

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

October 2019



Sunday, October 20 Imagining Our Future Sunday

Yard Sale

The 3rd annual community yard sale, with our neighbors Immanuel Lutheran, will be held on:

October 5 from 8 am to 2 pm.

We had a wonderful turnout last year of folks browsing and buying! And of course food and refreshments will be available for sale! The Shred Mill is scheduled to be available from 1pm – 2pm, while this service is free cash donations are appreciated.

We will be selling spaces for \$20. If you or anyone you know would like to purchase a space contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net. If you know anyone that sells Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Lu La Roe, etc. let them know!

Join us at Trinity U.C.C. for a brief worship followed by an interactive luncheon to discuss our church's future.

Your voice matters!

You won't want to miss this!



Food Bags for Backpacks Project

Trinity UCC is preparing to start our sixth year of donating "Food bags for Backpacks" to Manchester Elementary School.

September donations are due at the church by Sunday, **October 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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/11 – Susan Davidson
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

- 10/01 – Sarah and Jeff Krawczyk
- 10/04 – 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

Prayers are needed for the healing of Judy Miller, she had knee surgery, Monday, Sept. 16. She is home recuperating. Cards may be Sent to: 3550 Watertank Rd., Manchester Md 21102

Norman Greenhotz had two surgeries in the past 10 days...he is recuperating at home. Cards may to: 3927 Shiloh Av. Hampstead MD 21074.

Melanie Ryan – co-worker of Nickie Saunders. She was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer (6 months chemo & surgery following).

Paul Klosick, neighbor of Doug and Charlene Rhoten. He fell; and now going to rehabilitations.



HELPING HANDS OCTOBER

Offering Stewards are Ron Zumbrun and MariBeth Brainerd.

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

Greeters are Donna Alban and Penny Ludwig.
Offering Usher is Sue Myers.

Lay Readers:

- October 06 – MariBeth Brainerd
- October 13 – Robert Miller
- October 20 – Sue Myers
- October 27 – Marge Bailey

Acolytes:

- October 06 – Alex Fantone
- October 13 – Laci Saunders
- October 20 – No acolyte today
- October 27 – Lily Saunders

Projector Operator:

- October 06 – Sue Myers
- October 13 – Karen Haines
- October 20 – Elwin Wagner
- October 27 – Sandy Sanders

Children's Church Leaders:

- October 06 – Karen Price
- October 13 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
- October 20 – Sandy Sanders
- October 27 – Sue Myers

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.

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
November Newsletter – Monday, October 21

October Meeting Dates

Worship Comm. – Sunday, October 6, after worship service

Consistory – Wednesday, October 2 @ 7pm

Bible Study – Wednesday, October 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Interim Planning – Monday, October 14 @ 7pm



Saturday, October 5, Community Yard Sale with Immanuel Lutheran and Trinity UCC.

8am – 2pm

Neighbors in Need Offering– Sunday, Oct. 6.

All Saints' Sunday – Sunday, Nov.3. Submit names by Oct. 27, of loved ones who have died this last year.

Pastor Gerry's Column

Driving back and forth to Manchester from my home in Frederick each day is almost always a fascinating experience. “Really,” you ask? Yes, I find my driving/work commute fascinating. How could that be true? Day after day? Most people seem to dread their work commute; driving creates lots of stress due to accidents and traffic jams, the price of gas, etc. etc. And you would think that driving MD Rt. 26 and 27 back and forth would be boring and would have gotten old by now. That just doesn't happen for me.

I drive safely AND I notice lots of things along the way. That's my mantra as I drive...as I drive almost anywhere for any reason.

Right now in September, the leaves are actually starting to change (a little) and farmers are starting to cut corn and bale hay. Soy Beans are changing color too. And finally, much of the road construction is finished FOR NOW. When will the 'bag worms' all over the trees on Rt. 27 finally die? What happens to them when they die? When will they finally open the re-modeled Scheetz store in town? So many fascinating things to watch.

I will admit that each trip can be a little bit of a test of my patience: a cement truck or a logging truck or some other slow driving vehicle can slow down the whole experience. And what's really wrong with that? I get to notice more on the way.

And what has all this got to do with our lives these days? Well, my mantra--**I drive safely AND I notice lots of things along the way**—is a spiritual mantra. With each step I take, with each person I encounter I try to treat them with care and create a safe place for us to be together. AND I try to notice all that I can about the people I meet along the way. I try to hear them and when needed, to be “a non-anxious presence” with them. That's always a fascinating experience, if you allow the intriguing nuances of a person's story to emerge. As I listen to people, I wonder what they're really, really going through in their life. How much of the truth are they sharing? Where are they hurting? What is their greatest joy? What robs them of their joy these days? How would they need/like to change? What are they wondering about me? What would they like to know about me but are reluctant or even afraid to ask?

All of these questions are fascinating. The answers would be even more interesting.

When I drive I always see something new. When I talk with people during the day or at meetings at church or when I watch people in a restaurant (and my wife, Pat, is always calling my attention away from people watching) I notice fascinating things in people's faces. Of course I notice fascinating things in all the lovely features of my wife.

I pray in these beautiful days of the Fall you will “drive” safely and notice a lot on your journey.

Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Trinity United Church of Christ



October 6 -- Introduction: What is Compassion?

Where does compassion begin and end

- Sermon Text: Luke 7:11-17
- Sermon: "Practicing Compassion – Transforming Lives"

October 13-- How to practice compassion for ourselves and others we love

- Guest speaker: Pat Hanberry
- Come and hear Pat's story of compassion out of gratitude for a friend: the story of Pat's donation of a kidney to her friend
- Scripture Text: Mark 12:28b-31

Save The Date

October 20 -- Imagining Our Future Sunday –
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October 27-- How to practice compassion toward difficult people in our lives

- Scripture Text: James 5:13-20 & Matthew 5:43-48
- Sermon: "It's Easy to Show Compassion to Those We Love, BUT What About those Who are Our Enemies?"

November 3 -- TBA

Sacrament of Holy Communion

All-Saints Sunday

November 10 -- TBA

November 17 -- How to practice compassion without thinking about it

- Scripture Text: Matthew 5:7
- Sermon: "Compassion as Your Default Setting"

November 24 -- How to practice compassion – a matter of the STEWARDSHIP of our lives

For more information contact Pastor Gerry Hanberry at 301- 788-6546 or email at

pastortucc@comcast.net

Theme:

“Practicing Compassion: Being a Compassionate Person When We Need Compassion More Than Ever”

- ▶ Oct 6, 13 -- Parts 1-2 of
Compassion Series
 - ▶ Oct 20 – Imagining Our Future Sunday
 - ▶ Oct 27 – Part 3 of Compassion Series
 - ▶ Nov 3 & 10 – TBA
 - ▶ Nov 17 – Part 4 of Compassion Series
 - ▶ Nov 24 – Part 5 of Compassion Series
- Pastor: The Rev. Gerry Hanberry**

Five-Sermon Series on Compassion:

We live in the midst of social, political and community division. In many cases “animosity” and judgmental accusations are the “norms” of the day. As Christians, and/or people of faith or no faith, we are called to “Love our neighbor as we love ourselves.” Really, how do we do that in an age of such tension and anxiety? Drawing on the teachings of Jesus and other world faith traditions, especially Buddhism, this five-part series will invite us to explore our own ways of showing compassion in the world. Let us join our lives together that we might become more compassionate in the everyday activities of our lives. In this five-Sunday series of worship services, we will explore what it means to be a compassionate person in the everyday details of life.

The Passing of Betty Lamon

Betty was a long time member of Trinity UCC, she held various positions at Trinity including that of Consistory President. Betty passed on September 9, 2019.

This is a letter to Karen Price from Betty's daughter Michelle.

Cards may be sent to:
Michelle Lamon
211 Bentley Hill Dr.
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Karen,
Thank you for your kind words and thoughts of condolences. Mom exited this world just as she lived her life - on her terms. She continued to live independently in her apartment at Carroll Lutheran Village with the help of some caregivers who aided her in the mornings and evenings. My niece and my great niece assisted in that care and I had the pleasure of helping Mom 2-3 days a week. As recently as a week before her passing, I had taken Mom on one of her beloved car rides and she enjoyed a hearty fried chicken dinner at Dutterer's in Littlestown.

On Sat Sept 7th Mom fell in her apartment and broke her femur bone at the top near her hip. She made the decision to have surgery on Sunday morning - and was still cracking jokes with the nurses on Sunday morning. She asked them if her pregnancy test came back negative!

The surgery was extensive and she never really bounced back. Soon after leaving the recovery room, Mom's numbers crashed. Her mind was strong but her body was weak from her 92 years of living life to the fullest. Mom had a very specific DNR order that I honored. Her 3 grandchildren and many other close relatives came to see Mom on Sunday after the surgery as she slipped away from us. I was with her the entire time and she was free from pain and slipped away peacefully. I made the decision, with the help of family members to move her to Hospice Care on Sunday night. She spent a short time at Dove house where a Chaplain and a team of devoted nurses made her final hours very peaceful and calm. She passed away at

4:30 in the morning on Monday Sept 9th with myself and my son, and Sharon's oldest child, Dorian by her side.

Mom had pre-planned her one day viewing/funeral at Carroll Lutheran Village and my son, Michael and Sharon's oldest child, Dorian delivered a eulogy that would have made Mom very proud.

To be honest, Karen, I noticed my Mom's decline after David died in Feb. I am not sure Mom ever recovered from his death. Her passing, however came quickly, and I am happy that she didn't have to suffer for a long period of time.

I am glad I have been retired these last few years and have enjoyed so many adventures with Mom. I miss her dearly, and as you well know, a Mother's passing leaves a hole in your heart.

Please feel free to share this with the folks at Trinity. And thank you, again, for your sympathy.
Michelle Lamon



Lexi Notes

God has truly been working wonders at Trinity, and as such I have a few exciting things to report.

- Claire and Shirley are back in choir on a regular basis, which is truly a blessing. Please pray for their health so they can continue to experience the joy of singing and bless us every Sunday!
- Our music ministry was represented this month at Immanuel Lutheran's Hymn Sing on September 22nd. Hopefully some of you were able to attend and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship, music-making, and glorifying God.
- This coming month our young ones will be performing a song during worship on Sunday, October 13 as part of our worship series on compassion. I am praying that as many kids as possible will be able to be a part of this.

Next month I hope to be letting you know of some exciting plans for Advent. Stay tuned!

September 2019 Consistory

Meeting Highlights

The monthly meeting of the consistory members was held on September 04, 2019

Minutes: August consistory minutes were accepted with correction, under Pastor's report, Eric Johnson owner of Audio Video Group.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Myers reviewed August report, it was accepted as written. Sue reported \$15,000 transferred from Fundraising to Endowment and \$10,000 from Endowment to General account. We have \$38,000 in investment gains this year.

Pastor's Report: We approved a request from Pastor Gerry for two weeks off without pay, Oct. 28 – Nov.10. Bible Study begins next Wednesday. Pastor is working with Interim Planning Team and is planning for October 20, SWOT Sunday (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). Two sound system proposals from Audio Video Group were proposed and reviewed; Consistory approved both proposals.

Property: First floor windows have been washed, a new rope purchased for the bell, and handrail post fixed.

Finance: No report

Personnel: The copier has been repaired for \$1800, we will submit to our insurance.

Evangelism: Marge Bailey submitted report. We are hosting breakfast before church on Rally Day, September 8, 2019 at 10:00.

Christian Education: No report.

Worship: Rally Day, September 8th, breakfast, worship and blessing of backpacks are planned. The date for the dedication of the cross, planter and walkway is uncertain. The new Communion Table Cloth and Christ candle are now being used.

Caring Ministry: No requests.

PPR: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sunday Nursery Leader: Sue Myers will reach out again to the high school for a nursery helper.
- Outside banners have been ordered.
- Brick Project: We are waiting for work to begin.
- Blood Drive: On August 21, 2019 we had 25 donors, with 19 units collected.
- Food Bags for MES: The principal has approved us doing the backpacks this year,
- Yard Sale: Our community yard sale will be held Saturday October 5th. We will donate ½ of our profits to Rising above Addiction, a local nonprofit.

New Business:

- NESAP Basket Bingo Donation: We approved donating \$100 to NESAP for their bingo.
- Weekly Bible Study: Next week Pastor Gerry will begin Bibles Study on the book of James.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 02, 2019 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! Our 3rd annual community yard sale, with our neighbors Immanuel Lutheran, will be held on October 5 from 8 am to 2 pm. In addition to a multitude of vendors we will also have food & drinks for sale, live music and kid's activities. The Shred Mill will be available form 1 PM – 2PM, while this is free we are asking that you consider making a donation. This year Trinity will be splitting all of our proceeds with the local non-profit group Rising Above Addiction. Even if you don't have anything to sell come on out and enjoy the community! For more information contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

We have been involved with the Scrip program since **2007**. The church receives a rebate for every gift card that is sold. There are over 750 retailers that participate, some local ones are Walmart, CVS, Sheetz, Weis.

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.

Orders go in on the 2nd Sunday and you'll receive your cards the following week. It doesn't cost you anything other than the face value of the gift card you order, which you get to keep for yourself or to give as gifts. Please consider trying it out. The list of participating retailers can be found on the table in the narthex. Contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net if you have any questions. Or talk to some of the folks that take advantage of the program – Sandy Sanders, Ron Zumbrun, Karen Haines, Sue Myers.

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Consistory President – Robert Miller

Vice President – Ron Zumbrun

Secretary – Karen Haines

Treasurer – Sue Myers

Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

Save the date!

TRINITY UCC WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Sacred Journeys
as
Daughters of God
"Daughter, your faith has
made you well."*



NOVEMBER 8, 6:30PM-9:00PM

Resuming

NOVEMBER 9, 8:30AM-12:00PM

7 Park Avenue Westminster

(Lucy Brady's home)

Contact Lucy: 1lucybrady@gmail.com

410-746-6189

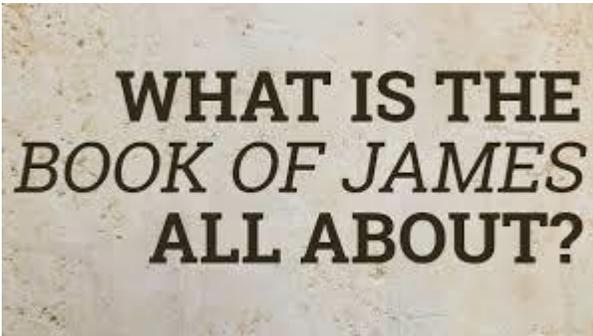


Paint Night

We are hoping to host another paint night this year. The exact date, etc has not been selected yet but wanted to let everyone know to watch for information in future bulletins and/or the November newsletter.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Offered by
Trinity United Church of Christ
Manchester, MD



²⁻⁴ “Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way” (James 1:2-4 – “The Message”).

(October – November, 2019)

October 9, 16, 23 & 30;

& November 13 & 20, 2019

6:45 – 8:00 p.m. at Trinity UCC

“The Faith That Works is a Faith That Works”

The New Testament book of James is often titled “The Faith That Works.” In this little book of five chapters, James writes a letter to the emerging Christian churches in Jerusalem and possibly to a more expansive group of churches in the region of Judah.

The title of this Bible Study suggests a current trend in the modern-day Christian church about **“putting our faith into action.”** James’ letter to the churches in Jerusalem in ancient times is a letter to us in the 21st Century as well. James asks us this profound question in chapter 2, verse 14: “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?” Or as Eugene Peterson in “The Message” puts it: **“Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything?”**

Starting Wednesday, September 11, this Bible Study will not only help refine our understanding of the ‘right words,’ but will invite us and challenge us to live out those ‘words’ in our daily lives. We will explore how the “power of the text shapes and forms our lives” and come to understand how scripture “makes demands on our lives.”

The ONLY HOMEWORK will be to read the assigned scripture reference before the session each Wednesday evening. Using a variety of media and related resources, small group discussion and individual reflection, Pastor Hanberry will lead us in an interactive, inspiring and informative (and forming) experience of Bible study and spiritual growth. *Please join us for an enriching and helpful time of study and reflection.* For more information contact Pastor Gerry at 301-788-6546 or pastortucc@comcast.net.



**TRINITY UCC \ IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH ST, MANCHESTER**

OCT 5TH 8AM - 2 PM

The Shred Mill 1 PM - 2 PM

Food & drinks \ Live music \ Kids activities

Space rentals \$20 \ for more info call

Sue Myers 443-375-6788

Rhonda Kiler 443-340-2357

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Church Office Opened AA meets 8:30 pm	2 Church Office Opened Consistory 7pm	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Office Closed	5 Yard Sale @Trinity & Immanuel 8am – 2pm
6 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost World Wide Communion Sunday Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am NIN offering Worship Committee meeting following worship	7 Church Office Opened	8 Church Office Opened AA meets 8:30 pm	9 Church Office Opened Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00 pm @Trinity UCC	10 Church Office Closed	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Food for Foodbags due	14 Interim Planning 7pm	15 AA meets 8:30 pm	16 Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00 pm @Trinity UCC	17	18	19
20 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am <u>Brief worship followed by luncheon to discuss Trinity's future!</u> Blessing of Foodbags	21 Church Office Opened November Newsletter articles due	22 Church Office Opened AA meets 8:30 pm	23 Church Office Opened Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00 pm @Trinity UCC	24 Church Office Closed	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Last day to submit names for All Saint's Day	28	29 AA meets 8:30 pm	30 Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00 pm @Trinity UCC	31	Notes: Office opened Mon, Tue, and Thur. (9am – 1pm) Except where noted.	

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Jul 19	Jan - Jul 19
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	102.00	971.00
Loose Offering	87.00	1,000.54
Miscellaneous	0.00	35.00
Regular Offering	5,518.00	41,950.00
VBS Donations (Educational)	340.00	960.00
Total Income	6,047.00	44,916.54
Expense		
Educational Ministries	377.41	837.96
Evangelism	433.00	938.82
General	864.22	12,929.64
Personnel	8,150.94	52,540.84
Property	480.00	2,466.26
Music	0.00	185.00
Worship	86.00	608.10
Total Expense	10,391.57	70,506.62
Net Ordinary Income	(4,344.57)	(25,590.08)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Endowment	621.60	1,561.70
Cemetery	(895.34)	(2,310.36)
Interest/Dividend Income	251.98	479.05
Memorial Fund	0.01	0.05
Fundraising	3,606.26	33,402.83
Special Offerings Received	682.31	1,529.31
Total Other Income	4,266.82	34,662.58
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	832.31	1,569.31
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	832.31	1,569.31
Net Other Income	3,434.51	33,093.27
Net Income	(910.06)	7,503.19

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	Aug 19	Jan - Aug 19
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	167.00	1,138.00
Loose Offering	60.00	1,060.54
Miscellaneous	0.00	35.00
Regular Offering	4,391.00	46,341.00
VBS Donations (Educational)	0.00	960.00
Total Income	4,618.00	49,534.54
Expense		
Educational Ministries	282.95	1,120.91
Evangelism	0.00	938.82
General	739.00	13,668.64
Personnel	6,714.13	59,254.97
Property	110.00	2,576.26
Music	0.00	185.00
Worship	232.96	841.06
Total Expense	8,079.04	78,585.66
Net Ordinary Income	(3,461.04)	(29,051.12)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Endowment	0.00	1,561.70
Cemetery	(600.00)	(2,910.36)
Interest/Dividend Income	1.91	480.96
Memorial Fund	0.01	0.06
Fundraising	(958.77)	32,444.06
Special Offerings Received	150.00	1,679.31
Total Other Income	(1,406.85)	33,255.73
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	1,569.31
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	1,569.31
Net Other Income	(1,406.85)	31,686.42
Net Income	(4,867.89)	2,635.30

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