

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...



Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Sometimes in the busyness of life it’s easy to forget about the concepts of Sabbath and rest. We live in anxious times and the responsibilities we have to build a more just and compassionate world are greater than ever. But we shall find ourselves inadequate to the task if we do not exercise self-nurturing and if we do not observe Sabbath rest.

In the midst of this busy season, I encourage you to slow down and to take account of all that is going on around you. Fill your lives with activities that feed your soul. Making

time for Sabbath and rest in our lives is counter-culture. Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann argues as much in his book Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now. In this wonderful little book he illustrates how Sabbath is an act of resistance against the tyranny of work, anxiety and dissatisfaction brought about by greed and an economy of scarcity.

Self-care is our mechanism to care for others. It can be a place where we can find the healing and rest necessary for the long road ahead. And in self-care, we find that we become better at caring for others, because we will have learned the lessons of compassion, of mercy, of grace, and of love deep within us. And in so doing, we will become capable of radiating that compassion, mercy, grace, and love into all the world by ensuring our deeds match our words.

A few years ago, a mainline Protestant denomination adopted the slogan, “God is Still Speaking.” Do you sense that God is speaking to you in these unsettled times? Will you take into consideration that still small voice the prophet Elijah heard? I encourage you to be attentive. This Spring, while observing the practices of Sabbath and self care, I too, will be listening for the voice of God and contemplating on the important lessons of mercy, grace, and love; and their correlation to the work of justice, community building, and the transformation of social structures. Would you like to be in conversation? I would be grateful for the opportunity to talk with you perhaps over a cup of coffee.

May you be showered with God’s blessings,

Dr. C



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Trinity’s office and building will be closed on **Monday, April 21** in observance of Patriot’s Day!

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Please Pray for These Members/Friends:



Jim A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Pat C, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Thomas S, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



We Offer Our Christian Sympathy & Prayers:

To Tammy , Anthony and Nicholas S and family, upon the unexpected passing of Tammy's father, Larry D.

To Nate & Camille T and family, upon the passing of Nate's sister, Mary (T) G.

To Bill S and family, upon the death of longtime Trinity member and friend, Jane S. We will know the service information in time for Thursday Thoughts.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this very difficult time.

Thank You Notes



Thanks so much for the beautiful altar flowers that I received in honor of my birthday. They are brightening my days and reminding me of my Trinity Family and how much all the wonderful folks at Trinity mean to me. Thanks also for the cards and birthday wishes. There are some advantages to getting older!

Clara Lee S

Altar Ministry

The Worship Committee would like to thank Judy Wing for serving as our coordinator of Altar Ministry. We have greatly appreciated her caring work and attention to detail during her tenure. The Altar Ministry is one of hospitality as the volunteers prepare the altar each week for



our worship services. Their work includes making certain the candles are filled with oil, placing the flowers on the altar, and on communion Sundays setting the Table of the Lord so we might all share in communion.

If you would like to be a part of this hospitality ministry please email worship@trinityspringfield.org or get in touch with Lisa Everett or Cathy MacGovern. Thank you!



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
- 4/9 Molly H
- 4/10 Glenn B-L, Beverly C
- 4/11 Gary B, Melissa B, Isaiah T
- 4/12 Bing S, *James & Jennifer S*
- 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 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
- 4/28 Alex L
- 4/29 Shonali B
- 4/30 Sue S, KC W



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

4/1 Emile P

No Milestone Anniversaries



New Members Class - Saturday, May 17, 2025

Are you new to the church and interested in learning more? Have you been attending Trinity UMC for a while and would like to learn

more about the church and its work in the community? Would you like more information about how to become a member of this dynamic congregation? Then we have good news for you! We have an opportunity for you to attend a **New Member Orientation on Saturday, May 17, 2025** from 10 a.m. to noon in the Trinity Parkside Café. Come and enjoy a continental breakfast and have your questions answered, you will be glad you did! If you decide to join you will be received into church membership on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

Please let Doreen in the office know today if you are interested in attending the class email doreen@trinityspringfield.org or call 413-737-5311 Thank you.



Photos

Photos from the Arm in Arm Concert are available on the Trinity Website at: <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/events/arm-in-arm-photos/>



Be the Change!

Dear friends,
We are experiencing a challenging year: wars, political turmoil, and momentous shifts in direction. Many of us are feeling unsettled, fearful, and powerless. With this in mind, Trinity's Missions Committee has begun planning an event that we hope will help our members to regain a sense of agency and purpose.

We will be hosting a **Community Volunteer Fair on Sunday, May 18, from 1-4 p.m.** A variety of organizations that use volunteer help will be invited to present their missions and needs. Our goal will be to offer, to those who may be searching, meaningful opportunities to make a difference and some new ways to connect with our community. Volunteer opportunities in a variety of fields and for a range of ages 14 and up will be available. All of the organizations are in Hampden County.

Mahatma Ghandi, one of the prominent figures in our Sanctuary's beautiful stained glass windows, advised us to "be the change that you wish to see in the world". We all have the ability to create positive change. So save the date, get ready for action, and look for more details to come about this upcoming event!

Pastor's Attic Tag Sale **The Pastor's Attic Tag Sale**



Remember that box in the basement that you haven't looked at in years, or the things you have stored in the attic and have forgotten about? Those items are exactly what we are looking for, for the next Pastor's Attic Tag Sale in June. Drop-off dates to be announced soon.



April Rose Window

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



Trav'ling Home: American Spirituals, 1770-1870

Bing Productions is pleased to present The Boston Camerata in a performance of their program Trav'ling Home: American Spirituals, 1770-1870, on **Saturday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m.** The concert will take place in Asbury Hall.

This program will trace the migratory currents and flows of early American song, largely spiritual but also secular.

Tickets are \$25 and available thru Eventbrite or at the door.

Please click here for more information: <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/connect/news-and-events/>



Revitalize CDC
Rebuilding our Community Since 1992

Revitalize CDC / Green N Fit Springfield

Date: Saturday, April 26

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 13 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 26 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 and will be providing updated information & instructions prior to the event.

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



Trinity Community Gallery

The featured gallery artist this month is Carol Adamski-Maggi. She is a painter who specializes in animal and people portraits. Her primary mediums are watercolors and acrylics, but she also works in oils and pencil. She likes combining collage and 3 dimensional details to her artwork as well.



Thoughts on our Theme

“I am the vine; you are the branches.”

Our Lenten devotional, Cultivating and Letting Go by A Sanctified Art, has been a good companion through Lent. This month our journey will end with a glorious celebration of Easter. In anticipation of the culmination of this season spend some time with these words from the prayer “The New Creation” by Sarah Are found on page 50 of the Lenten booklet:

“So this Easter season I plan to place my heart under big trees and blue skies, Because the broken parts of me need a type of garden-like healing.”

April is the month of garden surprises – a crocus popping up, a daffodil opening. Color and beauty return to the garden and remind us that they were there all along. What for you still needs a garden-like healing? What is the new life in you that has been there all along?



The Women’s Book Club

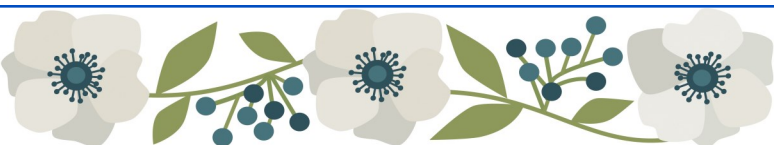
The Women’s Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. To discuss *One Perfect Lie* by Lisa Scottoline “Enthralling and suspenseful, Lisa Scottoline’s *New York Times*

bestseller, *One Perfect Lie*, is an emotional thriller and a suburban crime story that will have readers riveted up to the shocking end, with killer twists and characters you won’t soon forget.” ~ Amazon Email Arlene M for the link or any questions.

“Quote”

“Came the spring with all its splendor, all its birds and blossoms, all its flowers, and leaves, and grasses!”

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow





Trinity's Kitchen

The kitchen was cleaned this week. We ask everyone who uses the kitchen to leave it clean and clutter-free with everything put back in its place including dishes put away after washing. If any food is leftover without a note, it is likely to be discarded. Together we can keep the kitchen clean. Thank you.



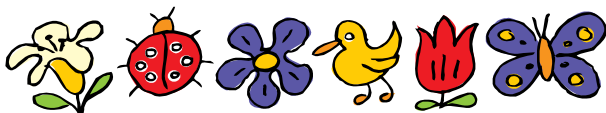
Temporary Building Hour Change

Due to a shortage in personnel at this time, the building will close after the last scheduled event on the calendar each evening. We are asking committees and groups, if possible, to have their meetings via ZOOM instead of in-person. Please make sure all meetings are arranged in advance with the church office. We will return to regular evening business hours as usual in the future.



A New Program at Trinity UMC

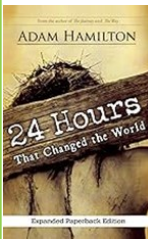
An exciting new program is starting at Trinity beginning in April called Nourish Your Career. It's a program that will teach culinary skills and offer food service certifications for people entering the job market. This is yet another way our church is in ministry together with our community. Please contact Dr. Calhoun if you have any questions.



Book Studies with Rev. Dr. Calhoun in the Gallery & Café

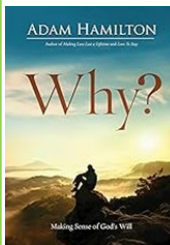
These books can all be ordered on Amazon. Please email Doreen in the office at doreen@trinityspringfield.org to let her know which class(es) you will be attending. All classes are held in the Trinity Community Gallery and the Parkside Café. Thank you.

Lenten Book Study – 24 Hours That Changed the World



No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Join Rev. Dr. David Calhoun in this Lenten journey, as Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether you are a long-time Christian or

simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, you are invited to join this **Lenten study** in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. **There are two Mondays remaining, April 7 & 14, 12-1:30 p.m. or 5:30—7:00 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch/dinner.**



Why? Making Sense of God's Will

When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when a community is wiped away by wildfires taking away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation? When we lift our prayers to God, and no answer seems to come; when we earnestly seek to know the will of God for our lives, yet can't seem to discern it; when God seems far away; where is God? Join Rev. Dr. Calhoun as we explore best-selling author Adam Hamilton's fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, we will discuss how we can comprehend God's plan for the world and ourselves. **Mondays, September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 2025 - 12-1:30 p.m.**



Goodbye Murphy's Law: Whatever Can Go Wrong God Can Make Right

We live in a world where people tend to expect the worst. But God has an amazing plan for each of us, and this plan is not some elusive, mystical riddle we cannot decipher. We can move past dry spells and give up dread and fear. We can shape a vision for our life that is large and special and meaningful. Join Rev. Dr. David Calhoun as we explore this marvelous little book by Judy Pace Christie as she encourages us to seek and discover God's will in our lives through listening, discernment, prayer, and perseverance. We will discuss ten important questions to help us live a more hopeful, encouraging, engaging, caring, eloquent, practical, prayerful, devoted, Christ-centered, life. Judy Pace Christie encourages us "To do our best and trust that God will do the rest." **Mondays, November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 2025 - 12-1:30 p.m.**

Future Studies (Dates to be Determined):

Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses, by James W. Moore

The Undivided Soul by Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan

LentLab

All through Lent, you've watched Rob do cool experiments. Well, now it's your turn! Come to LentLab and you'll get the opportunity to do all those experiments (and more!).

5:00 - April 13 - Asbury Hall
Dinner will be served afterwards!

Support Trinity Confirmands as They Head to CityReach



Confirmation Project

A group of Trinity Confirmands are heading to CityReach to learn from and serve with those experiencing homelessness in Boston. This should be a really exciting and illuminating experience. We need your support. Here are some ways you can help:

- During our trip, we'll be distributing clothes to those in need. We are asked to bring clothes to donate- so on Sunday, April 6, we'll be collecting clothes to be donated. We've been asked to bring clothes that are useful to people living outside- so think large items that can be used for layering and sturdy pants. Also, new underwear and white socks are always appreciated. If you're willing to go to the store and pick up a pack of underwear or socks, that'd be great! There will be a bin in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your items. The confirmands will sort prior to their trip!
- We will also be preparing bag lunches. So, if you are willing to donate items to make sandwiches, soft fruit (clementines, bananas), a protein item (individually packed nuts, hard-boiled eggs, hummus packs), or individually packed treats- we'd love it! We need to have supplies for 50 bagged lunches!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rob at directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org.

Let's continue the tradition of...

Pizza, Palms Crosses, and Prince of Egypt

April 12, 2025
6:30 - Palm Cross Tutorial and Pizza
7:00 - Prince of Egypt

THIS IS A FUN NIGHT CREATING PALM CROSSES FOR OUR PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP AND ENJOYING A FASTASTIC MOVIE- THE PRINCE OF EGYPT!

JOIN TRINITY UMC FOR OUR ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 19, 2025
10:00 - Easter Activities
11:00 - Easter Egg Hunt

361 SUMNER AVENUE,
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01108



Friday Lenten Mid-Day Services

Join us on Fridays for a mid-day service from 12:00 noon-12:30 p.m. through Good Friday, April 18. The services will include music and the speaker of the day.

Good Friday Only - A Simple Meal

On Good Friday **only**, we will have a simply meal following the noon service of soup and bread.



Easter Breakfast Invitation

Easter Breakfast will be served in Asbury Hall on Easter Sunday morning **April 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** Please join us for

scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, fresh fruit cup, juice, coffee and tea. A free will offering will be collected. We look forward to sharing this long-standing Trinity tradition with you and your family.



Holy Week at a Glance

April 13 - 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

April 17 - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Join us for a reflection of Christ's sacrifice through prayer, music, and a celebration of communion in Grace Chapel.

April 18 - Noon, Good Friday Mid-day

A service led by Rev. Calhoun followed by a simple meal of soup and bread.

7 p.m. Good Friday Evening Service

Bear witness to Christ's sacrifice with reverence, hope, and awe in the Sanctuary.

April 19- Holy Saturday

10 a.m. Easter Activities

11 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

April 20 - 8:30-10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

Join us for a Grand Easter Celebration in person and live stream in the Sanctuary.



Please Order Your Living Memorial Easter Plant(s) Early!

Please help beautify our altar this Easter Sunday, April 20, with an assortment of Easter plants in **memory** or **honor** of a loved one. We ask that you take your plant(s) home with you or give it/them to someone you know who would appreciate it following the Easter service. **We only have 45 plants this year, so we are asking people to purchase one plant and put additional names on that plant. If at the end we have extras we will reach out to see if people want to purchase additional plants.** Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate with your payment or mail it to the church.

The final deadline is Monday, April 18 by noon to ensure the plant's quality. The donation for each plant is \$20.00.

Indicate for each plant, if it is in **memory** or **honor** of the person(s) listed.

Your Name(s):

Please circle one below

Memory or Honor

Name of person(s) being remembered/honored

1. _____

2. _____

Total \$ _____



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.

