

# Trinity United Church of Christ

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**Trinity Times**

**April 2026**

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

*Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*From the house of the Lord we bless you. (Psalm 118:25-26)*

Every year Easter arrives like a breath we didn't realize we'd been holding. It comes after the long ache of Lent, after the shadows of Holy Week, after the silence of the tomb. And yet Easter never simply *returns*—it *interrupts*. It breaks in. It startles. It shakes loose what we thought was settled. Resurrection is not a gentle metaphor; it is a seismic event.

The first Easter didn't begin with trumpets or lilies. It began with an earthquake, with women running at dawn, with fear, grief and astonishment braided together. The world shifted under their feet. And in many ways, it still does.

Easter is God's bold refusal to let death, violence, or empire have the final word. It is the divine insistence that injustice is not inevitable, that despair is not destiny, that love is stronger than the cruelty humans do to one another.

In a world where so many forces try to convince us otherwise—where cruelty is normalized, where the vulnerable are dismissed, where truth is bent for profit—Easter stands as a counter-testimony. It proclaims that God is still in the business of overturning stones: stones of apathy, stones of fear, stones of systems that crush rather than lift.

Resurrection is not a reward for the faithful. It is a revolution for the whole world.

And, if we look closely, we can still feel the tremors of resurrection in our own time:

- In communities organizing for justice and refusing to give up on one another.
- In people who choose compassion over cynicism, even when it costs them something.
- In movements that insist every person—immigrant, unhoused neighbor, queer youth, disabled elder—is beloved and worthy.
- In the quiet courage of those who keep showing up, keep telling the truth, keep tending hope.

These are not small things. They are signs that the stone is still rolling.

Easter is not just a story we remember; we are invited to share in New Life. The risen Christ does not stay in the tomb, and neither should we stay in the places that keep us small, silent, or afraid.

Have a blessed Easter!

*Pastor Katie*



**PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO: [officetuccmd@gmail.com](mailto:officetuccmd@gmail.com)**



**Meeting Dates – some by Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday April 1 @ 6pm  
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.



**HELPING HANDS APRIL**

**Greeter for the month of April:**

Belva LaMotte

**Ushers for the month of April:**

Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders

**Lay Readers:**

- April 02 – MB Brainerd
- April 05 – Sue Myers
- April 12 – Shana Clark
- April 19 – Marge Bailey
- April 26 – MB Brainerd

**Media Operator**

- April 02 - Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- April 05 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- April 12 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers
- April 19 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- April 26 – 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:**

- Carolyn Brooks
- Annie Durnell
- Joanna Garber
- Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
- Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 04/05 – Donna Alban
- 04/07 – Stanley Hamilton
- 04/10 – Jean Simmons
- 04/15 – Jessica Larson
- 04/16 – Micky Calabrese
- 04/18 – Wayne Sanders
- 04/21 – Ron Larson

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 05/08 – Louise Ruby
- 05/11 – Linda Hamilton
- 05/20 – Ben Hamilton
- 05/24 – Don Garmer
- 05/25 – Elwin Wagner
- 05/29 – Moriah Marr
- 05/31 – Karen Price



**APRIL ANNIVERSARYS**

- 04/01 – Robert & Debbi Miller
- 04/03 – Marge & David Bailey
- 04/15 – Sue & Doug Myers
- 04/27 – Jackie & Micheal Kulp

**MAY ANNIVERSARYS**

- 05/01 – Norma and Ken Reed
- 05/14 – Andrea & Alex Loren

**Church Communications Submission Dates**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
May Newsletter– Monday, April 27

**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 Sabbath Day will be on Fridays!  
She will not be available on that day. If there is  
an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028**

Paul Matthews, Hannah's father  
Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller  
George Harman, nephew of Karen Price  
Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger  
Michael Kulp  
Gloria Nethkin  
Ash Van Nuys  
Jennifer Penick  
Gordon Persinger  
George Pietsch  
Marc Pulido  
Leah, friend of Donna Alban  
Beth Robert  
Jean Simmons  
Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price  
Dan and Terry Smith  
Randy Smith  
Kathleen Stevens  
Gina Tollini  
Ronnie Williams  
Josie Wilson  
Nora Renee Winters  
Shirley Wood

### A Blessing for the Season

May Easter shake us awake. May it unsettle what needs unsettling and comfort what needs comforting. May it open our eyes to the places where life is breaking through the cracks. And may we become people of resurrection— not just believing in it but *embodying* it.

Christ is risen. And the world is still trembling with possibility. Amen

### Worship Schedule: April

*Holy Week Theme – Longing for Wholeness*

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

Light meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm

Traditional Tenebrae service with communion at

6:30

*Easter Theme*

*Aftershock: the tremors of resurrection*

Easter Sunday – April 5

Jeremiah 31:1-6

*Joy at God's people restored*

Matthew 28:1-10

*Proclaim the resurrection*

Message *The Quiet Trembling of New Creation*

Second Sunday of Easter – April 12

Psalm 16

*Fullness of joy*

John 20:19-31

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

Message *When Wounds Become Witness*

Third Sunday of Easter – April 19

Psalm 116

*God hears me when I cry and pray*

Luke 24:13-35

*Eating with the risen Christ*

Message *Resurrection Breaking Forth*

Meditation with Ashby

Fourth Sunday after Easter – April 26

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd*

John 10:1-10

*Christ the shepherd*

Message *When the Flock Feels the Tremor*

Awe Walk after Worship



Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes on **April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**. We will read *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. We will reclaim the stories of women not that different from ourselves: Eve, Lot's wife, Rebekah, Tamar, Potiphar's wife, Delilah, Jezebel, Job's wife, Gomer, Herodias, the woman caught in adultery, and Sapphira. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.



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

## **Join us for an Awe Walk on Sunday, April 26 after worship!**

Each month we will set aside time for an "Awe Walk." This is more than a stroll; It is a practice of shifting our focus to the vastness of the world around us. We would like to make this one of the spiritual disciplines of this church

An Awe Walk is a moving meditation!

Here is why we do it and what it brings to the community:

### **1. Shifting Perspective**

Psychologically, "awe" is the feeling of being in the presence of something vast that transcends our current understanding. For a church activity, this helps us realize that while their problems are real, they serve a God who is much bigger. It shrinks the ego and expands the spirit.

### **2. Finding the Divine in the Ordinary**

We often wait for "mountaintop experiences" to feel connected to faith. An awe walk trains the eyes to see the miraculous in:

- The intricate patterns on a leaf.
- The vastness of the sky.
- The resilience of a weed growing through a sidewalk.
- The sound of wind through the trees.

### **3. Improving Mental & Physical Well-being**

Studies show that awe walks specifically help reduce stress and increase feelings of compassion. By quieting the "noise" of daily life, you create mental space to actually hear that "still, small voice" often mentioned in spiritual practice.



## **GIFT CARDS**

One of our ongoing fundraisers is the purchase of gift cards. Trinity receives a rebate

for each card that is purchased. There is no cost to you, the purchaser of the cards –

you get what you pay for. Order a \$50 gift card and that's what you get! Just a few of

the retailers on the list – Weis, Sheetz, Walmart, CVS, Shell, Wawa, Panera Bread,

Marshall's, Home Goods, etc. The list goes on and on. I'm sure you can find

something that you could use for your daily living or to give as a gift. Let Sue know if

you would like a complete listing and she'll send it to you.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of every month. Contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or

wsmdem@comcast.net for more information or to place your order.

## **BINGO**

Get those dabbers ready!! Our 4th annual cash bingo will be June 13th (tentatively) at

the Lineboro Vol Fire Hall, 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21102. Tickets are \$25 in

advance or \$30 at the door. Includes a 6 card sheet for 16 regular games (prize \$75

each), a 6 card sheet for 4 special games (prize \$100 each) and a 3 card sheet for 2

jackpot games (prize \$250 each)! Additional cards can be purchased.

We will also be selling tickets for themed filled baskets and gift card boards. Pull-tab

games and baked goods will also be sold!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Myers. But more importantly, we

hope you are interested in playing – for advance tickets call Sue 443-375-6788. Call

your friends and neighbors and start getting a group together for a fun filled evening!

Watch for more updates to come!

## **LENTEN OFFERING**

Each year we take up an offering during Lent to support a special mission or project.

This year our Lenten donations will be earmarked for our Care Fund.

Our Care Fund has been depleted. Pastor Katie still gets calls occasionally so it would be great to be able to offer a little something in emergency situations.

Please prayerfully consider your donation this year to help those in our community. If

you donate on-line, simply input your donation in the Lenten Offering space which is

located towards the end of the selection area. For those of you that have offering

envelopes you should find the Lenten Offering envelope in your box or you can pick up

a special Lenten envelope at church next to the offering plates in the upstairs narthex.

Or you can simply mail a check and write Lenten Offering in the memo line.



2026 Schedule

	Friday 7pm	Saturday 6pm
June	5 <sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley Renegades	6 <sup>th</sup> Hudson Valley Renegades
	19 <sup>th</sup> Hub City Spartanburgers	20 <sup>th</sup> Hub City Spartanburgers
July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Brooklyn Cyclones	4 <sup>th</sup> Brooklyn Cyclones
	10 <sup>th</sup> Jersey Shore Blueclaws	11 <sup>th</sup> Jersey Shore Blueclaws
	31 <sup>st</sup> Wilmington Blue Rocks	
August		1 <sup>st</sup> Wilmington Blue Rocks
	14 <sup>th</sup> Bowling Green Hot Rods	15 <sup>th</sup> Bowling Green Hot Rods
	28 <sup>th</sup> Asheville Tourists	29 <sup>th</sup> Asheville Tourists

Tickets are \$11 each for a group of 10+ Please contact Sandy Sanders 443.974.6723 if interested in attending a game and inform Sandy which date(s) are best for you. These tickets go fast so please let Sandy know asap.



**What’s Happening with ONA at Trinity**  
 Spring is here!! Now that we no longer need to worry about digging ourselves out of a snowstorm, Lucy’s former parishioner and friend – Alta Horn – will visit us to tell her story of her own spiritual transformation, as she found herself changing in her outlook and understanding of God’s word, going from opposing becoming an ONA church to supporting and voting to approve her church’s ONA covenant statement. Also, we’re planning a few small gatherings, both at the church building and hosted at Trinity member

homes, to share our thoughts, questions, and concerns about becoming an ONA church. Check the weekly announcements for the dates, coming out soon!!

The ONA taskforce team continues to meet monthly. Anyone who is curious about ONA and wants to join our conversation is ALWAYS welcome to attend. Also, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of the ONA Taskforce team members: Pastor Katie, Pastor Lucy, Hannah, Ashby, Tiffany, and MB.

Peace and Blessings! -- MB Brainerd



**Great News!!** For the next 4 months, the Carroll County Health Department mobile “Health on Wheels” (HOW) will come monthly to Trinity and Immanuel Lutheran Church, on the second Wednesday of the month, 9:00-11:30, to provide direct care and health information, as well as distribute bags filled with integrated health resource info for services available across Carroll County, to the *community residents* waiting in line for the Wed morning food distribution at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They’ll be here next on Wednesday April 8, and then on May 13, June 10, and July 8. Health services and information resources range from getting Flu Vaccine (provide insurance info and ID), Tetanus shot, Respiratory Illness Prevention, Blood Pressure screening, Naloxone training & distribution to prevent death from Opioid overdose, STI Screening, HIV & Hep C Testing. Also a dental health practitioner will be here to check for oral health!! **Any questions? Please contact either MB Brainerd or Sandy Sanders.**



**Nonviolence Resistance Training 3.0**  
**ROLE PLAY: An Experiential Workshop**  
**Saturday April 11, 1-4pm**

The Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ) is planning a free 3-hour Nonviolence Resistance Organizing training: **ROLE PLAY: An Experiential workshop**, on **Saturday, April 11, 1-4p.m.** to be held at the Islamic Society of Carroll County in Westminster. Those who have not attended the introductory training can still attend the April 11 training, so long as they complete some foundational reading and/or watch an introductory video.

The Nonviolence Resistance training 3.0, 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." 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.

If you are interested in attending this next step in putting nonviolence resistance into practice, contact MB Brainerd or Pastor Katie, or email [ccinterfaithalliance4@gmail.com](mailto:ccinterfaithalliance4@gmail.com)



**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
WITH STUDIOS AT DOWNTOWN



# DROP IN YOGA

**Saturdays at 9 AM**  
1 HOUR CLASS

**APRIL 11**  
**MAY 2, 16 & 30**  
**JUNE 13**  
**JULY 18**  
**AUGUST 8 & 22**  
**SEPTEMBER 19**



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

Receipts and Disbursements

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	Feb 26	Jan - Feb 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,758.30	9,786.80
Loose Offering	0.00	60.00
Communion Offering	50.76	105.76
Improvement Fund	100.00	295.00
Food Ministry	45.76	115.76
Miscellaneous	246.00	246.00
Total Income	6,200.82	10,609.32
Gross Profit	6,200.82	10,609.32
Expense		
Administrative	10,186.08	22,348.97
Mission & Outreach	167.91	326.65
Worship	(305.00)	82.29
Total Expense	10,048.99	22,757.91
Net Ordinary Income	(3,848.17)	(12,148.59)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	(50.00)	(300.00)
Int/Div/CGD Income	3.92	8.18
Fundraising / Building Imp	144.18	242.68
Special Offerings Received	210.00	210.00
Total Other Income	308.10	160.86
Other Expense		
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	4,000.00	10,000.00
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(4,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	308.10	160.86
Net Income	(3,540.07)	(11,987.73)

## April 2026

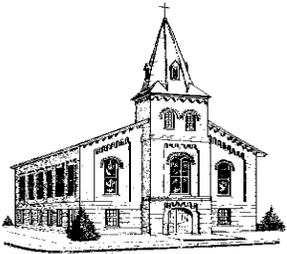
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  Bed Time Stories 7pm	<b>2</b>  Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Good Friday  Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>  Holy Saturday
<b>5</b> Easter 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Bed Time Stories 7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Drop in YOGA 9am
<b>12</b> Second Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawls	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Bed Time Stories 7pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Third Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship to follow worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Bed Time Stories 7pm  Earth Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Awe Walk after Worship	<b>27</b>  May Newsletter articles due	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Bed Time Stories 7pm	<b>30</b>	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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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



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