

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

November 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

*It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me. ~Galatians 2:20*

November is Stewardship month in many churches. When you hear the word "stewardship," you might reach out to hide your wallet. The term has often been misunderstood as a simple request for funds to keep the church lights on. This is important but stewardship is so much more! God calls us to be caretakers of the world and all who live upon it. We honor the various ways people give and many of the gifts are not financial.

Stewardship is a joyful opportunity to partner with God in healing and transforming the world.

We give because we are so full of thankfulness for the gifts in our lives—our community, our planet, and the opportunity to do good—that we can't help but share our abundance with others. We respond to God's grace with profound gratitude.

So, why do we give?

We give in grateful response for all that God has done for us. It is more than needs of the church... we expand our view to include our neighbors, both near and far. Your gifts support the vital ministries that radiate out from our doors and into the world. They provide meals for our community, support local advocacy efforts, provide prayer shawls to those who are healing, and fund our partnerships with global organizations working for peace and justice. When we give, we are funding God's work.

As the psalmist reminds us, "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1). This means we are not the owners of our resources but simply the temporary managers. This knowledge frees us from the anxiety of holding on too tightly. We can give freely and cheerfully, knowing that all good things come from God, and we are simply returning a portion to further God's purposes.

Our giving is a holistic practice that shapes our entire lives. It's about how we use our time, our talents, and our finances to build God's kingdom of justice, love, and compassion on Earth. By embracing this revolutionary generosity, we move beyond guilt and obligation and into the joy of participating in God's abundant and transformative work.

We are grateful for all the various ways we give back to God and we celebrate the gifts of God together!



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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02 – Doug Rhoten
 12/03 – Tiffany Folk
 12/11 – Laci Saunders
 12/17 – Annika Matthews
 12/19 – James Price
 12/27 – Amy Miller
 12/28 – Abigail Krawczyk



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 December Newsletter– Monday, November 17



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, November 5 @ 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 NOVEMBER

Greeter for the month of November:

Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of November:

Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders

Lay Readers:

Nov. 02 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese
 Nov. 09 – MB Brainerd
 Nov. 16 – Sue Myers
 Nov. 23 – Marge Bailey
 Nov. 30 – Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

Media Operators

Nov. 02 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Nov. 09 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Nov. 16 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Nov. 23 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Nov. 30 – 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:

Joanna Garber
 Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
 Shannon Gettman, daughter of Diane
 Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
 Norman Greenholtz
 Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller
 Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger
 Michael Kulp
 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: November

November 2

All Saints Sunday

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
O Lord, how long shall I cry for help?

Second Reading Luke 19:9-10
Zacchaeus climbs high to see Jesus

Message Doing Faith

November 9

Stewardship Sunday

First Reading Haggai 2:1-2:9
I will fill this house with splendor

Second Reading John 15:12-17
Jesus' commandment of love

The Message Covenantal Love

November 16

First Reading Psalm 98
The victory of our God

Second Reading Isaiah 65:17-25
A new heaven and earth

Third Reading Luke 21:1-4
Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple

The Message Grace and Rollercoasters

November 23

Thanksgiving Sunday and Dedication of our Prayer Garden

First Reading Psalm 126

God has done great things for us

Second Reading Joel 2:21-27

The promise to restore Jerusalem

Third Reading Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple

The Message Thankful

November 30

The First Sunday of Advent

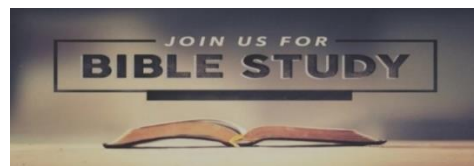
First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

A righteous branch springs from David

Second Reading Luke 21:25-36

Watch for the coming of the Son of Man

The Message And so We Wait...



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!*

Advent Bible Study

The light of the world: a guide to advent

**Starting: Tuesday Dec. 2 at 5pm
each Tuesday through the 22nd.**

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.



GIFT CARDS

With the holidays approaching, what better time to support Trinity UCC! Use gift cards to make your on-line holiday purchases safer! Plus buy gift cards to give as presents to those that are hard-to-buy-for.

There are multiple options to purchase "gift cards", eGift cards (available immediately), physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards. And there are \$5 and \$10 options to choose from for that little special holiday gift!

For every gift card purchased, TUCC receives a rebate from the retailer. The earnings come from the gift card brand you are purchasing—their way of supporting organizations and communities like ours.

For the holiday season we will be placing gift card orders on **11/2, 11/16, 11/30, and 12/14**. If you haven't participated in the program and would like more information, or if you'd like a list of the various retailers, please contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.

[Also, if I am not physically in church on the order dates, the orders will still go in. Just call me, text me or email me your order.](#)

MEET & GREET WITH SANTA

Santa will be at Trinity on **Saturday 12/6 from 1:00-3:00**. We realize these times are difficult for some and we would like to help put a smile on a

child's face. If you know of any young children, infant to 5th grade, that would like a little extra gift from Santa please give the parents the following contact information – Sue 443-375-6788 or Amanda 443-857-4981. **We need to have a headcount on the number of children no later than 11/15 so we can make sure we have something for everyone.**

We are not participating in the Giving Tree this year so if you would like to make a cash contribution for the Santa Meet & Greet, we would really appreciate it. The money will go to purchase gifts for the children.

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket for a free house cleaning, those tickets are \$50 each and the proceeds go to purchasing toys. There are only 15 tickets left so don't delay! Amanda from Detailed Services (who cleans the church) is partnering with us on this holiday giving!

61st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Pastor Katie, Lucy Brady, and myself attended the 61st annual meeting at Little River UCC in Annandale, VA on October 24th and 25th. It did not disappoint! These meetings are a wonderful way to find out what our Conference really does, listen to beautiful music with over 100 people singing, attending a variety of workshops on interesting topics, network with new and old friends, etc. This year our guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Julian DeShazier from Chicago. This young man (also known as J. Kwest) gave the most extraordinary message starting with a rap video, adding in humor, inspiration, motivation, words of action, etc. Not sure there was a dry eye in the sanctuary.

I know folks don't always have the time to attend a 2 day meeting, but there is always the option to view it online or just attend 1 day or a half day. I can honestly say I always come away from these meetings feeling blessed.

CATOCTIN ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING

Trinity UCC is part of the Catoclin Association, along with other UCC churches in Carroll, Frederick, Washington Counties, and some Virginia and West Virginia churches. We will be holding our fall meeting on **Sunday November 16th 2:00-4:00 pm** at Emmanuel Baust in Westminster, MD. This would provide you the opportunity to meet others from other UCC churches, find out what is going on throughout the Association, and possibly gain insight on ways we can stay involved. If you are curious just ask Pastor Katie or Sue Myers for more information.

2026 BUDGET MEETING

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, 12/7/25**, immediately following the service. The 2026 budget will be discussed and voted on. Please plan to attend. The proposed budget will be available after 11/5/25, so if you would like a copy before the meeting please contact Sue Myers.

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.



“Open ‘N Affirming” Congregational Discernment - Fall Activities

The Trinity UCC ONA taskforce (Pastor Katie, Pastor Lucy, Hannah M, Ashby H, Tiffany F, Pam M, & MB B), met on Sunday Oct 5 after worship, to plan educational and conversational activities for 2025-2026.

Activities to look for in the coming weeks and months include a monthly ONA bible study with the theme “What does it mean to be an affirming Christian?” (Possibly will be on the second Sunday), singing a “hymn or song of affirmation” each month, hosting a guest speaker from an ONA congregation to give an “ONA discernment testimony” followed by fellowship, and showing a movie dealing with inclusion and affirming themes, followed by discussion. The next ONA taskforce meeting is after worship, Sunday Nov 9.

Please, if you have any questions, or just want to share your thoughts, reach out to any of the taskforce members. Also, any member of the Trinity community is welcome to attend any of the taskforce meetings!

Peace and Blessings!

MB Brainerd
Co-Chair, Trinity ONA Taskforce



**Carroll County Health Dept
MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC**

At Trinity UCC-Manchester

Wednesday Oct 29

9:00 – 11:30a.m.

CCHD MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC NOW TAKES PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION! *WHILE community residents* wait in line for the Wed morning food distribution, **on Wed. Oct 29th**, 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 Flu Vaccine (provide insurance info and ID), Respiratory Illness Prevention, Blood Pressure screening, Naloxone training & distribution to prevent death from Opioid overdose, STI Screening, HIV & Hep C Testing, 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.



**Nonviolence Resistance Training
Saturday Nov 8 9:30am-4:30pm
(Free, lunch included)**

**Sponsored by
Carroll County Interfaith Alliance
for Racial Justice**

The CCIARJ is planning a free 6-hour nonviolence resistance and organizing training for member communities (Trinity UCC is a member!!) on Saturday November 8 9:30am-4:30pm (Lunch included!)

The Nonviolence Resistance training, limited to 30 participants, will be conducted by Dr. Pam Zapardino and Dr. Charlie Collyer, co-directors of the Common Ground on the Hill “Ira & Mary Zepp Center for Nonviolence and Peace Education,” located on the McDaniel College campus. Pam and Charlie are fully certified trainers following the Kingian school of resistance training and organizing, which combines the principles of peace, nonviolence, and Justice that underly all the faith traditions of the diverse faith communities that make up the CCIARJ.

There are only a few spots left, so if you are interested in attending this important foundational training, contact MB Brainerd or Pastor Katie at your earliest opportunity.

Recipe for bread

On Worldwide Communion Sunday, our service offered a variety of breads representing navy cultures and traditions.

Several of you requested the recipe for the bread I had at a Communion Service in Shanghai, China.

Here it is:

Preheat oven to 350

Mix together in a bowl:

-3 cups of flour (half whole wheat and half wheat is best)

-1/4 cup brown sugar packed hard

-1 teaspoon salt

-1 teaspoon of baking soda (break apart any lumps or won't dissolve)

2 teaspoons of baking powder

Add 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil (please do not use peanut oil some people have allergies)

-2 to 3 tablespoons of honey

-1 cup of cold water or a little more of the dough is dry mix until just combined

(be careful not to over mix) shape into two freeform loaves on a baking sheet (I use parchment paper)

each loaf should be about a half an inch thick in an oval shape
Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes. Make sure it is done.

Notes:

If it is made too thick it's difficult to break apart and may be doughy in the middle.

If made to thin it could be too dry and crumbly and the bread falls apart. if made with peanut oil.

Best served of hot the same day

If you do freeze bread in advance, be sure that it's cold when placed in the freezer otherwise ice may form on the bottom which will make it soggy when thawed.

Enjoy!



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree





2025 Poinsettia Order Form

**It's time to order your poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary
for Christmas.**

**The plants are available in red and white and 3 sizes as outlined
below.**

**Checks should be made out to Trinity UCC. Payment is due
when you order. The deadline for orders is December 1, 2025.**

Please give your order to Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders.

Description	Color	Cost	Number	Subtotal
Small, ~4.5 " pot, red only	N/A	\$7.00		
Medium, ~6.5" pot, 1 plant branched, 5+ blooms, red or white		\$10.00		
Large, ~7.5" pot, 2 plants branched, red or white		\$16.00		

Name:_____ **Phone:**_____

Total Number of plants:_____ **Total Amount Due:**_____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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

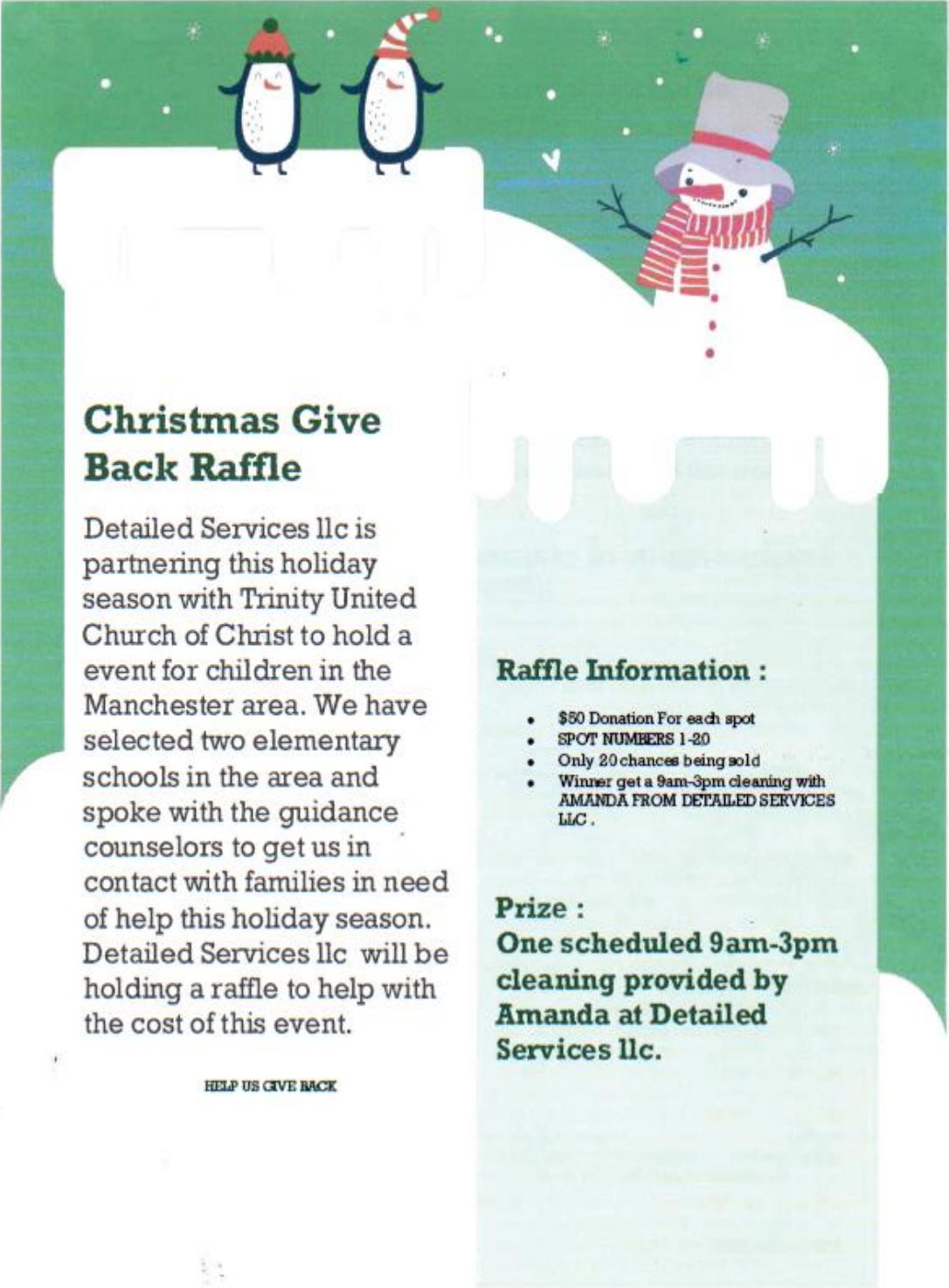
What we need from the Volunteers:

- 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.

Reverse Advent Calendar – sharing our blessings with others. During the month of December, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for NESAP’s Food Pantry. This calendar is a suggestion of items to donate each day during the month. The donations will be blessed the first Sunday in January. Boxes are available in the social hall for your use.

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Spaghetti & pasta sauce	2 Macaroni & Cheese	3 Stuffing	4 Cranberry Sauce	5 Applesauce	6 Oatmeal
7 Cereal	8 Breakfast/granola bars	9 Tuna	10 Canned Pasta	11 Chili	12 Canned Meat	13 Canned Potatoes
14 Canned Carrots	15 Canned Mixed Vegetables	16 Canned Yams	17 Hamburger Helper	18 Muffin Mix	19 Brownie Mix	20 Cake Mix & Frosting
21 Boxed Potatoes	22 Canned Fruit	23 Baked Beans	24 Rice	25 Rice/Pasta Sides	26 Juice	27 Ramen Noodles
28 Tomato sauce/paste	29 Cup of Soups	30 Pudding/Jello	31 Soups			

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Sep 25	Jan - Sep 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	4,726.76	44,711.93
Loose Offering	62.00	287.00
Communion Offering	46.89	475.12
Improvement Fund	100.00	1,705.00
Food Ministry	25.76	532.82
Rental Income	0.00	100.00
Childrens' Church	0.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	330.00
Total Income	4,961.41	48,161.87
Gross Profit	4,961.41	48,161.87
Expense		
Administrative	7,816.44	88,483.74
Community Care	0.00	420.50
Faith Formation	0.00	605.25
Mission & Outreach	481.00	3,182.66
Worship	273.20	1,444.54
Total Expense	8,570.64	94,136.69
Net Ordinary Income	(3,609.23)	(45,974.82)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Grant Income	875.00	2,625.00
Cemetery	(150.00)	1,050.00
Interest/Dividend Income	0.00	459.44
Fundraising / Building Imp	515.25	4,100.60
Special Offerings Received	0.00	1,191.90
Total Other Income	1,240.25	9,426.94
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	1,281.91
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	3,500.00	34,000.00
Transfer from Fundraising	0.00	(5,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(3,500.00)	(29,000.00)
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	1,281.91
Net Other Income	1,240.25	8,145.03
Net Income	(2,368.98)	(37,829.79)

November 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints Day
2 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	3	4	5 Consistory 6pm	6	7	8
9 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15 Blessing of Food bags and Prayer Shawls	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15 Fellowship Catocin Assoc. meeting 2-4pm	17 Dec. Newsletter articles due	18	19	20	21	22
23 Regin of Christ 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
30 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. subject to change. Always Each Week Children’s Church during worship					

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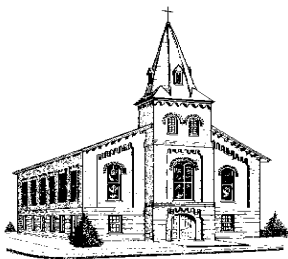
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