

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

October 2023

From the Pastor's Desk:

***O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.***

Psalm 106:1

When each new season breaks forth, I think: "I love this time of year!" I love the promise of snow, the spring flowers and the summer sun. And I love autumn. Soon the leaves will be changing – their leaves shining in bright yellows, reds and oranges. As they fall to the ground, we will feel the crispness of the frost. Already yards are decorated with pumpkins and scarecrows. The ever-changing nature of life surrounds us. You can feel it in the air.

This season is beautiful to see -- at least for those of us who watch from a distance and aren't falling from the trees ourselves! This life-altering change isn't all that terrifying for those of us who have witnessed it before. We know through seasons past that the seasons have a way of turning one into another, of going all the way around again until winter gives way to spring, and new birth and new life arise out of the deep darkness. Perspective helps. It is a gift to see enough of the bright hope of a future just beyond our gaze.

As we anticipate the changes of the season, we have much to be thankful for. I hope you will take a moment to praise God for the enduring love that has been given to us.

Our hope and help are in God. This is true regardless of the decisions made by our elected leaders, or what may happen with the economy in the coming year, or how international disputes may rumble on beyond our borders. This is true no matter what changes or troubles we may be facing in our personal lives. Scripture reminds us to look back with thanksgiving, recounting the stories of God's faithfulness. As we do, we gain perspective as we face new challenges. Like those who have gone before us, we need to remember and give thanks even as we cry out for God's help, so that we can move forward in faith.

The Wind is coaxing us to entrust ourselves to the God who holds us and the future in God's hands. The Voice of God is calling us to step forward with faith. We cannot know where every twist and turn will take us. But as we give thanks, we can remember that the One whose grace has led us safely thus far, can be trusted to lead us safely home.

Blessings,
Pastor Katie

*Happy
Birthday*

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

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

*Happy
Anniversary*

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
November Newsletter – Monday, October 23

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, October 4 @7pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
@ 3:30.
PPR – TBA



HELPING HANDS OCTOBER

Greeter for the month of October:

October 01 – Robert Miller
October 08 – Belva LaMotte
October 15 – Robert Miller
October 22 – Belva LaMotte
October 29 – Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of October:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

October 01 – Sue Myers
October 08 – Robert Miller
October 15 – Leslie Brooks
October 22 – Moriah Marr
October 29 – Robert Miller

Media Operator:

October 01 – Moriah Marr/Sandy Sanders
October 08 – Moriah Marr/MB Brainerd
October 15 – MB Brainerd/Sandy Sanders
October 22 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
October 29 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders

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
Dorothy Benedict, friend of Belva LaMotte
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Mary and George Pietsch
Gary Chamberlin, Claire Vey's son-in-law

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.



Join us at 1 pm on Sunday **October 8** in the parking lot of the church for our annual blessing of the pets! You may bring your animals in person or simply bring photos for the blessing.

Worship Schedule: October 2023

October 1 - World Communion Sunday

October 8 - Exodus 20:4,7-9,10-20
Matthew 21:33-46

"We Don't Hurt Others"

Animal blessing at 1 PM

October 15 - Exodus 32:1-14
Matthew 22:1-14
"Sacred Choices"

October 22 - Children's Sabbath
Exodus 33:12-23
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

October 29 - Harvest Home
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 22:34-46

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.

September Consistory Meeting Highlights

Treasurer's report: Sue submitted a written report which showed the Endowment is almost identical to August numbers.

Pastor report:

No pastoral visits were provided but several phone connections were made with members who have not attended worship recently. One focus area that has emerged through Cross

Roads is better communication.

Pastor Katie met with the worship committee and the Christian education committee to plan for the upcoming year.

Pastor Katie visited the food pantry volunteers at the Lutheran Church and had a tour of their ministry. I hope to volunteer there on a regular basis.

Pastor Katie also attended meetings for the CAC Board of Directors: the nominating committee, and the annual meeting planning committee.

Committee Reports

Property: Belva advised Doug R and the Consistory she spoke with and that J. D. Turnball who has put in an order and is working hard to get the parts for the boiler we need, ask us to hang in there.

Bushes on the Church St side on our building need trimming.

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

Finance: No Report

Personnel: No Report

Evangelism: Belva reported we will be having a "Pot Luck" fellowship after worship on Sept 10th, Rally Day. Christian Ed will be supplying breakfast items for Rally Day.

We will also be having fellowship the following Sunday after worship and we will be having fellowship on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Christian Education: Christian Education September 2023

Rally Day September 10, Rally together and Rejoice in the Welcome

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

God's Glory in the Garden: The Sunflower Garden, 2390 Manchester Road

September 29 (Friday) 3-6 pm. Pick your own flowers, helpers, and baskets. Donate one flower from each person to be used for creating the alter flowers for October 1. The cost is 15 per bouquet.

Flyers and Signup sheet in Narthex. Christian Ed can assist in offsetting the cost.

Rocktober Get your paint on together in creations for our rock garden. Looking for people to be part of our Intergeneration Programs. See Amy or Leslie and we'll add you to our mix.

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

Worship: Review of recent worship services: There have been several positive comments regarding: Pastor Katie's messages and Hannah Matthews' organ accompaniment with the hymns. Discussions of Worship Planning:

9/3/23 The story of the burning bush.

9/10/23 Rejoicing/ Welcoming Sunday (Formally known as Rally Day)

10/1 World Wide Communion

10/8 Blessing of the pets will take place outside after worship at ~ 1pm so folks can go home for their pets.

10/15 New Life for Girls will worship with us. They will offer a testimony and song.

10/22 Children's Sabbath will be observed through the Children's Defense Fund. 10/29 Reformation Sunday- Harvest Home will be celebrated.

11/5 All Saints Sunday- will remember those friends and loved ones who died in the past year. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 3:30pm.

Caring Ministry: No report

PPR: No planned meetings at this time

Unfinished Business / Updates

Pastor Katie attended the first two Cross Roads trainings with members of the church and facilitated congregational-wide discussions about God's plans for the congregation and the community. Cross Roads will continue through September.

New and Continuing Business:

Cold Weather Shelter at this time could use grab and go breakfast items, as well juice, water, single sized drink mixes.

Food Bags for Backpacks has begun and will continue through the school year.

Debbi Miller has signed up October Consistory Meeting Devotional

Next Meeting – Wednesday – October 04, 2023 at 7:00 via Zoom

Meeting concluded at 8:06 pm with the Lord's Prayer lead by Pastor Katie

Respectfully Submitted, Debra Seal-Miller / Secretary



Gift Cards

Did a special purchase or event pop up and you can't wait for the order to go in on the 1st Sunday? You can order eGift cards anytime you need them and they will be delivered to your email or in your "wallet" if you download the app to your smart phone.

Or you can just wait and place your order with me on the 1st Sunday of the month and you'll have your cards by the following Sunday.

TUCC receives a percentage of the value of your order – anywhere from 1.5% - 16%! If you would like a list of all the vendors just let me know and I'll get one to you or you can go online to www.raiseright.com and click on Brands.

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

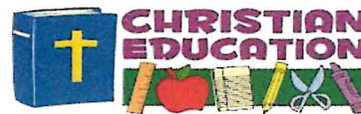


Get Involved in Worship

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!



Christian Education

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

On September 10, 2023, when worship returned to 10:45 am, Christian Education for all ages kicked off at 10 am with a continental breakfast in fellowship hall. Intergenerational activities of "we are alike" and mindful mandalas were enjoyed by all.

Our first Churchwide and community event by Christian Ed is our Sunflower Garden party on September 29 from 4-9. Photos will be on the website.

October starts 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. It was rumored that Bagels may show up too. They will be shared in our cross garden for the community to take one or leave one. (Rocks not the bagels) We will share bagels if anyone outside our church walls would enjoy one.

Free Yoga is coming.....Saturday October 21 at 1230 pm.

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. More info coming out. You can

also sponsor one of us to do this with even a small contribution. Fun and 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 you.

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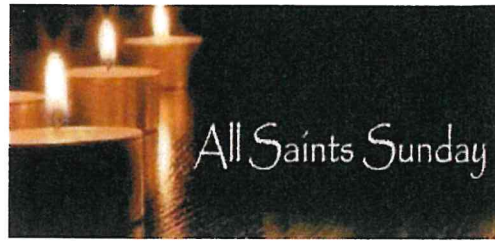


Food Bags for Backpacks & Snack Packs for Classrooms

Trinity UCC restarted 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.

This school year we are also providing 10 extra 40.7 ounce boxes of Cheerios, one for each homeroom, each month. This is to provide a small snack available for any student who may need one due to their very early or very late lunch time. The Cheerios will be given just as a small dry snack.

Looking ahead!



Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 5** 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) 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.





GIVING THANKS FOR OUR BLESSINGS

Trinity UCC Manchester

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Please join us as we celebrate Harvest Home and give thanks to God for food from the harvest.

As a sign of our thanks to God, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item and place it on the altar.

These items will be donated to NESAP and the local food pantry.

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Aug 23	Jan - Aug 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	566.30
Communion Offering	80.00	350.00
Loose Offering	30.00	592.50
Miscellaneous	0.00	2,570.05
Regular Offering	4,998.19	43,257.82
Total Income	5,108.19	47,336.67
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	484.85
Evangelism	116.56	556.34
General	567.80	21,235.19
Personnel	5,347.85	45,613.20
Property	0.00	1,729.85
Music	0.00	1,309.67
Worship	0.00	1,535.31
Total Expense	6,032.21	72,464.41
Net Ordinary Income	(924.02)	(25,127.74)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(250.00)	(3,308.50)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.00	954.32
Memorial Fund	0.00	950.00
Fundraising	337.70	7,056.56
Special Offerings Received	101.50	1,693.65
Total Other Income	189.20	7,346.03
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	2,001.39
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	2,001.39
Net Other Income	189.20	5,344.64
Net Income	(734.82)	(19,783.10)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MANCHESTER



Help pave the PATHWAY TO PRAYER










Dedicate a brick in memory or in
honor of a loved one.

_____ 4"x8" \$100.00 3 lines of engraving up to **15** characters per
line, including spaces, numbers and letters.

_____ Add Optional Design \$25.00 Design will be placed in
upper left corner. Please indicate letter choice of design.

**Buy a Brick fundraiser will run through March 31, 2024 with
the installation of new bricks and a dedication to follow in late
spring. If you missed out on ordering the first time, now is
your chance to join the many who have added to the beauty of
our garden with a custom engraved brick.**

OPTIONALS DESIGNS \$25

A. 	B. 	C. 
D. 	E. 	F. 
G. 	H. 	I. 

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Engraving: *PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY/ ALL ENGRAVING SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL*

LINE 1														
LINE 2														
LINE 3														

Please return completed form along with check payable to:

Trinity UCC

PO BOX 730
Manchester, MD 21102



QUESTIONS about placing an order,
design or spacing?

Contact Karen Price: 410 967 4102

E-mail at kjprice@live.com

Leslie Brooks: 443-277-5824

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Neighbors in Need Offering Children's Church 10am	2	3	4 Consistory 7pm	5	6	7
8 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of Prayer Shawls Children's Church 10am Blessing of Pets 1pm	9	10	11	12 Frederick Conference UCC Assoc. 12 th thru 14 th	13	14
15 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Improvement Fund Offering Fellowship after worship Children's Church 10am New Life for Girls	16	17	18	19 Worship Committee 3:30 pm	20	21
22 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of Foodbags Children's Church 10am Children's Sabbath	23 Nov. Newsletter articles due	24	25	26	27	28
29 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Home Children's Church 10am	30	31	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Always subject to change.			

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