

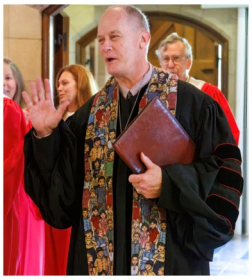
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A Message from our Minister…

Gratitude for Life

Once a year we set aside a special day to give thanks, yet we know that grateful people are in the minority. Jesus recognized this in the story found in Luke 17: 11-19. "Ten Lepers" were helped by Jesus, but only one returned to give thanks. Being appreciated is wonderful. However, gratitude is not always easily expressed. It is a discipline we must cultivate. When we realize who we are and that we are capable of the same Christ-like qualities that Jesus manifested, we are free to appreciate others, and, in the final analysis, appreciate ourselves. When we experience God's grace and transforming love in our lives, we gain a valuable perspective. We are then able to grow in our appreciation of the gift of life, and experience a greater appreciation for those around us.

During this season of Thanksgiving, I invite you to ponder the things that you are grateful for. Spend some time discerning how God is working in your life, and give thanks! Each of us has been entrusted with many blessings in our lives. We are reminded in scripture: "to whom much is given, much is expected." Our task is not to do everything, but to do everything we can. Please keep the church in your prayers as we approach a new season of stewardship. A quote from the October edition of Stewardship magazine reminds us: "God can manage without money, but the church being in this world cannot. The free will offerings of church members are crucial if we are to carry on its work. How else are we to provide for the spread of the Gospel?" Give thanks my friends, in all things give thanks. I give thanks to each and every one of you!



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 & Building will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 in observance Thanksgiving & the extended holiday! Have a happy holiday!

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Please Pray for These Members/Friends:

Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Diane M, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Alfredo R, Lynn T, Kathy M, Allie W, our service members & their loved ones, those affected by gun violence & natural disasters.

Rev. Carl S's Memorial Service is on **Friday, November 20 at 11:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel**. There is a collation following the service in Asbury Hall.



Thank You Note

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our Pumpkin Patch Festival a success! We are grateful to all of our volunteers, vendors, donors, supporters, and everyone who came out to enjoy the day. Your time, generosity, and enthusiasm helped make this a wonderful community event for Trinity. We couldn't have done it without you!





November Rose Window

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

November 8 - In loving memory of Louis K. C IV, from his first cousin, Dr. Desiree A. M-R

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

November 13 - Anonymous

November 27– In loving memory of Ted & Jane C, from Ted & Judy



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

11/1 Marcie M-F, Robert H
11/2 John A
David S & Monica A
11/5 Alyssa B, Christina H, Barbara S
11/6 *Karen & Daniel K*
11/7 James F, *Jeff & Abney S, Laurie & Mark W*
11/8 Morgan B, Lynne C
11/10 Tina W, *Sherry & Len A*
11/11 Christopher R
11/12 Greg A, Drew A
11/13 Debra J, Cody M
11/14 Kaya D, Stephanie G
11/15 James A
11/17 Heather B, Jela H
11/18 Amber T, Phyllis W-T
11/19 Audrey C, Karen K, Joanna O, Lee V
11/20 Zander C, Max M
11/21 Ted G, Lauren G, Laura J
11/22 Nicole D, Kasia E
11/24 Elizor K, James M, *Elizor & John K*
11/27 Sue Ann F, Michael R
11/28 *Beverly & Larry R*
11/29 Lynne B
11/30 Bella P



Milestone Birthdays 75 & Every 5 & 90+

11/2 Noreen A
11/24 Barbara C
11/28 Evelyn L



Milestone Anniv. 5 years & Every 5 years

11/12 Nicole & Christopher D



Parkside Thrift Shop

The long-awaited day is almost here! **Parkside Thrift Shop will officially open on Thursday, November 12**, and we are excited to welcome our community into this new Trinity ministry.

Our initial store hours will be:

Thursday: 3:30–6:30 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

As planned, the shop will close in December and January. This brief opening season will give us an opportunity to refine our processes, train our volunteers, and prepare for a successful reopening in the new year.

Donations Welcome

Many of you have asked about donating items. Donations will be accepted during store hours, and we plan to designate one Sunday per month for drop-offs after church. A list of acceptable donation items will be available at the back of the sanctuary.

Please **do not leave donations** outside the shop. To keep our hallways clear, safe, and clutter free, all donations must be brought in during designated drop-off times.

Come see us!

A heartfelt thank-you to all the volunteers whose hard work and dedication have made Parkside Thrift Shop possible. They have transformed Vincent Hall into a warm, welcoming space, and we are grateful for everything they have done to bring this vision to life. Please stop by **Sunday, November 15, after church** to see the wonderful transformation and get a first look at how Parkside Thrift Shop will help Trinity serve our community.

We are excited about this new chapter in Trinity's ministry and look forward to sharing it with you!



Trinity's Mitten Tree

Trinity's Mitten Tree 2026 will be dedicated to the memory of Arlene Mackie. Please plan to donate knitted, bought, or gently used mittens, hats, and scarves to Arlene's Tree during the month of December. Our Parkside Pantry guests will be happy to receive your Mitten Tree gifts.

Trinity UMC Annual Charge Conference

Trinity's Annual Charge Conference is **Sunday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at Trinity**. This is a combined meeting with East Longmeadow UMC and Wesley UMC. We will split off at a certain point in the meeting. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting in-person. If you are a committee chairs, please email your reports to doreen@trinityspringfield.org no later than Friday, November 13. Thank you.

Hygiene Bags for Open Pantry Christmas Project



The Trinity Youth Fellowship is partnering with Clara Lee Sharrard and Friends to provide hygiene bags for the guests at the Open Pantry Christmas Dinner this year. Open Pantry provides a Community Christmas Dinner annually, and many of the guests are unhoused. The director of Open Pantry has asked for hygiene bags to hand out as gifts. The bags will be filled with soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, individual packs of tissues, and packs of wet wipes along with some other items.

In addition to the hygiene bags, we are also providing socks, hats, and gloves to help these folks survive the winter. The youth will be packing the bags on Sunday, December 20 and would appreciate donations of the above items to help them meet their goal of filling 100 bags. Every donation helps, so folks are asked to contribute at whatever level they are comfortable with. Please bring donations to the Connection Point on December 6 or 13. If you have questions, please see Dr. Dez, Wynton Jarvinen, or Clara Lee Sharrard. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP Walk 2026

On October 4, 30 members, both youth and adult, represented Trinity United Methodist Church at this year's Greater Springfield CROP Hunger Walk. Team Trinity dedicated the walk in memory of our dear friend, Arlene Mackie.

To date we have raised just over $5,000, only halfway to our goal! Funds can still be raised between now and Giving Tuesday, Tuesday December 1.

Donations made on the Team Trinity CROP Hunger Walk will continue to be matched. You can access the Team Trinity CROP Walk web site here or by scanning the QR Code above. You can also turn in checks (Please make sure the check is made out to CWS or CROP Hunger Walk) or cash to Diane Mackie, Gary Stone, or drop them off in the church office.

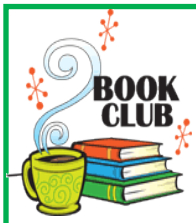
Thank you so much for your support in lifting up our neighbors here in the Springfield Area, and all over the globe.

Stewardship Pledge Drive

We pray you will consider a pledge during this stewardship season. You can pledge on-line at worship or scan the QR code to the left. Every dollar has an impact and will allow Trinity to continue to build the kingdom of God right here and beyond. Please consider ways you can serve with your time and talents, as well.

Our time is also a precious gift – whether it is ushering, sorting items for the Thrift Store, stuffing envelopes, preparing coffee hour treats, making visits to shut ins, teaching Light at 9 or Chapel Kids, singing, playing, ringing or dancing in a choir, helping with food distribution, Parkside Pantry, volunteering at the Boar's Head Festival – the list goes on.

Mark your calendars for our **Pies and Praise Stewardship Reception** following church on Sunday, November 15th. We will have some yummy pies, beautiful music and good fellowship to celebrate together.



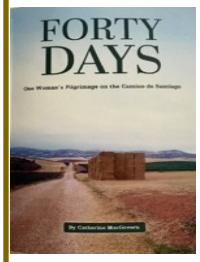
Trinity Book Club

Trinity Book Club will meet on **Thursday, November 5 at 2:30 in the Cafe at Trinity.** We will be discussing *Whistler* by Ann Patchett. Colleen Bugbee will be leading the discussion. All are invited to join. The following books have been chosen for future meetings: December - *The Things We Never Say* by Elisabeth Strout; January - *Judge Stone* by Viola Davis and James Patterson; February - *The Silver Star* by Jeannette Walls.

Book Launch Event

Forty Days: One Woman's Pilgrimage on the Camino De Santiago by Cathy MacGovern

Sunday, Nov 22 @ 12 p.m. in the Art Gallery, Trinity United Methodist Church



In 2010, Trinity Member Cathy MacGovern spent 40 days trekking the Camino De Santiago in Spain. This fall, she self-published a "memoir about a five-hundred-mile walk, and about the resilience it leaves behind long after the boots come off." Please join us in celebrating this achievement and learn about her experiences walking the trail and her even longer journey of writing the book. There will be a reception at 12pm followed at 12:30 p.m. by a discussion with Cathy and a reading from the book. Books will be available at the event.

Adult Education Class

Crafting Your Faith Elevator Speech, Sun. Nov., 15 & 22, Multi-Purpose Room, 9a.m..

Do you ever find yourself in a situation or a conversation where you could share your faith... but not really sure what to say? By sharing our faith, we could be giving someone hope, or a new perspective that might bring them back to God. We will craft and share our elevator speeches, and if time allows, even create a few to have in our back pocket for different situations. Like Pastor says, "sometimes we may even have to use words"! See Christine Thibodeau for more information.

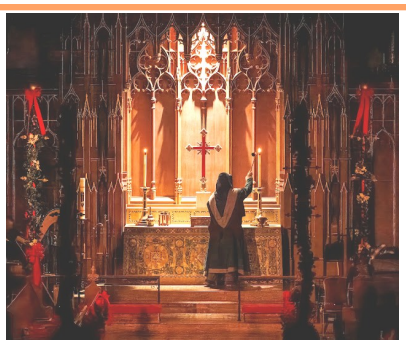
Maker's Mart Returns on December 6



The Maker's Mart offers a chance for Trinity members and friends to shop in a non-commercial setting while supporting Trinity artisans and entrepreneurs. This year there will be 10 vendors selling a variety of handmade items including soaps, baked goods, knitted and crocheted items, jewelry, woven items, notecards, and sewn and quilted items. The intergenerational vendors include six teens as well as adults. In addition to the vendors, Brian Crawford will be demonstrating products made with a 3-D printer.

On December 6, please plan to stop by the Community Gallery following worship to shop in a boutique setting and avoid much of the commercialism that typically surrounds the Christmas season. Not only will you be supporting local artisans, but you will also be supporting Trinity since a percentage of all sales will be donated to the church. This is a chance to purchase handmade gifts for yourself or others.

Please mark your calendars and plan to stop by the Community Gallery between 11:45 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to check out our what our talented artisans have been creating.



Boar's Head Festival 2027(BHF)

BHF will take place in 2027 on January 8 -10. All mailings have been sent. There will be letters and order forms available at the Connection Point on Sunday. Ticket sales through Eventbrite have begun for Patrons only.

MAJOR CHANGE ON TIME FOR SUNDAY'S PEFORMANCES - This year the early Sunday performance will begin at 1:15 and the second performance will begin at 5:00 p.m. **As always, the Prep Fest begins 45 minutes before the performance starts**. For this Sunday only, the church service will begin at 9:30 a.m.

For questions, please call the Boar's Head Festival phone number at (413) 486-0381. The general Trinity number does not connect to the BHF virtual office.



Thanksgiving Boxes

Giving out boxes filled with all the ingredients for a Thanksgiving feast to our neighbors in need is a long-standing tradition at Trinity Church, and we are looking for your support once again this year. Please sign up in Asbury Hall after worship if you are able to help provide food to fill the boxes or to make a monetary donation to this mission. If you know a family that is in need of a meal, please email the church office at doreen@trinityspringfield.org.

Our goal is to provide Thanksgiving boxes to 60 families. Here is a list of what we are looking for: Turkeys (10-15 lbs. each), potatoes, winter squash, dried beans (black, pinto, or pigeon peas), gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, and fresh or frozen pies or cookies.

Once you have signed up, all food except for desserts can be dropped off in Asbury Hall after worship on November 1, 8, and 15. **We are asking that pies and cookies be dropped off on the morning of November 22 since we do not have freezer storage for them and fresh baked goods need to be, well…fresh! On Sunday, November 22,** boxes will be stuffed by our Trinity youth from 9-10 a.m. and given out at Trinity's Parkside Pantry from 2-3 p.m. that afternoon.

Last year, 105 families visited the Parkside Pantry the weekend before Thanksgiving. We gave out 60 boxes (because we only have room for 60 turkeys in our freezers, we don't know how many people will show up, and we do not want to waste food). We also were able to distribute bags of nonperishable food items and gift cards to the remaining families, thanks to support from the Food Bank of Western Mass and additional monetary donations from Trinity members.

Help is also needed on November 22 to monitor traffic, organize the line, and carry boxes to cars. If you are available and would like to be present, we would love to welcome you. It is a gratifying experience to actually meet our neighbors in this way and understand the impact of our gifts instead of just reading and hearing more statistics about food insecurity.

Thank you so much to everyone for your continued support of this beloved Trinity tradition!

Ginny Blake, Ginger Elliott, Diane Mackie, Nancy Moriarty, Keith Rhoden

Help Us Stay Connected!

Whether you're new to our church, have been with us for years, or simply haven't updated your information in a while, we'd love to make sure we have the best way to stay in touch with you. Please scan this QR code or go to https://forms.gle/T3odSkw6kysUeX246 to share or update your contact information. This helps ensure you don't miss important announcements, updates, and upcoming events. Thank you for helping us keep our church community connected!

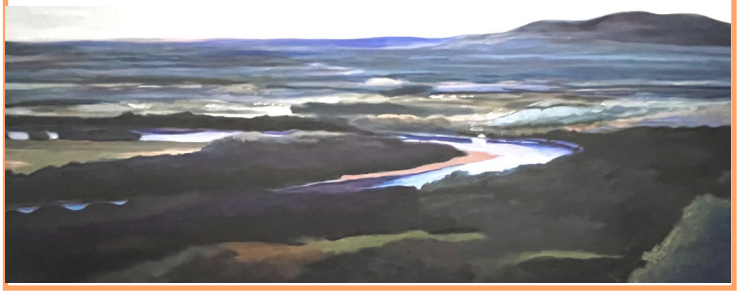


November Gallery Exhibit

The November exhibit in the Trinity Community Gallery will feature the paintings of Trinity member Christine Rigali and fellow artist Ingrid Petersen Apgar.

Christine's primary design experience is clothing design, but she has studied with many area artists and incorporates what she learns into her work.

Ingrid was trained at the Rhode Island School of Design and taught Art in Wilbraham and South Hadley schools.





New Exit Instructions

Now that rehearsals have resumed in the Sanctuary, after coffee hour, please exit from the Community Entrance; the stairwell is directly across from the Art Gallery. If you need to use the ramp, you will be able to exit through the Chapel doors, however, please do not exit through the Sanctuary, so as to not disturb the rehearsals. **Exception:** Once the elevator is inspected and available, those needing the elevator, will be able to exit through the sanctuary after coffee hour.



Registration Forms Needed

Any child or youth who participates in any programming (LIGHT@9, Chapel Kids, Music, Dance, Youth Fellowship) at the church needs to have a signed registration form. Please see Dr. Dez or any other youth program facilitator for a form. We kindly ask that all **registration forms be returned to Dr. Dez as soon as possible.**

PRAYING for STUDENTS

Sunday Morning Study Group For Parents of School Aged Children

Parents of school aged children are invited to participate in a discussion group during the Light@9 hour on "Praying for your kids," facilitated by Allison Berke. No preparation is required. The group will meet for one more Sunday, November 8 from 9:15 a.m. -9:55 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room (to the left of the art gallery). Please RSVP to parentstudy@trinityspringfield.org.



We are Looking for Service Opportunities

Resources, connection, and care for those who need it most. Make a meaningful impact in our community

Youth Fellowship is looking for ways to serve in our communty and beyond. If you have any suggestions or ideas please let us know.

Can we engage with your organization?

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Connect with us, so we can build connections and make a lasting and meaningful impact.



Amazon Wish List

Dr. Dez has put together an Amazon wish list for all things Youth Fellowship. Please consider taking a look at the wish list. All of your support is greatly appreciated.

"QUOTE"

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." —Albert Camus



Nine New Members Joined Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 25, 2026

Hani and Kori A-T, whom we receive into this household of God by profession of Christian faith. This is their 4th year living in Springfield and are very excited about joining the church. They have a 2-year-old daughter named Soli Marisse who is a light in their world. They both work in the world of education for 10+ years. They enjoy going to Forest Park, poetry, cooking, dancing and listening to some good music through any medium possible.

Matthew C, whom we receive into this household of God by profession of Christian faith. Matthew Connelly was born in Cortland, NY and raised in Endwell near Binghamton, NY. He was raised Methodist and attended Endwell United Methodist Church. Matt completed a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Elmira College and obtained a Master's Degree in Justice, Law and Society at American University. Matt currently is a sergeant at the Holyoke Community College Police Department and serves in the United States Air Force Reserves. Matt completed a deployment at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait and currently works as a Staff Sergeant/Religious Affairs Airman.

John and Jela H, whom we receive into this household of God by Profession of Christian Faith. **John** is the father of two precious children Sara and Joshua. He is married to Jela. A child at heart, John appreciates music, art, ballet, coffee, New England living and nature. Being a father and dad is a daily blessing from God. He enjoys being at home with his family or taking a drive to a local park and Dunkin Donuts too! **Jela** is the mother of their two children, the most important lives in the world. She is the wife of John. She is originally from the Philippines and a sister of seven siblings. She loves to read books with family, play board games and nature walks. Grateful for the friendships and experience here at Trinity. Looking forward to growing spiritually with family and the church community. They are most pleased to become members of this church community.

Charlotte M and her son, Rory M, whom we receive into this household of God by profession of Christian Faith. They are former Catholics. Charlotte is a retired journalist and Rory attends Sunshine Village in Chicopee.

Anna O, whom we receive into this household of God by Profession of Christian faith. Anna is coming to us from the Russian Orthodox Church. Anna resides in Enfield, CT. She is a dedicated professional in the mortgage industry and a proud mother of 2 children. She grew up in Ukraine and emigrated to the U.S. alone when she was 18. She has an MBA in Marketing and International Business. She enjoys art, reading, traveling, sea side, gardening and spending time with her family. As a new member of the church she us grateful for the opportunity to become part of this faith community. She values faith, family, personal growth and building meaningful relationships with others. She looks forward to strengthening her relationship with God, growing in her understanding of His Word, and participating in the spiritual life of the church. She is thankful for this new chapter in her faith journey and looks forward to connecting with fellow members, serving where she can and growing together in faith, love and fellowship. Her hope is to continue growing spiritually while contributing positively to the church community.

Christa R, whom we receive into this household of God by transfer from Village Church of Bayville, NY. She has two adult children. She recently moved to Longmeadow to be closer to her daughter and family. She is semi-retired from a shellfish farm she has worked at for 35 years. She chose Trinity because she felt the spirit the moment she entered the Sanctuary. Here fellow brothers and sisters in Christ here were integral in this experience. Their warm heartfelt welcome made her realize this is her new church family. She wishes peace to all of you.

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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.