

A Note from our Minister...

Radical Hospitality

Well, July is here and our church activities are in full swing. This is the time of year when people are shopping around looking for a church home. Our founder John Wesley said that even before people are aware of their longing for God, they are searching for this ultimate reality. Questions such as: "Why am I here?" "Who am I?" and "What is my purpose in life?" are manifestations of what Wesley called prevenient grace – divine grace which precedes human decision. I see such grace when people attend our church after being away from any church for years. Could it be that God is leading them back to the realm of faith by bringing them to our doorstep? Certainly people are looking to reconnect and find a place for themselves and their families to spiritually flourish.

Time after time I hear from our visitors and guests how warm and welcoming the people of Trinity are. They have experiences of being welcomed before worship, invited to Sunday school classes and personally invited back. Someone recently mentioned to me that this is the friendliest church her family has ever visited.

As we build on that kindness we can move toward an even more intentional type of hospitality . . . a more Radical Hospitality that goes above and beyond what anyone expects.

This "radical hospitality" requires that we re-examine every detail, anticipate every need and help people feel included. This approach to hospitality dictates that there is no such thing as a stranger. Everyone is greeted in the image of Christ. So what could this look like in actual practice?

Instead of pointing someone in the right direction we could lead them through our beloved maze and "deliver" them to the right room. Instead of having coffee with our small group of friends after worship we could widen our circle and invite new people in.

As we look forward to the transformation of our church, please start strategizing about how YOU can create a vital difference in a visitor's experience here. Imagine how you can reach out to assist or inform someone who does not yet know our beloved Trinity Church. Would you escort a visitor to coffee hour? Would you invite a visitor to your small group? Will you pray for our church? Working together, we can shape an environment where every person feels a deep authentic sense of belonging in our church family.

As always I am looking forward to seeing you in church!

In Christ –

David



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Independence Day

Trinity office & building will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2026 to celebrate Independence Day!

Have a Happy & Safe Holiday!



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www.trinityspringfield.org



Please Pray for These Members & Friends:

Vera B, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Caroline Bs family, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, the H-R family, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L's family, Christopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Ellen L,

Arlene M's family, Diane M, Carlos M, Pat N, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Carl S, Ruth S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the warmth, kindness, and generosity you offered as we said goodbye. I am so very grateful and deeply touched. Our time together and its culmination on Sunday, June 28, 2026 has empowered me to move boldly into this next season of ministry.

I'm reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. There's a line in the book that made me think of you:

"Similarly, as I look at the things and people I have tried to love in my life, I would have to say, 'They made me do it!' It was the inherent goodness, inner beauty, vulnerability, deep honesty, or generosity of spirit from the other side that drew me out of myself and toward them. In a very real sense, I did not initiate love toward them. Rather, it was taken from me! It was pulled out of me- by them."

Thank you for making me love you- I am better for it. It has been a great joy.

With love and gratitude,

Rob

A Heartfelt Thank You!

What a wonderful day the Pastor's Attic was! Thanks to the generous hearts and willing hands of so many in our congregation, our Pastor's Attic tag sale was a tremendous success, raising over \$5000. We are so grateful to everyone who donated items, set up tables, worked the sale, and helped with cleanup. Your time, energy, and generosity made all the difference.

Fred



Regular Birthdays

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

- 7/1 Lila B, Bob S, Anna-Lee T, *Jim & Diane M*
- 7/2 *Don & Karen Nicholson*
- 7/4 Colleen F, Kyle F, Rob P, *Darcie & Scott A, Mark J & Paul N*
- 7/5 Sofie H
- 7/7 Brian L, Matthew R
- 7/8 Beverly G
- 7/9 Douglas M, Norah S, *Darcie & Scott A*
- 7/11 Shirley U, *Chris & Nancy H*
- 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
- 7/16 Paul C, Kristina S, Christina W
- 7/17 Bridget B, Bruce F, David S, *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) Shaw
- 7/27 William A, Mary Ann C, Jim M, Julia S B & Matthew B
- 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, Dawn W



Milestone Birthdays 75 & Every 5 yrs. & Over 90

- 7/3 Del B turns 90
- 7/9 Edith D turns 91
- 7/31 Ken G turns 75



Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 years

- 7/7 Devin & Morgan B - 10
- 7/8 Abigail & Jay F - 20
- 7/14 Tom & Cindy T - 20
- 7/16 Courtney & James S - 10





We Offer our Christian Sympathies to:

Deborah and Timothy F and family. Deborah's mother, longtime Trinity member Caroline B passed away. Services are private.

Jim and Diane M and their sons, Gavin and Alexander and their families. Jim's mother, longtime Trinity member, Arlene M passed away. Arlene's services have already taken place.

Christina and Pinkney S and their entire family. Christina's mother, longtime Trinity member Brenda L passed away. Brenda's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. in Trinity's Sanctuary. Please keep Christina and Pinkney and their entire family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

Amelia and Robert H-R, and their daughters, Lalia and Sierra upon the passing on Rob's mother, Amelia's mother-in-law, and Lalia & Sierra's grandmother, Sandra R. Services have already taken place.



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



Interchurch Softball

Team Trinity would like to invite you to come cheer them on at their double headers on **Tuesday evenings** running through July starting at 5:45 p.m. The schedule is on the interchurch softball website www.trinityspringfield.org under the events tab as well as pictures from our resident photographer Jim Sharrard. Please click the drop down and change the team to Trinity UMC. Be sure to check the website before heading out to the games for location changes or cancellations! We hope to see you there!

News from SPRC

*Staff Parish
Relations Committee*

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



A Note From Stewardship & Finance

As we enter the summer months, 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 at www.trinityspringfield.org under the give tab. We appreciate your support always!



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, July 19 and 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 July 19 and/or August 30!

Bruce Glenny, Director of Music Ministries



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 Sterritt, Clara Lee Sharrard, Jim Sharrard, Lyn Nolan, Andrew Varnon, Lynette Varnon.



The Maker's Market is returning in December and we're looking for vendors. If you're a craftsperson artist, or artisan who would like to offer your homemade items for sale after worship on a Sunday in early December, please contact

Clara Lee Sharrard at: makersmarket@trinityspringfield.org. There is no table fee but we are asking that you donate 10% of your sales to the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents and give shoppers the opportunity to purchase quality homemade items. Table space is limited and available on a first come first served basis.



Trustees Update July 2026

The Work on the Accessibility Project has resumed. The electricians resumed their work and received the City of Springfield Inspector's approval for the rough-in electric work. Electric fixture and inverter submittals have been sent to the Architect and Electric Consultant for approval. The installation of sheetrock on the walls has been accomplished. And the contractor is applying joint compound. The installation of the storefronts and glass is complete at both vestibules. The painter has applied the first coat of gray paint over the white PVC that abuts the storefront material at both vestibules. Construction fencing is removed from the Memorial Garden and the parking lot. Grass seed was applied in the Memorial Garden area. Work will continue on the walls and electric items.



Lift Vestibule with initial coat of paint. Grass seed in Memorial Garden starting to take root.



Looking into Lift Vestibule from hallway to Asbury Hall at water fountain.



Lift vestibule from sanctuary through chapel narthex .



The elevator entrance at lower level.



The elevator doorway at sanctuary level.



Second coat of taping compound on elevator wall in East Transept.



Insulation Project: Existing crawl space over office corridor and existing insulation before new insulation work in August.



Insulation Project: Existing crawl space over Asbury Hall before new insulation in August.

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Summer Carillon **Concert Series**

**JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY OUTDOOR SUMMER
CONCERT SERIES FEATURING WORLD-CLASS
CARILLONNEURS.**



July 2nd, 7:00 pm
Ellen Dickinson
**Trinity College &
Yale University**



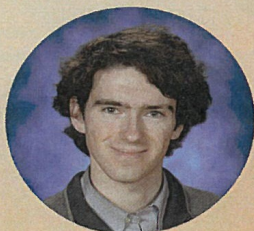
July 9th, 7:00 pm
Margaret Angelini
Wellesley College



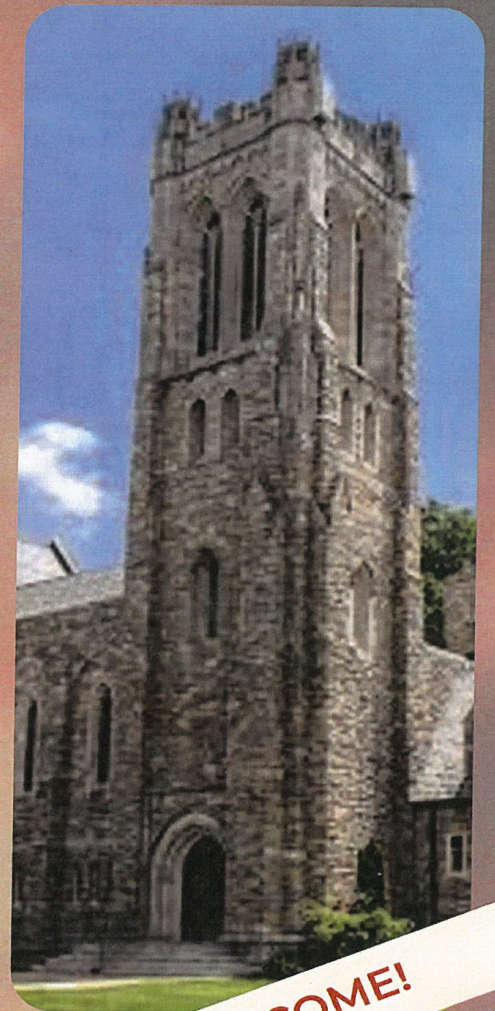
July 16th, 7:00 pm
Jeremy Ng
Yale University



July 23rd, 7:00 pm
Jennifer Hermann
Boston, MA.



July 30th, 7:00 pm
Paul Stelben
Philadelphia, PA.



FREE ADMISSION - ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Enjoy Food Trucks
Bring a picnic,
blanket or chairs**



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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.

