

Trinity United Church of Christ

3229 York St, PO Box 38, Manchester, MD 21102 410 374-2727 www.trinityuccmanchester.org Trinity Times October 2024

From the Pastor's Desk:

On October 6, we will have a World Café luncheon after worship. World Café is a way of sharing knowledge, hope and dreams through small groups around our lunch tables. We will envision who we are, what we are doing and why God has called us at this time and place.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has fed you. ~Ephesians 4:32

There are times in our lives when everything seems to go wrong: financial pressures, bad news about our health, damaged relationships. When times are hard it is tempting to get mad and lash out. We look around for someone to blame. And if no one is easily available, we lift up our arms and blame God. Jonah knew this. God called him to be a prophet and he resisted as long as he could. He was afraid of how others would respond to his words of truth. Finally, he realized he had no choice but to follow God's will and he spoke up, "You have lived lives of sin," he told the people, "and God will destroy you." The people listened and repented. Jonah's had expected to see God rain fire and brimstone on the great city of Nineveh, and instead he saw God show mercy to the city. He stood in judgment of others and was unable to forgive. Forgiving a person or a group of people is; we hold tight to anger and bitterness. We may become suspicious or frustrated, letting that wrong affect every area of our lives. Resentment can damage our bodies like a poison and destroy our relationships with each other and with God. But, our resentment does not harm those who have injured us. We only hurt ourselves. On the other hand, forgiving others neutralizes the poisons of anger and bitterness. Instead of misery, we can choose joy. We go on without the heavy burden of anger. Our reward for developing a spirit of love is joy. We begin to appreciate the gifts of God. We learn to value the days God gives us, and we can live every area of life to the fullest. When we possess a grateful and forgiving heart, nothing can diminish the joy in each day.

May your day be filled with joy,

~Pastor Katíe



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/04 Lauren Rice 10/07 Gloria Nethkin 10/10 Alex Loren 10/11 Lorne Hemlock Susan Davidson 10/12 Kelly Rhoten 10/18 Sylvia Calalsrese 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
- 11/18 R. Michael Miller
- 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 Leslie and Jeff Brooks
- 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, October 28

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

Important Dates



<u>Meeting Dates – some by Zoom</u> Consistory – Wednesday, October 2 @7pm

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



HELPING HANDS OCTOBER

Greeters for the month of October: Belva LaMotte Ushers for the month of October: Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- Oct. 06 Amy Schultz/Marissa Schultz
- Oct. 13 MB Brainerd
- Oct. 20 Moriah Marr
- Oct. 27 Sue Myers

Media Operator

- Oct. 06 Sue Myers/Elwin Wagner
- Oct. 13 Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- Oct. 20 Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- Oct. 27 Karen Haines/MB Brainerd

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 John Hansen Sam Van Nuvs 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 Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price Gina Tollini Shirley Wood



Prayer Shawl Ministry

"If you have any hidden talent, can knit or crochet, please consider helping our shawl ministry." Perhaps you have a neighbor or friend with time on their hands. I will be happy to answer any questions about the ministry.



Join us at **noon** on Sunday **October 13** in the parking lot of the church for our annual blessing of the pets! You may bring your animals in person or simply bring photos for the blessing.

Worship Schedule: October

October 2024 – A Season of Peace

October 6 – World Communion Sunday Hebrew Lesson Job1:1, 2:1-10 A Righteous Man Suffers Gospel Lesson John 21:15-19 Feed My Sheep The Message Grace

October 13 – Prayer Stations First Reading Exodus 3:12-15

Moses meets God Second Reading 1 John 5:1-5 Faith fills the world

The Message Prayer Stations

October 20 - New Life for Girls

October 27 - Harvest Home

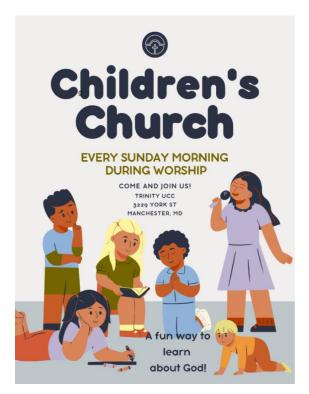
First Reading

Job 142:1-6, 10-17

Restoration of Job Second Reading Mark 10:46-52 Christ heals blind Bartimaeus

The Message

Restored to our Community



Our first youth group activity on October 12. We are going to the Demolition Derby for fellowship and fun. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to share. Friends are welcome.





Food Bags for Backpacks & Snack Packs for Classrooms

Trinity UCC will be starting our program back up very soon for Manchester Elementary School. Please remember, all donations are welcomed and will be used for this mission. Be sure to write foodbags on your donation.

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Updates

The consistory meeting was September 7, 2024 9AM at Church followed with a morning retreat. **Property Report -** Doug Myers: Boiler parts will be here soon; sanctuary may be chilly before repairs are completed. Steeple lights have been replaced. Discussion of replacement ceiling tiles not matching.

Crossroads - Sue Myers: The World Café program will be held on Worldwide Communion Sunday October 6, 2024, and will include a luncheon.

Evangelism - Marge Bailey: Fellowship well attended on August 18th. Organized and assisted with the Consistory breakfast on September 7 and Potluck Luncheon on September 8,2024, for "Rejoice in the Welcome."

Christian Education - Leslie Brooks: Faith Formation Group has been formed to include Children's Church and all age involvements activities. Leslie and Amy are the leads. Children's bedtime story on Wednesdays starting September 11, 2024, and Breakfast club will start back up.

Fundraising - Leslie Brooks: Gather in the Garden (2) raised \$ 33.13. T-shirts, Mugs and Mums funds raised to be determined.

Worship - Hannah Matthews:10/6 World Communion Sunday and World Café event., 10/13 Blessing of the Pets ,10/20 New Life for Girls, 10/27 Harvest Home,11/3 All Saints Day and 11/10 Stewardship Sunday.



CROSSROADS

- Community Engagement:
 - The Mobile Health clinic is continuing – the next date will be 11/8/24.
 - Kids Day was held on 9/7/24. We had a wonderful time with moon bounce, cornhole, water balloons, air basketball, face painting, hot dogs, etc.
 - Yoga has started. Join us on Saturdays \$5 per session.
- Communication:
 - Be sure to join us October 6 for World Wide Communion and World Café after service.

FUNDRAISING

- We are selling Trinity tees! Adult sizes \$20, children sizes \$15, see Sandy Sanders for details.
- Trinity coffee mugs only \$10! See Sue Myers.

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 <u>wsmdem@comcast.net</u> or 443-375-6788. Thanks – Sue Myers.

Respectfully Submitted, Leslie Brooks



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 25ϕ for each non-qualifying cartridge.

You may request a free shipping label at <u>www.planetgreenrecycle.com</u> 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!



Christian Education

The newly formed Fath Formation Group will be overseeing Christan Education for all ages.

This team will organize and supervise Children's Church, Youth Groups, Adult Learners and Intergenerational studies/events.

Bedtime stories started back up on September 11 from 7- 715. Adults and kids are invited to hear a Christian goodnight. Volunteers would be appreciated by reading a story this fall. The Breakfast Club will be reactivated, and more information will be announced.

A youth event is being planned for October 12, 2024. The Demo Derby at the Westminster Ag center is the most likely choice. More Information to follow.

Bible study is back and In Person!! Starting Tuesday September 24 at 10 am, meet at the church to dig into the scriptures of our worship time.

Leslie Brooks

Looking ahead!



Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 3** is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us, we are calling for everyone to **e-mail**

(office.trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net) or bring in a photo of a loved one so that we can remember them during worship. A special "All Saints" prayer will be said during worship with a time for lifting up the names of those pictured.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 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)



Questions about becoming an Open 'N Affirming (ONA) Church but "don't know how – or you're afraid to ask?" – Come to Coffee Hour – 4th Sundays at 9:30am!!"

What questions do you have about ONA, but don't know how, or you're afraid to ask?? Coffee hour – 4th Sunday of the Month at 9:30 – is a great time to find out more. Our FIRST ONA coffee hour was held Sunday Sept 22 – hosted by Hannah and Leslie, and we feasted on gluten free doughnut holes, bagels, coffee, tea and juice. On a table-top easel pad nearby we were encouraged to post our "Open and Affirming Questions, Concerns, Hopes", written on little yellow post-its.

At the NEXT 4th Sunday of the month coffee hour, which will be on Sunday October 27 at 9:30a.m., we will sit together once again, and this time look at and discuss some of the bible passages that have been used by some Christians to condemn same-sex relationships and exclude people from our churches, and consider what is exactly being said in those ancient Biblical passages, why it was written in that time and place, and, finally, in what ways it is, or isn't, relevant to our lives today. Hope to see you there with your questions!

Also – for more information on becoming **a TRULY welcoming church**, **no matter who you are or where you are in life** – there is ONA-related literature in the dedicated Crossroads Info Area, located on and above the desk just beside the kitchen entrance to the fellowship hall.

RACISM IN THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF HISTORY -

talk by Rev. Marty Kuchma

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Saturday October 19, 2-4 p.m.

Westminster Church of the Brethren fellowship hall, 19 Bond St., Westminster, MD

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

To register to attend, please use this link: <u>https://forms.gle/ztcebTSuwE4FEqzZA</u>

or call the Church of the Brethren office at 410-848-8090



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

October 2024							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity		3	4	5 Drop in Yoga 10 a.m.	
6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. worship Holy Communion Neighbors in Need Offering	7	8 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity		10	11	12 Drop in Yoga 10 a.m. Youth group Outing see flyer	
13 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m. worship Blessing of the Prayer Shawls Noon Blessing of Pets	14	15 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity	-	17	18	19 Drop in Yoga 10 a.m.	
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 27 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Coffee hour 9:15 am 10:30 a.m. worship 	28 November newsletter articles due	29 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity	30 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	31	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change.		

Trinity United Church of Christ Receipts and Disbursements

	Aug 24	Jan - Aug 24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Childrens' Church	0.00	50.00
Communion Offering	30.76	440.65
Loose Offering	30.00	782.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	969.12
Regular Offering	4,463.04	44,364.92
Total Income	4,523.80	46,606.69
Gross Profit	4,523.80	46,606.69
Expense		
Educational Ministries	29.66	620.06
Evangelism	0.00	1,197.47
General	2,275.44	21,704.81
Personnel	6,499.37	56,986.40
Property	0.00	1,693.92
Music	0.00	902.80
Worship	0.00	609.94
Total Expense	8,804.47	83,715.40
Net Ordinary Income	(4,280.67)	(37,108.71)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	0.00	(4,138.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	6.05	575.59
Memorial Fund	10,000.00	9,850.69
Fundraising / Building Imp	213.14	(1,736.56)
Special Offerings Received	100.76	1,815.72
Total Other Income	10,319.95	6,367.44
Other Expense		
Special Offerings Disbursed	191.38	1,178.40
Transfers	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	191.38	1,178.40
Net Other Income	10,128.57	5,189.04
Net Income	5,847.90	(31,919.67)

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ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED



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