



Welcoming Summer at Trinity

As I am writing this newsletter article, I realize that May is already upon us. Summer is about to hit its stride, and our schedules are filling up fast. On the tenth of May, we will welcome new members into the life of our church.

We continue to have a lot of new visitors each week in our worship services at Trinity. I enjoy calling on the first time visitors, welcoming them to our church and hearing from them about their experiences at our church. Almost all are complimentary of the congregation and the warm welcome they offer. You are doing a great job of reaching out to our visitors. Thank you!

I am telling you all of this so we can celebrate the work that God is doing in our midst. But I am also writing about this to remind you that we have a lot of visitors in the summer months. People are moving to the area and looking for a new church home. Some have been absent from the church for a while and looking for a place to once again worship and serve God. Others are leaving churches for whatever reason, and looking for a new place of worship. We will have a lot of visitors this summer, and that's where you come in!

A full house this summer means a more vibrant worship experience for everyone. The more people who are here to sing the songs and pray the prayers, the more excitement there is in worship. If you are in town, please make it a point to put worship as a top priority. Your presence here is such a gift-not just for your own growth, but for our entire church family.

I know that you will need to be gone on vacation. I will be gone some Sundays as well. I have my annual vacation trip planned with my wife and children. I need to rest and renew as you do. But if we covenant together to be in worship when we are in town, the church will be full, the worship energetic, and the visitors will feel the warmth of our great congregation.

I look forward to worshipping with you this summer!

Your minister,
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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Trinity's office and building will be closed on **Monday, May 25** in observance of Memorial Day!

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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, Arlene M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Shawn R, Jen R, Jim S, Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



New Baby News

Congratulations to Trinity member Joshua W & his wife Victoria upon the birth of their first child, a daughter: Whitney L W. Whitney was 6 lbs. even at birth, - "peanut" sized. Whitney's grandparents are Scott & Patricia W and her uncles are Casey and Nathan W. Everyone is doing well!



2026 Graduates

Are you or is someone in your family graduating this year? If you have a 2026 high school or college graduate-to-be, please let Lisa Bakowski know by emailing: graduates@trinityspringfield.org. We want to make sure that all of our graduates are recognized.



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity family,

We would like to thank you for all the well wishes for both Donna Gourinski and Shawn Rowell. It is of great comfort that we knew people were praying for all of us.

Love,
Donna & Paul Gourinski and Jennifer & Shawn Rowell



May Rose Window

May 13 - Anonymous

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

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

May 13 - Anonymous

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

Regular Birthdays
Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics)
S - Staff

- 5/1 Carol H, Madison P
- 5/2 Alicia C
- 5/3 Kaycie H, Christina T
- 5/5 Kate L
- 5/6 Yuland K
- 5/7 Noah A
- 5/8 Aiden A, Lyn N, Haley S
- 5/9 Nate O, Brianna (P) B
- 5/10 Gabriella B, David F, Mahakit I, Chad T
- 5/11 Gregory S
- 5/12 Barbara C
- 5/13 Abigail P, Aramiah P, Robert U,
Devon & Borys B
- 5/14 Joseph M, Matthew S, Nathan Z,
Barbara & Jess Hill, Jr.
- 5/16 Warren C
- 5/17 Wesley O, Norma W, *Dora & Frederick B*
- 5/18 Anne Z
- 5/19 Angelo D, Donna M
- 5/20 *Lynn & William M*
- 5/21 Keller D
- 5/22 Becky D
- 5/23 Christen R, Ryan W
- 5/24 Adam C
- 5/25 Barbara A, Regina K, Patrick R, Marion W
- 5/26 William A, Lily S, *Pamela & Caleb F*
- 5/27 Gretchen H, David L, Jan T M
- 5/28 Monica A, Julie C, E. Scott R,
Steve & Jean C, Chad & Phyllis T
- 5/29 Jim P
- 5/30 Darcie A, Morgan H



Birthdays & Anniversaries
CELEBRATION

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

- 5/11 José (H) I
- 5/20 Celia L
- 5/27 Jan T M

Milestone Anniversary Every 5 years

- 5/1 Kristin & John G
- 5/17 Eric & Debra S
- 5/25 Beverly & Frank C
- 5/28 Maura S & Shannon F



Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasures

What does it mean to us, as we travel our faith journey, to be stewards of our God-given resources? The bible encourages us to use our resources wisely (i.e. be good stewards) to the glory of God.

The Resource of Time

Time is a precious resource, especially in our contemporary lives. Are we using our time wisely and to glorify God? Are we intentionally spending time helping the poor, the disadvantaged, raising people up and helping those who are poor in spirit? How can we be intentional about our time? Christians are called to prioritize glorifying God’s kingdom with our time above other things.

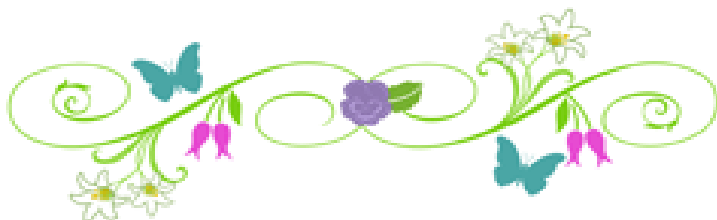
The Resource of Talent

Recognizing our talents is an initial step in our journey. Often, we think of talent as, for example: musical ability, athletic ability, acting, painting, writing, or working with our hands. These things are certainly God-given talents, but this is not a complete list. Listening, strategic thinking, teaching, mentoring, planning, leading, and so many other talents should be on this list as well - the list goes on. Think of the talents you have and how they can be used to fulfill your call to be a good steward of that talent. Stewardship of our talents involves serving others and contributing to the community.

The Resource of Treasure

Responsible management of our financial and material resources and sharing those resources with others is our biblical calling to support God’s work in the world. This requires a spirit of generosity and a willingness to reflect Christ and His selfless nature.

Building stewardship of our resources of time, talent and treasure into our spiritual journey is a lifelong process. Let’s pray for each other as we continue this journey.



From the Worship Committee

When I was a child, I took for granted that most people had a belief system. However, today many people now go their whole lives with only a cursory understanding of Christ, church, or the spiritual community. At the same time, there are large numbers of people suffering from anxiety, social isolation, and a lack of hope; this doesn’t seem like a coincidence. Consider Romans 10:14 - “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (NIV). Maybe now is the perfect time to invite that friend at work or that parent at the ball game to visit Trinity. Big changes always start with small acts.



A Note from SPRC

SPRC would like to welcome Ashby Pack as our new Nursery Care Coordinator. Ashby and her husband Rich are members of our church. We are excited to have her leading childcare for our youngest members and visitors. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery, please contact Lisa Bakowski.

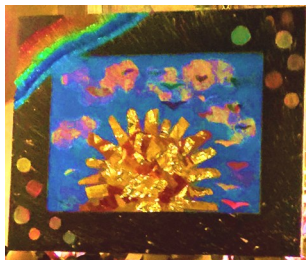


Financial Improvement Tax Force

The Administrative 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



LOOKING UP!

The summer gallery exhibit will once again feature Trinity artists and this year we have a theme - "Looking Up." The beautiful work of art that Rob and the youth created during Lent will be the feature piece in the exhibit, and we are asking that artists bring their art relating to that theme to the gallery after worship on either June 7 or 14. For questions, contact gallery-cafe@trinityspringfield.org.



Methodist Lay Servant Course

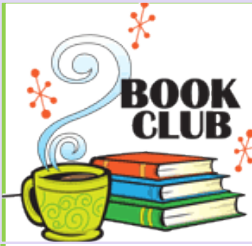
We have a wonderful opportunity to engage in the Methodist Lay Servant Course. This is a precursor to taking any further courses including Lay Speaking. The course will take place on Wednesday evenings over Zoom. The classes will be June 3, 10, 17 and 24 and July 1 from 7:15-9:15 p.m. The registration link is:

<https://neumc-reg.brtaapp.com/LSMCWbasic>

Children/Youth Programs Wrapping Up



Chapel Kids, Sunday Night Youth Fellowship (YF) & LIGHT@9 have their final get-togethers of the program year on **Sunday, May 17**. For those who attended LIGHT@9 this past year, they are having *Ice Cream for Breakfast* for their final class.



Trinity Book Club

The next meeting of the Trinity Book Club is on **Thursday, May 7 at 2:30 p.m.** **CHANGE IN LOCATION:** We will be meeting in the Café (previously Parlor) at Trinity Church. We will be discussing "The Correspondent".

All Trinity members and friends are welcome. Wendy Regan will be leading the discussion. In June we will be discussing *Mad Money* by Jodi Picoult.



Trinity Church's On-line Directory

The church directory has been updated. For safety reasons you have to be a part of the Trinity community to access it. Members of Trinity Church can access the on-line directory at

www.instantchurchdirectory.com

and click on member sign in. You log-in with your email that you use at Trinity and make up your own password if you never accessed it before. If you want your pictures updated. If you have any other changes or questions, please call the church office at 413-737-5311.



Trinity Community Gallery

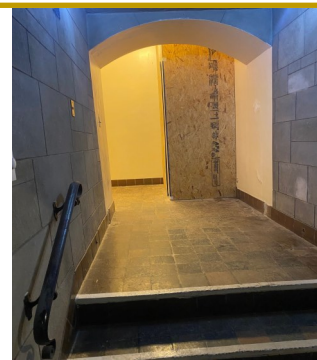
The "Just Ink" exhibit in the gallery will remain in place throughout May. Take a moment to look at the scriptures that the drawings are related to.



Trinity's Interchurch Softball

The Trinity softball season is quickly approaching and the team would like to invite you to come and cheer them on **Tuesday evenings beginning, May 12** and running through July. This is a great way to share some fellowship with each other. Fields can change or games canceled depending on the weather.

Please check softball website at: www.interchurchsoftball.com before you go to each game. Make sure you click on the drop down box and scroll to Trinity UMC.



Accessibility Project

The elevator is not totally complete. If needed, on Sundays, you can access the sanctuary through the accessibility ramp near the Grace Chapel entrance. The front sanctuary and chapel entrances are also open on Sundays. Monday—Friday,

please enter either through the Hale Room (in the rear) or the Community doors (in the front) during the week. Some of the highlights are [here](#). Reminder: A web page has been created to track the progress on this project. It will be updated as the construction progresses. You can find these pictures [here](#).

Quote

All things seem possible in May!
~Edwin Way Teale

Notes From the Director of Music Ministries



As the program year winds down, there are several important dates to remember for our student and adult musicians.

CHORISTERS



The Choristers, who have worked hard this year and memorized all their music, will sing for the last time this season on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10. The students hope you will enjoy their musical offering.



Later in May, **the Youth Bells** will ring for the final time. This is a talented group of middle and high school students who have rung together since last September.



Choir Sunday June, 14

The choir season comes to an end on Sunday, June 14. The adult choir with the chamber choir and the dance movement choir will present musical and dance offerings. We wish to thank all the students and adults who have so beautifully enhanced our Sunday services throughout the year.



Visiting Student Choir & Student Handbell Choir From Ohio!

We present the Youth Choir and Ringers from Church of the Saviour United Methodist in Cincinnati, Ohio, in concert on Tuesday **June 2** at **7p.m.** The worship concert will be held in our sanctuary with no admission fee.

Marking their 23rd summer tour, these youth musicians will present the worship concert *Give Them Grace* based on Matthew 7:12. The program features choral anthems, exciting handbell pieces, and dramatic sketches. The youth who participate in these choirs are committed to sharing their faith through music that delivers an inspiring and uplifting message of hope, love, and grace.

Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend!



Summer Carillon Concerts Are Back!

On Thursday nights in July, we will host some of the most talented carilloners 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.



Bing Productions, in Collaboration with Trinity, Presents: *Tiny Glass Tavern: Where Shall I Fly?* in Asbury Hall, Sat., May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Tiny Glass Tavern is a joyful celebration of musical variety, texture, and experimentation. Their *Where Shall I Fly?* program is an eclectic mix of music for mezzo-soprano, string quintet, and harpsichord by Handel, Converse, Vivaldi, Nelson, Boulanger, Price, Simon, and more. Enjoy sampling sips of early music, French chansons, opera arias, art and folk songs, new compositions, and more, performed in delightfully unexpected arrangements! Featured artists are: Sophie Michaux, Mezzo-soprano; Rebecca Scout Nelson, violin; Robyn Quinnet, violin; Allison Monroe, viola; Cullen O'Neill, cello; Benjamin Katz, harpsichord, and Adam Simon, bass. Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1980651820914?aff=oddtcreator>

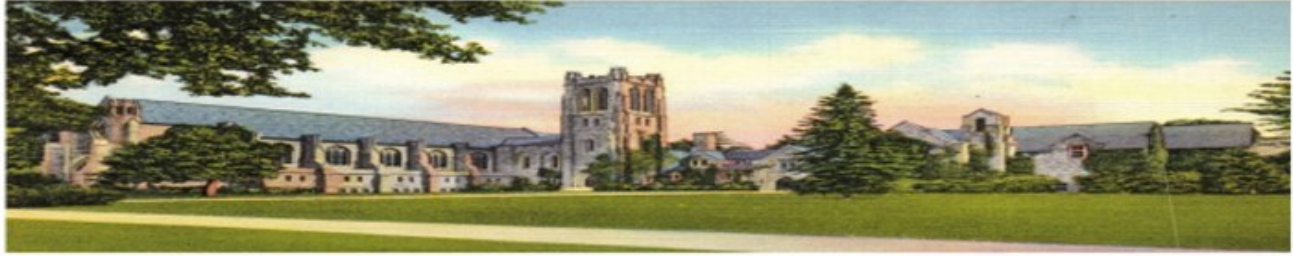
Spread the Word!

The Pastor's Attic tag sale is just a month away on June 6, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tell all of your friends, family, and neighbors we are accepting donations (see schedule below). Then get ready to hunt for hidden treasures. This year is sure to be bigger and better with something for everyone. Can't wait to see you all there!--

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

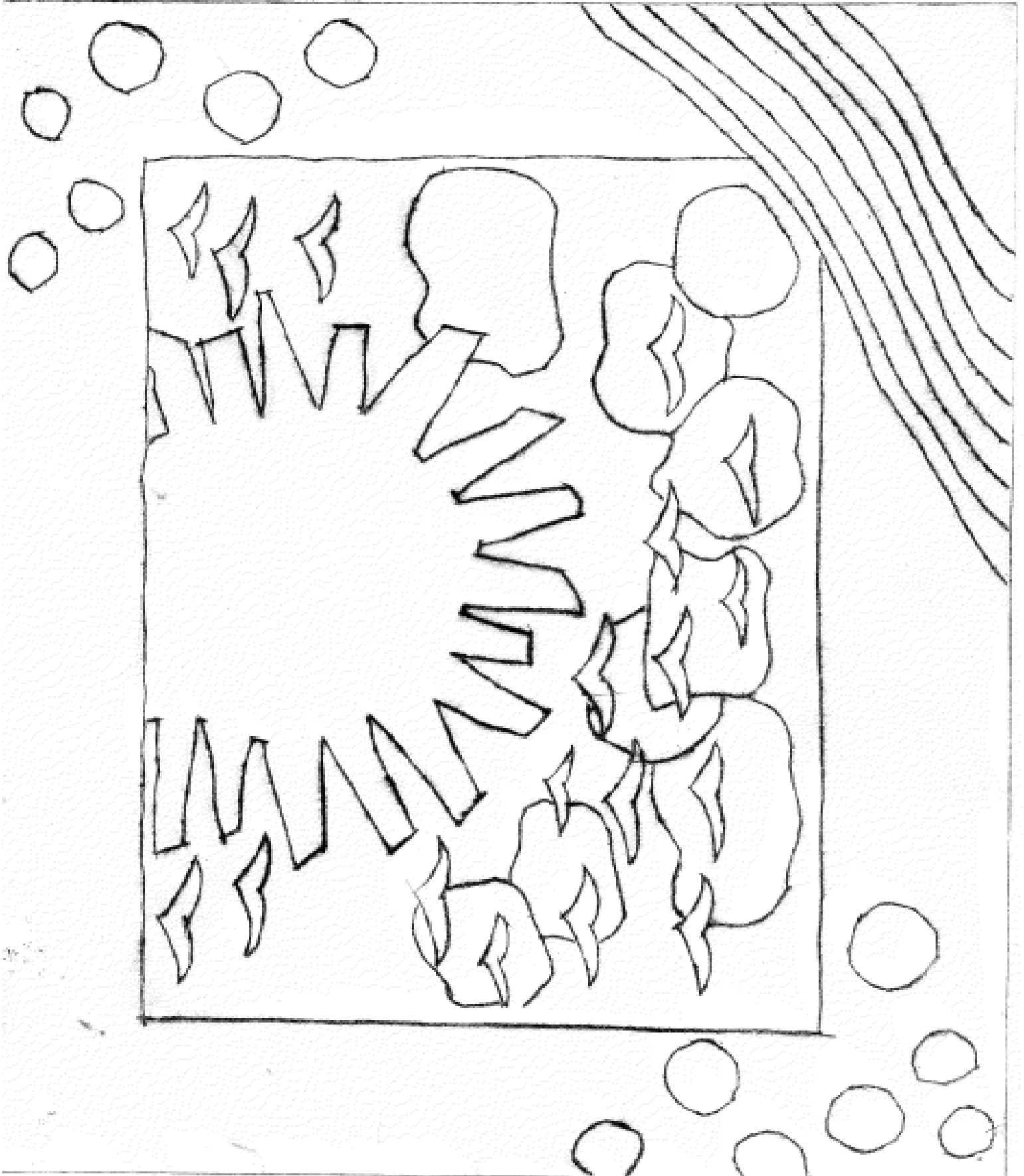
Donation Drop-Off Schedule (Asbury Hall):

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 special requests, please email Fred Lewis pumpkinpatch@trinityspringfield.org.

Create Your Own Look-Up art!

In my free time, I've been taking a print-making class. I created an etching of the Look-Up canvas. You are invited, should you like, to use this image to color and create your own Look-Up art. You can do as you please, be as creative as you like and submit it to be shown in the Community Art Gallery during July and August. Of course, you can also submit any other art as well! - Rob





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.

