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Trinity Times

October 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

Faith in action is love, and love in action is service ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

When I walk my dogs, I always start with a walk by the field behind my house. There are always various sheep and goats there, ready to stick their noses through the fence and greet the little dogs that visit them. And each time I see the flock of sheep and goats, I remember Jesus call to each of us.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells a powerful parable about a shepherd separating sheep from goats on the day of judgment (Matthew 25:31–46). The outcome is determined not by what people said they believed, but by what they did.

The sheep are blessed for their acts of kindness: feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. The King praises them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

The goats are condemned for their lack of action. They protest that they never saw Jesus in need, but the King answers, "as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me" (Matthew 25:45). The parable reminds us that faith without works is dead (James 2:14-17).

This parable is more than a lesson for a distant future; it is a call to action for us today. It reminds us that our faith is made real through compassionate service to those in need, especially the most vulnerable among us. This is a core part of our mission as a church and as followers of Christ.

We can all make a difference, even in small ways, by showing kindness and generosity:

The hungry: The generosity of our congregation to serve struggling families every week is seen in our food ministry. As our social safety net is shredded by budget cuts, this ministry is more important than ever.

The stranger: We are called to make new visitors feel welcome, and I love to see how we are able to greet and welcome anyone who walks through our doors. We are also called to reach out and welcome those who never walk through our church doors: those who have experienced church trauma, refugees, immigrants and anyone who is demonized by others in our society.

The sick and lonely: Reach out to members of our church who are homebound, recovering from an illness, or simply need a friend. A phone call or a card can make all the difference.

The vulnerable: Who are the most vulnerable in our midst? The unhoused, the LGBTQ+ community, those in recovery, or young people in difficult circumstances.

Jesus tells us exactly what we need to do and be. We are a people marked by active faith and compassionate hearts. Let us live into our denominational belief of "whoever you are and wherever we are in life's journey, you are welcome here." When we care for others, we are caring for Christ himself.



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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/06 – Gordon Persinger
 11/08 – Jamie Scheeman
 Jackie Kulp
 11/10 – Norma Lee Reed
 11/18 – R. Michael Miller
 11/20 – Karen Haines
 11/30 – Benjamin Krawczyk
 Judy Miller



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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 November Newsletter– Monday, October 27



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, October 1 @ 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 OCTOBER

Greeter for the month of October:

Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of October:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

Oct. 05 – MB Brainerd
 Oct. 12 – Jackie Kulp
 Oct. 19 – Sue Myers
 Oct. 26 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

Media Operators

Oct. 05 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Oct. 12 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Oct. 19 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Oct. 26 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers

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:

Joanna Garber
 Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
 Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
 Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
 Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller
 Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger
 Rosie Kundin
 Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick
Gordon Persinger
George Pietsch
Marc Pulido
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Michael & Pat Robinette, (son & Mom) by
Gloria Nethkin

Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Joey Stanford
Kathleen Stevens
Gina Tollini
Ronnie Williams
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Media Help Wanted

The media team is looking for persons to assist with the live stream of our Sunday services on the church's Facebook page.

You do not need to commit to every Sunday. Our current operators, Karen & Elwin will provide training and support.

Please see Sandy Sanders, Karen Haines or Elwin Wagner for more information.

Thank you in advance for considering to help with this valuable piece of our worship service.

Worship Schedule: October

Theme: You Are Welcome Here

October 5 – World Communion Sunday

First Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12–27
Gifts of the Spirit

Second Reading John 17:21-23
That they all may be one

The Message **Prayer Stations**

October 12

First Reading Psalm 148
Praise God!

Second Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
A letter of hope

Third Reading Luke 17:11-19
The healing of ten lepers

The Message **Building Hope**

October 19 – Children's Sabbath

First Reading Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills

Second Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34
Promise of a new covenant

Third Reading Luke 18:1-8
A widow begs for justice

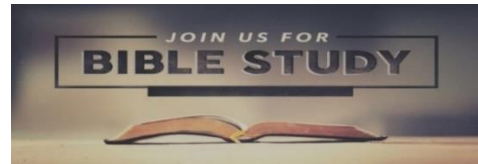
The Message **O God Hear Our Prayers**

October 26 – Harvest Home

First Reading Joel 2 :23-32
In those days I will pour out my Spirit

Second Reading Luke 18:9-14
A Pharisee and a tax collector pray

The Message **Gathering the Harvest**



Bible Study Sunday Morning **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!*

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.



FUNDRAISING

GIFT CARDS

As we enter fall and the leaves start changing, why not turn over a new leaf! If you haven't taken advantage of our Scrip Gift Card program (also known as Raise Right) now's the time! If you're not sure what it is or how it works just reach out to me and I'll be more than happy to explain.

Gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month or you can set up your own account and receive cards electronically whenever you want.

With over 550 vendors there's bound to be one or two that you can use for your groceries, gas, pharmacy, household goods, clothing, travel, etc. If you would like a list of all the vendors just let me know and I'll get one to you.

You can reach me at wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788. Thanks – Sue Myers.

MEET & GREET WITH SANTA

For years we have participated in the Giving Tree at Christmas. This year we have been asked to participate in a different event. The young lady that cleans our church, Amanda, of Detailed Services LLC, asked if we would like to partner with her to offer a space for Santa to meet and greet children in need from the area. The event will take place on December 6, 2025.

There are various ways you all can help - included in the newsletter you will find several flyers explaining the event, ways to help, and even a raffle to enter for a 6 hour house cleaning! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Sue Myers, 443-375-6788 or Amanda at Detailed Services 443-857-4981.

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.

Partnership with Carroll County Health on Wheels

Members from the Carroll County Health Department's Health on Wheels program visited us on August 27th. The team visited 64 folks as they waited in line at Immanuel's food distribution. Health information was distributed, and the nurse checked the blood pressure for 32 people. Trinity is happy to be a part of this community service. Upcoming visits are tentatively scheduled for October 29th and November 26th Please watch for an announcement.

Looking ahead!



Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 1** is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us. Please give your names to Pastor Katie or Diane. More information to follow.

Join Us For Our Meet & Greet with Santa



**Detailed Services llc &
Trinity United Church of
Christ holiday event.**

**LOCATION: Trinity United
Church of Christ 3229 York
Street Manchester Md
21102.**

**DATE: Saturday,
December 6th ,2025**

TIME: 1pm-3pm

**Meet Santa get a
gift and enjoy a
yummy treat at
this fun family
event.**

**Things to look
forward to :**

- Photo with Santa.
- One gift per child attending our event.
- Snacks and drinks will be provided.

We will not have a photographer at this event. Please bring your own camera or the event leader will provide you with a photo.

Donations for Meet and Greet with Santa at Trinity United Church of Christ by Detailed Services llc

What we need from the Volunteers:

- Gift wrappers (a few people to help wrap gifts before the event)
- Time during event
 - I. Help coordinate line for gifts
 - II. Help coordinate line for photos
 - III. Help to set up snacks and drinks
 - IV. Help to set up area for Santa

Donations needed:

- Gift wrap
- Tap
- Scissors
- Toys(Amanda can get a pallet of toys) cash donations will be accepted but not mandatory.
- Snacks (Christmas cookies or cupcakes)
- Drinks (milk, juice, water) individuals
- Plates, napkins, plastic ware ,etc.

**Amanda will be holding a Christmas Cleaning Raffle to help pay for
some of the event .**



Christmas Give Back Raffle

Detailed Services llc is partnering this holiday season with Trinity United Church of Christ to hold a event for children in the Manchester area. We have selected two elementary schools in the area and spoke with the guidance counselors to get us in contact with families in need of help this holiday season. Detailed Services llc will be holding a raffle to help with the cost of this event.

HELP US GIVE BACK

Raffle Information :

- \$50 Donation For each spot
- SPOT NUMBERS 1-20
- Only 20 chances being sold
- Winner get a 9am-3pm cleaning with AMANDA FROM DETAILED SERVICES LLC .

Prize :

One scheduled 9am-3pm cleaning provided by Amanda at Detailed Services llc.



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

	Aug 25	Jan - Aug 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,307.92	39,985.17
Loose Offering	86.00	225.00
Communion Offering	51.89	428.23
Improvement Fund	195.00	1,605.00
Food Ministry	51.16	507.06
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Childrens' Church	0.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	330.00
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Total Income	5,691.97	43,200.46
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Gross Profit	5,691.97	43,200.46
Expense		
Administrative	7,439.47	80,667.30
Community Care	0.00	420.50
Faith Formation	0.00	605.25
Mission & Outreach	1,123.00	2,701.66
Worship	120.96	1,171.34
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Total Expense	8,683.43	85,566.05
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Net Ordinary Income	(2,991.46)	(42,365.59)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income	(1,544.81)	8,186.69
Other Expense	478.61	1,281.91
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Net Other Income	(2,023.42)	6,904.78
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Net Income	<u>(5,014.88)</u>	<u>(35,460.81)</u>

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.	<u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship		1 Consistory 6 p.m.	2	3	4 Interfaith Alliance Dinner 6pm Grace Lutheran Church
5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15 NIN Offering	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15 Prayer Shawls	13 Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Children's Sabbath 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Harvest Home 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	27 November Newsletter articles due	28	29	30	31 Reformation Reconciliation Day	

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