

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

July 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. 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. Please contact Leslie Brooks or Amy Schults via the new mailbox for the group and we will answer your questions, give you information, etc.



**American
Red Cross**

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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/06 – Candice Welsh
7/14 – Weston Townsley
7/15 – Kenneth Ludwig
7/20 – Erica Price
7/24 – Gavin Larson
7/28 – Jamie Price

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: In July, 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
August Newsletter – Monday, July 19



HELPING HANDS JULY

Offering Stewards: MariBeth Brainerd, Karen Haines

July 4

Greeters: Leslie Brooks, Sue Myers

Offering Ushers: Deb Miller, Deb Persinger

July 11

Greeters: Sandy Sanders, Deb Miller

Offering Ushers: Deb Persinger, MB Brainerd

July 18

Greeters: Sandy Sanders, Sue Myers

Offering Ushers: Robert Miller, Marge Bailey

July 25

Greeters: Deb Miller, Robert Miller

Offering Ushers: Leslie Brooks, Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

July 04 – Robert Miller
July 11 – Leslie Brooks
July 18 – Jackie Nave
July 25 – Marge Bailey

Media Operator:

July 04 – Karen Haines, Sandy Sanders
July 11 – Karen Haines, Sue Myers
July 18 – Karen Haines, TBA
July 25 – No media worship in the park

Children's Church Leaders, Helpers:

Children's Church will begin on August 1st, 2021
August 1 – Leslie Brooks

July Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Committee – Thursday, July 1,
@ 6:00 p.m.
Consistory – Wednesday, July 7 @ 7pm



Save the Date



July 21-23, 2021

6: 30 PM-8:00 PM

Zoom! (Invite to be sent by email)



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



Summer Worship hours - June 13th @ 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School during the summer

Volunteer'(s) Needed

Trinity UCC is in need of a volunteer, or volunteers, to change the letters in our outside marquee sign.

Please speak to Deb or Gordon Persinger if you need more information regarding this process.

Reorganization of the Pastor Parish Relationship Committee

The Consistory agreed to follow a UCC recommendation that stated that when a new minister is hired, some members of the Pastoral Search Committee should be on the Pastor Parish Relationship Committee.

Those who have agreed to transition to the PPR committee are, Sue Myers, Jackie Nave, Leslie Brooks and Robert Miller.

The first meeting with the new group and Pastor Jessica will be on June 23rd.

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings, dear ones!

As I write this column, we have just finished our second worship service together and by the time you read this, I will have been your pastor for one whole month. Your hospitality toward the boys and me, has been overwhelming in the best possible way. So, I want to begin this month's column by simply saying, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" I hope that our time together so far has been as much a blessing to you as it has to me.

I know there are many questions during pastoral transitions and, I'm sure, some uncertainty about what's to come. I am committed to balancing that uncertainty with trust that the God who built this church is still working in our midst. As we read throughout our holy scriptures, God is alive and

active in our world, constantly doing new things. This was true of the early church (as we read in the book of Acts) and it's true of Trinity UCC in 2021. In our denomination, we boldly proclaim,

"God is still speaking." As we embark on this journey together, let us be motivated by the power of that proclamation and what it means for our own vision and mission.

In a book of blessings* recently gifted to me, there is a "Blessing for a New Position," which contains the following words:

"May you come to know that work

Which emerges from the mind of love

Will have beauty and form."

"Work which emerges from the mind of love." I like to think the mind to which the writer refers is the mind of God, always centered first on love. That love extends to what God has created and generously given. Within that creation, we have not just individuals and the beauty of the natural world, but communities like Manchester and like Trinity UCC. The First Letter of John tells us, "God is love" (4:8). He writes in verse 12, "No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and God's love is made complete in us." I can think of no more worthy message to immerse ourselves in over the next month as we settle into this beautifully formed ministry that we will share together.

May we, together, grow into and be worthy of that love which lives and is made complete in us. May we love one another so fiercely that all who see us know precisely Who it is we follow. May we remember, even in our disagreements and critiques, that we are called to service compelled first by the love of the one who made and sent us. There may be growing pains here and there, or a few bumps in the road as we find our way, but I am excited to be a part of this community and enthusiastic about the future of Trinity UCC. I hope all of you are, too!

Onward in love,

Pastor Jessica

*John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*. Penguin Random House, 2008.

Prayer Shawls

We will be relaunching that ministry in July and blessing the shawls during worship on **July 11th**.



Worship in the Park and Picnic

Join us on **Sunday, July 25**, at Christmas Tree Park in Pavilion 5 at 10:00 am for worship and a picnic. Our annual picnic will follow worship. Hamburgers and hotdogs, buns, beverages, paper plates and utensils will be provided by the church. Please bring a chair, and a side dish or dessert to share!



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 July 29 and Thursday Aug 26.

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

Worship Schedule Season after Pentecost 2021

July 4 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; &
Mark 6: 1-13 (Jesus is un-welcome in his hometown)
A Story about Hospitality

July 11 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; &
Mark 6:14-29 (John the Baptizer loses his head)
A Story about the Promises We Make

July 18 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89:20-37; &
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (No one can hide from the good news)
A Story about the Attraction of the Gospel

July 25 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship at Christmas Tree Park
Ephesians 4:14-21 &
John 6:1-14 (The Miracle of the Loaves and Fish)

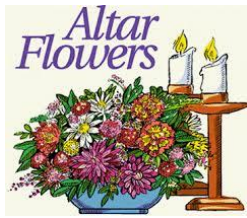


Cammeron's Notes

The Power of Music

Music has its own power. When you hear music, it can make you dance, sing, happy, sad, and even motivates. Music can have a personal connection. Some of the members of the church have heard my music played before service. I use that time to draw into praise and worship, to offer Thanksgiving and to give my worries to God. When I am not at church, I would use music to get through the day.

I want you to allow music to take control of your being. If you feel like dancing, then go and dance. If you feel like singing, then go and sing. The power of music is to help motivate, inspire, energize, teach and calm ourselves. Use music to restore relationships, by asking your loved one or children to dance with you. Let's have fun with Music!!!!



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!!

June 2021 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jessica has worship planned for her first Sunday, June 6, communion will be served. Her family will be moving to the Hampstead area shortly. An Installation Service date will be picked. Pastor Jessica plans to lead a Facebook Live devotional time once she has access to Trinity Facebook.

Committee Reports

Property: Doug Rhoten reported the following:

Wayne Sanders completed office painting.

The propane heater that is no longer used could be removed,

Doug reviewed estimate for flower bed brick work. The estimate for \$1900.00 would cover removing all brickwork on right flower bed and rebuilding with new bricks and a foam cushion to prevent wall from collapsing again.

Risk Management, fire alarm company, feels the hanging lights are interfering with the beam and causing the alarm to go off.

Evangelism: For Jessica's first Sunday, Belva will share a vegan snack.

Christian Education: Leslie Brooks and Amy Schultz are working together planning children's activities. We will combine with Grace UCC for a virtual VBS July 21-23 and host a mini VBS using the Rocky Railway, August 10,11,12. These are both evening activities.

PPR: Pastor Jessica would like to have PPR meeting to be scheduled soon.

Unfinished Business

Summer Hours: Beginning June 13th service will be at 10:00.

Newsletter: We would like to begin publishing a newsletter in July.

New Business

Covid Protocols: Discussion was held reviewing current covid protocols and the relaxation of our protocols. A motion was passed which allows vaccinated persons to take mask off while practicing socially distanced seating during services. Masks will be worn at all other times including when entering and exiting church. We will stop taking temperatures, but will continue to gather 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive: A motion was passed to let Red Cross use our building for blood drive on August 18, 2021.

Christmas Tree Park Service: Pavilions are available to rent, we will plan for service in the park after VBS on July 25.

Farmer's Market: Trinity will be fund raising the month of August at the Saturday morning market. Monetary donations are needed for Sue and Doug Myers to purchase food.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2021 via ZOOM.

FUNDRAISING TEAM UPDATE

HAMPSTEAD FARMERS MARKET

It's back! The Hampstead Farmers Market is in full swing and being held at a new location, the Panthers Sports Academy (formerly North Carroll High School) 1400 Panther Drive in Hampstead, every Saturday from 8:30 – noon. This year we will only be selling breakfast sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers during the month of August.

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. And of course we are hoping everyone will come out to visit not only the TUCC stand but all the other local vendors selling crafts, produce, coffees, gift items, baked goods, etc.

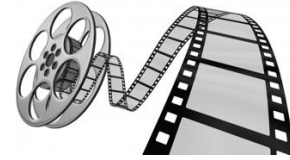
If you have any questions contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.

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.

August at the Movies!



Join us each Sunday in August as we explore the intersections of film and faith. This year, we will kick off our new summer annual series with faith expressions and issues in the wild worlds of the superhero universe.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Food, cleaning supplies, personal care items or gift card donations may be dropped off at the Food Pantry during store hours. Stop in the Thrift Store and ask a staff member to assist you.

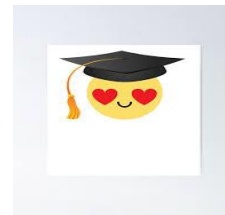
PANTRY DONATION HOURS MON THROUGH SAT – 8:00 AM TO 2:00

- 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

TRINITY UCC CELEBRATES OUR GRADUATES 2020-2021!!



Doug & Sue Myers are the proud grandparents of three graduates over this last year, all persevering to rise to their next levels of education, despite all the challenges that they and all our students faced in this past year of the Covid Pandemic.

Madison Hudgins (daughter of Ron & Jessica Larson) graduated in December 2020 with her Associates Degree from Carroll Community College in General Studies. She is now attending Towson State University, majoring in Exercise Science.

Lexi Larson (daughter of Ron & Jessica Larson) graduated in June 2020 from North Carroll Middle School. This year, in June 2021, **Gavin Larson** (son of Ron & Jessica Larson) graduated from 8th grade from Gerstell Academy (Grades Pre-K – 12) in Finksburg. Both Lexi and Gavin will return to attend Gerstell Academy in the fall.

Karen and Jim Price are celebrating 2 graduates this year, and they couldn't be more proud!



Jamie Price received her MSN in October 2020, from Drexel University, and is currently working at Penn State, Hershey, as a Nurse Practitioner Intensivist in the Heart & Vascular Institute Critical Care Unit. Jamie worked full time as an RN at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA during the three-year NP program and spent the last year caring for COVID patients.



Lauren Price received her BSN in May 2021 from York College of PA, and is currently working at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill as a RN in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. Lauren worked as a care tech at Cross Keys Village in PA during her last 2 years of college. Lauren will be moving to Mechanicsburg, PA on July 1st.

Karen Haines travelled up to New England in May, to celebrate her daughter **Andrea Haines**'s being awarded her Masters in Data Science from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Andrea plans to continue working as a data analyst for Warren Rogers, a recognized pioneer and leader in the area of fuel storage and management. She has been with them in Rhode Island since her Hood College graduation in 2012. Andrea and her fiancé, Alex, are in the process of relocating to Carlisle, PA, where she will continue to work for Warren Rogers,



Candice Welsh graduated this June from The University of Arizona Global Campus with a BA in History (cum laude). She has also now started her long-dreamed of Genealogy Business (whoamIafterall.com) and will be taking continuing education classes with the Assoc of Prof Genealogists. Go check out her website!!

Our Director of Music, **Ms. Cammeron Williams**, is celebrating two graduations in her immediate family: her daughter **Jasmine Carter**, who, this June, graduated from elementary school, as well as her own graduation from Baltimore City Community College in Business Administration. Daughter Jasmine dreams of becoming a chef, and she is excited that she will be taking cooking classes in middle school! **Ms. Cammeron's** education plans are to get her Bachelor's degree in Music from Morgan State University, where she has also attended for the past year, and continue as our Director of Music, where she looks forward, with God's help, to growing the TUCC music ministry. All to the Glory of God!



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Receipts and Disbursements

	May 21	Jan - May 21
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	60.00	285.00
Loose Offering	35.00	129.00
Miscellaneous	965.00	1,185.00
Regular Offering	4,749.00	26,700.14
Total Income	5,809.00	28,299.14
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	287.62
Evangelism	0.00	36.90
General	3,672.36	13,219.99
Personnel	6,586.12	36,684.81
Property	0.00	602.92
Music	0.00	277.00
Worship	314.99	647.88
Total Expense	10,573.47	51,757.12
Net Ordinary Income	(4,764.47)	(23,457.98)
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	(1,223.50)	(1,653.50)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.00	414.88
Fundraising	1,699.00	(22,544.76)
Special Offerings Received	60.00	1,690.00
Total Other Income	535.50	(5,994.65)
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	102.45	1,229.30
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	102.45	1,229.30
Net Other Income	433.05	(7,223.95)
Net Income	(4,331.42)	(30,681.93)

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Worship Committee 6pm	2	3
4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Worship 10:00 a.m. Independence Day	5 Church office closed	6	7 Consistory 7pm	8	9	10
11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 a.m.	19	20	21 VBS virtual 6:30 – 8:00 pm	22	23	24
25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship in the Park 10:00 a.m.	26	27	28	29 Vespers 7:15 p.m.	30	31

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