

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

October 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

~Hebrews 13:1-2

As the autumn leaves begin to shift and the air turns crisp, October invites us to gather. We draw closer to warm hearths, share harvest meals, and seek community. But as followers of Christ, our call to welcome goes beyond comfortable gatherings with family and friends. We are invited into radical hospitality.

In biblical terms, hospitality is far more than hosting a dinner party; it is the active, sacrificial opening of our lives to others. The word used in the Greek New Testament for hospitality is *philoxenia*, which literally translates to "love of strangers." We are reminded, as the author of Hebrews says, that some people have shown hospitality to angels without ever knowing it.

True hospitality is grounded in Jesus' ministry. He didn't wait for people to feel worthy before welcoming them; He ate with the marginalized, listened to the forgotten, and created space at the table for everyone. Radical hospitality means moving past polite tolerance into intentional inclusion. It asks us to look at our church seats, our dinner tables, and our daily routines to ask: *Who is missing, and how can we invite them in?*

What are some ways you can extend Christ's welcome in your life? It doesn't need to be a grand gesture. Perhaps we can embody Christ's hospitality in our day to day lives:

- **In the Pew:** Seek out someone you don't know or invite a friend to come to church with you. A warm smile and a brief conversation can make anyone feel instantly at home.
- **At the Table:** Invite a neighbor, a friend, or a family going through a hard season for a cup of tea or a simple meal.
- **In the Community:** Volunteer at a local outreach program, offering presence and care to those who often feel unseen. Let me know if you are interested in finding volunteer opportunities.

When we practice radical hospitality, we create a reflection of the Kingdom of God right here in our community... a place where everyone belongs and grace is always served in abundance. May it be so!

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 – Cindy Piazza
 10/06 – Cindy Reed
 10/07 – Gloria Nethkin
 10/10 – Alex Loren
 10/11 – Lorne Hemlock
 10/12 – Kelly Rhoten
 10/18 – Sylvia Calabrese
 10/22 – Patricia Warner
 10/23 – Madison Hudgins
 10/25 – Andrea Loren, Ashby Haines
 10/26 – Sue Myers
 10/29 – Lane Saunders
 10/30 – Fynn Krawczyk
 10/31 – Leon Miller, Livi Saunders

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/06 – Gordon Persinger
 11/08 – Jamie Scheeman
 Jackie Kulp
 11/10 – Norma Lee Reed
 11/20 – Karen Haines
 11/30 – Benjamin Krawczyk
 Judy Miller



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/01 Sarah and Jeff Krawczyk
 10/04 Karen and David Haines
 10/11 Tiffany and Ashby Haines
 10/14 Nickie and Rob Saunders
 10/31 Belva and Earl LaMotte

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

November Newsletter– Monday, Oct. 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**



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Wed. October 7 @ 6pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
 @ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS OCTOBER

Greeter for the month of Oct: Belva LaMotte
Ushers for the month of Oct:

Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders

Lay Readers:

Oct. 04 – MB Brainerd
 Oct. 11 – Cindy Piazza
 Oct. 18 – Shana Clark
 Oct. 25 – Marge Bailey

Media Operator

Oct. 04 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Oct. 11 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Oct. 18 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
 Oct. 25 – 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:

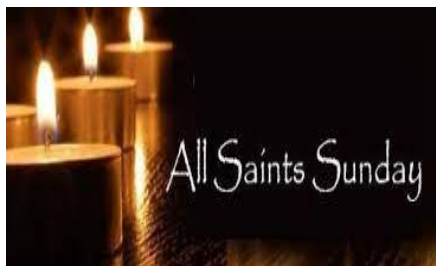
Hazel Burkhead
 Carolyn Brooks
 Keith Fredrick, friend of Donna Alban
 Owen Garber

Donna Geiman
George Harman, nephew of Karen Price
Robert Miller
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick
Gordon Persinger
George Pietsch
Marc Pulido
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Margaret Mary Shine, niece of Lucy Brady
Jean Simmons
Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price
Dan and Terry Smith
Rae Smith
Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Chantel Wilson, sister of Cindy Piazza
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.

Looking ahead!



Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 1** is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us. Please give your names to Pastor Katie or Diane. More information to follow.



Upcoming Bible Study: *UnClobber* by Colby Martin

Exploring Scripture, Welcome, and New Beginnings

On September 20th at 9:30, we began a six part Bible study rooted in Colby Martin's book *UnClobber*. This is a thoughtful and compassionate exploration of the so-called "clobber passages" often used to exclude LGBTQ+ people from the full life of the church. Martin invites readers to look again—carefully, faithfully, courageously—at Scripture and at the expansive welcome of God.



Gift Cards

As we enter fall and the leaves start changing, why not turn over a new leaf! If you haven't taken advantage of our Scrip Gift Card program (also known as Raise Right) now's the time! Gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month. Place your order in the offering plates or call, text or email Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 wsmdem@comcast.net. Sandy Sanders will take care of getting your cards to you by the 2nd Sunday.

With over 550 vendors there's bound to be one or two that you can use for your groceries, gas, pharmacy, household goods, clothing, travel, etc. If you would like a list of all the vendors just let me know and I'll get one to you.

This is one of our continuing fundraisers throughout the year, please considering supporting our efforts. The best part is, the rebates we earn come from the vendors, you receive gift cards for the exact amount you pay.

Fall Community Market

Our Fall Community Market took place on Saturday, Sept 19th. We had over 20 tables set up with vendors, yard sale tables and non-profit organizations, along with children's games, baked table and hot dogs!

It was a great 1st event of this kind for Trinity and could not have been possible without the leadership of Amanda Wood! For those that don't know her, she actually cleans the church and loves to fundraise! If you are in need of someone to clean your home on a regular basis or for something special, or if you know a group that is looking for help fundraising feel free to reach out to her at 443-857-4981 or fundraiserbyamanda@gmail.com or detailed.services13@gmail.com.



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.



We continue to invite volunteers to share their Sunday worship "Moment of Affirmation" and also welcome hymn/song suggestions for a "song of affirmation." Please speak with Pastor Katie to schedule the Sunday that works for you.

The ONA Taskforce meets monthly, usually after worship on the second Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday Oct 11. 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 unit **"Health on Wheels" (HOW) team** is next scheduled to come to Trinity on Wednesday November 18, 9:00-11:30a.m., during the same time frame that Immanuel Lutheran Church distributes food bags. The HOW team sets up the mobile unit right outside the Trinity church building entrance on Church Street, to provide direct care and health information, including oral health examinations. At the Nov 18 visit they expect to have flu vaccines available!!

ALL Walk-ins are welcome, no appointment needed!! Health services and information resources range from Respiratory Illness Prevention, Blood Pressure screening, Flu and Tetanus Shots, Naloxone training & distribution to prevent death from Opioid overdose, STI Screening, HIV & Hep C Testing. Also, a dentist is now a part of the health team that comes out with the Health on Wheels mobile unit, available to check you out for oral health!! (For the vaccines and immunizations, please bring your insurance card and ID).

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

The Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ)



NEXT CCIARJ Nonviolent Resistance Training 4.0: Putting the 6 Principles & 6 Steps into Action

RESCHEDULED!! to Saturday Nov 14, 1-4p.m.

The next Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice (CCIARJ) free 3-hour Nonviolence Resistance training will be held at the Islamic Society of Carroll County in Westminster on Saturday Nov 14th from 1-4p.m. Everyone, both newcomers and past attendees, are invited!!

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, and/or for more information, email ccinterfaithalliance4@gmail.com



Subject: Interfaith Alliance Progressive Dinner

See this link for details of the Carroll County Interfaith Alliance Progressive Dinner

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This link will take you directly to Signup Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AEAA29ABFFC34-64693649-ccinterfaith#/>

Let us know if you have any problems signing up.



The flyer is titled "Progressive Dinner" in a large, dark blue serif font. Below the title is a small red heart icon, followed by the text "Hosted by Carroll County Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice" in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. The central part of the flyer features three circular illustrations of diverse groups of people eating and talking at tables. Each illustration is numbered 1, 2, and 3 in a colored circle. Above the illustrations are three icons representing different faiths: a crescent moon and star, a cross, and a Star of David. The background is a light cream color with decorative elements like a yellow star, a red circle, and a grey leaf. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with a red heart icon and the text "Celebrate unity found in our diversity!". Below this is a red banner with a white icon of three people and the text "Sign up at" followed by the same link as in the text above.

Progressive Dinner

Hosted by Carroll County
Interfaith Alliance for Racial Justice

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 Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 5:00–8:00 PM

 Appetizers at The Islamic Society of Carroll County

 Soup and Bread at the Church of the Brethren

 Dessert at St. Paul's UCC

 Celebrate unity found in our diversity! 

 Sign up at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0444AEAA29ABFFC34-64693649-ccinterfaith#/>

YOU'RE INVITED!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

FREE EVENT!



DATE:

OCT 31ST



TIME:

12-2PM

PIZZA ★ GAMES ★ FACE PAINTING



STORY TELLER

AND SO MUCH MORE

SPOOKY FUN!

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME
CONTEST!**

COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL.



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3229 YORK ST
MANCHESTER, MD 21102



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

CONTACT KATIE
240-418-8028

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Aug 26	Jan - Aug 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	5,286.62	39,769.56
Loose Offering	25.00	207.00
Communion Offering	65.76	515.32
Improvement Fund	140.00	1,355.00
Food Ministry	51.03	405.51
Miscellaneous	0.00	264.75
Total Income	5,568.41	42,517.14
Gross Profit	5,568.41	42,517.14
Expense		
Administrative	8,019.29	84,428.52
Community Care	(30.00)	287.02
Faith Formation	(15.00)	1.50
Mission & Outreach	1,075.00	3,431.41
Worship	0.00	1,004.79
Total Expense	9,049.29	89,153.24
Net Ordinary Income	(3,480.88)	(46,636.10)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Organ Fund Income	0.00	530.41
Cemetery	(150.00)	(1,650.00)
Int/Div/CGD Income	4.05	426.75
Fundraising / Building Imp	630.75	3,350.03
Special Offerings Received	0.00	400.00
Total Other Income	484.80	3,057.19
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	50.00	150.00
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	4,500.00	45,500.00
Transfer from Fundraising	(3,000.00)	(6,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(1,500.00)	(39,500.00)
Total Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	50.00	150.00
Net Other Income	434.80	2,907.19
Net Income	(3,046.08)	(43,728.91)

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WITH STUDIOS AT DOWNTOWN



DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10 AM
1 HOUR CLASS

**OCTOBER 17
OCTOBER 24
NOVEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 21
DECEMBER 5
DECEMBER 12**



*trinityuccmanchester.org &
studiosatdowntown.com*

WHERE: TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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\$5 per class Please bring your mat and join us!
All levels welcome | Chair adaptations offered

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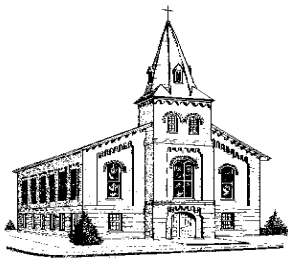
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Church office: 9–1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change. <u>Each Week</u> Children's Church during worship				1 Bible Study at 6:30 PM	2	3
4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. <i>NIN Offering</i> Transgender Adult Support Group 6:30 – 8:30pm	5	6	7 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm	8	9	10 Progressive Dinner 5 -8 pm See Flyer
11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	12	13	14 Bed Time Stories 7pm	15 Bible Study at 6:30 PM	16	17 YOGA 10 a.m.
18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship after Worship Transgender Adult Support Group 6:30 – 8:30pm	19	20	21 Bed Time Stories 7pm	22	23	24 YOGA 10 a.m.
25 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Awe Walk	26 November Newsletter	27	28 Bed Time Stories 7pm	29 Bible Study at 6:30 PM	30	31 Halloween Party @Trinity 12 – 2 PM See flyer

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