

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

June 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

*"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" ~ Isaiah 43:19~*

June arrives with its own kind of courage. The school year winds down, gardens stretch upward, and the long light of summer begins to stretch across our days. Everything around us seems to whisper, "*Begin again.*" And yet many of us are stepping into this season carrying heavy news and heavy hearts.

We are living in a time when wars rage across the world, when political tensions rise at home, when the public square feels loud and brittle and uncertain. It can feel strange to speak of new beginnings when so much around us feels frayed.

But Scripture has always insisted that new beginnings rarely arrive in peaceful times.

- ∞ They come in deserts.
- ∞ They come in exile.
- ∞ They come in upper rooms behind locked doors.
- ∞ They come in the middle of the night when someone dares to whisper, "Is there another way?"
- ∞ They come when the world is trembling and God is still speaking.

New beginnings are not naïve dreams; They are defiant acts of hope. I hope you will join me to practice that kind of hope. Not the thin hope that pretends everything is fine, but the deep, steady hope that grows roots in the soil of reality. The hope that listens for God's voice even when the world is noisy. The hope that believes compassion is stronger than cruelty, that justice is stronger than fear, that love is stronger than death.

New beginnings do not erase what is hard. They remind us that what is hard does not get the final word.

So, may we begin again:

- ∞ in our prayers by holding the world's pain without letting it harden our hearts.
- ∞ in our conversations and choose curiosity over contempt.
- ∞ in our commitments by showing up for justice, for peace, for one another.
- ∞ in our faith by trusting that God is still creating, still healing, still calling us forward.

The world may be unsteady, but God is not. And we, Trinity, are not alone. We walk together. We begin again together. And God goes before us, making a way where none seemed possible.

May this season bring courage to your spirit, gentleness to your days, and the quiet assurance that new beginnings are still unfolding... even now.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



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

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



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
June/July Newsletter– Monday, June 22

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**



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

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



HELPING HANDS JUNE

Greeter for the month of June: Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of June:

Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders

Lay Readers:

- June 07 – Shana Clark
- June 14 – Marge Bailey
- June 21 – Sue Myers
- June 28 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator

- June 07 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers
- June 14 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- June 21 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders

Flat Jesus

You may have heard of the Flat Stanley school project. That project was designed for kids to color a Flat Stanley, and take pictures of him in various places over summer vacation. The Flat Jesus project was then created to be similar. This is a fun and easy way to remember that Jesus is always with us!

This summer we will share our pictures of Flat Jesus on the go with us. We will watch where Jesus goes by posting it on the map in the Sunday School area. I can't wait to see where you go!

All You need to do is color Flat Jesus and take him with you. Feel free to take pictures during a vacation, but don't limit your pictures to faraway destinations. Flat Jesus can go to the store, to visit a friend or volunteer at NESAP. Let's spread the message: Jesus is with us everywhere!

Have a blessed summer,
Pastor Katie

See the picture at the end of the newsletter for you to print!

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
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

Sharon Schneeman, friend of Sandy Sanders
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
Keese Williams
Ronnie Williams
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Please hold the family of Theresa Nethkin in prayer. Gloria's granddaughter died Monday 18th in the morning.

Worship Schedule: June

Worship in the Season after Pentecost

Theme: Walking with Purpose

June 7

Ancient Testimony Genesis 12:1-9
Journey in the promise

Ancient Testimony Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Christ heals a woman and raises a girl

Message **The Long Thread of Mercy**

June 14

Ancient Testimony Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
The call of Abraham and Sarah

Ancient Testimony Matthew 9:35-10:23
The sending of the twelve

Message **Walking with Purpose in a Wounded World**

June 21

Ancient Testimony Genesis 21:8-21
The rescue of Hagar and Ishmael

Ancient Testimony Matthew 10:24-39
The cost of discipleship

Message **You are Welcome Here**

June 28 at Christmas Tree Park

Ancient Testimony Genesis 22:1-14
The testing of Abraham

Ancient Testimony Matthew 10:40-42
Welcome Christ in those Christ sends

Message A Cup of Cold Water

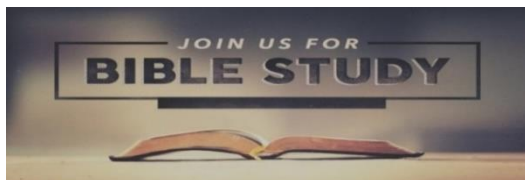
Meditation with Ashby

Awe Walk



Worship in the Park - June 28

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a potluck picnic on **June 28th at 10:30 am!** We will be in Pavilion #2 (close to the beginning of the park & the restrooms). If you are able, please bring a dish to share.



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.



GIFT CARDS

Just a reminder, gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month! If you would like more information just reach out to Sue Myers at wsmdem@comcast.net or call her at 443-375-6788. You pay for the gift cards you order and Trinity gets a little rebate!

BINGO

It's not too late to get your tickets for the June 13th Bingo! This is our biggest fundraiser and it's a lot of fun!

It will be held at the Lineboro Vol Fire Hall, 4224 Main Street, Lineboro, MD 21102. Doors open at 5:00 pm and bingo starts at 6:30pm. The LVFD will be selling food so come early. And then stop by Trinity's baked good table to purchase some sweet treats to eat throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Ticket price 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, raffle tickets for gift card boards, and pull-tabs will also be available for purchase!

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter – post and pass along wherever you can!

ON-GOING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We have several special offerings set up that continue year-round. If you would like to contribute to these please make a notation on your check or if you use online giving there are specific categories you can choose,

The Care Fund is used to provide minimal assistance to those finding themselves in an emergency situation.

The Food Bag ministry is set up to provide food for children one weekend of the month. We collect funds for this mission year-round, even though the food is only disbursed during the school year.

The Organ Fund has been established to help cover needed repairs. As the equipment ages things tend to wear out and replacements are needed.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries. We will be collecting this offering during the month of June.

Message from Sue Myers as shared with the congregation on 5/31/26

I come to you today as a life-long member of Trinity. I have had the opportunity to serve for several years on both the Catoclin Association Board and the Central Atlantic Conference Board. These opportunities have given me the chance to visit different churches plus work with folks from a variety of careers and lifestyles.

First, I would like to thank the group of friends that have been exploring the option of Trinity becoming an "Open and Affirming Church". I realize that some feel this is an unnecessary designation. However, we have been living this for many years, even displaying banners on the outside of our building that denote our acceptance of everyone, regardless of sexual orientation. This designation on our website will let folks know that are searching for a place to worship God, without fear of discrimination or devaluing, know that they will be safe at TUCC. We live in a spread-out community and not everyone will have the chance to drive by our church and see our banners. But they will search on the web for churches that are accepting of ALL people, and I would like Trinity to come up in that search.

Second, by working on the various UCC Boards I have been to churches that are designated as Open and Affirming and they look no different than Trinity, except they seem to have more people and more ministries. I realize we shouldn't use the designation of being Open and Affirming to expand our membership, however I'm pretty sure it will open us up to more folks, regardless of sexual

orientation, (straight, gay, lesbian, trans) that just want to be among an accepting congregation.

And finally, as your treasurer I feel the need to update you on our finances. For years we have been relying on our investment accounts to cover operating expenses. These accounts are slowly being depleted. As of 4/30/26 we have \$219,794 that can be used to maintain TUCC. Last year we needed \$62,000, in addition to our giving, to meet our operating expenses. At this rate we have about 3 ½ years remaining. I realize we are all giving what we can and I'm not here to ask you to give more. But I am here to say perhaps if we open our hearts and doors to others, we may be a little better financially. We shouldn't use the guise of becoming Open and Affirming just to fill our pews and offerings, but I do think it will provide a deeper presence of God's spirit, which will in turn equip us for Christian service.

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.

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).



Becoming an “Open and Affirming”

(ONA)Church: Continuing Conversation

The week of April 26 – May 3, a total of 15 Trinity members met 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 thoughts and concerns about becoming an ONA church. The most frequently asked question was what it means to be ONA, and (follow up!) how is it that we’re not already considered an ONA Church, given that we always say we are a welcoming church, even saying at the beginning of almost every service, ““Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.”

A couple people who shared their fears and concerns about becoming ONA asked for more opportunity to understand how becoming ONA is supported by what is written in the Bible. In response we will hold a book study in the fall, reading ““Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality” by Colby Martin. In addition, some attendees volunteered to share a Sunday worship “Moment of Affirmation” in the coming months.

The next ONA Taskforce meets after worship on Sunday June 14. 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) is scheduled to come to Trinity, setting up the mobile unit right outside the church building entrance on Church Street, to provide direct care and health information, including oral health examinations, Wednesday June 10 and Wednesday July 8, 9:00-11:30a.m.

The CCHD Mobile Health Unit, which is scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month through July, coordinates with the Wednesday morning food distribution at Immanuel Lutheran Church, but it is not restricted to those in line picking up food bags. ALL Walk-ins are welcomed, no appointment needed!! Health services and information resources range from getting Flu Vaccine (NOTE: for vaccines, you must provide insurance info and show 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.



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 Organizing training (Stepping into Leadership 4.0) a second **ROLE PLAY Experiential workshop**, will be held at the Islamic Society of Carroll County in Westminster. 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

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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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm	4	5	6
7 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion	8	9	10 Bed Time Stories 7pm	11	12 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13 Drop in YOGA 9am Money BINGO Doors open 5pm Bingo 6:30 pm See the flyer
14 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Blessing of Prayer Shawls	15	16	17 Bed Time Stories 7pm	18	19	20
21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i>	22 July/August Newsletter Due	23	24 Bed Time Stories 7pm	25	26 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27
28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Park	29	30	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

	<u>Apr 28</u>	<u>Jan - Apr 28</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,154.03	20,479.83
Loose Offering	23.00	152.00
Communion Offering	115.76	277.28
Improvement Fund	230.00	750.00
Food Ministry	71.10	257.96
Miscellaneous	0.00	246.00
	<u>5,593.89</u>	<u>22,163.07</u>
Total Income	5,593.89	22,163.07
Gross Profit	5,593.89	22,163.07
Expense		
Administrative	8,456.95	45,464.10
Community Care	45.68	237.53
Faith Formation	52.50	16.50
Mission & Outreach	196.69	676.57
Worship	174.95	549.31
	<u>8,926.77</u>	<u>46,944.01</u>
Total Expense	8,926.77	46,944.01
Net Ordinary Income	(3,332.88)	(24,780.94)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Organ Fund Income	52.32	52.32
Cemetery	0.00	(300.00)
Int/Div/CGD Income	4.14	197.43
Fundraising / Building Imp	913.01	432.92
Special Offerings Received	0.00	350.00
	<u>969.47</u>	<u>732.67</u>
Total Other Income	969.47	732.67
Other Expense		
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	7,000.00	27,000.00
Transfer from Fundraising	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(5,000.00)	(25,000.00)
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	969.47	732.67
Net Income	<u>(2,363.41)</u>	<u>(24,048.27)</u>





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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 **5**

Food Sales by Lineboro Fire Dept.

Lineboro Fire Dept.

4224 Main St, Lineboro, MD 21102

For Info and Ticket Sales:

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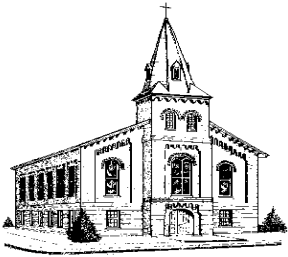


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