

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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**Trinity Times**

**November 2024**

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

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name. (Ps. 163:1)*

Jesus lived a life overflowing with gratitude and love. Giving thanks for life is a foundational to his teaching. He seemed surprised by other people's inability to live happy, fulfilling lives with little or no gratitude. "Why do you worry so much about what you eat, what you wear?"

Jesus teaches thankfulness or gratitude as a dynamic action or attitude that can change our lives. Living with thankfulness is not just about things that we have acquired or have been given. It is not even about good things that have happened. Thankfulness is a way of living. It is a way of being aware of God's blessings. It is a way of discovering a new reality.

What if we started every day with gratitude and thanks? How might that impact the course of our lives, our experiences and our health? Gratitude opens our hearts, minds and souls to new opportunities and new life.

This month, as you celebrate Thanksgiving, why not make it a true holiday... a *holy day*. Lift up the things you have to be thankful for in the moment. And give thanks. Think of the future with infinite, life-giving possibilities. And give thanks. Thank God for the lessons and the gifts that you will receive and that you will share with others. Somewhere along the way you may discover that you are shaping what you are becoming by living in a state of thankfulness. And then you will see new blessings surrounding you in abundance!

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 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

**Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays!**  
**She will not be available on that day. If there is**  
**an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028**



### **Meeting Dates – some by Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday, November 6 @7pm  
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month  
 @ 3:30.



### **HELPING HANDS NOVEMBER**

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

Belva LaMotte

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

Deb Persinger

#### **Lay Readers:**

Nov. 03 – MB Brainerd  
 Nov. 10 – Sue Myers  
 Nov. 17 – Moriah Marr  
 Nov. 24 – MB Brainerd

#### **Media Operator**

Nov. 03 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers  
 Nov. 10 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders  
 Nov. 17 – Elwin Wagner/MB Brainerd  
 Nov. 24 – 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:**

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom  
 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  
 Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie  
 Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz  
 John Hansen  
 Sam Van Nuys  
 Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister  
 Kathy Peters and family  
 Mary and George Pietsch  
 Leah, friend of Donna Alban  
 Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte  
 Mark Seal, son of Deb and Robert Miller  
 Jean Simmons  
 Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price  
 Gina Tollini  
 Rev. Debra Wilcox  
 Family of Judi Wilcox  
 Shirley Wood

## Worship Schedule: November

**Nov. 3** – All Saints Sunday

Revelation 21:1-6

John 11:32-44

**The Message** Broken

**Nov. 10** – Consecration Sunday

Micah 6:6-8

Colossians 3:12-17

**The Message** Prayer Stations

**Nov. 17** - A Service of Poetry and Song, guided by the work of Mary Oliver

Psalm 42: 1-7, 10

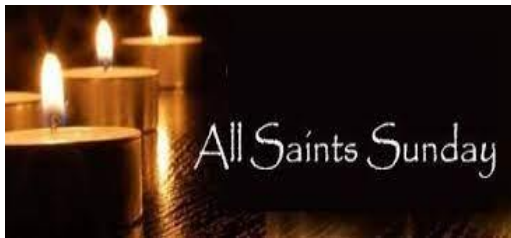
Philippians 4:4-9

**Nov. 24** – Reign of Christ and Caregiver Sunday

Revelation 1:4-8

John 18:33-37

**The Message** Passport to God's Kingdom



### Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 3** is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us. A special "All Saints" prayer will be said during worship with a time for lifting up the names.



### 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.



### **Book Club returns for Advent!**

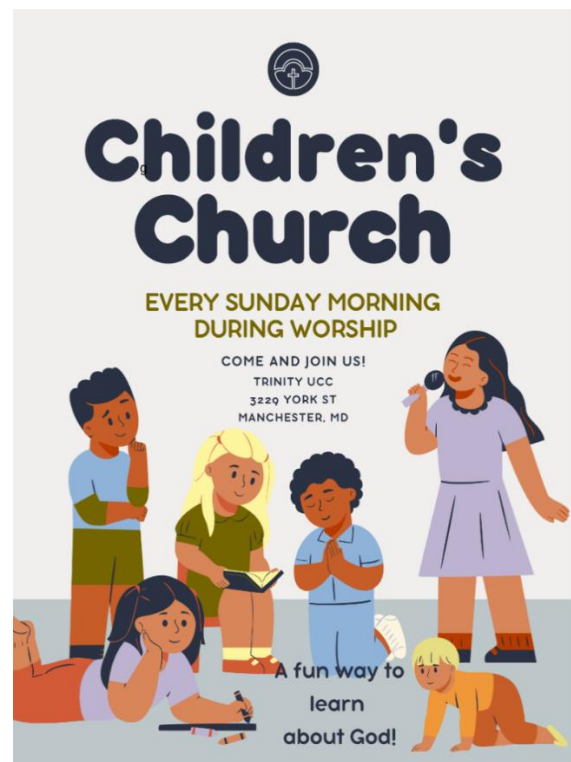
We will read *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* by Will Willimon

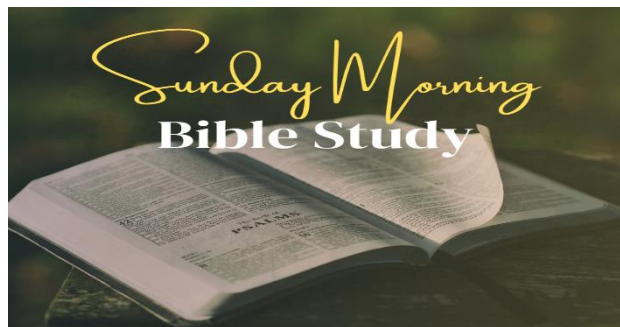
From the book cover: "In Advent, we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way!"

Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.



**Tuesday Bible Study** at 10 am – focus on Proverbs: the Beginning of Knowledge  
In person and zoom





## Sunday Moring Bible Study

Studies that combine scripture and poetry  
**November** – “Wendell Berry and the Poetry of Sabbath”

**December** - “The Poetry of Advent: An Advent Companion to Mary Oliver’s ‘Devotions.’”

**Zoom links are available for all Bible Study**

## Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Updates

Consistory met October 2, 2024

Some of the highlights are:

The boiler will not be replaced until early spring.

Our housekeeper has resigned and consistory members interviewed & hired a new housekeeper.

The Care Ministry assisted with one BGE bill. Pastor Katie will be taking over all requests for financial assistance.

The youth and helpers will be setting up Crèche on November 9, 2024 at 10 a.m.

The consistory continued the discussion of organizing our leadership teams effectively in January. Stay tuned for more details plus food bags.



## Christian Education

The next youth activated will be helping to build the Crèche on November 9<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Katie or Amy Schultz for any questions.



**PLANET GREEN**  
 RAISE FUNDS BY RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

## **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](http://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!



## CROSSROADS

Community Engagement:

The Mobile Health clinic will be 11/8/24.

We hosted a Halloween Party on Sunday Oct. 27 following church service.

Yoga continues every Saturday thru November 23rd. Join us on - \$5 per session.

We will be adopting a family again for the holiday season, more information to follow.

Communication:

Thank you for everyone who participated in the World Café. A summary of the World Café luncheon will be made available shortly. Be sure to pick one up!



## **FUNDRAISING**

We are selling Trinity tees! Adult sizes \$20, children sizes \$15, see Sandy Sanders for details. Trinity coffee mugs – only \$10! See Sue Myers.

## **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 11/3, 11/10, 12/1, and 12/8. 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, text me or email!

## **2025 BUDGET MEETING**

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/8/24, immediately following the church service to vote on the 2025 financial budget. Drafts will be available 11/17/24, if you need one mailed or emailed please let Sue Myers know.



**Sunday, November 3 @6pm -- Community Ecumenical Pre-election Taizé service** at Westminster Church of the Brethren – sponsored by the Westminster Ministerium and led by Revs Glenn McCrickard, Marty Kuchma and St. Paul's UCC Music Department. Those wishing to carpool please contact MB Brainerd. We will leave Trinity UCC-Manchester by 5:30pm.

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



Health on Wheels Mobile Unit will be at Trinity UCC-Manchester on Friday November 8, 10am-Noon – and this time will have FLU VACCINES available along with STI testing, blood pressure monitoring, NARCAN (naloxone) Administration training to prevent deaths from Opioid overdose, and information on where to find free integrated healthcare and info on the 988 suicide/crisis line. COME SEE THE MOBILE UNIT AND GET YOUR FLU VACCINATION!! (Bring your ID and medical insurance information).



**Transgender Day of Remembrance Memorial  
Wednesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
St. Paul's UCC Chapel, 17 Bond St.**

The Open & Affirming (ONA) Taskforce invites the Trinity congregation to join PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and St. Paul's UCC in honoring the memory of transgender persons whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. [The rate of violence against transgender persons is 2.5 times the rate among cisgender persons (persons whose gender identity corresponds to their sex assigned at birth.)] This inclusive memorial is open to the entire community and welcomes people of all and no faith traditions. Those interested in carpooling please contact MB, Hannah or Pastor Katie. We will leave Trinity UCC by 6:30pm.



**Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service  
Wednesday, Nov 27 at 7pm  
Westminster United Methodist Church  
165 E Main St, Westminster, MD 21157**

The Westminster Ministerium invites the Trinity UCC-Manchester congregation to join them in an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service, Wednesday Nov 27 at 7pm. If you are interested in carpooling from Trinity UCC – Manchester, contact Pastor Katie Penick.



**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 17<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. Please return wrapped gifts by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Place the gift tag you removed from the tree on the gift.

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 bringing smiles and comfort to others during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless and thank you once again for your support. Contact Sandy Sanders with questions 443-974-6723.



**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.**

# Come help us decorate for Christmas!



**Please plan to stay after the Worship Service (10:30-11:30 am) on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> to help decorate our church for Christmas. As is our tradition, Trinity will host an Open House for the community on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Historically, folks enjoy viewing the sanctuary in all its splendor. Many hands (and some strength) will make the decorating process go much faster. All ages are welcome to participate. Light refreshments will be available during the decorating process.**



**Reverse Advent Calendar-** sharing our blessings with others. During the month of December, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for NESAP's Food Pantry. This calendar is a suggestion of items to donate each day during the month. The donations will be blessed the first Sunday in January. Boxes are available in the social hall for your use.

December 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Spaghetti & pasta sauce	2 Tomato sauce/paste	3 Macaroni & Cheese	4 Stuffing	5 Cranberry Sauce	6 Applesauce	7 Oatmeal
8 Cereal	9 Breakfast/granola bars	10 Tuna	11 Canned Pasta	12 Chili	13 Canned Meat	14 Canned Potatoes
15 Canned Carrots	16 Canned Mixed Vegetables	17 Canned Yams	18 Hamburger Helper	19 Muffin Mix	20 Brownie Mix	21 Cake Mix & Frosting
22 Boxed Potatoes	23 Canned Fruit	24 Baked Beans	25 Rice	26 Rice/Pasta Sides	27 Juice	28 Ramen Noodles
29 Cup of Soups	30 Soups	31 Pudding/Jello				



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

WITH DOWNTOWN YOGA, BARRE, & CYCLE



# DROP IN YOGA

**Saturdays at 10 AM**

**1 HOUR CLASS**



*[trinityuccmanchester.org](http://trinityuccmanchester.org) &  
[westminsterdowntownyoga.com](http://westminsterdowntownyoga.com)*

**WHERE: TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
3229 YORK ST, MANCHESTER, MD 21102**

**\$5 per class Please bring your mat and join us!  
All levels welcome | Chair adaptations offered**



**EVERY SATURDAY SEPT. 14 - NOV. 23 (NO CLASS 9/21)**



# TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

We are taking orders for our newly designed t-shirts! Contact  
Sandy Sanders to place an order or with any questions @

443-974-6723

## **SIZING:**

- Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL
- Youth Sizes: S M L XL

## **COST:**

- Adult Shirts: \$20 each
- Youth Shirts: \$15 each

## November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Church office:</b> <b>Open 9 – 1pm</b> <b>Monday and</b> <b>Tuesday.</b> <b>Always subject to</b> <b>change.</b>					<b>1</b> <b>All Saints</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Drop in</b> <b>Yoga</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>  <b>Don't for get</b> <b>to change</b> <b>your clocks</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Twenty-Fourth</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <b>10:30 a.m. worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>  <b>Adult S,S, 9:15am</b> <b>@Trinity &amp; zoom</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Bible</b> <b>Study 10a.m.</b> <b>at Trinity</b> <b>and by Zoom</b>  <b>Election Day</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Consistory</b> <b>7p.m.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Mobile</b> <b>Health Unit</b> <b>at Trinity</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Drop in</b> <b>Yoga</b> <b>10 a.m.</b> <b>Building the</b> <b>Crèche</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Twenty-Fifth</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <b>10:30 a.m. worship</b> <b>Prayer Shawls</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Bible</b> <b>Study 10a.m.</b> <b>at Trinity</b> <b>and by Zoom</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Drop in</b> <b>Yoga</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Twenty-Sixth</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <b>10:30 a.m. worship</b> <b>Fellowship after</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>18</b> <b>December</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>articles due</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Bible</b> <b>Study 10a.m.</b> <b>at Trinity</b> <b>and by Zoom</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Drop in</b> <b>Yoga</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Reign of Christ</b> <b>10:30 a.m. worship</b> <b>Following worship</b>  <b>Decorating the</b> <b>church for Christmas</b> <b>(10:30-11:30 am)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Bible</b> <b>Study 10a.m.</b> <b>at Trinity</b> <b>and by Zoom</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Open</b> <b>House for</b> <b>the</b> <b>Community</b>	<b>30</b>

Trinity United Church of Christ  
Receipts and Disbursements

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	Sep 24	Jan - Sep 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	50.00
Communion Offering	25.78	488.41
Loose Offering	85.00	867.00
Miscellaneous	50.00	1,019.12
Regular Offering	4,758.95	49,123.87
Total Income	4,919.71	51,526.40
Gross Profit	4,919.71	51,526.40
Expense		
Educational Ministries	195.00	815.08
Evangelism	95.00	1,292.47
General	3,410.08	25,114.87
Personnel	6,531.40	63,517.80
Property	744.70	2,438.62
Music	100.00	1,002.80
Worship	365.44	975.38
Total Expense	11,441.60	95,157.00
Net Ordinary Income	(6,521.89)	(43,630.60)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Care Fund Activity	(626.31)	(626.31)
Cemetery	(750.00)	(4,888.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	244.45	820.04
Memorial Fund	0.00	9,850.89
Fundraising / Building Imp	394.78	(1,341.78)
Special Offerings Received	96.89	1,912.61
Total Other Income	(640.19)	5,727.25
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	1,178.40
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	1,178.40
Net Other Income	(640.19)	4,548.85
Net Income	(7,162.08)	(39,081.75)



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