



Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

July/August 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

As I write this, we are in the uncertain days after the military strike against Iran. Our community prays for peace each week, but the pursuit of peace can feel overwhelming in a world filled with conflict and uncertainty. The news is filled with stories of division and turmoil throughout our country and our world. You may wonder if true peace is possible. Yet, as, Christian, we have the promise of peace in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

The Bible reminds us that Jesus offers a peace unlike the world's peace. This peace surpasses understanding and can protect hearts and minds during life's challenges. It comes from trusting in God's plan for a hopeful future and the assurance that God is with us in the present.

How can individuals and the church community be instruments of God's peace in the world?

The call to be peacemakers is central to the Christian faith. The Sermon on the Mount pushes us into actively seeking harmony and reconciliation.

We cultivate peace in lives and communities when we:

- Embrace love and compassion through kindness, empathy, and respect to all. We recognize that all are created in God's image.
- Practice forgiveness and reconciliation to mend broken relationships, mirroring God's work through Christ.
- Pray for peace and justice in a world where God's justice prevails. Prayer is a powerful spiritual tool.
- Live with humility by recognizing limitations and valuing others, seeking common ground and working together towards peace.
- Become peace bearers who promote social justice, human rights, and diplomacy among nations and communities.
- Be a voice for the oppressed by speaking out against injustice and advocating for the rights and well-being of the vulnerable.

Building peace requires actions motivated by love and faith. We are called by Christ to be ambassadors of peace, spreading God's love and hope and working towards a world where peace and justice prevail for all.

Let's join together in prayer for peace:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

(Prayer of Saint Francis)



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



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 September Newsletter– Monday, August 25



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, July 9 @ 6pm
 August 6 @ 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 JULY

Greeter for the month of July:

Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of July:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

July 06 – MB Brainerd
 July 13 – Sue Myers
 July 20 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese
 July 27 – Jackie Kulp

Media Operators

July 06 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 July 13 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 July 20 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 July 27 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers

HELPING HANDS AUGUST

Greeter for the month of August:

Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of August:

Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders

Lay Readers:

August 03 – MB Brainerd
 August 10 – Sue Myers
 August 17 – Jackie Kulp
 August 24 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese
 August 31 – MB Brainerd

Media Operators

August 03 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 August 10 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 August 17 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 August 24 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers
 August 31 – 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

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller

Robert Miller, husband of Debbi Miller

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Kenneth Plummer, by Gloria Nethkin

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte

Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Kathleen Stevens

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: July

Theme for the Season After Pentecost: Called to Believe

July 6

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14
Naaman is healed of leprosy

Second Reading Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Jesus sends out the seventy

The Message **Sent out in Discipleship**

July 13

First Reading Amos 7:7-17
God sets a plumb line among the people

Second Reading Luke 10:25-37
Parable of the merciful Samaritan

The Message **Being Neighborly**

July 20

First Reading Amos 8:1-12
God shows us a basket of summer fruit

Second Reading Luke 10:38-42
The better part

The Message **Choosing the Better Part**

Meditation with Ashby

July 27

First Reading Colossians 2:6-15
Buried with Christ in baptism

Second Reading Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches us to pray

The Message **Lord Teach Us to Pray**

June 2025 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Previous minutes - Approved

Treasurer's Report – Sue Myers – Approved

Pastor's Report

Adult Sunday school to resume in September. Young adults continue to meet. Pastor Lucy to assist with member calls while Pastor Katie recovers from surgery. Bedtime Stories and

Prayers program continue. ACM Sheresa Simpson Rice to preach on June 15th.

Property - Doug Myers

Raised vegetable garden is doing nicely. Grass seed was planted and growing where the bushes were removed.

Mission and Outreach – Pastor Katie

Working on block party plans. National Night Out - Aug 5th.

Faith Formation – Moriah Marr/Pastor Lucy

Pastor Lucy looking for assistants with Children Church on a rotating basis.

Fundraising – Sue Myers

Community Yard Sale September 6th, \$25 per spot.

Fellowship – Marge Bailey

5/18 approx. 20 in attendance, next fellowship is 7/20.

Prayer Shawls – Continue partnership with Atlee Hill Nursing Center

Yoga – Sandy Sanders

6 sessions left in this rotation. Several community folks noticed the sign made and posted by Karen Price and have attended.

Worship – Hannah Matthews

6/1 Ascension Sunday/Worship at Christmas Tree Park no communion. 6/8 Pentecost Sunday w/ ACM Craig Peterson, communion shared. 6/22 Moment of affirmation Ashby/Tiffany.

O&A – Hannah Matthews

The committee met with Rev. Craig Peterson after the service on June 8th.

New Business

Church picnic for 2026 - move to the 4th week of June for warmer weather.

Next Meeting – July 9, 2025.



Young Adult Bible Study

"The Gospel According to the Simpsons"
bible study will meet on July 13 and 27 after worship



**Bedtime stories on Wednesday
at 7 pm.**



FUNDRAISING

Gift Cards

Just a reminder, gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month! So far this year we have made over \$550! If you have not started to participate in this fundraiser you should give it a try. It's very easy – simply look over the list of more than 500 retail businesses, select the ones that you would like a gift card for and give your order to Sue Myers (wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788).

For example – if you shop at Weis, order a \$100 gift card. You pay \$100, you get a \$100 gift card, and Trinity gets a \$5 donation!

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of every month. If Sue is not in church on that Sunday, simply call, text or email her with your order. Your cards will be available the following Sunday.

Community Yard Sale

It's back!! We will be holding a joint community yard sale with our friends from Immanuel Lutheran Church. The date will be September 6th. This is a wonderful community event. If you haven't

attended in the past, you need to come out this year and check it out! We will be selling “spaces” for \$25 each which will be located on Church Street for folks to set up their own table and sell their wares, and of course there will be food and drinks for sale. Contact Sue Myers at wsmдем@comcast.net or 443-375-6788 if you have any questions or want to sign up for a space. Spaces are limited so don't wait too long to reserve one! And if you know of any vendors that would be interested in a space please pass on the information.

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

On June 8, Pentecost, Trinity welcomed Rev. Craig Peterson, Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development, Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, as our guest preacher. After worship we all enjoyed a lovely fellowship with muffins, cookies, and fruit, followed by Rev. Craig meeting in conversation and prayer with the Trinity ONA taskforce. We all came out of the meeting feeling more hopeful and comfortable with the time we are taking at Trinity to come to a community decision about becoming an ONA church, however long our discernment and education process needs to be.

Over the summer ONA activities will be on pause, however we will still have 3rd Sunday of the month “Moment of Affirmation” message in our Worship service, at least through the fall. Please let Pastor Katie or me know if you are interested in sharing YOUR “Moment of Affirmation”!! Also, we invite you to let any of us on the taskforce know your questions and suggestions for activities that you would like to participate in, to learn and understand more 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



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 Bluebirds, Chickadees, and Tree Swallows build their nests, lay their eggs, and fledge their chicks. Hannah & Annika also have seen 3 Bluebird chicks in one of their assigned bluebird boxes.

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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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All levels welcome | Chair adaptations offered**

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	May 25	Jan - May 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	4,824.03	26,116.67
Loose Offering	0.00	71.00
Communion Offering	81.89	262.56
Improvement Fund	150.00	1,065.00
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	5,055.92	28,291.96
Gross Profit	5,055.92	28,291.96
Expense		
Administrative	8,221.37	51,962.50
Community Care	99.99	384.77
Faith Formation	20.00	605.25
Mission & Outreach	105.72	503.66
Worship	248.87	850.38
Total Expense	8,695.95	54,306.56
Net Ordinary Income	(3,640.03)	(26,014.60)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Grant Income	0.00	875.00
Cemetery	0.00	3,150.00
Interest/Dividend Income	4.45	214.57
Fundraising / Building Imp	2,796.44	3,472.19
Special Offerings Received	25.76	1,060.94
Total Other Income	2,826.65	8,772.70
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	713.30	713.30
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	5,000.00	17,000.00
Transfer from Fundraising	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(2,000.00)	(14,000.00)
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	713.30	713.30
Net Other Income	2,113.35	8,059.40
Net Income	(1,526.68)	(17,955.20)

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	3	4	5
6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Rae Smith Preaching	7	8	9 Consistory 6 p.m. Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	10	11	12 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Ashby Mediation Youth Bible Study after Worship	14	15	16 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	17	18	19
20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Fellowship following Worship	21	22	23 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	24	25	26 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study after Worship	28	29	30 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	31	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change. <u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship	

August 2025

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3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.	4	5	6 Consistory 6 p.m. Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	7	8	9 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.	11	12	13 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	14	15	16
17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.	18	19	20 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	21	22	23 YOGA 10:30 a.m.
24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.	25 September Newsletter articles due	26	27 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	28	29	30
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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

July

August

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