

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

January 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

It's that time of year again. As the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" fade away, we make new resolutions for the New Year. And, if you're like me, you make the same resolutions every year without much to show for it as the year draws to an end.

We promise to lose weight, exercise more, get out of debt, stick to a budget, stop smoking or spend more time with family. We make these resolutions because we want to improve ourselves and our quality of life. And the top resolutions revolve around the same three things: money, health and family.

Promises of a new way of living is a good idea for us all, but wouldn't it be better if we were more successful in completing them? This year, I want to try something new. What would our New Year's resolutions look like if we committed to them as a church... as a people who want to invest our time and talents in God's Kingdom? Here are a few ideas of resolutions that we could consider as individuals and a community.

- ∞ **Pray more.** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- ∞ **Invest in my spiritual gift(s).** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ~1 Corinthians 12:7
- ∞ **Care for myself spiritually.** Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ~ Philippians 3:12.
- ∞ **Make tough decisions..** But those who wait for God shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint ~Isaiah 40:31
- ∞ **Do the hard work needed to build community.** 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' ~Luke 25:27
- ∞ **Be more open to change.** See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? ~Isaiah 43:19
- ∞ **Stay focused on the vision.** All authority has now been given to me. Go, then, and make disciples of all peoples. ~Matthew 28:19.

May 2025 bring you, your family, our church community and the world *joy, peace and love!*

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/05 – Earl LaMotte
 Doug Myers
 O’Neil Rivera

01/18 – Norman Greenholtz

01/20 – Charlene Rhoten

01/23 – Nancy Koerner

01/24 – David Bailey

01/25 – Clara Hemlock

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/04 – Carolyn Brooks

02/06 – Eva Gebhardt

02/08 – Cody Calabrese

02/09 – Sam Martin

02/14 – Robert Saunders

02/17 – Penny Ludwig

02/19 – Leslie Brooks
 Ken Grim

02/26 – Margaret Bailey

02/28 – Mark Gardner
 Robert Miller



02/ 24 – Judy and Leon Miller

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 February Newsletter– Monday, January 27th

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, January 8 @ 6pm
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
 @ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS JANUARY

Greeters for the month of January:

Jan. 05 – Belva LaMotte
 Jan. 12 – Sandy Sanders
 Jan. 19 – Belva LaMotte
 Jan. 26 – Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of January:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

Jan. 05 – MB Brainerd
 Jan. 12 – Jackie Nave
 Jan. 19 – Moriah Marr
 Jan. 26 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator

Jan. 05 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Jan. 12 – Karen Haines/Moriah Marr
 Jan. 19 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Jan. 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:

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom
 Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
 Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
 Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
 Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
 Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
 Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
 John Hansen
 Ash Van Nuys
 Kathy Peters and family
 Mary and George Pietsch

Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
Ken Plummer
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Family of Judi Wilcox
Shirley Wood

Worship Schedule: January

January 5 – Epiphany Sunday
Welcome New Members
Installation of 2025 Consistory
Communion
First Lesson – Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12
January 12 – Baptism of Christ Sunday
First Lesson – Isaiah 43:1-7
Second Lesson - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Message – Backwards Baptismal Promises
January 19 – Second Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Second Lesson – John 2:1-11
Message – Sharing Our Gifts
January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Second Lesson – Luke 4:14-21
Message – The Spirit Comes!

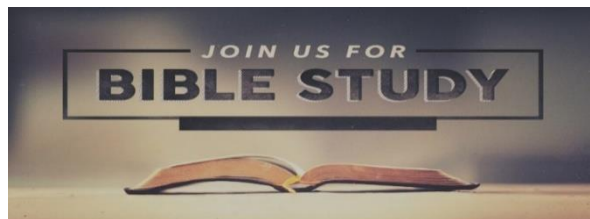
Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. I appreciate it very much.
Diane



Prayer Shawl Ministry

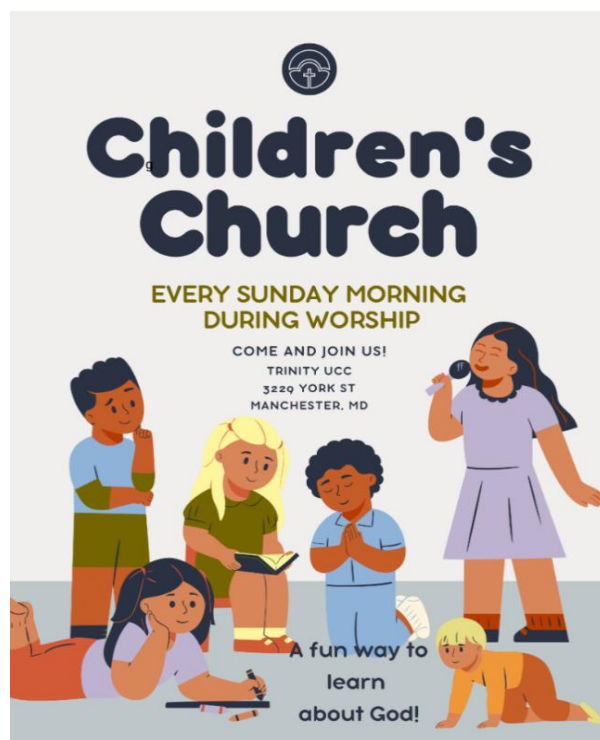
"If you have any hidden talent, can knit or crochet, please consider helping our shawl ministry." Perhaps you have a neighbor or friend with time on their hands. I will be happy to answer any questions about the ministry.



“the stories of our faith.”

Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am
also
Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study



Bedtime stories on
Wednesday at 7 pm.

Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Updates

Consistory Meeting – 12/4/24

Treasurer's Report – Sue Myers

The separate care fund checking has been closed and moved to the general account. Requests are to go to Pastor Katie. Boiler repairs were paid for.

Committee Reports

Property Report – Doug Myers

Jeremy Ritz has resigned. Doug is looking into lawn care and winter care for the church, their grounds and the sidewalks.

Fire Alarm inspection went well.

Evangelism – Marge Bailey

Greater than 80 attendees at the lighting of the creche and cookie time.

Next fellowship December 15 after worship

Christmas Eve Baby Jesus Birthday cake after service.

Fundraising –

Mugs and T-shirts are still on sale.

Unfinished Business / Updates

Safe Church Policy

Sue is updating the current policy.

The signup sheets for volunteering in 2025 will be reviewed and sent onto the new consistory to develop their areas.

New Business

Consistory Members for 2025 discussion:

January 5, 2025 – New member Sunday and installation of New Consistory members Moriah Marr and Deb Persinger.

Leslie will send out the signup sheet for monthly devotions for Consistory meetings.

January 2025 meeting : January 8, 2025 at 6 p.m. Note new Time. Both current and new members are to attend for the transition over.



PLANET GREEN RECYCLE

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 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!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

We will be going back to our regular schedule of ordering gift cards on the 1st Sunday of every month. Thank-you to all that participated in this program in 2024 – we raised over \$950 from the gift cards that were purchased!

We hope you will continue your participation in 2025 and if you haven't yet begun, please contact Sue Myers at wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788 to find out how you can! It doesn't matter how much you purchase in gift cards, every little bit helps. Just think about where you get your groceries and gas, maybe we have those on our list. Thanks!

2025 BUDGET MEETING

On 12/8/24 we held our annual budget meeting, and the budget passed. Now, going forward, we ask that everyone be prayerful in giving of their time, talents and finances. Those three will help us continue fulfilling our commitment to community.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting will be held 1/26/25 immediately following our church service. All committee reports should be sent to Sue Myers by 1/12/25.

BUY A BRICK
CAMPAIGN



**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.



2nd Annual Epiphany Saturday

January 4, 2024 -- 10am–2pm

(Snow/Rain Cancellation date Jan 11)

Coming in the door you'll find hot coffee, tea, juice, and donuts, and a full day of Intergenerational Activities, Decorating Star Cookies, Nature Walk, Face Painting, Epiphany Prayer Stations, Chalking the Doors, Making Snow-globes, Meditation & Prayer, Coloring Mandalas, "Star Words", Trinity-UCC Family History & Artifacts, & Lunch (including Vegetarian & Gluten-free)! Everyone Welcome – All Generations -- Invite your Friends!!



Every 3rd Sunday someone from our Trinity UCC congregation speaks for 2-3 minutes to what it means to them to be part of a church family that welcomes everyone, whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, and what it would mean

to them, for Trinity to make a covenant to be an “ONA Church.” On January 19, Donna Alban will be our “Moment of Affirmation” speaker!

Planning ahead to February, on February 9th and 16th, after worship (including a small lunch!), we will have a “hybrid” Bible Study with a scriptural lens on becoming an ONA church. Please plan to attend, either in-person or on-line, especially those who are concerned about what the Bible says about welcoming and celebrating everyone, inviting people of every race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, economic circumstance, and physical and mental ability into the worship, rites & sacraments, fellowship, and leadership of our church.

Please feel free to reach out at any time to any member of the Trinity ONA Taskforce – MB Brainerd, Hannah Matthews, Lucy Brady, Leslie Brooks, Pam Marchand, and Pastor Katie if you have any questions or just want to get together to talk!



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





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

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Nov 24	Jan - Nov 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	50.00
Communion Offering	46.89	565.19
Loose Offering	10.00	1,022.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	1,019.12
Regular Offering	5,042.98	58,266.73
Total Income	<u>5,099.87</u>	<u>60,923.04</u>
Gross Profit	5,099.87	60,923.04
Expense		
Educational Ministries	43.70	1,041.92
Evangelism	215.00	1,728.75
General	1,157.92	28,257.78
Personnel	6,410.40	76,598.81
Property	300.00	3,107.65
Music	0.00	1,167.80
Worship	72.67	1,381.74
Total Expense	<u>8,199.69</u>	<u>113,284.45</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(3,099.82)	(52,361.41)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Care Fund Activity	70.96	(555.35)
Cemetery	0.00	(5,388.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	107.76	931.77
Memorial Fund	0.00	9,850.69
Fundraising / Building Imp	(15,657.87)	(16,753.85)
Special Offerings Received	96.89	2,239.56
Total Other Income	<u>(15,382.26)</u>	<u>(9,675.18)</u>
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	176.34	1,515.63
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	<u>176.34</u>	<u>1,515.63</u>
Net Other Income	<u>(15,558.60)</u>	<u>(11,190.81)</u>
Net Income	<u>(18,650.42)</u>	<u>(63,552.22)</u>

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.</p>			<p>1 <i>Happy New Year</i></p>	2	3	<p>4 <u>2nd</u> Annual Epiphany Saturday @Trinity 10am/2pm</p>
<p>5 Second Sunday after Christmas 10:30 a.m. worship Holy Communion Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom New Members joining Installation of Consistory Members</p>	<p>6 Epiphany</p>	<p>7 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom</p>	<p>8 Consistory 6 p.m. Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom</p>	9	10	11
<p>12 Baptism of the Lord 10:30 a.m. worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom Blessing of the Prayer Shawls</p>	13	<p>14 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom</p>	<p>15 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom</p>	16	17	18
<p>19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 a.m. worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom Blessing of the Foodbags Fellowship after Worship</p>	20	<p>21 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom</p>	<p>22 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10:30 a.m. worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom</p>	<p>27 February Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>28 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom</p>	<p>29 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom</p>	30	31	

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