

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

August 2021



TUCC Current COVID Protocol

The Consistory approved the following new Covid protocol:

Vaccinated persons may take their mask off once seated and practicing social distancing during services. It is recommended masks shall be worn at all other times including when entering and exiting church. We will stop taking temperatures but will continue gathering contact information and hand sanitizing.

The side entry doors will remain locked during service; front door will be left open. Any child leaving sanctuary during service is to be accompanied by adult.

Christian Education

Children's Church will begin on **August 1st , 2021**. Our children will enjoy a separate time during the Sermon and rejoin the congregation for communion and closing prayers. Children's church will be on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. We welcome anyone who would like to assist and contribute time to our youth and the special times we are planning.

Running the Race with Jesus is our theme. The lessons and activities will continue until Advent and are available for families to complete at home also. Please contact Leslie Brooks or Amy Schultz via the new mailbox for the group and we will answer your questions, give you information. Our new mailbox is

Trinitychristianeducation2727@gmail.com.

There's still time to register and enjoy Rocky Railway VBS August 10,11, and 12 from 6 pm to 830 pm at Trinity.

Watch for news next month on the community ROCK GARDEN our children will be implementing to spread the word of love and faith. Donations of smooth paintable river rocks can be brought o church and in the children's church area downstairs next to the nursery.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/03 – David Haines
- 8/05 – Belva LaMotte
- 8/14 – Debra Persinger
Megan Miller
- 8/15 – Michelle Wolfgang-Fantone
- 8/16 – Jane Leister
- 8/19 – Debby Miller
- 8/20 – Brett Myers
- 8/21 – Lauren Price
- 8/23 – Michelle Wagner
Katelyn Wagner
- 8/26 – Jeff Brooks
- 8/28 – Marissa Schultz

Contacting the Pastor and the Church Office
To reach Pastor Jessica in an emergency, please call her at 240-285-9357 (cell).

DAYS OFF SCHEDULE: Pastor Jessica will be off on Friday (her Sabbath day) and Saturday. She plans to be in the church office Tuesday and Thursday and working from the home office Mondays and Wednesdays.

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
September Newsletter– Monday, August 23



HELPING HANDS AUGUST

Offering Stewards: Deb and Robert Miller
August 1
Greeters: Leslie Brooks, Deb Miller
Offering Ushers: Robert Miller, MB Brainerd

August 8
Greeters: Sandy Sanders, Jackie Nave
Offering Ushers: Deb Persinger, Deb Miller
August 15
Greeters: Robert Miller, Belva LaMotte
Offering Ushers: Deb Persinger, Pam Marchand
August 22
Greeters: Deb Miller, TBA
Offering Ushers: Robert Miller, Deb Persinger
August 29
Greeters: Belva LaMotte, Sue Myers
Offering Ushers: Deb Miller, Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:
August 01 – Sue Myers
August 08 – MB Brainerd
August 15 – Marge Bailey
August 22 – Sue Myers
August 29 – Robert Miller

Media Operator:
August 01 – Elwin Wagner, Sandy Sanders
August 08 – Karen Haines, Sue Myers
August 15 – Sue Myers (PP)
August 22 – Karen Haines, Sandy Sanders
August 29 – Karen Haines, MD Brainerd

Children’s Church Leaders, Helpers:
Children’s Church will begin on August 1st, 2021
August 1 – Leslie Brooks

July Meeting Dates Zoom
Consistory – Wednesday, August 4 @ 7pm
Worship Committee – Thursday, August 5,
@ 6:00 p.m.
PPR – Wednesday, August 25 @ 7pm



Rocky Railway
Jesus Power Pulls Us Through
Tuesday August 10 – 12.
6:00 - 8:30 pm.



Summer Worship hours - 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School during the summer

Volunteer'(s) Needed

Trinity UCC is in need of volunteers for two positions.
One is to change the outdoor sign in front of the church.
The other is to be the contact person to co-ordinate with Immanuel Lutheran Church for a community yard sale in early October.

Please contact our secretary Diane if interested.

Reorganization of the Pastor Parish Relationship Committee

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee held its first meeting on June 23, 2021. The meeting was successful and full of hope for the future of the congregation of Trinity UCC and Pastor Jessica. The next meeting will be held August 25, 2021 via Zoom.



SUMMER OUTDOOR EVENING VESPERS

Please join us for an Evening Vespers Service of quiet contemplation, music, prayer and reflection in the TUCC parking lot at the Brick Walkway/Cross Garden at 7:15p.m. on Thursday, Aug 26.

Please bring your own chair. If the weather does not cooperate, we'll hold the Vespers in the Fellowship Hall.



“I look behind me and you’re there,
Then up ahead and you’re there, too—
Your reassuring presence, coming and going.

This is too much and too wonderful—

I can’t take it all in!”

-Psalm 139:5-6 (The Message)

Dear Ones,

I am one who believes in the messages of Psalm 139, including that God is with us wherever we are. Sure, we come to church on Sunday to worship God, but God is no less in the little things of daily life than the big things of the Sunday worship service. Most often, though, I think we look for God in the usual places when we’d do better to expand our vision. God is bigger than the tiny boxes we like to try to keep God in.

Time and again throughout scripture, we are told that God cannot be kept in under a roof and needs no house to be built in God’s honor. When Peter wanted to build three tents (one for each Jesus, Elijah, and Moses), the text tells us “He did not know what he was saying.” As if the very idea of housing God was preposterous. Then God’s voice came down from the cloud to indicate the significance of that moment: it wasn’t about any kind of shelter: it was about seeing Jesus for who he really is (Luke 9:28-36). Jesus as God made flesh had no need for shelter; he had work to do and they needed to listen to and follow him. Whether we’re in a church or on the top of a mountain, we must remember that there is no where we can go that God is not. This includes the world around us—even in popular culture.

Worship Schedule August 2021

As I write this column, I am in the midst of planning our August worship series, "August at the Movies: Superhero Edition." This series is close to my heart. I have been a "film buff" since I was a little girl, drawn to the movies of such Hollywood titans as Audrey Hepburn and Carey Grant. I remember visits to my grandparents' house over the summer when Grandma would make sure she took us to see a movie or two. Not only that, but we nearly always watched a movie at home in the evenings after a wonderful dinner. Movies are what got me through four months of missed school in my sophomore year of high school. Needless to say, movies are a passion of mine.

Because they tell stories, motion pictures have the power to evoke powerful emotions in us. They can make us laugh ourselves silly, scare us, move us to tears, and inspire us beyond measure. Movies, it seems, have a lot in common with sermons. Pastors are essentially story tellers, working with the Holy Spirit to offer a meaningful word of hope and often call to action the congregation who is listening. A sermon series based on movies, then, seems only natural. It also sounds interesting, to me at least, and I hope you will find it to be so as well.

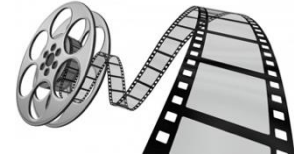
If we can find God in on the mountain top, in the clouds, in the church, and in the smiles that light up our children's faces, then we can find God in our entertainment, too.

So, I hope you will join us as we explore biblical themes as we see them throughout movies, and this year, as we see them in the Superhero genres. Come hear what Wonder Woman, Captain America, Guardians of the Galaxy, The Avengers, and The X-men have to do with our faith and how we can find God in unexpected places.

I hope to see you then! In the meantime, I hope you will look for God in all places and thank God for the beauty of the life you are so blessed to live.

In peace,
Pastor Jessica

August at the Movies!



August 1, 2021 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 8:1-3 (the story of Mary of Magdala)

Movie Theme: *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Your Past Doesn't Define You*

August 8, 2021 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Genesis 26-31, Exodus 2:1-10, 3:7-12 (Moses)

Movie Theme: *X-men*, *Remarkable in the Eyes of God*

August 15, 2021 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 (the story of Zacchaeus)

Movie Theme: *Wonder Woman*, *Love and Compassion Win*

August 22, 2021 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20 (Paul's Story)

Movie Theme: *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, *Forgiveness/Love Your Enemies*

August 29, 2021 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18 (Ruth & Naomi)

Movie Theme: *Captain America*, *Courage Builds Compassion*



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Instant Potatoes, Jell-O, Pudding, Stuffing, Ramen Noodles, Mixed Veggies, Paper Towels, Applesauce, Helper, Canned Chicken, Soups, Canned Potatoes, Breakfast Bars, Juice/Drinks, Shampoo, Jelly, Pasta Sides, Canned Fruit, Brownie Mix, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Diapers Sizes 4,5,6



Cammeron's Notes

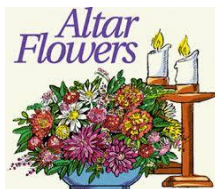
Help Me Sing!!!!

Since the pandemic, church members have been avoiding congregational singing. The most active part of the service is when the congregation sings. As a Choral Director, I have enjoyed directing choirs. Also, enjoyed directing the members of the church to sing in harmony through hymns. As a Musician, I have enjoyed hearing church members sing their vocal parts as one big choir. As a Music Director at Trinity, I wish I could experience the harmonic sounds of the church. I want to hear the voices from the pews as we sing hymns and familiar songs. I want to know who has a soprano, alto, tenor or bass voice. There is a sense of unity when we sing together.

Music brings people together. The hymns we sing are sung throughout many churches like "Amazing Grace" and "I Surrender All." One day, I will get to hear the voices of Trinity United Church of Christ sing these hymns. Hopefully by next year, we can sing in as a harmonic and cohesive body of Christ

Be Bless

Cammeron



Dedicating Flowers as a Part of Worship

There are a number of options for dedicating flowers in honor of a loved one, and having the flowers placed on the Altar and/or elsewhere in the Sanctuary:

- ✚ A vase of arranged flowers
- ✚ A single rose in a bud vase
- ✚ Cut flowers that you will bring in and arrange in a vase

Please sign up on the flower dedication sign-up sheet that is pinned to the bulletin board in the

lower narthex and specify your selection. Diane, the church secretary, will call you to arrange the flower order. If you want to bring cut flowers to be placed on the altar rather than order an arrangement from one of the local florists that will make a flower delivery to the church, please contact a member of our altar committee - Deb Persinger at 410-746-5475 or Sandy Sanders at 443-974-6723. For more information regarding ordering and dedicating flowers please call Diane, the church secretary, at 410-374-2727. Thank you!!

July 2021 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jessica shared her printed report, highlighting her outreach by phone with members, community engagement with morning devotionals on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Facebook updates, meetings attended, services of worship lead. She is planning future vesper services, VBS, August sermon series, possible fall Bible Study.

Treasurer's report: June report was reviewed and accepted. Sue Myers reported investment gains of \$33,000.

Committee Reports

Property: The propane heater from Diane's office has been removed. Screens have been removed from Diane's office to get repaired. Risk Management, the fire alarm company has completed repairs.

Finance: Application for forgiveness of the PPE loan has been filed.

Personnel: Cammeron's upcoming wedding is in August, she will be married in our church by Pastor Jessica.

Evangelism: Claire Vey and Belva LaMotte will be restarting the Prayer Shawl ministry,

Christian Education: Children's Church will resume in August on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, worship bags to be provided on the other Sundays. We will combine with Grace UCC for a virtual VBS July 21-23 and host a mini VBS using Rocky Railway, August 10,11,12.

Worship: Summer worship plans were reviewed. Pastor Jessica will discuss music selection with Cammeron. Current worship committee protocols were reviewed. Committee meets again August 5th.

Caring Ministry: Nothing to report

PPR: Meeting was held June 23rd and second meeting will be held on August 25th.

Unfinished Business

Distributing Monthly Newsletters: We have 21 to mail and print 8-9 extra to be available for folks to pick up on Sundays.

Covid Mask Protocol: A motion was passed to post the following new guidance. To protect those who are not vaccinated please wear mask until seated. If you are not vaccinated, please leave your mask on.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday August 18, 2021. Belva LaMotte and Robert Miller will be helping.

Service in Park: Planned for July 25, 2021 at 10:00.

New Business.

Acolytes: In the fall we will reassess Covid risks to children and discuss resuming youth acolytes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm via zoom.



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive in our Fellowship Hall on **August 18th** from 2PM until 7PM. The need for blood donations is always critical in the summer and the impact of Covid 19 has made the need even greater. We will begin a sign-up list in the near future.



FUNDRAISING TEAM UPDATE

HAMPSTEAD FARMERS MARKE

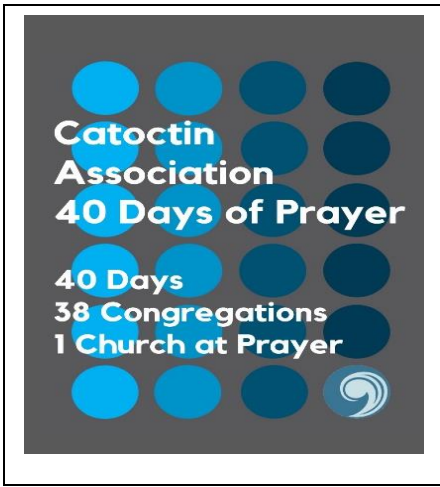
Just a reminder – come and visit us at the Hampstead Farmers Market! The new location is the Panthers Sports Academy (formerly North Carroll High School) 1400 Panther Drive in Hampstead, and the hours are 8:30 – noon. Stop in for a delicious egg sandwich, hamburger or hot dog. We will only be set up during the month of August, but the other local vendors will be set up through September selling produce, gourmet coffee, baked goods, jewelry, etc.

We will be accepting cash donations to help offset the purchase of supplies (burgers, hot dogs, eggs, bacon, sausage, cheese, etc). You can make you checks payable to Trinity UCC. If you have any questions contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Support Trinity UCC! Use gift cards to turn everyday shopping into earnings. Pay with gift cards and support Trinity at the same time. Physical gift cards and eGift cards can be used for gas, groceries, eating out, clothes, travel, movies, etc. It's easy and it's rewarding!

Orders will be submitted the 2nd Sunday of the month and you'll receive your cards the 3rd Sunday. If you haven't participated in the program and would like more information please contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.



"Pray for us...that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ..." Col. 4:3

Even Paul knew that the mystery of Christ, the Kingdom of God, was irrevocably tied to prayer.

The Catoctin Association is 38 churches - a wide diversity of geography, faith, and practice, and yet one body.

On **Oct. 11**, we will launch 40 Days of Prayer, praying publicly for each congregation, by name. We want to kneel in prayer as one association in prayer for each other through 40 days, to practice our covenant commitments to each other to love and support one another as siblings in Christ, to strengthen and encourage each other as a new chapter of faith emerges in our region. More information to come!



Announcement:

Join Pastor Jessica on "Facebook LIVE" each **Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.** for a short devotional or thought for the day and prayer time together. It's a great way to connect to community throughout the week!

Facebook – www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	<u>Jun 21</u>	<u>Jan - Jun 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	65.00	350.00
Loose Offering	100.00	229.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,185.00
Regular Offering	5,565.00	32,265.14
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Total Income	5,730.00	34,029.14
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	287.62
Evangelism	85.00	121.90
General	4,414.84	17,735.51
Personnel	6,141.01	42,825.82
Property	574.08	1,177.00
Music	0.00	277.00
Worship	0.00	647.88
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Total Expense	11,214.93	63,072.73
Net Ordinary Income	(5,484.93)	(29,043.59)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Grant Income	0.00	15,448.00
Care Fund Activity	0.00	100.00
Endowment	0.00	550.73
Cemetery	(800.00)	(2,453.50)
Interest/Dividend Income	621.65	1,113.59
Fundraising	738.25	(22,414.45)
Special Offerings Received	20.00	1,710.00
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Total Other Income	579.90	(5,945.63)
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	1,229.30
Transfers	0.00	0.00
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Total Other Expense	0.00	1,229.30
Net Other Income	579.90	(7,174.93)
Net Income	<hr/> <u>(4,905.03)</u>	<hr/> <u>(36,218.52)</u>

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Worship 10 am	2	3	4 Consistory 7pm zoom	5 Worship Committee 6pm zoom	6	7 Farmers Market 8:30 – noon 1400 Panther Drive
8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 am Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	9	10 VBS Aug 10-12 6- 8:30 pm	11	12	13	14 Farmers Market 8:30 – noon 1400 Panther Drive
15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 am	16	17	18 <u>Blood Drive</u> 2pm- 7pm	19	20	21 Farmers Market 8:30 – noon 1400 Panther Drive
22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 am	23 September Newsletter articles due	24	25 PPR 7pm	26	27	28 Farmers Market 8:30 – noon 1400 Panther Drive
29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 am	30	31	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Always subject to change.			

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