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All About People

Trinity United Methodist is an amazing church and I am so happy to be your pastor! I'm about to brag on your behalf, so bear with me, you are my bragging point!

You know that sometimes I refer to the church as the Body of Christ, or as the Family of Faith, or as the Trinity family. For me, it is all the same thing. It is about people, the people of Trinity United Methodist Church. If you are connected in any way, you are my greatest source of pride.

Some folks in the church will be uncomfortable with being "bragged on" because they are humble people. Others will wrestle with matters of pride and not want to seem "puffed up" in their outward faith. I understand all of those issues and I respect your thoughts.

However, I must tell you, in all sincerity—and I mean this from the bottom of my heart—this is an incredible church.

And we all know a church is not a building, not just a place for worship, not even a location for service to the world. The church is all about people. Without people, there would be no church.

This Easter, we've woven together a tapestry of connections through art, dance, and music to create a wonderful Easter celebration. From our dedicated staff to our diverse ensemble of talent, every note is a testament to the community we've built. So when I tell you that there will be hundreds of people with us for worship on Easter morning . . . you will know it's all about people.

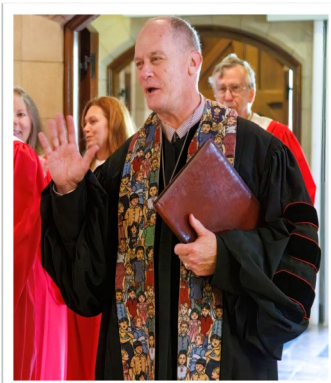
I could also tell you about the servant leaders who give time to meet in the evenings to make administrative decisions that impact the health and vision of the church. Or I could talk about the teachers who offer themselves faithfully through preparation and presentation. I could easily add the folks who provide a warm spirit of hospitality on Sunday mornings. In these situations (and many, many more) you would know I am talking about people – wonderful people who are living their faith every day.

I give thanks for you. I tell everyone about you. And I rejoice that my family and I are blessed to be a part of this special place we call home and these people we call co-workers in Christ.

I am looking forward to seeing you very soon!

May the Peace of Christ be yours,

David



OUR MISSION:

CELEBRATE God's love.

NURTURE relationships with God and one another.

SERVE our community and world, as we share the light of Christ.

Trinity is a Reconciling Congregation of The United Methodist Church.



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Trinity's office and building will be closed on **Monday, April 20** in observance of Patriot's Day!

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Please Pray for These Members/Friends:

Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, Courtney H, Dave J, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Arlene M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Shawn R, Jen

R, Jim S, Carl S, Ruth S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life for Rev. Dr. Henry "Bing" S will be on, Sunday, April 12, 2:00 p.m. at Hazardville UMC, 30 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT. 06082.



Congratulations a New Baby Boy!

Congratulations to Trinity member Christina H and her husband, Kevin, they welcomed their son, Kelly Manning H, into this world. Congratulations also to Trinity members: Caroline and Eric M, Kelly's aunt and uncle and Greg and Karen As, Kelly's grandparents.



2026 Graduates

Are you or is someone in your family graduating this year? If you have a 2026 high school or college graduate-to-be, please let Lisa Bakowski know

by emailing: graduates@trinityspringfield.org. We want to make sure that all of our graduates are recognized.



Thank You Notes

To all my Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for the prayers, well wishes, cards, visits, and flowers during my four months of chemotherapy. Also, thank you for the altar flowers delivered by Dawn Whitney. I have been with Trinity since I was seven years old and feel truly blessed to have this congregation as my church family. Thank you for your support!

Diane M

To Trinity UMC,

Thank you for the altar flowers for my birthday.

Thank you again,

Ruth H



Regular Birthdays
Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics)
S - Staff

- 4/1 Elizabeth C
- 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, Dina C, Devon M, Merrill S
- 4/9 Molly H
- 4/10 Beverly C, Glenn B-L
- 4/11 Gary B, Melissa B, Isaiah T
- 4/12 Lucas R, *James & Jennifer S*
- 4/13 Kenneth B, *Robert & Carol H*
- 4/14 Emilia C
- 4/15 Bruce M
- 4/17 Ruth S
- 4/19 Abney S, Camille T
- 4/20 Helen A, Thomas H, Nancy H
- 4/21 Mallory F, Wendy R
- 4/22 Patrick L, Isabelle R, *Alan & Molly H*
- 4/23 Samuel F, 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 KC W



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

- 4/1 Emile P
- 4/4 Glen M
- 4/16 Shirley F
- 4/20 Brenda G
- 4/30 Sue S

Milestone Anniversary Every 5 years

4/19 José (Hector) & Aurie I

OUR CHURCH'S



FINANCIAL Improvement

Financial Improvement Tax Force

The Administrative Council sanctioned a Financial Improvement task force at its January meeting to review expenses and explore new ways to generate income to supplement the budget. The committee has been working on several ideas such as:

- Expansion of building use
- Exploring an on-site Thrift Shop
- Developing a strategy around utility costs
- Expansion of the cell tower program

We invite anyone who has ideas or who would like to participate in these activities to reach out to Fred Lewis at: adminCouncil@trinityspringfield.org or Debra Rogers at: stewardship@trinityspringfield.org.



New Member Orientation

Are you new to the church and interested in learning more? Have you been attending Trinity UMC and would like to learn about its work in the community and/or about becoming a member of this dynamic congregation? We

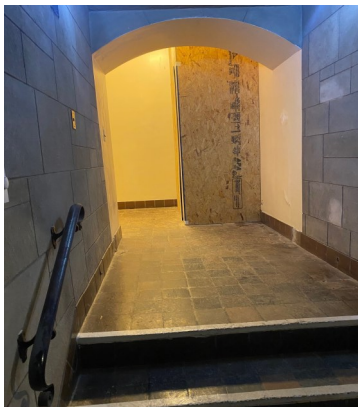
will be having a **New Member Orientation on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. -12 noon in the Trinity Parkside Café** with a continental breakfast. Please join us and we will answer any questions you have. If you decide to join after attending the class, you will be received into church membership during a Sunday morning worship service after filling out some paperwork and submitting a short bio. If you would like to attend the class, please email Doreen at the church office: doreen@trinityspringfield.org.

There will be No Chapel Kids on April 12, 2026



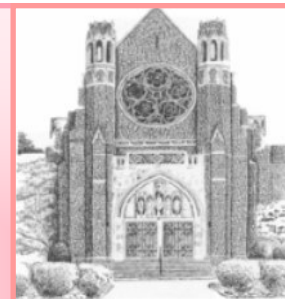
Due to staffing shortages, we will not be able to hold Chapel Kids on April 12. Chapel Kids relies on volunteers, so this is a great opportunity to ask- would you like to be a part of Chapel Kids to help prevent such shortages? If so, email Rob at:

directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org.



Accessibility Project

Things are progressing. The elevator is not totally complete. If needed, on Sundays, you can access the sanctuary through the accessibility ramp near the Grace Chapel entrance. The front sanctuary and chapel entrances are also open on Sundays. Monday—Friday, please enter either through the Hale Room (in the rear) or the Community doors (in the front) during the week. We've saved money in some areas which has helped to offset unexpected costs that have come up. There is work going on in several areas of the building, most of it very dusty and noisy. Some of the highlights are [here](#). Reminder: A web page has been created to track the progress on this project. It will be updated regularly as the construction progresses. You can find these pictures [here](#).



April Rose Window

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

April 10 - In loving memory of David Coffin, Jr., from his mom, Barbara

April 16 - Anonymous

April 18 - Anonymous

April 23 - Anonymous

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





Revitalize CDC
Rebuilding our Community Since 1992

Revitalize CDC / Green N Fit Springfield

Date: Saturday, April 25

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

Location: Info will be provided

Hello Team Trinity. Revitalize CDC focuses 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 14 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 25 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. Over 600 volunteers will be working on 15-20 homes in the Springfield area that qualify to receive our assistance. This is a great team effort.

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.

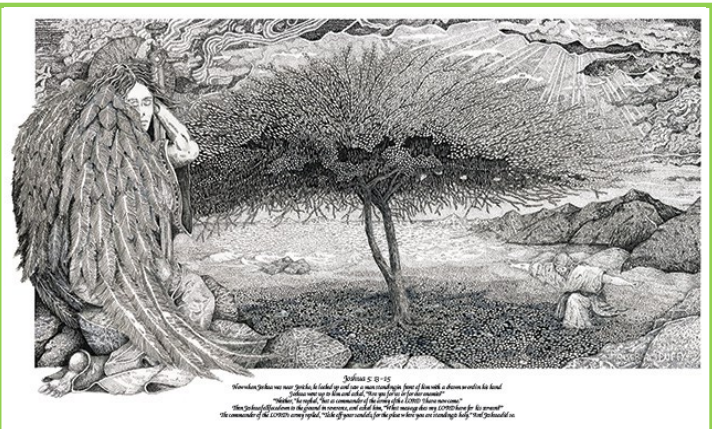
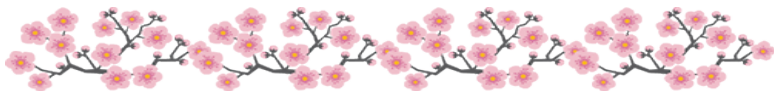
This is a great opportunity to be a blessing to others and to help those in need! Let's show our neighbors what happens "when two or more gather in His name"!

Thank you all for your support!

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

Would You Like to Join the Trinity Tech Team?

Do you consider 'muting yourself on Zoom' a spiritual gift? Then the Trinity Tech Team is for you! We handle the church's livestream each Sunday and keep the audio and PA system running smoothly. Don't worry if you're not a pro. If you can move a computer mouse and want to serve, we'll train you. We ask for just a once-a-month commitment, and anyone age 13 and up is welcome to join. Interested? You can reach out to the tech team by emailing: trinitytechteam@trinityspringfield.org.

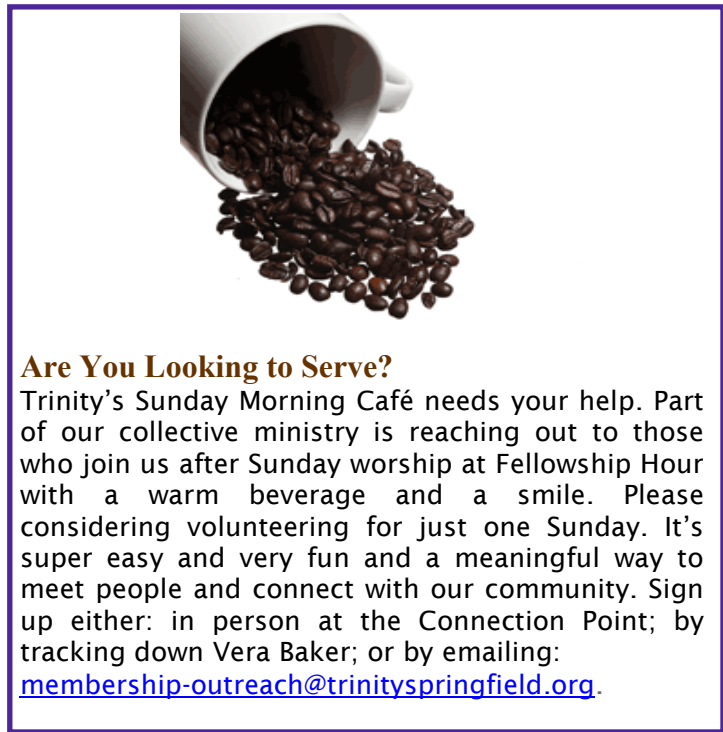


Trinity Community Gallery April Exhibit

"JUST INK"

Although Pen & Ink is the oldest form of illustration and writing known to mankind, it has been overlooked and almost forgotten in this modern age of technology.

April's artist Roger Duffy began creating works in Pen & Ink at the age of 17. He has participated in Juried Exhibitions, group shows, museums, storefront galleries, and on-line exhibitions. Exhibiting illustrations that have taken around six months each to complete and to see dozens of illustrations hanging each with its own technique, style and composition is a gift.



Are You Looking to Serve?

Trinity's Sunday Morning Café needs your help. Part of our collective ministry is reaching out to those who join us after Sunday worship at Fellowship Hour with a warm beverage and a smile. Please considering volunteering for just one Sunday. It's super easy and very fun and a meaningful way to meet people and connect with our community. Sign up either: in person at the Connection Point; by tracking down Vera Baker; or by emailing: membership-outreach@trinityspringfield.org.

"Quote"

"Be here now, be like the sun
You need no permission to exist,
To rise, to shine. -Ram Dass

Pastor's Attic Tag Sale

Saturday, June 6, 2026

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Asbury Hall



Help spread the word, invite friends, family, and neighbors to donate and shop!

We Accept:

- Clothing: Men's, Women's, Children's; laundered
- Shoes, purses, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, ties, etc.
- Jewelry and jewelry boxes
- Kitchenware: dishes, pots, pans, utensils, flatware, etc.
- Household goods: towels, clocks, 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, skis, etc.
- Small furniture: items that can be carried by one-person, occasional table, chairs

All items should be gently used, clean, and in good working order.

We Cannot Accept:

- Underwear or sleepwear
- Stuffed animals or pillows
- Upholstered furniture or mattresses
- Computers, monitors, TVs, or books
- Pianos
- Car Seats
- Medical equipment

Donation Drop-Off Schedule (Asbury Hall):

Sat	May 16 th	9:00 – 1:00
Sun	May 31 st	12:00 -2:00
Mon	June 1 st	9:00 – 2:00
Tue	June 2 nd	9:00 – 2:00
Wed	June 3 rd	9:00 – 2:00

If you have questions or special requests, please email Fred Lewis pumpkinpatch@trinityspringfield.org.



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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.

