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Trinity Times

July/August 2022

From the Pastor's Desk:

Why I Wake Early

By: Mary Oliver

Hello, sun in my face

Hello, you who made the morning
and spread it over the fields
and into the faces of the tulips
and the nodding morning glories,
and into the windows of, even, the
miserable and the crotchety –

best preacher that ever was,
dear star, that just happens
to be where you are in the universe
to keep us from ever-darkness,
to ease us with warm touching,
to hold us in the great hands of light –
good morning, good morning.

Watch, now, how I start the day
in happiness, in kindness.

This month, it felt good and right to begin with the words of poet, Mary Oliver. This message reminds me of the importance of taking notice of the little things that make up our days, the things we so often take for granted, the things we might not even think about if we don't let ourselves be fully present.

Modern technology and human progress have brought many great things into our lives (indoor plumbing, the lightbulb, music on demand, ease

of communication, etc). And, at the same time, these advancements in our everyday lives have brought a lot of noise. It can be difficult, if not impossible, to find a quiet moment—literally and figuratively. We fill our days so full and then we arrive home, still not slowing down. If we want to, we can be occupied 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year.

That's why it's important to listen to the wisdom of the artists who, like Oliver, make the little things their business. In her ode to the sun on the left, she opines on God's work in the creation of all things; we feel her appreciation for the gift of the world that surrounds us, which is in full, blazing bloom as I write this message.

The Psalmist says, "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised" (113:3). In her own way, here, that's exactly what Oliver is doing: expressing gratitude to her Creator for the making of the sun and all that it means for the world we inhabit. Wherever you look, here and beyond, the Divine Presence can be seen, felt, and appreciated in the beauty that all around us.

Autumn will come with its busy-ness and its noise, but for these last few months of summer, let us rejoice in the gift of this season! One way to do that is to join us at Cape Horn Park for our *Mission Dash 5K* (whether you wish to walk it or just hang out and cheer others on) as we walk in the splendor of the natural world, brought forth and blessed by God, then entrusted to our care. Details later in the newsletter. Whether you join us or not, let us all remember to be good and faithful stewards of this most precious gift.

Pastor Jessica



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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/03 – David Haines
- 8/05 – Belva LaMotte
- 8/14 – Debra Persinger
Megan Miller
- 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



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/08 – Cammeron and Oluseyi Ogunsua

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 Thursdays and other days as needed. Monday-Wednesday, she will work from the home office. She is off on Friday (her Sabbath day) and Saturday. This is subject to change.

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

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
September Newsletter– Monday, August 22

Important Dates



Meeting Dates - Zoom

Worship Committee – Tuesday, July 12 @ 6pm
Consistory – Wednesday, July 13 @ 7pm
PPR – Wednesday, July 20 @ 7pm
Consistory – Wednesday, August 3 @ 7pm



HELPING HANDS JULY

Greeters for the month of July:

- July 03 – Sandy Sanders
- July 10 – Robert Miller
- July 17 – Robert Miller
- July 24 – Belva LaMotte
- July 31 – Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of July:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- July 03 – Robert Miller
- July 10 – Sue Myers
- July 17 – Jackie Nave-Kulp
- July 24 – Robert Miller
- July 31 – Amy Schultz

Media Operator:

- July 03 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers
- July 10 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- July 17 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- July 24 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers
- July 31 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders

Children’s Church for the month of July

Leslie Brooks and Amy Schultz

HELPING HANDS AUGUST

Greeters for the month of August:

- Aug 07 – Robert Miller
- Aug 14 – Robert Miller
- Aug 21 – Belva Lamotte
- Aug 28 – Belva Lamotte

Ushers for the month of August:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

Aug 07 – Sue Myers

Aug 14 – Amy Schultz

Aug 21 – Leslie Brooks

Aug 28 – Robert Miller

Media Operator:

Aug 07 – Sandy Sanders/Karen Haines

Aug 14 – Sandy Sanders/Karen Haines

Aug 21 – Sue Myers/Elwin Wagner

Aug 28 – Sandy Sanders/Elwin Wagner

Worship Schedule: July 2022

July 3, 2022 – 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Lucy Brady

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, 2022 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Theme – Caring Neighbors

Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 17, 2022 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Theme – Word and Work

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 24, 2022 – 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Theme – Shaped by Prayer

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

July 31, 2022 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Theme – Soul Investment

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

August at the Movies 2022: Disney Edition

August 7, 2022 – 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Movie: Moana

Theme: Healing a Broken World

Scripture: 1 Cor. 10:23-26; Matt. 6:24-34

August 14, 2022 – 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Movie: Beauty and the Beast

Theme: Don't Judge a Book by its Cover

Scripture: Romans 2:1-7; Luke 6:27-38

August 21, 2022 – 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Movie: Encanto

Theme: Communication is Key

Scripture: Judges; James 1:19; John 8:39-47

August 28, 2022 – 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Movie: Sleeping Beauty vs. Maleficent

Theme: Knowing the Whole Story

Scripture: Genesis 15-16; Proverbs 18:17; Luke 19:1-10

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. These meetings continue to be positive, fruitful discussions.



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,

Oh, What a Time!!!

As we approach the summer months, we are getting ready to take trips and have cookouts. We will be in the season where we prepare for Fall. It seems that the summer months go by so quickly. Maybe it's because schools are closed and we don't have to worry about homework and pick/ drop off. Maybe, it's because we don't have to get up so early to start our day. Or maybe, we are able to be more relaxed.

For whatever reason why the summer months go by so fast, just enjoy those summer days. Enjoy getting the much needed rest. Enjoy getting in the swimming pool. Enjoy wearing the summer hats, shorts, colorful shirts and dresses. Enjoy eating crabs and cookout food. Enjoy summer music like "Summer Breeze." Just Enjoy!!!!

Enjoy your summer!!!!

Cammeron

June 01, 2022 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Previous Minutes: April 06, 2022 minutes as with one addition.

Treasurer's report: Sue Myers reported we are currently falling \$75,000 short on our budget. We have lost \$34,000.00 in the stock market and she advised she transferred \$5,000.00 from the endowment to our general checking to help with expenses.

Pastor's report: Pastor Jessica reported Confirmation planning for the fall, e-mails sent to families with appropriate youth aged children to receive confirmation. October "New" Bible study is being planned. Pastor would like to delay / suspend home visits due to recent increase of Covid infections in our area.

Installation service (May 21st) went smoothly; music and sermon were very well received. June 5th "Worship in the Park". June 20th thru July 4th Pastor will be on vacation. Lucy Brady will be preaching June 26th and July 3rd. August worship series "August at the Movies – Disney Edition"

Committee Reports

Property: Doug Rhoten is still waiting for Peter Allen's estimate of the Altar railings. Doug R will also reach out to the fire alarm company because alarm is going off periodically

Finance: No Report

Personnel: No Report.

Evangelism: Belva advised about 40 people attended fellowship on May 21st after Pastor Jessica's Installation. Belva also extends a thank you to those who helped and a special thanks to Andrea Haines for the donation of fabric tablecloths from her wedding.

Christian Education: Leslie and Amy did special activities with the children at Worship in the Park. Shred Day Fundraiser was May 12th and \$356.00 was raised to purchase a 50" TV and Stand to use during CE. **Vacation Bible School is the last week of July PLEASE Helper Volunteers are needed.** Online registration forms are available on our website and paper registration forms are available at church after Sunday Service. There will be no Trinity Youth on Sunday's during the month of August. Rally Day will be Sunday, September 11th.

Worship - New and Continuing Business: Baptism O'Neil May 15th. Installation Service May 21st. Worship in the Park June 5th. Please contact Sandy Sanders if you are able to help as a greeter, reader, usher, etc. Next Worship Meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., there will be no June meeting.

Caring Ministry: No Report

PPR: Meeting will be July 20, 2022 via Zoom.

Unfinished Business/ Updates

Pastors Microphone is on backorder.

Cross / Walkway Dedication planning for the fall

Consistory Member Installation will be June 19th

Cammeron will be on vacation July 3rd; Ellen West

will be providing music

Summer Hours will begin on Sunday, June 12th;

10:00 a.m. start time

New Business

Rally Day – September 11th

VBS – July 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th

Newsletter Summer Schedule – July and August

will be combined being sent out the end of June,

there will be no newsletter sent out the month of

August

Next meeting – Wednesday – July 13, 2022 at

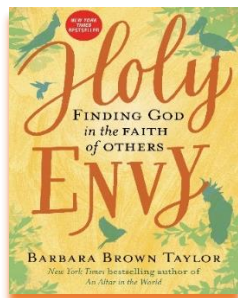
7:00 via Zoom, Debra Miller will be doing the

Devotional for July.

Meeting concluded at 8:18 p.m. with the Lord's

Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Miller / Secretary



Church-Wide Read!

Our current book selection is *Holy Envy: Finding*

God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown

Taylor. In a world divided down religious and

political divides, this book helps us explore how

we might find commonality across lines of

religious difference so that the distance between

us and “the other” might not be so wide.

Please read the book this summer at your own

pace.

We will meet in early September to discuss.

Please let Pastor Jessica know if you need help

getting a copy of the book!



July/August 2022

Newsletter Christian Education

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

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

Summer Schedule

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

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.

Blowfish Poke' food truck and catering will be cooking up at 5 pm on Friday for great eats.

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

Vacation Bible School 2022 Missions:

Help our VBS kids fight food insecurity in two ways:

1. Penny Project – bring in your pennies and loose change
2. Feed My Sheep – bring in small cans of food

Containers For donations
Available in Narthex
Throughout the Month of July!



Join Trinity Youth Club for a 5K walk/run at Cape Horn Park

August 13 at 9am (rain date August 20).
Donate or raise \$25 to participate.

Here's the sign up link to register:

[https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/Global Ministries](https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/GlobalMinistries)

and the TUCC Team name is "Nature Walkers TUCC".

Be sure to register as part of the team!

Funds raised will support UCC Global Ministries' Creation Care Efforts around the world.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Raise Right / Scrip Gift Cards

This month I'm going to demonstrate how much TUCG earns from folks buying gift cards.

Let's say on a monthly basis I purchase the following cards. These will be used to pay for groceries, gasoline, prescriptions and health products, and household items.

		<u>Total cost</u>	<u>Total earnings</u>
Weis	5%	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00
Sheetz	3%	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.00
CVS	6%	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.00
Walmart	2.5%	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.50
		<u>\$ 400.00</u>	<u>\$ 16.50</u>
			12
			<u>\$198.00</u>

Let's assume we have 20 family units willing to purchase gift cards on a monthly basis. $\$198 \times 20 = \$3,960$ that TUCG could raise in 1 year with no effort. I know everyone does not spend \$400 a month on food, gas and supplies but even at \$200 a month we would be close to \$2,000.

Please consider taking part in this program. See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or wsmdem@comcast.net.

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!



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.

Instant potatoes, Jell-O, pudding, stuffing, ramen noodles, mixed veggies, applesauce, canned chicken, soups, canned potatoes, breakfast bars, juice/drinks, jelly pasta sides, canned fruit, brownie mix, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers sizes 4,5,6.

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	May 22	Jan - May 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Rental Income	300.00	1,200.00
Childrens' Church	356.00	485.03
Communion Offering	35.00	313.00
Loose Offering	117.00	548.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	30.00
Regular Offering	4,587.00	28,402.00
Total Income	5,395.00	30,978.03
Expense		
Educational Ministries	329.96	329.96
Evangelism	64.86	214.47
General	2,444.51	13,386.60
Personnel	6,567.02	36,874.08
Property	125.00	2,255.16
Music	0.00	349.00
Worship	382.35	1,029.25
Total Expense	9,913.70	54,438.52
Net Ordinary Income	(4,518.70)	(23,460.49)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(750.00)	(1,520.18)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.00	337.41
Memorial Fund	0.00	375.00
Fundraising	269.25	1,584.29
Special Offerings Received	69.00	1,699.20
Total Other Income	(411.75)	2,475.72
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	836.98	1,448.39
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	836.98	1,448.39
Net Other Income	(1,248.73)	1,027.33
Net Income	(5,767.43)	(22,433.16)

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am Holy Communion Guest Pastor Lucy Brady Children's Church	4 Independence Day Church Office closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	11	12 Worship Comm 6 pm	13 Consistory 7pm Zoom	14	15	16
17 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am Children's Church	18	19	20 PPR 7pm	21	22	23
24 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am	25	26 Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 pm	27 Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 pm	28 Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 pm	29 Finale Food Truck 6-8:30 pm	30
31 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am	Notes: Church Office opened: Mon, Tue, Thur, (9am -1pm) except where noted.					

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Consistory 7pm Zoom	4	5	6
7 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Worship 10:00 am	8	9	10	11	12	13 Mission Dash5K Cape Horn Park Trinity Youth Club
14 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am	15	16	17	18	19	20 Mission Dash5K Trinity Youth Club Rain date
21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am	22 September Newsletter articles due	23	24	25	26	27
28 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 am	29	30	31	Notes: Church Office opened: Mon, Tue, Thur, (9am -1pm) except where noted. <u>No Children's Church or Trinity Youth Club in August!</u>		

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