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Trinity Times

June 2022

From the Pastor's Desk:

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” -2 Cor. 9:6-8

We have a nasty habit in the church of specially selecting times of year when we're generous. During these times, our giving is perfunctory and almost mechanical. We are asked—sometimes cajoled—to give a little more for this ministry or that. At times, it can feel that we're asked to give not because it's the right thing to do (although it is), but rather because: It's Lent! Or Christmas! Or Stewardship month! But we shouldn't give because it's expected. We shouldn't give because we're supposed to. We should give because we're grateful.

When you give to the ministries of the church, your giving should be in the same spirit as your Christian love. The first letter of John tells us, “We love because he first loved us” (4:19). When we give, we do so because God has given so generously to us. Look around at the blessings that surround you and witness the powerful generosity of God. Think about all that your relationship with the church has given you: friends, family, and opportunities to grow in faith and serve your community. Meditate and pray on these things, *then* give. Not because you must, not because it's “the thing to do,” not because you are compelled, but because you feel gratitude and joy for the many blessings of God's boundless love.

Later in this newsletter, you will see a brief article from our tirelessly dedicated treasurer, Sue Myers, in which she offers some insight to the blessings we, as a church in partnership with God, were able to bestow upon others from our Lenten offering. Sue writes, “as you can see, size doesn't matter, we can always help, whether it's our local community, neighboring states, or across the world.” We were able to lighten the burden of crippling medical debt for some of our neighbors to the south in West Virginia. And our impact didn't end there: with our fellow UCC church, Grace UCC in Frederick, MD, we were able to give to assist churches in Poland and Slovakia with their refugee relief efforts from the war on Ukraine. Think about the difference these dollars will make in the lives of so many hurting during these crises!

But wait, there's more: thanks to the hard work of enthusiastic and devoted Christian Education chairperson, Leslie Brooks, our Shred Event was a runaway success! Trinity Youth program will continue to expand in creative ways because of commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ and the generosity of people who, though the event was free, gave back in gratitude for the service offered by this church.

Dear ones, as a community, we are accomplishing so much when we engage in these ministries in the name of the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Jesus Christ. Let us carry on doing for our church, for our neighbors, and for the world. Let us continue to give of ourselves in all the ways we can, and let us do so cheerfully and with abundant gratitude!

Pastor Jessica



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/02 – Bonnie Greenholtz
- 6/03 – Sarah Krawczyk
- 6/05 – Lucy Brady
- 6/08 – Nathan Krawczyk
- 6/09 – Kelsey Hemlock
- 6/14 – Shirley Wood
- 6/16 – Ralph Keeney
- 6/19 – MariBeth Brainerd
- 6/25 – Shirley Zumbrun
- 6/26 – Cammeron Williams
- 6/30 – Harper Hemlock

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/08 – Sam Brainerd
- 7/10 – Sherry Rivera
- 7/14 – Weston Townsley
- 7/15 – Kenneth Ludwig
- 7/19 – Tyler Marchand
- 7/20 – Erica Price
- 7/24 – Gavin Larson
- 7/28 – Jamie Price



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/08 – Jamie and Chadd Schneeman
- 6/15 – Sandy & Wayne Sanders

Contacting the Pastor and the Church Office

To reach Pastor Jessica (especially in an emergency), please call her at 240-285-9357 (cell).

During the summer, Pastor Jessica plans to be in the church office on Thursday and other days as needed. Monday-Wednesday, I will work from the home office. She is off on Friday (her Sabbath day) and Saturday.

For non-emergencies, please call the church at (410) 374-2727. Please notify us of any hospitalizations in the congregation.

Pastor Jessica will be on Vacation June 20- July 4, 2022

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 July/August Newsletter – Monday, June 20

Important Dates



Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, June 1, @ 7pm
 Worship Committee – TBA
 PPR – Wednesday, July 20, @ 7pm



HELPING HANDS JUNE

Greeters for the month of June:

- June 05 – Worship in the Park
- June 12 – Belva Lamotte
- June 19 – Amy Schultz
- June 26 – Robert Miller

Ushers for the month of June:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- June 05 – Robert Miller
- June 12 – Amy Schultz
- June 19 – Sue Myers
- June 26 – Leslie Brooks

Media Operator:

- June 12 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- June 19 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- June 26 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders

Children’s Church for the month of June

Leslie Brooks and Amy Schultz



Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday

Worship in the Park on June 5

The service begins at 10:45 am, followed by the annual church picnic Pot Luck Meal “Bring a Dish - Share a Dish”



Summer Worship Hours Begin on **June 12** @10:00 a.m. (Children's Church see summer schedule)

Worship Schedule: June 2022

June 5, 2022 – Pentecost Sunday, 10:45am

Worship in the Park!

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17

June 12, 2022 – Trinity Sunday, *10am*

Theme – Wisdom Calls

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15

June 19, 2022 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day, 10am

Theme – In God's Presence

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2022 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Open and Affirming Sunday, 10am

Guest Preacher: Lucy Brady

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Pastor Parish Relationship Committee

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee met on May 11. We will meet again July 20. The content of these meetings is of a confidential nature in order to facilitate a healthy relationship between the pastor and congregation.



Morning Prayers:

Join Pastor Jessica on "Facebook LIVE"

Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. for a short devotional and prayer time together.

Find us on Facebook –

www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC

Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

- While masks are no longer required, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while inside the building, particularly if you are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.

- You are welcome to sing in worship, however, we ask that family groups remain socially distanced from one another in order to limit exposure.

We appreciate everyone's understanding these last two years of pandemic and joyfully look forward to what's to come!



Cammeron's Music Notes

Greetings to all,

Summertime is here. A time to have vacations. A time to learn new things. A time to meet new people. A time to enjoy being in God's presence.

During this summer break, I plan to take a break from the regular routine of life to be with my family. So often we allow time to go by without seeing or experiencing new things. So my challenge for you during the summer break is to explore the world. You can explore the world in your backyard. You can explore the world by going out of town. But do something you would not normally do. Take this time to enjoy life.

I'm planning to take my time to learn something new, to see my children grow, to enjoy my relationship with my husband and to be immersed in God's presence.

I hope you have an amazing summer. Enjoy the music that you hear, the barbecues that you will have, and the time with love ones.

Be Bless

Cammeron

May 04, 2022 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Previous Minutes: April 06, 2022 minutes were accepted

Treasurer's report: Up to the end of April our income was 40% of what we budgeted for our 2022 annual income.. Sue did not need to transfer any monies from the general fund in April, but will need to in May

Pastor's Report: Pastor's Report: Pastor Jessica reported she has started home visits.

Meetings – Attended meetings of Worship Committee, Consistory, and Christian Ed. Continued weekly meetings with Cammeron. Planned and led worship for the month of April. Concluded worship series and book study.

Baptism on April 24th for Harper, put together Visitors Welcome Bags. Continuing Ed/Professional Development – Attended meetings of CA Council, CAC Board Working Group (Congregational Vitality), and CA Online Platform Subcommittee. Finished continuing ed course called “Jesus De/Constructed.” Zoom meeting for the Church-Wide Read: “*Love is the Way by Bishop*” May 5th. Installation service, May 21st: Planning Week for Summer and Fall activities May 23-29 (Rebecca Shillingburg to preach May 29). Looking ahead: June 5: Worship and Picnic in the Park... June 20-July 4: Vacation (Lucy Bracy preaching June 26 and July 3)... August worship series: August at the Movies... September Confirmation classes begin... October New Bible Study

Committee Reports

Property: Doug Rhoten is waiting for Peter Allen's estimate of the Altar railings.

Finance: No report

Personnel: No Report

Evangelism: Belva is planning fellowship on May 21st after Pastor Jessica's Installation

Christian Education: Leslie reported began keeping record on youth attendance. May 1st Personalize Worship Bags, Temple time video... May 8th Pop up, Mother's Day plantings with Amy... May 15th Personalize Worship Bags, World Temples... June 5th Picnic with outdoor activities... April 24th Pastor Jessica and the youth club celebrated Earth Day Every Day with mindfulness walk on after service, May 12th Shred Day Fundraiser for Children's Education.

Vacation Bible School is the last week of July. Volunteers needed. Planning resources started and Banner ordered for outdoor. Acolyte education discussed- future teachings.

Worship: - New and Continuing Business:

Holy Week Maundy Thursday (April 14), After the reading Pastor Jessica will drape the cross in black and designated members will carry out the Cross, Bibles, candles, and Christ Candle from the altar area, the lights will be dimmed. People will depart in silence. Easter Sunday. (April 17th), communion will be the prepackaged elements in baskets on the table. The youth will offer a song after communion, they will sing from the choir loft. Baptism April 24th Harper, Baptism May 15th Oneil, Installation Service May 21st at 3:00 pm.

May 1st Rev. Lucy Brady will preach. May 29th Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg will preach. May 8th is Mother's Day. The consistory will be handing out carnations at the end of worship.

Next Worship Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Caring Ministry: No report

PPR: Meeting will be May 11, 2022

Unfinished Business / Updates

Pastors Installation will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 3:00 pm, postcard Invitations have been mailed out.

Cross / Walkway Dedication: Discussions continue for possible early fall

Pastor's Microphone: Still being checked out,

Mother's Day Carnations will be purchased and distributed

Worship in the Park: Sunday June 5th at 10:45 a.m. Pot Luck Meal "Bring a Dish - Share a Dish"
This is also Pentecost Sunday

New Business

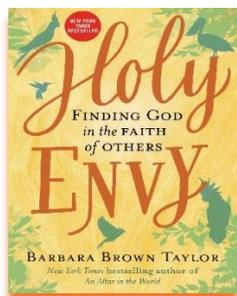
Diane will be on vacation May 8th through May 15th

Mother's Day, Sunday May 8th, we will be handing carnations out to all women who attend.

Cammeron will be off on July 3rd, Ellen West will be providing music.

Summer Hours will begin on June 12th with 10:00 am start time

Next Meeting – Wednesday – June 01, 2022 at 7:00 via Zoom



Church-Wide Read!

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others

By Barbara Brown Taylor

Read at our own pace.

We will meet at the end of summer to discuss.

Please let Pastor Jessica know if you need help getting a copy of the book!



June 2022 Newsletter Christian Education

Trinity Youth will gather during Children's Church time on the first and 3rd Sunday of each month.

On communion Sundays, we will always return to worship in the sanctuary for communion.

Summer Schedule

June 5, 2022: Leslie Brooks and Amy Schultz Picnic in the Park

June 19, 2022: Amy Schultz and Leslie Brooks Father Days activities-10:00 am

July 3, 2022: Leslie Brooks

July 17, 2022: Amy Schultz

July 26 to July 29 6-830 PM FOOD TRUCK PARTY Vacation Bible School

August Vacation: No children's church or Trinity Youth club

September: New curriculum to start!!!!

(Helpers TBD)

Worship bags for each of our youth are being customized by each child. When complete the Youth Church members will be deciding on what to fill them with.

As we grow in the Grace of God, we welcome anyone who would like to assist and contribute time to our youth and the special times we are planning, this includes activities and vacation bible school. Please contact Leslie Brooks or Amy Schultz.

Sincerely,

Leslie, Amy, and Lucy

Community Shred Event

The community shred event was hosted by **Manchester Trinity United Church of Christ on Thursday May 12 from 5-7 pm** at the church. We teamed up with the SHRED MILL and provided the community the chance to securely destroy those papers and documents that had been piling up. It was very nice weather, a good turnout, and a lot of shredding. We hope to have another one next spring in 2023.

We received \$ 356.00 in good will donations to help fund our Christian Education opportunities. A large screen smart TV is on the list of items to enrich the studies of our young disciples.

Our outreach ministries include - prayer shawls, food bags for students, make and take community rock garden, and a little free library. We hold a unique youth time for all ages on the first and third Sunday of the month during worship time. Our Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" is July 26 through July 29 this year and there is not cost for attendees.

Vacation Bible School 2022

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. SPACE IS LIMITED

All Attendees, teen helpers or volunteers need to register. Register online through our website - www.trinityuccmanchester.org.

Paper registrations can be requested at trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net or trinitychristianeducation2727@gmail.com or calling the office 410-374-2727

Age 6 and up or those starting first grade in the fall through 8th grade. (Under 6 may attend with a parent chaperone)

Those in 9th grade and up can be teen helpers and get community service hours.



July 26,27 28 and finale with local Food Trucks on July 29. 6-8:30 pm.

Food truck Party invites children of all ages to get on a roll with God as a parade if Food trucks roll into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party.

"At the center of the Food truck Party is a special truck called "On a Roll." Here kids (or chefs) will learn from the food trucks top Chef along with DJ cupcake about the Daily specials (daily learnings) which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs."

A donation of 25.00 will provide a t-shirt and CD for each participant along with all the fun and games and lessons from both the old and New Testament.

Volunteers for one or all four evenings are needed and appreciated.

For More information Contact Leslie at trinitychristianeducation2727@gmail.com



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Scrip Gift Cards –

now has a new name – Raise Right. Same program, same benefits.

In case you aren't familiar, gift card fundraising, also known as scrip fundraising, has been the #1 fundraiser for nonprofit organizations across the U.S. for more than 25 years.

Why? Because it's easy and more convenient than selling goods or recruiting volunteers. Earn simply by buying gift cards to use for everyday purchases, instead of cash or credit cards.

At Trinity, gift cards will be ordered on the **first** Sunday of every month. With every purchase the church earns a rebate and you get full face value of the gift cards you order. If you are interested in learning more, if you would like to see a vendor listing or you want to purchase cards contact Sue Myers 443-375-6788 wsmdem@comcast.net.

Committed to Community

As you are aware, our Lenten offering was to be used for two special projects.

Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor and Grace UCC, Frederick, MD posted this outreach –

"Our German Partner Church is collecting money to be sent to Poland and Slovakia to help with Ukrainian refugees. The need is great. If you are able to contribute, please do. 100% of all funds go

directly to the church in Poland and Slovakia for refugee relief.”

We answered this call with a \$500 donation from our Lenten offering.

The Catoctin Association (our association) posted this outreach –

“Medical debt, the #1 cause of bankruptcy in the US, has shattered the lives as well as the credit scores of people across our country. Our neighbors in West Virginia are hurting under an oppressive \$21 million worth of medical debt. The Catoctin Association is proud to partner with our friends at Sojourner’s UCC in Charlottesville, VA, to relieve some of that debt, some held by people in our association. We are going to raise \$7000 to help complete Sojourner’s project. RIP is able to turn every \$10 donated into roughly \$1000 worth of debt relieved – wow! Across 38 churches in the association, that’s \$184 per church. Does your congregation have \$184 to help us out?”

Thanks to your generosity we were able to send \$184 to do our share.

So as you can see, size doesn’t matter, we can always help, whether it’s our local community, neighboring states, or across the world.



Food Bags for Backpacks

May marked the end of our Food Bags for Backpacks Program for Manchester Elementary School for this school year.

Trinity UCC Congregation has been very faithful in donating food supplies to this program since it started 8 years ago.

The Food Bag Program will begin again in September for the new school year.



Get Involved in Worship

As COVID numbers continue to decline and we feel safer in worship, we are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children’s church**, please let Pastor Jessica know.

- Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!



NEEDS FOR NESAP

Jell-O
Instant potatoes
Pudding
Stuffing
Applesauce
Muffin Mix
Mac & Cheese
Tomato Sauce
Cup of Soups
Baked Beans
Hamburger Helper
Soups
Canned Potatoes
Breakfast Bars
Juice/Drinks
Shampoo
Gravy
Canned Pasta
Canned Tomatoes
Jelly
Pasta Sides
Brownie Mix
Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap
Diapers Sizes 2,3,4,5,6
Cake Mix/Frosting
Body Wash

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Receipts and Disbursements

	Apr 22	Jan - Apr 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Rental Income	300.00	900.00
Childrens' Church	125.00	129.03
Communion Offering	98.00	278.00
Loose Offering	224.00	431.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00
Regular Offering	6,047.50	23,815.00
Total Income	6,794.50	25,583.03
Expense		
Evangelism	54.61	149.61
General	1,245.97	10,942.09
Personnel	6,679.80	30,307.06
Property	0.00	2,130.16
Music	0.00	349.00
Worship	335.00	646.90
Total Expense	8,315.38	44,524.82
Net Ordinary Income	(1,520.88)	(18,941.79)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(575.18)	(770.18)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.00	337.41
Memorial Fund	0.00	375.00
Fundraising	354.41	1,315.04
Special Offerings Received	530.20	1,630.20
Total Other Income	309.43	2,887.47
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	109.86	611.41
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	0.00	13,000.00
Transfer from End. Fund-General	0.00	(13,000.00)
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	109.86	611.41
Net Other Income	199.57	2,276.06
Net Income	(1,321.31)	(16,665.73)

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: Church Office opened: Mon, Tue, Thur, (9am -1pm) except where noted.			1 Consistory 7pm Zoom	2	3	4
5 Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion Worship in the Park 10:45 am Children's Church	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Trinity Sunday Worship 10:00 am Blessing of Prayer Shawls	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am Children's Church <i>Father's Day</i>	20 July/August Newsletter articles due Pastor Jessica vac 20-July 4	21	22	23	24	25
26 Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am	27	28	29	30		

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