

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

February 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

*In these days he went out to the mountain to pray,
and all night he continued in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)*

All relationships take time. A relationship with God, while unlike other relationships in many ways, still follows the rules of other relationships. When we spend time with God, we draw closer to the One who creates and loves each of us. Throughout Jesus' ministry, we are told that he set time aside to pray and encouraged his disciples to do the same.

Our prayer life helps us to grow, keeps us connected to God and one another, and informs our own sense of calling.

Informed by many ancient traditions and mutually declared by scripture: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), Trinity Church is providing a practice to go more deeply into one's knowing of the sacred. In the belief that we are all a distinct expression of a facet of God, meditative prayer enables us to encounter the Sacred in a new expanded way.

In January, our congregation was blessed to be led in meditation by Ashby Haines. Several of you have told me that his presence and his words were healing and insightful. We live in difficult and chaotic times, and too many of us feel disconnected or anxious. Ashby has agreed to lead us in meditation during worship on the second Sunday of each month and as needed based on current events.

Our times of meditation are designed to engage our own faith community, while also reaching out to the community-at-large. Guided meditations lead us on a peaceful journey, leaving one feeling refreshed and renewed.

So "Be Still and know I am God!" Be still and allow the sacred presence to surround you Be still and know that we are loved. Always.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/04 – Carolyn Brooks
 02/06 – Eva Gebhardt
 02/08 – Cody Calabrese
 02/09 – Sam Martin
 02/14 – Robert Saunders
 02/17 – Penny Ludwig
 02/19 – Leslie Brooks
 Ken Grim
 02/26 – Margaret Bailey
 02/28 – Mark Gardner
 Robert Miller

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/02 – Dorothy Gardner
 03/09 – Sandy Sanders
 03/15 – Nickie Saunders
 03/17 – Shana Clark
 03/18 – Andrew Wagner
 03/19 – Jen Garmer
 03/31 – Ian Clark
 Colby Wagner



FEBURAY ANNIVERSARYS

02/ 24 – Judy and Leon Miller

MARCH ANNIVERSARYS

03/13 – Shirley & James Wood
 03/14 – Pastor Katie & Ken Grim

Church Communications Submission Dates

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
 March Newsletter– Monday, February 17th

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 – Wednesday, February 5 @ 6pm
 Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
 @ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS FEBRUARY

Greeters for the month of February:

Belva LaMotte

Usher for the month of February:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

Feb. 02 – Sue Myers
 Feb. 09 – Leslie Brooks
 Feb. 16 – Amy Schultz
 Feb. 23 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator

Feb. 02 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Feb. 09 – Elwin Wagner/MB Brainerd
 Feb. 16 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
 Feb. 23 – Elwin Wagner/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:

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
 Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
 Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
 Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
 John Hansen
 Ash Van Nuys
 Kathy Peters and family
 Leah, friend of Donna Alban
 Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
 Ken Plummer
 Jean Simmons
 Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
 Gina Tollini
 Shirley Wood

Worship Schedule: February

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Light Has Come

February 2, 2025

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

The call of Jeremiah

Second Reading Luke 4:14-30

Jesus teaches at Nazareth

The Message

Surrounded by the Spirit

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The Light Has Come

February 9, 2025

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-13

The Call of Isaiah

Second Reading Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls His Disciples

The Message

Gone Fishing

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The Light Has Come

February 16, 2025

First Reading Jeremiah 7:5-10

Blessed are those who trust in God

Second Reading Luke 6:17-26

Blessings and Woes

The Message

Broken Strength

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

The Light Has Come

February 23, 2025

First Lesson Psalm 37:1-11,39-40

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

We bear the image of Christ

Third Reading Luke 4:2-30

Jesus teaches at Nazareth

The Message

Radical Love



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.



"the stories of our faith."

Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am

They walked with God! Biblical characters who inspire us

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Exploring the Heart of Jesus

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study

For Lent, we will take a break from Tuesday bible study and have book club on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. We will read *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M Campbel and Christine Coy Fohr, This will be hybrid. Those who gather tin-person will have a shared meal.

We have a special 2 part bible study on Feb. 9 & 16 (after worship). A light lunch will be provided.

FEBRUARY 9TH & 16TH
AFTER WORSHIP

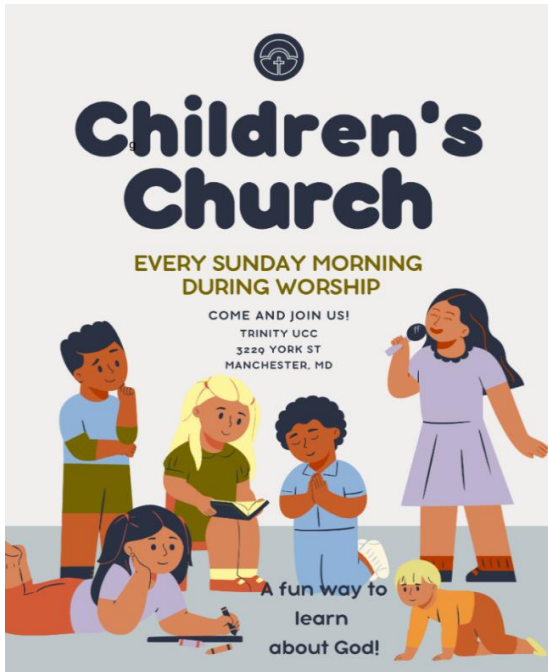
Exploring Our Sacred Texts

With a scriptural lens on becoming Open and Affirming

Join us for a light lunch and Bible study in the social hall after worship!



Bedtime stories on
Wednesday at 7 pm.



The Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club **Saturday, January 25 through February 15 @ 10 am**

Each week, you will make new friends and learn about God with children and youth from different churches!

To register for the zoom link
email: pastort143@gmail.com

Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Updates

Consistory Meeting – 1/8/25

Treasurer's Report - Sue Myers

- Expenses cut by \$8,500
- \$1,100 made from gift cards

Property Report - Sue Myers

- John Warfield is removing snow - a motion to pay \$50 for the church sidewalk and \$50 for the cemetery sidewalk passed
- Jamie Rill (using his own equipment) will mow the cemetery for \$150

Fundraising - Sue Myers

- Ink Fundraiser is suspended due to California fires

Unfinished Business/Updates

- Signup sheets for volunteering in 2025 being reviewed
- Safe Church Updates

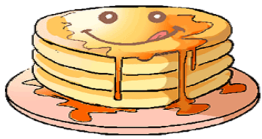
New Business

- Designation of Lenten Offering
- Devotional for March meeting on March 5, 2025 @ 6pm via Zoom**

February meeting - February 5, 2025 at 6pm



Trinity UCC is having a Bowling Party at Greenmount Bowl **Sunday February 23 Noon** after church Each person gets two games, shoes, a piece of pizza and a soda. If you are planning to attend, please text Lucy Brady 410-746-6189 by **February 17th.**



Shrove Tuesday

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Please join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Sausage Dinner on **March 4, 2025** from 5-7 p.m. The menu also includes doughnuts, applesauce, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Hope to see you there.

Lenten Challenge

Lent for 2025 starts on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5th and ends on Holy Saturday, April 19th. This period represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and is a time for us to reflect, fast, and give penance as we prepare for the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, April 20th.

Here is our challenge. Each day during Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag.* At the end of Lent, bring your bag(s) of items to church to donate to someone who can really use them. The donations will be taken to NESAP.

*There will be bags available at the front entrance to the church beginning February 23rd. You may use your own bag(s) but please nothing larger than the 13 gallon size. Please contact Sandy Sanders with any questions. 443.974.6723 Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Ash Wednesday

Join us Ash Wednesday, **March 5, 2025** service at 6:30 p.m.



GIFT CARDS

Just a reminder that our gift card program runs all year. If you haven't taken advantage of this please see Sue Myers for a list of retailers that offer rebates. We order cards the 1st Sunday of the month and you will receive them no later than the following Sunday. It's a simple way to help Trinity raise funds and it makes your shopping and/or gift giving a little easier.

FUNDRAISING

We are going to start working on our annual cash bingo, to be held May 3, 2025. So keep the date open! If you are available to help with planning or the day of the bingo please let Sue Myers know. More information will be coming!

BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN



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.



Lunch & Bible Study – After Worship Sundays Feb 9 & 16!!

“Open & Affirming (ONA) is the United Church of Christ’s (UCC) designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC which make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.” (<https://openandaffirming.org/ona>)

Some people, grappling with what it means to become an ONA Covenant church ask, with concern, “But what about what it says in the Bible about same-sex love relationships?” **On two Sundays in February, Feb 9 and Feb 16, after worship**, the Trinity ONA Taskforce is sponsoring two **“Lunch with Bible Study,”** gatherings, when, as a community, we will read and discuss relevant Bible scriptures and what insights and direction they provide to our discernment of whether we feel led to make a **“public covenant of welcome into the full life and ministry of our church to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.”** Everyone – of all ages – invited!



The Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium is hosting a series of 4 gatherings in February, Thursday evenings at 6pm, under the theme **“Racial Justice & Reconciliation.”** All invited to attend each and every gathering. Please contact MB Brainerd for more information, or if you would like to arrange to carpool.
#1 - Thurs Feb 6 at 6pm – “Remembering the Civil Rights Era.” Jean Lewis, longtime Carroll County Civil Rights activist, will introduce the Community Media Center Documentary **“March on Washington”** followed by discussion and sharing of memories of that era. The documentary features local Carroll County

residents who were part of the historic Civil Rights event on August 28th, 1963, at which Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

**At Carroll Lutheran Village Chapel
300 Luther Dr., Westminster MD 21158.**

Refreshments and Fellowship to follow.

#2 - Thurs Feb 13 at 6pm – “Working toward Racial Justice and Reconciliation in our Mainline Churches”

Speakers: Rev. Randy Callender, Canon for Mission, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland; Cathy Rice, Co-Chair, Delaware-Maryland Lutheran Synod Racial Justice Team. Hosted by Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson.

**At Westminster Church of the Ascension
23 N Court St, Westminster, Maryland** Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

#3 - Thurs Feb 20 at 6pm – Will Schwarz, President of the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project, Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission (MLTRC). Hosted by Rev. Kimberley Debus.

**At Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalist Church 2912
Club House Rd, Finksburg, MD 21048** Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

#4 - Thurs Feb 27 at 6pm – “Keep On Keeping On.” Speaker: Rev. William H. Johnson III, Senior Pastor, Union Memorial Baptist Church, **“Where Do We Go From Here?”**. Hosted by Rev. Glenn McCrickard.

**At Westminster Church of the Brethren
19 Bond Street, Westminster, Maryland** Refreshments and Fellowship to follow

“Remembering the 60’s Civil Rights Era”

**At Carroll Lutheran Village Chapel
300 Luther Dr. Westminster MD 21158**

Thurs Feb 6 at 6pm

Jean Lewis, longtime Carroll County Civil Rights activist, will introduce the CMC Documentary “March on Washington” followed by discussion and sharing of memories of that era. The Community Media Center 2019 **Documentary “The March on Washington”** features local Carroll County residents who were part of the historic Civil Rights event on August 28th, 1963, at which Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “I

Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

Hosted by Revs Charlie Marshall & Matt Fuhrman. **Refreshments to follow.**

Sponsored by the Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium

For more information:

Contact Rev. Marty Kuchma, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, [\(410\) 848-5975](tel:4108485975)

Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium
Black History Month Racial Justice & Reconciliation Series*
February 2025

- **Thurs Feb 6 at 6pm** – “Remembering the 60’s Civil Rights Era” showing the CMC Documentary “March on Washington¹,” introduced by long time civil rights activist Jean Lewis, followed by discussion and sharing of memories of that era. At Carroll Lutheran Village Chapel 300 Luther Dr. Westminister MD 21158. (Hosted by Revs Charlie Marshall & Matt Fuhrman) **Refreshments to follow.**
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St, Westminster, Maryland. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

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***For more information on the WEM speaker series: Contact Rev. Marty Kuchma, St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, [\(410\) 848-5975](tel:4108485975).**

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Easter Flower Sponsor Sheet

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025

As is our tradition, we would like to decorate the sanctuary with spring flowers on Easter Sunday. We are asking for sponsors to help defray the costs incurred by the church. We are pleased to offer a variety of plants this year and will be taking orders during the month of February. The nursery needs our order by March 4th. Please give your order and payment to Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders no later than **March 2nd**.

| Flower | Description | Color | Cost | Number | Subtotal |
|-------------------|--|-------|---------|--------|----------|
| Hyacinths | Purple, 1 bloom, 4 ½" pot | N/A | \$6.00 | | |
| | 3 blooms, 6" pot, available in Purple, pink or white | | \$12.00 | | |
| Tulips | 6" pot, available in yellow, red or pink (6 blooms) | | \$12.00 | | |
| Lilies | Traditional, white, fragrant, single stem, 4-6 blooms | N/A | \$15.00 | | |
| | Dutch Asiatic, non-fragrant, 3 stem, multiple blooms, available in white or yellow | | \$15.00 | | |
| Combo Pots | Filled with colorful annuals, 6" pot (variety of 8 different annual flowers) | N/A | \$11.00 | | |

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Total # of Flowers: _____ Total Amt. Due: _____

In Memory of: _____

 In Honor of: _____

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

| | Dec 24 | Jan - Dec 24 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | |
| Income | | |
| Childrens' Church | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Communion Offering | 51.89 | 617.08 |
| Loose Offering | 2,370.00 | 3,392.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 1,019.12 |
| Regular Offering | 10,321.68 | 67,905.08 |
| Total Income | <u>12,743.57</u> | <u>72,983.28</u> |
| Gross Profit | 12,743.57 | 72,983.28 |
| Expense | | |
| Educational Ministries | 4.38 | 1,046.30 |
| Evangelism | (145.00) | 1,583.75 |
| General | 3,123.70 | 31,378.15 |
| Personnel | 9,223.10 | 85,821.91 |
| Property | 850.00 | 3,957.65 |
| Music | 0.00 | 1,002.80 |
| Worship | 162.11 | 1,459.85 |
| Total Expense | <u>13,218.29</u> | <u>126,250.41</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | (474.72) | (53,267.13) |
| Other Income/Expense | | |
| Other Income | | |
| Grant Income | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Care Fund Activity | 0.00 | (555.35) |
| Cemetery | 0.00 | (5,638.00) |
| Interest/Dividend Income | 31,832.88 | 32,764.65 |
| Memorial Fund | 0.00 | 9,850.69 |
| Fundraising / Building Imp | 158.24 | (16,595.61) |
| Special Offerings Received | 237.14 | 2,476.70 |
| Total Other Income | <u>35,228.26</u> | <u>25,303.08</u> |
| Other Expense | | |
| Special Offerings Disbursed | 354.91 | 1,870.54 |
| Total Other Expense | <u>354.91</u> | <u>1,870.54</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>34,873.35</u> | <u>23,432.54</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>34,398.63</u></u> | <u><u>(29,834.59)</u></u> |

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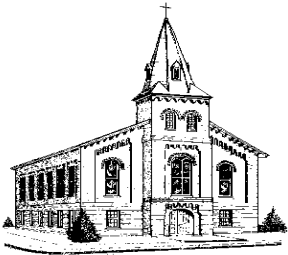
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | |
|--|--|---|---|-----------|---|--|
| Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change. | | | | | | 1 Breakfast Club 10am |
| 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 a.m. worship Children’s Church during worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom | 3 | 4 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom | 5 Consistory 6 p.m. Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom | 6 | 7 | 8 Breakfast Club 10am |
| 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 a.m. worship Children’s Church during worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom | 10 | 11 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom | 12 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom | 13 | 14  | 15 Breakfast Club 10am |
| 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 a.m. worship Children’s Church during worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom | 17 March Newsletter articles due <i>President’s Day</i> | 18 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom | 19 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 a.m. worship Children’s Church during worship Adult S,S, 9:15am @Trinity & zoom Bowling Party see Lucy for more info | 24 | 25 Bible Study 10a.m. at Trinity and by Zoom | 26 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom | 27 | 28 | |

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