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A Message from our Minister...

Join Us for the Journey!

Many people who live in Western Massachusetts believe the month of October is the nicest month of the year. Regardless, the month of October is always a time of change. The air becomes crisp, and the days get a bit shorter. We finally realize that summer is gone. For the church it is a season when small groups are fully engaged, class sessions are back in action, and we cherish the opportunity to see our friends in worship.

In fact, worship becomes central to our journey as a church. We experience joy and discovery in our class sessions and in our small groups, but it is worship that centers us as a congregation. It is the one time when people gather from a variety of backgrounds and places to celebrate what God is doing in their lives. We come together from every walk of life and every part of our expanded community in an act of faith. It is through our personal faith that we are able to open our lives to the power and presence of God. Your choice may be the 10:30 a.m. or online.

The Barna Research Group conducted a study recently, on current trends in worship. They looked at different styles of worship that flow from various theological and denominational traditions. They look at the experience of those who are seeking faith and evaluate the journey of those who have been walking the ways of Jesus for years.

One interesting finding has to do with the experience of God in worship. When they asked faithful, active, church members to describe their encounter with God, the response was . . . very sad. According to the study, over 50% of active church attendees report that it has been more than a year since they experienced the presence of God in worship.

Sadly, it seems, their religious experience has become nothing more than a "dull habit." Could it be that we have created systems of engagement that do not connect with our spirits? Do we come to worship with the expectation that nothing much will actually happen within our spiritual lives?

I don't know all of the dynamics, but I do find the Barna Research Group statistics deeply troubling. It makes me wonder how we can offer our lives to God with a spirit of openness, hope, and expectation, so God can and will show up with a great blessing.

Over the next few weeks at Trinity United Methodist Church, we will be thinking about "spiritual movements" in our lives. We will explore how we can move from law to grace, from resentment to gratitude, from isolation to community, and from fear to love. I hope you will join us for the journey! Come to church with a spirit of expectation. God will be there!

As always, I will look forward to seeing you in church . . .

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 Monday, October 12, 2026 in observance of the holiday!
Have a happy & safe day!

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Please Pray for These Members/Friends:

Vera B & family, Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Richard B, Mary C, Pat D, the family of David & Priscilla F, Ted G, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Cristopher L, Diane M, Holly Joy P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Reena R, Catherine

A R, Gerald R, the family of Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

We Offer Our Christian Sympathies to:

The F family on the passing of Trinity member, David F. David passed away less than a month after his wife, Priscilla.

Vera B and family on the passing of Vera's sister, Theresa W.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this very difficult time.



Thank You Note

Dear All,

We, the Welsh Society of Western New England, thank you all so very much for the warm hospitality you gave while we were preparing and then holding our Gymanfa Ganu, music and hymn sing, on September sixth. We felt very welcomed, and we truly appreciated all the help, advice, and singers. Your lovely sanctuary and Asbury Hall for our hymn sing, a major event of the festival weekend were perfect for our event! We truly enjoyed working with all the staff and the many volunteers and felt blessed to have the opportunity to use Trinity United Methodist sanctuary and Asbury Hall as we raised our voices in joy through music and song.

Thank you so very much,

Margaret Kirhonen, Susan Davies Sit, Elinor Kelliher, Bronwyn Quirk-Mohlke, WSWNWE Planning Team



October Rose Window

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

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

October 13 - Anonymous

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

OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

Regular Birthdays Regular Wedding Anniversaries (*Italics*)

- 10/1 Fred L, Allison R
- 10/2 Madeline J, *Gary & Kristina S*
- 10/3 Cristoper L, *Rick & Amy B*,
Colin & Crystal C
- 10/4 Samuel S
- 10/5 Skylar C, *Judy & Ted C*
- 10/6 David H
- 10/7 Colleen B, Jess H, III, Lynn T
- 10/8 Adrianna B
- 10/9 Christopher H, David J,
Deb M, *Rev. Dr. David & Julie C*
- 10/10 Karin K, Adelyn N
- 10/11 Jonathan G, Charly S
- 10/12 Alexander R, Christina S,
David & Cyndi L, Camille & Nate T
- 10/13 Steve H, Nancy & David H
- 10/14 Stephen F
- 10/15 David M, Debra R
- 10/17 Ava B, Jack D, Kenneth S,
Brian & Sarah C
- 10/18 Scott A, Beverly B, Garrett S,
Paul & Donna G, Pheobe O & Cody M
- 10/19 James A, Nathan S
- 10/20 Laurie H, Mason H
- 10/21 Apryl T
- 10/22 *John & Teri D, Fred & Hope L*
- 10/23 Gabriel W
- 10/24 Abigail B, C. Stephen S, *Brenda & Tom S*
- 10/25 Lynn M, John M, Isla M, Mia M,
Ellen & Jeffrey B
- 10/26 Amy B
- 10/28 Jaden B, Tom L, Erin R
- 10/29 Jacki B
- 10/30 Kathryn S
- 10/31 Ryan C



Milestone Birthdays 75 & Every 5 & 90+

10/8 Paul C

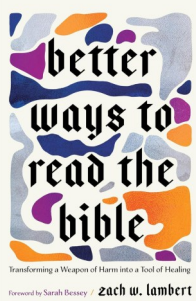
10/24 Thomas B



Milestone Anniv. 5 years & Every 5 years

10/8 Nate & Joanna O

10/12 Scott & Pat W



Adult Study Class

Please join Dr. Calhoun for his newest book study on: "Better Ways to Read the Bible" Transforming the Bible from a Weapon of Harm Into a Tool of Healing... by Zach W. Lambert . As a pastor for more than ten years, Zach Lambert has seen the Bible used countless times as something far from the "Good Book"-- both in his own life and in the

experiences of others. He has seen the Bible weaponized to subjugate women, justify racism, bash LGBTQ+ people, cover up abuse, and exclude people who speak out against these injustices. If you've been hurt by harmful interpretations or feel disconnected from Scripture, this book offers a path forward to reclaim the Bible's life-giving message.

Please email the church office at:

doreen@trinityspringfield.org to register for the class. You can order the book on Amazon.

Class continues every Thursday at 11a.m. in the cafe through October 15.



New Member Orientation

Trinity is a growing and dynamic congregation of people. I am happy to report that a new and prospective member gathering has been scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026 from 10 a.m. - noon**. Please join us for this informational meeting and enjoy a continental breakfast in the Parkside Café. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about Trinity and the United Methodist Church in general. If you choose to join Trinity UMC after the orientation, you will be received into church membership on Sunday, October 25, 2026. Mark your calendar now; it will be a wonderful gathering. Please email Doreen in the church office at: doreen@trinityspringfield.org to register for the orientation. Thank you.



CROP Walk 2026

This year's Crop Walk is in memory of Arlene Mackie. The Annual Greater Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will take place here at Trinity on October 4th! Since we started walking, our Walk has raised \$592,924.15 to support families all over the world, and this year Team Trinity's goal is to have 30 Walkers raise \$10,000, to support families and communities around the world and here in the Springfield area. In order to help us achieve this lofty goal, we have a matching grant again this year. For the Greater Springfield walk, we have a grant of \$20,000. All of your donations will be matched up to \$20,000.

In the past, you have provided generational farmers livestock like cows, chickens, and pigs who are able to utilize the animals waste as compost fertilizer and improve the quality of their crops. You have helped Ukrainian refugees feel welcome and receive support they need as they have been forced to flee their homes. Your support has brought water into communities, so the children, especially the young girls are able to go to school, instead of walking miles to fetch water every day. Your contribution is helping our neighbors here in the Springfield area who receive support. Those who receive support are: Open Pantry, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen, and the Western Mass Food Bank.



We know we can do more together than we can apart, and we hope you help us to come together and provide the support our neighbors need us the most. The Team Trinity CROP Walk web site is accessible [here](#) or by scanning the QR Code and sign up for Team Trinity.

If you have any questions or would like more information, see Diane Mackie or email her at missions@trinityspringfield.org. Thank you and see you at the walk on Sunday, October 4!



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.



New Sunday Morning Study Group For Parents Who Have 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 six weeks, October 4 - 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.



Trinity Sunday Photos

Photos from Trinity Sunday are on available on Trinity's website [here](#). A fun time was had by all as you can tell by the pictures. Join in the fun and make sure you attend next year!



Cookies, Brownies, Pies, Oh My! Pumpkin Patch Festival Oct. 10

Last year the Pumpkin Patch Festival Bake Sale was a big hit. If you have a favorite recipe for cookies, brownies, quick breads, or any other favorite goodie, please make a batch for the bake sale. Drop off will be the day before, Friday Oct. 9, in the kitchen. If Friday doesn't work for you, please contact us to make alternate arrangements.

Our bake sales have always been very popular at the event. We hope you'll help Trinity by baking and by the Festival. Thank you in advance.

For questions contact Brenda Sheldon or Lisa Everett.



The Countdown Has Begun!

Trinity's Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival is **Saturday, October 10 on the Front Lawn!** Volunteer opportunities are still available, and we welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand before, during, or after the event. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated as we finalize festival plans. If you choose to make a donation, please mark your gift **"Pumpkin Patch Festival"** or utilize the on-line giving option [here](#). Thank you for helping Trinity share God's love through this wonderful community event.



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 the QR code below 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!



Theme Reflection: A Season of Reconnection

Life happens. We can't always control the demands on our time and energy, but we can choose how we respond. Placing our trust in the Lord and on our Christian community can restore and support us when we feel stretched thin. Take comfort in this verse from Isaiah 40: 31 (NIV) - ***"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*** God is here for us, and we are here for each other. Even if you haven't been to a service in a while, the support is still waiting for you. Even when you feel disconnected and overwhelmed, the Church is still here for you. We, your brothers and sisters in Christ, are here for you. May you find reconnection, restoration, and hope this season!

-The Worship Committee

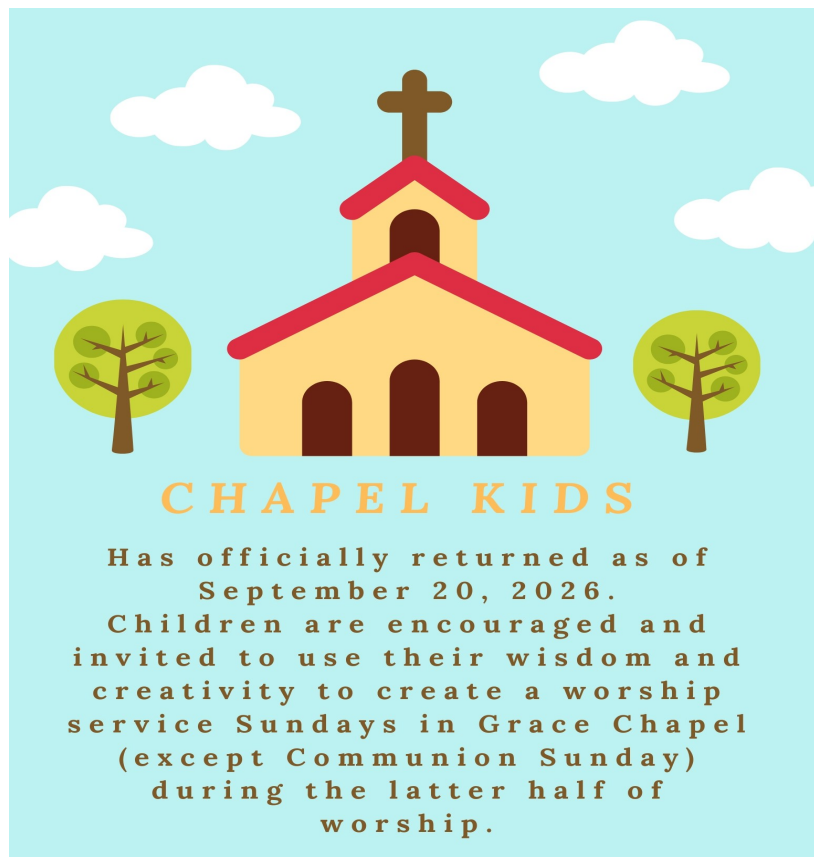


Trinity Gallery in October

Alex Ranniello is an award-winning artist based in Enfield, Connecticut with a focus in portrait & figure painting. While his forte is painted acrylic portraiture & figure paintings - he additionally works with colored pencils, pastels, paint markers, oils, charcoals and other forms of collage & mixed media. He has had over 120 group & solo exhibitions across the Tri-state region.

"QUOTE"

"October had tremendous possibility. The summer's oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden leaves promised a world full of beautiful adventures. They made me believe in miracles." —Sarah Guillory, *Reclaimed*



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

TO PROVIDE DINNER FOR TRINITY YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS



Meals need to serve 15-20 people and include options for vegetarians. Assemble-your-own options like tacos, baked potatoes with various toppings, pasta with sauce options are popular with the youth. Food should be ready to when Youth Fellowship begins at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday nights. You can sign up using this Sign Up Genius online form [here](#) or at the Connection Point during Fellowship Hour after worship on Sunday morning.

Please contact Ellen Lutz if you have any questions at: yfdinner@trinityspringfield.org.

JOIN US SUNDAY NIGHTS FOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



FROM 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

QUESTIONS SEE WYNTON J. OR DR. DEZ

For Youth in Grades 6-12



Amazon Wish List

Dr. Dez has put together an Amazon wish list for all things Trunk or Treat and Youth Fellowship. Please consider taking a look at the wish list [here](#). All of your support is greatly appreciated.

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Good Times

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 25** 05:00pm - 06:30pm
TUMC PARKING LOT

**361 SUMNER AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01108**

GET READY FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH
SWEET TREATS, SURPRISES, AWARDS, AND
FESTIVE FUN FOR EVERYONE!!

Costumes Encouraged but not required! Join US & Bring a Friend

Please sign up for donating candy or volunteering to assist at the event [here](#).

Please sign up to decorate your car [here](#).



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 no later than Sunday, October 4, 2026.

CORI Check Needed

All Adults who volunteers in any children or youth programming must have a completed CORI check yearly. Please see Dr. Dez or Hope Lewis, our Church Administrator to complete the form.



Music Ministry and Dance Ensembles at Trinity

All the ensembles are up and running. I invite all current, former, and potential singers and dancers to carefully read the dates and the schedules below. If you would like to join one of the ensembles, please reach out to me and I will find a place for you! I especially invite children, from first grade to high school, to consider being a part of this ministry. We have plenty of room for you!

THE CHORISTERS is an ensemble open to children in grades 1-5 which rehearses weekly on Sundays from 12:15-1:00 p.m. and sings 4-6 times during the program year.

THE CHAMBER CHOIR is an ensemble open to girls and boys in grades 6-12 which rehearses weekly on Sundays from 1:00-1:45 p.m. and sings 6-8 times during the program year.

THE YOUTH HANDBELL CHOIR is an ensemble open to Youth with some music knowledge and rehearses weekly on Sundays from 1:45-2:30 p.m.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR is an ensemble open to adults who have a solid musical background and rehearses on Thursdays from 5:45- 6:45 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR is an ensemble open to all adults who like to sing and participate in a friendly group. Music reading is not necessary, just a willingness to learn! The chancel choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and sings each Sunday from September to June.

DANCE MOVEMENT CHOIR is an ensemble open to all ages and abilities, 6 years old to adults, and rehearses on Sundays from 12:15-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-1:45 p.m. The Dance Movement Choir shares movement/dance/ASL pieces with the congregation during the program year.

For more information about the music programs, please reach out to Dr. Bruce Glenn, Director of Music Ministries music@trinityspringfield.org. For information about the Dance Movement Choir, please reach out to Amelia Hays-Rivest dancemovementchoir@trinityspringfield.org.

I look forward to meeting new and returning members of this ministry in September!

Dr. Bruce Glenn



Boar's Head Festival Survey 2027

Boar's Head Festival planning is back and underway already! Can you believe it? We cannot wait to get our Trinity congregation involved in one of the most special events of the year! Please take the time to fill out the linked survey to indicate how you would like to be a part of the upcoming 2027 Boar's Head Festival. Show dates are January 8-10th! [Fill Out and Submit Survey Here!](#)



Trustee Accessibility Project Update

Work on the accessibility project will continue towards completion. 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.

The lift installation is complete and the contractor has a request into the State Elevator Inspector for a certificate of inspection. **Use of lift is pending until the certificate is received.** Indoor/outdoor carpeting has been installed at the parking lot vestibule entry and middle landing of the elevator.

The installation of the vinyl tile flooring at the lift and the east transept is completed.

The mechanical operators for the two fire doors at the stairs to the choir room and the operator for the parking lot vestibule have been installed.

Here is a list of the latest updates:

- Lift inspection
- Flooring installation
- Hardware on door
- Automatic door openers installed
- Painting

These pictures detail the current progress of the project:



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. At this time you cannot enter or exit through the new double exterior doors at the parking lot entrance near Vincent Hall. We will keep you informed as to when that stairwell will be available and open to use once again.

"QUOTE"

"By designing with accessibility in mind, we are designing for our friends, families and futures selves."

~Alistair Duggin



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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.

