

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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**Trinity Times**

**November 2023**

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk:***

*... be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:18b-20)*

The other day on Facebook, I saw this posted:



Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of year, because it is a day that we stop what we are doing to say "thank you." On Thanksgiving, people all over our country gather together with family and friends. We laugh, we talk, and of course, we eat, but we also gather in thankfulness for all of the blessings we have received.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we took that feeling of thankfulness with us throughout the year? What would our world be like if each and every one of us stopped what we were doing for a moment, just to look around, name our blessings, and then to simply thank God.

So let me begin: "Thank you God for the blessing of the members and friends of Trinity United Church of Christ, who have lifted me up, welcomed me to their church family, who have made me their own. Thank you God, for the blessing of family, who complete me. Thank you for the blessing of Jesus Christ, who has shown me over and over again how to trust you. And thank you God, for the beauty of our creation and the inspiration that you send to us each and every day. Thank you."

So this Thanksgiving, and every day that follows, I hope that each of you, my sisters and brothers in Christ, will be filled with the spirit... that you will sing and dance to the melody of God in your hearts... that you will stop long enough to smell a flower or jump in the leaves... that you will be blessed and that you will say thank you for every blessing you receive.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Pastor Katie*



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/06 – Gordon Persinger  
 11/08 – Jamie Scheeman  
           Jackie Kulp  
 11/10 – Norma Lee Reed  
 11/18 – R. Michael Miller  
 11/20 – Karen Haines  
 11/30 – Benjamin Krawczyk  
           Judy Miller

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/02 – Doug Rhoten  
 12/11 – Laci Saunders  
 12/17 – Annika Matthews  
 12/19 – James Price  
 12/27 – Amy Miller



### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten

### **Church Communications Submission Dates**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
 December Newsletter – Monday, November 20

### **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 – Thursday, November 2 @7pm  
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month  
 @ 3:30.  
 PPR – TBA



### **HELPING HANDS NOVEMBER**

#### **Greeter for the month of November:**

November 05 – Robert Miller  
 November 12 – Belva LaMotte  
 November 19 – Sandy Sanders  
 November 26 – Belva LaMotte

#### **Usher for the month of November:**

Deb Persinger

#### **Lay Readers:**

November 05 – Amy Schultz  
 November 12 – MB Brainerd  
 November 19 – Robert Miller  
 November 26 – Moriah Marr

#### **Media Operator:**

November 05 – Elwin Wagner/MB Brainerd  
 November 12 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers  
 November 19 – Karen Haines/Moriah Marr  
 November 26 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns**

Prayers are needed for our World 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  
 Dorothy Benedict, friend of Belva LaMotte  
 Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz  
 Mary and George Pietsch  
 Anna Butch, friend of Sue & Doug Myers  
 Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie  
 Neil Houck, passed away. He was a friend of Karen Price.  
 Asking for prayers for his wife Robin and daughter Haile.  
 Claire Vey, member of Trinity

## Worship Schedule: November 2023

**Nov. 5** - Joshua 3:7-17

*The Israelites cross the Jordan*

Matthew 25:1-13 *Parable of the Bridesmaids*

**The Message** *Church is a Verb!*

**Nov. 11** - Stewardship Sunday

**Nov. 19** Remembering the Saints of our Church

1 John 3:1-3 *Beloved, we are God's children now!*

Revelation 21:1-6 *New Heaven and Earth*

**Nov. 26** Reign of Christ Sunday

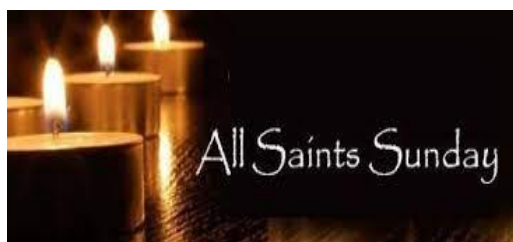
Ezekiel 34:11-24 *God will search for the sheep, and will seek them out.*

Matthew 25:31-46 *The separation of the goats and sheep*

**The Message** *Seeing God in Others*



[Don't forget to change your clocks](#)



### Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 19** is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us, we are calling for everyone to **e-mail**

**[office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net](mailto:office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net)** or **bring in a photo of a loved one** so that we can remember them during worship. A special "All Saints" prayer will be said during worship with a time for lifting up the names of those pictured.



### Lighting of the Crèche

Please join us in person at **6:15pm on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> (Black Friday)** for the lighting of our magnificent crèche. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served inside as we open our doors to the community. Bundle up and join us for this special event.

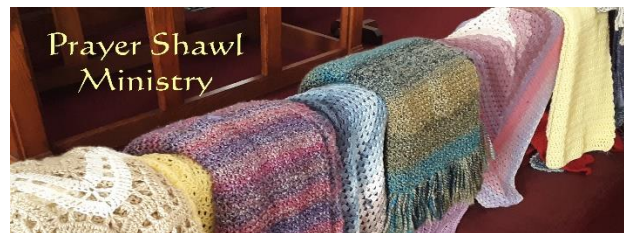
### Evangelism Committee

We will be handing out hot chocolate and cookies on **Black Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**.

If you are able, please consider making cookies. I will be happy to receive them any time between now and then as I hope to bag them on **Wed. November 22**. Please do not send anything with nuts or peanut butter to avoid any allergy complications.

Belva

**Our next fellowship will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> after the service.**



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

"If you have any hidden talent, can knit or crochet, please consider helping our shawl ministry." Perhaps you have a neighbor or friend with time on their hands. I will be happy to answer any questions about the ministry.





## **Trinity UCC Christmas Giving Tree**

The holiday season is fast approaching; TUCC has plans to assist with help for families again this year. NESAP will be providing us with the needs of at least one family with younger children. Once we receive the information, we will have gift tags available for our congregation beginning Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> with gift ideas for you to purchase, wrap and bring into church. NESAP recommends the cost of each gift should be around \$30.00. TUCC is a small and mighty church and our congregation always finds a way to help families in need and for that we are blessed and thankful for bring smiles and comfort to others during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless and thank you once again for your support. Deb Miller / Care Fund Chairperson

## **October 2023 Consistory Meeting Highlights**

**Treasurer's report:** Sue reported giving is up a little this year compared to last year. \$6,000 was transferred from the Endowment Acct to the General Acct to cover expenses. Stock Market had a monthly equity loss of \$22,281.00.

**Pastor report:** Pastor Katie continued to connect with members through phone and home visits. Home communion can be offered to anyone who would like it. If anyone is aware of a member who has not attended recently or is in need of a visit, please let Pastor Katie know.

Pastor Katie attended the two Crossroads trainings with members of the church. In the coming weeks this group will continue to meet with Craig Peterson, who is an Associate Conference Minister. We will also have opportunities for congregational input throughout the process. We hope to have a strategic plan to

present to the consistory and congregation in the near future.

Pastor Katie met with the worship committee, which now meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Pastor Katie also attended meetings for the CAC Board of Directors.

### **Upcoming Events:**

October 8 – Blessing of the Pets

October 12-14 – CAC Annual Meeting

October 14 – Catoctin Association Fall

Meeting/Sarah Ramsland Ecclesiastical Council  
October 15 – Children's Sabbath & New Life for Girls visit

October 29 – Harvest Home

November 5- All Saints Sunday

### **Committee Reports**

**Property:** Doug M advised waiting for Tevis to contact him about our boiler unit.

Doug M will trim the bushes on the Church St side of our building.

A request for a grant was submitted to upgrade our audio system.

Doug R advised rain spout repair has not been scheduled.

Elwin, Sue and the sound guy Ronnie are working on getting the new mic for the pastor.

**Finance:** 2024 Budget requests need to be sent to Sue by Tuesday, 10-22-2023

**Personnel:** No Report

**Evangelism:** Belva reported we had fellowship on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. She thanks and appreciates all the help she gets. We will continue to have fellowship after worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Amy will bake pumpkin muffins for the November fellowship.

Robert stated food bags will be packed on the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>, Belva to design and print the cards that go in the bags.

**Christian Education:** Christian Education  
October 2023

**Fall Curriculum:** Exploring the Holy Land every Sunday at 10 am for all ages.

**Rocktober:** Painting rocks every Sunday in October at 10 for sharing in prayer garden in November.

Childrens Sabbath October 15 (Planning with pastor)

Helping with community Yoga Saturday October 21

Help with Pathway to Prayer Kickoff on October 22.

Walking with Hampstead Little free pantry Fund raiser 9 am Saturday October 28

Bagels and Bible 10 am October 29.

**Fundraising:** Pathway to Prayer, offer and sell bricks to members and the community with inscriptions to be placed in our walkway, the cost will be \$100 each.

Planning Bingo Fundraiser, basket ideas to raffle off during the 2024 bingo, you can support a basket, make a basket, please check with Leslie for some ideas.

**Worship:** 10/29/23 Harvest Home celebration. Diane has the flyer ready to put in the October newsletter and as a power point slide. Pastor Katie will emphasize each Sunday and remind folks that we are collecting nonperishable food donations for NESAP and the local food pantry.

11/12/23 All Saints Sunday, anyone wishing to remember someone who has died since last All Saints Day will be asked to submit the person's name and picture. The name will be written on a leave that will be on the table with the candles to be lit as Robert says the name and Hannah sounds a chime.

Next Worship Meeting, Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm

**Caring Ministry:** Debbi Miller is working with NESAP to adopt a family or families for the holiday season.

Deb is also getting a list of 25 most needed items NESAP is in need of to support families in our community.

**PPR:** No planned meetings at this time

### **Unfinished Business / Updates**

Crossroads Team will be meeting Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Day by Day Shelter (formerly called Cold Weather Shelter) is in need of individually packed breakfast to go items, bottles of water, juice boxes, fruit cups, breakfast bars, etc. A huge thank you if you donate those items, if you do donate any items for the shelter, please let Deb or Robert Miller know and they will deliver them to the shelter.

### **New and Continuing Business:**

Health on Wheels: MB will be getting more information

Longest Night: TUCC will join St Paul's UCC in Westminster, Thursday 12-21-2023

Use of Fellowship Hall: Deb Miller will be using the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 until about 4:30 for a family baby shower.

2024 Budget: Sue needs budget request by Tuesday, 10-22-2023

2024 Consistory: Discussions on attempting to get more Consistory Members for 2024.

New Life for Girls: They will be joining us in prayer, song and life stories on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

Black Friday: Lighting of the Crèche will be at 6:15, cookies, hot cocoa and coffee will be offered inside TUCC Fellowship Hall. Belva advised the Historical Society will also be opened on the evening of Black Friday.

Christmas Eve: Morning and Evening? We will be having both a morning and an evening service; you may attend one or both.

Belva will attend a Town Meeting on, Wednesday, 10-25-2023 at 7:00, to represent Trinity as they discuss events on Black Friday.

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday – November 01, 2023 at 7:00 via Zoom



## **SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

With the holidays approaching, what better time to support Trinity UCC! Use gift cards to make your on-line holiday purchases safer! Plus buy gift cards to give as presents to those that are hard-to-buy-for.

There are multiple options to purchase “gift cards”, eGift cards (available immediately), physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards. Your card will have the exact value that you pay for it – you pay \$50 for a Sheetz card, you receive a \$50 Sheetz card. And there are \$5 and \$10 options to choose from for that little special holiday gift!

For every gift card purchased, TUCC receives earnings up to 20%. The earnings come from the gift card brand you are purchasing—their way of supporting organizations and communities like ours.

For the holiday season we will be placing gift card orders on 11/19, 12/3, and 12/10. If you haven't participated in the program and would like more information, or if you'd like a list of the various retailers, please contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, [wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net).

[Also, if I am not physically in church on the order dates, the orders will still go in. Just place the order in the offering plate or in my mailbox at church or call me or email!](#)

## **2024 BUDGET MEETING**

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/10/23, immediately following the church service to vote on the 2024 financial budget. Drafts will be available 11/19/23.

## **Christian Education**

### ***Happenings at 10 am***

October started off visiting the cities in the Holy land each week. Ein Karem is next, the birthplace of John the Baptist.

### **Rocktober** 🪨

is back. **Rock of Ages** is our motto this year. Everyone will have the opportunity to paint rocks in fellowship hall, every Sunday, at 10 am. Bagels and Bible is on for October 29 at 10 am to start off harvest Home Sunday. Bagels for all and “Ask Pastor Katie” time. They will be shared in our cross garden for the community to take one or leave one. (Rocks not the bagels)

In with Harvest home coming up, Christian education is going to join Hampstead's Little Free Pantry and Pipe the side Brewing company on Saturday October 28 for the **5Th Annual Not quite a full K** at Panther Park for a .917 k run/jog/walk race to support the pantry's holiday meal initiative.

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 you.

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## SHOW ME THE MONEY



**This is the section to read about the fund raisers for our beloved Trinity.**

### Pathway to Prayer

The Brick Garden is open for new bricks to be inserted. Same company, same price: No inflation for remembrance or honoring a loved one or special person or pet. Order forms and pamphlets are available in the Narthex. This is open for 6 months and the dedication will be held in the spring.

There is a rumor that a new type of custom paint night is coming.

Big Bingo will be back in the late spring. Start brainstorming about the raffle basket(s) to be donated. Basket of cheer, Baker basket, Gardening, Barb-que, Gift card, and Pet goods are just a few ideas. I am doing a summer beach house theme.

Ideas for events, gatherings or such can be written or printed on paper and put in Leslie's Mailbox. I will contact you back. All suggestions welcomed.



### Food Bags for Backpacks & Snack Packs for Classrooms

Thanks to those who helped pack the food-bags for October, Donna Alban, Penny Ludwig and Shirley Wood, also a thank you to Belva LaMotte for creating and printing the cards. Trinity UCC continues our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School. 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.

### Additional Partnership with MES (Manchester Elementary School)

Trinity UCC will continue a monthly assistance program that we started in 2022 with MES to provide snacks for students who are on early or late lunch schedules. Students who have early lunch may need an afternoon snack and those students having late lunch may need a midmorning snack. Our program will provide large boxes of Cheerios in 10 homerooms for students who may not have brought a snack from home. Many of these students are those who are on the FARM (Free and Reduced Meal) Program who could use our support.



### Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

**Update: Trinity has a new P.O. Box number 38.**

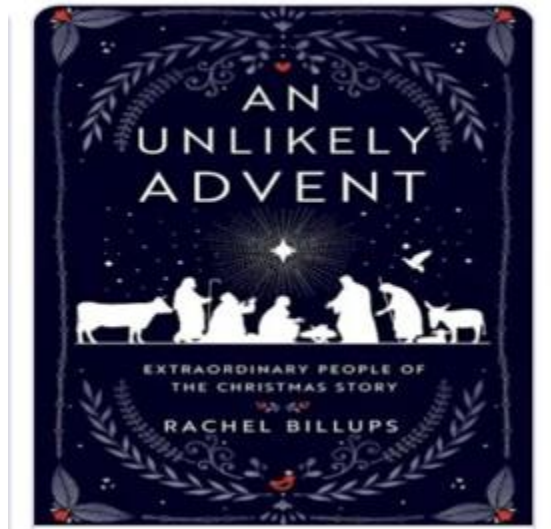
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**Thank You!**



# ADVENT BOOK STUDY

An Unlikely Advent by Rachel Billups



A four week read about extraordinary people of the Christmas story. A fabulous read.

Group discussions

11/28/2023

12/05/2023

12/12/2023

12/17/2023 ( in person finale )

Pastor Katie will be ordering books for those who want to participate.



Trinity United Church of Christ  
Receipts and Disbursements

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	Sep 23	Jan - Sep 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	566.30
Communion Offering	55.00	405.00
Loose Offering	45.00	637.50
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,570.05
Regular Offering	5,177.88	48,680.70
	5,277.88	52,859.55
Total Income		
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	484.85
Evangelism	0.00	556.34
General	3,200.05	24,465.28
Personnel	5,423.82	51,969.56
Property	0.00	1,729.85
Music	0.00	509.67
Worship	62.94	1,598.25
	8,686.81	81,313.80
Total Expense		
Net Ordinary Income	(3,408.93)	(28,454.25)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	0.00	(3,308.50)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.03	954.38
Memorial Fund	0.00	1,200.00
Fundraising	306.48	7,413.04
Special Offerings Received	471.14	2,164.79
	777.65	8,423.71
Total Other Income		
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	249.14	2,250.53
Transfers	0.00	0.00
	249.14	2,250.53
Total Other Expense		
Net Other Income	528.51	6,173.18
Net Income	(2,880.42)	(22,281.07)

## November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Consistory 7pm	3	4 
5 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:45am Daylight Savings Time Ends Holy Communion Children's Church 10am	6	7	8	9	10	11 
12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:45am Children's Church 10am Blessing of Prayer Shawls	13	14	15	16 Worship Committee 3:30 pm	17	18
19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:45am Children's Church 10am All Saint's Sunday Blessing of Foodbags Fellowship after Worship	20 Dec. Newsletter articles due	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving 	24	25
26 Reign of Christ 10:45am Children's Church 10am	27	28	29	30	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Always subject to change.	

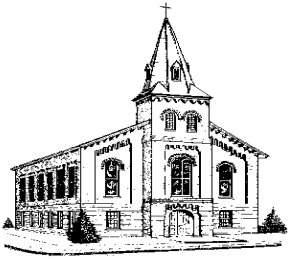
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