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A Message from Our Minister

In July, I will begin my fifth year as the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. Entering a new year invites us to look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. Believing in a better tomorrow showcases the enduring power of human hope, and as the poet Alexander Pope once said, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

Legend has it that author and minister Lloyd C. Douglas often recounted a story about his college years when he lived in a boarding house near an elderly, wheelchair-bound music teacher. Drawn to the violin teacher's comforting wisdom, Douglas visited him regularly for a sense of renewal.

One overcast morning, Douglas walked in and said: "Well, what's the good news today?" Without a word the old man put his violin down and walked over to a tuning fork suspended from a chord and struck it with a smart blow. And the sound resonated in the room, he said to Douglas: "That, my friend, is the good news for today. It is the musical note "C." It was "C" all day yesterday. It will still be "C" next week and for 1000 years to come.

In a world of continuous change, it feels good to find something that is dependable. You do not have to be very old to be able to look back down the road from which you came and find once meaningful relationships which are now broken or gone. We all carry memories of past friends—some separated by geography, and others by a quiet, inexplicable drifting.

There is so much in and about life that forces us to come to terms with temporariness, and yet deep in our souls we have a penchant for something permanent. How do we find solid ground when the world feels so unstable? Everything is in constant motion, including us.

We live in a fleeting world where only the intangible holds permanent residency. Change is the only constant for everything in the physical realm. But there is an encouraging word. Though you cannot see or touch them, the Apostle Paul tells us these things never change: faith, hope, love, and of course, the musical note of "C." If you are weary of constant upheaval in your life, seek out those who anchor themselves in these four realities. I believe your efforts will be richly rewarded.

Blessings on your journey,

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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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, Ellen L, Arlene M, Diane M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R,

Shawn R, Jen R, Carl S, Lynn T, the T family -during this difficult time of several extended family losses, Allie Wilgus, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



Congratulations

Trinity member Tracy W's daughter Kayelyn gave birth to her first child, a baby girl named Milaya A. Tracy is proud to be a first time grandmother to Milaya. Congratulations to the entire family.



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity family,

It is with much gratitude and pleasure that I want to thank Trinity for helping me celebrate my birthday by blessing me with those beautiful altar flowers. You are all the best!

Love,
Shirley F



June Rose Window

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

June 5 - In memory of David B, from his wife Vera and their family.

June 6 - In honor of Hal M's birthday, with much love and gratitude, from his daughter, Deb M.

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

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

June 29 - Anonymous



Regular Birthdays
Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics)
S - Staff

- 6/1 Paul K, Samuel W
- 6/2 Brian S, *Bing & Sue S*
- 6/3 Janet D-M, Charlotte R, Jim S
- 6/4 Cheryl A, Henry M
- 6/5 *Larry & Terrie d*
- 6/6 Colin B, Michael F, Jamison M, Chris R
- 6/7 Elena F, Jennifer L, Rose P, Shawn R, Amelia S, Quinn S
- 6/8 *Jennifer & Shawn R*
- 6/9 Devin B, Paul G, Matthew S
- 6/10 Emily P, Kelley T
- 6/11 Anita B, Stephanie S
- 6/13 Joy B, Julia G, Kurt L, Hannah R, Jamal T
- 6/14 Katherine Lovell, Nancy Rice, *Jim & Clara Lee S*
- 6/15 Sandra C, Brendan S, Ellen O, *Ryan & Alicia C*
- 6/16 Nicole B, Jay F, Ken P
- 6/17 Steven S, *Ellen & James A, Kathie & Tim E, Bruce Glenny & Abel H*
- 6/18 Terrie D, Charles G, Melissa S
- 6/19 Barbara H, Ashley N, Connor N, William S
- 6/20 Alexander A, *Megan & Christopher M*
- 6/21 *Kelly H & Patrick Cl*
- 6/23 Donna G, Douglas H, Aria P, *Alyssa & Sam B, Nicole & Daniel G*
- 6/24 Tatiana F, Linnea F, Melissa M
- 6/25 Pamela F, Sean K, Wayne L, Heather M, *Matthew S & Mary F*
- 6/26 Fiona E, Ray M
- 6/27 Nancy M
- 6/28 Eric B, Steve C, Arlene M, *Chris & Debra R, Lynette & Andrew V*
- 6/30 Devon B, Sienna G, Cally S, Nora Z, *Charles & Lauren G*




- Milestone Birthdays**
75 and Every 5 yrs. After and 90 +
- 6/13 Sharon M turns 75
 - 6/17 Charlotte D turns 100
 - 6/17 Carl S turns 96

- Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 yrs**
- 6/9 *Amelia & Robert H-R - 35 years*
 - 6/18 *Melissa & Tommy B - 15 years*
 - 6/23 *Andrea & Mike R - 20 years*
 - 6/25 *Nicole & Daniel G - 10 years*
 - 6/26 *Beverly & C G, Jr. - 50 years*
 - 6/28 *Karen & Greg A - 40 years*

Staff Parish Relations Committee


A Note from SPRC

Trinity Church has been blessed for the past five years with the faithful service of Rob Powell, our Director of Family Ministries & Connections. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee welcomes all Trinity members and friends to celebrate Rob's ministry on Sunday, June 28, 2026. A letter with the details will follow this week. Please plan to join us at Trinity Church for this special day!



Trinity's Interchurch Softball

Come show your support and cheer for Team Trinity on Tuesday double headers. Fields can change or games canceled depending on the weather. Please check the website to get the latest information about games. The link is: www.trinityspringfield.org/events/softball-team/ Make sure you click on the drop down box and scroll to Trinity UMC. Thank you.



Trinity Book Club

The next meeting of the Trinity Book Club is on **Thursday, June 4 at 2:30 p.m.** We will meet at Trinity. We will discuss *Mad Money* by Jodi Picoult. All Trinity members and friends are welcome. Sondra will be leading the discussion.

Trinity Community Gallery in June

ARTISTS AT THE CROSSROADS




Formed in 2011, "Artists at the Crossroads" is a small group of impassioned professional artists from Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut. Collectively they present an eclectic body of work covering all mediums and styles of fine art including traditional, contemporary and three dimensional.



Gallery Summer Exhibit

The summer gallery exhibit is for **YOUR ARTWORK!** Please bring any artwork that reflects the theme "Looking Up" to the gallery Sunday morning either June 21 or June 28. Include a label with your name, the title of the piece and a price if you hope to sell the piece. If these Sundays aren't convenient for you, e-mail gallery-cafe@trinityspringfield.org or speak to Vera Baker.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY'S 2026 GRADUATES

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

High School:

Ariana Bhajjan
 Graduating from Suffield High School; will be attending University of Connecticut in the fall to major in Accounting

Aisla Varnon
 Graduating from Frontier Regional High School; will be attending Mount Holyoke in the fall to major in Religious Studies


College:

Alex Adamo
 Graduating from University of Connecticut with a degree in Environmental Engineering

Zoe Calhoun
 Graduating from Eastern Connecticut State University with a dual degree: Bachelors of Arts in Theater and Bachelors of Science in Communications

Madeline Jarvinen
 Graduating from Western New England University with a double major: Finance and Accounting

Leah Rosenman
 Graduating from Eastman School of Music



Financial Improvement Tax Force

The Administrative (Ad) 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 or Debra Rogers.



Methodist Lay Servant Course

We have a wonderful opportunity to engage in the Methodist Lay Servant Course. This is a precursor to taking any further courses including Lay Speaking. We have some Trinity members who have already signed up. Wouldn't it be great to be in it together? The course will be on Wednesday evenings over Zoom on **June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 1 from 7:15-9:15 p.m.** The registration link is: <https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/LSMCWbasic>.



Save the Date!

The much-loved **Carillon Concerts** return to **Trinity UMC** on **Thursday, July 2!**

SUMMER CARILLON CONCERTS ARE BACK!

On Thursday nights in July, we will host some of the most talented carillonners in New England! Bring a chair or blanket, your picnic dinner and non-alcoholic beverage and enjoy our wonderful carillon on the front lawn. A food truck will also be stopping by if you would like to purchase food and a beverage. We will provide the dessert. Invite your friends and neighbors to hear some great music at Trinity.

Carillon Performers, July 2026

July 2 - Ellen Dickinson, Carillonneur Trinity College, Hartford, Ct. and Yale University

July 9 - Margaret Angelini, Carillonner, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Ma.

July 16 - Jeremy Ng - Yale University graduate 2026

July 23 - Jennifer Hermann - Freelance Carillonneur Boston, Ma.

July 30 - Paul Stelben - Freelance Carillonneur, Ct.

Trinity's Accessibility Project Update

Much of the interior work has been stopped or slowed down due to revisions in the electrical requirements. A new electrical consultant changed some of the costs for the electrical work which resulted in an increase in cost for the accessibility project. A team from Trinity and the architectural firm are reviewing these specifications and looking for a more cost effective way of meeting the code requirements.

Meanwhile, all sheetrock work has been stopped until an agreement can be reached on meeting current code requirements for the electrical work. A resolution is expected before the end of May. Once there is an agreement for the costs of the light fixtures and other electrical work and an order is placed, it will take 4-6 weeks for the equipment to arrive.

Interior finishing work will resume after the electrical system is installed and inspected.

The elevator cab is installed. Once the sheetrock is installed, the final elevator work on call buttons and hall lanterns will be accomplished in preparation for the elevator inspector's work.

The glass has been installed both at the elevator entrance at Vincent Hall door and the lift entrance for the chapel narthex. The areas abutting the glass will be painted gray in the near future.

The fencing at the Memorial Garden has been removed and the area cleaned up and the landscape dressed up.

The Trustees have been working tirelessly to bring this project to fruition in a timely and cost effective manner. Unfortunately, there are some things they can't control but they are working to resolve issues as they come up.

These pictures detail the current progress of the project.



Construction fencing removed and the grass area seeded. The white PVC will be painted gray. Also, the Vestibule for lift at Chapel Narthex.



New wall and reuse of Junior Achievement (JA) door at lower level elevator.



Vestibule Entrance in the main Parking Lot.



Please Welcome These New Members Who Joined Trinity UMC on May 10!

Mark J, whom we received into this household of faith by transfer of membership from Wilbraham United Church, Wilbraham, MA. Mark has recently retired from working for over 40 years as a church musician in Wilbraham. Mark is often found in the garden or woodshop as he pursues perfection in the art of “puttering around.” Mark lives in Springfield with his husband, Paul, and 101 pet chipmunks.

James M, whom we received into this household of faith by vows, from Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford, CT. James is a retired NYPD and father of three and grandfather of 4. Herb and he were the first couple legally married in Springfield on May 15, 2004. He enjoys cross stitch, diamond art, raising their Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Noel, and spending summers in Pennsylvania. A lover of animals, he will miss his koi pond, when they relocate to Southwick.

Herb M, Jr., whom we received into this household of faith by vows, from Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford, CT. Herb is a retired IT engineer having worked for MassMutual, Coopers & Lybrand, The Hartford, and Travelers insurance companies. He is an award winning quilter and has displayed his quilts in our art gallery when it first opened. An accomplished singer, he has sung with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, the Springfield Symphony Chorus, Novi Cantori, the Greater Westfield Chorale Association, numerous churches, and here at Trinity as King Wenceslas in our Boar’s Head Festival.

Emily P, whom we receive into this household of faith by profession of Christian faith. Emily has been coming to Trinity since January of this year. She is a registered nurse, wife, daughter, and most importantly, a mother to Nico and Bella P. Emily feels blessed to have found such a warm, welcoming church and is excited to raise her kids within the Trinity community!

Nancy R, whom we receive into this household of faith by vows. Nancy has been known by many names, among them: devoted mother of two, grandmother of four, wife of one and only, a musician, teacher and researcher as well as amateur radio operator, Scout leader, military spouse and certified weed control diver; however, the greatest of all is Servant of God. Nancy is an advocate of health and wellness, practitioner of meditation and is devoted to Christian yoga. Originally a Presbyterian from New Orleans, Nancy moved to NC, where she and Scott were married at the First Presbyterian Church of Lincolnton, NC. Nancy and General Scott R were members of the Southampton Congregational/UCC Church for decades and recently became members of The Meadows First Presbyterian Church in Granby, until the church disbanded. She and Scott are eager to worship with their new church family at Trinity.

Scott R, whom we receive into this household of faith by vows. Scott was raised in New Hampshire at the Bedford Presbyterian Church and has been married to Dr. Nancy R for 45 years this past May. As a 40-year veteran of the Air Force and the Air National Guard, with 30 years as a pilot at United Airlines and 10 years as a Commander and Director for the Governor, Scott is now very active with Scouting America in the Western Massachusetts Council, and is very honored to join this church community. He is eager to make his spiritual home here with his wife, Nancy, as they worship with their new friends, Chris and Debra R, and to make lasting friends and memories at Trinity United Methodist Church.



TUMMS* 9-Hole No-Skills Required Golf Tournament

*Trinity United Methodist Men's Society (An unofficial conglomeration of Trinity Church members and friends)

“The most forgettable golf you’ll ever play with the most memorable friends you’ll ever meet.”



**Saturday June 20, 2026 – Veterans Memorial Golf Course
(Family Party / Prize Ceremony to follow)**

Act Now: 48-Golfer Limit!

Tentative Schedule:

12:45 Golfers meet at Veterans Memorial G.C. (1059 S. Branch Parkway, Springfield 01118).

1:00 First team tees off, amid laughter of others. Who will be embarrassed most?

5:00-9:00 Converge on LaFleur home (42 Jestina Circle, Ludlow, MA 01056) for prize ceremony and family party. (Please come, but space and cost limits mean that evening events are intended only for golfers, their immediate families, and sponsors.)

Potential Prizes: *Closest to the Pin, Best Dressed, Longest Drive, New Comer, Winning Team, Shortest Drive, and more.*



ALSO: BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN BEVERAGES!!!!

(hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, etc. provided)

Questions? Contact Scott Woodward (413-335-1084; swody0223@gmail.com) or Nate Olin (413-244-0435; nateolin@yahoo.com).

All-Inclusive Price: \$65 Per Golfer.

Note: We are also actively seeking **Corporate and Personal Sponsorships** of money and prizes.

If you donate at least \$50 by May 31st, you can attend the Party, even if not golfing, and will be recognized as a sponsor.

(Provide the below details, with full payment, to Scott Woodward, 15 Mill Brook Dr., Wilbraham, MA 01095, no later than **June 7, 2026**. Checks should be made payable to “Scott Woodward.” Venmo available too. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Trinity UMC.)

_____ Yes, I/we will attend the TUMMS golf outing on June 20, 2026. If paying by cash/check, my \$65 per golfer is enclosed. _____ Total Golfers with this Registration
VENMO: @scott-woodward-57

_____ Number of Adults for Party _____ Number of Children for Party

(Name(s) of Golfer(s))

(email address - critical)

(address)

(telephone for texts and for the day of event)

(address)

____ Yes, I'm giving an extra donation of \$ _____ or am making
a Corporate or Personal Sponsorship of (please describe, e.g. gift certificate, prizes, etc.):

Golf Ability (mark for each golfer) (organizers assign teams based on perceived ability):

Rory McElroy Joel Dahmen Happy Gilmore Homer Simpson
(I'm Awesome!) (I'm Fun) (Third Tier) (D'oh!)

(IF RECEIVED BY MAY 31st, SPONSORS OF \$50 WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS A “PEW PARTNER”; \$100 GETS YOU “SUPER” STATUS; \$200 GETS YOU “ETERNAL SALVATION.”)

To see the calendar of events on the second page of the form click [here](#) then scroll down .

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 requests, please email Fred Lewis: pastorsattic@trinityspringfield.org.

Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Oh My!

There's going to be a small bake sale as part of the Pastor's Attic on June 6th. If you have a favorite recipe for cookies, brownies, muffins, quick breads, please make a batch for the bake sale. Drop off will be the day before, Friday, in the kitchen. If Friday doesn't work for you, please contact me and we'll make alternate arrangements. Our bake sales have always been very popular with the public. We hope you'll help us by baking. Thank you in advance.

Kris Goold



The Carillon

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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.

