

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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**Trinity Times**

**May 2025**

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

*Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)*

Christ is risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia! The words echo in our ears as we enter into the Easter Season. Our Lenten Journey is over, our hearts are lighter, and the sun is brighter. We have traveled from the Upper Room, where we broke bread with the disciples and Jesus to the foot of the cross where they crucified our Lord. We have heard the command to "remember me" and the cry of "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me!"

And, with broken hearts we traveled with a group of women to discover an empty tomb and full hearts. The story is complete, we think... so now what do we do?

I have good news for you! Easter is more than a Sunday... it is an entire season in the life of the church. Easter lasts 50 days and ends at Pentecost.

The Day of Resurrection is not the end of the story. The Bible tells us that Jesus hung around here for 40 days, appearing to and teaching the Disciples in a variety of ways. During that first Easter Season, Jesus showed his wounds to Thomas (John 20), had a fish fry with his closest friends (John 21), and showed up for a gathering of more than 500 people (1 Corinthians 15). Jesus stayed for a little while longer and made ordinary events extraordinary!

Today we are invited to linger in Easter. What would it look like if we sought God in the ordinary events of our lives... to remember Christ through the simple day-to-day experiences? We will see the ordinary become extraordinary right before our eyes. This season, let us celebrate the Good News that turned the world right-side up every single day. We are an Easter People who know that Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Christ is with us all every step of the way, and we will not travel alone. Let us linger in the Lord and rejoice!

Blessings,

*Pastor Katie*



### **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  
05/29 – Moriah Marr  
05/31 – Karen Price

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/02 – Bonnie Greenholtz, Everly Hudgins  
6/03 – Sarah Krawczyk  
6/05 – Lucy Brady  
6/08 – Nathan Krawczyk  
6/09 – Kelsey Hemlock, Meg Grim  
6/14 – Shirley Wood  
6/16 – Ralph Keeney  
6/19 – MariBeth Brainerd  
6/30 – Harper Hemlock



### **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

### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

6/08 – Jamie and Chadd Schneeman  
6/15 – Sandy & Wayne Sanders

### **Church Communications Submission Dates**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
June Newsletter– Monday, May 19

### **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's 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, May 7 @ 6pm  
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month  
@ 3:30.



### **HELPING HANDS MAY**

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

Belva LaMotte/Gloria Nethkin

#### **Usher for the month of May: Deb Persinger**

#### **Lay Readers:**

May 04 – Sue Myers  
May 11 – MB Brainerd  
May 18 – Shana Clark  
May 25 – Jackie Kulp

#### **Media Operator**

May 04 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders  
May 11 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders  
May 18 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers  
May 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:**

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks  
Joanna Garber  
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity  
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie  
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz  
Ash Van Nuys  
Jennifer Penick  
Leah, friend of Donna Alban  
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte  
Jean Simmons  
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price  
Gina Tollini  
Ronnie Williams  
Nora Renee Winters  
Shirley Wood

## **Altar Flowers**

A local florist, Manchester Florists, is available to fill our altar vases. The cost is \$15 per vase and there is no delivery fee. Please contact Sandy Sanders (443-974-6723) if you are interested in sponsoring fresh flowers in memory or in honor of someone or some special occasion, A single vase can also be filled which we will place on the organ.

## **Worship Schedule: May**

Theme for the Easter Season

### **May 4, 2025**

First Reading      Revelation 5:11-14  
*To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might*

Second Reading    John 21:1-19  
*"Feed my sheep"*

The Message Tending and Feeding One Another

### **May 11, 2025**

First Reading      Psalm 23  
*The Lord is my Shepherd*

Second Reading    Revelation 7:9-17  
*A multitude sings before the Lamb*

Third Reading      John 10:22-30  
*The Good Shepherd*

The Message      Prayer Stations

### **May 18, 2025**

First Reading      Psalm 148  
*God's Splendor is over Earth and Heaven*

Second Reading    Revelation 21:1-6  
*A New Heaven and Earth*

Third Reading      John 13:31-35  
*Love One Another*

The Message      Radical Love

**May 25, 2025** Pastor Lucy preaching

## **Consistory Meeting Minutes**

**April 2, 2025**

- **Previous Minutes** were reviewed and approved
- **Treasurer's Report** was approved; Sue is working on getting sales tax refunded from BGE
- **Pastor's Report**- In addition to 5 worship service and Holy communion, the Pastor:
  - Continues to lead Adult Sunday school on Sunday mornings
  - Leads meetings with the Worship Committee; planned worship Holy week and Easter
  - Provided home visits and phone calls to members unable to attend worship
  - Was asked to be trained as an anti-racist facilitator for the conference
  - Will be on vacation at the end of May. Pastor Lucy will preach Memorial weekend.
- **Committee Reports**  
**Administrative Team**
  - **Property**- Doug Myers
    - Wayne Sanders to begin mowing around the church; Doug's nephew to begin mowing the cemetery
    - Doug's nephew will use his own mower. Motion passed to sell the church's zero-turn mower.
  - **PPR** – Hannah Matthews
    - Gloria Nethkin and Hannah met with Pastor Katie in March.
  - **Mission and Outreach** – Pastor Katie
    - Easter party for the community planned for April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - **Faith Formation** - Moriah Marr
    - Moriah continues to lead Children's Church on Sunday mornings
    - Moriah will be assisting with The Easter Party on April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - **Fundraising** – Sue Myers
    - Bingo, May 3rd – Sign-up sheets for gift basket and bake goods donations are in the lower narthex.

- Ticket price for Bingo \$30 each.
- The Lineboro VFD will have food items for sale.
- Doug is going to put up flyers and ask local businesses for gift card donations.

### **Community Care**

- **Fellowship** – Marge Bailey
  - 25 people attended the March fellowship.
  - April 27<sup>th</sup> is the next fellowship
- **Caring Ministry** – Pastor Katie
  - Easter baskets were donated to Shepard's Staff
  - Food bags for the Manchester Elementary will be made through April
- **Yoga** – is starting again on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am
- **Worship** – Hannah Matthews
  - 4/6 Anointing and communion shared
  - 4/13 Ashby will lead meditation
  - 4/17 (Maundy Thursday)
  - The Westminster Ministerium will host their annual Cross Walk on Good Friday
  - 4/20 Easter - Pastor Lucy will tell the Easter Story and communion will be shared
  - Organ will possibly be repaired by Easter (ticket has been submitted)

### **O&A – Hannah Matthews**

- The team met in March
- The church copy of the book "Unclobbered: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality" is available for anyone who wants to borrow it
- Rev. Craig Peterson, Central Atlantic Conference Associate Conference Minister, will be the guest preacher on Pentecost, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Will meet again in May and discuss conducting a survey. A vote will take place at a much later date.

### • **Unfinished Business / Updates**

- Lenten offering will be split between NESAP and Immanuel Food Distribution (\$327 so far)
- Safe Church Policy – nothing new to report. Sue mentioned that we also need a policy addressing internal controls.
- Church Picnic on June 1<sup>st</sup> pavilion #2

### • **New Business**

- New Florist in town to fill altar vases – Sandy will put something in the newsletter about sponsoring altar flowers \$15 per vase
- Little Library – Morriah Marr has volunteered to manage this project.
- Review of comments re: A community garden
  - A motion passed to go forward with 2 raised beds on the church property as well as folks contributing vegetables from home gardens.
  - A motion passed to have the bush on the cemetery side of the church removed.
- Pastor Katie and Ashby Haines have looked into a free email program for alerting folks to upcoming events. Ashby will take the lead.
- Mobile Health Clinic will be held in conjunction with Immanuel Lutheran Food Distribution on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-noon. There will be no Health Mobile in May.
- Sue is working to have the clothing bin removed from the church property.
- A Church Yard sale is being considered. Will work on this after the Bingo Fundraiser is over.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next meeting is May 7, 2025.

**Pastor Katie will be on vacation Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> thru May 28<sup>th</sup>. In case of pastoral care please contact Pastor Debra Wilcox @ 301-471-3200.**



**Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am  
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.**



### **Worship in the Park June 1**

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a pot-luck church picnic on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30. We will be using Pavilion No. 2 which is much closer to the front of the park and to the restrooms.

If able, please bring a dish to share!



### **BINGO**

If you are reading this prior to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, it's not too late to come on out and enjoy some BINGO! Held at Lineboro Volunteer Fire Dept, 4224 Main St., Manchester, MD. Doors open at 5 PM bingo starts at 6:30pm. For only \$30 you will have the chance to win \$75 on 16 regular games, \$100 on 4 special games and \$250 on 2 jackpot games!!

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 have any questions please call Sue at 443-375-6788.

### **PATHWAY TO PRAYER**

We will be finalizing all sales for The Brick Garden Walkway for this year. If you haven't turned in your order yet please do so by April 30, 2025. We are using the same company and they have agreed to keep the price at \$100. What better way to honor or remember a loved one or simply provide a verse that is dear to your heart. Order forms are available in the Narthex. See Karen Price or Sue Myers with any questions.

### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

We will be working on a community yard sale – date to be determined. If you think you may be interested in purchasing a spot please contact Sue Myers. More information to come.



### Upcoming ONA Church-wide Activities

In May and June, we are planning a few more speakers and small group activities, including a guest preacher, Rev. Craig Peterson, who will preach at Trinity UCC on Pentecost, June 8. We resume the “3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Moment of Affirmation” on May 18<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Lucy sharing her story. After worship on May 18<sup>th</sup> the Trinity ONA Taskforce will gather for their monthly planning meeting. Please feel free to join us!

We invite you to approach any of us on the taskforce with your questions and suggestions, to engage with us with your questions about whom we are called to be as Christians, and what it truly means to be a fully welcoming and inclusive church. You can identify the members of the ONA taskforce by our “Ask Me About ONA” rainbow-colored buttons!

The ONA Taskforce is currently composed of Pastor Katie, Lucy Brady, MB Brainerd, Tiffany Folk, Ashby Haines, Pam Marchand, Moriah Marr, and Hannah Matthews.

Peace and Blessings!

MB Brainerd  
Chair, Trinity ONA Taskforce



### GREAT NEWS – but not until June!! CCHD MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC NOW TO TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION ONCE PER MONTH WITH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION!

**JUNE 25 9:30a.m. – Noon**

**WHILE community residents** wait in line for the Wed morning food distribution, on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the CCHD “Health on Wheels” Mobile Health Clinic will also be on-site, in the parking lot south of Trinity UCC, providing a variety of health services, blood pressure checks, learning how to administer NARCAN to prevent death from Opioid overdose, oral health exams from the CCHD dental unit, and pick up literature on all the free and low-cost integrated health resources available in the County.

**Come on out and JOIN US** and get a tour of the Mobile Health Unit!

**Any questions? Please contact either MB Brainerd or Sandy Sanders.**



### BECOME A CHARLOTTE’S QUEST BLUEBIRD MONITOR!!

It’s that time of year, once again, when you have the chance to be a Bluebird House Monitor at Charlotte’s Quest Nature Center, as part of the Eastern Bluebird Monitoring Project 2025! Bluebird monitors, once per week, March – September, observe and document the Bluebird activity at one or more assigned Bluebird houses. If interested, contact Marissa Honaker Marissa Honaker [marissahonaker@gmail.com](mailto:marissahonaker@gmail.com). Also feel free to talk to last year’s 2024 Bluebird Monitors from Trinity UCC: Pastor Katie, Tiffany Folk & Ashby Haines, Hannah & Annika Matthews, and Sam & MB Brainerd.



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

WITH DOWNTOWN YOGA, BARRE, & CYCLE



# DROP IN YOGA

**Saturdays at 10:30 AM**

**1 HOUR CLASS**

**APRIL 26  
MAY 10 AND 24  
JUNE 7 AND 21  
JULY 12 AND 26  
AUGUST 9 AND 23  
SEPTEMBER 6**



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westminsterdowntownyoga.com*

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

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Receipts and Disbursements

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	Mar 25	Jan - Mar 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	4,737.30	16,312.76
Loose Offering	50.00	50.00
Communion Offering	31.13	123.78
Improvement Fund	425.00	785.00
Food Bags	122.29	331.73
Rental Income	100.00	100.00
Childrens' Church	0.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	325.00
Total Income	5,765.72	18,048.27
Gross Profit	5,765.72	18,048.27
Expense		
Administrative	10,234.24	33,418.88
Community Care	80.00	284.78
Faith Formation	(20.00)	475.55
Mission & Outreach	130.54	387.94
Worship	(281.00)	81.35
Total Expense	10,143.78	34,648.50
Net Ordinary Income	(4,378.06)	(16,600.23)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	500.00	350.00
Interest/Dividend Income	197.48	205.86
Fundraising / Building Imp	80.00	399.49
Special Offerings Received	327.09	602.09
Total Other Income	1,104.57	1,557.44
Other Expense		
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	1,104.57	1,557.44



## May 2025

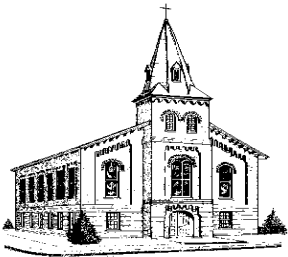
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church office:	Open 9 – 1pm	Monday and Tuesday.	Always subject to change	1	2	3 <b>BINGO</b> Doors open 5pm Starts @6:30pm
4 Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. worship <u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship Adult Bible Study 9:15am @Trinity & zoom	5	6 Bible Study 10a.m.	7 Consistory 6pm  Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	8	9	10 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
11 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. worship Prayer Shawls <i>Mother's Day</i>  Improvement Fund	12	13 Bible Study 10a.m.	14 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	15	16	17
18 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. worship  Fellowship following Worship	19 June Newsletter articles due	20 Bible Study 10a.m.	21 Pastor Katie on Vacation thru 28 <sup>th</sup>  Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	22	23	24 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
25 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. worship Pastor Lucy preaching  Ashby Meditation	26 <b>Memorial Day</b>	27 Bible Study 10a.m.	28 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	29 Ascension Day	30	31

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