

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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## Trinity Times

## November 2019



### Painting Fundraiser

The fundraising team will host a paint afternoon. Held on Sunday, **November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 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, “Pumpkins” for you to take home and hang on your wall! No experience necessary!

- \$40 per person includes all materials, snacks and beverages.
- Perfect for big groups of friends or family.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

Seating is limited, please contact:

Sue Myers 443-375-6788

or

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

### Black Friday Open House at TUCC

The Manchester Area Merchants Association’s Black Friday event will be held on Friday, November 29. Gather at the old Town Hall @ 6pm for the Christmas Tree lighting. 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 10**. 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

### 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  
 December Newsletter– Monday, November 18

### November Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, November 6 @ 7pm

### Brick Walkway and Cross Project

The project to rebuild our brick walkway and install a new cross is almost complete. When this is completely finished, we will be determining an appropriate date to schedule a dedication ceremony to celebrate.

### Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and phone calls. And for the visits from Pastor Hanberry, while I was ill.

Norman Greenholtz



## 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 3 – Karen Haines  
 November 10 – Robert Miller  
 November 17 – MariBeth Brainerd  
 November 24 – Marge Bailey

### **Acolytes:**

November 3 – Alex Fantone  
 November 10 – Mason Brown  
 November 17 – Lane Saunders  
 November 24 – Adriana Brown

### **Projector Operator:**

November 3 – Sue Myers  
 November 10 – Sandy Sanders  
 November 17 – Karen Haines  
 November 24 – Elwin Wagner

### **Children's Church Leaders:**

November 3 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone  
 November 10 – Karen Price  
 November 17 – Nickie Saunders  
 November 24 – Sandy Sanders

### Honoring our Veteran's

For our **Nov. 10 Veteran's Day Worship**, we would like to create a slide show of photos of those in our congregation who have served in a branch of the military. Please email photos of the service members/vets (preferably in uniform) that you would like to honor in this way to Diane ([Office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net](mailto:Office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net)) no later than **Monday November 4**. Please also provide the person's name and, if possible, the branch of service and dates of service. Thank you!

## 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

## Pastor Gerry's Column

I count all of our time together over these past year and a half as a JOY! This sense of joy is the kind of joy best expressed by the 13<sup>th</sup> Century poet, Rumi:

***“When You do something from the soul***

***It's like a river moving in you – a JOY.”***

This is no “Pollyannaish” or sentimentalized version of joy. No, rather it is a JOY that resides deep within our very souls – the place in us where we find meaning and that source within us where we find our reason for being.

What also makes this joy we've shared with each other and together as a community of faith “real” and meaningful is the reality in our time together that joy and sadness are part and parcel of the same journey together. It's almost like you can't have one without the other: Joy and Sorrow; Sorrow and Joy.

These past 18 months have not all been rosy and easy much less always happy and fun. They have been real, however. As we gathered this past Sunday for our “Imagining Our Future Together” program, we shared a variety of strengths of Trinity Church. We also shared our challenges or what some would call weaknesses. Naming our challenges, those things we could improve or even get rid of, is hard sometimes. We'd just rather not “go there.” Even so, it is a part of the journey before us as we live into the future, especially the future we would desire for our church and ourselves.

As we recall “not-so-good” times in the life of the church, we have choices about how we respond. Disappointments at any point in our lives can rob us of our joy. Disappointments can also challenge us to new ideas and renewed energy. Our goal is always to keep in touch with our joy and gratitude. In doing that we can be more compassionate.

I have had the sad but hopeful work to do with some of the individual families of the church as I joined you at the hospital at the pending death of a loved one. I have joined you at the funerals of a number of members and friends of Trinity Church. I will always cherish the trust you placed in me to help you celebrate the life of a loved one.

The Interim Planning Team is to be commended for its work; that work is never easy yet the group stays focused and committed to the ultimate outcome. Thank you for allowing me to share in part of that journey.

The children and youth and their families and leaders have given me great joy. We discovered together what it means for the pastor and leaders to “know the names of the children.” I know their names and they know mine, and I will always remember those precious moments in the children's time in worship—even those times when the children led the time and tried my best to keep up. I love you boys and girls.

As Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians, **“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.** Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry

## Christmas Giving Tree

Our Trinity Family will again be sponsoring gift giving to a local family for Christmas. Information for Families in need are provided to us by NESAP and NESAP is thankful for Trinity's continuing support in helping to fill the needs of our local community.

Tags for the Giving Tree will be available beginning Sunday, December 1st. If you are able; please take a tag from the tree to purchase a gift. NESAP, has suggested the cost of each gift be around \$30.00. The tag will indicate the gender, whether the gift is for a child or adult, and size if applicable. If clothes are purchased, please

enclose a gift return slip with the gift in the event of an incorrect size. Then wrap the gift, gently attach the original Giving Tree Tag to the wrapped gift bring it to church by Sunday, December 15th.

## **WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**

### **Trinity United Church of Christ**



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

#### **► November 3 -- All Saint's**

#### **Sunday: Remembering & Grieving Our Loved Ones**

- Scripture – the Death of Lazarus, John 11: 5-44

#### **► November 10 -- Veteran's Day: Honoring our Soldiers and Welcoming them Home**

- Scripture: Acts 10: 1-23 - Peter's Vision and visit with Cornelius, captain of the Italian Guard.

#### **► 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.



**November 3 & 10 Sermon Series, Led by  
MariBeth Brainerd, M. Div.**

#### **Remembering Our Loved Ones & Honoring Service in the “Ordinary” Times**

In these last weeks of “Ordinary Time” on the Christian calendar, we celebrate “All Saint’s Day” on November 3, the day we remember our loved ones who have died in the past year, as well as “Veteran’s Day” on November 10, the day set aside to recognize all veterans, but especially our living veterans, who currently serve or have served in a branch of the military.

We invite everyone to submit remembrance forms for your loved ones who died in the past year by so we can lift them up in our All Saint’s Day worship service. Please submit the forms no later than October 27. Also, for our November 10 Veteran’s Day worship service, please take the time to email, no later than Monday November 4, a picture of you or a family member in uniform (living or dead), including with it the person’s name and, if possible, the branch of service and dates of service.

#### **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](mailto:pastortucc@comcast.net)



## Lexis Notes

October has been an eventful month for our music ministry. Our children's church singers performed during worship on Oct 13th; Jackie Nave performed a special song on Oct 27th, and we are planning more beautiful musical offerings for November and December as we move into Advent.

In the long-term, Pastor Gerry and I are working on a project to bring a more diverse set of hymns and better coordinate the ratio of familiar hymns to new hymns, to make congregational singing as participative and joyful as possible. I also intend to grow our children's choir into a more regular activity for our kids.

### October 2019 Consistory Meeting Highlights

The monthly meeting of the consistory members was held on October 02, 2019

**Minutes:** September consistory minutes were accepted as written

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Myers reported \$15,000 transferred from Fundraising to Endowment and \$10,000 from Endowment to General account.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Gerry submitted his monthly report. Pastor Gerry will be attending the CAC annual meeting in Bethesda this month and will help lead racial justice workshops.

**Property:** Ron Zumbrun has looked at bathrooms in other churches and is researching possibilities to make our bathrooms handicap accessible. Following discussion consistory approved purchasing new locks and signage to install within two weeks making them unisex.

**Finance:** Sue will begin seeking input from committee leaders to plan the budget for next year.

**Personnel:** No report

**Evangelism:** Marge Bailey is working with Planning Team to provide food for interactive luncheon on October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Worship:** Meeting will be held this week.

**Caring Ministry:** Debra Miller will be in contact with NESAP to adopt a small (3 children or less) family for Christmas.

**PPR:** No report.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Consistory approved installing two lights to shine on the cross, one in the front and one in the back
- Sue Myers has not had any applicants, but she did reach out to a local day care.
- Outside Banners have been hung
- Sound System Repair: Scheduled 10-25-19
- Our community yard sale will be held Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will donate ½ of our profits to Rising Above Addiction, a local nonprofit. Fourteen spots have been sold.

### New Business:

- Catoctin Fall Association Meeting: Pastor Gerry invites more people to attend conference meetings.
- Black Friday: November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Holiday Wreaths: worship committee will be looking at our decorations.
- Cold Weather Shelter: We have signed up to provide meal and staff the shelter Thursday, January 30, 2020
- Paint Night: Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> we will host a paint fundraiser.
- Community Engagement: Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone suggested we could try to attract more groups, recover, grief counseling, weight loss, etc.
- January Bible Study: is being planned.
- Confirmation Class: Plans are to meet 1x month.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 06, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

## Yard Sale

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual community yard sale held with Immanuel Lutheran on October 5th was a success! The weather was a little cool but sunny and the crowd seemed steady all day. We had over 30 vendors between the 2 churches, kids crafts, face painting, free children's books, live music and breakfast food, baked goods, hot dogs and hamburgers. We've even started making plans for next year already!

This year we decided to share our proceeds with a group called Rising Above Addiction. Their mission is to help provide financial assistance to young adults in need of crucial, early stages of drug rehabilitation. For more information visit their website at [www.risingaboveaddiction.com](http://www.risingaboveaddiction.com).

## Scrip Gift Cards

The holidays will be here before we know it. Take some of the stress out of your holiday shopping by ordering gift cards through Trinity's Scrip program.

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.

Cards are ordered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. However during the holidays we order more frequently. Orders will be placed on:

- 11/10/19
- 11/24/19
- 12/8/19
- 12/15/19

If you have any questions about the program or need to see a list of the retailers contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, [wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net).

## Cold Weather Shelter

It is that time of the year when we notice the days getting shorter and the weather getting cooler. We know the upcoming months may bring freezing rain, sleet, snow, and stormy windy days and nights. In Carroll County the homeless can seek refuge from the weather overnight at the cold weather shelter on Stoner Avenue. It opens November 15<sup>th</sup> and remains open through the month of March providing a hot shower and a mat and blanket on the floor.

It is a community effort to keep the shelter open with many volunteers are needed to check guests in and to provide a hot meal. Trinity will again be helping one night this winter season. We will provide a meal and check-in assistance on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Please consider joining us with check in or helping to prepare and serve a meal. While we all look in our closets and get out our heavy sweaters and winter coats many people living on the street have only the clothes they can carry. We will again collect winter coats, gloves, sweat pants, socks, and underwear to deliver to the shelter.

## Cold Weather Shelter Donation Suggestions

**Sweatpants** – Men's M, L, XL, XXL are the **Most needed items** at shelter

**New Underwear** – **Men's boxers** or **boxer briefs (HUGE NEED)** and women's styles as well as new or gently used bras

**Sweatshirts** – hooded or regular, fleece tops

**Winter Coats**—especially larger sizes **Hats**—warm

**Gloves** – warm/weatherproof preferred

**Thermal shirts/long underwear**

**T-shirts (new or gently used)**

**Socks** – warm men's and women's

**Backpacks** – school sized, new or gently used

**Belts** – gently used are fine

**Blankets/sheets** – twin sized only, sorry no comforters

## Food/misc. items:

Coffee/creamers/sugar

Individual wrapped breakfast/snack to-go items

Lip balm, Deodorant

Razors – double blade preferred

Hand warmers – very much appreciated during the extreme cold spells

# TRINITY UCC WOMEN'S RETREAT

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



**NOVEMBER 8, 6:30PM-9:00PM**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 8:30AM-12:00PM**  
**7 Park Avenue Westminster**  
(Lucy Brady's home)

**Contact Lucy: [lucybrady@gmail.com](mailto:lucybrady@gmail.com)**  
**410-746-6189**

## BRING:

- a sacred object; picture, quote, something that helps you center
- pictures of people who are the foundation of your faith
- a willing spirit

## FRIDAY, November 8th

- 6:30 pm Tea Party
- 7:00 Session 1
- Musical devotions with Lexi Starr
- Sharing sacred objects
- 7:45 Break
- 8:00 session 2
- The creation story of our faith
- Evening prayer
- 8:45 reflections and blessing
- 9:00pm heading home

## SATURDAY

- 8:30 Gathering with refreshments
- 9:00 opening devotions with MB
- 9:15 Session 3
- Focus on Biblical women
- Choose a biblical woman for reflection
- Share women you chose
- 10:30 Creating Sacred Journey collages
- 11:15 Sharing
- Blessing each other

- Closing
- 12:00 heading home



## Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. They are available in red, white or pink. The cost is \$11.00 each. Checks should be made payable to: Trinity U.C.C. and payment must be included with your order. Then placed in the collection plate. The deadline for placing an order is Sunday, December 9. If you have any further questions, please see Deb Persinger or MariBeth Brainerd.

I / We wish to sponsor flowers for Christmas.

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

IN HONOR OF:

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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# Painting Fundraiser

Sunday, November 10th

2 – 5pm

Trinity United Church of Christ  
3229 York Street, Manchester, MD 21102

*Proceeds benefit Trinity UCC*

***\$40 per person***

*Includes all art supplies, snacks and drinks*

*Tickets need to be purchased in advance*

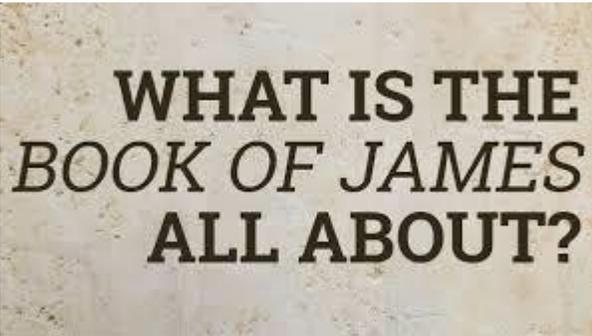
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# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Offered by  
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<sup>2-4</sup> "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").

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:pastortucc@comcast.net).

## November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: Office Opened Mon, Tue, and Thur. (9am – 1pm) Except where noted					1 All Saint's Day	2 Remember to change clocks forward
3 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 Church Office Opened	5 Church Office Opened  AA meets 8:30 pm	6 Church Office Opened  Consistory 7pm	7 Church Office Closed	8 Church Office Closed  Women's Retreat @ Lucy Brady's House 6:30 – 9:00 pm	9 Women's Retreat @ Lucy Brady's House 8:30 – 12:00 pm
10 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Blessing of Prayer Shawls Food for Foodbags due Painting Fundraiser 2-5 pm	11 Veterans Day	12  AA meets 8:30 pm	13 Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00pm @Trinity UCC	14	15	16
17 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am Blessing of Foodbags	18 Church Office Opened  December Newsletter articles due	19 Church Office Closed  AA meets 8:30 pm	20 Church Office Opened  Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00pm @Trinity UCC	21 Church Office Opened	22	23
24 Reign of Christ Worship/Children's Church 10:45 am  Thanksgiving Sunday	25 Church Office Opened	26 Church Office Opened  AA meets 8:30 pm	27  Church Office Closed	28 Thanksgiving Day  Church Office Closed	29 Black Friday	30

Trinity United Church of Christ  
Receipts and Disbursements

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	Sep 19	Jan - Sep 19
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	167.00	1,305.00
Loose Offering	351.00	1,411.54
Miscellaneous	0.00	35.00
Regular Offering	8,163.00	54,504.00
VBS Donations (Educational)	0.00	960.00
	8,681.00	58,215.54
Total Income		
Expense		
Educational Ministries	112.95	1,233.86
Evangelism	269.85	1,208.67
General	5,895.85	19,564.49
Personnel	10,613.09	70,017.06
Property	74.60	2,650.86
Music	0.00	185.00
Worship	407.29	1,248.35
	17,373.63	96,108.29
Total Expense		
Net Ordinary Income	(8,692.63)	(37,892.75)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Endowment	156.68	1,718.38
Cemetery	(673.97)	(3,584.33)
Interest/Dividend Income	2.16	483.12
Memorial Fund	0.01	0.07
Fundraising	(2,853.22)	29,590.84
Special Offerings Received	0.00	1,679.31
	(3,368.34)	29,887.39
Total Other Income		
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	105.00	1,674.31
Transfers	0.00	0.00
	105.00	1,674.31
Total Other Expense		
Net Other Income	(3,473.34)	28,213.08
Net Income	(12,165.97)	(9,679.67)

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