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General Information:

Sunday Service
9:00am

Fellowship Time
10:00am

Sunday School
10:30am

Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

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What's your November?

For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought “the highest of highs and the lowest of lows.” He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he’d be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn’s wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.



Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to “let the enemy have a claim over November” or “steal the many beautiful memories I once held” about it. Since then, his church’s worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God’s faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it’s an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, “Your [deceased] loved one would not want your ‘November’ to haunt your memory forever.”

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal.

—Stephanie Martin

Special dates

- All Saints’ Day, *November 1, 2023*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 5, 2023*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2023*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 23, 2023*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 26, 2023*



November 5

From Pastor Ken

How do we as Christians respond/react to the Israel-Hamas situation?

For me, this a troubling question. To determine some sense of resolution to this issue I must seek some clarity in my own mind. I share with you my musings!

1. I cannot condone acts of violence and aggression that target unarmed, vulnerable civilians.
 - A. The horrific violence perpetrated by Hamas against Israel is evil.
 - B. The previous actions of Israel perpetrated against Palestinian civilians in Gaza is inexcusable.
2. There is a vast difference between the concept of Israel as a 'holy nation, as a people of faith devoted to the precepts of Yahweh (God)'; AND the current state of Israel, a political construct, created post World War II with the Balfour Declaration by the United Nations as a 'solution' to the 'Jewish problem' as a result of antisemitism in Germany and elsewhere.
3. It is my understanding that responsibility for the current situation rests upon the decisions and actions by the political state of Israel to consistently expand its territorial boundaries at the expense of Arab people who have been consistently squeezed from their homeland territories and pressed into sprawling refugee areas.
4. Responsibility also rests upon Palestinian/Arabs who have failed to create a legitimate government, thus giving rise to the radical groups of Hamas, et. al.
5. Finally, I lament that news reporting of this area ignores the reality that along with the Jewish population of Israel there is a Christian population among the Palestinians (over 20%) along with Islam and Muslin faith communities. The faith based communities of this total area are the ones who suffer as a result of the violence prone political state parties in control.

So, what is left? Seventy-five years after the Balfour Declaration it seems to me we have not achieved a 'solution'. Taking away the land (homeland) from one group of people to create a land (homeland) for another group DOES NOT WORK. Arming people to defend, extend control, DOES NOT MAKE THE WAY FOR PEACE. Giving only lip-service to our Holy Books (Bible/Koran, etc.) with a message of righteousness, justice, love, respect and peace without life changes, DOES NOT WORK. I cannot change any heart but mine, therefore I am left with one conclusion—I must work harder at being as faithful as I possibly can be to my faith that following Jesus Christ is the life choice I have made and must follow. I invite all who have professed Christ to a similar life journey.



October 8 was along awaited and great day in the life of Trinity. The Rev. Steven Ostendorf was elected to be our called settled pastoral leader. Rev. Ostendorf has been the faithful pastor to Grace UCC in Taneytown, MD for over 19 years. We look forward to his tenure at Trinity, trusting that together we will face the future with a renewed sense of purpose and hope. Rev. Ostendorf will complete the conditions of his call to Grace church and thus will not begin with us until January 15, 2024. Rev. Heasley will continue as our Bridge Pastor through Advent and Christmas, concluding his service on December 31st.

It has been a long journey of 4 years in our search for a settled pastor. We thank the Search Committee for their faithful and steadfast efforts. We ARE confident they have made the right choice.



Second Chance Boutique will take place from 12-5pm on Friday, November 10th and 8am-noon on Saturday, November 11th. If you have items to donate, please contact Lee Bartlett to make arrangements for drop-off or pickup. Lee can be reached at (410) 746-2945. Please, no clothing, magazines, electronics, or large furniture.

Highlights from October Mission & Outreach Meeting

- Voted to give \$250 each to Hanover School District and South Western School District Guidance Departments. This money is a repeat of last year's effort to aid students who are in need. Lorene gave a report as to how last year's donations were used. The committee was very pleased.
- Voted to give \$300 to Hoffman Homes to aid in purchasing coats for residents who need them.
- *Roots for Boots* will be hosted by Trinity in December instead of October. Many thanks to Lee and Billie for representing our church.
- Maui relief funds are doing quite well—over \$1300.00. This project will end on October 29 and a final figure will be presented. Monies will go to the United Church of Christ to be distributed to Maui.
- Discussed future food drives: *Hanover Area Council of Churches* in November, *God's Meal Barrel* in January, 2024.
- Lorene is managing the Trinity T-shirt sales.
- Team discussed the upcoming neighborhood supper for October 18. More discussion was held concerning the future of neighborhood suppers.
- A blood pressure cuff is being donated for first aid station use. Many thanks to Ron and Betsy Bristol for their donation.
- Discussed future possibilities in planning events to bring in young people to the church such as a talent show.

With Sympathy

Jeffrey C. Becker

Born

September 20, 1948

Died

September 17, 2023



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
3	Beth and Rick Forry	38	13	Danielle and Larry Hagan	19
4	Linda and Bruce Markle	45	19	Ann and Michael Farley	46
4	Debra and Kenneth Wentz	45	22	Sharon and Keith Raubenstine	43
4	Corrie and Jim Bankert	13	23	Barbara and Donald Rosenzweig	66
5	Denise and Bradley Geiman	29	23	Belinda and Steve Sabaka	54
9	Wendy and Ricky Cover	43	25	Patricia and William Still	56
11	Kimberly and Randy Kessler	46			

Please contact the church office at 637-2233 if your name was omitted or you wish to make changes.



Leroy Markle	November 8
Nancy Shultz	November 17
Betty Schaeberle	November 26

Pot Pie Take Out

Mark the date on your calendar!

On Saturday, November 18, the Men of Trinity are sponsoring a take-out only chicken pot pie dinner from 10:00 until ??

Come early to be sure you get yours!

Offering Envelopes 2024

Offering envelopes for 2024 will be available in the narthex extended beginning Sunday, December 3. The office staff would appreciate if you can pick up your envelopes and anyone else's that you might be able to deliver. The boxes are filed in alphabetical order.



November	5	12	19	26
	Remembrance Sunday/Communion		Thanksgiving Sunday	Reign of Christ
Consistory Teams	5&2	6&3	1&4	2&5
Lay Leader	Brittany Breighner	Yvonne Dickert	Albert Day	Bill Foreman
Altar Flower Sponsor	Open	Open	Myers	Open
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Sabaka	Open	Sabaka	Open
Bulletin Sponsor	Sanders	Rhodes	Wilson	Open

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins.

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Trinity's Mission Statement: Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.

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November 15, 2023