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Aligned in Love

Summertime is truly a magnificent season. I trust these warmer months are bringing you well-deserved moments of rest and rejuvenation. My summer has been filled with wonderful moments, though it has flown by in a blur of activity. Before long, the school year will be back upon us, and these warm summer days give way to the crisp beauty of autumn. I look forward to sharing the joy of the new season with you all.

As we look at what's ahead, I want to take a moment to celebrate a recent milestone: Our annual Pastor's Attic Tag Sale on June 6th was a wonderful success. It's always a joy to see our community come together. In that same spirit, we have a few important upcoming events in the life of the church that I would love to share with you.

As we continue to hold Rob Powell in our prayers following his departure in June, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is diligently working to find the right leader for our youth and families. June also brought a new face to our staff! Ashby Pack has joined us to lead our Sunday morning nursery.

July was a vibrant month at Trinity, highlighted by our new summer choir organized by Dr. Bruce Glenny, our Director of Music Ministries. The invitation was open to all who wished to sing, resulting in a series of truly remarkable performances.

We were also blessed to enjoy a second season of Summer Carillon Concerts under the leadership of Dr. Glenny. These live bell performances made a highly anticipated comeback, beautifully filling our local neighborhood with music once again.

Expect a busy and inspiring couple of months ahead as we move into August and September! I will also be teaching two new weekly Bible studies—one for young adults and one for adults.

Come be part of the excitement as we begin a new ministry year at Trinity UMC. Join the festivities, connect with our expanding programs, and see what the upcoming year has in store!

As we step into this new season, I look forward to being in ministry with each of you. It is always wonderful to connect as a church family.

Grateful for our shared walk,

David



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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, Donna G, Courtney H, Tony I, Pete L, Cristopher L, Diane M, Michelle & John O, Anna O, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, the family of Carl S, Ruth S, Lynn T, Tina W,

Allie W, Rev. Ronald B. Y – friend of Dr. Bruce G, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

Christian Sympathies to:

Michelle & John O and family – Michelle's mother, Barbara S passed away.

The family of Carl S. Carl passed away. No service date has been set at this time.



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity family & friends,

I am sorry it took so long to get this thank you note out. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the cards, gift cards, well wishes and love offering! You are all been such a blessing to me!

God bless you all!

Doreen

We send out to Trinity a hearty THANK YOU for all the prayers, cards, and visits during our mother's (Arlene M's) illness and passing. From the people who visited her in the hospital and rehab, to those who sent cards to cheer her up. Trinity always shows up for church family and this time was no different. When there was a glitch with drinks at the reception, several people stepped in to help get water to the group. It's things like this that keep us part of the Trinity family. Arlene would have been pleased with the service and reception. We thank you for that.

The M Family

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for helping me celebrate my 91st on July 9th. The interactions were 23 voice contacts - (visits on phone), 29 cards representing (8 states plus Vancouver Canada). Pat Clough Shaw called. She was the creator and Artistic Director of the first Boar's Head Festival in 1984. Becky R. Isaacson and Stephen E. Hays visited at home. What fun. I feel blessed to have been remembered by so many.

Edith

Dear Trinity friends,

Thank you very much for the beautiful flower arrangement for my birthday. I will enjoy it for a long time. Many thanks again.

Love,

Nancy M.

To the dear folks at Trinity Church,

I want to thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers delivered to me on my special day. I was queen for a day and a great party too!

Charlotte D



Regular Birthdays Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics) (S)- Staff

- 8/1 Ezekiel N
- 8/2 Erika R O (F)
- 8/3 Lisa B, Tommy B, Scarlett D, Michelle L
- 8/4 Lillian B, Andrea R
- 8/5 Andrew J, Arya S, Charlotte W,
Michael & Lamis J
- 8/6 Laura R, Penny S
- 8/7 Olivia B, Dora B, John K, Kimberly L
- 8/8 Thomas C, Alec M
- 8/9 Alicia P, Margo S
- 8/10 Cheryl B (J), Lindsey C, Reenie H, Caitlin O,
Jennifer R, *Richard & Mary Ann C*
- 8/11 Kamarie E, Colton W
- 8/12 Pat W
- 8/13 Dave J, Estuardo R
- 8/14 Patrick C
- 8/15 Paul J, Karen N, Ryan W, *Nancy & Tom M*
- 8/16 Edward L, Judson S, *Glenn & Karen B-L*
- 8/17 Pat D, Lalia H-R, Sierra H-R, Gunnar P,
Rachel P, Daniel T, *David & Priscilla F*
- 8/19 Ginger E, Sandra J, *Bruce & Sharon M*
- 8/20 Mia N-G, Elizabeth O
- 8/21 Caleb F
- 8/22 Sonja F, Lee M
- 8/23 Gina I (J)
- 8/24 Victoria A, Dylan K
- 8/25 Ellen B, Abigail P, *James F & Marcelle M-F*
- 8/26 Andrew B, Kay D, Abigail F, Daniel W,
Paul & Sandra J
- 8/27 Erin O
- 8/28 Ann G, Penelope W
- 8/29 McKenzie D, Thomas S
- 8/30 Alex A, Beverly R, Erica W
- 8/31 Lisa F, Becky I



Milestone Birthdays 75 & Every 5 yrs. After

8/9 Jo Anne E



No Milestone Anniversaries this Month



Trinity's Summer Choir

Have you ever wanted to sing with the Trinity Choir? Do you not have the time to make a full commitment to sing each Sunday? Here is an opportunity for you! On Sunday, August 30, I am inviting ANYONE of ANY age to come to the choir room at 9:30 a.m. to rehearse and then sing at the service. Come join members of the Trinity Choir and the congregation to present special music at the service. I hope to see you on August 30!

Bruce Glenny, Director of Music Ministries



Music Ministry and Dance Ensembles at Trinity

I am beginning my second year of ministry here at Trinity and I am very excited for the fall, when all the ensembles will be up and running. I invite all current, former, and potential singers and dancers to carefully read the dates and the schedule for startup. If you would like to join one of the ensembles, please reach out to me and I will find a place for you! I especially invite children, from first grade to high school, to consider being a part of this ministry. We have plenty of room for you!

THE CHORISTERS is an ensemble open to children in grades 1-5 which rehearses weekly on Sundays from 12:15-1:00 p.m. and sings 4-6 times during the program year.

THE CHAMBER CHOIR is an ensemble open to girls and boys in grades 6-12 which rehearses weekly on Sundays from 1:00-1:45 p.m. and sings 6-8 times during the program year.

THE YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR is an ensemble open to Youth with some music knowledge and rehearses weekly on Sundays from 1:45-2:30 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR is an ensemble open to all adults who like to sing and participate in a friendly group. Music reading is not necessary, just a willingness to learn! The chancel choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and sings each Sunday from September to June.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR is an ensemble open to adults who have a solid musical background and rehearses on Thursdays from 5:45- 6:45 p.m.

DANCE MOVEMENT CHOIR is an ensemble open to all ages and abilities, 6 years old to adults, and rehearses on Sundays from 12:15-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-1:45 p.m. The Dance Movement Choir shares movement/dance/ASL pieces with the congregation during the program year.

START UP DATES TO REMEMBER

CHORISTERS - September 20

CHAMBER CHOIR - September 20

YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR - September 20

CHANCEL CHOIR - September 10

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR - September 10

DANCE MOVEMENT CHOIR - September 20

For more information about these programs, please reach out to Dr. Bruce Glenny, Director of Music Ministries music@trinityspringfield.org.

For information about the Dance Movement Choir, please reach out to Amelia Hays-Rivest dancemovementchoir@trinityspringfield.org.

I look forward to meeting new and returning members of this ministry in September!

Dr. Bruce Glenny



August Rose Window

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

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

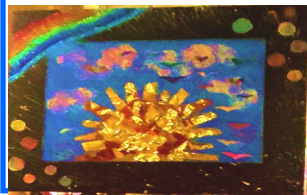
August 27 - In loving memory of Ted & Jane Chmura, from Ted & Judy

August 30 - Anonymous



It is a Girl!

Congratulations to Trinity member, Brendan Regan and his partner, Emily Parker on the birth of their first child a daughter named Hazel born Tuesday, July 21 in Portland Maine weighing in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. Hazel is the granddaughter of Trinity member Wendy Regan and her husband Mike.



Summer in the Trinity Gallery—Looking Up

Plan to check out the summer exhibit in the gallery featuring the art of Trinity's people. The centerpiece is the canvas Rob and the youth created during Lent. Other artists include Nicole Baker, David Baker, Noreen Acconcio, Joyce Belliveau, Chris Rigali, Chris Sterritt, Clara Lee Sharrard, Jim Sharrard, Lyn Nolan, Andrew Varnon and Lynette Varnon.



Nursery Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering in the Sunday Nursery alongside our Nursery Care Coordinator, Trinity member Ashby Pack, please contact Lisa Bakowski.



Accessibility Project Update

There is a lot of work happening on the accessibility project. You can access pictures and information about what has already been completed on our website [here](#).



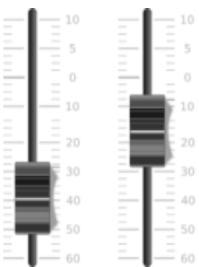
Are You Interested in Becoming an Acolyte?

Any youth in Fourth grade and up would be welcome! There will be a Training in September 2026. Any questions just ask Tina Warren.

I would love to have you with our current Acolytes!

Tina Warren,
Acolyte Coordinator

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 live-stream 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 at:

trinitytechteam@trinityspringfield.org. Thank you.

Save the Date for the 4th Annual Pumpkin Patch



As the hottest days of summer are upon us, we are busily preparing for the Pumpkin Patch Festival to be held on **Saturday, Oct. 10th**. We are accepting applications for craft vendors so if you know of anyone in the community that might be interested, please have

them email pumpkinpatch@trinityspringfield.org for an application.

Quote

August is like the Sunday of summer."

— Anonymous



Financial Improvement Plan (FIP) Task Force News

In March of this year, Debra Rogers and Fred Lewis shared an update regarding Trinity's budget and announced the formation of the Financial Improvement Plan (FIP) Task Force. The purpose of this team is to carefully review our financial position, identify opportunities to reduce expenses, and explore ways

to increase revenue through initiatives such as facility rentals and other ministry-supporting activities.

Since that time, the Task Force has continued to meet regularly and has made meaningful progress. The group has implemented several cost-saving measures and approved the development of a church thrift store, which we believe will provide an additional source of revenue while also serving our community. These efforts are intended to help ensure that the generous gifts entrusted to Trinity are used as effectively as possible to support and expand our mission and ministries.

The work of financial stewardship is an ongoing process, and we welcome the ideas, talents, and perspectives of our congregation. If you have suggestions or would like to become involved in this effort, we encourage you to contact any member of the Financial Improvement Plan Task Force.

FIP Task Force Members:

- Fred Lewis
- Debra Rogers
- Nate Olin
- Bob McKeown
- Alan Harwood
- Lisa Bakowski
- Hope Lewis

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and commitment to the ministries of Trinity United Methodist Church.



Stewardship & Finance Note

As we enter the final month of summer, please help us by continuing to pay your pledge (or prepay) so we are able to keep up with the monthly expenses here at Trinity. To make it easier you can schedule payments on line on our website: www.trinityspringfield.org under the give tab, then scroll down to the on-line giving. We appreciate your support always!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, WE WALK!

The Annual Greater Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will take place here at Trinity on October 4th! Since we started walking, our Walk has raised \$592,924.15 to support families all over the world, and this year Team Trinity's goal is to have 30 Walkers raise \$10,000, to support families and communities around the world and here in the Springfield area. In order to help us achieve this lofty goal, we have a matching grant again this year. For the Greater Springfield walk, we have a grant of \$20,000. All of your donations will be matched up to \$20,000.

In the past you have provided generational farmers livestock like cows, chickens, and pigs. The farmers are able to utilize the animals waste as compost fertilizer and improve the quality of their crops. You have helped Ukrainian refugees feel welcome and receive support they need as they have been forced to flee their homes. Your support has brought water into communities, so the children, especially the young girls are able to go to school, instead of walking miles to fetch water every day. Your support is helping our neighbors here in the Springfield area who receive support from Open Pantry, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, and the Western Mass Food Bank.

We know we can do more together than we can apart, and we hope you help us to come together and provide the support when our neighbors need us the most. The Team Trinity website will be up and running soon. Watch Thursday Thoughts for details. To register or to make a donation, the link can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like more information, see Diane Mackie or email her at missions@trinityspringfield.org.

Thank you and see you at the walk on Sunday, October 4!



New Member Orientation

Trinity is a growing and dynamic congregation of people. Many of you have been asking me when the next new member orientation is going to happen? We will having a new and prospective member gathering this fall and a date will be determined soon. Please email Doreen at doreen@trinityspringfield.org in the office to be put on the list for the next

informational meeting and enjoy a continental breakfast in the Trinity Parkside Café. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about Trinity and the United Methodist Church in general. If you choose to join after the orientation, you will be received into church membership on a Sunday during worship.

Blessings,
Dr. C.



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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.