

Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity Times

April 2025

From the Pastor's Desk:

*it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior,
Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:10)*

One day as I left the church, I got my first glimpse of a daffodil near the church door. Soon I saw more flowers in my yard, and I realized that spring is blooming all around me. After a long, cold winter, the joy in my heart overflowed. I stood for a moment in awe of new life and fresh beginnings. The promise of spring made visible. As we were getting ready for Easter, a season of renewal, I hope we can embrace unbridled excitement and joy in a new and unexpected way.

Today, I am reminded of the empty tomb and the hearts that overflowed with joy that day. Those who witnessed it had been through so much darkness... they were reeling from the night of betrayal, denial, suffering and death. They thought that everything was over... that their faith and ministries died with Jesus. In that loving and sacrificial act, death was transformed forever. In the light of the resurrection, we discover that the evil and suffering we experience is never the end of the story... in faith we will experience resurrection and new life. God has the final word, even in the darkest times

As the ones who loved Jesus stood at the entrance of the place where just hours before a stone had sealed Jesus' tomb, they did not realize that a turning point in history had happened. On Easter morning, we find human feet on holy ground and hearts filled with the excitement and joy of God's love made visible in a way that it had never been before.

God told us all in no uncertain terms that death will never have the last word. The world will never be the same in the light of the Empty Tomb.

This year, I hope we are all filled with sacred joy in a new way, and let it spill out everywhere.

May your Easter be filled with blessings and joy,

Pastor Katie



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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/05 – Donna Alban
- 04/07 – Stanley Hamilton
- 04/10 – Jean Simmons
- 04/15 – Jessica Larson
- 04/16 – Micky Calabrese
- 04/18 – Wayne Sanders
- 04/21 – Ron Larson
- 04/29 – Meghan Marchand

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 05/08 – Louise Ruby
- 05/11 – Linda Hamilton
- 05/15 – Eddie Blue
- 05/20 – Ben Hamilton
- 05/24 – Don Garmer
- 05/25 – Elwin Wagner
- 05/29 – Moriah Marr
- 05/31 – Karen Price



APRIL ANNIVERSARYS

- 04/01 – Robert & Debbi Miller
- 04/03 – Marge & David Bailey
- 04/15 – Sue & Doug Myers
- 04/27 – Jackie & Micheal Kulp

MAY ANNIVERSARYS

- 05/01 – Norma and Ken Reed
- 05/08 – Lucy Brady & Eddie Blue
- 05/14 – Andrea & Alex Loren
- 05/27 – Bonnie and Noman Greenholtz

Church Communications Submission Dates

- Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday
- May Newsletter– Monday, April 21

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



Meeting Dates – some by Zoom

Consistory – Thursday, April 2 @ 6pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month
@ 3:30.



HELPING HANDS APRIL

Greeters for the month of April:

Belva LaMotte/Gloria Nethkin

Usher for the month of April:

Deb Persinger

Lay Readers:

- April 06 – Sylvia Calabrese
- April 13 – Shana Clark
- April 17 – Sue Myers
- April 20 – Sue Myers
- April 27 – MB Brainerd

Media Operator

- April 06 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- April 13 – Elwin Wagner/Sue Myers
- April 17 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders
- April 20 – Elwin Wagner/Sandy Sanders
- April 27 – Karen Haines/Sandy Sanders

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
- Ezra Garber
- Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
- Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
- Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
- Ash Van Nuys
- Jennifer Penick
- Leah, friend of Donna Alban
- Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
- Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Ronnie Williams
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Worship Schedule: April

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Lenten Prayer and the Writings of Julian of Norwich,
John 12:1-8 – Mary Anoints Jesus
Sacrament of Communion

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118 1-2, 19- 29
Luke 19:28-40
Meditation with Ashby

Maundy Thursday – Taize Worship and the Sacrament of Communion

Easter Sunday

Psalm 98
Luke 24:1-12
Sacrament of Communion

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19:31

Trinity United Church of Christ Consistory Meetings

The minutes are in the folder in the Narthex! If you wish to have them emailed to you, please contact Pastor Katie.



**Tuesday Bible Study starting April 22,
at 10 am**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
@Trinity and by Zoom**

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study



Dates are April 1, 8, and 13

The book club will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. And Sunday April 13 at 9:15. 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.

Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

The Breakfast Club

Staring Saturday, April 12 @ 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



**Bedtime stories on Wednesday
at 7 pm.**

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!



GIFT CARDS

One of our ongoing fundraisers is the purchase of gift cards. Trinity receives a rebate for each card that is purchased. There is no cost to you, the purchaser of the cards – you get what you pay for. Order a \$50 gift card and that's what you get! Just a few of the retailers on the list – Weis, Sheetz, Walmart, CVS, Shell, Wawa, Panera Bread, Marshall's, Home Goods, etc. The list goes on and on. I'm sure you can find something that you could use for your daily living or to give as a gift. Let Sue know if you would like a complete listing and she'll send it to you.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of every month.

Contact Sue Myers at 443-375-6788 or

wsmdem@comcast.net for more information or to place your order.

BINGO

Get those dabbers ready!! Our 3rd annual cash bingo will be **May 3rd** at the Lineboro Vol Fire Hall. Cost is \$30 which includes a 6 pack of 16 regular games (prize \$75 each), 4 special games (prize \$100 each) and 2 jackpot games (prize \$250 each)!

We will also be selling tickets for themed filled baskets, gift card boards, and pull-tab games! And of course, homemade baked goods will be for sale from Trinity and LVFD will be selling food starting at 5:30 from their kitchen – so come hungry!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sue Myers. But more importantly, we hope you are interested in playing – for advance tickets call Sue 443-375-6788. Call your friends and neighbors and start getting a group together for a fun filled evening!

There are several ways you can support this fundraiser:

- Bring in your favorite chocolate food item/drink for our "Chocolate Lover's" basket
- Bring in your favorite dog treat, dog toy, or anything with dogs on it, to complete our "Dog Lovers" basket.
- Bring in a bag of your favorite snack food, or card or board game for our "Game Nite" basket.
- Bake your favorite baked goods to be sold at the baked goods table.

And of course, cash donations are always accepted.

We will need all donations for baskets by **April 20th** so we have time to complete the baskets. Baked good donations should be at the church by **May 3rd, 10:00 am**, or we can pick them up from you if necessary. There will be a sign-up sheet at church for you to list your donations.

LENTEN OFFERING

Each year we take up an offering during Lent to support a special mission or project. This year our Lenten donations will be split between Immanuel Lutheran's food distribution and NESAP.

Please prayerfully consider your donation this year to help those in our community. If you donate on-line, simply input your donation in the Lenten Offering space which is located towards the end of the selection area. For those of you that still have offering envelopes you should find the Lenten Offering envelope in your box or you can pick up a special Lenten envelope at church next to the offering plates in the upstairs narthex. Or you can simply mail a check and write Lenten Offering in the memo line.

PATHWAY TO PRAYER

We will be finalizing all sales for The Brick Garden Walkway for this year. If you haven't turned in your order yet please do so by **April 30, 2025**. We are using the same company and they have agreed to keep the price at \$100. What better way to honor or remember a loved one or simply provide a verse that is dear to your heart. Order forms are available in the Narthex. See Karen Price or Sue Myers with any questions.



The ONA taskforce says “Thank You!”

The ONA taskforce wants to thank everyone who participated in the February 9th & 16th lunch-Bible Studies with “Scriptural Lens on Becoming ONA” and attended the March 2nd panel of five people who shared their experiences of becoming an ONA church.

In May and June, we are planning a few more speakers and small group activities, including a guest preacher, Rev. Craig Peterson, who will preach at Trinity on Pentecost, June 8. In the meantime, we invite you to approach any of us on the taskforce with your questions and suggestions for activities that you would like to participate in, to engage with us with your questions about whom we are called to be as Christians, and what it truly means to be a fully welcoming and inclusive church. You can identify the members of the ONA taskforce by our “Ask Me About ONA” rainbow-colored buttons!

The ONA Taskforce is composed of Pastor Katie, Lucy Brady, MB Brainerd, Tiffany Folk, Ashby Haines, Pam Marchand, Moriah Marr, and Hannah Matthews.



GREAT NEWS!!

CCHD MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC NOW TO TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION!

WEDs. APRIL 30 & JUNE 25

9:30a.m. – Noon

WHILE community residents wait in line for the Wed morning food distribution, on April 30 and June 25th, the CCHD Mobile Health Clinic will also be on-site, in the parking lot south of Trinity UCC, providing a variety of health services and information resources, from getting blood pressure checked, learning how to administer NARCAN to prevent death from Opioid overdose, oral health exams from the CCHD dental unit, and pick up literature on all the free and low-cost integrated health resources available in the County.

Come on out and help – get your blood pressure checked – learn to administer Narcan – check out the Mobile Health Unit!

Any questions? Please contact either MB Brainerd or Sandy Sanders.



BECOME A CHARLOTTE'S QUEST BLUEBIRD MONITOR!!

It's that time of year, once again, when you have the chance to be a Bluebird House Monitor at Charlotte's Quest Nature Center, as part of the Eastern Bluebird Monitoring Project 2025! Bluebird monitors, once per week, March – September, observe and document the Bluebird activity at one or more assigned Bluebird houses. If you want to know more, at your earliest

convenience, contact Marissa Honaker [Marissa Honaker marissahonaker@gmail.com](mailto:marissahonaker@gmail.com). Also feel free to talk to last year's 2024 Bluebird Monitors from Trinity UCC: Pastor Katie, Tiffany Folk & Ashby Haines, Hannah & Annika Matthews, and Sam & MB Brainerd.



**WESTMINSTER ECUMENICAL
GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK
APRIL 18, 2025, 11AM – NOON**

Please plan to "Cross Walk" with the members of the churches of the Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, starting at 11am, at Ascension Episcopal Church in Westminster (23 North Court St, Westminster MD), and ending at noon at Westminster United Methodist Church at Center & Main Streets. Pastor Katie will lead the meditation and prayer at one of the four stops along the way!



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.



EASTER PARTY

**Cohosted by
St. Matthew's UCC
and Trinity UCC**

WHEN:

Saturday April 19, 2025

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

WHERE:

**Trinity United Church of Christ
3329 York Street Manchester**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:

**Egg Hunt, Cupcake Walk;
Fun Activities, and
A Calming Closing Meditation**

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

WITH DOWNTOWN YOGA, BARRE, & CYCLE



DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10:30 AM

1 HOUR CLASS

**APRIL 26
MAY 10 AND 24
JUNE 7 AND 21
JULY 12 AND 26
AUGUST 9 AND 23
SEPTEMBER 6**



*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**

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MANCHESTER



Pave our Pathway Fundraiser

Customize your brick with your
Business Name, Family Name or Slogan.

Dedicate a brick in honor or memory
of a Loved One.

_____ 4"x8" \$100.00 3 lines of engraving up to 15 characters per
line, including spaces, numbers and letters.

_____ Add Optional Design \$25.00 Design will be placed in
upper left corner. Please indicate letter choice of design.

Buy a Brick fundraiser will run through April 2025 with the installation of new bricks and a dedication to follow. If you missed out on ordering the first time, now is your chance to join the many who have added to the beauty of our garden with a custom engraved brick.

OPTIONALS DESIGNS \$25		
A. 	B. 	C. 
D. 	E. 	F. 
G. 	H. 	I. 

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____

Engraving: *PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY/ ALL ENGRAVING SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE APPROVAL*

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

Please return completed form along with check payable to:

Trinity UCC

PO BOX 38

Manchester, MD 21102



QUESTIONS about placing an order,
design or spacing?

Contact Karen Price: 410 967 4102

E-mail at kjprice@live.com

Leslie Brooks: 443-277-5824

Trinity United Church of Christ
Receipts and Disbursements

	Feb 25	Jan - Feb 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Regular Offering	6,948.55	11,575.46
Communion Offering	35.76	92.65
Improvement Fund	250.00	360.00
Food Bags	92.22	209.44
Childrens' Church	20.00	20.00
Miscellaneous	150.00	175.00
Total Income	7,496.53	12,432.55
Gross Profit	7,496.53	12,432.55
Expense		
Administrative	9,339.25	23,184.64
Community Care	204.78	204.78
Faith Formation	495.55	495.55
Mission & Outreach	149.66	257.40
Worship	9.86	362.35
Total Expense	10,199.10	24,504.72
Net Ordinary Income	(2,702.57)	(12,072.17)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Cemetery	0.00	(150.00)
Interest/Dividend Income	3.93	8.38
Fundraising / Building Imp	50.99	169.49
Special Offerings Received	25.00	275.00
Total Other Income	79.92	302.87
Net Other Income	79.92	302.87
Net Income	(2,622.65)	(11,769.30)

April 2025

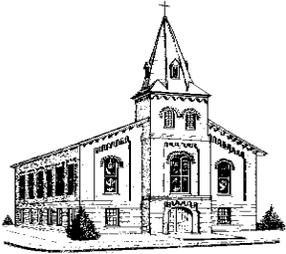
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Book Club 7pm	2 Consistory 6pm Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	3	4	5
6 Fifth Sunday in Lent Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. worship Children's Church during worship Adult Bible Study 9:15am @Trinity & zoom	7	8 Book Club 7pm	9 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	10	11	12
13 Palm/Passion Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship Children's Church during worship Book Club 9:15am @Trinity & zoom Blessing of the Prayer Shawls	14	15	16 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday Cross Walk 11a.m. to noon	19 Holy Saturday Easter Party 1 to 3 pm
20 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship Children's Church during worship Adult Bible Study 9:15am @Trinity & zoom Fellowship after Worship	21 May Newsletter articles due	22 Earth Day Bible Study 10a.m.	23 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	24	25	26 VOGA 10:30 a.m.
27 Second Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m. worship Children's Church during worship Adult Bible Study 9:15am @Trinity & zoom	28	29 Bible Study 10a.m.	30 Bed Time Stories 7pm by zoom	Church office: Open 9 – 1pm Monday and Tuesday. Always subject to change		

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