



# THE HIGHLIGHTER

Highlights from Trinity United Methodist Church

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## From the Pastor's Pen...



### TUMC Mission Statement:

**“To ignite such a passion,  
for Jesus Christ  
and His teachings, that it  
sets our world on fire.”**

Dear Trinity Church Family,

The Lord Jesus Christ says in Revelation 21: 5 —  
“Behold, I am making all things new!”

One of the greatest gifts of God is a new start, a new time to begin again, a renewing of a friendship where forgiveness had to be extended, and certainly the world in which we’re living needs a new creation from Christ Jesus Himself.

As you and I approach a New Year (2022), let’s rejoice in new things and the good God can do in them and through us.

Happy New Year,

Pastor Jim  
Dr. James E. Swecker, Senior Pastor

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## **Blessings, Thanks & Prayers**

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently...  
Marcia Early, David Pirkey and Bob Short.

Welcome to the Trinity UMC Family ...

† Michelle Shaw, who joined Trinity by Profession of Faith on December 12.

Our Sincere Sympathies to ...

† Robin Hammett and family, as they grieve the death of her mother ~ Dulcie Hammett ~ on December 1.

† The family and friends of ~ Annette Wilfong ~ as they grieve her death on December 4.

† Mike and Mona Monsma and family, as they grieve the death of her father ~ Senator Bernie Fowler, Sr. ~ on December 12.

Visitation List...

**Glenn Conner** - 165 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

**Cindy Craft** - 5825 Calvert Boulevard, St. Leonard, MD 20685

**Arlene Downs** - 4540 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

**Carole Jean Hutchins** - 1710 Old Adelina Road, Pr. Fred., MD 20678

**Chip Jaworski** - 1960 Shiloh Lane, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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**Charlotte Hall** - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1404

**Margaret Hayes** - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1308

**Jane Schmidt** - 11740 Asbury Circle, Apt. #1420

Flury House

**Jason Gohn** - 6045 Bauman Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075

The Hermitage at Solomons - 13325 Dowell Road, Solomons, MD 20688

**Doris Benesh**

**Olivia "Sib" Cox**

Sagepoint Gardens Assisted Living

**Eddie Wood** - 123 Morris Drive, La Plata, MD 20646

Solomons Nursing and Rehab Center

13325 Dowell Road, (P.O. Box 1509), Solomons, MD 20688

**Ruth Everhart** - Patuxent Room 16

**Bob Short**

## Thank you...

Dear Pastor Jim,

I wish to thank you and the congregation for all your care and concerns. Your visits and prayers have meant a lot to me.

I will be back in church shortly as I miss it very much. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Shirley Boylan



## Trinity's Virtual Schedule...

- † **Sunday Worship Service:** To access the worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am, visit [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org) (Trinity's website) and click on LIVE STREAM. This service can be viewed throughout the week. The service is also available on You Tube ~ see below.
- † **Open Bible Study:** Open Bible Study will be conducted via ZOOM on Wednesdays. For the 10 am gathering, use <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85226513848?pwd=WG0vZXM3cERVYXhoVjEldjVyMFpjUT09> with Meeting ID: 852 2651 3848 and Password: 011371. For the 6:30 pm gathering, use <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81695972777?pwd=ZUIJUXFPcTQwOVNlORhYmZjTXBQZz09> with Meeting ID: 816 9597 2777 and Password: 010135.
- † **Daily Prayer:** Pastor Jim is recording a Prayer each weekday morning. Visit [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org) and click on *Daily Prayer*. You can also see past recordings on Trinity's YouTube channel (see below).
- † **YouTube Channel:** The Sunday Worship Services and Daily Prayers are recorded and available on YouTube. Visit [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org) and click on *YouTube Channel*. **Closed Captioning is available by clicking on the "CC" in the bottom right of the video screen (to the left of the cogwheel).**



## Calendar for Bible Study Groups

### Tuesday

Ladies of Grace  
Women's Bible Study  
10 – 11:30 AM  
Sue Clark

### Wednesday

Open Bible Study  
10 AM and 6:30 PM  
on Zoom  
Pastor Jim and Friends

### Sunday

New Covenant  
Adult Sunday School Class  
9:15 AM – Parlor  
Rick Cox



## Coming Soon...

### Sunday

Special Needs  
Young Adult Sunday School Class  
9:15 AM – Room 312

### Thursday

Men's Bible Study  
5:30 AM  
At the homes of:  
John Godfrey  
Morris Hawkins

## **Pastor Jim on Sabbath Leave**

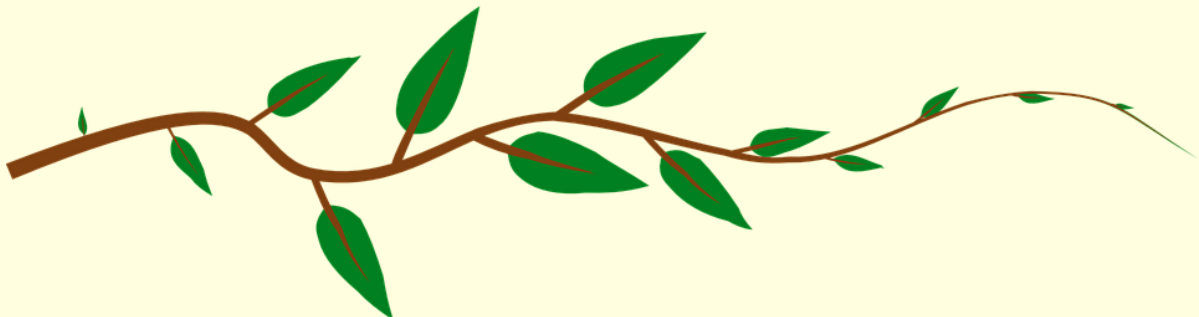
Trinity's Senior Pastor Jim Swecker will be on Sabbath Leave from January 3 through February 3, 2022.

The purpose of this type of leave for full-time clergy is for rest, renewal and according to Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC policy, "for clergy to help restore perspective on God-given tasks, to bring a sense of appreciation for themselves and their church and to assist in the restoration of effectiveness and balance in ministry." The Baltimore-Washington Conference recommends this Sabbath Leave for full-time clergy every seventh year—Pastor Jim has been under pastoral appointment 37.5 years and has never had a Sabbath Leave.

Pastor Jim has accepted this recommended leave, which was approved by the District Superintendent, Trinity's Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Church Council. He looks forward to doing some study of other churches, interviewing other senior pastors, getting away from the pressures and demands of ministry these days and restfully restoring his spirit and his calling to serve.

During this time of leave, Pastor Jim is to have no contact with Trinity UMC or be involved in any of her activities. Pastor Emeritus Rev. Rob Carter will be handling pastoral care while Administrative Assistant Kathy Pinkowski will be in charge of administrative duties. If you have any questions or want to talk about this leave and how it affects the church, please feel free to contact Pastor Jim directly or the SPRC chairpersons (Jim Levin and Vicki Ganley).

*So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,  
for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.  
Hebrews 4: 9-10*



## Inclement Weather Policy

### Sunday Mornings:

- \* If it snows on a Sunday morning, the lead pastor will make the decision by 6 a.m. whether or not to hold worship. The congregation will be notified by email and through the church's telephone answering machine.

### During the Week:

- \* If the Calvert County Public School system closes, outside groups will not be permitted to meet in the building. Trinity scheduled activities will go on as scheduled.
- \* If the Calvert County Government closes, all Trinity activities will be cancelled and the building will be locked.

## American Red Cross



## Blood Drive



**Wednesday, January 19 from 2 - 7 pm**

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
to schedule your life-saving donation.

**Appointments are necessary. \* Walk-ins will not be seen at this time. \***

Please consider donating or volunteering.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Dawn Rice  
at 410-474-6477.

## Christian Education at Trinity



Happy New Year! I pray that 2022 is a huge blessing to you and your family!

A new year always brings new challenges and new opportunities to try to do better. So, 2022 will bring some changes to our Christian Education program with our children, specifically for those in Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

This month, we will begin a year-long study using The New City Catechism. Most people associate the term catechism with the Roman Catholic Church, but it is more than that. Merriam-Webster's dictionary definition of catechism is:

**1:** oral instruction

**2:** a manual for catechizing (see CATECHIZE SENSE 1) *specifically* : a summary of religious doctrine often in the form of questions and answers

**3a:** a set of formal questions put as a test

**3b:** something resembling a catechism especially in being a rote response or formulaic statement: *The cook often consulted the latest nutritional catechism for advice.*"

The New City Catechism consists of 52 questions and answers regarding the Christian Faith. Each week, the children will focus on one question. This will help our children learn how to have a good, solid relationship with Jesus Christ. If anyone should question their faith, they will be able to answer those persons with confidence in what they believe and why.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 says loud and clear what we are to do for our children and the children we love. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You**

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**shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."**

Now that we are living in what people are calling a post Christian culture, our children need to be prepared to meet the challenges that are coming their way. Christian Educators are now making plans for the year 2050 by looking at different ways to help our children be strong, confident leaders in the future. Just think, 2050 is only 28 years from now and our infants and toddlers will be old enough to be church leaders. They will be facing issues we never dreamed of and their faith will be challenged more than ours has been. We want to make our children "resilient disciples" of Jesus Christ.

In her book, Resilient: Child Discipleship and the Fearless Future of the Church, Valerie Bell defines resilient as, "A quality describing the spiritual elasticity of a child or adult. The resilient strength to bend and flex, but not break against the weight of culture." She also describes "Resilient Child Discipleship as, "The process of a Christ-follower committing meaningful, intentional and consistent time and space to a child or a group of children so that they may know who Jesus is, are known by a body of believers (Belong), to place their faith in Jesus, apply the Word of God (Believe), and to reproduce their own discipleship (Become), so that a third spiritual generation can lead and love like Jesus Christ." We want this for our children and the future of the church.

Current research is showing that every resilient child needs to have 1-3 caring adults in their lives. These individuals take a special interest in getting to know each child personally, their likes and dislikes; hopes and fears; dreams and life goals. The more people take an interest in mentoring our young people, the more successful they will become. We want them to know that God loves them, cares for them and wants the best for them. As adults, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, we have the opportunity to be that important influence in their lives that teach them the importance of faith and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's help our children find a place they will always belong, where they can believe in Jesus Christ and learn to become more like Jesus.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- ◆ Brooke for being named “Art Student of the Quarter” at her new school.
- ◆ Freddie for doing such a good job at his first piano recital.
- ◆ Eleanor for making Straight A’s for the First Quarter of the school year.
- ◆ Makenzie for being named to the Principal’s Honor Roll for the First Quarter of the school year.



In Christ,

Miss Janet  
[firstladyjanet@gmail.com](mailto:firstladyjanet@gmail.com)



# Discipleship Model

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## 3. Serve Seriously

## 2. Meet Monthly

## 1. Worship Weekly

1. **Worship Weekly** (not weakly): Being a disciple of Jesus means regularly and faithfully worshipping the Lord to stay connected to Him and His people. Illness or out of town obligations can often prevent us from being with the Church when it gathers on Sundays, and we understand this. Our goal is to be as faithful as possible being in God's house for worship. The scripture says Jesus Himself worshiped regularly.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4: 16-17 and Hebrews 10: 24-25

2. **Meet Monthly**: Become part of a Bible Study or some other small group. Followers of Jesus study His word, not in isolation, but with the help of other disciples seeking to be closer, deeper and more effective. You may want to participate in your Bible Study or small group more than monthly, but at least consider this minimum standard for keeping your life with Christ fresh, active, living and growing.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119: 105, Acts 2: 42-47, 2 Timothy 3: 14-16, Hebrews 10: 24-25 and Matthew 18: 15-20

3. **Serve Seriously**: Serving others is a part of following Jesus in the world. Serving the needs of other people and witnessing to the love of Christ are part of the same motion, taking the Gospel outward into the world. Witnessing is a part of serving and spreading the good news of Jesus happens as we feed the hungry. Faith without works is dead, so an active, growing, vibrant faith must have SERVING as a regular component. We recommend serving locally at least 4 times per year (every 3 months) and ask you to consider serving outside our local community once each year, if possible.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 32-37; Psalm 100: 2a and Matthew 28: 16-20

## Youth Ministry & Fellowship



Happy New Year!! May the peace and love of Jesus Christ rest in your homes this year.

The youth finished up an interesting COVID-19 year and managed to support and care for each other. We do have an amazing group of youth and I pray that Trinity realizes what high quality youth we have among us. When I look at these young men and women, I know that there is hope for the future. They are deeply committed to their faith and making the world a better place.

In December, our youth worked hard sorting, inspecting and packing up the Angel Tree gifts that our Church members provided for children so they will have a Merry Christmas. They did a great job and managed to have fun while working for others.

The youth also enjoyed participating in a Nativity Escape Room activity, where it didn't take them long to crack the codes.

In case you haven't noticed, we have a lot of our youth serving in many ways at Trinity. Most recently, we have seen a growth in the Tech Team ministry as our youth are beginning to step up and use their technological gifts to help with our worship services. Thank you Raneer and Evan for joining the team.



Congratulations to...

- ◆ Ashlyn Lagana for being named "Student of the Quarter" at her new school!!
- ◆ Siena Matteson for the awesome job she did at her piano recital recently and for her prelude music at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service.
- ◆ Madison Saberan for making the Principal's Honor Roll for the First Quarter.

Praying that 2022 continues to bring blessings to our group. We have such wonderful young people among us.

In Christ,

Miss Janet ~ [firstladyjanet@gmail.com](mailto:firstladyjanet@gmail.com)



The Sorting of the Angel Tree Gifts



# Cut-Paste-Color!

Cut along the dotted lines & arrange in order below.



Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

Luke 2: 16-20



# Happy Birthday

## to Our Trinity Family

January 1: Kelsey Dixon  
 January 1: Kelly Shannon  
 January 1: Jennifer Varnell  
 January 2: Vicki Chow  
 January 2: Katherine Kimmel  
 January 3: Robert Monnett  
 January 3: Kempton Zahn  
 January 4: Alea Weaver  
 January 6: Hayden Fowler  
 January 6: Robert Hamilton  
 January 8: Dwayne Hutchins  
 January 9: Kara Wood  
 January 10: Allen Williams  
 January 11: Haden Brown  
 January 12: Paula Bailey  
 January 12: Brittany Payne  
 January 12: Derrick Redden  
 January 12: Michael Redden  
 January 12: Dwight Williams  
 January 14: Shawna Horty  
 January 14: Ana Reinhardt  
 January 15: Nathaniel Shaulis  
 January 15: Debra Whelan  
 January 16: Michele Greene  
 January 16: James Wood  
 January 17: Angelina Chow  
 January 17: William Murphy  
 January 17: Jessica Willis  
 January 18: Susan Evans  
 January 18: Collin Short  
 January 19: Rachel MacMillan

January 20: Dawn Higgs  
 January 20: Victoria Valentin  
 January 20: Sandra Woodford  
 January 22: Albert Brewster  
 January 22: Sherry Mansfield  
 January 22: Amye Scrivener  
 January 22: Tyler Seawell  
 January 23: Linda Burns  
 January 23: Mary Stortzum  
 January 24: Carol Bush  
 January 25: Christopher Daniel  
 January 25: Keith McClanahan  
 January 26: Evelyn Bowen  
 January 26: Christine Lee  
 January 26: Marcia Meredith  
 January 26: Audrey Whelan  
 January 26: Nathan Woodford  
 January 27: Ava Jabara  
 January 27: Dereda Ricker  
 January 28: Bayleigh Graves  
 January 28: Kelli Short  
 January 29: Emma Johnson  
 January 30: Arian Thomas  
 January 31: Karleigh Lister  
 January 31: Kayleigh Lister  
 January 31: Eric Reinhardt



Contact the church office (410-535-1782)  
 to have your birthday added to the list.

## **Listen to the Words...**

We sing  
beautiful  
songs and  
hymns  
every Sunday.

### **Be Thou My Vision**

#### **Verse 1**

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

#### **Verse 2**

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

#### **Verse 3**

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

#### **Ending**

Be Thou my Vision

Do you ever  
really listen  
to the  
words...

[click here](#)  
(to sing along)

CCLI Song #7056332

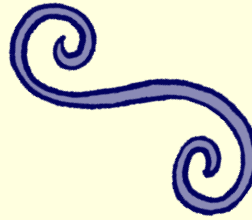
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METHODIST CHURCH**



**Open Bible Study**

**Wednesdays at  
10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
(on ZOOM)**

**Sunday Schedule**

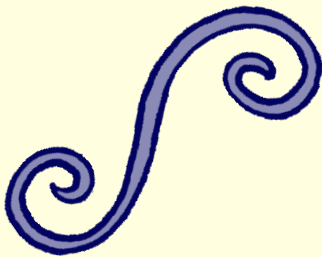
**8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service**

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**9:15 a.m. Sunday School**

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**10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
(live-streamed - [www.trinityumchurch.org](http://www.trinityumchurch.org)  
and on Trinity's You Tube channel)**



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# Trinity United Methodist Church

## JANUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 Epiphany ~ Consecration of Leaders	3 Trustees Meeting 7 pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Worship Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Blood Drive 2-7 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Church Council 6:30 pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### Weekly Ministries

#### Sunday

8:00 am Contemporary Worship Service  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Traditional Worship Service ~ Live Streamed  
 11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm Young Adults  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting

#### Monday

9:00 am Church Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday

10:00 am Women's Bible Study  
 10:30 am Stroller Strong

#### Wednesday

10:00 am Open Bible Study ~ Zoom  
 4:00 pm Stroller Strong  
 6:30 pm Open Bible Study ~ Zoom

#### Thursday

6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

#### Saturday

8:30 am Stroller Strong