

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

September 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

Beloved,

"I am the bread of life," Jesus said. This summer, we have explored together what this means to us at Trinity Church. Jesus is nourishment, is the source of life, the source of meaning, for us—his people, his disciples.

So, we gather together, fed by the words we hear Jesus speak, fed by the bread and the cup, fed by his love. Nourished and filled, Jesus' presence in our lives sustains us.

When we are filled, we are also sent out as pilgrims to share the Living Bread with everyone we meet. A year ago, we engaged in the Crossroads program, which is destined for us to discern why God has called us to this place, for this particular day and time. We looked at what we do as a church and how we want to better serve the community. Crossroads celebrates the ways God is still speaking in the places where we live... the ways the Body of Christ feeds friends and neighbors.

Out of this process, the Crossroads group decided to focus on health and wellness ministries. We built on our existing programs and have added things that we feel will benefit our neighbors. On any given week, you might find the Health Department in our church providing care to our community, yoga classes, or someone packing food bags for the elementary school. And we have only just begun! In the coming weeks, I hope you will think about where our faith will spread next. "I am the bread of life," Jesus said. Let us continue to share the bread that gives us eternal life.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 09/09 Ronald Zumbrun
- 09/10 Elijah Miller
- 09/19 Lexi Larson
- 09/22 Logan Nave
- 09/23 Pastor Katie
- 09/27 Lily Saunders
- 09/30 Kenneth Reed

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/04 Lauren Rice
- 10/07 Gloria Nethkin
- 10/10 Alex Loren
- 10/11 Lorne Hemlock
- 10/12 Kelly Rhoten
- 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



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 09/03 MariBeth and Sam Brainerd
- 09/08 Karen and James Price
- 09/17 Lorne and Kelsey Hemlock
- 09/28 Michelle and Elwin Wagner

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

Church Communications Submission Dates

- Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
- October Newsletter– Monday, September 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 Tuesdays!
She will not be available on that day. If there is
an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028**



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Retreat Sept. 7 @ 9 a.m.

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



HELPING HANDS SEPTEMBER

Greeters for the month of Sept:

Belva LaMotte

Ushers for the month of Sept:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- Sept 01 – MB Brainerd
- Sept 08 – Sue Myers
- Sept 15 – Jackie Nave Kulp
- Sept 22 – MB Brainerd
- Sept 29 – Sue Myers

Media Operator

- Sept 01 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- Sept 08 – Moriah Marr/MB Brainerd
- Sept 15 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- Sept 22 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- Sept 29 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders

Mark your calendar

On **September 22nd** we will have a youth meeting after worship for anyone interested in forming a youth group.

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:

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom
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
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Sam Van Nuys
Kathy Peters and family
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
Mark Seal, son of Deb and Robert Miller
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte
Jean Simmons
Gina Tollini
Shirley Wood



Sunday, Sept 8th is Rally Day and Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday with Holy Communion.

We hope that you will invite your friends to join us! We will hold a potluck luncheon after worship. A true potluck means you bring whatever you want to share with others, so let's all bring our favorite dishes! I am sure we will have plenty of food and fellowship to enjoy.

Also, it will be Blessing of Backpacks and teachers. So, remember to bring your backpacks.

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Fellowship the Third Sunday of each month, We are open to any suggestions or ideas about the kinds of foods you would like to see served. We always appreciate your help and donations.



Beginning **September 8, 2024**

Worship Service at **10:30 am.**

This will be year-round now.
Communion is the first Sunday
of each month.



Worship Schedule: September

Sept 1 – **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading James 2:1-17
Faith without works is dead

Second Reading Mark 7:24-37
The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

The Message

The Feast of Fairness

Sept 8 – **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday
Blessing of the Backpacks
Communion

First Reading John 14:18-27
“Peace I leave you”

Second Reading James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Faith without works is dead

Third Reading Matthew 22:37-40
Love God and Neighbor

The Message
Building Peace Together

Sept 15 – **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Just Peace Sunday

First Reading James 3:1-12
Faith without works is dead

Second Reading Mark 8:27-38
Who do people say that I am?

The Message
“Who Do People Say I Am?”

Sept 22 – **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
National Day of Praise and Worship
Justice and Witness Sunday

First Reading Psalm 1

Second Reading Mark 9:30-37

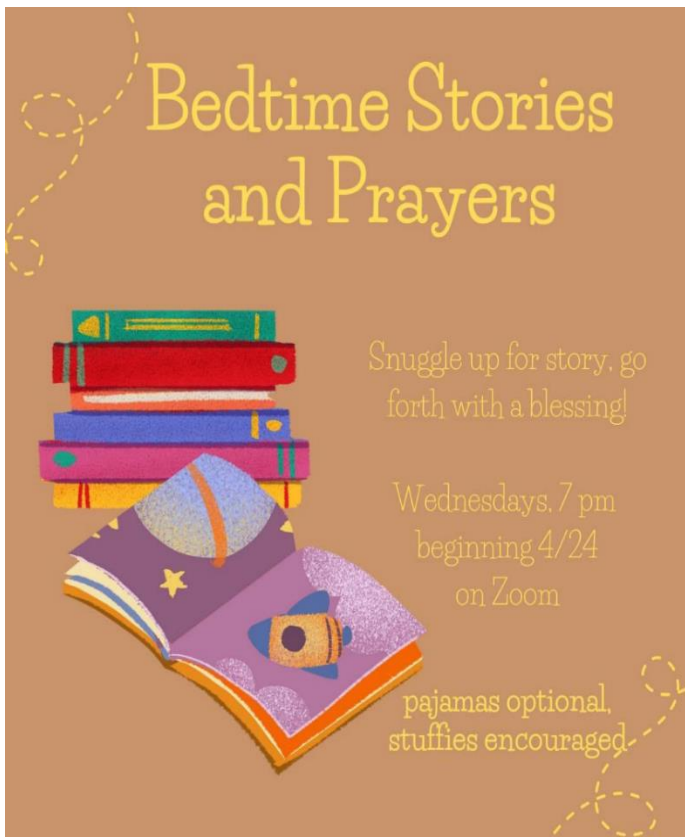
The Message
Extravagant Welcome

Sept 29 - **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Pastor Lucy preaching



Food Bags for Backpacks & Snack Packs
for Classrooms

Trinity UCC will restart our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School this September. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark “Food Bags” on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.



Bedtime Stories and Prayers

Snuggle up for story, go forth with a blessing!

Wednesdays, 7 pm beginning 4/24 on Zoom

pajamas optional, stuffies encouraged.

Consistory Highlights

Consistory Met on July 10, 2024 - 7:00 P.M. via Zoom and August 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm via Zoom

- The Sanctuary beam (alarm was replaced).
- Yoga starts September 14, 2024, for 8 weeks and it is 5 dollars a session (pay as you go). Clothing donation bin was set up on Parking lot 07/11/2024.
- Cake and baptism reception held for Clara Hart Hemlock on 06/30/2024.
- Children's Church resumed on 6/16/2024. Children will be dismissed after children's time. Children's church has been awesome with Sarah, Lucy and Sylvie. Ben and John assisting also.
- Hymn suggestion box now on back tables.
- \$33, 500 transferred (year to date) from the endowment fund to checking and approximately \$ 30, 000 will be needed to finish the boiler repairs. Grants may be a possibility to help us out.
- Mobile health clinic will be available on September 20,2024.
- Coffee Mugs \$ 10.00 and t-shirts \$ 20.00 now on sale (T-shirt order goes to Sandy).

The World Café program will be held on Worldwide Communion Sunday October 16, 2024, and will include a luncheon.

- Hannah has been updating the website.
- Potluck Luncheon will be held on September 8,2024, for "Rejoice in the Welcome" Sunday and Rally Day combined.
- The 1st evening of Gather in the Garden raised \$24.37. A second evening was held on August 23,2024.
- Planning for fall season of worship in progress. Communion will be on September 8,2024 along with the blessing of the backpacks for all age educators and students. New Life for Girls will be returning this October along with Harvest Home Sunday
- Motion made and passed for Worship Time Change September 8, 2024. Worship time will be 10:30 a.m. Year-round.
- The next Consistory Next meeting will be a Saturday Retreat – September 7, 2024, at the Church 9-12 a.m.



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! If you're not sure what it is or how it works just reach out to me and I'll be more than happy to explain.

Gift cards are ordered the 1st Sunday of every month or you can set up your own account and receive cards electronically whenever you want.

With over 550 vendors there's bound to be one 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.

You can reach me at wsmdem@comcast.net or 443-375-6788. Thanks – Sue Myers.



PLANET GREEN
RAISE FUNDS BY RECYCLING INK CARTRIDGES

Help our environment AND raise funds for Trinity

Bring your used ink cartridges to the church and place them in the designated box at the main entrance.

We will send them to Planet Green for recycling.

The church will receive \$1 for each commonly used cartridge and 25¢ for each non-qualifying cartridge.

You may request a free shipping label at www.planetgreenrecycle.com if it more convenient for you to mail your cartridges.

Be sure to use the church's ID # 32554 for Trinity's fund-raising efforts.

Thank you in advance to everyone who participates!

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



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!

CROSSROADS

Below is a summary of our 8/4/24 meeting:

- **Community Engagement:**
 - The Mobile Health clinic is continuing – the next date will be 9/20/24.
 - We are planning a Kids Day on 9/7/24.
 - Blue-birding is continuing at Charlotte's Quest.
 - Yoga to start up in September - \$5 per session.
- **Communication:**
 - If you have pictures of church events please forward to Pastor Katie or Hannah – they can post on FB and our website.
 - New Trinity tee-shirts are for sale – adult sizes \$20, children sizes \$15, see Sandy Sanders for details.
 - Planning a world café program on World Wide Communion Sunday.
Please be sure to share our upcoming events with friends and neighbors.

ONA Taskforce Updates

The ONA taskforce has begun the steps to go from Idea to certification. Upcoming events include an integrated prayer service for the November 20 Transgender Day of remembrance. A film night to see and hear other families and churches journeys is in planning.

Coffee hour returns this fall on September 22, 2024. Hosted by Hannah and Leslie. A time to catch up with each other and share. Coffee Hour will start at 9:15 am and will be the fourth Sunday of each month. Coffee, Goodies and Juice will be provided. Come join in before worship.

There is ONA material in the dedicated Crossroads area for anyone who has questions or just needs more information on becoming a truly welcoming church no matter who or where you are in life.



Message from Hannah Matthews

For Open and Affirming Sunday in June, I gave a moment of gratitude and shared why becoming an ONA church is important to me—because we can always do more. There are always things that we can do to make someone's life better. What I wish is that more people would feel safe enough to find this place for themselves. That's why I would love for us to become an Open and Affirming congregation. When I was younger, I never knew a church that would welcome and affirm everyone and it would have made a really big difference. As a person who is a part of the LGBTQ community myself, church was somewhere I had to hide who I was.

I would not go to church for over a decade because in my experience churches were always silent—or worse— about who could belong. There was always so much silence (and I say that as a quiet person who usually greatly appreciates silence). Sometimes love requires action, not silence. I didn't want any part in that. But I did always stay dreaming of a church where people would be affirmed for who God designed them to be and also, if I were really lucky, maybe Mary Oliver poems would be read there. On our very first day that we came to Trinity, Pastor Jessica read a Mary Oliver poem. Then along came Pastor Katie, who also loves her poems! We read them all the time. Sometimes you know when you are in the right place. Coming here has been a healing place for me to let go of the experiences of church that caused me a lot of harm. It could be for others out there too. But how will they know? It needs to be clear that this will be a safe place.

It takes a bit of bravery to become ONA and offer a public covenant of inclusiveness. It's easier to just assume that everyone already knows they will

be welcome here and we don't need to say or do anything more. But most people don't have an experience of church as a place where they are free to be who they are. So we have to *show* them—we have to let our love move us into action. There is no agenda in wanting to do this, other than to make someone's life better, like all of you at Trinity have already done for me.

Hannah Matthews

Join us for the

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

We will offer a blessing to students, educators, & staff starting a new school year.

 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
At 10:30 AM

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Bring a backpack or bag!

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WITH DOWNTOWN YOGA, BARRE, & CYCLE



DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10 AM

1 HOUR CLASS



*trinityuccmanchester.org &
westminsterdowntownyoga.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**

EVERY SATURDAY SEPT. 14 - NOV. 23 (NO CLASS 9/21)



TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

We are taking orders for our newly designed t-shirts! Contact
Sandy Sanders to place an order or with any questions @

443-974-6723

SIZING:

- Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL
- Youth Sizes: S M L XL

COST:

- Adult Shirts: \$20 each
- Youth Shirts: \$15 each



North East Social Action Program, Inc.

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Phone 410-239-6216 • Fax 410-374-9109

June 2024

Dear Trinity UCC,

Northeast Social Action Program (NESAP) is very grateful for our community partners, donors and shoppers that have served beside us in 2024. NESAP has been serving the local community providing food, clothing and financial assistance for over four decades.

We want you to know how much we appreciate you and your generosity and to share the impact you have made!

We feel very Blessed that in the first 6 months (January-June) of 2024 NESAP was able to provide clothing, food, housing, medical, transportation and utility assistance to individuals and families in our local community. Thanks to donors like you, we were able to fulfill 1005 service requests totaling \$84,276.35 in financial assistance and 2889 bags of groceries. Thank you again for your generous gift and please continue to keep the NESAP ministry in your prayers.

Note's from NESAP client's ~ Thank you so much for your time and help that you give to everyone who comes to you for help. Bless you all! ~ NESAP Client

NESAP was there to provide assistance at my most vulnerable time. They helped me get back on my feet and out of crisis so that I could focus on raising my kids. Thank you for the hand up. ~ Grace

God Bless,
Donn Dietrich

Executive Director – NESAP
nesap.director@gmail.com
www.nesapinc.org

USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NESAP



UPCOMING 2024 NESAP EVENTS: DETAILS TO FOLLOW
NESAP Annual Bingo ~ September 14th
NESAP Annual Christmas Sale ~ November 9th

These 2024 donations of 1 cart to the food pantry were received by the North East Social Action Program (NESAP) and no goods or services were provided. NESAP is a 501c3 nonprofit.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Last Sunday for <u>10am worship</u> Children's Church during worship each Sunday	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3	4 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	5	6	7 Consistory Retreat 9 a.m.
8 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost <u>10:30 a.m. worship</u> Rejoice in the Welcome Communion Blessing of Backpacks & Teachers	9	10	11 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	12	13	14 Drop in Yoga 10 a.m.
15 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost <u>10:30 a.m. worship</u>	16	17	18 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	19	20 Health on Wheels Mobile Clinic 9:30 - 11:30 am at Trinity	21
22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost <u>10:30 a.m. worship</u> Youth meeting after worship  Fall Starts	23 October Newsletter Articles Due	24	25 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	26	27	28 Drop in Yoga 10 a.m.
29 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost <u>10:30 a.m. worship</u>	30	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.				

HEALTH ON WHEELS MOBILE CLINIC

Tuesday, August 20th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
and
Friday, September 20th from 9:30 - 11:30 am

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Services available*:

- Flu vaccines (limited)
- STI screening
- HIV and Hepatitis C testing
- Blood pressure screening
- Naloxone/Narcan training and distribution
- Peer support services
- Health Education: Sun Safety and Emergency Preparedness



* Services are subject to change.
For billable services, please be sure to
bring ID and insurance cards.

For questions about our Health on
Wheels services, please email:
cchd.mobileservices@maryland.gov



Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

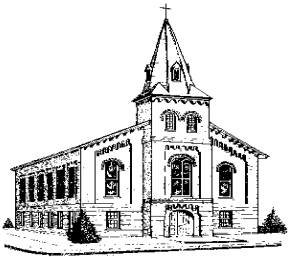
	<u>Jul 24</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	50.00	50.00
Communion Offering	51.89	409.89
Loose Offering	40.00	752.00
Miscellaneous	81.00	969.12
Regular Offering	5,163.81	39,901.88
Total Income	<u>5,386.70</u>	<u>42,082.89</u>
Gross Profit	5,386.70	42,082.89
Expense		
Educational Ministries	0.00	590.40
Evangelism	5.16	1,197.47
General	1,145.16	19,429.37
Personnel	9,366.51	50,487.03
Property	153.70	1,693.92
Music	0.00	902.80
Worship	37.58	609.94
Total Expense	<u>10,708.11</u>	<u>74,910.93</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(5,321.41)	(32,828.04)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	0.00	(3,638.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	0.03	569.54
Memorial Fund	0.00	(149.31)
Fundraising / Building Imp	(1,056.95)	(1,949.70)
Special Offerings Received	75.76	1,714.96
Total Other Income	<u>(981.16)</u>	<u>(3,452.51)</u>
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	0.00	987.02
Transfers		
Transfer to General Account	0.00	33,500.00
Transfer from Fundraising	0.00	(5,000.00)
Transfer from End. Fund-General	0.00	(28,500.00)
Total Transfers	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>987.02</u>
Net Other Income	<u>(981.16)</u>	<u>(4,439.53)</u>
Net Income	<u>(6,302.57)</u>	<u>(37,267.57)</u>

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