



## *The Carillon* - January 2026, Vol. 98 Issue 1 - Trinity United Methodist Church

### The Best is Yet to Be

Well my friends, a new year has begun at Trinity United Methodist church! It has been said, "If you do not know your past, you won't know your future." As I look at our church's history, it could be said that God has provided us with days of testing as well as days of unparalleled opportunity. Several things come to mind as I think about my ministry at this amazing church. We are a congregation which has been known for its humble service to the community vision, and dedication to mission. Our congregation has also been known for its grass roots involvement and its commitment to community.

Children and youth have been highly valued, and not merely numbers on a class list in the Sunday school. People are called by name and welcomed as friends. There has been a fresh awareness and expectation that God is doing something extraordinary. The vision of the world starting with our doorstep was cast with boldness by our spiritual ancestors.

Let's not forget what brought us here. Allow me to review: a commitment to prayer as the base for any decision or direction; leaders that are best known for their humble service; people who reject "spectator Christianity" in favor of authentic involvement; hard work; vision that compels; a strong commitment to mission; a vital connection to be missional in the community beyond our doors; being real with God and real with people; affirming that hurting people are attracted to a loving community where they will be accepted; believing in and building the next generation of Christian leaders.

Together, with those who have gone before us, we have built a solid foundation upon which our church currently stands. However, as I glance into the future, other things come to mind. Just in case you haven't noticed . . . Trinity is growing and developing into a larger church with a broadening scope of ministries. Look around you, signs of it are everywhere! Growth is normal, desirable, and a sign of the blessing of God in our midst.

Please keep our church in your thoughts and prayers. This is a very important time in the life of Trinity. We are shaping the future through deliberate action. I hope you will all participate as we plan for the future of our church and its ministries! The best is yet to be. Watch for more details.

I will look for you in church . . .

*Dr. David Calhoun*



### 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 (except for BHF Rehearsals) Thursday, January 1, in observance of the New Year!

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### Please Pray for:

Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Mark F, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Diane M, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, Les P, Catherine Ann R, Jen R, Sue S and family, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



### January Rose Window

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

**Jan. 10** - In loving memory of David C, from his mom, Barbara.

**Jan. 27** - In loving memory of Ted & Jane C, from Ted & Judy.



### Thank You Note

Thank you so much for welcoming me with such warmth! So Happy to be part of this community!

*Lyn N*

# JANUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Regular Birthdays Wedding Anniversaries (*Italics*)

1/1 Tandy B, Dustin K, Russell M, Matthew R  
1/2 Christopher W  
1/3 Shelmith W  
1/4 Daniel I  
1/6 Jennie H, *Rich & Ashby Pack*  
1/8 Clayton C  
1/9 Nate O  
1/11 Kathleen C, Levi V  
1/12 Doreen B, Verna N, Nic O, Nathan W  
1/13 Karen S  
1/14 Rondi A  
1/15 Olga A, Jason P, Georgia R  
1/16 Leonard A, Daniel M  
1/17 Patrick H, Adelyn O  
1/18 Carolyn B, Kathleen E, Meriel E  
1/22 Frank C, Gavin M, Coulter O  
1/23 Ruth K  
1/24 Mathew H, Tony I, Linda S  
1/25 Beth M-P  
1/26 Eli B, Emily B  
1/27 Tammy S  
1/28 Amia C, Rich P  
1/30 Megan M  
1/31 Benjamin H, Grace M, Mattie R



### Milestone Birthdays 75 / Every 5 After & 90 & Over

1/6 Christine S

1/12 Leslie H



### Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 yrs.

No Milestone Anniversaries this month.



### Trinity Youth Fellowship (YF) News

Trinity Youth celebrated their last Youth Fellowship of 2025 by stuffing hygiene kits for Open Pantry. Facilitated by the Sharrards, the youth stuff over a hundred kits to be delivered to people in need. We've got great youth here at Trinity!



## BHf YOUTH SKATING



January 9, 2026

Skate the night away to celebrate the first performance of the Boar's Head Festival! The party starts at 10:00pm and ends at midnight!

10\$

InterSkate 91 South

## EASTER EGG HUNT



WANT TO HELP?



Rob is looking for a crew of people who are willing to help (planning and staffing) with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2026. If you're interested, please email him!







## Boar's Head Festival Receptions

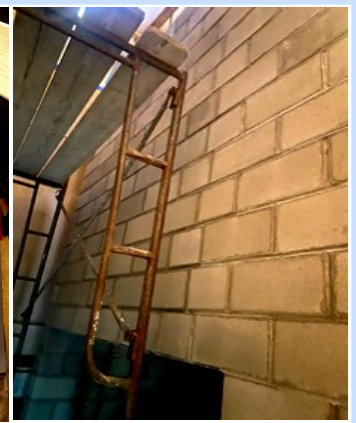
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the receptions following the performances. We still need one or two more helpers (especially Friday evening and Sunday afternoon) for each show, so please let Debra Rogers know if you are able to help.

We also need cookies – lots of them. Drop-off of cookies times:

- Thursday, January 8, 5-8 p.m.
- Friday, January 9, 2-8 p.m.
- Saturday, January 10 and Sunday, January 11 – anytime

Please be sure cookies are in sealed/airtight packaging to ensure freshness. If you have a container you would like returned, please be sure your name is on it.

Thank you!



## Trustees Update: Accessibility Project

Progress continues at a good pace on our accessibility project. There is new signage (see above) at the construction enclosure in the East transept of the sanctuary. We hope the signage will help inform people why the plastic enclosure is in the transept.

The masonry construction for the new elevator shaft is nearly complete (see above).

## The 2026 Boar's Head Festival Calendars



The Calendars featuring pictures from the 2025 production are **on sale this Sunday after worship in the foyer and will also be available at the Boar's Head Festival Marketplace Cart.** The calendars have 13 different pictures depicting the Boar's Head Festival.

The cost is still just \$20 for these beautiful calendars. All proceeds go to the Boar's Head Festival. Get yours before they sell out.



## Christmas Isn't Over Until the Three Kings Sing - Boar's Head Festival Tickets Still Available

There are still tickets available for all five performances. The Friday and Sunday evening performances have the best choice of seats. Best afternoon seats are at the Sunday matinee. Tickets can be purchased through Trinity's website by clicking [here](#).

Word of mouth (or these days shared Facebook "likes") has always been our best way of advertising the Festival. If you subscribe to Trinity's Facebook page please share the Boar's Head Festival posts with your family & friends. Be sure to comment if you are in the show or have some special Boar's Head memories to share.

Sign Up QR Code



## Ironing Volunteers Needed!

The BHF Wardrobe Committee is looking for volunteers to help iron costumes. The library will be open during rehearsals with directions, irons, and costumes. Bring a friend and help as long as you can! Use the QR code to go to our digital sign-up sheet for these dates below.

1/1 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 1/3 - 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.,

1/4 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 1/6 - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



## For two hours... Quiet Anticipation

What do poetry, scripture, music, candlelight, and stations have in common? They were all part of the Advent Silent Retreat led by Rob Powell. Two hours set apart from the busyness of our lives; an hour of silence as we moved from station to station or simply sat (or lay down) in our inspiring sanctuary or chapel.

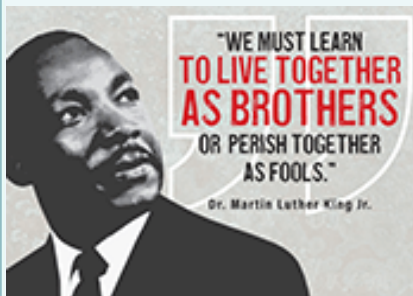


Consider the Light: Where do I yearn for God's light to shine?



The Night Sky: What are you watching for?

If you would like to go deeper, to ponder questions or scriptures or what God is doing in your life, consider being a part of the next silent retreat. Come even if you don't think you can do silence. You may find that sharing in the quiet with a community is exactly what you need.



### The MLK Scholarship Breakfast!

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast sponsored by Wesley United Methodist church is coming up on Saturday, January 17. Besides an inspiring keynote address and great music, scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students in the Springfield area. (More info at [www.wesley413.com](http://www.wesley413.com).)

The Missions Committee has reserved a table for ten in support of our sisters and brothers from Wesley. Reserve a seat at the table by contacting Cathy M.

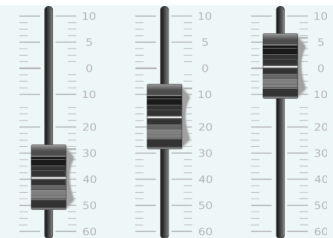


### Trinity Community Gallery January Exhibit

Jim Sharrard's photos of past Boar's Head Festivals will be exhibited in the gallery during the month of January. Stop by before or after worship to take a look!

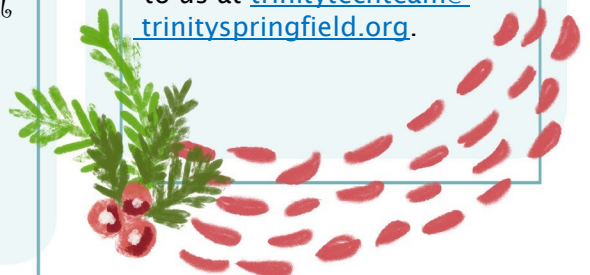
## Quote

"Just as winter gives way to spring, January is the first step toward the year's endless possibilities."  
~ Unknown



### 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? Reach out to us at [trinitytechteam@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:trinitytechteam@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.*