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Trinity Times

September 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

On my first Sunday with you, I quoted Jeremiah 29:11 and told you that I thought that it should guide us in our journey together. I truly believe that God has a plan and a vision for Trinity Church and each person who finds sanctuary there.

My time with you has already given me glimpses of the foundation that we can build on. We have been blessed to be a part of the CrossRoads program through the Central Atlantic Conference, and I believe that the information and planning that will occur there will give us all clarity about what God has in store for us.

As we envision our future, I think it might be helpful to look at what this verse meant to the people who first heard it. The prophet Jeremiah wrote to the Israelites who were exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon. The prophet encourages the exiles to live and thrive in their new land. He tells them to:

1. Build houses and live in them (vs. 5)
2. Plant gardens and eat their produce (vs. 5)
3. Have kids and let your kids have kids (vs. 6)
4. Grow in the community where you are planted—help it be better and you will be better; pray for your new community (vs. 7)
5. Don't be fooled by false prophets (vs. 8-9)

And how long will it take for God's promises to be fulfilled? In verse 10, we are told that the future and hope will take **seventy years**.

Now before you panic about the number 70, keep in mind that 70 is a symbolic number in the Bible that represents wholeness and completion, so don't pull out your calendar. But, I will say this...

... God has a vision for us. And we are called to live our lives as we work together to implement that vision. We don't know how it will play out -- God's timing and our timing are not always the same. But we do know that God is with us for the journey, and we are never alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 09/09 Ronald Zumbrun
- 09/10 Elijah Miller
- 09/19 Lexi Larson
- 09/22 Logan Nave
- 09/23 Pastor Katie
- 09/27 Lily Saunders
- 09/30 Kenneth Reed

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/04 Lauren Rice
- 10/10 Alex Loren
- 10/11 Lorne Hemlock
- 10/12 Kelly Rhoten
- 10/22 Patricia Warner
- 10/23 Madison Hudgins
- 10/25 Andrea Loren
Ashby Haines
- 10/26 Sue Myers
- 10/29 Lane Saunders
- 10/30 Fynn Krawczyk
- 10/31 Leon Miller
Livi Saunders



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/03 MariBeth and Sam Brainerd
- 09/08 Karen and James Price
- 09/17 Lorne and Kelsey Hemlock
- 09/28 Michelle and Elwin Wagner

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/01 Sarah and Jeff Krawczyk
- 10/04 Karen and David Haines
- 10/10 Leslie and Jeff Brooks
- 10/14 Nickie and Rob Saunders
- 10/19 Penny and Ken Ludwig
- 10/31 Belva and Earl LaMotte

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 October Newsletter– Monday, September 18

Contacting the Church Office

For a non emergency call the church office
 410- 374-2727.

In case of Pastoral Emergency call Pastor
 Katie 240-418-8028



Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, Sept. 6 @7pm (zoom)
 CrossRoads – Saturday, Sept. 9 @ 10-12:30
 and Saturday, Sept. 23 @ 10-noon (both zoom)
 Worship Comm – TBA
 PPR – TBA



HELPING HANDS SEPTEMBER

Greeter for the month of September:

Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of September:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- Sept 03 – Robert Miller
- Sept 10 – Sue Myers
- Sept 17 – Moriah Marr
- Sept 24 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator:

- Sept 03 – Karen Haines/Moriah Marr
- Sept 10 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- Sept 17 – Elwin Wagner/MB Brainerd
- Sept 24 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time. Please give Pastor Katie or Secretary Diane the names of all those in need.

Prayer requests:

- Leah, friend of Donna Alban
- Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price.
- Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
- Carolyn Brooks, by Leslie Brooks
- Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother
- James Penick, Pastor Katie's father



Return to 10:45 am Worship

Beginning **September 10**, we will return to Worship at 10:45 am.
Children’s church 10:00 am. Every Sunday
Communion is the first Sunday of each month.



Sunday, Sept 10th is Rally Day and Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday.

We hope that you will invite your friends to join us! We will hold a potluck dinner after worship. A true potluck means you bring whatever you want to share with others, so let’s all bring our favorite dishes! I am sure we will have plenty of food and fellowship to enjoy.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Fellowship the Third Sunday of each month, We are open to any suggestions or ideas about the kinds of foods you would like to see served. We always appreciate your help and donations.

Worship Schedule: September 2023

Sept 3 - Communion

Theme: In the Face of God

Sept 10 - Welcoming Sunday

Scriptures:

1 Philippians 4:4-8

Mark 9:36-37

Sept 17 - The Road to Freedom

Scriptures:

Exodus 14:19-31

Matthew 18:21-35

Sept 24 - kingdom come

Scriptures:

Exodus 16:2-15

Matthew 20:1-6

Catoctin Association News

59th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Central Atlantic Conference (“CAC”) of the United Church of Christ (“UCC”) will convene its **59th Annual Meeting on Friday October 13 – Saturday October 14, 2023** (with pre-events for authorized ministers Thursday October 12, 2023). The meeting will take place in our Catoctin Association at the Evangelical Reformed UCC, 15 West Church Street, Frederick MD 21701. This will be a hybrid meeting, and we will enable attendees to participate in person or via Zoom.

THEME

“For I Know the Plans I Have for You”

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11

SPECIAL GUEST

Rev. Dr. Starsky Wilson

President and CEO, Children's Defense Fund

The Catoctin Association’s Fall Meeting will be held following the Central Atlantic Conference’s Annual Meeting on **October 14, 2023** at Evangelical Reformed UCC in Frederick, MD from 3-5pm. The Fall Meeting will include a business meeting and the ecclesiastical council of Sarah Ramsland. Please stay tuned for more information.



Get Involved 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 Worship Committee 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!

August 2023 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Treasurer's report: Sue reported we've had a \$32,000.00 market gain, which equals what we've spent making up for our giving shortfall.

Pastor's report: No official report, Pastor Katie is unpacking, getting settled in and started planning.

Committee Reports

Property: Doug M still waiting to hear on parts for heating system. This all pertains to the inspection back in February, had to order a valve, which he had the part number, said would have it in March, Belva will send an e-mail to them to see if she can gain more information on the parts.

Finance: No Report

Personnel: We had a discussion about Hannah playing every Sunday, and possibly giving her a pay increase. No decision has been made yet.

Evangelism: We had discussions to have more frequent fellowships, possibly the third Sunday of each month.

Christian Education: Amy reported CE is on break until Rally Day, September 10th. Amy & Leslie discussed with Pastor Katie about intergenerational / congregational "Welcoming and Loving". Also goals for the children, the kids love and need to have a purpose.

Fundraising: Leslie reported \$185.00 was raised from the T-Shirt Fundraiser
Sue reported \$3753.00 was raised from the Bingo Fundraiser

Worship: No report / Next Worship Committee Meeting – TBD

Caring Ministry: No report

PPR: No planned meetings at this time

Unfinished Business / Updates

The Crossroads Team will be meeting on Saturdays in the morning, more to come.

New and Continuing Business:

Rally Day, Sunday, September 10th, "Rejoice in the Welcome"

Rally Day, Sunday, September 10th will also be Blessing of the Backpacks

Rally Day, Sunday, September 10th worship begins at 10:45 am and a Pot Luck fellowship meal follows downstairs after worship.

Sunday, September 10th is also Conference Wide Sunday

Newsletter Articles due to Diane on or before Monday, August 20th.

Amy Schultz has signed up September Consistory Meeting Devotional

Next Meeting – Wednesday – September 06, 2023 at 7:00 via Zoom



Gift Cards

As we enter fall and the leaves start changing, why not turn over a new leaf! If you haven't taken advantage of our Scrip Gift Card program (also known as Raise Right) now's the time! If you're

not sure what it is or how it works just reach out to me and I'll be more than happy to explain.

Gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month or you can set up your own account and receive cards electronically whenever you want.

With over 550 vendors there's bound to be one that you can use for your groceries, gas, pharmacy, household goods, clothing, travel, etc. If you would like a list of all the vendors just let me know and I'll get one to you.

You can reach me at wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788. Thanks – Sue Myers.



Christian Education

*****Exciting Things are happening at Trinity for Christian Education*****

Rally Day 2023 AND Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday

On September 10, 2023, when worship returns to 10:45 am, Christian Education will start at 10 am and conclude with joining the full worship service in the Sanctuary. This will be every Sunday. Rally Day will open with a continental breakfast in fellowship hall for children, youth, and parents of ALL ages.

Amy, Leslie and helpers will be bringing prayer, music, activities, and bible lessons for everyone at 10 am. Bookbags, lunch boxes, totes et al will be blessed that day for students of all levels.

Christian Education is for all generations and all generations are invited to grow with us. This is a new path to walk and there will be wonderful ways to connect with Jesus. Not everything is planned out, we will go with the flow and will be sure to connect everyone together in love.



Please come and jump in with us. Make sure we have your updated email address, birthdays, and phone numbers so when we reach out - you are not left behind. Let us know if there is a friend, relative, neighbor or just a special friend we can invite for you.

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Watch for upcoming news about ROCKTOBER and CHILDREN'S SABBATH



Food Bags for Backpacks & Snack Packs for Classrooms

Trinity UCC will restart our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School this September. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark "Food Bags" on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Jul 23	Jan - Jul 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	85.00	566.30
Communion Offering	45.00	270.00
Loose Offering	30.00	562.50
Miscellaneous	200.00	2,570.05
Regular Offering	5,162.00	38,259.63
Total Income	5,522.00	42,228.48
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	484.85
Evangelism	0.00	439.78
General	6,085.54	20,667.39
Personnel	1,584.87	40,265.35
Property	75.00	1,729.85
Music	0.00	1,309.67
Worship	550.00	1,535.31
Total Expense	8,295.41	66,432.20
Net Ordinary Income	(2,773.41)	(24,203.72)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(750.00)	(3,058.50)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.00	954.29
Memorial Fund	0.00	950.00
Fundraising	288.50	6,718.86
Special Offerings Received	100.00	1,592.15
Total Other Income	(361.50)	7,156.80
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	220.00	2,001.39
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	220.00	2,001.39
Net Other Income	(581.50)	5,155.41
Net Income	(3,354.91)	(19,048.31)

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Always subject to change.					1	2
3 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion <u>Last Sunday for 10am worship</u>	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5	6 Consistory 7pm	7	8	9 CrossRoads meeting by zoom 10-12:30
10 RALLY DAY Welcome Sunday Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Children's Church 10am <u>Worship 10:45 am</u> Prayer Shawls Blessing of the Backpacks	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:45 am Children's Church 10am Fellowship following Worship	18 October Newsletter articles due	19	20	21	22	23 CrossRoads meeting by zoom 10-noon Fall begins.
24 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Children's Church 10am Worship 10:45 am	25	26	27	28	29	30

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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

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