

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

May 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8

There are seasons when the world feels like it is shaking apart. When headlines read like lament psalms. When violence multiplies faster than our prayers. When war, fear, and political chaos churn through our days like a storm that refuses to move on. In times like these, love can feel small.

But Scripture reminds us that love is not the fragile thing we imagine. Love is the force that holds the universe together. Love is the power that raised Jesus from the grave.

Love is the quiet, stubborn refusal to let hatred write the final chapter of the human story.

And love is exactly what the world needs right now.

We live in troubled times and the bombardment of events have a way of numbing us. The scale of suffering becomes too much to hold, so we turn away. We scroll past images of bombed-out neighborhoods. We sigh at the latest political cruelty. We tell ourselves there is nothing we can do.

But we are called to keep our eyes open, and see the world the way God does. We cannot look away because love insists that every person—every child, every golden ager, every refugee, every soldier—is made in the image of God. To love is to refuse to let anyone become invisible.

The world demands that we pick a side: to choose a flag, a narrative... to choose who deserves compassion and who does not. But Jesus never divided the world into "worthy" and "unworthy." He crossed borders and healed enemies. He told stories where the hero was the outsider. He insisted that mercy is unlimited

Cruelty destroys quickly. Love builds slowly. And yet love is the only thing that lasts.

Every time someone opens their home to a refugee family... Every time a community gathers to mourn lives lost across the world... Every time people march for peace, or donate to relief efforts, or teach their children to care about strangers... Every time we pray for those we will never meet...

Love is building something stronger than the forces tearing the world apart. This is the work of people who believe that God is still breaking bread in the midst of chaos, still walking beside the weary, still setting hearts on fire with hope.

We cannot end every war or calm every storm, but we can choose how we live in the midst of them. We can speak gently in a cruel world. We can practice generosity in a culture of scarcity. We can listen deeply in a time of shouting. We can build community in a time of division. We can pray with our feet, our wallets, our voices, and our hearts.

And we can remember that love is not a feeling—it is a practice. Love is a way of life.

Pastor Katie



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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/02 – Everly Smith
- 6/03 – Sarah Krawczyk
- 6/05 – Lucy Brady
- 6/08 – Nathan Krawczyk
- 6/09 – Kelsey Hemlock, Meg Grim
Donna Powell
- 6/12 – Wayne Jenkins
- 6/14 – Shirley Wood
- 6/19 – MariBeth Brainerd
- 6/30 – Harper Hemlock



MAY ANNIVERSARYS

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/08 – Jamie and Chadd Schneeman
- 6/15 – Sandy & Wayne Sanders

Church Communications Submission Dates

- Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
- June/July Newsletter– Tuesday, May 26

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

**PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS
HAS CHANGED TO: officetuccmd@gmail.com**

**Pastor Katie will be on vacation
May 22-27.
Rev. Lucy Brady and Rev. Debra Peters
Wilcox are available during
emergencies.**



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

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



HELPING HANDS MAY

Greeter for the month of May: Belva LaMotte
Ushers for the month of May:
Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders

Lay Readers:

- May 03 – Marge Bailey
- May 10 – Shana Clark
- May 17 – Sue Myers
- May 24 – MB Brainerd
- May 31 – Sue Myers

Media Operator

- May 03 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- May 10 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- May 17 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- May 24 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- May 31 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders

A Blessing for These Days

May love be your courage when fear rises.
May love be your clarity when the world confuses
you.

May love be your anchor when everything feels
unsteady.

May love be your protest against violence,
your prayer for peace,
your daily act of resurrection.

And may the God who is Love—
Love stronger than death,
Love wider than borders,
Love deeper than chaos—
hold you, guide you, and send you into the world
as a bearer of peace.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this
difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Carolyn Brooks
Annie Durnell
Keith Frecrick, friend of Donna Alban
Joanna Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
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
Nancy Nicora, friend of Donna Alban
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
Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of
Karen Price

Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Ronnie Williams
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Worship Schedule: May

May 3

Theme - Aftershock: the Tremors of Resurrection

Ancient Testimony Acts 7:55-60

Martyrdom of Stephen

Ancient Testimony John 14:1-14

The Way, the Truth and the Life

Message *Where Your Heart Finds Its Home*

May 10

Theme - Aftershock: the Tremors of Resurrection

Modern Testimony

"The Journey" by Mary Oliver

Ancient Testimony John 14:15-21

The promise of the Spirit

Message

Guest Preacher: Rev. Sheresa Simpson Rice

May 17

Theme – Aftershock: the Tremors of Resurrection

Modern Testimony

"Blessing" by Jan Richardson

Ancient Testimony John 17:1-11

Christ's prayer for his disciples

Message **Rising Hope; Grounded Love**

May 24

Theme – Living Water

Ancient Testimony 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit

Ancient Testimony Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit

Message **Guest preacher: Rev. Lucy Brady**

May 31

Theme – Living Water

Modern Testimony based on Psalm 8

Modern Testimony based on Genesis 1

Ancient Testimony Matthew 28:16-20

Living in the community of the Trinity

Message **The Dance at the Heart of God**



Sunday Morning Bible Study continues **at 9:30 am**. We will read *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. We are reclaiming 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.



Our gift card fundraiser continues throughout the year. It's a simple way to help raise needed funds for TUCC. If you purchase groceries, gas, home improvement items, clothing, etc you can participate! And if you give gift cards as gifts, there are a lot to choose from.

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

The date has been set – June 13th! It will be held 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)! Prize amounts are based on selling at least 100 tickets.

Additional cards can be purchased, along with raffle tickets for themed baskets and gift card boards. Pull-tabs, food and baked goods will be available for purchase also.

Lots of ways for you to help – provide baked goods for the baked good table, purchase needed

items for the themed gift baskets, purchase gift cards for the gift card board (these can be purchased through our gift card program on May 3rd or June 7th). See the flyer at the end of the newsletter – post and pass along wherever you can!

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!



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.

Let's take care of God's creation.

If you have any extra mugs/cups at home, please bring them to the church kitchen. We will keep these for fellowship to avoid purchasing more disposable items.



"Becoming an ONA Church"

Alta Horn's testimony & Small Group Conversations

On Sunday April 26, Lucy's former parishioner and friend – Alta Horn – paid us a "virtual" visit, to share the story of her spiritual transformation, going from initially opposing becoming an ONA church to, after many 1:1 and small group conversations and bible study, supporting and voting to approve her church's ONA covenant statement, thereby becoming an official UCC Open & Affirming congregation.

The week of April 26th, Trinity members are meeting together in small gatherings, both at the church building and hosted at Trinity member homes, to tell our stories, ask our questions, and share our concerns about becoming an ONA

church: Tuesday, April 28th, 6pm, at Hannah and Ben's home; Thursday, April 30th, 6pm, at Shana Clark's home; and Sunday, May 3rd after worship in fellowship hall. Light snacks will be provided at all three. There is still space at all the gatherings, so if you are interested in attending a small gathering, please contact Pastor Katie at your earliest opportunity.

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.



The Carroll County Health Department mobile “**Health on Wheels**” (**HOW**) is scheduled, for the next 3 months, to come monthly to Trinity on the second Wednesday of the month, 9:00-11:30, to provide direct care and health information, including oral health examinations, targeted towards, but not limited to, *community residents* waiting in line for the Wed morning food distribution at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Walk-ins welcomed, no appointment needed!! The mobile health unit will be here in May on Wednesday May 13th, and will return on the second Wednesday, June 10th, and the second Wednesday, July 8th. 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 dentist is now attached to the unit, to check for oral health!! **Any questions? Please contact either MB Brainerd or Sandy Sanders.**



22 People Attend CCIARJ Nonviolence Resistance Training Saturday April 11!

The Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ) free 3-hour Nonviolence Resistance Organizing training: **ROLE PLAY: An Experiential workshop**, on **Saturday, April 11**, held at the Islamic Society of Carroll County in Westminster, provided 22 attendees with the opportunity to learn, discuss, and practice the Kingian 6 principles and 6 steps of Nonviolence Resistance, both in a civil rights context as well as one on one with someone with whom we may hold opposing political, social, and/or religious views.

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,” the workshops follow the Kingian school of resistance training and organizing, which combines the principles of Peace, Nonviolence, and Justice. The Interfaith Alliance intends to keep on with this work of teaching nonviolence and hopes to offer the next Nonviolence Resistance Organizing 3-hour-workshop in September and every 2-3 months thereafter.

If you are interested in attending future nonviolence resistance organizing workshops, contact MB Brainerd or Pastor Katie, or email 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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3229 YORK ST, MANCHESTER, MD 21102

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

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Receipts and Disbursements

	<u>Mar 26</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,539.00	15,325.80
Loose Offering	69.00	129.00
Communion Offering	55.76	161.52
Improvement Fund	225.00	520.00
Food Ministry	71.10	186.86
Miscellaneous	0.00	246.00
	<u>5,959.86</u>	<u>16,569.18</u>
Total Income	5,959.86	16,569.18
Gross Profit	5,959.86	16,569.18
Expense		
Administrative	14,644.72	37,007.15
Community Care	191.85	191.85
Faith Formation	(36.00)	(36.00)
Mission & Outreach	153.23	479.88
Worship	367.02	449.31
	<u>15,320.82</u>	<u>38,092.19</u>
Total Expense	15,320.82	38,092.19
Net Ordinary Income	(9,360.96)	(21,523.01)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	0.00	(300.00)
Int/Div/CGD Income	185.11	193.29
Fundraising / Building Imp	(722.77)	(480.09)
Special Offerings Received	140.00	350.00
	<u>(397.66)</u>	<u>(236.80)</u>
Total Other Income	(397.66)	(236.80)
Other Expense		
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	10,000.00	20,000.00
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(10,000.00)	(20,000.00)
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	(397.66)	(236.80)
Net Income	<u>(9,758.62)</u>	<u>(21,759.81)</u>

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	2 Drop in YOGA 9am
3 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	4	5	6 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm	7	8	9
10 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawls <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12	13 Bed Time Stories 7pm	14 Ascension Day	15 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	16 Drop in YOGA 9am
17 Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Foodbags Fellowship after Worship	18	19	20 Bed Time Stories 7pm	21	22 Pastor Katie on vacation thru the 27th	23
24 Pentecost Sunday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Strengthen the Church Offering Awe Walk after Worship	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 June/July Newsletter articles due	27 Bed Time Stories 7pm	28	29 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	30 Drop in YOGA 9am
31 Trinity Sunday 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	<p>Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday Always subject to change.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship</p>					



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MONEY BINGO

Saturday June 13, 2026


6:30 PM - Doors open at 5 PM

\$25/in advance \$30/at the door - includes all games

CASH PRIZES

16 Games wins \$75/each

4 Specials wins \$100/each - 2 Jackpots wins \$250/each

Pull Tabs, Dessert Table, Raffle Baskets 

Food Sales by Lineboro Fire Dept.

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For Info and Ticket Sales:

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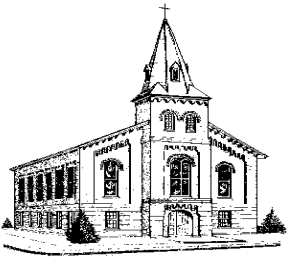
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