

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

September 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.

~ Katherine Hankey

Our faith is built on stories. The stories of those who came before us and the stories of our own lives. We meet God in our stories.

When I was a little girl, my family bought an ancient houseboat. We spent long lazy summer vacations on that old boat, often anchored to a sandbar on the Mississippi River. One trip, the current was very strong, and my friend and I were told to stay in the shallow waters unless an adult was with us. We did, but the current was stronger than anyone realized, and it swept me away. I heard my friend call out for my father as I raced by the boat. Suddenly, my father's strong hands surrounded me and pulled me to safety. I don't remember my own baptism, but I will always remember the muddy baptismal waters of the Mississippi when I was saved by my father who loved me so much.

And that story informs my faith of love and salvation. We meet God in our stories.

We meet God in the Shepherd who leaves his large flock to find the one lost and frightened little sheep. We meet God in an elderly woman who gets down on her hands and knees, desperately looking for that one lost coin. And, we meet God again in the parable of the Prodigal son, when Jesus tells the story of a father who watched his son walk away with his inheritance and squander it in a distant land. This father waits patiently for his child to experience the consequences of his actions and return, and "While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion."

What are the stories that inform your faith? Where do you meet God? When we gather them all together, a vibrant quilt of stories and events that move and change us, we will help bring about God's Beloved Community. May it be so!

Have a blessed day,

Pastor Katie



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/09 – Ronald Zumbrun
 09/10 – Elijah Miller
 09/17 – Haylee Clark
 09/19 – Lexi Larson
 09/20 – Ezra Krawczyk
 09/22 – Logan Nave
 09/23 – Pastor Katie
 09/27 – Lily Saunders
 09/30 – Kenneth Reed

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/06 – Cindy Reed
 10/07 – Gloria Nethkin
 10/10 – Alex Loren
 10/11 – Lorne Hemlock
 10/12 – Kelly Rhoten
 10/18 – Sylvia Calabrese
 10/22 – Patricia Warner
 10/23 – Madison Hudgins
 10/25 – Andrea Loren, Ashby Haines
 10/26 – Sue Myers
 10/29 – Lane Saunders
 10/30 – Fynn Krawczyk
 10/31 – Leon Miller, Livi Saunders



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09/03 MariBeth and Sam Brainerd
 09/08 Karen and James Price
 09/17 Lorne and Kelsey Hemlock
 09/28 Michelle and Elwin Wagner

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/01 Sarah and Jeff Krawczyk
 10/04 Karen and David Haines
 10/11 Leslie and Jeff Brooks
 10/14 Nickie and Rob Saunders
 10/31 Belva and Earl LaMotte

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 October Newsletter– Monday, September 22



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, September 3 @ 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 SEPTEMBER

Greeter for the month of Sept:

Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of Sept:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

Sept. 07 – Sue Myers
 Sept. 14 – MB Brainerd
 Sept. 21 – Jackie Kulp
 Sept. 28 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

Media Operators

Sept. 07 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Sept. 14 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Sept. 21 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers
 Sept. 28 – 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:

Hailey Begley, cousin of Shana Clark
 Jason Brackenridge, cousin of Shana Clark
 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
 Gordon Persinger
 Leah, friend of Donna Alban
 Michael & Pat Robinette, (son & Mom) by Gloria
 Nethkin
 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

Worship Schedule: September **You Are Welcome Here!**

September 7

First Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11
The Lord shapes Israel
Second Reading Luke 14:25-33
Give up your possessions
The Message **Molded by the Potter**

September 14

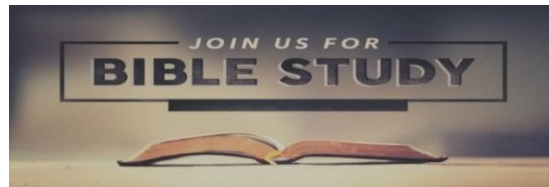
First Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Judgment against Jerusalem
Second Reading Luke 15:1-10
The lost sheep and the lost coin
The Message **Lost and Found**
Meditation with Ashby

September 21 – Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday & International Day of Peace

First Reading Proverbs 1:1-21
Words of Wisdom
Second Reading Luke 16:1-13
Serving God or wealth
The Message **Wisdom Calling**

September 28

First Reading Proverbs 1:1-21
Words of Wisdom
Second Reading Luke 16:1-13
Serving God or wealth
The Message **Seeking Justice**



Bible Study starts back up on

September 7 at 9:15

The curriculum is called Sojourn: Flourishing on Earth, Yearning for Heaven

Join us for Sojourn: Flourishing on Earth, Yearning for Heaven which focuses on faithful living. In this study we trace the thread of exiles throughout the Bible, exploring the narratives of those who have gone before us. Together, we will discover how to live faithfully in the here and now while longing for our true heavenly home. Along the way, we'll explore Scripture with thought-provoking questions and seek opportunities to apply the truths we find to our actual lives. Join us in this pursuit of Faithful Living as exiles!



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

Eat to support Trinity's Fundraiser

honeygrow in Westminster offers wholesome and simple foods including stir-fry, salads, honeybars and a kid's menu. On **September 20th** they will give Trinity 20% of all orders placed with our promo code. Use the code **GIVE153** at kiosk in the restaurant or online at **honeygrow.com**. Please check out their menu at honeygrow.com

When: Saturday, September 20th 10:30AM-10:00PM

Where: honeygrow 255 Baltimore Blvd.
 Westminster

(on 140 across from the mall)

Promo Code: **GIVE153**

Flyers are available in the lower narthex or you may contact Sandy Sanders with questions at 443.974.6723



FUNDRAISING

Gift Cards

Have you participated in our gift card program? If not, see Sue Myers to find out how you can start. There are over 500 vendors that you can purchase gift cards from. Use for gifts or everyday expenses. Trinity receives a rebate from your purchase, you get exactly what you paid for. Gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month! To get a list of the vendors or to place your order, contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net. Your cards will be available no later than the following Sunday.

Community Yard Sale

Don't forget our community yard sale is being held on September 6th from 8:00 – 1:00. We will be selling "spaces" for \$20 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 wsmdem@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.

CONSISTORY MINUTES

After careful consideration and discussion, we have decided to discontinue summarizing the Consistory minutes in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to have a copy of the approved minutes they will be available in the narthex or you can request a copy by email or regular mail. Please email by emailing office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net or call 410-374-2727.

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.

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.



Upcoming ONA Activities

Now that we're back from our summer trips and vacations, we expect that ONA activities will resume, including 3rd Sunday of the month "Moment of Affirmation" message in our Worship services, 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. Our next Trinity ONA Taskforce Team meeting will take place after worship on Sunday Sept 14 – please feel free to join us!

Peace and Blessings!

MB Brainerd
Chair, Trinity ONA Taskforce



Charlotte's Quest has Bluebirds!! And flying squirrels!!

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. And last week Hannah & Annika saw flying squirrel nests in two of the boxes they checked! If you are interested in monitoring Bluebird boxes at Charlotte's Quest, contact either Hannah or MB!

Mbagape2@gmail.com



Carroll County Health Dept MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC At Trinity UCC-Manchester Wednesday AUGUST 27 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. Aug 27th, 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***

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



Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice

Trinity UCC recently became the 31st member faith community of the Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ)!! The CCIARJ is holding its second annual potluck on Saturday October 4th at the Grace Lutheran Church – everyone in the Trinity UCC community is invited to attend – speak with Pastor Katie or MB Brainerd if you are interested in learning more!!

Also the CCIARJ is planning a 6-hour nonviolence resistance and organizing training for member communities on Saturday November 8 – the training, limited to 30 participants, will be conducted by Dr. Pam Zapardino and Dr. Charlie Collyer, co-directors of the Ira & Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education, which is a program of Common Ground on the Hill, a Maryland Folklife Center, in Residence at McDaniel College. Pam and Charlie have agreed to customize the training, which follows the Kingian school of resistance training and organizing, to be inclusive of what the faith traditions represented in the CCIARJ say about peace, justice, and nonviolence.

INTERFAITH DINNER

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
21 Carroll St., Westminster MD
Date: Saturday, October 4th
Time: 6 pm
Phone: 443-789-4291
Sign up sheet in the Narthex
See Pastor Katie if interested



Immanuel
Lutheran Church
3184 Church Street
Manchester, MD 21102

Trinity
& UCC
3229 York Street
Manchester, MD 21102

Saturday
September 6, 2025

~ Rain or Shine ~

8am – 1pm



For more information, contact:

Rhonda at 443-340-2357 / kkiler@comcast.net

Sue 443-375-6788 / wsmdem@comcast.net



“We are having a potluck meal following our “Rejoice in the Welcome” service on Sunday September 21, 2025. Please bring a dish and share in this time of food and fellowship.”

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**



*trinityuccmanchester.org &
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**

Trinity UCC
3229 York St. Manchester
co-sponsored by St. Matthews UCC



Rejoice in the Welcome

September 20, 2025

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**JOIN US FOR INTERGENERATIONAL
FUN AND GAMES, INCLUDING A HIKE
AND MEDITATION AT CHARLOTTE'S
QUEST**





Tioga County, Pennsylvania October 5-10, 2025

Tioga County, Pennsylvania, was particularly hard hit by flooding triggered by the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby in August of 2024. Some of those affected areas were also drenched by the leftovers of Tropical Storm Fred in August 2021 and took months to recover. An economically challenged area of the county was hard hit by both storms.

Our partner for our work week is Develop Tioga, a local organization that has formed a Long-Term Recovery team continuing to work with those impacted by the flooding and wants to ensure that anybody still in need of assistance is considered for help.

The recovery work has been focused on cleaning up debris from properties and repairing homes that were devastated by flooding. Previous groups have been doing work such as installing water heaters, drywall, replacing insulation, and building ramps.

As we get closer to the time of the trip and know the skills of the group members, we will be able to have a clearer idea of what our group will be doing.

We will need people with a variety of skills as well as people who are willing to learn new skills, cook, and do material runs for the group. In other words, we will find meaningful work for you to do.

Group Size: Up to 20

Cost: approximately \$100 per person for food. As of right now, the group will be cooking at a local church. One dinner out at your own expense.

Accommodations: Penn York Camp (as of today). Participants will need to bring sleeping bags or bedding.

Schedule: Participants arrive late afternoon/early evening on October 5th. We can arrange for the carpooling once we know who is going.

Monday – Friday, October 6-10: Work projects

Departure: Early afternoon on Friday, October 10th

Contact: Barbara Kershner Daniel. CAC Disaster Response Coordinator at bkdaniel@cacucc.org

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Jun 25	Jan - Jun 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	4,364.27	30,480.94
Loose Offering	28.00	99.00
Communion Offering	56.89	319.45
Improvement Fund	225.00	1,290.00
Food Bags	0.00	331.73
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Childrens' Church	0.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	5.00	330.00
Total Income	4,679.16	32,971.12
Gross Profit	4,679.16	32,971.12
Expense		
Administrative	11,551.42	63,513.92
Community Care	35.73	420.50
Faith Formation	0.00	605.25
Mission & Outreach	1,045.00	1,548.66
Worship	200.00	1,050.38
Total Expense	12,832.15	67,138.71
Net Ordinary Income	(8,152.99)	(34,167.59)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Grant Income	0.00	875.00
Cemetery	0.00	3,150.00
Interest/Dividend Income	240.38	454.95
Fundraising / Building Imp	110.68	3,582.87
Special Offerings Received	229.37	1,290.31
Total Other Income	580.43	9,353.13
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	713.30
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	713.30
Net Other Income	580.43	8,639.83
Net Income	(7,572.56)	(25,527.76)

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Receipts and Disbursements

	Jul 25	Jan - Jul 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	4,196.31	34,677.25
Loose Offering	40.00	139.00
Communion Offering	56.89	376.34
Improvement Fund	120.00	1,410.00
Food Ministry	25.76	455.90
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Childrens' Church	0.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	330.00
Total Income	4,438.96	37,508.49
Gross Profit	4,438.96	37,508.49
Expense		
Administrative	10,586.87	73,200.79
Community Care	0.00	420.50
Faith Formation	0.00	605.25
Mission & Outreach	30.00	1,578.66
Worship	0.00	1,050.38
Total Expense	10,616.87	76,855.58
Net Ordinary Income	(6,177.91)	(39,347.09)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Grant Income	875.00	1,750.00
Cemetery	(450.00)	1,800.00
Interest/Dividend Income	0.03	454.98
Fundraising / Building Imp	951.75	4,534.62
Special Offerings Received	0.00	1,191.90
Total Other Income	1,376.78	9,731.50
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	713.30
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	713.30
Net Other Income	1,376.78	9,018.20
Net Income	<u>(4,801.13)</u>	<u>(30,328.89)</u>

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September 2025

October ▶

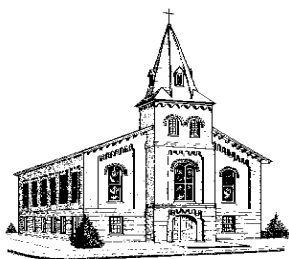
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3 Consistory 6 p.m. Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	4 Grief Support Group 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	5	6 YOGA 10:30 a.m. Community Yard Sale 8am-1pm
7 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	8	9	10 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	11 Grief Support Group 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	12	13
14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Bible Study 9:15	15	16	17 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	18 Grief Support Group 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	19	20 <u>Eat to support Trinity's Fundraiser</u> 10:30AM-10:00PM Rejoice in the Welcome 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
21 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Potluck dinner for Rejoice in the Welcome Bible Study 9:15	22 October Newsletter articles due	23	24	25 Grief Support Group 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	26	27
28 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	29	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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