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Trinity Times

June 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

Recently, the Adult Sunday class discussed gratitude. We all know the moment will come when we are urged, perhaps even demanded, to "give thanks." Too often, we find ourselves struggling with... enduring... working through something difficult. Perhaps you are wrestling with something now. These struggles are attention-grabbing and pull our focus inward. Waiting for a calm in the storm, some season of peace, and we often find ourselves waiting quite some time.

Scripture tells us that gratitude is not reserved for times of peace and good times. We are called to be grateful at all times. In Philippians 4:4, Paul tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." Just a little later in verse 6 he will encourage us to include thanksgiving in the midst of our regular prayers to God. He wrote these words from a prison cell, unsure if he would ever see the light of day again. Tells the Thessalonian community to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) He says this even though, the lives of the community embedded in the Roman Empire were difficult or challenging to faith. The question worth asking is "why?"

It is too easy enough to think of gratitude as a transactional requirement: Give thanks because God deserves it and we will be rewarded for our faith. Yet I think we miss an important aspect of thanksgiving: giving thanks is a gift for us and will help our faith to grow. Purposefully thank God in the midst of difficult times allows us to re-orient our attitudes and our hearts. Giving thanks helps us remember God's promises which transcend the situation. It's hard to thank God while suffering (or watching loved ones suffer), but if we believe in the promise of the resurrection, we remember that death will never have the final victory. Thanking God reminds us that God's love surrounds us, wherever we are in life's journey.

At Trinity we have plenty of hard work and challenges before us, but there is so much to be thankful for regardless. I am grateful for a congregation that has continued to serve faithfully, give of themselves in numerous ways, and hold onto each other through transition and change. I am grateful that God preserves, lifts up, and builds up each of us. Therese of Lisieux calls us "to do small acts with great love." With each small, loving act we create a space of gratitude.

In the coming days, where ever you are in life's journey, I encourage you to look for the small acts of kindness and love that lift you up. Take a moment to thank God for those glimpses of sacred love.

Thanking God for all of you. I am so grateful

Pastor Katie



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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/08 – Sam Brainerd
 7/10 – Sherry Rivera
 7/19 – Tyler Marchand
 7/22 – Hannah Matthews
 7/24 – Gavin Larson
 7/30 – Hanna Clark
 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



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 July/August Newsletter– Monday, June 23



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, June 4 @ 6pm
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
 @ 3:30.

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.



HELPING HANDS JUNE

Greeters for the month of June:

Belva LaMotte/Gloria Nethkin

Usher for the month of June:

Deb Persinger/Belva LaMotte

Lay Readers:

June 01 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese
 June 08 – Sue Myers
 June 15 – MB Brainerd
 June 22 – Jackie Kulp
 June 29 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

Media Operators

June 08 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 June 15 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 June 22 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers
 June 29 – 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:

Hailey Begley, cousin of Shana Clark
 Jason Brackenridge, cousin of Shana Clark
 Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
 Pastor Katie
 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.

July Food Drive

Food donations drop off during the summer months. We will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of July for those in our community who depend on the services of NESAP. Please feel free to place your contributions in either of the white wicker baskets located in the lower narthex at the main entrance to the church.

Thank you in advance and please contact Sandy Sanders at 443.074.6723 with questions.

Worship Schedule: June

June 1 –Ascension Sunday (Worship at the Park)

Psalm 47
Luke 24:44-53
The Message Our Gospel Footprint

June 8 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)
The Message Overcoming Our Fear

Guest preacher: Rev. Craig Peterson, ACM
of the Central Atlantic Conference

June 15 – Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
John 16:12-15
The Message Calling Voices

June 22 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15
Luke 8:26-39
The Message Our Surprising God

June 29 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 King 2:1-2, 6-14
Luke 9:51-62
The Message Plowing Ahead

May 2025 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Previous minutes - approved

Treasurer's Report – Sue Myers

Received \$2,800 for mower, \$713 through Lenten envelopes. Payment of \$2,245 in utility bills is for 2 months BGE.

Pastor's Report

Adult Sunday school and Tuesday morning bible study continues. Young adults to begin meeting. Continue visits and phone calls. Bedtime Stories and Prayers program continues. Pastor Katie involved with Animating Antiracism and Interfaith Alliance group in Carroll County.

Property - Doug Myers

Mowing season has begun. Bushes removed from side of church. Raised garden beds completed.

Mission and Outreach – Pastor Katie

Finished with food bags for this year for Manchester Elementary School.

Fundraising – Sue Myers

Bingo \$1,600 profit. Working on dates for community yard sale.

Fellowship – Marge Bailey

4/27 approx. 20 in attendance, next fellowship is 5/18/25.

Caring Ministry – Pastor Katie

Continue prayer shawl partnership with Atlee Hill Nursing Center. Yoga on May 10th and 24th starting at 10:30.

Worship – Hannah Matthews

5/11 Mother's Day/Good Shepard Sunday – prayer stations. 5/25 Pastor Lucy will preach and meditation with Ashby. 6/1 Service at Christmas Tree Park. 6/8 Rev. Craig Peterson will be preaching and fellowship following the service. Pastor Katie will be out of town May 21-28 and July 4th weekend.

Unfinished Business / Updates

Church Picnic June 1st pavilion #2 – Fried chicken and drinks provided, bring a dish to share. Sending \$100 to the Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for membership. “Thank You” note from NESAP for the food donation. Possibly host a block party and asking for food donations for NESAP, asking for food donations from the congregation for the month of July.

New Business

Financial internal controls – policy provided by Sue & approved by Consistory. National Night Out – First Tuesday in August. Mother’s Day carnations to be distributed.

Next Meeting – June 4, 2025



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 1st 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!



Young Adult Bible Study

“The Gospel According to the Simpsons” bible study will meet on June 15, 29, July 13 and 27 after worship



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.



FUNDRAISING

Bingo

Our bingo on May 3rd at the Lineboro Fire Hall was a success. We had a small crowd, but we all had a great time! Thanks to everyone that helped, came out and played, baked goodies, etc.

Gift Cards

Just a reminder, gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month! If you would like more information just reach out to Sue Myers at wsmdem@comcast.net or call her at 443-375-6788. You pay for the gift cards you order and Trinity gets a little rebate!

Yard Sale

We are working on scheduling a community yard sale with Immanuel Lutheran. Looks like the date will probably be in September. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

LENTEN OFFERING

During Lent we collected our annual Lenten offering. This year the offering was split between Immanuel Lutheran’s Food Distribution and NESAP’s Food Pantry. Each organization will receive \$356.65 to help with the food insecurities in our neighborhoods. Thank you all for your donations!

Request for the Children’s Church

Now that we have a Church baby, Trinity’s Children’s Church members are working on recreating our nursery. We will be moving out the things that are not very safe for babies and toddlers. We have a rocking chair and toys. We would like a changing table in good condition and a small crib.

If anyone has either of these items to donate let Lucy Brady know, text or call 419-746-6189.



Upcoming ONA Church-wide Activities

In June, we welcome Rev. Craig Peterson, Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development, Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, who will be our guest preacher on Pentecost, June 8. Afterwards we will have a small fellowship.

Also, as we shared in the last newsletter, we invite you to approach any of us on the taskforce with your questions and suggestions for activities that you would like to participate in, 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



**Carroll County Health Dept
MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC
Wednesday JUNE 25
9:30a.m. – Noon**

CCHD MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC NOW TO TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION! ***WHILE community residents*** wait in line for the Wed morning food distribution, on Wed. June 25th, 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 and information resources, from getting blood pressure checked, 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 – get your blood pressure checked – learn to administer Narcan – ***FIND OUT ABOUT AVAILABLE CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH RESOURCES and HOW TO ACCESS THEM*** – and get a tour of the Mobile Health Unit! (BTW The CCHD Dental Unit now travels with HEALTH ON WHEELS – get a free oral cancer check!!)

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



Charlotte's Quest has Bluebirds!!

Pastor Katie, Tiffany Folk & Ashby Haines, Hannah & Annika Matthews, and Sam & MB Brainerd are official volunteer Bluebird House monitors 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. So far Sam & MB have observed seven Chickadee eggs and three almost fledged Bluebird chicks. Hannah & Annika also have seen 3 Bluebird chicks in one of their assigned bluebird boxes.

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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3229 YORK ST, MANCHESTER, MD 21102**



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

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	<u>Apr 25</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 25</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,104.11	21,292.64
Loose Offering	21.00	71.00
Communion Offering	56.89	180.67
Improvement Fund	130.00	915.00
Food Bags	0.00	331.73
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Childrens' Church	0.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	325.00
Total Income	<u>5,312.00</u>	<u>23,236.04</u>
Gross Profit	5,312.00	23,236.04
Expense		
Administrative	9,897.87	43,313.53
Community Care	0.00	284.78
Faith Formation	100.00	575.55
Mission & Outreach	10.00	397.94
Worship	520.16	601.51
Total Expense	<u>10,528.03</u>	<u>45,173.31</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(5,216.03)</u>	<u>(21,937.27)</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Grant Income	0.00	875.00
Cemetery	2,800.00	3,150.00
Interest/Dividend Income	4.23	210.12
Fundraising / Building Imp	276.26	675.75
Special Offerings Received	433.09	1,035.18
Total Other Income	<u>3,513.58</u>	<u>5,946.05</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>3,513.58</u>	<u>5,946.05</u>
Net Income	<u>(1,702.45)</u>	<u>(15,991.22)</u>

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship in the Park 10:30 a.m. Pavilion #2 Please bring a dish to share.	2	3	4 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	5	6	7 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
8 Pentecost Sunday 10:30 am worship Craig Peterson to preach Prayer Shawls Ashby Meditation Strengthen the Church Offering Fellowship after worship	9	10	11 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	12	13	14
15 Trinity Sunday 10:30 am worship Father's Day Young Adult Bible Study after worship	16	17	18 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	19	20	21 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
22 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am worship	23 July/August Newsletter articles due	24	25 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	26	27	28
29 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am worship Young Adult Bible Study after worship	30	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change. <u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship				

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