

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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**Trinity Times**

**April 2024**

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

I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert. ~Isaiah 43:19

One day, as I walked Bandit in my neighborhood, he periodically stopped and looked behind us. There was nothing there. He was so focused on looking behind us, that we were unable to continue our walk. Every few steps, he would stop and turn and look behind us at something only he could see.

He was so focused on what was behind us that we were unable to move forward.

I believe that this is the risk many churches face today. It is too easy to look behind us to the “good ole days” when pews were full and confirmation classes were overflowing; when the Apostles Creed was read each week and stores were closed on Sundays. If we stop and look back to those days with longing and forget to look forward, we might miss the moment when God’s covenantal promises come breaking forth.

God tells the people through the prophet Isaiah: “Do not get stuck remembering the former things, nor reflecting on old things that are holding you back...”

Watch what I am doing! I am doing something new!  
It springs up now; don’t you see it?  
I am placing a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”

This is a radial promise that continues in our time! It’s not that we should forget the promises of the past or the gifts given to us by our ancestors. Our church is here because of the Gospel imprint left by those who came before us, and we have a sacred duty to move and create the imprint forward with every step we take. But we cannot do that if we do not move forward.

In the months that I have been with you, we have already taken so many steps forward. I know sometimes it has been challenging and unsettling for some of you, but I am amazed at how much we have accomplished in such a short period of time. Things are springing up all around us!

What would it look like if everyone leaned into the promises and gifts given to us and lived like we really believed them? We have it within ourselves to be the peacemakers, the vision-casters and the modern-day disciples who can move create new pathways in remarkable places. We just need mustard seed sized faith and forward movement.

Blessed Be,

*Pastor Katie*



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/05 – Donna Alban
- 04/07 – Stanley Hamilton
- 04/10 – Jean Simmons
- 04/15 – Jessica Larson
- 04/16 – Nathan Schultz
- 04/18 – Wayne Sanders
- 04/21 – Ron Larson
- 04/28 – Amy Schultz

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 05/08 – Louise Ruby
- 05/11 – Linda Hamilton
- 05/15 – Eddie Blue
- 05/20 – Ben Hamilton
- 05/24 – Don Garmer
- 05/25 – Elwin Wagner
- 05/31 – Karen Price



### APRIL ANNIVERSARYS

- 04/01 – Debra Miller and Robert Miller
- 04/03 – Marge and David Bailey
- 04/15 – Sue and Doug Myers
- 04/27 – Jackie and Michael Kulp

### MAY ANNIVERSARYS

- 05/01 – Norma and Ken Reed
- 05/08 – Lucy Brady & Eddie Blue
- 05/14 – Andrea & Alex Loren
- 05/27 – Bonnie and Noman Greenholtz

### Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
 April Newsletter– Monday, March 18

### Contacting the Pastor and 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 - Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, April 3 @ 7pm  
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month  
 @ 3:30.



### HELPING HANDS APRIL

#### **Greeters for the month of April:**

- April 07 – Amy Schultz
- April 14 – Sandy Sanders
- April 21 – Sue Myers
- Installation – Sue Myers/Sandy Sanders
- April 28 – Sandy Sanders

#### **Ushers for the month of April:**

Deb Persinger

#### **Lay Readers:**

- April 07 – Sue Myers
- April 14 – Amy Schultz
- April 21 – Jackie Nave Kulp
- Installation – TBA
- April 28 – Sue Myers

#### **Media Operator**

- April 07 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- April 14 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers
- April 21 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- Installation – Karen Haines/MB Brainerd
- April 28 – Elwin Wagner/MB Brainerd

### 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:**

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks  
 Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks  
 Lisa Frederick  
 Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price  
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz  
James Penick, Pastor Katie's father  
Mary and George Pietsch  
Paula Myers, friend of Jean Simmons  
Ken Plummer, brother of Gloria Nethkin  
Leah, friend of Donna Alban  
Andrew Readyoff  
Pat Robinette, sister of Gloria Nethkin  
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte  
Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother  
Claire Vey, member of Trinity  
Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie

## **Our next Book Study begins soon!**

**If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.**

Evans knew firsthand how a relationship with the Bible can be as real and as complicated as a relationship with a family member or close friend. In *Inspired*, Evans explores contradictions and questions from her own experiences with the Bible, including:

1. If the Bible was supposed to explain the mysteries of life, why does it leave the reader with so many questions?
2. What does it mean to be chosen by God?
3. To what degree did the Holy Spirit guide the preservation of these narratives, and is there something sacred to be uncovered beneath all these human fingerprints?
4. If the Bible has given voice to the oppressed, why is it also used as justification by their oppressors?

Drawing on the best in biblical scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay.

We will gather by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 pm.  
Our final meeting will be in person.

Meetings:

Tuesday, April 9 – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 16 – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 23 – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 30 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 7 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 14 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – 7 pm

Saturday, June 2 – @ Christmas Tree Park after worship

## **Worship Schedule: APRIL**

**Second Sunday of Easter -April 7**

**Acts 4:32-35**

**John 20:19-31**

**Sacred Scars**

**Third Sunday of Easter -April 14**

**Acts 3:12-19**

**Luke 24:36-48**

**Christ Among Us**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 21**

**Guest preacher - Rev. Barbara Kershner  
Daniel**

**3:00 pm Service of Installation for Rev. Katie  
Penick**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**John 15:1-8**

**Abiding Love ❤️**

## **Save the date!**

**Sunday April 21, 2024** there will be a luncheon following church and then at 3:00p.m. we will have the installation service for Pastor Katie. Please plan to join us for this special day.

## March 2024 Consistory Meeting Highlights

**Treasurer's report:** Sue reported \$392.00 was received from Shrove Tuesday Supper

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Katie met with the Worship Committee, and Lenten plans were finalized, looking towards Holy Week and Easter. Lenten Book Study began the first Tuesday of Lent. Pastor Katie and Pastor Ellen at Immanuel Lutheran Church offered ashes to the volunteers and neighbors who came to the Food Pantry. Ash Wednesday Services were held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Conference Wide Youth – Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening, returning Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, more info to come.

### **Upcoming Events**

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service

March 29 – Good Friday Cross Walk

March 31 – Easter Sunday

### **Committee Reports**

**Property:** Doug M reported that the congregation voted to repair the boiler system, work will begin in spring at a time when we don't need to heat the church.

**Finance:** Sue suggested we no longer have Finance as one of our meeting topics since this is all covered under her "Treasurers Report" the consistory agreed.

**Crossroads:** The team meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month after worship

Wellness and Health is one of our ministries: Free Yoga Class" at 10:00 am, Trinity fellowship hall, on the following 5 Saturdays: April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity Bingo, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Personnel:** Marge, Belva and Hannah are working on revising the Music Director responsibilities.

**Evangelism:** Marge reported about on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 50 people attended Shrove Tuesday Supper

and \$392.00 was donated to Trinity. We also had fellowship after worship on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Next Fellowship Sunday is March 17<sup>th</sup> after worship.

Fellowship is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month following worship.

**Christian Education:** Leslie reported that Amy is working with Immanuel Lutheran and possibly Lazarus to coordinate joint VBS

Christian Ed via ZOOM has changed from Wednesday afternoons to Saturday mornings

**Fundraising:** There will be NO shred event this year (the company is no longer offering it). Walkway Brick fundraising, a letter is going out to local businesses to see if they would like to sponsor a brick. Bingo is being planned, save the date May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to sponsor a basket for the raffle at the bingo, please contact Leslie Brooks. MJ's Café` will make a \$.50 donation to Trinity for each cup of coffee purchased the last week of April, come out and support this wonderful business. Leslie is also looking into the "Candy Bar" program, more to come.

**Worship:** General discussion/follow-up on replacing the communion table covers  
The Theme: "Repairing: For Such a Time as This" will continue throughout Lent  
Highlights of the services planned for the Sundays in March include...

03/03/24 Third Sunday of Lent, Week Three:  
Justice

03/10/24 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Week Four:  
Loved

03/17/24 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Week Five:  
Covenant

03/24/24 Palm Sunday: Redemption

03/28/24 Maundy Thursday

03/31/24 Easter Sunday: Faith

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024 at 3:45 pm

**Caring Ministry:** No Report

**PPR:** Next meeting, TBT

## **Unfinished Business / Updates**

April Newsletter Articles due to Diane on or before Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Health on Wheels – No one has attended, next date to be on April 12<sup>th</sup>

Pastors Installation – Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm, Lucy Brady to preach

## **New Business**

Lenten Offering – ½ going to Tree of Friends and ½ to a UCC Mission TBD

Yearly Ant Issue – Professional Exterminator to come in

Time Change – Spring Forward, Sunday, March 10, 2024

Discussion on Debbi and Robert's future  
Consistory Obligations

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday – April 03, 2024 at 7:00 via Zoom



## **GIFT CARDS**

One of our ongoing fundraisers is the purchase of gift cards. Trinity receives a rebate for each card that is purchased – last year Trinity received over \$1,000 in rebates! There is no cost to you, the purchaser of the cards – you get what you pay for. Order a \$50 gift card and that's what you get!

Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or [wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net) for more information or to place your order.

## **LENTEN OFFERING**

Each year we take up an offering during Lent to support a special mission or project.

Please prayerfully consider your donation this year to help those in our community and those in other parts of the world. If you donate on-line,

simply select the special offering option and put Lenten Offering in the note section. For those of you that still have offering envelopes you should find the Lenten Offering envelope in your box or you can pick up a special Lenten envelope at church next to the offering plates in the upstairs narthex. Or you can simply mail a check and write Lenten Offering in the memo line.

## **BINGO**

Get those dabbers ready!! Trinity UCC will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual cash bingo on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lineboro Vol Fire Hall. Cost is \$30 which includes dinner, a 6 pack of 20 regular games cards with cash prizes \$100 and 2 jackpot games with \$500 cash prize!

We will also be raffling off themed filled baskets and our famous gift card boards! We will also have pull-tab games to be played and of course baked goods for sale to snack on during the evening! LVFD will be selling food starting at 5:30 from their kitchen – so come hungry!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Myers. But more importantly, we hope you are interested in playing – for advance tickets call Sue 443-375-6788. Call your friends and neighbors and start getting a group together for a fun filled evening!

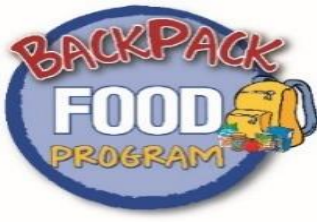
If you would like to support this fundraiser by supplying 1 or 2 gift cards, simply give Sue the money and she will purchase through the Scrip gift card program!

## **Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry**

We are in need of people to make prayer shawls for our ministry. Do you know how to crochet or knit? Or do you want to learn how to crochet or knit. Do you or someone you know have time and would enjoy doing something to help another person? Any questions, please call the church office and leave your name and number. I will be happy to answer any questions about the ministry.

Thank you,

Belva LaMotte



## Food Bags for Backpacks – Providing Extra Food Bags

Trinity has received a request from the administration at Manchester Elementary School asking if we could deliver double the normal amount of food bags for the end of March. The reason for their request is so the families who receive their food-bags would have a little more food while on spring break from school. It is also at the end of the month when monies may be getting low for these families. Of course we gladly agreed to send more food bags. Again, thank you for your support on this much needed program.

## FUND RAISING

### CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY, OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR CHURCH

#### 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. Orders close on April 30,2024.

**MONEY BINGO                      SATURDAY MAY 18  
2024    6: 30 PM**

**100 \$ win per game and 500 \$ Jackpot game.**  
New location: Lineboro Firehall. Fire Company is selling food that evening, We are doing Bingo/ raffles/games, and a bake table. Donations Welcome. Contact Leslie Brooks if you wish to give to the baskets, a gift card or just your time .

Raffles will be for the Great Gift baskets and the famous Gift Card Boards (value each over 200.00 each)

Baskets in the works:

- Basket of Cheer
- Pet Basket
- Bakers Basket
- Maryland Basket
- Beach House
- Yoga Basket

Ideas for those who want to donate a basket or help fill one are, Barbecue grill basket, Spa basket, Car care, power tools, etc.

Donations for the Gift Card Boards can be made on line or even better is doing it through the scrip cards, you not only donate to a great cause, you also send a percentage back to the church. Who doesn't love free money? See Sue Myers for presales.



### Youth Group Upgrade

Breakfast Club formerly known as Youth Christian Education is now on Zoom on Saturdays at 10 AM

Tots, tweens, and teens can log on with TUCC and four other churches for 45 minutes of friends, faith and fun. See Pastor Katie or email [TrinityChristianeducation2727@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityChristianeducation2727@gmail.com) for registration and link.

**FRIENDS TOGETHER YOUTH RETREAT  
COMING IN MAY**

# Central Atlantic Conference Youth Retreat

FRIENDS TOGETHER

Friday, May 10 at 7:30pm till Saturday, May 11 at 4:30pm  
Camp West-Mar, Sabillasville, MD.  
Contact [bkdaniel59@aol.com](mailto:bkdaniel59@aol.com) for more information.

“Friends Together” will be a gathering for youth and adult youth leaders on the theme of connection, empowerment and leadership. Cost will be \$20 per person.



# TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MANCHESTER MD

ANNUAL

# MONEY BINGO

Join us for an evening of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win.

\$ 100 prize per game and \$500 jackpot games.

Tickets presale and at the door -\$ 30

## RAFFLES | FOOD | FUN

GIANT GIFT BASKET RAFFLES, GIFT CARD BOARDS AND MORE  
FOOD FOR SALE BY LINEBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BAKED GOODS BY TRINITY



**SATURDAY MAY 18**

**6:30 PM**

**DOORS OPEN 5 PM**



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## April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Consistory 7pm	4	5	6 Christian Ed meeting 10 a.m.
7 Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion	8	9	10	11	12	13 Christian Ed meeting 10 a.m.
14 Third Sunday of Easter Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Improvement Fund	15	16	17	18	19	20 Christian Ed meeting 10 a.m.
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter Blessing of the Foodbags Fellowship following worship Installation of Pastor Katie @ 3:00 p.m.	22 May Newsletter articles due	23	24	25	26	27 Christian Ed meeting 10 a.m.
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter	29	30	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.			

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Receipts and Disbursements

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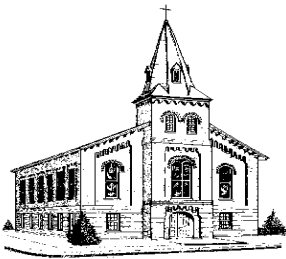
	Feb 24	Jan - Feb 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	30.00	80.00
Loose Offering	90.00	110.00
Miscellaneous	481.79	511.79
Regular Offering	6,433.68	13,325.17
Total Income	7,035.47	14,026.96
Expense		
Educational Ministries	30.98	388.96
Evangelism	239.70	239.70
General	1,661.07	6,576.51
Personnel	6,686.08	14,944.95
Property	143.85	325.22
Music	292.90	530.90
Worship	15.48	15.48
Total Expense	9,070.06	23,021.72
Net Ordinary Income	(2,034.59)	(8,994.76)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(25.00)	(750.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	7.57	7.60
Fundraising	(3,053.99)	(2,705.49)
Special Offerings Received	276.25	451.25
Total Other Income	(2,795.17)	(2,996.64)
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	133.56	275.07
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	133.56	275.07
Net Other Income	(2,928.73)	(3,271.71)
Net Income	(4,963.32)	(12,266.47)

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