

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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## Trinity Times

## November 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 4.

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



### Paint Night

The fundraising team will host a paint afternoon On Sunday, **November 11, 2018** from 2 – 5 pm. Join us for painting fun as our artistic instructor will lead you step-by-step to create an original acrylic painting, "Winter Wonderland" for you to take home and hang on your wall! No experience necessary!

- \$35 per person with advance payment includes all materials, snacks and beverages.
- Perfect for big groups of friends or family.

See flyer later in the newsletter.

Proceeds will benefit Trinity's Building Fund.

### Black Friday Open House at TUCC

The Manchester Area Merchants Association's Black Friday event will be held on Friday, November 23. Gather at the old Town Hall @ 6 pm for the Christmas Tree lighting and greet Santa. Then cross the street for lighting of the crèche outside the church and come inside to warm your tummies with cookies and cocoa. Enjoy Lexi Starr, our Director of Music Ministry as she plays carols as well as some jazzy songs of the season.

Advent calendars and the schedule of our Advent and Christmas services will be distributed. We plan to have a free book fair for children using books from our Little Free Library that evening.

We need cookies for our guests! Please let Marge Bailey know if you will donate some.

### 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, **November 18**. 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.



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/06 – Gordon Persinger
- 11/08 – Jackie Nave  
          Jamie Nave
- 11/10 – Norma Lee Reed
- 11/14 – Alice Hann
- 11/18 – R. Michael Miller
- 11/20 – Karen Haines
- 11/25 – Thomas Williams
- 11/29 – Adriana Brown
- 11/30 – Judy Miller



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11/15 – Shirley and Ron Zumbrun
- 11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten



**Prayers of Thanksgiving and of Concern**

Liz Gibson, Ryan Bowles, and Colette Stork, friends of Jackie Nave who are currently fighting cancer.

**Church Communications Submission Dates**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
December Newsletter– Monday, November 19

**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.

**November Meeting Dates**

Consistory – Wednesday, November 7 @ 7pm  
Worship Committee – Thursday, November 15 @ 6pm at Trinity



**All Saints' Sunday** – Sunday, Nov.4.  
**Consistory Retreat** – Wednesday, Nov. 14,  
5:30 – 9:00pm



**HELPING HANDS NOVEMBER**

**Offering Stewards** are Robert Miller and Debra Miller.

**Deacons at the door** are Karen Haines and Marge Bailey.

**Greeters** are Robert Miller and Debra Miller.

**Offering Ushers** are Robert Miller and Debra Miller.

**Lay Readers:**

- November 4 – Sharon Girvin-Davison
- November 11 – Pat Hanberry
- November 18 – Robert Miller
- November 25 – Marge Bailey

**Acolytes:**

- November 4 – Adriana Brown
- November 11 – Lane Saunders
- November 18 – Mason Brown
- November 25 – Alex Fantone

**Projector Operator:**

- November 4 – Karen Haines
- November 11 – Sue Myers
- November 18 – Sandy Sanders
- November 25 – Elwin Wagner

**Children's Church Leaders:**

- November 4 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
- November 11 – Nichole Saunders
- November 18 – Candice Welsh
- November 25 – Lucy Brady

**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.

## Interim Pastor's Column

I've been thinking about "revivals" some lately. Having grown up in a Southern Baptist Church setting I have gone to many revivals...worship services each night of the week and twice on Sunday with an out of town evangelical high-energy preacher and song leader and all the rest. There was lots of enthusiasm and people inspired to respond to the altar call at the end of each service. There were times when the whole experience felt a little like a "movement" being born. That's what revivals do sometimes. But I have to confess that most of the time folks fairly quickly returned to their old ways of what they thought it meant to be an evangelical Christian.

Movements create energy. Promote action that grows and brings people together.

Given the current state of the church: most trying to survive, hoping to gain a few more people on Sunday and not really knowing what to do next. So, I wonder. How do we start a movement toward something new and exciting in the church?

Anthony Robinson and Diana Butler Bass (she wrote Christianity for the Rest of Us) write about this question. They do research on and write about the characteristics that mark vital and thriving churches versus those that are more stagnant and stuck. Robinson and Bass suggest that any organization (and especially a church) that is to thrive needs to have the qualities and feel of a "**movement**".

They describe "Spiritual Movements" as: Being on the move and headed somewhere; having a clear and compelling sense of purpose or mission; and, as being all about change and making a difference in the lives of people.

On the opposite side, when a church doesn't possess the qualities of a "Spiritual Movement," "you end up with institutions that feel settled, sometimes stuck and whose main hope seems that they will simply survive."

The question that remains is whether UCC churches in general and Trinity UCC in particular can be a movement instead of a religious institution. Robinson writes: "There was a time when progressive Christianity and theology did have a movement feel, when it was catching a wave rather than drowning in one."

Diana Butler Bass, author of "Christianity for the Rest of Us" argues it can happen. It can happen only if churches remember they are in the business of changing lives (being disciples who make disciples), and not simply providing services to those in need or providing comfort and care to their members. The bottom line: **be a spiritual movement, not a social service institution.**

Now to the basic questions: ► Is Trinity Church a "movement" or an "institution"? ► Are the ministries of Trinity more for those outside our doors, or inside our doors? ► Is our church's ministry more about changing lives, or maintaining an institution? ► Does our church talk about and embrace change, or work hard to keep things as they are? ► Does our church feel like it is "on the move", or more like "it is stuck" where it is? ► Does our church talk about change in people (spiritual transformation, growth in discipleship, spiritual maturity), or spend little time talking about these issues? ► Do we think about how we can minister to people in new ways, even if it means being the church in new, un-chartered ways, or do we do ministry according to the rules and the way we have always done ministry?

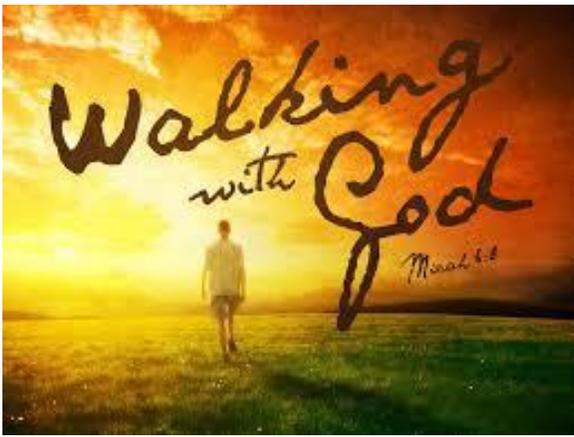
One might say that "the basic premise is that **growing churches** (no matter liberal, moderate, conservative) **is more about spiritual movement**: ministry that is moving, life changing, making a difference and spiritually transforming people."

Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry

## Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree



A Six-part Worship Series:

## Micah's BIG Question:

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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. 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*



**Lexis Notes**

Advent is around the corner, and so is Black Friday. Soon we will be swept up in a whirlwind of obligations to family, friends, commerce, and Christ. As we race toward this season of anticipation, I hope that in the month of November we close out the current worship series with a

clearer sense of purpose. It's okay if you failed to snap the perfect portrait for the family Christmas card or get the perfect gift for everyone on your Christmas list. It's alright if you didn't make it to the mall or website in time to grab that super-sweet deal on the new computer or smart TV. God requires none of these things. Sometimes it's enough to simply show up, with a kind, loving and humble heart. My hope is that as we come to understand what God requires of us throughout November, we are ready to approach the holidays from a perspective of justice, love, kindness, and humility.

### **October 2018 Consistory Meeting Highlights**

The monthly meeting of the consistory members was held on October 03, 2018

**Minutes:** September minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** September report was distributed and accepted as written. \$3,000 was received from Songfest hosted by Lazarus on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Gerry is working on survey concerning Children's Church and continues to evaluate materials for Children's Church. He reported attending two Ministerium meetings and shared statistics of 63 fatal overdoses in Carroll County so far this year, with a large concentration in the Hampstead and Manchester area.

**Property:** Chairlift is repaired, battery was not charging when left upstairs. Members approved the estimate from Henry's Paving for \$17,300 to repave the upper parking lot. This will be presented to the congregation on Sunday October 7 and voted on by the congregation on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. We received estimates to repair brick cross planter and redo sidewalk bricks.

**Finance:** Preliminary budget will be discussed at November's consistory meeting. On November 25 budget will be presented to congregation and then voted on December 9.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Evangelism:** Our last fellowship dessert social was August 26<sup>th</sup>. Our next dessert social is Sunday, October 28 after worship.

**Christian Education:** Michelle reports continuing work on the survey and also asking for adult education feedback.

**Worship:** A worship committee meeting will be held in October.

**Caring Ministry:** We are getting volunteers lined up to help staff, prepare and serve a meal at the Cold Weather Shelter on November 29 and January 30.

**PPR:** Pastor Gerry requests a meeting soon.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Lazarus Songfest:** 188 people attended and \$2,680 was collected in offering and Lazarus rounded up to \$3,000.

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

**Yard sale:** A portion of profits will be donated to "Out of the Darkness" with the rest going to the restoration project

**Sound System Repairs:** Pastor Gerry has been working with audio/video technician, one new part has been installed but a switch box assembly has gone bad and another is being ordered.

**Consistory Retreat:** Rescheduled for Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -9:00 with all consistory members attending.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pastoral Evaluation:** At November's consistory meeting members will be assisting in 6 month evaluation.

**Next Meeting:** November 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

### **2019 Budget**

We are currently working on the 2019 budget. The Consistory will finalize a preliminary budget during November. A draft of the budget should be available by the end of November with a congregational meeting for discussion/vote being held on December 9 after worship.

## Scrip Gift Cards

The holidays are approaching and what better time to start taking advantage of our Scrip Gift Card program. Purchasing gift cards through Scrip for your shopping convenience is an easy and secure way to make purchases on-line and at the store.

There are over 400 retailers that participate in the Scrip program. Here's how it works – you purchase gift cards to be used for gifts or your everyday purchases – groceries, gasoline, movies, shopping, dining out, etc. The retailers give Trinity a rebate for the cards you purchase (ranging from 1 – 13%) and you receive the gift card at the face value ordered. There is no additional cost to you – for example if you purchase a \$25 gift card to Weis, you pay \$25 and Trinity will receive \$1.25 (5% rebate) from the program. At the end of the year you will receive a statement showing the amount of the rebate that Trinity received, which allows you to use the rebate amount as a possible charitable deduction on your tax return.

We usually order the cards on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. However with the holidays approaching we will be ordering more frequently. Orders will be placed on the following dates:

- 11/11/18
- 11/25/18
- 12/2/18
- 12/9/18

Cards arrive on the Wednesday/Thursday following order date so if you need them before the next Sunday just let Sue Myers know. Also, feel free to offer this to co-workers, relatives, neighbors. WE are also set up for e-cards so if you need something in a hurry just call Sue for assistance. If you have any questions or need a list of retailers please contact Sue Myers at [wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net) or 443-375-6788 or look on line at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com).

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### Bricks

The brick walkway to our cross garden, which is used by members, and town residents as well, is 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 Karen Price or Sue Myers 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.

### Bingo: Save the Date:

The fundraising team will be holding their 2nd annual Banquet Bingo event at the Manchester Carnival Grounds on Saturday April 27th, 2019.

### Yard Sale:

The 2nd annual joint yard sale with the Lutheran Church was a huge success. The fundraising team sold 72 hot dogs and received donations for books that we were giving away. We made a total of \$475. This year we decided to split our earnings and donated \$237.50 to Suicide Prevention.

### A Huge Thank You to Lazarus Church Song Fest:

On September 30th, Lazarus Church in Lineboro held a song fest to benefit Trinity's ceiling restoration project. The fundraiser was a fun filled afternoon of singing, music and fellowship with various community church members. The event was a huge success bringing in over \$3100.00. Trinity UCC is blessed to receive such a generous out pouring of support.

### Cold Weather Shelter

The Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster is scheduled to open November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

- Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00PM
- Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00AM
- Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00PM
- Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Cold Weather Shelter – Most Needed Items

The following gently used or new clothing in all **Adult Sizes** but **especially** Women's M, L, XL, and Men's L, XL, XXL.

**Winter Coats**, Fleece Jackets  
Hooded or Crew Neck Sweatshirts

#### **Sweatpants – Great need**

Warm Hats, Snow gloves  
Thermal shirts/long underwear  
T-shirts – white or color

Warm Men's and Women's **Socks**

#### **New: All Adult sizes of:**

#### **Men's Boxers – Great need**

Women's underwear, Bras (could be gently used)  
School size backpacks (gently used or new)

**Blankets/sheets** – twin size only

**Towels/washcloths** (gently used or new)

#### **Food/Misc Items:**

Coffee/creamers/sugar  
Individually wrapped bars and other to go  
breakfast /lunch items  
Razors – double blade preferred  
Deodorant  
Body wash – small sizes  
Hand warmers  
Shampoo/conditioner – small sizes



### Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

They are available in red and white.

The cost is \$11.00 each. Checks should be made payable to: Trinity U.C.C. and payment must be included with your order.

The deadline for placing an order is Sunday, December 9.

If you have any further questions, please see Sharon Girvin-Davison.

I / We wish to sponsor flowers for Christmas.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Red: \_\_\_\_\_ White: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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**Painting Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**2 – 5pm**

Trinity United Church of Christ  
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*Proceeds benefit Trinity UCC*

*\$35 per person*

*Includes all art supplies, snacks and drinks*

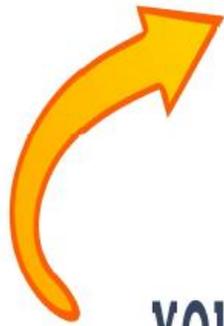
*Tickets need to be purchased in advance*

*Seating is limited, please contact:*

*Sue Myers 443-375-6788*

*Karen Price: [jrprice3@comcast.net](mailto:jrprice3@comcast.net)*

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Receipts and Disbursements

	Sep 18	Jan - Sep 18
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	40.00
Communion Offering	185.00	1,243.00
Loose Offering	75.00	1,511.26
Miscellaneous	10.00	215.00
Regular Offering	6,893.00	50,335.00
VBS Donations (Educational)	0.00	1,205.00
Total Income	7,163.00	54,549.26
Expense		
Educational Ministries	127.67	3,733.35
Evangelism	228.05	1,557.20
General	1,038.76	16,241.43
Personnel	4,771.70	57,551.12
Property	501.37	2,432.68
Music	0.00	121.08
Worship	32.00	1,490.86
Total Expense	6,699.55	83,127.72
Net Ordinary Income	463.45	(28,578.46)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Endowment	1.05	2,154.29
Willing Workers	0.00	(3,375.61)
Cemetery	(1,014.00)	(3,720.63)
Memorial Fund	0.01	50.09
Fundraising	2,172.50	(37,120.03)
Special Offerings Received	177.00	1,683.00
Total Other Income	1,336.56	(40,328.89)
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	1,336.56	(41,674.89)
Net Income	1,800.01	(70,253.35)

## November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Notes: Office Except where noted.</b>	<b>Opened Mon,</b>	<b>Tues, Thur.</b>	<b>(9am 1pm)</b>	<b>1</b>  All Saints' Day Choir 7:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Change your clocks/smoke detectors
<b>4</b> Thirty-first Sunday In Ordinary Time Holy Communion All Saint's Sunday Worship/Children's 10:45am Daylight Savings Time ends	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Election Day  AA meets 8:30pm	<b>7</b>  Consistory 7pm	<b>8</b>  Choir 7:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship/Children's 10:45am Blessing of Prayer Shawls Scrip orders due Paint Afternoon Fundraiser 2 -5pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  AA meets 8:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Choir 7:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Worship/Children's 10:45am Food for foodbags due	<b>19</b>  Dec Newsletter articles due	<b>20</b>  AA meets 8:30pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day Church Office closed No Choir Practice	<b>23</b> Black Friday @ Trinity 6pm  Church Office closed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Reign of Christ Worship/Children's 10:45am Blessing of foodbags	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  AA meets 8:30pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Choir 7:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>

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