Trinity UCC

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Church Chatter

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"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

November is a special time of year. The brilliant colors of autumn begin to fade, the trees stand nearly bare, and the crisp air reminds us that winter is just around the corner. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, November invites us to slow down, reflect on our blessings, and remember the goodness of God.

It is easy to be thankful when life is going well. We give thanks for good health, family gatherings, friendships, and the many blessings that fill our days. But what about those times when life isn't quite so easy? What about the worries, disappointments, losses, and uncertainties we all experience?

The Apostle Paul reminds us to give thanks in all circumstances, not necessarily for all circumstances. There is a difference! We don't have to be thankful for the difficult things that happen in life, but we can be thankful that God walks beside us through them.

Think about the trees in November. They have released their colorful leaves and now stand with bare branches reaching toward heaven. They may appear empty, but deep within, life remains. They are simply resting, preparing for the new growth that will come in God's perfect timing.

Our lives are much the same. There are seasons of abundance and seasons when we feel a little empty. Yet, through every season, God's love remains constant, His promises remain true, and His blessings continue—sometimes in ways we least expect.

As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables this month, may we remember that gratitude is more than a holiday tradition. It is a way of living. It is recognizing God's presence in the ordinary moments, appreciating the people He has placed in our lives, and finding reasons to give thanks even when life is imperfect.

And as a church family, we have so much for which to be grateful: the friendships we share, the prayers we offer for one another, the opportunities we have to serve, and the faith that brings us together.

This November, may we count our blessings more often than our troubles, share kindness more freely than criticism, and remember that a thankful heart is one of the most beautiful gifts we can offer to God.

Blessings,
Julie

Upcoming Choir Anthems

November 8, 2026: #499 He Leadeth Me

November 22, 2026: #500 Precious Lord, Take My Hand





Save Our Steeple

The balance of this fund at the end of September was $66,422! Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to this fund! We are now over halfway to our goal! Let's keep going!

Noisy Offering



Noisy offering was $228.18 for October. Total collected so far this year is $ 1,605.55. Funds raised through the Noisy Offering each month go towards our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Initiative. The next Noisy Offering will take place on November 1st. This will start our fund for the 2027 Shoebox Season!

Upcoming Consistory and Committee Meetings

Building and Grounds Committee – Tuesday, November 17th

The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM. All committee members are encouraged to attend as we discuss current needs and upcoming projects around the church.

November Consistory Meeting- Wednesday, November 18th

The Consistory will meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM. All Consistory members are encouraged to attend as we discuss upcoming church business, events, and plans. Please let Julie or John know if you are unable to attend.

Sunday School Updates



Adult Sunday School Class- Sundays 9 AM

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and enjoy fellowship with others? Join us each Sunday morning at 9 AM for Adult Sunday School, led by Julie!

Beginning October 25th and continuing through December 6th, our class will participate in a seven-week video study focused on Psalm 23. This beloved passage reminds us of God's constant presence, guidance, and love through every season of life. Together, we will explore the meaning behind these familiar words and how they can bring peace, encouragement, and strength to our everyday lives.

Each week will include a video lesson followed by time for discussion and reflection. Whether you are new to Bible study or have been studying scripture for years, everyone is welcome! Come join us as we learn, share, and grow together in faith and fellowship.

Children's Sunday School During Worship

We are excited to offer Children's Sunday School during our Sunday morning worship service! Following the Sermon on the Steps, children will be invited to head to Sunday School for a special time of learning, fellowship, and fun. Classes will be led by Jamie Woodall and will include Bible stories, hands-on activities, and engaging lessons that help children learn more about God's love and how they can share that love with others.

Our goal is to create a welcoming and encouraging environment where children can explore their faith, build friendships, and grow in their understanding of God's Word.

Each week will bring new opportunities to learn and have fun together!

All children are welcome! We look forward to helping our youngest members grow in faith while enjoying this special time together.

Church Activities and Gatherings

All Saints Day- November 1st



On All Saints' Day, we take time to remember and honor the faithful loved ones who have gone before us. We give thanks for the lives they lived, the love they shared, and the lasting impact they have left on our hearts. May we find comfort in God's promises and continue to carry their light and love with us each day.



Sewing Circle: November 3rd and 17th at 9:30 AM

The Sewing Committee will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month as they continue their ministry of care. All are welcome to join as items are made for patients and families in hospice care.

Breakfast Club: Each Wednesday at 9:30 AM



The Breakfast Club will continue to meet each Wednesday. There is always room around our table of fellowship for all. We hope you will join us!

Rise Up Daughter Women's Retreat- November 7th - 9 AM- 2 PM

Ladies, you are invited to join us for a FREE Community Women's Retreat on Saturday, November 7th, from 9 AM–2 PM at 105 N. High Street in Baltimore! Come enjoy a day of faith, fellowship, and encouragement as we reflect on how trials can become testimonies. The day will include inspiring speakers, craft time, and breakfast and lunch provided. Don't forget to register! We hope you will join us for this special day!

Holiday Auction and Basket Raffle- November 13th



Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Our Soup & Sandwich Dinner will be served from 4:00–6:00 PM, with basket raffle tickets available during that time. The raffle drawing and Holiday Auction begin at 6:30 PM. Come enjoy a delicious meal, try your luck on some great baskets, and stay for the auction! If you are interested in donating an item or basket, please let Jamie or Julie know by November 8th.

Christmas Card Chaos – November 15th



Join Patricia for an afternoon of Christmas Card Chaos on Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 PM at the Trinity UCC Parsonage! Come create your own Christmas cards while enjoying light snacks and fellowship. All supplies are provided, and there is no cost to participate. Any donations received will benefit the SOS Fund. Sign up on the metal wall in the Fellowship Hall and come get creative!

Hanging of the Greens- November 22nd



Join us immediately following worship for our annual Hanging of the Greens as we prepare our church for the Advent season! Come help decorate the church and enjoy a time of fellowship as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Christ. Many hands make light work, and all ages are welcome to help! Lunch will be provided!

Community Thanksgiving Service- November 24th - 7 PM



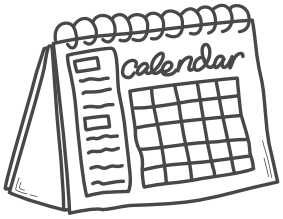
Join us at Christ United Methodist Church for our Community Thanksgiving Service! Come together with friends and neighbors from our community as we give thanks for God's many blessings. This special service is a wonderful opportunity to worship, reflect, and celebrate the spirit of gratitude and fellowship. All are welcome!

Holiday Ladies Luncheon- December 6th



Ladies, join us for a festive Holiday Ladies Luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, December 6th! Come enjoy delicious food, wonderful fellowship, and a little Christmas cheer as we celebrate the holiday season together. All ladies are welcome! Please sign up on the metal boards so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Save the Date



December 6th- Ladies Holiday Luncheon
December 6th- Hometown Holiday Lights Parade
December 24th- 9:00- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Notes of Thanks

From Families of Barb Stamm:

Dear Members of Trinity Church,

Thank you! For a wonderful lunch for all the family & friends of Barb Stamm.

-Erick & Dottie Stamm and Coreta & Ted Talbot

Trinity United Church of Christ Dinner Committee,

Thank you very much fot the delcious meal in honr of our sister Barb Stamm. We really appreciate it.

Hope this donation will help with future dinners.

-Howard (Bud) Fisher and GInger Fisher, Daniel Fisher and Family, and Travis Fisher and Family



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints' Day 9:00 Adult Sunday School Daylight-Saving Time Ends Mark Rander	2	3 9:30 Sewing Committee Melissa May, Cathy Beatty, Ron & Ruth Bibler	4 9:30 Breakfast Club Jameson Dunlap	5	6 Sandy Bartholow	7 9:00 Rise Up Daughter Women's Retreat Jake Walter
8 9:00 Adult Sunday School	9 Angie May	10	11 Veterans Day 9:30 Breakfast Club	12	13 Holiday Auction 4:30 – 6:00 Meal 6:30 Auction Cole Flanagan	14 Rick May
15 9:00 Adult Sunday School 3:00 Christmas Card Chaos (Trinity Parsonage) Eileen Underwood	16	17 9:30 Sewing Committee 7:00 Buildings & Grounds Shirley Hartman	18 9:30 Breakfast Club 7:00 Consistory	19 John Walter, Brenda VanDyke	20 Becky Todd, Carole Gierhart	21 Kenneth George
22 9:00 Adult Sunday School Greg Gierhart	23 Eric Miller, Dave Cocanour	24 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service At Christ UMC Jake & Vicki Lott	25 9:30 Breakfast Club	26  Cheryl Taylor	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 Adult Sunday School	30					