

A Note from our Minister...



The Spirit is Alive and Well at Trinity

"We continually ask God to fill us with the knowledge of God's will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please the Lord in every way bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God being strengthened with all power according to the Creator's glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to God, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light." -Colossians 1:9b-12

Are you out of breath after reading that piece of scripture? When was the last time you used 97 continuous words to create one sentence? For the Apostle Paul, it must have been a gift of the Spirit to write long involved complex intricate compound complicated convoluted and multifaceted sentences.

Even though his sentence structure may leave you in the dust, there is great value and passion in his message. It is a part of a prayer that he offers for the believers in the city of Colossae. He loves them so deeply that he does not want to leave anything out of his prayer. Because of his passion we have the opportunity to receive a wonderful blessing by engaging his prayer with our lives.

I invite you to read the 97 words again, and allow them to be applied to your life. Let them speak to your heart and to your home. Do you hear the promise? Did you feel challenged by the possibilities? Would you like to be a full recipient of the blessing?

If your answer is yes, yes, yes. . . then I have a great gift for you. It is the blessing of worship, growth as a disciple, and wonderful opportunities to serve the Lord, out of a spirit of passion and gratitude. And it all happens through your church and within the context of your community. It is all about a lifestyle of faith and discovery!

That is our deepest desire here at Trinity United Methodist Church. We want to worship, grow and serve. It happens through warm and wonderful relationships. It happens when faithful people make passionate decisions. It happens when our faith motivates us to offer our gifts to the world. It happens when we are captured by a vision that includes the transformation of our own lives and the renewal of the world.

That's who we are and I want to invite you to take the next step in your faith journey as we launch into our summer activities here at the church. There will be book studies, Bible studies, mission opportunities, concerts, food, fellowship and fun. I hope you will participate in some of these activities and discover what makes us unique as a part of the broader Christian community.

It is a blessing to see the Spirit alive and well at Trinity. It is also a great blessing for me to serve among you. As always, I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday!

God's blessings to you all!
Dr. David Calhoun



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Please Pray for These Members & Friends:

James A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Sophia G - Melissa B's sister-in-law, Courtney H, Aurie I, Pete L - Christine S's brother, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Herb M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, the P family, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



We Offer Our Christian Sympathies to:

The P family, upon the unexpected passing of longtime Trinity member and friend, Mary P. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this very difficult time.



Thank You Notes

On behalf of Church World Service and the communities we serve, we want to Thank the members at Trinity United Methodist Church for your generous support for CWS during the month of May. Your generous gift, of over \$1,500 doesn't just give—it empowers. Thank you for helping communities both near and far rise with strength, resilience, and renewed hope.

We are truly blessed to have you as our partners.

Adam Smedberg

Thank you for making this year's Pastor's Attic a huge success! We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Pastor's Attic Tag Sale a tremendous success. To our generous **donors**, thank you for sharing your treasures and giving our sale such variety and value. To our dedicated **volunteers**, your time, energy, and enthusiasm made everything run smoothly—from setup to cleanup. And to our talented **bakers**, thank you for the delicious treats that added warmth and sweetness to the day. This event would not be possible without each and every one of you. Because of your support, we raised funds that will directly support the ministries of Trinity United Methodist Church and serve our wider community.

Thank you for being part of something truly special!

Ways and Means Committee



Are You Interested in Becoming an Acolyte?

Any youth in Fifth grade and up are welcome! There will be a Training in September 2025. Any questions just ask me. You can email me at:

acolytes@trinityspringfield.org

I would love to have you with our current Acolytes!

Tina Warren, Acolyte Coordinator



Regular Birthdays

Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics)

7/1 Lila B, Bob S, Anna-Lee T, *Jim & Diane M*
 7/2 *Don & Karen N*
 7/3 Del B
 7/4 Colleen F, Kyle F, Rob P
 7/5 Sofie H
 7/7 Matthew R, *Devin & Morgan B*
 7/8 Beverly G, *Abigail & Jay F*
 7/9 Douglas M, Norah S, *Darcie & Scott A*
 7/11 Shirley U
 7/12 Ginny B, Caleigh H, Sara M, Jessica M A, Susan M, Donald N
 7/13 Charlie G, Janze P-W
 7/14 Cynthia A, Paul B, Charlie W, *Tom & Cindy T*
 7/16 Paul C, Kristina S, Christina W, *Courtney & James S*
 7/17 Bridget B, Bruce F, *Jay & Tami S*
 7/18 Teri L, Nancy M, Nicole S
 7/19 Alyssa F
 7/20 Courtney S
 7/21 Larry R
 7/22 Sally S
 7/24 Cyndi L
 7/25 Abigail A
 7/26 Olivia C, Patricia (C) S
 7/27 William A, Mary Ann C, Jim M
 7/28 Lisa R
 7/29 (S) Jim M, Tabatha R, Alan V
 7/30 Adeline B, Anja B, Shannon L, Lily O
 7/31 Samuel C, Ken G, Dawn W



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

7/9 Edith Dorang turns 90
 7/17 David Snyder turns 75



Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 years

7/4 *Darcie & Scott Augeri - 10 yrs.*
 7/11 *Christopher & Nancy Hensley - 15 yrs.*

July Rose Window

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

July 7 - Anonymous

July 10 - In loving memory of David C, Jr., from his mom, Barbara

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



Carillon Concert on the Lawn Returns

The much-loved Carillon Concerts return to Trinity UMC on **Thursday, July 17** with Ellen Dickinson noted Carillonneur from Trinity College in Hartford, CT! A light dinner of hamburgers, hotdogs, salad & dessert will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Trinity's front lawn. You can bring a brown bag meal if your prefer. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. The link to more information on Trinity's webpage is [here](#). Please be sure to join us.



Sunday Morning Nursery Renewal

Our Sunday morning nursery is taking on a new look! The bulk of the work has been completed with shiny new paint and kid-friendly carpeting done by local professionals. We will continue with finishing touches throughout the summer. When Sunday school resumes in the fall we will announce an open house "baby shower" to welcome the church to see the finished project. You will be able to donate items from a wish-list such as diapers, cleansing cloths, etc. Stay tuned for further detail. We are pleased to bring this project to reality as current officers of Trinity's United Women in Faith - Brenda Sheldon, Hope Lewis and Holly Blair

This project is funded by bequests from the generosity of past Trinity members of the United Methodist Women (United Women in Faith).

Summer in the Trinity Gallery

Summer is a very special time in the gallery! We will feature the art of 8 Trinity artists. In addition, some of Jane Schneeloch's books and memorabilia will be exhibited. Many of the pieces will be

for sale, with some of the proceeds to benefit the church. Don't miss this special time at Trinity!



It's Time to Start Preparing for Trinity's Mitten Tree!

Last year our Parkside Pantry guests were very appreciative of our Mitten Tree gifts. Share your warmth by donating knitted, purchased and/or gently used mittens, hats and scarves to our Parkside Pantry guests. Donations will be accepted throughout December. Thank you!



New Member Orientation

Trinity is a growing and dynamic congregation of people. I'm happy to report that a new and prospective member gathering has been scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 10: 00 a.m. to noon. Please email Doreen at doreen@trinityspringfield.org in the office to sign-up for this 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. Mark your calendar now, it will be a wonderful gathering. If you choose to join after the orientation, you will be received into church membership on Sunday, October 19, 2025.

Blessings,
Dr. C.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2025 CROP HUNGER WALK is October 5!

Yes, it is just July, but we need to get started on the CROP Hunger Walk now so we can be ready. Last year, Trinity raised almost \$3,000 and had 15 walkers. Our goal this year is \$4,000 and double the number of walkers - we're hoping for at least 30. The walk will take place again at Trinity and starts with registration at 1:00 pm with the walk starting at 2:00 and going through Forest Park.

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future. For a \$20 donation, a family will be supplied with chickens for a constant supply of eggs. Thirty dollars will equip a household with a water filter for a constant supply of clean water. Sixty dollars will supply three families with home gardening to raise nutritious veggies.

More facts and information will be provided in the August Carillon, but please consider going to the Trinity page on the CROP Walk site and register to join the walk or to make a donation [here](#).

Also remember, 20% of what we raise stays local! If you have any questions or would like more information, see Diane Mackie or email her at missions@trinityspringfield.org. Thank you! See you at the walk on Sunday, October 5!

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

A Note From Stewardship & Finance Committee

Happy Summer from the Stewardship & Finance Committee! Here is to hoping for beautiful weather and many fine summer memories. As you make your summer plans, we would like to remind you to please make plans to continue your weekly or monthly pledges if you are currently not donating through the automated system.

It is never too late to sign up for automatic pledge payments. Click below and then click the pledge button and then put the amount then one time payment or recurring and follow the direction from there:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZGA/home>

Church expenses continue all year long and we are grateful for the consideration our members give to the importance of maintaining their pledge payments.



Will Bike 4 Food

This fall, Trinity will once again sponsor a team for the Will Bike 4 Food charity cycling event to benefit the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. The Food Bank is a lifeline for thousands of our neighbors, and the need for its services has never been greater. Will Bike 4 Food is a way for us to take action — and we'd love for you to join us.

The ride will take place on September 21, and there are ride options for every age & ability:

- A family fun ride, just 4 miles
- 10, 25, 50, & 100-mile rides for those who want more of a challenge
- Or, you can ride your own route virtually, on your own schedule.

We're looking for teammates to ride with us and for generous donors to support our church's team. Every dollar raised helps provide nourishing meals to families across Western Mass. To sign up or donate, contact Ian Smythe or use the QR code above.



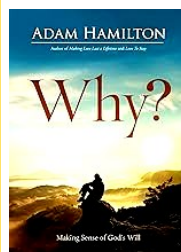
Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club will be meeting on **Thursday, July 3 at 2:30 p.m. at Arlene M's home**. We will be discussing "Ordinary Grace" by William Kert Krueger. Wendy Regan will be leading the discussion.

The August book (meeting is **August 7 at 2:30 p.m.**) will be "The Gardeners Plot" by Deborah Benoit. Reviewers called this book a "cozy mystery set in the Berkshires and full of great gardening tips and a solid 'who don it' plot. Colleen Bugbee will be leading the discussion. Please feel free to come with your own gardening tips to share with the Club. All Trinity members and friends are invited. For more information, email Colleen Bugbee at tumclub@trinityspringfield.org.

Upcoming Book Studies with Lively Discussions led by 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 sign up for the classes and 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.



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 at 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 at 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




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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.

