26 – Sue Myers
- 10/27 – Cindy Wilhoite
- 10/29 – Lane Saunders
- 10/30 – Joy Burgoon
- 10/31 – Leon Miller
Livi Saunders



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/1 – Sarah and Jeff Krawczyk
- 10/4 – Karen and David Haines
- 10/10 – Leslie and Jeff Brooks
- 10/14 – Nickie and Rob Saunders
- 10/16 – Sharon Girvin-Davison
- 10/19 – Penny and Ken Ludwig
- 10/25 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
- 10/30 – Susan and Wayne Davidson
- 10/31 – Belva and Earl LaMotte



Prayers of Thanksgiving and of Concern

Please keep Claire Vey in your thoughts and prayers. Claire had serious surgery on July 18. She continues slow and good recovery. Cards may be sent to: Kristin Chamberlin, (Claire's daughter) 2957 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg MD 21048

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
November Newsletter – Monday, October 22

Contacting the Pastor and the Church Office

To reach Pastor Gerry in an emergency, please call him at 301-788-6546 (cell).

For non-emergencies, please call the church at (410) 374-2727. Please notify the church of any hospitalizations in the congregation.

October Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, October 3 @ 7pm



Yard Sale – Saturday, October 6, 8am to 2pm.
Neighbors in Need Offering – Sunday, Oct. 7.
All Saints' Sunday – Sunday, Nov. 4. Submit names by Oct. 28, of loved ones who have died this last year.



HELPING HANDS OCTOBER

Offering Stewards are Ron Zumbrun and Sharon Girvin-Davison.

Deacons at the door are Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone and Sue Myers.

Greeter is Marge Bailey.

Offering Ushers are Pam Marchand and Bonnie Greenholtz.

Lay Readers:

- October 7 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
- October 14 – Sharon Girvin-Davison
- October 21 – Robert Miller
- October 28 – Sue Myers

Acolytes:

- October 7 – Alex Fantone
- October 14 – Adriana Brown
- October 21 – TBA
- October 28 – Mason Brown

Projector Operator:

- October 7 – Sue Myers
- October 14 – Sandy Sanders
- October 21 – Elwin Wagner
- October 28 – Elwin Wagner

Children's Church Leaders:

- October 7 – Karen Price
- October 14 – Sue Myers
- October 21 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
- October 28 – Sandy Sanders

Pastor Gerry's Column

“Being a Life-Long Learner:
Being Part of the Solution”

If I have been anything at all in this world over my life-time, I have been a **life-long learner**. Some research suggests that most people change their careers something like 3.5 times in their working life. I have exceeded that statistic in certain ways and in others I have had one vocation: ***Learning how to help others learn how to be in community with each other.***

After college, where I studied Church Music and singing, I served in the Peace Corps in the Philippines. While living in that Asian and “brown culture” on the other side of the world, I learned a lot about myself and how to be a part of the solution and not part of the problem. Upon my return to the US, I worked for a year applying what I learned in college in a Baptist Church in a small town in SC as a minister of music and Christian education. I learned even more about how and to what degree the church – at least as I had known it growing up and as I found it in SC in the latter half of the 60’s – was much more part of the problem than it was the solution. And so after just that one year, I left the church, got a job in a local Community Action Agency in SC where I started another phase of my life-long learning, discovering how to develop local poverty programs in LBJ’s “Great Society.” This is what happens when you are a **“life-long learner.”**

I think it is safe to say that in the first 25 years of my life I also learned how little I understood about the world, people, God, and myself. Indeed, I discovered how small was my “world-view.” Thus, I accepted an invitation to get serious about my learning and started graduate school at Florida State University where I spent the next four years learning about the theories and methods and wisdom of developing community, facilitating adult learning and even more about what it meant to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. So, I became an officially certified **Life-Long Learner**.

One of the joys of being a life-long learner is that you get to **re-invent yourself** along the way. You get to be more and more rather than less and less of what you have been in the past.

You get closer and closer to what it means to being part of the solution you so desire for the world. Or at least that would be an idealized vision for what it means to me to continually learn and change and grow and indeed to re-invent yourself.

Sometime during the second 25 years of my life I discovered that it is possible to be a part of the church and be a part of the solution at the same time. That’s when I discovered the United Church of Christ. I was blown away the first time I read, in worship, the UCC Statement of Faith. That was the first time I discovered a woman could be a pastor and preach and teach. I just kept on learning new things about God, Jesus and the Christian communities working in unity to help bring in the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

And now in the third “25-year phase” of my life I am learning more than ever about the power of prayer, the trust it takes to live in community with each other and about how the church can be a strong part of the solution to life’s problems. I count all that learning as a great joy.

As we engage in our Fall 2018 program of worship, mission and spiritual growth and learning, I hope you – each one of you – will seriously consider learning something new and interesting and valuable for your life and for our lives together.

Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry



Lexis Notes

As I write this, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for the grace of God. All the times God has been looking out for me, and all the times you have showed me grace in the midst of my inner struggle to forgive myself for all of my sins: “things I have done, and things I have left undone.” I truly understand now that it is not my responsibility to forgive myself, and I cannot seek forgiveness in the approving eye of others. In the words of Tupac Shakur, “Only God can judge me.”

I once was Lexi. I once was Ben. I once was Lexi again. And then.... As you read this, each of you knows what you have done to help me deepen my relationship with God, and find the Holy Spirit within my heart. I am grateful beyond words. Here, in the Trinity Times, I write the name that God has chosen for me: Lexián Estelle DiLuca Starr. Feel free to ask me for the whole story word-by-word sometime. Some of you may have already gotten used to calling me Lexi, and for others of you it may never feel quite right. Know that I accept that, and I love you just the same. I don't expect anyone to forget Ben (I certainly haven't), but I feel much more at peace sharing Lexi--my authentic self--with you. On to community news:

As you read this, Trinity Choir Season has begun, and by the grace of God, we continue to bring the Word of God in Song each week. It pleases me beyond words to hear the choir and congregation sing their praises each Sunday. Also, you will most likely be reading this shortly after Lazarus' SongFest to benefit Trinity. I pray that it is a great success, a wonderful time, and that it contributes substantially to the restoration project.



Dear members and friends of Trinity,

Thank you so much for all of the cards email and text chats, and especially your prayers while I have been away recuperating from surgery and some additional medical challenges. I miss all of you quite a lot and your care for me means more than I can express. As in all of life, some days are good, others not so much, but I am sure things will even out eventually. I will be glad when I am able to return to services again.

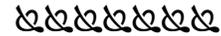
Blessings,
Claire



9/11/2018

My dad and I wanted to say thanks for the lovely prayer shawl we received at the Dove House where my mom passed away on August 7. Dad has it at his house and it continues to make us smile in a sad time.

In Christ,
Gloria and Melvin Hush



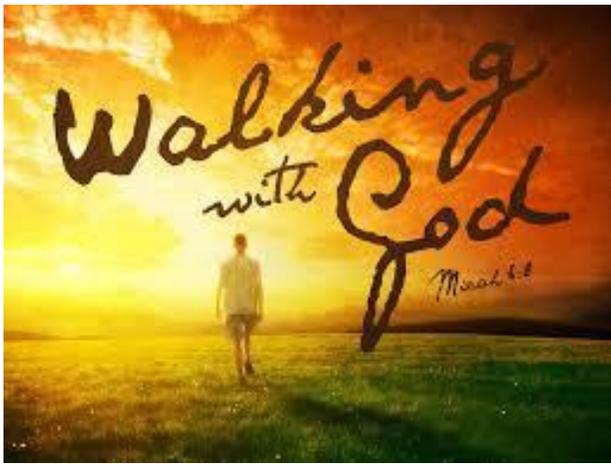
Left Over Sanctuary Carpet Remnants

There are several pieces of leftover carpet and padding from the sanctuary carpet project. These sections are stored in the area behind the upper balcony. Anyone who could use any of these pieces, please feel free to take them.



October 13: Better Angels Red/Blue Depolarization Workshop to be hosted at Manchester Trinity UCC!!

Can we, as Christians, help our communities bridge the Political Divide? A workshop between equal numbers of Republican-leaning and Democratic-leaning citizens of any, all or no faith connections, to be hosted by our own Trinity UCC on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9am to 3:30pm, here at our own fellowship hall. Interested in participating or observing? Is there a question you have been wanting to ask your political counterpart? Please **call MB at 773-733-3632 or Sharon at 410-598-3795 or email MB at mbagape2@gmail.com** by no later than Sunday September 30.



A Six-part Worship Series:

Micah's BIG Question:

"What Does the Lord Require of Me?"

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"What Does God Require of Me?"

The future is about vision. Every day we envision the future and how we're going to get there, from the most mundane tasks to our biggest goals. Where does God fit into that vision and that journey? Small-town churches are often inspired by a verse of scripture to bring their vision into focus. Micah 6:8 is one such verse.

[God] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk

humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8

But what does it mean to walk humbly with God? Eugene Peterson in his translation of the Bible, *The Message*, quotes Micah in this way:
[God's] already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.

By honoring God's wisdom and embracing our human imperfection, we can better answer God's call to act with love and compassion. We are well-suited to walking with God. It is up to us to begin the journey.

In this 6-week sermon series, we will explore how walking humbly with God can shape our vision and mission for the future. What are we called to do along the way? What challenges will we encounter? How will the journey transform our relationships and our lives? How will the journey change our relationship with God?

And Micah's BIG question reframed: What does God require of us as people of faith? What does God require of our faith community?

Come, join us as we walk with God and deepen the spiritual connections within ourselves, with each other and with our community and the world. Invite a friend to make this journey with us.

Micah's BIG Question: "What Does God Require of Me?"

Oct. 14, 2018 – An Introduction

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 107:1-9, 43; and Luke 12:13-21
Sermon: *The Vision: Walking, Doing and Loving*

Oct. 21, 2018 – Walking Humbly, Part 1

Micah 6:1-8; Deut. 10:12; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; and Luke 9:57-62
Sermon: *Being on the Way*

Oct. 28, 2018 – Walking Humbly, Part 2

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 30; and Luke 10:1-12
Sermon: *The Spiritual Walk: Sometimes, the Journey is the Destination*

Nov. 4, 2018 – Doing Justice

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 82; and Luke 14:1, 7-14
Sermon: *Doing*

Nov. 11, 2018 – Loving Kindness, Part 1

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 86; and Matthew 5:7, 43-48
Sermon: *Loving*

Nov. 18, 2018 – Loving Kindness, Part 2

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 16; and Matthew 6:1-4
Sermon: *The Vision and the Mission: Love Makes Our Lives, the Church and the World Alive*

September 2018 Consistory Meeting

Highlights

The monthly meeting of the consistory members was held on August 01, 2018

Minutes: August minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: August report was distributed and accepted as written. It was reported that general offering is down \$3,900 over this period last year. We transferred \$10,000 from endowment to the general account.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Gerry submitted a written report. Written information was received about a planned Consistory Retreat. Also a Proposal for Interim Planning Team. Songfest Benefit Flyer, advertising the music fundraiser being hosted by Lazarus Church in Lineboro.

Property: Ron Zumbrun reported on 5 estimates ranging from \$17,400-\$34,000 for parking lot paving. He and Robert will be check out several examples of the companies work. We are waiting for more bids for the brickwork.

Finance: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Christian Education: No report

Worship: Sharon Girvin-Davison reported upcoming special services
September 9- Rally Day
October 7- World Communion Sunday
December 2- begin Advent
Friday December 21- Longest Night Service at Immanuel
Monday December 14-Christmas Eve
New Year's Eve-no service.

Caring Ministry: We have one request for assistance through HSP

PPR: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

Restoring Brick work around cross: The fundraising team is beginning to sell bricks. They will add to Peter Allen's sign to advertise to community that engraved bricks are available for purchase.

Sunday Service: returns to 10:45 this week, September 9.

Yard sale: October 6, spaces are for rent. A portion of the profits will be donated to Out of the Darkness which raises suicide awareness through their walks

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Red Cross Blood Drive in 2019

Paint Night: The fundraising team will host a paint afternoon on Sunday November 11.

Black Friday: Trinity will host an open house. Advent calendars will be given to the children.

Next Meeting: Wed., Oct. 03, 2018 at 7:00 PM

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Yard Sale

Just a reminder – if you're reading this before Oct. 6th it's not too late to secure a space for \$20 to sell your treasures! The 2nd annual community yard sale, with our neighbors Immanuel Lutheran, will be held on October 6 from 8 am to 2 pm. This year Immanuel will be selling breakfast sandwiches and Trinity will be selling hot dogs.

Be sure to come on out to see friends and community members, even if you don't have anything to sell for more information contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net.

Bricks

The brick walkway/cross garden, which is used by members, and town residents as well, are in desperate need of repair. In order to help cover the cost we will be selling bricks that you can have engraved in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, with your own family name, or whatever you choose to say. The engraving will be up to 3 lines with 14 characters per line. The cost of the engraved brick will be \$100. If you would like to include a symbol there will be an additional \$25 charge.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick please contact one of us and we will get the form to you immediately. We are opening this up to the general public also so if you know of someone that might be interested in purchasing a brick please let us know.

Paint Night

We are planning our 2nd annual paint night for November. Last year we all had a great time even if we weren't experienced – the instructors make it very easy to follow! Watch for updates on this event as well.

Bingo – Save the Date

We will be holding our 2nd annual bingo at the Manchester Activities Building on April 27, 2019. This was a great success in 2018 and hoping for an even bigger turnout in 2019! More details to follow!

Anyone interested in helping with any or all of our events is more than welcome. Please contact any of us for more information!

Karen Price	Sandy Sanders
Sharon Girvin-Davison	Sue Myers
Marge Bailey	Lorne Haines
Sharon Bonner	

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

We have been involved with the Scrip program since **2007**. If you eat, wear clothes, drive a car, go to the movies, anything you do, you should be a part of the Scrip program. There are a few of us that purchase these cards every month for Walmart, CVS, Sheetz, Weis, etc. There are over 750 retailers that participate so I'm sure we can find at least 1 where you do your shopping.

Here's how it works – you purchase a gift card for the store of your choice for \$25, \$50, \$100, whatever you want. The store gives Trinity a rebate on the dollar amount of the card – anywhere from 1% to 14%. At the end of the year you'll receive a letter stating how much of a contribution you made to Trinity just by purchasing Scrip cards and allowing Trinity to keep the rebate. It's a win – win! Plus it's safer than using your own bankcard to make purchases.

The typical ordering date is the 2nd Sunday of the month. However, our account is set up to allow for immediate turnaround if you would like to order cards throughout the month and receive them as e-cards or load the amount onto a reloadable card.

See Sue Myers if you have any questions or want to find out more about signing up.

Cold Weather Shelter

The Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster is scheduled to open November 15th. Trinity has served an evening meal and helped to check in guests over the past several years. This season we have committed to two Thursday evenings, November 29 and January 31. Training is available for any volunteers who would like to assist with this ministry. Training is held at the Shelter at 127 Stoner Avenue in Westminster on the following dates.

Wednesday, October 24th from 7:00-9:00PM
Friday, October 26th from 7:00-9:00PM
Saturday, October 27th from 10:00AM-12:00PM
Tuesday, October 30th from 7:00-9:00PM
Monday, November 5th from 9:00-11:00AM
Monday, November 5th from 7:00-9:00PM
Thursday November 8th from 7:00-9:00 PM

Consider helping prepare the food, serve the meal or check in guests with us. Many of us have been over several times and we return home with a new understanding of the homeless population living in our back yard. Contact Karen Haines 410 857 2849 or Deb Miller 410 374 4455.

Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

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Consistory President – Robert Miller

Vice President – Ron Zumbrun

Secretary – Karen Haines

Treasurer – Sue Myers

Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

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Receipts and Disbursements

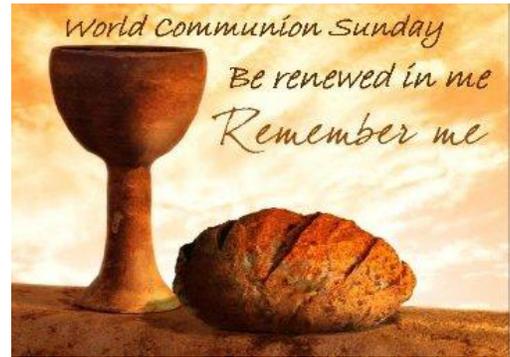
	Aug 18	Jan - Aug 18
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	40.00
Communion Offering	42.00	1,058.00
Loose Offering	52.00	1,436.26
Miscellaneous	0.00	205.00
Regular Offering	5,895.00	43,442.00
VBS Donations (Educational)	0.00	1,205.00
Total Income	5,989.00	47,386.26
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	3,605.68
Evangelism	60.00	1,329.15
General	1,565.00	15,202.67
Personnel	8,889.67	52,779.42
Property	274.58	1,931.31
Music	0.00	121.08
Worship	(79.00)	1,458.86
Total Expense	10,710.25	76,428.17
Net Ordinary Income	(4,721.25)	(29,041.91)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Endowment	80.47	2,153.24
Willing Workers	0.00	(3,375.61)
Cemetery	(420.00)	(2,706.63)
Memorial Fund	0.02	50.08
Fundraising	2,315.00	(39,292.53)
Special Offerings Received	25.00	1,506.00
Total Other Income	2,000.49	(41,665.45)
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	1,346.00
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	1,346.00
Net Other Income	2,000.49	(43,011.45)
Net Income	(2,720.76)	(72,053.36)

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 AA meets 8:30pm	3 Consistory 7pm	4 Choir 7:30pm	5	6 Yard Sale @ Trinity & Immanuel 8am -2pm
7 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time World Wide Communion Sunday Worship/Children's Church 10:45am NIN offering	8	9 AA meets 8:30pm	10	11 Choir 7:30pm	12	13 Better Angels Red/Blue* Workshop @ Trinity 9:00am-3:30pm Fellowship Hall
14 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship/Children's Church 10:45am Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Scrip orders due Food for foodbags due	15	16 AA meets 8:30pm	17	18 Choir 7:30pm	19	20
21 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship/Children's Church 10:45am Blessing of Foodbags	22 November newsletter articles due	23 AA meets 8:30pm	24 United Nations Day	25 Choir 7:30pm	26	27
28 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship/Children's Church 10:45am Please submit names of loved ones who have died this past year for All Saints' Day Nov. 4th.	29	30 AA meets 8:30pm	31	Notes: office opened Mon, Tues, and Thurs., (9am – 1pm) Except where noted.		

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