

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

July/August 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

*Let us consider how to spur one another on toward love and good deeds...
encouraging one another. ~Hebrews 10:24-25*

Beloved in Christ, there's a lot happening in our world. You know this. And it's easy to get overwhelmed or discouraged. The world feels loud. The pace is relentless. And yet, I say to you:

It's a great time to be the church.

We were born for moments like this—moments when compassion is countercultural, when justice is urgent, when community is a lifeline, when hope is an act of holy defiance. The early church didn't grow because times were peaceful. It grew because people were hungry for a way of living that looked like love in public.

It's a great time to be the church because the world needs exactly what we were called to be. People long for a place where they are not reduced to their politics, their productivity, or their pain. They look for a table where everyone has a seat and a story that is bigger than fear. They seek a community that remembers who we are and who we belong to.

It's a great time to be the church! We know how to hold one another through grief. We know how to show up with casseroles and prayer shawls and stubborn hope. We know how to speak peace into chaos and courage into despair. We know how to say, "You are not alone," and mean it.

It's a great time to be the church! Look around and feel the Spirit still moving in protests for justice, in quiet acts of kindness, in the resilience of communities rebuilding, in the laughter of children who remind us that joy is resistance.

God has not stopped creating, healing, or calling us forward. The world is aching, but it is also opening up to make space for new imagination, new compassion, new beginnings. So let us be bold in our love, extravagant in our welcome and courageous in our justice. Let us be gentle with one another as we "*spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*"

We are chosen, forgiven, gathered and sent in Christ's name and love for the sake of the world. Beloved in Christ, let us show the world what it means to love in Christ. For there is no better time than now to be the church!

Blessings,

Pastor Katie

Please join us each Sunday at 10:30 am, as we continue to explore what it means to "Walk with Purpose"



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/08 – Sam Brainerd
- 7/10 – Sherry Rivera
- 7/19 – Tyler Marchand
- 7/22 – Hannah Matthews
- 7/24 – Gavin Larson
- 7/30 – Hanna Clark
- 7/31 – Nick Garmer, Izzy Garmer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/03 – David Haines
- 8/05 – Belva LaMotte
- 8/14 – Debra Persinger, Megan Miller
- 8/19 – Debby Miller
- 8/20 – Brett Myers
- 8/23 – Michelle Wagner, Katelyn Wagner



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

- Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
- August Newsletter– Monday, August 24

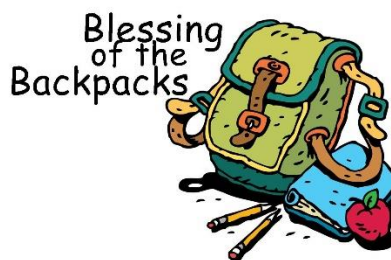
Contacting the Pastor and the Church Office

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**



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Tues. July 7, Wed. August 5 @ 6pm
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.



Mark your calendar for **Sunday August 30th** during worship. Students, teachers and school staff are invited to bring their school supplies for a special blessing.



HELPING HANDS JULY

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

Lay Readers:

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

Media Operator

- July 05 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- July 12 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- July 19 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- July 26 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders

HELPING HANDS AUGUST

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

Lay Readers:

- Aug. 02 – Marge Bailey
- Aug. 09 – Sue Myers
- Aug. 16 – Shana Clark
- Aug. 23 – MB Brainerd
- Aug. 30 – Sue Myers

Media Operator

- Aug. 02 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- Aug. 09 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- Aug. 16 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- Aug. 23 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- Aug. 30 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

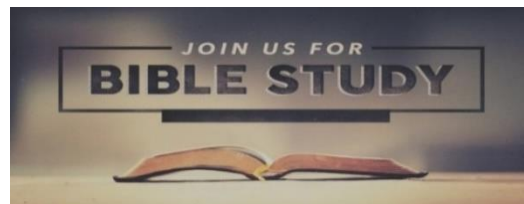
Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Carolyn Brooks
Keith Frecrick, friend of Donna Alban
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
George Harman, nephew of Karen Price
Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger
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
Rae Smith
Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Keese Williams
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Prayer List

As a church family we are all about praying for one another. We hope those prayers have helped in some small way. If you, your loved one, friend or neighbor are no longer in need of prayers please let us know to keep our list more manageable.



Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes on **July 12th at 9:30 am**. We continue to discuss *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. Our final session will be August 9th.

Our next study will be a discussion of *Unclobbered* by Colby Martin. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.



Bingo

Our bingo on June 13th was a great success! Thank you to everyone that helped to plan the event, provided gift cards, items for gift baskets, and attended the bingo. It looked like everyone had a great time and we had several winners amongst us so that's always fun too!

Gift Cards

Just a reminder, gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month! So far this year we have made over \$550! If you have not started to participate in this fundraiser you should give it a try. It's very easy – simply look over the list of more than 500 retail businesses, select the ones that you would like a gift card for and give your order to Sue Myers (wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788).

For example – if you shop at Weis, order a \$100 gift card. You pay \$100, you get a \$100 gift card, and Trinity gets a \$5 donation!

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of every month. If Sue is not in church on that Sunday, simply call, text or email her with your order. Your cards will be available by the following Sunday.

Community Yard Sale

Our next big event is being planned – the annual community yard sale. Not a lot of details available yet. As soon as we have them we will send them out via email. If you don't receive Trinity's emails but would like information on the yard sale just let Sue Myers (443-375-6788) know and she'll keep you informed.

SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH LOCK-INS **JULY 24 & 25**

The Mid-Atlantic Region had originally scheduled a Regional Youth Event in Philadelphia for July 23-25. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled.

In order to help bring the youth from the Central Atlantic Conference together to get to know each other, the Church Vitality Working Group has decided to hold a series of regional lock ins throughout the conference from Friday, July 24 through Saturday, July 25. Locations have been confirmed in Frederick, MD and Catonsville, MD. The group is working to find a site in New Jersey and a site in Washington, DC.

If you'd like to touch base with organizers and learn more, contact Rev. Katie Pennick (pastorkt143@gmail.com) or Rev. Chance Martinez (pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com).

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

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



trinityuccmanchester.org &
studiosatdowntown.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



My name is Nora and I facilitate the Transgender Adult Support Group at TUCC.

We meet from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on the first and third Sunday of each month at TUCC. We are an adult support group that offers a safe and patient place for transgender individuals to meet, express themselves, and find support in each other. We offer resources and experience that may be useful for those who are looking for hrt supplies, literature, and community support. We are an evolving group and, currently, each session is centered around an organized meeting which includes participants taking turns sharing what is on their mind. In the past we have included pizza nights and also one evening where we decided to enjoy a movie together; we are always open to including activities that involve something other than talk sessions, although that is always available first and foremost at any time that one should need it during a given session.

Our group is actively seeking new members from any walk of life and would love to share our trans-positive space with all who would benefit!

If anyone has any questions or concerns please reach out to me at norarenee414@gmail.com.

Thank you!!

-Nora Winters



Becoming an “Open and Affirming” (ONA)

Church: Continuing Conversation

Continuing the conversation, on Sunday June 21, Cindy Piazza shared her “Moment of Affirmation” about how she came to be a member of Trinity UCC in Manchester, and why it’s important to her that Trinity be a “Beacon of Welcome and Affirmation” for anyone looking for a church that truly affirms and welcomes everyone, living into the Trinity UCC welcoming statement, ““Whoever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

The Trinity ONA Discernment Taskforce Team met after worship on Sunday June 14 to assess where we are in this ONA journey, and to plan how we can continue to inspire the conversation and answer people’s questions and concerns in becoming ONA. In the Fall we are planning a book study, reading ““Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality” by Colby Martin. In addition, we continue to invite volunteers to share their Sunday worship “Moment of Affirmation.” Please speak with Pastor Katie to schedule the Sunday that works for you.

The next ONA Taskforce meets after worship on Sunday August 24. Anyone who is curious about ONA and wants to join our conversation is 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) team is next scheduled to come to Trinity on Wednesday July 8, 9:00-11:30a.m., during the same time frame that Immanuel Lutheran Church distributes food bags. The HOW mobile unit will then skip the month of August, returning on Wednesday September 9th, 9:00-11:30a.m. The HOW team sets up the mobile unit right outside the church building entrance on Church Street, to provide direct care and health information, including oral health examinations.

ALL Walk-ins are welcomed, no appointment needed!! Health services and information resources range from Respiratory Illness Prevention, Blood Pressure screening, Tetanus Shot, 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.

The Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ)

1st Annual CCIARJ Family & Friends Picnic

July 11 4-7pm



CCIARJ invites Trinity UCC, an Interfaith Alliance member community of faith, to bring family and friends of all ages, children to grandparents, to the 1st Annual Interfaith Alliance Picnic. The host faith community, the Islamic Society of Carroll County, will provide grilled kabobs – chicken, beef, and/or lamb – and the faith community member attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

(Please, in deference to our host's food restrictions, no pork, bacon, or alcohol.)

Location: Islamic Society of Carroll County
3100-B Littlestown Pike
Westminster, MD 21158

To RSVP, or info, email

ccinterfaithalliance4@gmail.com

Please RSVP with Name & Number of People by July 1!!



NEXT CCIARJ Nonviolent Resistance Training 4.0: Stepping into Leadership
Saturday September 26, 1-4p.m.

The next Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ) free 3-hour Nonviolence Resistance training (Stepping into Leadership 4.0) a second ROLE PLAY Experiential workshop, will be held at the Islamic Society of Carroll County in Westminster on Saturday September 26 from 1-4p.m. Attendees will have 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 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.

If you are interested in attending this or other future nonviolence resistance organizing workshops, contact MB Brainerd or Pastor Katie, or email ccinterfaithalliance4@gmail.com

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Mon and Tues Always subject to change. <u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship			1 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm	2	3	4 Happy Fourth of July
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Lucy Brady preaching Transgender Adult Support Group 6:30 – 8:30pm	6	7	8 Bed Time Stories 7pm	9	10 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	11
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Improvement Fund Offering Bible Study 9:30 am	13	14	15 Bed Time Stories 7pm	16	17	18 Drop in YOGA 9am
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Transgender Adult Support Group 6:30 – 8:30pm Bible Study 9:30 am	20	21	22 Bed Time Stories 7pm	23	24 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	25
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. AWE walk Bible Study 9:30 am	27	28	29 Bed Time Stories 7pm	30	31	

August 2026

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23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.	24 September newsletter articles due	25	26 Bed Time Stories 7pm	27	28	29
30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. AWE walk Bookbag Blessing During worship	31	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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Receipts and Disbursements

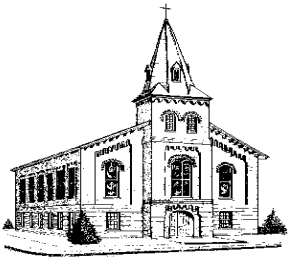
	May 26	Jan - May 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,710.20	26,190.03
Loose Offering	0.00	152.00
Communion Offering	65.76	343.04
Improvement Fund	125.00	875.00
Food Ministry	70.76	328.72
Miscellaneous	0.00	246.00
Total Income	<u>5,971.72</u>	<u>28,134.79</u>
Gross Profit	5,971.72	28,134.79
Expense		
Administrative	8,440.47	54,690.33
Community Care	0.00	237.53
Faith Formation	0.00	16.50
Mission & Outreach	1,228.84	1,905.41
Worship	250.00	799.31
Total Expense	<u>9,919.31</u>	<u>57,649.08</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(3,947.59)	(29,514.29)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Organ Fund Income	52.06	104.38
Cemetery	(300.00)	(600.00)
Int/Div/CGD Income	4.31	201.74
Fundraising / Building Imp	(2,767.70)	(2,396.97)
Special Offerings Received	0.00	350.00
Total Other Income	<u>(3,011.33)</u>	<u>(2,340.85)</u>
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	100.00	100.00
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	2,500.00	29,500.00
Transfer from Fundraising	0.00	(2,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(2,500.00)	(27,500.00)
Total Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Expense	100.00	100.00
Net Other Income	<u>(3,111.33)</u>	<u>(2,440.85)</u>
Net Income	<u>(7,058.92)</u>	<u>(31,955.14)</u>

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