



# Faith & Fellowship

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

**September 2018**

## A Note From The Pastor

**Scripture: Acts 2:42-47**

Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

I once heard a Bishop ask a group of people how many had read Acts 29. Many of them, wishing to impress the Bishop, raised their hand. He had to tell them, however, that it would be impossible for them to read chapter 29, since Acts there are only 28 chapters in the book. He went on to inform them, however, that it was their job to write the next chapter of Acts and to get busy in their churches doing so.

I am taking a cue from this Bishop and focusing our work these next two months on the Book of Acts. In its story of the early church, it clearly shows us the essentials and the characteristics of being the Church. We will have a Sermon Series on the six ways that Acts shows us to be the church. I will offer a six session Bible Study on Acts, both during the day at Panera Bread and in the evening at the church, tracking the growth of the early church from Jerusalem to Rome. And I will try to apply all that Acts has to teach us to our life and ministry at Trinity.

My hope, and I pray you will join me in this hope, is that in our Worship and our Study together we find the Spirit of God coming upon us that we will be writing the next chapter in the life of Trinity Church. Surely God is calling us to do nothing less.

**Pastor David Carter-Rimbach**

### SEPTEMBER IS ALIVE AT TRINITY

We begin the Fall with a great schedule of activities for us to grow as Disciples of Jesus and to reach out to others to share the love of Christ with us. Be a part of them all and invite others to come with your.

**Saturday, September 8, 9:30 am– Lunch**  
**“LADIES DAY APART”**

A time together focused on a video from the “Women in Faith”

**Sunday, September 9, 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**“OPEN HOUSE AT TRINITY CHURCH”**

We invite the community to Tour and Explore and get to know us.

**Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 pm**  
**MOVIE NIGHT: “THE SHACK”**

A feature film about meeting God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

**Monday, September 17, 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**BOOK OF ACTS BIBLE STUDY**

We meet in church for this evening, six session journey through Acts.



**Wednesday, September 19, 10:00-11:15 am**  
**“PANERA BREAD BIBLE STUDY”**

The first of a Six Session Study on the Book of Acts at Rt. 40 Panera

**Saturday, September 22, 4:00-7:00 pm**  
**“SPAGHETTI SUPPER”**

Our annual “All You Can Eat” fundraiser.

**Saturday, September 30, 10:15 am**  
**SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE 90 AND ABOVE**

We honor our elders with a Special Service and a reception featuring lite fare and a cake following

September is truly a very full month for us. You will find details in the following articles. And you will also find information about our weekly Worship Services, our UMWomen's meeting and the September 15 “Flea Market” and other ongoing activities at Trinity church

## WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

We are very excited about our Worship in September. Our new Choir Director, Mathew Cherian, begins his work with Ann Mellinger and the Choir, and each Sunday will be blessed with their presentations to us. A new Sermon Series matched with our Acts Bible Studies will speak directly to our life and mission at Trinity. And the Spirit of God, moving among us will bring inspiration and power.

### **Sunday, September 2 – Service of Holy Communion**

Scripture: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: “Blessed Are Those Who Take the Right Seat.”

### **Sunday, September 9 – On Being the Church in Six Acts**

Scripture: Acts 1:1, 6-8, 12-14

Sermon: “Acts Alive!” An Introduction to a six-part series on how the book of the Acts of the Apostles teaches us to be the Church.

### **Sunday, September 16 – 1. The Church Is Called to Be a Witness for Christ**

Scripture: Acts 1:21-26

### **Sunday, September 23 – 2. The Church Is Called to Preparation and Prayer**

### **Sunday, September 30—Special Sunday: Celebrating Our 90+ year old Members**

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-6, 18:1, 9-15

Reception following the service

## SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

### **Sunday, September 9, 5:00-7:00PM**

#### **“OPEN HOUSE AT TRINITY CHURCH”**

As we continue to reach out to invite others to share the life of Trinity Church with us, we are offering an “Open House” when we say to the community: Come, “Tour and Explore” our building and see who we are and what we do. There will be tour guides and “interpreters” at key locations and even free gifts and food for those who attend. Please help this be a success by inviting your neighbors to come to our “Open House.”

### **Wednesday, September 12, 6:30PM**

#### **MOVIE NIGHT: “THE SHACK”**

A man whose life has been shattered by the loss of his little daughter is invited to meet God in a shack in the woods. With nothing to lose and faith in God and answers to his questions to gain, he accepts the invitation and gets all that he could hope for...and more. His story is told in this marvelous feature film of the book by, William P. Young. All are invited by the G.I.F.T. Circle to come on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm to see the film together—popcorn provided. Free! There is much to discuss about what we will see, and the next G.I.F.T. Circle meeting in October will be devoted to an open discussion on all those topics. It grows your faith to see someone walk on the water with Jesus. Come and see the film and talk about our faith.

#### **DAY AND NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Pastor David says, if you give him six weeks, he can take you through the Book of Acts. From Pentecost to prison and shipwreck and adventures in Ephesus and lots of stops in between, we will experience the life and growth of the early Christ Church.

#### **DAY: WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM AT**

#### **PANERA BREAD ON RT. 40**

That’s right! On Wednesday, September 19, we will begin our “Away Game” Bible Study at Panera. Taking a lead from St. Paul, we get into the market place to open our Bibles in a place where others might join us. Come and be a part of this Study which will just go until 11:15 am. We need at least six people to make a solid group. Bring your Bibles. The coffee or tea is free (for the first two weeks anyway.).

#### **NIGHTS: MONDAYS, 6:30 PM AT THE CHURCH**

Beginning on Monday, September 17, Pastor David will lead the same study on Acts for all who would like to come in the evening. Mark your calendars and start reading Acts and be a part of this adventure with Peter and Paul.

Leadership's Corner

July Treasurer's Report

Sunday, September 30, 10:15 am

**CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE 90 AND ABOVE  
SPECIAL SERVICE ON**

Long life is a blessing, and Trinity Church is truly blessed to have eight members who are in their nineties. We wish to celebrate them with a Special Services at our Worship on Sunday, September 30. There will be a Reception of light fare and a cake following the Service. This is a time for all in the congregation to be in attendance to honor these persons, not just for their years, but for their life in the church and the life of faith they live.

**U.M.W. News**

The annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair sponsored by the U.M.W. is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 2018



from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Crafters are needed. The tables are \$15 each limit 1 per vendor. This is for home-made crafts only. If you or someone you know is a crafter, please invite them.. They can fill out an information sheet and mail it to the

church attention: Michele Elder.

The United Methodist Women will have their first Fall Meeting on Monday, September 10 at 11:30AM at the church. Those attending are invited to bring a sandwich for lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. They will be working on the history of the church as a part of this and each of their meetings. All are invited to come, share in the meeting, and help work on the history of Trinity Church.

Income

Non-Designated

General Fund	\$10,077.32
Parsonage Rent	\$ 1,655.00
Hall Rentals	\$ 1,035.00
Thrift Shop	\$ 808.10

<b>Total Non-Designated</b>	<b>\$13,575.42</b>
<b>Total Designated Income</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>
<b>Total All Income</b>	<b>\$13,830.42</b>

<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>- \$ 9,346.63</b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR JULY</b>	<b>\$ 4,483</b>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Spaghetti Supper—Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4-7 pm**

We are always in need of volunteers for all sorts of things. Maybe you would be able to donate a few cans or items for the salad bar. 3 bean salad, sliced beets, chick peas, black olives, jar of green olives, croutons or a bottle or two of salad dressing like—French, ranch, thousand island or regular Italian. Donations like these keep our expenses down and allows and opportunity for our members to be able to help. Perhaps you are more of a baker. Consider baking/making something for our bake table.



We will also need volunteers for setting up the hall, serving on the food line, greeting and taking ticket money, selling the baked goods , running the dish washer and other jobs.

If you are able and feel like you would like to donate one or two of the above items or are able to help the day of the dinner, please see Lee, Bobbie or Diane—Finance Committee

Speaking of the Spaghetti Supper:

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**

**Tickets : \$12 for adults & \$6 for children 3-10**

Includes: All you can eat Spaghetti with Trinity's famous meat sauce or marinara sauce, salad bar, bread, dessert and drink. Bake table available

## OELLA FEST October 6, 9:30-4:00

Once again, we are providing food and baked goods for sale at the Oella Fest on Saturday, October 6th at Benjamin Banneker Park on Oella Ave. Donations of 16oz bottled water, 12 oz can sodas, individual size bags of chips/assortments, homemade baked goods, napkins, mustard, ketchup or relish would be helpful. We would like to have a table with information about the church and free giveaways. Please consider if you would be able to give an hour or two to meet and greet the community and tell them about Trinity.

If you are available to help with this event in any way, even if only for an hour or so between 9:30 am-4:00pm, please see Lee, Bobbie or Diane. Finance Committee



6 Angela Carr	21 Mary Uebel
10 Sheila Dyer	22 James Jenkins
14 Shane Franklin	23 Joe Leidy
16 Maddie Corns	24 Alexandra Sirasky
19 John Previdi	30 James Fluka, Sr.
20 Shelly Conway	

5 Jon & Michele Elder

8 Ron & Pam Sheets

9 Joel & Shirley Case

10 Preston & Peggy Greene

25 Dave & Susan Shifflet

## MEET MATHEW CHERIAN

I am entering my senior year this fall at UMBC majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Vocal Performance. I am also studying choral conducting under Dr. Stephen Caraccio-lo, the director of the UMBC's Camerata Chamber Choir.

Growing up in Columbia, Maryland, I was raised in a Christian family that attends New Hampshire Ave Gospel Chapel in Silver Spring. I have been a member there for my entire life and my family and grandparents before me.

My foray with music began at the age of 6 when I started taking piano lessons (technically at the age of 4 with the recorder, but we won't talk about that...). My parents put my sister and I into a piano studio with the goal of us one day being able to play at our church. When my sister beat me to this goal, I decided I could make a name for myself on the organ. After expressing my interest in the instrument my piano teacher made me aware of a scholarship provided by the American Guild of Organists to cover a year of lessons.

That same year the organist at my church was retiring and moving away so there was a position that needed to be filled. One day, while practicing in the piano lab at my high school the choir director asked if I would like to audition for choir. I thought it was a strange question, seeing as how I had never sung in a choir before, but because my best friends were in choir and I needed to take a music class I decided to do it on a whim and audition. She must have seen some kind of potential in me because she placed me in the high school's first ever chamber choir. Within a few weeks I fell in love with being a chorister. The fast pace of learning new music, the thrill of performing, the friendships made through making music with 30 or more like minded individuals. I loved it all.

Case and point, anyone and everyone should come out to the first choir rehearsal! Even if you believe you can't sing or are not a singer, you may be surprised what skills lay hidden. I can not wait to get started and begin this new chapter of my life at Trinity. I hope I can serve you well!

## Thrift Shop Coverage

### September

1 Closed for Holiday

8 Marilyn & Ann M

15 - Flea Market ( TS Hours 8:am-1:30pm) -  
Susan Shifflet & Michelle Elder

22 Open

29 Deloris Kohlhepp

If you would like to volunteer please contact Diane Bowman at [djbowman@howardcounty.gov](mailto:djbowman@howardcounty.gov)



# September 2018



Thrift Shop Hours: OPENED EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm

(From Jan. 7th to Dec. 22nd)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> <i>Thrift shop closed</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Sunday School Resumes - Children's</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Finance Meeting 7pm - Office</i>	<b>5</b> <i>SPRC Meeting 7:00pm - Office</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Ladies Day Apart 9:00 am - 1:00pm</i>
<b>9</b> <i>Teacher Recognition - 10:15am - S Sunday School Resumes -</i>	<b>10</b> <i>UMW 11:30am</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>G.I.F.T. Circle - 6:30 - 8:30pm - FH "The Shack"</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>F&amp;F Articles Due Flea Market 8am - 1pm - G Thrift Shop Hours 8am - 1:30 pm</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Bible Study 6:30 pm</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Council Meeting 7pm - FH Panera Bible Study 10 am</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Spaghetti Supper 4:00—7:00</i>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Bible Study 6:30 pm</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Oella Fest Meeting - 7pm - FH Panera Bible Study 10 am</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Service honoring members 90 &amp; above 10:15 am</i>						



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***“To totally immerse ourselves in the Word of God and share it with others.”***



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