

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

July-August 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

Be brave and steadfast; have no fear of them, nor terror, for God is the one who marches with you, and will "For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." ~Matthew 17:20~

When my grandmother died, my grandfather gave me some of her jewelry. One of the pieces was a necklace with a mustard seed nestled inside. Many of you have a necklace just like that, somewhere in a jewelry box. "That's to remind you of how much faith you need," my grandfather told me. All you need is faith as big as a little mustard seed and you can move mountains...

I've thought a lot about mustard seed faith. The tiny seeds planted are just the beginning; with love and care, they can grow into something new and dynamic. Faith comes from the seeds that we sow in our lives. When the time of harvest comes, we can be amazed at how much we have to show for our efforts.

As I write this, I am preparing to attend the memorial service for Rev. Dr. Gerald Hanberry.... "Pastor Gerry" to those of us who love him. This week, several people have talked about how he changed their lives for the better... how he changed congregations for the better. "He helped us see the world in a new way and to look outside our church doors," one woman said. "He has let me express myself and trusted my instincts... he has led us and happily stepped aside so we could lead ourselves," another friend said.

Gerry planted seeds of love, justice and a new way of looking at the world. When we look at how many congregations were blessed with his ministry of

presence (including ours), we can see that he has planted a garden of faith that continues to thrive.

Gardens are spiritual places. They can be a place to escape from the realities of the world, just for a little while; they can be places for prayer or meditation. Gardens are a place where we can think and reflect and simply 'be'.

Gardens are also places where we can literally get to grips with nature and start to develop our own relationship with a force outside ourselves. We plant a small seed, we tend it, we care for it and we watch it grow into something new and dynamic.

Gardens are a place where we remember those who have gone before us and how the seeds they planted continue to take root.

I plan to plant a special plant in Gerry's memory in my own garden, near the azalea planted for my father. Two men who influenced my life and faith so much.

Stanley Arnold once wrote "Every problem contains the seeds of its own solution." Take a moment to remember those who have gone before us and those new moments of mustard seed faith that lie ahead.

~Pastor Katie



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/08 – Sam Brainerd
 7/10 – Sherry Rivera
 7/22 – Hannah Matthews
 7/24 – Gavin Larson
 7/31 – Nick Garmer
 Izzy Garmer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/03 – David Haines
 8/05 – Belva LaMotte
 8/14 – Debra Persinger
 Megan Miller
 8/19 – Debby Miller
 8/20 – Brett Myers
 8/23 – Michelle Wagner
 Katelyn Wagner
 8/26 – Jeff Brooks
 8/28 – Marissa Schultz



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 September Newsletter– Monday, August 26

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, July 10-August 7 @
 7pm
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
 @ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS JULY

Greeters for the month of July:

July 07 – Sandy Sanders
 July 14 – Belva LaMotte
 July 21 – Belva LaMotte
 July 28 – Sandy Sanders

Ushers for the month of July:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

July 07 – MB Brainerd
 July 14 – Sue Myers
 July 21 – Jackie Nave Kulp
 July 28 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator

July 07 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers
 July 14 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 July 21 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 July 28 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers

HELPING HANDS AUGUST

Greeters for the month of August:

Aug 04 – Sandy Sanders
 Aug 11 – Belva LaMotte
 Aug 18 – Belva LaMotte
 Aug 25 – Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of August:

Aug 04 – Deb Persinger
 Aug 11 – Sandy Sanders
 Aug 18 – Deb Persinger
 Aug 25 – Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

Aug 04 – MB Brainerd
 Aug 11 – Sue Myers
 Aug 18 – Jackie Nave Kulp
 Aug 25 – Jackie Nave Kulp

Media Operator

Aug 04 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers
 Aug 11 – Karen Haines/MB Brainerd
 Aug 18 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Aug 25 – Karen Haines/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:

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
Lisa Frederick
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Pat Hanberry and family
Cindy McAllister, cousin of Shana Clark
Sam Van Nuys
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte
Gina Tollini

Worship Schedule: JULY/AUGUST

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
I Love to Tell the Story
July 7, 2024 @ 10:00 am

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (*The Message*)
David becomes King

Second Reading

Mark 6:1-13 (*NRSV*)
Disciples sent out two-by-two

The Message Building the Kingdom

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
I Love to Tell the Story
July 14, 2024 @ 10:00 am

First Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-7, 12-19 (*The Message*)
David brings the Ark to Jerusalem

Second Reading

Mark 6:14-29 (*The Message*)
John is beheaded

The Message Healing a Worried Mind

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
I Love to Tell the Story
July 21, 2024 @ 10:00 am

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14 (*The Message*)

Second Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (*The Message*)

The Message Feeding the Soul

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
I Love to Tell the Story
July 28, 2024 @ 10:00 am

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:1-15 (*The Message*)

Second Reading

John 6:1-21 (*The Message*)

The Message Unexpected Jesus



Children's Church

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
DURING WORSHIP

COME AND JOIN US!
TRINITY UCC
3229 YORK ST
MANCHESTER, MD

A fun way to
learn
about God!

The poster features a central illustration of six diverse children engaged in various activities: one boy stands with his hand to his chin, a girl stands with a book, a boy kneels in prayer, a girl stands with a microphone, a girl sits on the floor writing, and a boy crawls. At the top center is a circular logo containing a cross and a dove.

June 2024 Consistory Meeting Highlights

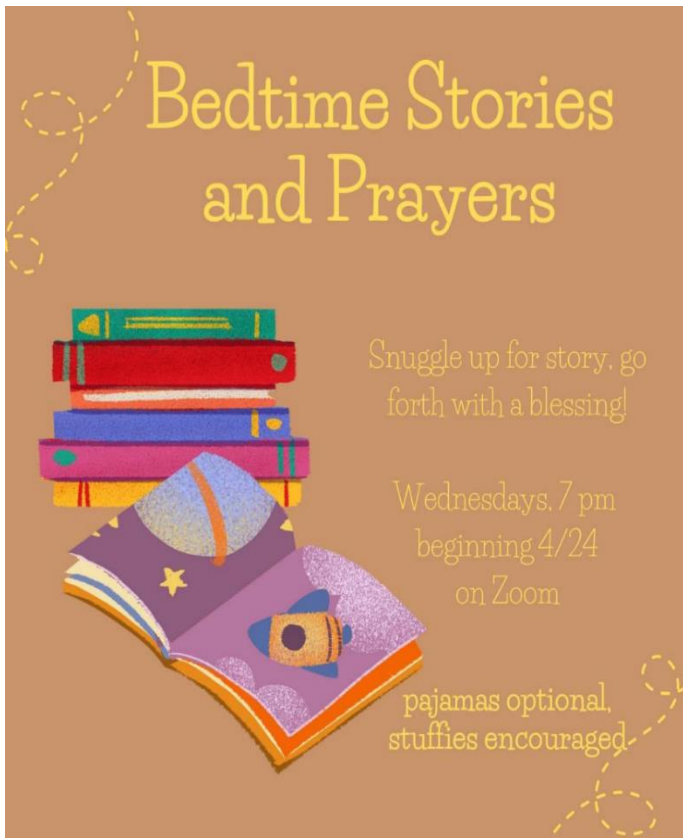
June 5, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Present

Elwin Wagner
Sandy Sanders
Doug Myers
Sue Myers
Marge Bailey
Leslie Brooks
Hannah Matthews

Absent

Pastor Katie
Amy Schultz



The Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is returning **Saturday, July 13th at 10 am**

Each week, you will make new friends and learn about God with children and youth from different churches!

To register for the zoom link
email: trinitychristianeducation2727@gmail.com

- **Call to Order**- Elwin Wagner
- **Opening Devotion and Prayer** – Sandy Sanders- Servant Leadership: Mark 10:42-45
- **Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**
- **Treasurer's Report** – Sue Myers
No Transfer of Funds for May
- **Pastor's Report**
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Property Report** – Doug Myers, no report
 - **Crossroads** – Sue Myers, the group met on 6-3-2024, Mobile Health Clinic has had no visitors at this time and Karen Price made signs for advertising the visits. Hannah and Lucy are working on the website updates. Discussion on new t-shirt design for Trinity t-shirts, Sandy checking on designs and price. Low return on Spiritual assessments. Bluebird monitors are in Charlotte Quest. Continued discussion on a women's retreat to be held at Trinity.
 - **Personnel** – Marge Bailey / Belva LaMotte, No report
 - **Evangelism** – Marge Bailey, New Members fellowship held on 06-09-2024 with celebration Cake and light refreshments. Cake and beverages to follow for Clara's Baptism on 6-30-2024.
 - **Christian Education** – Amy Schultz, no report
 - **Fundraising** – Leslie Brooks, Planning Wildflower Picking at the Garden and Second Annual Sunflower Garden Day. St. Vincent DePaul will be placing donation box for clothing, and we will

receive 75.00 per month. They will provide and maintain the box. Submitting request for Car Wash fundraiser with an automated car wash company.

- **Worship** – Sandy Sanders
- **Caring Ministry** – Amy Schultz
- **PPR** – Leslie Brooks

- **Unfinished Business / Updates**

June Newsletter Articles due to Diane on June 24

10:00 am Sunday Services begin June 9th - Send reminders via service and Mail chimp E- Notes.

- **New Business**

Mail Chimp review- Leslie Has donated a year of service and the church will pick up the cost moving forward with Leslie continuing to send out the E-notes. There is a 66% read rate.

Doug and Elwin are monitoring the alarm. Rally Day is September 8, 2024, with Book bag / teacher blessings and potluck. Discussion on restarting PPR.

- **Next meeting** – Wednesday – July 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom
- **Devotional for July Meeting** – Belva LaMotte
- **Adjourn**
- **Lord's Prayer**



FUND RAISING

CROSSROADS

We all have gifts to bring to God. Whether it be reading a bedtime story via Zoom to children, cleaning out areas inside or outside of the church, serve as a greeter, lay reader or media assistant on Sunday mornings, help with Children's Church on Sunday mornings once a month, sharing your musical talent/voice, computer assistance,

administrative duties, all of these (and more) are important and needed. If you haven't completed your spiritual assessment please do so and return ASAP. We are working on compiling a list of skills/talents that we all can share with one another to the Glory of God!

GIFT CARDS

As we head into summer I just want to remind you that we will continue to order gift cards on the 1st Sunday of every month. If I'm not in church on the 1st Sunday, or if you are away, just call, text or email me – the order will still go in.

Some people have given me their "recurring monthly" order so they don't need to remember to let me know. Plus if you'd like to pay for your cards electronically you can do that through our website, just click the "ONLINE GIVING" at the top of our website and follow the prompts.

The website to see all the various stores, restaurants, etc that participate can be found at <https://www.raiseright.com>. Once on the website just click on "Brands" and you can search for a particular store, or sort by type of vendor, or if you would like me to send you a complete list of all the participating vendors just let me know.

Cards are available in various denominations and retailers provide various refunds to Trinity just for your participation. For example, Weis Markets gives Trinity 5% of the value of the gift card you purchase. Let's say you want \$200.00 in Weis cards, you pay \$200.00 and receive \$200.00 in Weis cards and Trinity receives \$10.00 as a donation.

Let me know if you would like more information about the program, Sue Myers at wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788. Thanks and have a great summer!

**Pathway to Prayer-Good News... EXTENDED!!!
Buy a brick is open for the rest of the year.**



Coffee Mugs We would love to share your morning over a cup of your favorite beverage! Help support our fundraising efforts by purchasing a Trinity UCC coffee mug – only \$10.00!

Watch for the Wildflower Picking and enjoyment in the gardens, Date and Price will be announced.

Keep an eye out for the Second Annual Sunflower Garden event happening later this summer.

Coming in July with Tidal Wave Auto Spa:

“Car washes and fundraising go hand-in-soaking-wet-hand. And because we know a thing or two about incredible car washes, we've built an incredible car wash fundraising program - we wash the cars”



Vacation Bible School

Save the date – we are joining Immanuel Lutheran Church this summer for VBS. The dates are July 7-11. Plan to join us – more information to come!



Trinity ONA Core Team Update from MB Brainerd & Leslie Brooks (co-chairs)

MB & Sam Brainerd, Hannah Matthews, Ben Hamilton, and Annika represented Trinity UCC-Manchester at the Westminster **PFLAG PRIDE Walk on Sat June 1**, a great way to celebrate diversity and kick off PRIDE 2024 !!! Other PRIDE activities that are going on in the Hampstead–Westminster–Hannover PA area this summer (that you/we might be interested in attending!) include:

Wed June 26 1:30-2:30pm – Pri-Dye Tie-Dye – Ages 12-17

Show your colors with Pride -- come tie-dye a tote bag in a riot of fun colors! One tote bag per registrant. This will be an outdoor event.

@North Carroll Branch Library [2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead, MD 21074]

Ages: 12 – 17 [Registration and more information](#)

Sat June 29: 12-8pm – PRIDE Fest Hanover PA - Moul Field (Right down the street from Leslie Brooks!!)

Sat July 13: 12noon – 6pm – 6th Annual Westminster Pride Festival

East side of Main St between Church and Court Streets – “fur family” members welcome **if on a leash.**

The next ONA Core Team meeting is Sunday June 30 after worship -- we'll be planning discussions, activities and field trips for the fall. Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings!! (Also check out the **Cross Roads – ONA “Info Nook”** on/above the desk located in Fellowship hall near the door to the kitchen, and feel free to ask any of the ONA Core Team members [MB Brainerd, Leslie Brooks, Lucy Brady, Hannah Matthews, Pam Marchand, and Pastor Katie] if you have any questions!



TRINITY UCC PARTNERSHIP WITH CHARLOTTE'S QUEST NATURE CENTER

Charlotte's Quest Nature Center (CQ) is a Community Engagement initiative of the Town of Manchester's Parks Foundation, founded in 1995 to protect and preserve the natural resources of Pine Valley Park and its surrounding area. Over the years, CQ has become a hub of environmental education and outdoor recreation in the Manchester area, inspiring and educating individuals about the importance of environmental stewardship and the beauty of the natural world. In January 2024, at our first annual Epiphany Saturday retreat, as part of our Cross Roads commitment to care for God's creation, Trinity UCC launched an informal partnership with CQ. This Spring Pastor Katie, Randy Miller (President of CQ Board of Directors), Hannah Matthews, Ben and Annika Hamilton, Ashby Haines and Tiffany Folk, Sam and MB Brainerd volunteered to monitor the CQ Bluebird boxes, checking our assigned boxes once per week. Over the course of the last 10 weeks, we have

observed Bluebirds, House Wrens and Chickadees nests, eggs and chicks in the boxes, including the 4 feathered bluebird chicks you see in the photo!! Other activities that we can participate in as individuals and as a church community are ridding CQ of invasive plant species and helping to plant native pollinators that will create a more hospitable environment for birds, butterflies and bees. Also we're hoping to do an excavation of a Charlotte's Quest Cave, under Ashby Haines's leadership, sometime after a good rain -- Go to <https://www.facebook.com/charlottesquest/> to learn more about Charlotte's Quest Nature Center!!



Help our environment AND raise funds for Trinity

Bring your used ink cartridges to the church and place them in the designated box at the main entrance.

We will send them to Planet Green for recycling.

The church will receive \$1 for each commonly used cartridge and 25¢ for each non-qualifying cartridge.

You may request a free shipping label at www.planetgreenrecycle.com if it more convenient for you to mail your cartridges.

Be sure to use the church's ID # 32554 for Trinity's fund-raising efforts.

Thank you in advance to everyone who participates!

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	4	5	6
7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Children's Church 10 a.m.	8	9	10 Consistory 7pm Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	11	12	13 The Breakfast Club 10a.m.
14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Prayer Shawls Children's Church 10 a.m.	15	16	17 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	18	19 Health on Wheels Mobile Clinic 9:30 am – 11:30 a.m.	20 The Breakfast Club 10a.m.
21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following Worship Children's Church 10 a.m.	22	23	24 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	25	26	27 The Breakfast Club 10a.m.
28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Children's Church 10 a.m.	29	30	31 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.		

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Children’s Church 10 a.m.	26 September Newsletter Articles Due	27	28 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	29	30	31 The Breakfast Club 10a.m.

CARROLL COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HEALTH ON WHEELS MOBILE CLINIC

Friday, July 19th

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Trinity United Church of Christ
3229 York St, Manchester

Services available*:

- Health Education - Sun Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- BP Screening
- STI Screening
- HIV & Hep C Testing



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Receipts and Disbursements

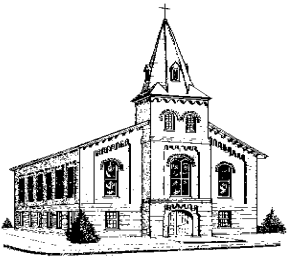
	<u>May 24</u>	<u>Jan - May 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Communion Offering	60.00	323.00
Loose Offering	88.00	578.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	888.12
Regular Offering	6,275.56	29,081.67
Total Income	<u>6,423.56</u>	<u>30,870.79</u>
Gross Profit	6,423.56	30,870.79
Expense		
Educational Ministries	125.00	715.40
Evangelism	458.02	1,067.20
General	1,374.24	14,030.82
Personnel	6,507.26	34,765.47
Property	105.00	895.22
Music	0.00	902.80
Worship	169.06	572.36
Total Expense	<u>8,738.58</u>	<u>52,949.27</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(2,315.02)	(22,078.48)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(750.00)	(2,888.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.03	272.61
Memorial Fund	0.00	(175.00)
Fundraising	2,362.06	(1,370.25)
Special Offerings Received	292.32	1,483.20
Total Other Income	<u>1,904.41</u>	<u>(2,677.44)</u>
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	134.53	1,987.02
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	0.00	25,000.00
Transfer from Fundraising	0.00	(2,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	0.00	(23,000.00)
Total Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>134.53</u>	<u>1,987.02</u>
Net Other Income	<u>1,769.88</u>	<u>(4,664.46)</u>
Net Income	<u>(545.14)</u>	<u>(26,742.94)</u>

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