



Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

January 2019



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What part of the church body are you? Please consider next month how you can be an active part of our church worship.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NRSV)

I invite each and every member of Trinity UCC to participate in 2019 in some aspect of our Sunday worship experience, either by signing up for a Sunday to be a greeter and/or offering usher, to participate in the liturgy as a Lay Reader of the Scripture, to serve as an acolyte, to run the sanctuary projector, or - even if you think you are an “only in the shower” singer -- come out of that shower and sing in the choir! You might also consider dedicating flowers or the Sunday bulletin in honor of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday or an anniversary. The sign-up sheets for 2019 are pinned up on the bulletin board to the right of the first floor entryway and we send out a reminder each week for those who have committed for the coming week for a specific role. In addition, we are actively looking for people to join the worship committee - we meet with Pastor Gerry and Lexi, the Music Director, the first Thursday of the month -- we welcome your ideas and energy - young and old! If you have any interest, or questions, please talk to me before or after workshop, leave a note in my mailbox by the office, or email me/text me: mbagape2@gmail.com 773-733-3632.

Congratulation to our newly elected Consistory members.

As is the custom of the United Church of Christ, on Sunday, **January 6, 2019**, we will install our consistory for 2019 and ordain a newly elected deacon, MariBeth Welch Brainerd, (MB), as chair of the Worship Committee. Please join us for this service of worship.

Those serving on this year’s consistory include: Marge Bailey, MariBeth Brained, Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone, Karen Haines, Debra Miller, Robert Miller, Sue Myers, and Ron Zumbrun.

Food Bags for Backpacks Project

Trinity UCC is preparing to start our sixth year of donating “Food bags for Backpacks” to Manchester Elementary School. January donations are due at the church by Sunday, **January 13**. 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.

Sunday, January 27

Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

We will have our annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon after Sunday worship.

You are asked to contribute as follows:

Last name begins with A – J: vegetable

Last name begins with K – R: dessert

Last name begins with S – Z: meat



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/05 – Earl LaMotte
 Douglas Myers
 1/06 – Claire Vey
 1/07 – Scott Drumheller
 1/08 – Pastor Gerry Hanberry
 1/18 – Norman Greenholtz
 Julie Dallas
 1/20 – Charlene Rhoten
 1/23 – Nancy Koerner
 1/24 – David Bailey

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 February Newsletter– Monday, January 21

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.

January Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, January 2 @ 7pm
 Worship Committee – Thursday, January 3 @ 6pm



HELPING HANDS JANUARY

Offering Stewards are Robert and Debra Miller.

Deacons at the door are Sue Myers and Ron Zumbrun.

Greeters are Robert and Debra Miller.

Offering Ushers are Robert and Debra Miller.

Lay Readers:

January 6 – Robert Miller
 January 13 – Sue Myers
 January 20 – Pam Marchand
 January 27 – Pat Hanberry

Acolytes:

January 6 – Adriana Brown
 January 13 – Mason Brown
 January 20 – Lane Saunders
 January 27 – Laci Saunders

Projector Operator:

January 6 – Sandy Sanders
 January 13 – Elwin Wagner
 January 20 – Karen Haines
 January 27 – Sue Myers

Children's Church Leaders:

January 6 – Sue Myers
 January 13 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
 January 20 – Nicole Saunders
 January 27 – Karen Price

Locking of Side Entrance Doors

Due to Safety and Security concerns beginning Sunday, November 18, 2018 the two side entrances to Trinity and the door to the office will be locked at the time Sunday Services begin.

Sometime in the future, as the logistics are determined, the front door may also be locked when Sunday Services begin.

This is all being done to ensure safety of our Sunday School Children, Teachers and Congregation as we gather to worship and celebrate.



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

Interim Pastor's Column

I can't believe how fast the time goes these days. It seems like only yesterday that I arrived at the Trinity UCC parking lot, looking for the right entrance and closest parking space to carry my boxes of books, files, Bibles, etc into the office. By the time you are reading this column, that would have been eight months ago.

In some ways, I still feel like I am getting to know you, the congregation and the community. I look forward to more and more one-on-one conversations with each one of you. I look forward to more in-depth conversations about what brings you the greatest joy and what gives you the most hope for the days ahead.

HOPE seems to be a passion of mine in these days. Hope was the theme of our Advent worship/sermon series: looking for some good news for these days.

HOPE will be the theme of our worship and my sermon series beginning January 20 and for the remaining seven Sundays in the Epiphany Season. We will ask the question: "What Does Hope Look Like in 2019 and Beyond?"

I ask this question a lot of people I meet along the way. In a conversation with my primary care doctor the other day, I asked him this question: "Dr. what gives you the most hope these days?" He responded without even seeming to think about it: "my faith in Jesus Christ." I wonder, do you have such a ready answer to that question? Or like most people, you have to stop and ponder an answer?

I am excited about beginning the new year with you. I am excited about our exploring these questions about HOPE for our time together and for your future as a congregation.

Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry



Jan 26, 2019: Better Angels Red/Blue Depolarization Workshop to be hosted at Manchester Trinity UCC!!

A depolarization workshop between equal numbers of 5-7 Republican-leaning and 5-7 Democratic-leaning citizens of any, all, or no faith connections, will be hosted by our own Trinity UCC on Saturday, Jan 26, from 9am to noon, here in our fellowship hall. Interested in participating (as a self-identified Red or Blue) or observing (anyone can observe – regardless of affiliation or non-affiliation)? Is there a question you have been wanting to ask a family member or friend, that you just haven't been able to ask? Please **call MB at 773-733-3632** or **email MB at mbagape2@gmail.com** for more info.



"Congratulations to Alex Fantone and Lane Saunders for being selected as All-Stars of the 8U North Carroll Titans Football Team for 2018!"



EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERIES What Does HOPE Look Like in 2019 and Beyond?

**Sundays at 10:45 a.m.
January 20 – March 3, 2019**

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“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, ...”

One might say that the opening line of Charles Dickens’ novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, is as apt a description of our time in 2019 as it was for 1859 Europe. Many of the same worrisome economic, social, religious and political issues plague us today. And yet, for many other reasons, 2019 will be the best of times in which to live. How do we reconcile these two realities? It is our trust in a nurturing God, in an equipping and leading Jesus, and in the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit that enable us not only to relish the good times but to embrace the difficult times, which provide the opportunity to experience renewal, change, and the promise and power of HOPE.

Times of transition are also opportunities to experience the power of HOPE. Trinity United Church of Christ is in a time of transition that requires the hard work of introspection and envisioning the future. As we navigate this process, there are no “right answers” but there are “right questions.” Such questions as: How will Trinity UCC—a small, small-town, mainline protestant church—not only survive but actually thrive into the future? How will Trinity UCC reinvent itself to offer more for the community and for God? What will TUCC look like five years from now?

We invite you to reflect on these and other questions during our Epiphany Worship Series **What Does HOPE**

Look Like in 2019 and Beyond? from January 20 – March 3. Together we’ll spend seven Sundays focusing on the broad theme of HOPE, reflecting on what ingredients are necessary to build a HOPEFUL church and a HOPE-FILLED people.

Trinity UCC leadership challenges you to invite at least one person to join us for this worship series. That person might be a member of our church who has not been active recently or a friend, co-worker or neighbor. Invite them to join us on this journey.

Sermon Schedule

January 20 Hope Keeps Us Alive

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corin 12:1-11; & John 2:1-11 (Wedding at Cana)

Choosing Life Over Death: HOPE Brings New Life, New Energy

January 27 Hope Brings Us Together

1 Corin 12:12-31a; & Luke 4:14-21 (Jesus rejected in Nazareth)

Choosing Community Over Isolation: Stronger Together in Our Diversity

February 3 A Greater Act of Courage – Acting Boldly

Jeremiah 1:4-10; & Luke 4:21-30 (Jesus preaching in the synagogue)

Choosing Bold Over Mild: Jesus Always Did the Radical Thing

February 10 An Imagined Joy

Isaiah 6:1-8; & Luke 5:1-11 (Jesus calls his first disciples)

Choosing Joy Over the Mundane: “It’s Like a JOY Moving in Us”

February 17 Made Out of the Blessings of Our Lives

Jeremiah 17:5-10; & Luke 6:17-26 (Blessings and Woes)

Who is a Blessing to You? For Whom are you a Blessing of Hope?

February 24 Changing the Present “Facts on the Ground”

Genesis 45: 3-11 & 15; & Luke 6:27-38 (Love your enemies)

Choosing Now Rather Than Later: Not Kicking the Can Down the Road

March 3 Adventure in the Future

Exodus 34: 29-35; & Luke 9:28-36 (Transfiguration)

Choosing Frontier Over Fortress: Sanctuary and Safe Places Build HOPE



12.18. 2018

A Thank You from TUCC Care Fund

Debbi Miller and Karen Haines want to extend a huge thank you to our Trinity Congregation for you continuing support for the Cold Weather Shelter and Christmas Giving Tree. Providing food to feed the homeless at the shelter and purchasing Christmas gifts to bring joy to struggling families. Throughout the year members of Trinity give so graciously give to fill the shelves at NESAP helping NESAP meet the needs of those less fortunate than us. God has truly blessed us to continue TUCC's Commitment to Community and we thank you for your love of support. Deb & Karen



12.27.2018

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful cards and Christmas gifts. I am always thankful with your kindness. I truly appreciate your gifts. Hoping everyone had a blessed Christmas and will have a healthy New Year!

God Bless,
Diane Aberts



Lexis Notes

January marks the beginning of a new calendar year. We throw out our 2018 calendars and look for a new calendar for 2019. If you're disorganized like me, you rummage around for your year-end pay stub and hope the rest of your tax paperwork will materialize somehow in the next month. It's interesting to note, however, that the liturgical year begins with Advent. So, in the past month, the season of great anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ, we were simultaneously preparing for a new calendar year, and beginning a new year of faith in Jesus Christ.

How fitting then, that we bring the same theme of HOPE into the year 2019 as we celebrate the season of epiphany. Pastor Gerry has clearly been thinking a year ahead, by tying our themes together between calendar years. Pray for me, that I can find some musical messages of hope to tie the church year together as I plan for Epiphany 2019.

December 2018 Consistory Meeting Highlights

The monthly meeting of the consistory members was held on December 05, 2018

Minutes: November minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: November report was distributed and accepted as written. \$5,000 was transferred from the Cemetery T Rowe Price Fund to Cemetery checking.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Gerry submitted his monthly report. He is requesting a few days off, December 30, January 7-13, March 16-23, March 1-3.

Property: We will be contacting Jimmy Masemore; the new front doors have air leakage and have had ice forming causing them to freeze shut. Constellation will be here this week to replace float in water tank, cost \$800.

Finance: No report.

Personnel: Lexi has expressed an interest in developing a children's music ministry.

Evangelism: Following Christmas Eve service we will serve sheet cake, fruit and coffee

Christian Education: Michelle reports all is well using new curriculum

Worship: No report. Mari Beth Brainerd has agreed to chair the committee. Pastor Gerry reports all plans are made for Advent and Christmas.

Caring Ministry: No new requests.

PPR: Committee had a meeting December 05, 2018

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2019 Consistory members: Mari Beth Brainerd has agreed to join consistory. Sharon Girvin-Davison has decided after prayerful deliberation that she is planning to transfer from Trinity UCC to the Catholic Church. She will complete all the necessary worship committee reports and complete any final logistical support for worship during December

New Business:

Church Safety: Discussion was held revisiting the recommendation of locking doors during Sunday services. We will work on protocol to lock

the side doors after service begins and also monitor the front door after the service begins.

Break the Silence Sunday (BTSS): After discussion, members present voted to support survivors of rape and sexual violence by supporting the resolution for the general synod with the exception of the political references.

Employee Christmas Gift: Consistory approved keeping gifts the same as last year

2019 Consistory Installation: On January 6, 2019 the New Consistory will be installed

2019 Congregational Meeting: Meeting will be held January 27, 2019.

Manchester House: Karen Haines shared information about a new outreach located on Main Street that was open on Black Friday.

Next Meeting: January 02, 2019 at 7:00 pm

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Paint Night

Our 2nd annual paint event was a huge success! Our instructor, Whitney Kidd, did a wonderful job keeping 26 painters on task. Be sure to check out our Facebook page to see some of the results! Thanks to all that provided the delicious snacks and to all those that participated. Proceeds for our building fund from this event totaled \$560.

Bricks

Looking for that special holiday gift – consider purchasing a brick (or 2) in honor or memory of a loved one or for your own family.

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 Karen Price or Sue Myers or fill out the form included with your newsletter. If you need additional copies or the form just let us know. 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 at the Manchester Activities Building on April 27, 2019.

Cold Weather Shelter 2019

On Thursday, November 29th, ten folks from Trinity assisted 32 people checking into the Cold Weather Shelter in for the overnight. Thanks to the many people who provided food and drink items for a nutritious meal. We also took over warm clothing items including seven coats donated by our members. We were able to see the shelter coordinator, Clare, give a guest one of the heavy duty coats we had delivered. The young man was so grateful, he had a job doing outside construction and his current coat was not adequate for the cold temperatures.

Thank you to those who helped at the shelter, Sharon Bonner, Lucy Brady, Eddie Blue, Karen Haines, Pastor Gerry Hanberry, Karen Haines, Belva LaMotte, Debra and Robert Miller, Sue and Doug Myers. We will return on Thursday, January 31st and will continue collecting warm clothing items throughout the winter months. Thank you for your continued support.

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, T-shirts – white or color
Thermal shirts/long underwear

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, Hand warmers

Razors – double blade preferred

Deodorant, Body wash – small sizes

Shampoo/conditioner – small sizes

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Please double-check the spelling and wording on your order, as your brick will be engraved EXACTLY as it appears above.

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Please fill out one order form for EACH brick. Photocopy if necessary.

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Phone () _____

Please include your phone number in case engraving verification is needed.

Enclose completed form and check for \$100 payable to Trinity UCC, P O Box 730, Manchester, MD 21102.

Thank you for becoming part of tomorrow!

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

| | Nov 18 | Jan - Nov 18 |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| Childrens' Church | 0.00 | 40.00 |
| Communion Offering | 131.00 | 1,516.00 |
| Loose Offering | 47.00 | 1,578.26 |
| Miscellaneous | 10.00 | 240.00 |
| Regular Offering | 7,067.96 | 63,783.21 |
| VBS Donations (Educational) | 0.00 | 1,205.00 |
| | 7,255.96 | 68,362.47 |
| Expense | | |
| Educational Ministries | 41.32 | 3,774.67 |
| Evangelism | 60.00 | 1,677.20 |
| General | 1,153.93 | 18,042.80 |
| Personnel | 5,979.86 | 73,274.84 |
| Property | 1,113.05 | 3,545.73 |
| Music | 328.90 | 449.98 |
| Worship | 83.91 | 1,620.77 |
| | 8,760.97 | 102,385.99 |
| Net Ordinary Income | (1,505.01) | (34,023.52) |
| Other Income/Expense | | |
| Other Income | | |
| Endowment | 78.71 | 2,683.25 |
| Willing Workers | 0.00 | (3,375.61) |
| Cemetery | 0.00 | (4,008.59) |
| Memorial Fund | 0.01 | 50.11 |
| Fundraising | 2,990.83 | (45,440.70) |
| Special Offerings Received | 10.00 | 1,829.00 |
| | 3,079.55 | (48,262.54) |
| Other Expense | | |
| Special Offerings Disbursed | 0.00 | 1,598.17 |
| Transfers | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 1,598.17 |
| Net Other Income | 3,079.55 | (49,860.71) |
| Net Income | 1,574.54 | (83,884.23) |

January 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | 1 New Year's Day Church office closed | 2 Consistory 7pm | 3 Worship Committee Meeting 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Epiphany Holy Communion Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Installation of Consistory and Deacons | 7 Pastor Gerry on vacation thru Jan. 13 | 8 AA meets 8:30pm | 9 | 10 Choir 7:30 pm | 11 | 12 |
| 13 The Baptism of Christ Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Blessing of Prayer shawls Food for Foodbags due | 14 | 15 AA meets 8:30pm | 16 | 17 Choir 7:30 pm | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Second Sunday after Epiphany Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Blessing of Foodbags | 21 | 22 AA meets 8:30pm | 23 | 24 Choir 7:30 pm | 25 | 26 Better Angels Red/Blue Depolarization Workshop 9am - noon |
| 27 Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Congregational Meeting after worship | 28 | 29 AA meets 8:30pm | 30 | 31 Choir 7:30 pm | Notes: Church office opened: Mon, Tue, Thur, (9am – 1pm) Except where noted. | |

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