



### God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 10th is the 10th anniversary of congregations throughout the ELCA joining to offer a day of service, known as God's Work. Our Hands. For the 10th Anniversary, Trinity has expanded beyond a day of service and has various service projects extending from September 9th through September 16th. Join us for some or all of the acts of service below:

Stella B-A received a Mission Endowment Fund grant last year to fund her vision of a "little library" at Trinity. **On September 9th and 10th** — help us to bring Stella's vision to life. We will be assembling 2 little libraries. Starting at 2 pm on Saturday, we will begin painting, assembling the boxes, and setting posts in concrete/cement; allowing for dry time, the project may need to be completed on Sunday.

**On September 9th**, the Social Ministry team is organizing a group to volunteer at Interfaith Clothing located at 751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD from 10 until noon.

**On Sunday, September 10th**, after service, there will be an intergenerational project in the social hall to assemble children's snack bags for Bethesda Help.

**On Tuesday, September 12th**, from 1:30-6pm, there is an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity.

**On Saturday, September 16th**, from 9-12pm, is Trinity's monthly food drive to support Bethesda Help.

God's Work. Our Hands. Join us.



### Considering a Ministry— Learn About Stephen Ministry

**What do Stephen Ministers do?** Stephen Ministers are Caregivers who provide one-on-one Christian care, walking

alongside and listening to a Care Receiver. The Care Receiver has experienced some event or issue in life, and has decided it would be beneficial to have another Christian person to walk with on the journey. The Stephen Minister (Caregiver) typically meets with the Care Receiver one hour per week.

### What does it mean to "walk with" a Care Receiver?

Here are verbs that describe some of what the Stephen Minister does: affirm, befriend, care, commit, cry, encourage, forgive, guide, help, hope, laugh, listen, pray, respect, serve, support, and trust.

### How does one train to be a Stephen Minister?

One must take a 50-hour training course spread throughout an approximate 6-month time frame. After training, the Stephen Minister is commissioned at a Trinity church service and soon thereafter is hopefully assigned to a Care Receiver.

### How does a potential Care Receiver go about asking Trinity church for a Stephen Minister?

One does that by letting our Pastor know (assuming that we will have a permanent Pastor soon), or letting a Stephen Leader know. Our Stephen Leaders are Miriam M and Susan S.

Who are the Current Stephen Ministers (Caregivers) here at Trinity? We currently have five Stephen Ministers serving the congregation: Mary Louise D, Mike M, Thor N, Jane R, and Leslie S. We thank God for these people who have taken time out of busy lives to minister to others.

Are you interested in being a Stephen Minister and taking the training this fall? Please contact Miriam M or Susan S. **Our training will begin on Friday evening, October 6, and will continue the next day, Saturday, October 7.** From then on, we meet for training on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m., with a few Saturday sessions interspersed during that time frame through the middle of March 2024.

Would you like to be a Stephen Minister? Think about it, consider it, and pray about it.

In Christ, Stephen Ministry Leaders  
—Miriam M and Susan S



### CA Task Force Study Remaining Sessions

The ELCA Task Force on Studies for Civic Life and Faith has published a six-session study about how Christians are called to participate in civic life. Good Shepherd in Gaithersburg,

MD will host a group to participate in the study via Zoom from 6:00–7:00 PM every other Wednesday June 28 through September 6; September 6 is the last session.

If you would like to participate in the last session, please sign up through the signup link at [goserve.net/blog/civic-study](https://goserve.net/blog/civic-study). Participants will be emailed the Zoom information prior to the sessions. The remaining session topic:

*How Do We Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord in Civic Life?*



### Sharing Stories of Faith

How have you experienced God's presence this summer? Please share your story by

submitting it via email to [office@trinityelca.org](mailto:office@trinityelca.org) or posting it to Carmen's attention. They will be printed in future issues of the Trinitarian.



### Sunday School and Adult Classes Return

These forums will return on Sunday, September 17th, 15 minutes after the end of worship.

This year we will have 2 children's Sunday School groups: K through 3rd and 4th grade and up. The younger children will continue with our lectionary curriculum and the older children will study the Old Testament this year.

Adult Forum will offer a variety of series and guest speakers; we hope there will be something of interest for everyone.



### Cleaning the Attic

On September 15 and 16, Trinity will be completely cleaning and organizing the attic. All the items in the attic will be

removed; these include costumes, Christmas ornaments, cookbooks etc. The space will be cleaned and new shelving will be installed. The contents will subsequently reorganized, rehomed, or discarded. If you want to join in or if you have any questions. please see Mike M or Pam B.



### Come and Make a Joyful Noise

Trinity Singers Choir rehearsals

resume on Thursday, September 7th at 7:30 pm.

We'd love to have you join us! All voice parts and experience are welcome. If you are interested, speak with Mary B.

*All the earth worships you,  
They sing praises to you,  
Sing praises to your name*  
—Psalm 66:4

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Children young and old are invited to bring their school or work bags to worship. We will bless the bags and their carriers at the end of the service.



**There is still time to register for the Interfaith 5K Race!!**



See <https://mocointerfaith5k.org>. **YOU CAN REGISTER UNTIL 8:00 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.**

Five Montgomery County religious communities are partnering to create the seventh annual Interfaith 5K race. The 2023 race beneficiaries are Gaithersburg Help and C-4, an interfaith group serving the needs of the Colesville Community. For more information, see the website above, or contact Leslie S.



**September 16, Monthly Food Drive**

Thanks to the many congregation members who continue to support our monthly food drives to support Bethesda Help. We are also pleased that each

month we welcome donations from members of the neighborhood. Each month we drop off between 300-500 pounds of food and between 10-20 gift cards. Our next food drive will be from 9:00am until 12 noon. Bethesda Help is very appreciative and recognizes Trinity each month in the BH newsletter.

If you have questions, please contact Margaret F at [gmfitzwm85@gmail.com](mailto:gmfitzwm85@gmail.com).



**September Blood Drive**

Trinity is proud to support the Red Cross' humanitarian mission to help



ensure there is lifesaving blood available to patients in need. Help give the gift of life by donating at Trinity's next blood drive

on **Tuesday, September 12 from 1:40-6**; the sign up is now open on the American Red Cross' website.

In the past year, The American Red Cross has implemented changes to long existing restrictions and creating greater donor eligibility. There is more information available on the ARC website. The following is a note about the change to the Individual Donor Assessment (IDA): *Under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's new individual donor assessment, all donors will be asked the same sexual behavior questions to determine individual risk for exposure to HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The overall blood donation process is not changing – all donors will now be asked some new questions during Health History. This update eliminates questions based on sexual orientation and treats all potential donors with respect while maintaining the safety of the blood supply. Years of data have demonstrated that this new eligibility screening process ensures a safe blood supply.*

This is a community drive, all are welcome; **donors of all blood types are needed.** Please help us get the word out in the community... invite a friend, add to a list serve, post an announcement!

If you have questions, please contact Margaret F at [gmfitzwm85@gmail.com](mailto:gmfitzwm85@gmail.com).

# September 2023 Social Ministry Events: Walk With Us

Opportunities to live out our calling to connect, engage, and serve our community. Step out with us and keep walking! Look for more information and links in bulletin, Trinitarian, or [www.trinityelca.org](http://www.trinityelca.org).



START

Montgomery County Interfaith 5K  
Labor Day, September 4, 8am



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Saturday, September 9**

Interfaith Clothing: 10 to Noon  
Activity: Sorting Donated Clothes

**Saturday, September 9**

Trinity Church Parking Lot: Afternoon  
Activity: Erecting 2 Little Libraries

**Sunday September 10**

Trinity Church Social Hall 10:45  
Activity: Assembling School Snack Bags for Bethesda Help

Red Cross Blood Drive  
Tuesday, September 12

1:30 to 6 pm

Trinity Church Social Hall



Monthly Food Drive

Every Sunday

Trinity Church Social Hall

Saturday, September 16, 9 to Noon

Trinity Church Parking Lot



SAVE THE DATES!

- Interfaith 5K Race | September 4
- Stephen Ministry | September 5
- Worship Ministry Team | September 6
- First Choir Rehearsal | September 7
- God's Work Our Hands | September 9 and 10
- Blessing of Back Packs | September 10
- Heavenly Handbells Rehearsal | September 11
- Red Cross Blood Drive | September 12
- Trinity Men's Group | September 13
- Trinity Attic Cleaning | September 15 and 16
- Food Drive | September 16
- Sunday School and Adult Classes | September 17



**September Birthdays**

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1 Vimala P   | 9 Chloe V     |
| 1 Patricia S | 12 Tamara C   |
| 2 James M    | 22 Nicholas C |
| 5 Anders S   | 24 Meredith S |
| 5 Kathy T    | 27 John B     |
| 6 Jeanine B  | 27 Gina C     |
| 8 Brenden H  | 28 Mary B     |
| 9 Andy B     | 30 Wayne D    |

**September Baptism Anniversaries**

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1 Jeff B      | 12 Charles M  |
| 5 Alexander L | 16 Allison F  |
| 5 Gregory L   | 19 Patricia S |
| 9 Steve S     | 20 Vera N     |

# Prayer

**Remember in Your Prayers**

**THE CHURCH**

**our synod & bishops:** Bishops Elizabeth E & Leila O  
**our missionaries:** Stephen D & Marta G, Cent. America

**our congregation:** Trinity Church

**THE NATIONS:** Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Korea, India, Iraq, Israel, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela

**THE SICK AND SUFFERING**

**nursing/rehabilitation center:**

Philip T (Manor Care Potomac)  
Yulie N (Village at Rockville)

**home**

Tigist G, Margo W, Lineth M, Isabel F, Gio S, Vimala P, Anya N

**family and friends\***

Donald B, *brother of Marilyn C*  
 Kathy B, *custodian and friend of Trinity*  
 Lonnie B, *friend of Carol B*  
 Pam C, *sister of Mike M*  
 Pastor Sarah F-M, *friend of Anita S*  
 Betsy G, *friend of Margaret F*  
 David G, *friend of Tad and Vi D*  
 Terry K, *brother-in-law of David and Leslie C*  
 Randi L, *friend of Mike and Valerie M*  
 Juan-Maria M-M, *friend of Len S*  
 Pastor Paul O, *friend of Trinity*  
 Linda P, *cousin of Julie N*  
 Martha R (Sterling Care), *friend of Trinity*  
 Karen and Harold S, *friends of Pamela B*  
 Paul S, *brother of Steve S*  
 Carolyn T, *daughter of Jim V*  
 Alex V, *friend of Sunhee P*  
 The Voigtsberger family, *friends of Greg and Margaret F*  
 Gerry W, *friend of Tom K and Sarah M*

**first responders**

Lisbeth N-D  
Greta S & Linda A, *sister & sister-in-law of Anita S*  
Vanessa B, *friend of Elizabeth & Ben R*

**deaths**

Thomas Beckley, Esq., August 10, 2023, *brother-in-law of Fred Sanford*

*\*For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. To renew, please complete another card/call the office*

# September 2023

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 14 PENTECOST

Worship | 9:30 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 15 PENTECOST

Worship | 9:30 AM

Blessing of the Backpacks

God's Work. Our Hands. | 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 16 PENTECOST

Worship | 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Forum | 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 17 PENTECOST

Worship | 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Adult Forum | 11:00 AM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOR DAY

Interfaith 5k | 8:00 AM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Stephen Ministry | 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Worship Ministry | 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Gods Work. Our Hands. (Interfaith Clothing) | 10:00 AM

Gods Work. Our Hands. (Trinity) | 2:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Heavenly Handbells Rehearsal | 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Red Cross Blood Drive | 11 :00 AM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Trinity Men's Group | 1 :00 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM



See the full calendar here:  
[www.trinityelca.org/calendar](http://www.trinityelca.org/calendar)

# September

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Food Drive | 9:00 AM**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**Call Committee | 5:00 PM**

**Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**Congregational Council Meeting | 7:30 PM**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

**Heavenly Handbells | 7:30 PM**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**Trinity Singers Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**Trinity Women's Retreat | 7:00 PM**



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**Thank you for your offering.** Your gifts make the ministry of Trinity possible. Electronic giving may be available through your bank or financial institution. Offerings mailed to the church office will be promptly deposited.

**Online offering** is now available via Paypal! See details on the Trinity website <http://www.trinityelca.org/give>

**Thursday Tidings** deadline is 12:00 pm Wednesday.

**The Trinitarian** deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

*Submissions should be no more than 150 words. The editor and church staff reserve the right to determine the content of The Trinitarian and may edit articles for clarity, grammar, or length.*



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