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Trinity Times

June 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

Be brave and steadfast; have no fear of them, nor terror, for God is the one who marches with you, and will never fail you or forsake you.

~Deuteronomy 31:6~

As I sit to write this, I have a heavy heart. A man who touched my life in profound ways is gone and all that is left are the memories. As I grieve, and as my family grieves, I think of so many of you. Too many of us have struggled with the aftermath of illness, suffering and death. Sorrow is the great equalizer and whenever we experience it, we want to push it away, numb the pain, make it all go away.

There is a Chinese proverb that says, "Don't push the river, it flows by itself." The truth is that there are processes in life that operate at their own tempo—creativity, grief and faith all flow in at their own pace. Trying to push these processes through doesn't work very well, and can even make the process longer. Healing is like that. When we face the dark shadows of sorrow, we find that healing is often a slow process that test our patience and our desire to get things done quickly. While I wait for healing to be manifest in my life, I take comfort and gain courage from the words of Deuteronomy. I am not alone as I wait, and neither are you. Our God marches through the seasons of our life with each of us. May the sacred presence that surrounds us when we need it most, make us stronger and more loving towards one another.

May the love of God be with you, my friends.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/02 – Bonnie Greenholtz
- 6/03 – Sarah Krawczyk
- 6/05 – Lucy Brady
- 6/08 – Nathan Krawczyk
- 6/09 – Kelsey Hemlock
Meg Grim
- 6/14 – Shirley Wood
- 6/16 – Ralph Keeney
- 6/19 – MariBeth Brainerd
- 6/30 – Harper Hemlock

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/08 – Sam Brainerd
- 7/10 – Sherry Rivera
- 7/22 – Hannah Matthews
- 7/24 – Gavin Larson
- 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
- 8/26 – Jeff Brooks
- 8/28 – Marissa Schultz



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/07 – Don & Jen Garmer

Church Communications Submission Dates

- Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
- July/August Newsletter– Monday, June 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

Important Dates



Meeting Dates - Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, June 5 @ 7pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
@ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS JUNE

Greeters for the month of June:

- June 09 – Sandy Sanders
- June 16 – Belva LaMotte
- June 23 – Belva LaMotte
- June 30 – Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of June:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- June 02 – MB Brainerd
- June 09 – Amy & Nate Schultz
- June 16 – Sue Myers
- June 23 – Jackie Nave Kulp
- June 30 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator

- June 09 – Elwin Wagner/MB Brainerd
- June 16 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- June 23 – Elwin Wagner/Karen Haines
- June 30 – Karen Haines/Sue Myers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time. Please give Pastor Katie or Secretary Diane the names of all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
Lisa Frederick
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte
Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother

Book Study!

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

Evans knew firsthand how a relationship with the Bible can be as real and as complicated as a relationship with a family member or close friend. In *Inspired*, Evans explores contradictions and questions from her own experiences with the Bible, including:

1. If the Bible was supposed to explain the mysteries of life, why does it leave the reader with so many questions?
2. What does it mean to be chosen by God?
3. To what degree did the Holy Spirit guide the preservation of these narratives, and is there something sacred to be uncovered beneath all these human fingerprints?
4. If the Bible has given voice to the oppressed, why is it also used as justification by their oppressors?

Drawing on the best in biblical scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay.

We will gather by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Meetings:

Tuesday, June 4 – 7 pm

Tuesday, June 11 – 7 pm

Tuesday, June 18 – 7 pm

Tuesday, June 25 – 7 pm

We will finish the book study in June date TBA

Worship Schedule: JUNE

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Revisioning: So All Shall Be Well!

June 2, 2024 🕒 10:45 am

Variety of scriptures

Message - Good Creation

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Revisioning: So All Shall Be Well!

June 9, 2024 🕒 10:00 am

Welcome new members

First Reading Psalm 138

Second Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-11-20, 11:14-15

Third Reading Mark 3:20-35

The Message - God's Home

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Revisioning: So All Shall Be Well!

Father's Day

June 16, 2024 🕒 10:00 am

First Reading 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Second Reading Mark 4:26-34

The Message - Growing the Community

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Revisioning: So All Shall Be Well!

June 23, 2024 🕒 10:00 am

First Reading 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23,32-49

Second Reading Mark 4:35-41

The Message - In the Boat Together

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Revisioning: So All Shall Be Well!

June 30, 2024 @ 10:00 am

First Reading 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Second Reading Mark 5:21-43

The Message - More than enough time for all



Summer Worship Hours Begin on **June 9 @10:00 a.m.** No Children's Church in the summer but it will resume on **Rally Day in the fall.**

Update



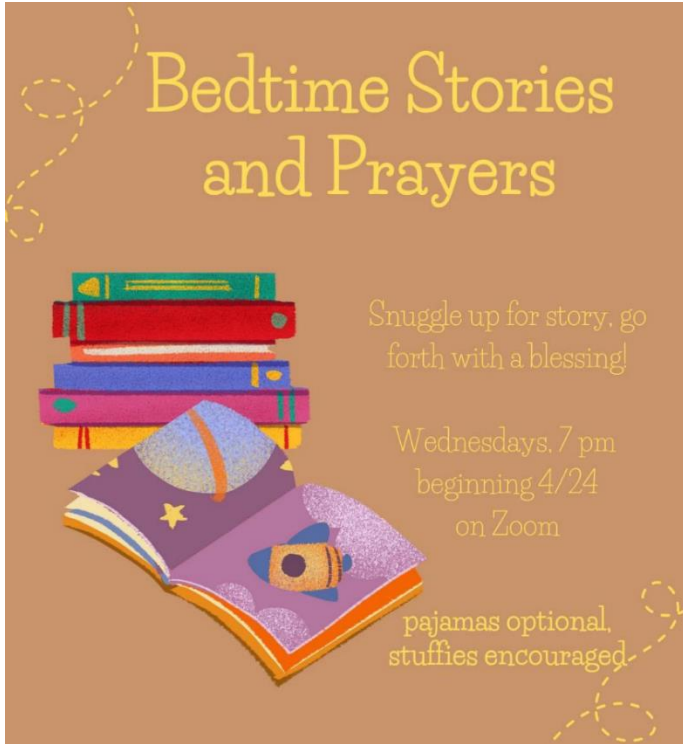
New date for Trinity to welcome new members will be **Sunday June 9.** Anyone who is interested please see Pastor Katie.

May 2024 Consistory Meeting Highlights

The consistory met on May 1, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Elwin Wagner was welcomed as the new president. Committee reports were shared with all members and highlights are as follows:

- Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel was our guest preacher on April 21st. We also had our Service of Installation on April 21, 2024, at 2:00 pm to welcome Pastor Katie.
- We began our book study this month in partnership with St. Matthews UCC. We are reading Inspired by Rachel Held Evans. Breakfast Club (the Saturday morning Christian Education program) is taking a break until July 13, 2024. On April 24th, we began another program called Bedtime Stories and Prayers on Wednesday evenings via zoom.
- Wayne Sanders installed handrails on the steps to the bell tower.
- The Congregation was presented with the first session of Spiritual gift assessment on Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024
- Trinity Coffee Cups are now on sale for only \$10.00.



Worship in the Park June 2

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a pot-luck church picnic on June 2nd at 10:45. Fried Chicken and beverages are provided by the church. **Please note** - there is a change in the pavilion – we will be using Pavilion No. 2 which is much closer to the front of the park and restrooms. If able, please bring a dish to share!

- Hannah has created a fabulous new brochure all about Trinity.
- A women's retreat is in the works with Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniels, hopefully to be held at Trinity.
- Yoga will return in the fall.
- There is a dedicated space for crossroads information above the Sunday school desk. The ONA group will be providing materials in that area.
- Mobile Health Clinic dates are Tuesday 05-28-2024 from 930 am to 1130 am. and Friday 07-19-2024 from 930 am to 1130 am.
- Trinity will be helping the Lutheran Church with VBS, the week of July 4th.
- Pathway to Prayer Brick fundraiser extended for the year.
- Worship in the Park – June 2nd 10:45 with Fired Chicken provided by the church at Pavilion #2 near the restrooms.
- 10:00 am Sunday Services begin June 9th.
- Planning is underway for Consistory Retreat: A person get together to look over the structure of Consistory to be held on September 7, 2024, at 9 am.

Next Consistory Meeting: Wednesday – June 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Please feel free to share your suggestions and thoughts with any of the members of Consistory.



FUND RAISING

Pathway to Prayer-Good News... EXTENDED
!!! Buy a brick is open for the rest of the year.

Bingo May 18, at Lineboro Fire Hall was well attended and the bake table was immense. The gift baskets and boards sold well. Trinity Bingo Team thanks everyone for their time, talents, and donations. Early estimated total of profit is \$1,600.00

Coffee Mugs

We would love to share your morning over a cup of your favorite beverage! Help support our fundraising efforts by purchasing a Trinity UCC coffee mug – only \$10.00!



Gift Cards

The group of folks taking advantage of this fundraiser is GROWING! We had 10 participants in May. If you want to join us just let Sue know. She can answer any questions you might have and provide you with a list of over 600 retailers that participate in the program. Cards can be used for on-line purchases, at the gas pumps, in the grocery stores, for airline travel, hotels, etc. If you don't see her in church just call her at 443-375-6788 or email wsmdem@comcast.net. Orders go in the 1st Sunday of every month.

CROSSROADS

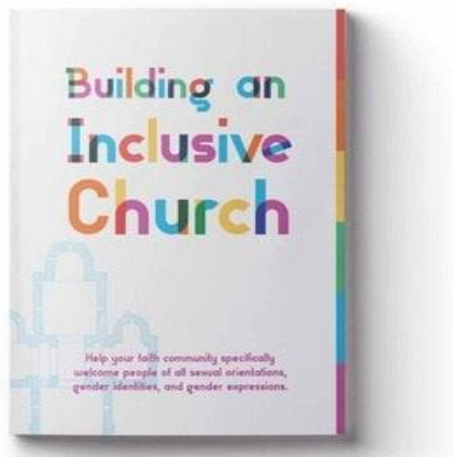
Back in the fall of 2023, Trinity participated in a new program called Crossroads, put together by the Central Atlantic Conference. Through this process we developed suggested ministry areas that Trinity would like to pursue. Those areas were Community Engagement & Evangelism, Communication, and Care Team. The following is a summary of our accomplishments thus far:

Community Engagement & Evangelism –

- Continuation of the food and snack bags for MES
- Involvement with Charlotte's Quest
- Easter baskets items for Shepherds Staff
- Yoga classes on Saturday mornings open to community
- Mobile health clinic open to community

Communication

- Began sending out Trinity e-Notes – an email sent out several times a month with updates on events
- Working on updating website and brochures
- Working on spiritual gift assessments – more info to follow



We are planning in the coming months to extend our conversation into the larger Trinity community about what it means to be a truly inclusive ONA church, a church that welcomes everyone, specifically inviting those in our families and community that identify as LGBTQI+.

Check out the "Crossroads & ONA" bulletin board and desk area in the fellowship hall by the kitchen doorway for upcoming event flyers, brochures, books, and additional ONA-related materials.

A Safe Place to Be – That is what it means to be an Open and Affirming Church. When the time comes that we vote, and, God-willing, we vote to affirm the Trinity ONA covenant (that we write ourselves!), we will be publicly declaring, to the UCC ONA Coalition, the greater Manchester community, and the World, that we are Open and Affirming... that yes, whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are fully and truly welcome here at Trinity UCC-Manchester, no exceptions... THEN we have become a safe place to be: a Sanctuary for all.

ONA provided the fellowship on Pentecost Sunday with lots of delights.

We are looking forward for parishioners, family, or friends to join in upcoming PFLAG and Pride events happening in Westminster this summer.

The fifth (not quite annual) Westminster PFLAG Pride march is on Saturday June 1 at 11 am. Gather at Locust Lane across from the library.

No registration required. Remember we will peacefully walk and keep all areas clean and free of trash. It is just a few blocks' walk, all ages and genders welcome.

If you have an event that we could attend together as an ONA church, please let MB know. (or any member of the ONA group).

*Accept one another,
just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God.*
Romans 15:7

** LGBTQ+ is a shorthand for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning." The Q word "queer" has often been adopted by people who don't want to be constrained by the identities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. The plus (+) symbol reflects the diversity of sexual and gender identities in the human family, even beyond the letters listed.*

Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are in need of people to make prayer shawls for our ministry. Do you know how to crochet or knit? Or do you want to learn how to crochet or knit. Do you or someone you know have time and would enjoy doing something to help another person? Any questions, please call the church office and leave your name and number. I will be happy to answer any questions about the ministry.

Thank you, Belva LaMotte



Vacation Bible School

Save the date – we are joining Immanuel Lutheran Church this summer for VBS. The dates are July 7-11. Plan to join us – more information to come!

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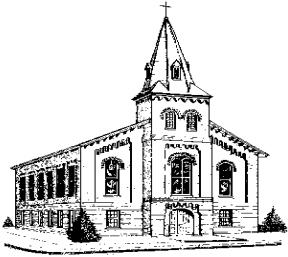
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Second Sunday after Pentecost Worship in the Park <u>10:45a.m.</u>	3	4	5 Consistory 7p.m. Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	6	7	8
9 Third Sunday after Pentecost <u>Worship 10:00 a.m.</u> Welcome New Members	10	11	12 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	13	14	15
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Father's Day</i> Fellowship after worship	17	18	19 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	20	21	22
23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 a.m.	24 July/August newsletter articles due	25	26 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	27	28	29
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:00 a.m.	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.					

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