

## TRINITY TRUMPET

#### Trinity United Methodist Church

**November 2025** 

## From the Desk of the Pastor



Rev 19: 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, 'King of kings and Lord of lords'.

As we enter November, we are approaching Christ the King Sunday. Typically, in American Churches we celebrate it as Thanksgiving Sunday as it is usually the Sunday before Thanksgiving, but throughout the world, it is known as Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of the year, well, for the Christian year. The following Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent, so the Christian calendar year officially ends on a high note, celebrating Jesus Christ as our King, celebrating His victory and his eternal reign.

Although, in the USA we seem to have an aversion to kings for we created this nation specifically to avoid the tryanny of a king. But Jesus is not just any king. He is a benevolent, kind, merciful, loving, compassionate, holy and just king. A king unlike any other the world has ever known. Whereas most kings seek to conquer to obtain power and wealth, Jesus has no desire or need to conquer. He has all power and access to all wealth. Whereas most kings force the conquered to become subjects, Jesus just invites us. Whereas most kings seek territory and land for their domain, Jesus' kingdom has no borders, no boundaries and is open to all. Any who seek to be his subjects are welcome and invited.

But there is a stipulation. We have to choose to serve Him as king. We have to choose to allow Him to be our protector and defender. We have to choose to accept His dominion over our life. We cannot be a part of his kingdom, without accepting his dominion, his power, his control. But once we submit to that, all the world is able to be a part of the kingdom of Christ. If only they choose.

This is the rub. This is where the issues arise. We are not all a part of God's kingdom, because we have to choose it. It is not thrust on anyone. But to choose his kingdom means your allegiance, your devotion, your support in everyway goes to Jesus. You will work to serve His kingdom and His goals, seek to make His name great and enjoy all the blessings He has for us. Hallelujah.

As we close the month with Thanksgiving, recognizing it is Christ the King Day, it is a fitting tie for Christians. For when the nation was being formed, when the first Thanksgiving occurred, it was a celebration of God's providence, care, protection and dominion. It was a recognition that Jesus truly is King. And that is a reason to be thankful.

As we celebrate this November, be thankful for all that God has provided, but especially thankful that He has invited and welcomed you in to His kingdom. Then celebrate Christ as our True King, now and forever. Amen.

Worshipping the Lord forever,

Pastor Hayden

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# Community Thanksgiving Eve



When: Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. Where: Asbury UMC



On Tuesday, November 25th, Asbury UMC will be hosting a Thanksgiving Eve Service for the community of Salisbury and you are invited. Trinity UMC and Bethesda UMC will be joining them. Bring your family and friends to celebrate God's goodness together.



#### **2026 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Church offering envelopes will be mailed in December for 2026. If you currently do not use offering envelopes, but would like to begin using them in 2026 or if you are currently using them but no longer want to, please call the church office and let us know before December 1.



Joyful News! Trinity is going Caroling! Mark your calendars now- you don't want to miss it. Wednesday, December 17th at 5:30pm Meet at the Family Life Center before heading out into the community to sing our favorite Christmas carols to a special group of our church members. Whether your voice is golden or makes ears ring (or both!), come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We'll break into groups and caravan around in the church vans and cars to share the sounds of the season. Be sure to bundle up! Don't forget your flashlights and festive spirit! Songbooks will be provided so you can belt out the lyrics to "Jingle Bells" and "Joy to the World." After an evening of spreading joyful noise, we'll return to the Family Life Center to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. Come enjoy the holiday spirit with your Trinity family! Let's make this a wonderfully musical Christmas to remember. Listen for more details in upcoming announcements.

### **Mark Your Calendars Now!**



4:00 PM at the Family Life Center

7:00 PM at the Downtown Sanctuary

11:00PM at the Downtown Sanctuary



Three different times to suit your family's needs. Be sure to welcome the Savior with us through these wonderful worshipful experiences of joy and Communion.



# Please Support Trinity's Giving Tuesday December 2, 2025

Please once again support the many local missions of Trinity United Methodist Church through your special contributions on Trinity's Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2025. Look for the special contribution cards in the pews on Sunday, November 30, 2025 and make your contributions by cash, check (payable to "Trinity UMC") or electronically to support Trinity's Local Missions budget. Thanks to your generous contributions last year, we raised more than \$12,000 to restore funding for the many local missions of Trinity Church. So we are asking once again that you **please consider making a special contribution to Trinity's Local Missions Budget on Trinity's Giving Tuesday** so we can continue funding these critical local services that provide food and shelter and reflect GOD's LOVE for those who are most in need in our community. If you are unable to attend services on November 30, 2025 but would still like to give, please feel free to mail your contribution to the church office (112 High Street, Salisbury, MD 21801) along with the form below and your check payable to "Trinity UMC".

Below is a brief summary of the Local Missions which Trinity currently supports. For Trinity's Giving Tuesday - Please check the box next to each mission you wish to support and return this form with your donation (cash, check or electronic) checks payable to "Trinity UMC"

- Salisbury Urban Ministries mission is to develop and implement programs that serve and minister to the needs of materially impoverished people in our community. Trinity is one of the covenant churches which formed Salisbury Urban Ministries in 1992.
- Joseph House Café providing more than 500 hot lunches annually on the third Wednesday of each month at the Joseph House on Boundary Street.
- God's Kitchen (Grace Church) addresses the need for meals and health services for the homeless and impoverished serving an average of 200 meals per week or 10,400 meals per year.
- TCAP Ministry The Trinity-Choices Academy Partnership provides support for the students and staff at our adopted local school, Wicomico County's Alternative Learning Center.
- Homeless Shelter Supporting homeless men in our community through the Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness Project where we interact with guests, prepare, deliver and serve meals.
- Santa's Angels making Christmas brighter for 600+ individuals through shopping, wrapping, and delivering Christmas gifts to local underprivileged families.
- HALO Café Trinity prepares and serves dinners at the Hope And Life Outreach (HALO) Café on the 2nd Monday of the month and two Thursdays each month.
- Lazarus Food Pantry Trinity accepts food donations each week at all services and volunteers help sort and distribute the items to those in need.
- HOPE Help and Outreach Point of Entry (HOPE) assists those who are homeless and in need to obtain healthcare, social, and basic living services through assessments, guidance and education, and other support to end the cycle of homelessness and poverty.
- Water For Good (Lifewater) Providing fresh drinking water solutions to communities in need throughout the world.
- I wish for my donation to support ALL Local Missions of Trinity United Methodist Church.

God Bless You for Your Support!

Kelly Shannahan, Coordinator Trinity's Giving Tuesday



#### **Trinity United Methodist Men**

The October Dinner Meeting of the Trinity UMM took place at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Seven men showed up on a cool, rainy night in a warm environment for an hour filled with devotion, fellowship, conversation, and planning over a delicious meal.

After being called to order by President Gil Dunn, Treasurer Rick Darrah shared an inspirational devotion story, first told by BenCarson. It was about an incident in the early life of George Washington, the Father of Our Country, where God miraculously spared his life! Afterwards, Rick reported that the Treasury had \$731.77 in it, a \$10 increase from the September meeting. Rick then gave a prayer of Blessing, followed by dinner.

After dinner, Gil led the men in brainstorming possible projects as well as ways to raise money for the group's use. Secretary Carroll Thamert passed out minutes from the last meeting, thanking all the men who volunteered previously in serving the needy at God's Kitchen as well as unloading the Food Truck at the Lazarus Food Pantry, all programs aimed at helping the needy for SUM.

Men signed up to help with the next unloading of the Food Truck for Salisbury Urban Ministries on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 10:00 am until. With no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer at 7:15 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Deli at Pecan Square. All men are welcomed!



# **MISSIONS**

#### By Carroll Thamert

# 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you"

The time to celebrate another Harvest, more importantly to give thanks and gratitude to God for another year of Blessings is upon us! November 2025, with Thanksgiving soon to be celebrated, has arrived. From it's humble beginnings in Plymouth (1621) when the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Tribe shared a harvest feast of blessing, it has become what it is today: the most travelled holiday of the year! Families and friends gather from all over for a day filled with food, parades, football, and, most importantly, Thanking God for His many Blessings!

Thanksgiving, one of my favorite times of the year, I still remember Dad and my grandfather ("Bucky" to me) coming in early from oystering to gather with family around the table of turkey with the "fixings" that Mom and my grandmother ("Toots" as I called her) had prepared to give Thanks to God. My Mom would then fix plates of food for few " shut- ins" in the community of which my Dad delivered.

A life lesson I learned from my parents at Thanksgiving, as well as their actions throughout life, is that the best way to Thank God for All His Blessings, is to help others through gratitude as He has done for each of us. Through our God given talents, we can spread His Love to others.

As I recently saw on the internet from a podcaster known for inspirational stories, one person can make a difference in the lives of others. Paraphrasing one of these stories by Yaakov Andrew Cohan follows:... "Leonard Hayes, a Cleveland resident, died in his sleep peacefully alone in his small, faded apartment with no family and no kids to mourn him. He left behind his job dedicated to driving a City Bus on the same route, Route 43, each day for 40 years. Fearing no one would attend, a few fellow drivers attended the graveside ceremony! Surprised for they were greeted by a line of people in the hundreds, maybe the thousands, lined up to pay respects to Mr. Hayes. No family, no friends, no dignitaries; just customers from his 40 years of service. His mourners were everyday people like a lady pushing a stroller, a high school student, and an elderly man with his walker, each waiting turns to respect a well lived life. One by one they stopped to say their thanks: "He always waited that 10 extra seconds when he saw me running to catch his bus!"; "He knew my name, always greeting me with Good Morning Mrs. Riveral; "One morning I told him I was on my way for a job interview. Leonard said he would pray for me. The next morning, remembering, he asked, "how I did!" and one person whispered, "I was invisible to most people, but not to Leonard. I was somebody!" As the podcaster pointed out, "Leonard Hayes never performed surgery; never invented anything; but, he meant for other people to be seen and recognized for who they were. That might be the most powerful thing a person can do for others! You never know how your smile, your greeting, your kindness, or your extra 10 seconds of time will effect another person's life!" Your time, actions, and talents make a difference!

We only have to look at Trinity's own congregation at two locations, to see examples of people like Leonard who care about others. A few weeks ago I had, the honor to attend the funeral of Carolyn Lewis, a long time member of Trinity UMC. "Mrs. Trinity", as some called her, was such an such an example. Carolyn was not only an inspiration for all that knew her, but, also, a role model for helping others! She used her talents as a nurse, a cook, an organizer, and a singer for the Glory of God.

I don't know if Leonard Hayes went to Church as did my parents and Carolyn, but the podcast said he prayed. I, also, believe, Leonard, my parents, and Carolyn, "All" cared about other people. Using their talents, they took the time to help others, to recognize others, and to get to know others beyond their appearances. They did not judge them but accepted them for who they were! Isn't this what God wants of each of us, to help others where they are and to show gratitude to God through spreading his Love one person at a time.

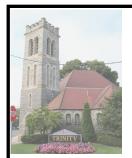
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Maybe this Thanksgiving we can show our gratitude for God's Blessings through the people we come in contact with or by inviting someone to Trinity. Maybe we could smile and say a hello to a new person at Church or to a stranger. Maybe we could hold the door for someone or say a hearty thank you to a retail person. Through the Church and it's programs/missions, we have many opportunities to show Gratitude to God. We could help a family at Church in need. We could donate extra canned goods to the Lazarus Food Pantry; serve the needy at HALO, Joseph House, or God's Kitchen; support a family through Santa's Angels as well as it's November Auction; or volunteer at SUM and/or Hands and Hearts for the Homeless. Through TCAP, we can show staff and students of the Choice Academy that we care through volunteering, donating goods, and supporting Trunk or Treat each October! Cards, texts, or visits could be made to shut-ins. A hand or word of comfort could be reached out to those that greave. Prayers can always be lifted up! Whatever you do, remember it is for the Glory of God in Jesus' name! Members of Trinity, you are the Best in caring for others! May you have a great Thanksgiving filled with Gratitude and Blessings!



## **Salisbury Urban Ministries (SUM)**

Trinity United Methodist continues to donate non-perishable food items to the Lazarus Food Pantry after each service on Sunday morning. Hygiene items as well as clothing, such as socks and gloves, are welcomed as we enter the colder months Monetary donations can always be used! Volunteers can always be used at the Lazarus Food Pantry, the Kid's Café, and God's Kitchen. Look for the November Letter Campaign for SUM and consider SUM on Giving Tuesday. The need in the Community is greater than ever and still growing. Thank You Trinity UMC!



## **MEMBERSHIP**

## <u>NEWS</u>

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

October 12
Marc Maurice Fenelon
Rosenie Flerency Thimot

#### **DEATHS**

October 5 Carolyn Lewis

October 8
Daniel Ulm

October 12
Richard Parsons

October 23 Wayne Tull



# <u>Santa's Angels</u>

Santa's Angels began 36 years ago with a local family who wanted to show their two daughters how blessed they were. The family blessed three families that year with Christmas and have continued to do so each year with the creation of Santa's Angels. Last year, 185 families were blessed by Santa's Angels. The families are selected through the school system and receive gifts, food, and a Bible marked to the Christmas Story. This year we will have a list with specific types of toys that are needed and used to fill Christmas lists, as well as used for extra gifts that are taken out by the Santas and their elves on their routes. If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your

check payable to Santa's Angels and drop it off in the church office. All donations and unwrapped gifts are due back to the church by Thursday, December 18, 2025. Volunteers are also needed for shopping, wrapping, and delivery. If you wish to help load and deliver, we will be delivering on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. All routes leave from the Gun Club on Dagsboro Road. For additional information or if you wish to volunteer, please contact Beverly Tull at (443) 235-1423 or <a href="mailto:mrstoool@yahoo.com">mrstoool@yahoo.com</a> or Lora Adkins at (410) 726 -2977.

# Santa's Angels Shopping List

Hoverboards for kids 12 and over

Scooters for boys or girls

Baby Alive dolls

Barbie Dolls with accessories (i.e. Barbie townhouse, car, airplane, etc.)

Barbie Doll Heads to do hair

Baby dolls for all ages from age 1 to age 12 (\*New Generation or Journey dolls)

Any outfits and/or accessories for dolls

Arts and crafts for boys and/or girls (Jewelry making, rock painting, weaving, slime kits)

Discovery Science kits and Kinetic Sand kits

Elmo

Anything for Paw Patrol

Anything with LOL Dolls

Action Figures (Spiderman, Superman, Avengers, Ninja Turtles, & Transformers)

Remote control cars or trucks

Board games (i.e. Trouble, Fortnite, Jenga, Life, Clue, Scrabble, etc.)

Legos for all ages

Karaoke machines

Fire 7 Tablets or any tablet that connects to internet

Bikes

\*Please include batteries for any items that require them Gift for Teenagers:

Make-up kits or purses

Jewelry (Necklaces, bracelets, & pierced earrings)

Wireless earbuds like Apple, but generic and less expensive

#### Gift Cards for Kids:

Roblox

X-box live membership

Fortnite V

#### Gift Cards for Adults:

Walmart

Target

Gas gift cards

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9 9am Worship Service - Downtown 9am Sunday School - Downtown 10:30am Worship Service - FLC 5pm Mystery Dinner	10 1-4pm Pastor's Walk-In Hours 3:30 Hebrew Class 4pm GriefShare 6pm UMM - Pecan Deli	11 10:30am - UMW "Ruth" 2pm Trinity Prayer Group 5:15pm Outreach & Events Committee	9am-Noon Pastor's Walk-In Hours 5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study	9:30am Altar Guild 4:30pm Handbell Choir 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir	14	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
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- 1 Chris Burkett Kevin Ireland Cam Jackson Brian Ritchie Carolyn Ryan Julien Scott Alex Titus
- 2 Daniel Dunsten Matthew Duvall Cynthia Malone Donna Webster
- 3 Alyssa Fleming Shawn Kelley Jeanne Kniceley Charlotte Miller Jake Richardson
- 4 Dana Richardson
- 5 Mark Merritt
- 6 Maxine Duggan Tricia Payne Patricia Whitelock Joseph Wright
- 7 Joe Godfrey Liam Payne
- 8 Jonathan Doyle Dennis Klingenberg Colton Mann Shelly Messick

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Connor Banks Chip Galloway Ann Hudson Jane Menzel Dylan Pusey Daniel Rogers John Soule John Wilson
- 10 Jackie Bounds Dorothy Butler Benjamin O'Brien Kathy Riggins Christa Shaner Tom Townsend
- 11 Lauran Collins Kevin Darcey Ann Nelson Ethan Thompson
- 12 Susan Glenn Robert Hearn Christopher Lloyd Glenn Marvel Chris Mason
- 13 Ted Bowne Amanda Collins Morgan Esham
- 14 Whitney Ballard Lacey Dunn Joseph Hayden Bryce Miller George Patterson Jim Webster Gabnielle Wright Ruth Yesko
- 15 Robbie Horner
- Donna Gilkerson
   Pat Gray
   Kevin Menzel
   Sonya Pusey
   Nancy Rogers

- 17 Rob Freshwater Jennifer Hooper Robert Rozaieski Douglas Smith
- 18 Sam Ennis, Jr. Harper Meeks Ryan Payne
- 19 Grace Ashby Ryleigh Jones
- 20 Sarah Hopkins Hailey Jones Lynnleigh Tregoe Ryan Wootten
- 21 Victoria Abel Emma Boram Ryan Duvall Susan Purnell
- **22 -** Andy Kitzrow
- 23 -
- 24 Jordyn Bostwick Kelsey Miller George Noonan Nathan Stanley
- 25 Clinton Corbin Sharon Corry Christina Fishburn Joan Haldeman Melissa Marcum Carol Parsons Christopher Simpson Chris Snyder Pyda Sterling

- 26 Dot Baker Riley Greenwood Megan Struthers Stephen Trader Christina Wilson H.G. Wilson, Jr.
- 27 Jacob Shaffer Alice Smith Daniel Todd Garrett White
- 28 Sophia Brennan
- 29 Kathryn Bowne Renee Esham Charlotte Trice
- **30 -** Linda Nelson Joan Windmuller

PLEASE NOTE: If your name does not appear on this list, it does not mean that we do not have you as a Trinity member. It only means that we do not have your birth date. Please give the church office a call with any additions to, or corrections, of this list.



#### Brain Health Tips & Resources Health Outreach Ministry

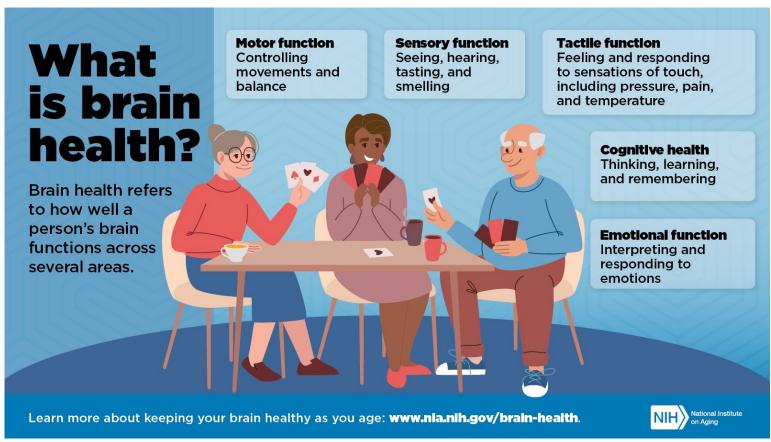
Dot Baker, RN



WHAT DOES OUR BRAIN DO? Our brain is a major player in all areas of our life such as how we think, feel, act, move, & relate to others - even how we breathe. WHAT IS BRAIN HEALTH? How well (to what extent) our brain can work (function) in all of these areas ----including using multiple areas at one time. Check out the picture below to better learn about the ways that our brain works.

WHAT AFFECTS BRAIN HEALTH? Here are some examples of factors that can affect brain health: physical health (high blood pressure, heart/circulation issues, chronic diseases such as diabetes); brain/head injury; lifestyle (use of alcohol/substances/smoking, poor nutrition, limited physical activity); limited social contacts and activities; mental/emotional health (depression, dementias); aging changes; certain medications (check with your health care provider); family history; and others. WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP BRAIN HEALTH? take care of your physical health (get regular medical care and health screenings; manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, depression/mental health situations, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity; review medications; seek vision/hearing loss care; reduce risk for falls/injuries; quit smoking/nicotine; get adequate sleep; stay physically active; make/maintain social activities; maintain spiritual studies and connections; keep your mind engaged (music, hobbies, games, writing, new adventures); eat healthy/balanced diet (fruits and vegetables; whole grains; lean meats, fish, and poultry; low-fat or nonfat dairy products; limit solid fats, sugar, and salt; control portion sizes; and drink enough water and other fluids). ------ Check out this recent article about brain exercises that may help your health @ 14 Weird Neurobic Brain Exercises That Help You Get Smarter | The Healthy @Reader's Digest

Sources: Mayo Clinic Health System; National Institutes of Health; Katz & Rubin in The Healthy Reader's Digest



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lunch: Closed one hour

Friday

8:00 a.m. to Noon