



# Advent

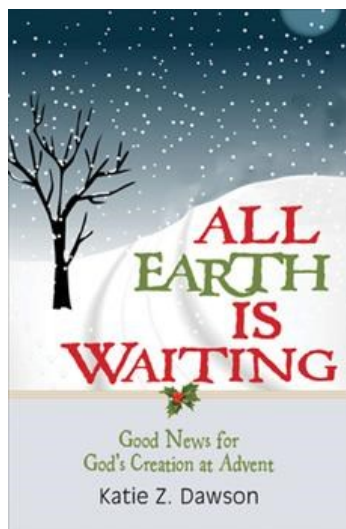
A SEASON OF EXPECTATION.

### ***Advent "All Earth is Waiting" November 26-December 17***

This year, we are schooching Advent up a week to stretch it out and give Christmas Eve a full day (instead of just the evening). That means it begins for us in November. This is the beginning of our Christian liturgical year- and a time of waiting. Where have we heard and experienced God's good news in the past? And how are we opening our hearts to experience- and our hands to share- that good news now?

The series we'll be following is one by a United Methodist young clergywoman and it's focus is creation. After a year in which wildfires gave us apocalyptic skies and air quality days so bad we were stuck indoors, is there good news for God's creation in this new year? Rev. Katie Z. Dawson reminds us that God's good news is for the whole world- not just for the afterlife. And that good news brings with it responsibility.

You can find the book used pretty cheap if you want to follow along on your own or in Grow Time on Sundays before worship. Here is Rev. Dawson's challenge and blessing for us this Advent:



*"This Advent, let us stop and listen to heaven and nature sing. Let us explore what we have in common with this earth. And let us discover what it might mean to share the good news with this planet. Our salvation is intimately connected with the redemption of this world, so may we find ways to live lives worthy of God's kingdom."*

*-Rev. Katie Z. Dawson*

You can purchase this book used through [www.thriftbooks.com](http://www.thriftbooks.com).  
Go to our website, [www.trinityfrederick.org](http://www.trinityfrederick.org), for a direct link.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS/HOLIDAYS...**

**Sunday, November 5** | Annual Commitment to Ministry Wrap-Up "Witness" & Potluck

**Sunday, November 5** | All Saints Communion Sunday

**Friday, November 10** | Veteran's Day Observance; Church Office Closed

**Sunday November 12-Monday, November 20** | Operation Christmas Child (OCC)  
National Collection Week

**Thursday, November 23** | Happy Thanksgiving; Church Office Closed

**Sunday, November 26** | Advent "All Earth is Waiting"

#### **Upcoming Church Office Closings**

The office will be closed on **Friday, November 10** in honor of Veteran's Day on Saturday, November 11.

The church office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 22 at 12pm**. The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24** in observance of Thanksgiving.

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## Charitable Giving

In addition to the giving of a monetary gift, there are many ways you can support the ministries and missions of Trinity United Methodist Church. There are many opportunities for charitable giving. This list is just some examples for you and your family to consider.

1. Gift of your time and talents: God has given each of us talents and the church often has a need for those skills. You can help the Church with your skills, such as plumbing, HVAC, electrical, gardening, fixing appliances or lawnmowers, painting, computers, lighting, sewing, etc. Let the Church know how you would like to help by putting a business card or note in the offering plate or calling/e-mailing the church office. Many ministry teams could benefit from your skills and talents.
2. Gift of appreciated property: Some of us have appreciated stock, bonds, real estate or collectibles. The property must have been owned at least one year. You get a charitable deduction for the average market value as of the date of the gift and you do not have to pay capital gains because you gifted the property rather than the cash.
3. Stock in a privately held company: Does your closely held company wish to buy back some of its stock? Your shares could be donated to the church and the company would buy the stock from the church. The church receives the proceeds of the sale and you avoid recognizing capital gains. You also get a charitable deduction based on the appraised value of the stock.
4. Sale of depreciated stock: Do you have a stock that has gone down in value and it doesn't look like it will be going up anytime soon? Consider selling the stock and give the proceeds as a monetary gift. Not only will you get the charitable deduction, you will also be able to claim a loss on your tax return, subject to limitations.
5. Life Insurance: An easy and direct form of planned giving is through a new life insurance policy. You make Trinity the beneficiary and owner of the policy. The premiums are tax-deductible and policies can be paid up within a few years. Do you have an existing life insurance policy? If you transfer the ownership of the policy to the church and make the church the beneficiary, you will receive a charitable deduction in the amount of the cash surrender value at the time of transfer. Any additional premiums paid would be tax deductible.
6. Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity: Do you have investments but you or a family member need an income stream from the dividends or interest to pay your bills? You can set up a charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity. The trust or annuity will pay you until your or your family member's death with the remainder going to the church after death.
7. Charitable lead Trusts: Do you have investments and desire to leave your estate to your heirs? There are charitable lead trusts that can be set up where the first 15 - 20 years the annual payments go to the church, and, afterwards, the remaining funds revert to your heirs.
8. Your Will: Do you have investments but you want to make sure you have enough to take care of you through your retirement years? Consider including the church in the provisions of your will.

***As Jesus said "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matthew 10:8)***

If you want to talk more about these and other charitable giving options, please contact **Gail Fitzgerald at 301-305-2481** or to donate to the Endowment-Sustaining Fund contact the **Community Foundation of Frederick County at 301-695-7660 or [CFO@frederickcountygives.org](mailto:CFO@frederickcountygives.org).**





### HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS YOU CAN REQUEST PRAYER (OR PRAY FOR OTHERS)...

1. **Prayer Card** | Fill out a prayer card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.
2. **Joys and Concerns Book** | Write down your joys (prayers for celebrations!) and concerns in the book near the entrance to the Sanctuary
3. **Online** | [www.trinityfrederick.org/prayer-needs](http://www.trinityfrederick.org/prayer-needs)
4. **Prayer Bookmark** | Contact the church office via phone or email to be placed on the prayer bookmark for Sunday service. *Please don't forget to update the church office if prayer requests have changed!*
5. **Monthly Prayer Service** | Via zoom on the last Thursday of the month. *Go to [www.trinityfrederick.org](http://www.trinityfrederick.org) for the online link*
6. **Facebook** | Did you know you can send Trinity UMC a message on Facebook? You can also stay up to date on current happenings of the church! *Visit [www.facebook.com/tumcfrederick](https://www.facebook.com/tumcfrederick)*



## ***ALL of us are called to share the Good News of the Gospel!***

*Sending a shoe box is one way we can share the love of Jesus Christ with a child.*

### **Sunday, November 12**

*Bring your gift-filled shoebox to church!*

### **November 13-20**

*National Collection Week (more info below)*



### **Shoebox Collection Sunday November 12**

Trinity had a wonderful packing party during the service on October 29<sup>th</sup>. So much fun and great to be “in service” doing service together as a church family. If you have packed your own shoeboxes as an individual or a family, please bring them to church on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. You can place them in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary. There are empty shoeboxes available in the lobby if you would still like to pack a box. You can bring them to the MPR during National Collection Week.

### **Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week, November 13-20**

Trinity is a drop off location for Operation Christmas Child during National Collection Week. Groups and individuals from the area will be bringing their gift filled shoeboxes to us. The shoeboxes are carefully counted and placed into cartons and then sent to a central drop off before being sent to a processing center where they are inspected and recartonized and delivered to children in over 170 countries around the world. Trinity is blessed to be a part of this leg of the journey of a shoebox.

*We are looking for volunteers to help us greet the donors and accept the shoeboxes as they come in during the week. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the sheet located in the lobby. Feel free to sign up for all or part of a shift. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Laura Welker: [yardwelk@aol.com](mailto:yardwelk@aol.com) or 301.788.0048.*

*Stay in the Know!*

#### **WEEKLY E-MAILS**

Trinity sends out a weekly e-mail of upcoming events. If you are currently not receiving this fan-

tastic email but would like to, please e-mail your preferred e-mail address to the church office at [tumc@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org).

#### **TEXT TO GIVE**

Text-to-give is a service by Easy Tithe (our online giving platform). For convenient giving on the go, text “GIVING” to 301-265-2895 and you will be sent a direct link to our online giving form to access right on your phone.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna at the Church office, 301-662-2895 or email [tumc@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org).

#### **UPPER ROOM UPDATE**

The Upper Room is available for pickup in the black mailbox by the church office entrance. Feel free to stop by and pick up your copy! If you would like to have a mailed copy instead, please make a \$1 donation (payable by cash, check or EasyTithe on the church website) and email [tumc@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org), with your request and current mailing address. You can also call the church office at 301-662-2895. Contact the church office if you have any questions.





## 2023 HOLIDAY HOPE TREE

With your help, the Missions Team provides tidings of joy with Christmas gifts to residents and clients of Community Living each year with the Holiday Hope Tree. The tree will be up and ready on **Sunday, November 12**. We need your support to

**Participating in the Holiday Hope Tree program is easy:**

- Select an ornament from the tree and complete the sign-up sheet located next to the tree.
- Purchase the gift, wrap it & tape the ornament to the outside of the gift.
- Place it under the tree in the Narthex **NO LATER than Sunday, DEC. 3**.



*You can also help make this year a holiday of hope and joy for the residents by your participation at the Community Living Christmas Party here at Trinity on Sunday, December 10 where the gifts will be distributed.*

**"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."**

*Jeremiah 23:5*

Sunday, December 17

## Christmas Centerpiece

**\$18.00**

1 candle, evergreens, and fresh flowers

Please email info below to [tumc@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org).

Please pay at pick-up on Sunday, 12/17. Email [suearowland@gmail.com](mailto:suearowland@gmail.com) with any questions.

*Make sure to order yours today and pick up Sunday, December 17.*

*All proceeds will benefit the flower fund for special arrangements at Easter, Pentecost, Christmas.*

I would like to order: \_\_\_\_\_ Centerpiece(s)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Merry Christmas from Pastor Shannon and her family!



I am a late Christmasher, but our next two newsletters might be postcards just giving you dates of all our Advent and other New Year happenings, so I begrudgingly decided to add my Christmas card to the end of your November newsletter. Only every single picture we took was blurry! Go figure.

But Advent, which this year we are starting a week early on November 26, is kind of a blurry time anyway. We are waiting for a future of joy and peace that feels so impossible we can't imagine it clearly.

My prayer is that even in the waiting for the fullness of goodness that Jesus will bring, we all will have clear- and frequent!- moments of joy and peace.

Our t-shirts are from a seller on Etsy. I bought them last year for Christmas so we could celebrate the sacred part of this holiday (all the ones in the store seem to be santas and reindeer). They fit better this year, except I needed a onesie for Remi to match us. When I went into buy it, I saw the seller had a different style- the same nativity, but this time inside the word JOY. I think I didn't buy this design originally last year because I was too full of fear to experience joy at Christmas in the midst of pregnancy. This year with our healthy smiley baby, I am remembering again.

We read Luke 2:8-14 every Christmas, when the angels announce to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord!" I don't think the angels' words assuaged the shepherds' fear entirely, and I don't think even if it did the shepherds (or us) understood the news, but they went and saw the baby and shared the story anyway. They sought out that joy and they let themselves experience it- and then they tried to share it with others. May we do the same this Advent and Christmas season!

Blessings to you all!

*Shannon E. Sullivan*

*Joyful*  
**MERRY & BLESSED**





# Order Your Poinsettias

We invite you to order Poinsettias to honor or remember your loved ones. They will be available to take home after our 8pm service on Christmas Eve.

Now you can pay online at [www.trinityfrederick.org/altar-guild/](http://www.trinityfrederick.org/altar-guild/). Turn in this insert marked "online" or you can still make checks payable to TUMC and drop in offering basket or at the church office.

**Orders must be received by Sunday, December 3.**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Check appropriate box

Honor Memory

Name as you want it to appear in the bulletin insert

☐ ☐
☐ ☐
☐ ☐
☐ ☐

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark box -  
payment made by:

☐ ONLINE

☐ CHECK

☐ CASH



## MAKE A SPECIAL FAMILY MEMORY...

*Looking for cast for the 8pm Live Nativity  
Christmas Eve Service*

*Simply contact the office at 301.662.2895  
or at [tumc@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org) to be part of  
honoring the birth of our Savior  
this CHRISTmas*



## Give Your CHRISTmas Heart a Head Start...

Volunteer at the  
Community Living Party,  
December 10 | 2pm-4pm  
email [Yardwelk@aol.com](mailto:Yardwelk@aol.com) to help

*Where the spirit of CHRIST lives*



Please note the church office will be  
closed for Winter Break  
Monday, December 25 -  
Monday, January 2.

We will re-open on  
Tuesday, January 3.

***Have a safe and peaceful holiday break!***





Dear Members and Attendees of Trinity Church,

The Christmas season is almost here. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of our many blessings. We thank God for friends, family, and loved ones who have supported us with kindness and guidance this year.

Our tradition at Trinity Church has been to express our appreciation to our pastors and professional staff with a monetary gift. These gifts are but a small token of our appreciation for all the work, leadership and service our staff and pastoral leadership has done over and above that which is required. All gifts will be consolidated and shared among the church administrative/office staff.

If you wish to contribute, please put your gift into an envelope clearly marked: *"Staff Christmas Gift, ATTN: Staff Parish Relations Ministry Team"*, and either place the envelope in with one of the upcoming Sunday offerings, or mail it to the church office.

The mailing address is:      ATTN: SPRC  
    Trinity United Methodist Church  
    703 West Patrick Street  
    Frederick, MD 21701-4029

We ask that all contributions to this year's collective staff gift be received at the church office no later than *Sunday, December 17, 2022*. We also ask that you remember that your gift is in addition to, and not a replacement for, your regular offering to Trinity Church.

Thank you for your contribution and expression of appreciation to those who help lead us at Trinity throughout the year. Peace and blessings to our entire church family!

*Don Fine*

Co-Chairperson - Church Council

*Dick Gessner*

Co-Chairperson - Church Council


*& Your Staff-Parish  
 Relations Team*



(MT=Ministry Team)  
(OCC=Operation Christmas Child)

# November 2023

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:45 am   Grow Time "Open Door" 10:00 am   Worship Service 11:30 am   Youth Grow Time	<b>SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE</b> 11:30 am   Trinity Brass 6:15 pm   "Joyful Ringers" Handbell Choir		<b>1</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Missions MT	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> <i>ACM Potluck after Worship Service</i> 5:00 pm Children & Youth, Chimes, Songs & Drums	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>7</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>10</b> Church office closed in observance of Veterans Day	<b>11 Veterans Day</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>OCC National Collection Week</b>						
5:00 pm Children & Youth, Chimes, Songs & Drums 5:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Group	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	8:30 am Men's Bible Study	9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance MT		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustees MT	<b>22</b> <i>Church office closed at 12pm</i> 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>23 Thanksgiving</b> <i>Church office closed</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Church office closed</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>OCC National Collection Week</b>						
5:00 pm Children & Youth, Chimes, Songs & Drums 5:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Youth Group	6:00 pm Chancel Choir	7:00 pm Trustees MT	6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Monthly Virtual Prayer Service		

All baptized and confirmed Christians are the ministers of the church.

## CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor.....*Shannon Sullivan*  
Minister of Visitation.....*John Morrill*  
Director of Program Ministries.....*Heather Throckmorton*  
Director of Youth Ministries.....*Wendy Huff*  
Administrative Assistant.....*Jenna Cintron*  
Director of Community Engagement.....*Curtis Osborne*  
Coordinator of Music & Arts.....*Denise Berry*  
Organist.....*Dominic Bechtel*  
Facilities Caretaker.....*Sandra Berry*

Director, Chancel Choir.....*Valerie Wittkamper*  
Director, Youth Choir.....*Denise Berry*  
Director, Trinity Brass.....*Matt Stegle*  
Director, Jacob's Ladder Praise Band .....*Jim Chamblee*  
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Audio/Visual/Media Ministries technicians..... *Jim Clark*  
*Trevor Forman*

## CHURCH LEADERS & MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Co-Chairpersons, Church Council.....*Don Fine, Dick Gessner*  
Lay Leader.....*Michele Pickens*  
Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations MT\*.....*Matt Stegle*  
Chairperson, Stewardship & Finance Team.....*Wanda Osborne*  
Treasurer.....*Gail Fitzgerald*  
Financial Secretary.....*Sandy Wiles*  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees.....*Guy Berry*

Missions Team.....*email tumc@trinityfrederick.org*  
*to be added to the list*  
 Chairperson, Women's MT .....*TBD*  
 Co-Chairpersons, Altar Guild.....*Sue Rowland*  
*Pamela Lesperance*  
 Chairperson, Member Care & Nurture MT.....*Don Hott*  
 Chairperson, Fellowship & Hospitality MT.....*Dick Gessner*

\* Ministry Team



We are trying to be better stewards of the church's resources and are offering an electronic version of the monthly newsletter for those interested. If you would like to receive an electronic version instead of a paper copy, please e-mail the church office at [tumc@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:tumc@trinityfrederick.org).



## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your information or article for the monthly Newsletter in one of the following ways :

- mail or deliver to the church office
- email to ***TUMC@trinityfrederick.org***.

Information for the December 2023 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of November – November 12.



The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9am-4pm and Fridays from 9am to 12pm with the phones being available until 4pm. Your pastor is here for you: Rev. Shannon Sullivan (off on Fridays):  
301-662-2895 (work)  
410-937-8835 (cell)  
[seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org](mailto:seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org)





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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



# COOKIE WALK 2023\*

Saturday, December 9 | Order Pick-up 9am - 11am

**\*PRE-ORDERS ONLY**

*Start warming your ovens. We need elves to bake yummy and delicious Christmas cookies. We need help on Friday evening for setting up and on Saturday to assist with the sale. Invite friends and neighbors to come buy our cookies!*

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**CALLING ALL BAKING ELVES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**BAKE:** ☐ I will bake approximately \_\_\_\_\_ dozen cookies.

*Cookies should be delivered to the Multipurpose Room on Friday, 12/8 between 4-7 pm. On delivery, please indicate the type of cookies, your name, and if they contain nuts (relating to allergies).*

**HELP** ☐ Set-up on Friday evening, December 8 starting at 4pm.  
☐ Serve on Saturday morning, December 9 starting at 8:15 am.

**BUY:** ☐ I would like to pre-order:

\_\_\_\_\_ small platters at \$20.00 each  
\_\_\_\_\_ large platters at \$32.00 each

*Questions? Contact Jenna at tumc@trinityfrederick.org or 301-662-2895.*