

Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Trinity Church is a congregation of The United Methodist Church and is a Reconciling Congregation.

A Note from our Minister...



At the writing of this article, it is Easter Monday or the day after Easter. There are seven Sundays of Easter and the church celebrates seven Sundays because the resurrection of Christ is so important that it is impossible to confine the wonderful news of Jesus rising from the dead in just one Sunday. In the mind of the church every Sunday is a mini Easter. The Sabbath in Jewish tradition was on Saturday. The resurrection of Christ meant so much to the first Christians that they went so far as to change the Sabbath to Sunday to emphasize the resurrection.

We had such beautiful Holy Week and Easter celebrations at Trinity, which culminated with over three-hundred and thirty four plus people in worship on Easter Sunday. I would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way to help make this season so very special. One of the things that I appreciate about our church is that we say, "everyone is welcome." As I read the Gospels, I am entranced by the simple and spontaneous way Jesus accepted people heavy laden by their sense of being unacceptable. This is where I meet the grace of God in the face of Jesus. But where do you see the face of the Risen Christ? I have found traces of grace in the faces of the immigrants who are at our church daily learning English and job skills. I see traces of grace in those receiving food items at the Mobile Food Bank and the Parkside Pantry. I see traces of grace in the Justice for our Neighbors program. I have found traces of grace in the faces of our church community whose sole reason for existence is to convey grace to the shamed and downtrodden people.

It is often said what a caring and friendly church Trinity is. This is true and God has been truly good in God's faithfulness to us. But let's not forget what a simple act of kindness may mean to someone in need. We may never know how much it means to the recipient. There will be other opportunities in the near future for us as a church community to share the love of Christ beyond our walls. I pray that you will see the face of Christ in unexpected places.

Christ has Risen, and now we are his hands and feet. Alleluia. Amen!

Your minister,

Dr. David Calhoun



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Trinity's office and building will be closed on **Monday, April 15** in observance of Patriot's Day!

VISIT US ONLINE:
trinityspringfield.org

Please Pray for These Members/Friends:



Mary A, Lisa B, Borys B, Jeannette B, the B family, Pat B, James Bedard, Meri B, Jean C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C, Benard D (friend of Tami & Bob S), Greg D, Dominick E, Jo Anne E, Lisa F, Mary (T) G, Courtney H, Aurie I, Blair J, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Jan M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann

R, Kathy S, Jane S, Brenda S, Lynn T, Robert (Bob) U, Tina W, Alison (Allie) W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



We Offer Our Christian Sympathy & Prayers to:

Robert and Elizabeth B and their family upon the unexpected death of their daughter, Hazel.



Thank You Notes

Dear friends at Trinity,

Thank you so much for the lovely birthday flowers from the altar. It makes me feel that I haven't been forgotten. I know God is with me.

Sincerely,
Marilyn A

Dear Trinity staff & members,

I hope & pray everyday for all of you. Special prayers to all who are on the prayer list. I'm not there physically, but I am with you mentally. I miss you all & know that without Trinity... my faith would not have grown as it has. You are all on my mind and perhaps one day...I will be back.

I pray you all had a blessed Easter!

With love & prayers to all,
Diane F

Dear friends,

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank everyone who came to Curt's wake, sent a sympathy card, or personally expressed their condolences to us following Curt's passing. Thank you for your thoughtfulness during a very sad and difficult time in our life.

Sincerely,
Judy W



Regular Birthdays
Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics)
S - Staff

- 4/2 Lisa T
- 4/3 Crystal C
- 4/4 Karen A, Frederick B Tami S, Hannah S, Judy S
- 4/5 Jarod B, Nicholas G
- 4/6 Lanteye B, Henry H, Christina H
- 4/8 Julia A, Marcello A
- 4/8 Dina C, Devon M, Merrill S
- 4/9 Molly H
- 4/10 Beverly C
- 4/11 Gary B, Jan B, Melissa B, Isaiah T
- 4/13 *Robert & Carol H*
- 4/14 Emilia C
- 4/15 Bruce M
- 4/16 Shirley F, Christine M
- 4/17 Ruth S
- 4/19 Abney S, Camille T, *José (Hector) & Aurie I*
- 4/20 Helen A, Brenda G, Thomas H, Nancy H
- 4/21 Mallory F, Wendy R
- 4/22 Patrick L, Isabelle R, *Alan & Molly H*
- 4/23 Samuel F
- 4/23 Deanna P, Gary S
- 4/24 Joanne B
- 4/25 Leah R
- 4/26 Steve C, Christopher M
- 4/27 Mia B, Bryan S
- 4/28 Alex L
- 4/29 Shonali B
- 4/30 Sue S, KC W



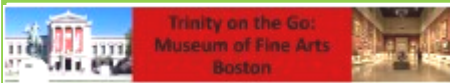
Birthdays & Anniversaries
CELEBRATION

Milestone Birthdays 75 & Every 5 yrs. After & Over 90

- 4/1 Emile P
- 4/10 Glenn B-L
- 4/12 Bing S

Milestone Anniversary Every 5 years

- 4/12 James & Jennifer S

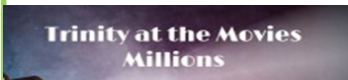


Trinity on the Go: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston - Thursday April 4, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$70 for tickets & gas. (Let us know if you need help paying.) Meet at Trinity's Parking Lot

A day at a Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. We will arrive at the Museum around 10 a.m. There is a free guided tour at 11 a.m. Lunch can be purchased at the Museum's café. At 2 p.m., we will attend a lecture: From Local to Global: The Boston Collective, Creative Networks: The Boston Art Scene in the 1970s and '80s. Operating outside Boston's mainstream art institutions, the Boston Collective comprised a group of Black and Asian artists who gravitated around the prominent artist Allan Rohan Crite. Banding together to overcome racial and social marginalization, the Boston Collective sought radical forms of community building. Learn about the artists active in this scene and hear stories about their initiatives that were at once local to Boston and global in reach. The group will leave the museum around 4 p.m., returning to Trinity in time for choir practices.

Registration is required [here](#).



Trinity at the Movies: Millions April 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Café

Ethics, being human and the soul come to the fore when a 7-year old finds a bag of Pounds just days before the currency is switched to Euros and learns what we are really made of.

[Let us know you are coming.](#)

CHURCH CONFERENCE APRIL 14, 2024



The Administrative Council has approved the scheduling of an all-church conference for Sunday, **April 14, 2024, following worship in Asbury Hall.** The purpose of the church conference will be to consider a proposal from the Trustees to allow the Trustees to pursue with the New England Annual Conference a potential change in the church's property insurance, to a functional replacement model. All church members are invited to attend.



April Rose Window

April 4 - In loving memory of Pauline, from Judy & Paula

April 10 - Anonymous

April 11 - In loving memory of David C, Jr., from his mom, Barbara

April 18 - Anonymous

April 23 - Anonymous

April 27 - In loving memory of Ted & Jane C, from Ted & Judy



Trinity UMC
361 Sumner Ave
Springfield, MA 01108
9:00am – 12:00pm

Join Us! April 17, 2024

Good Stewardship - Plan Now!

- Wills and Trusts
- Gift and Estate Planning
- Maximizing Income and Minimizing Taxes
- Investing for Impact; Benefit Yourself and Your Church

Our faith tells us the be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us – including ourselves, our families, and our faith communities. Come one or come together - we can help.



RSVP
to Roxie Pin
by April 12, 2024
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Order Your Name Tag on Sundays

We are asking everyone who is willing to order a magnetic name tag at the Connection Point during coffee hour. In an effort to get to know new members, etc., we are hoping as many people as possible will do so. The name tags are \$8.00 and have a magnet on them so you don't put a hole in your clothes. Once the name tags come in, you can leave them in the sanctuary upon leaving worship or if you are going to coffee hour you can leave them at the Connection Point before leaving the church. Thank you for your cooperation in participating in this important project.



Revitalize CDC
Rebuilding our Community Since 1992

Revitalize CDC / Green N Fit Springfield

Date: Saturday, April 27

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided)

Location: Memorial Square Neighborhood, Spfld. MA.

Hello Team Trinity. Revitalize CDC focusses on assisting veterans, the elderly and people with special needs bring their homes back to healthy, livable conditions. Many of you have worked with me on these homes over the past 12 years and know what a rewarding experience this has been.

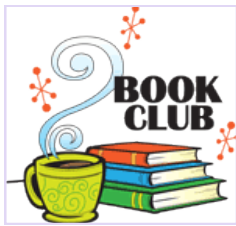
I am looking for a group of volunteers from Trinity to work with me and hundreds of other volunteers on April 27 on selected homes in need of general repairs, yardwork, landscaping, painting and some rehabilitation. All supplies will be provided, and I will update everyone on the scope of work prior to the event. So far, we have 12 homes in this neighborhood that qualify to receive our assistance.

To join our team and to learn more about the event, please visit www.revitalizecdc.com. Please register under Trinity! You will see us listed as a team. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to provide financial support, you can also make your donation to our team on this website.

This is a great opportunity to be a blessing to others and to help those in need! Let’s show our neighbors what happens “when two or more gather in His name”!

Thank you all for your support!

Sincerely,
Gary Stone, Trinity Missions/ Revitalize CDC Board Member



The Women’s Book Club

The Women’s Book Club will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. “Nominated for the *Goodreads*’ 2023 Best Novel Award, *Remarkably Bright*

Creatures, an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope, traces a widow’s unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. Shelby Van Pelt’s debut novel is a gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible.” All women are welcome. Contact Jane S for the link or questions.



Trinity Community Gallery

The Trinity Community Gallery is showcasing the art of local artist Chris Jennison during the month of April. Chris came to art late in life. He creates comic strips and graphic novels and has written the children’s book, “Billy Frog Adventures”. Enjoy this refreshing exhibit throughout the month of April!

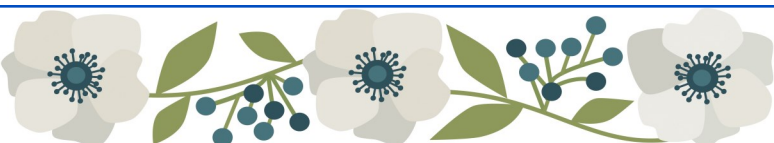


Gallery to Showcase Trinity Artists

The Trinity Community Gallery will feature the art of Trinity members during the month of July. Artists from ages 5 - 100 are invited to display their art. Start thinking about what you would like to share! Limit of 3 pieces per person. Speak to Vera Baker or e-mail gallery-cafe@trinityspringfield.org if you have questions.

“Quote”

“Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and the shadow of April showers.”
~ Byran Caldwell Smith



Pastor's Attic Tag Sale



Time to begin spring cleaning. We are accepting donations of the following items for the sale that will be held in Asbury Hall on June 1, 2024, from 9am until 3pm.

- Clothing: Men's, Women's, Children's, gently used and laundered
- Shoes, purses, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, etc.
- Jewelry and jewelry boxes
- Kitchenware: dishes, pots, pans, utensils, flatware, etc.
- Household goods: bedding, towels, decorative pillows, lamps, etc.
- Small electronics in working order: toasters, blenders, mixers, radios, etc.
- Toys/games
- Collectibles, art, decorative glass, antiques
- Sports gear: racquets, clubs, bats, helmets
- Small furniture: items that can be carried by one person, occasional table, chairs
- Hangers, reusable bags (paper or plastic), newspaper

All items should be gently used and in good working order. **We cannot accept the following items:**

- Microwaves, Televisions, Computers, Computer Monitors, bed pillows, mattresses, exercise equipment, bicycles, sofas, pianos.

We will receive donations on the following dates, be sure to tell your friends and family.



Saturday April 27 th	9:00 – 12:00
Sunday May 5 th	12:00 – 2:00
Saturday May 11 th	9:00 – 12:00
Saturday May 18 th	9:00 – 12:00
Sunday May 19 th	12:00 – 1:00

If you have questions or special requests, please email Fred Lewis



The Carillon

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church, welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



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Church Administrator:
Director of Family Ministries and Connections:
Administrative Assistant:
Head Sexton:

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Jeff Bennett (x202)
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