

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times November 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

"Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever." ~ Psalm 106:1

A Season of Gratitude, Gathering, and Steady Hope

Beloved!

November is a threshold month. The trees release what they no longer need; the air sharpens; the days shorten; and we look towards a cold dark season. Somehow, in all that letting go, God invites us to notice what remains and to lift up what sustain us, roots us, and brings us back to gratitude.

In this in-between season. Let us return to the psalmist's simple, steady reminder that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Notice the word endures. There are no conditions or time limits… God promises to stay with us. God's enduring love sustains us during hard times and celebrates with us during joyful times. Through changing seasons, uncertainty, and the quiet work of becoming, God's love endures.

This month, as we gather around tables and prepare for holidays that carry both joy and complexity, we hold the world's heaviness alongside our own. I hope we remember that gratitude is not a denial of reality. It is a way of seeing God's presence within it.

Paul writes to the Thessalonian community: *"Encourage one another and build each other up."*

~1 Thessalonians 5:11. This is the heart of church. An encouraging heart shows up with casseroles and prayer shawls. We gather together to listen deeply and make room for every story. To be a people who believes community is a sacred gift worth tending.

Our month ends with the beginning of Advent with it's promise of light returning. Let us hold onto another word of hope: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." ~ John 1:5.* Even now, the light is gathering strength. God is shaping something new where gratitude becomes a doorway into joy.

So this season, may we:

- **Give thanks** because God's love endures.
- **Gather** with generosity, welcome, and courage.
- **Hope** in the quiet ways God is already moving among us.

With gratitude for each of you,

Pastor Katie



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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02 – Doug Rhoten
12/03 – Tiffany Folk
12/11 – Laci Saunders
12/17 – Annika Matthews
12/19 – James Price
12/26 – Nora Winters
12/27 – Amy Miller
12/28 – Abigail Krawczyk



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/19 – Charlene and Doug Rhoten

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
December Newsletter– Monday, Nov. 23

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. November 4 @ 6pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS NOVEMBER

Greeter for the month of Nov: Belva LaMotte
Ushers for the month of Nov:
Deb Persinger/Sandy Sanders
Lay Readers:
Nov. 01 – MB Brainerd
Nov. 08 – Marge Bailey
Nov. 15 – Shana Clark
Nov. 22 – Cindy Piazza
Nov. 29 – Shana Clark
Media Operator
Nov. 01 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
Nov. 08 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
Nov. 15 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
Nov. 22 – MB Brainerd/Sandy Sanders
Nov. 29 – 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
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.



"It gets darker and darker and then Jesus is born."
~Wendell Berry

Our *UnClobber* book study concludes on **November 1 at 9:30.** We will take a brief break until **November 29th**, which is the first Sunday of Advent.

Each Sunday of Advent, we will explore biblical texts, Wendell Berry's poetry and weekly spiritual practices. As our eloquent guide to the season, Berry helps our eyes adjust to the darkness – the better to notice the light.

So grab your favorite Bible and collections of Berry's poetry (the poems in this devotional will also be provided). Week by week, we'll make our way through the shadows, arriving at last on Christmas day, that beautiful glimpse of what Berry calls "Heaven's earthly life."

For Worship, this month we will continue to explore our theme of "Love Colors Outside the Lines." For Advent, our theme will be "Grounded Hope."

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to light the advent candles.

Please let Pastor Katie know if you wish to light the candles!



Gift Cards

With the holidays approaching, what better time to support Trinity UCC! Use gift cards to make your on-line holiday purchases safer! Plus buy gift cards to give as presents to those that are hard-to-buy-for.

There are multiple options to purchase "gift cards", eGift cards (available immediately), physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards. And there are $5 and $10 options to choose from for that little special holiday gift!

For every gift card purchased, TUCC receives a rebate from the retailer. The earnings come from the gift card brand you are purchasing—their way of supporting organizations and communities like ours. For the holiday season we will be placing gift card orders on 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, and 12/13. If you haven't participated in the program and would like more information, or if you'd like a list of the various retailers, please contact Sue Myers, 443-375-6788, wsmdem@comcast.net.

2027 BUDGET MEETING

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, 12/6/26, immediately following the service. The 2027 budget will be discussed and voted on. Please plan to attend. The proposed budget will be available after 11/15/26, so if you would like a copy before the meeting please contact Sue Myers.

TRINITY THRIFT SHOP

We have been discussing ways that we could reach out to our community and provide fundraising opportunities for Trinity. The suggestion of opening a thrift shop was mentioned. Several of us met and discussed the possibilities. We are considering opening the shop once a month beginning January 10, 2027 from 12:00 - 3:00, and then opening the 2nd Sunday of every month. It would be set up in the front corner of the

Social Hall on the parking lot side. This would allow for the curtains to be closed when the store isn't open. We would like to have 2 people in the store when it is open so if you would like to volunteer we will post a sign-up sheet.

We will be looking for donations, the types of items we are considering selling are:

Kitchenware	Home décor
Books	Toys and games
Electronics	Jewelry
Artwork and frames	Linens
Craft and hobby materials	Tools

We ask that all donations be clean and new/like new condition. Also please remember we have limited space so no clothing and no big items. More details to come but if you have questions or concerns please reach out to Sue Myers, Ashby Haines or Pastor Katie.



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 Nov 8. 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 our neighbor 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

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 or scan this QR code to sign up on “SignUp Genius.”







Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.





2026 Poinsettia Order Form

It's time to think about ordering poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. There are 4 sizes and 4 colors to choose from this year. Payment is due with your order. Checks should be made out to Trinity UCC. Orders must be submitted to Sandy Sanders or Deb Persinger by November 16th. Thank you for helping us enhance the beauty of our sanctuary this Christmas.

Description	Color and number of each				Cost	Total Number	Subtotal
	Red	White	Marble	Red Glitter			
4 ½" pot, 3 blooms					$6.00		
6" pot, 3-5 blooms					$11.00		
6" pot, 6-8 blooms					$12.00		
7" pot, 2 plants, 9-12 blooms					$20.00		

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Total Number of Plants: _____ Total Amount Due: _____

In Memory of:

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In Honor of:

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Receipts and Disbursements

	TOTAL	
	SEP 2026	JAN - SEP, 2026 (YTD)
Income		
Communion Offering	55.76	571.08
Food Ministry	45.76	451.27
Improvement Fund	100.00	1,455.00
Loose Offering	10.00	217.00
Miscellaneous	25.00	289.75
Regular Offering	4,800.88	44,570.44
Total Income	**$5,037.40**	**$47,554.54**
GROSS PROFIT	**$5,037.40**	**$47,554.54**
Expenses		
Administrative	**10,877.79**	**95,306.31**
Community Care	**0.00**	**287.02**
Faith Formation	**31.78**	**33.28**
Mission & Outreach	**158.55**	**3,589.96**
Worship	**479.03**	**1,499.96**
Total Expenses	**$11,547.15**	**$100,716.53**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$ (6,509.75)**	**$ (53,161.99)**
Other Income		
Cemetery	**(300.00)**	**(1,950.00)**
Fundraising / Building Imp	**826.40**	**4,176.43**
Int/Div/CGD Income	224.44	651.19
Memorial Fund	0.00	250.00
Organ Fund Income	0.00	530.41
Special Offerings Received	**0.00**	**400.00**
Total Other Income	**$750.84**	**$4,058.03**
Other Expenses		
Special Offerings Disbursed	**0.00**	**150.00**
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Transfer from End. Fund-General	(3,000.00)	(42,500.00)
Transfer from Fundraising	0.00	(6,000.00)
Transfer to General Account	3,000.00	48,500.00
Total Transfers	**0.00**	**0.00**
Total Other Expenses	**$0.00**	**$150.00**
NET OTHER INCOME	**$750.84**	**$3,908.03**
NET INCOME	**$ (5,758.91)**	**$ (49,253.96)**

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WITH STUDIOS AT DOWNTOWN

STUDIOS AT DOWNTOWN
YOGA · BARRE · REV

DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10 AM
1 HOUR CLASS



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

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

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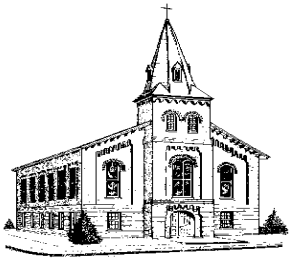
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Daylight Savings Time ends Transgender Adult Support Group 6:30 – 8:30pm	2	3 Election Day	4 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm	5	6	7 YOGA 10 a.m.
8 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	9	10	11 Veterans Day Bed Time Stories 7pm	12 Bible Study at 6:30 PM	13	14
15 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. Fellowship after Worship Transgender Adult Support Group 6:30 – 8:30pm	16 Poinsettia orders due	17	18 Bed Time Stories 7pm	19	20	21 YOGA 10 a.m.
22 Reign of Christ 10:30 a.m.	23 December Newsletter due	24	25 Bed Time Stories 7pm	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	30	Church office: 9–1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change. Each Week Children's Church during worship				

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