

A Note from our Minister...



Faith, Hope, and Love

In July, I will begin my fourth year as the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. Beginning a New Year causes thoughtful reflection on the past and a scan of the horizon in search of what might be new. Believing that we will find something more dependable in the future than we have known in the past represents the triumph of hope over experience. But as the poet hath said: "Hope springs eternal."

Legend has it that author Lloyd C. Douglas used to visit an old man who gave violin lessons because the teacher had a kind of homey wisdom which refreshed him. One dreary 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. As the sound resonated in the room, he said to Douglas: "That, my friend, is the good news for today. It is the musical note 'A.'" It was "A" all day yesterday. It will still be "A" next week and for 1000 years.

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 remember friends from the past who have been lost to all sorts of distance; and we remember some who just disappear slowly and we don't know why.

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. What can we count on for stability in a world where nothing seems to stay the same? Everything and everybody keeps changing, and we do too. Whatever happens—good things, or bad, pleasant or problematic—we look and ask, "What might God be doing here?"

The truth is there is nothing permanent, not in this world, except the intangible. Everything you can see or touch is subject to the maddening law of change. But we can remain encouraged. Though you cannot see or touch them, these intangibles never change: faith, hope, love. If you are discontented with stress and change, find people who put a premium on these tangibles. The word faith comes from an ancient word that literally means "trust." Father Henri Nouwen reminds us that "Something good is amid all of this, as we get glimpses of how God might be working out God's divine purposes in our days." Slow down and discern the presence of God in your midst, you will find the decision rewarding.

Your minister,

Dr. David Calhoun



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Order A Name Tag on Sundays

We are asking all who are able to order a magnetic name tag at the Connection Point during coffee hour in an effort to get to know new members, etc. The name tags are \$8.00 and have a magnet on them so you won't damage your clothes. They can be left in the sanctuary upon leaving worship or if you are going to coffee hour, at the Connection Point. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Please Pray for These Members/Friends:

James Ac, the A family, James An, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Mary P, Les P and family, Catherine Ann R, the R family, Henry (Bing) S,

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 Sympathy & Prayers:

To Les P and family, upon the passing of his wife, longtime Trinity member Delight P.

To the A family, upon the passing of Trinity member, Marilyn A. A funeral service and burial will be held privately at the family's request.

To Lisa A and family, upon the passing of her sister, Trinity member, Patti R. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.



Thank You Notes

Easter Breakfast Thank You 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped with Trinity's Easter Breakfast. Set up Saturday morning was a breeze thanks to Brenda Sheldon and her granddaughter and Margo Sweetland.

We had great cooks: Tommy Butcher, Wayne LaFleur, Ian Smythe, Steve, Adam and Ryan Chisholm, Fred and Hope Lewis, Ray Miller, Beth and Jay Pajak and Deb Rogers. Our servers and helpers did a fabulous job: Alan and Molly Harwood, Lisa Foster, Lee Vaughn, Andrea Rust. Most of all, thank you to everyone who came to the breakfast. It was a pleasure to have you join us on Easter morning. If you weren't able to attend this year, please put it on your calendar for next year as not only is the food delicious, but the fellowship is wonderful. We also collected \$400 in free will offerings for the Youth Mission Trip!

Blessings,
Steve Chisholm and Kris Goald

Dear Trinity members and staff,

What a lovely surprise to learn that the altar flowers on Mother's Day were gifted to me. Trinity church has been close to my heart all my life, so receiving that lovely gift touched me deeply. I must admit that I am in Florida and did not receive them personally; however, I have a picture of them. My neighbor is graciously caring for them! I look forward to returning to Trinity in person this summer and to seeing and being with friends again.

Thank you so much!

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Regular Birthdays

Regular Wedding Anniversaries (Italics) S - Staff

6/1 Paul K
6/2 Brian S, *Bing & Sue S*
6/3 Janet D-M, Charlotte R, Jim S
6/4 Cheryl A, Henry M
6/6 Colin B, Michael F, Jamison M
6/7 Elena F, Jennifer L, Rose P, Shawn R, Amelia S, Quinn S
6/8 *Jennifer & Shawn R*
6/9 Devin B, Matthew S, *Amelia & Robert H-R*
6/10 Kelley T
6/11 Jackson H, Anita B, Stephanie S
6/13 Joy B, Julia G, Kurt L, Sharon M, Hannah R, Jamal T
6/14 Katherine L, *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*
6/18 Terrie D, Charles G, Melissa S, *Melissa & Tommy B*
6/19 Barbara H, Ashley N, Connor N, William S
6/20 Alexander A, Robin H
6/21 *Kelly H & Patrick C*
6/23 Donna G, *Michael & Andrea R*
6/24 Tatiana F, Linnea F, Melissa M
6/25 Pamela F, Sean K, Wayne L, Heather M, Douglas H, Aria P, *Alyssa & Sam B, Nicole & Daniel G*
6/26 Fiona E, Ray M, *Beverly & Charles G, Jr.*
6/28 Eric B, Arlene M, *Greg & Karen A, Lynette & Andrew V*
6/30 Devon B, Maeleah C, Sienna G, Cally S, Nora Z, *Charles & Lauren G*



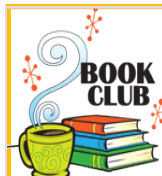
Milestone Birthdays 75 and Every 5 yrs. After and 90 +

6/9 Paul G
6/17 Charlotte D
6/17 Carl S
6/21 Margaret C
6/27 Nancy M
6/28 Steve C

Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 years

6/5 *Larry & Terrie D*
6/20 *Megan & Christopher M*
6/25 *Matthew S & Mary F*
6/28 *Christopher & Debra R*





Trinity Book Club—New Day and Time - Same Great Book Discussions

The Trinity Book Club is changing the book club meetings to the first Thursday of the month at 2:30. All meetings will be held at Arlene M's home. The next three meetings & books are:

Thursday, June 5 @ 2:30 p.m.: "One of Windsor" led by Dawn Whitney - an historical novel about the first witch hanging in Windsor Connecticut.

Thursday, July 3 @ 2:30 p.m.: "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger led by Wendy Regan

Thursday, August 7 @ 2:30 p.m.: "The Gardeners Plot" by Deborah Benoit led by Colleen Bugbee

All members and friends of Trinity Church are invited to attend. Don't worry if you haven't finished a book before the meeting dates. No test is given and no spoilers will be revealed. For more information, contact Colleen Bugbee at tumcbookclub@trinityspringfield.org.



Trinity Community Gallery

The June featured artist in Trinity's Community Gallery is Springfield artist, Janet Masciotra. The exhibit, called "FAUNA - A Gallery of Wildlife", features works in oil, colored pencil, and water color.



Trinity Artists!

Trinity artists who have indicated an interest in exhibiting their art in the gallery this summer can bring the pieces to the gallery after the worship service on

Sunday, June 29. If this date doesn't work, email: gallery-cafe@trinityspringfield.org



June Rose Window

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

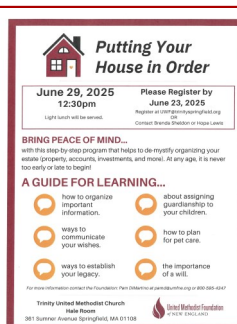
June 5 - In memory of David B, from his wife Vera and their family.

June 6 - In honor of her father, Hal M, on his birthday, from 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



Putting Your House in Order

It's never too early (or too late) to begin planning your "final wishes!" Please consider participating in a 2-hour session with guest speaker, Pam DiMartino, CFO of the United Methodist Foundation, as she guides you through a step-by-step process to de-mystify organizing your estate and communicating your wishes. Pam will provide a

detailed binder prepared by the Foundation and Trinity's United Women of Faith will provide a light lunch. This session is open to all members of our church and will be held in the Hale Room following church at 12:30 on June 29. Please RSVP by June 23 at uwf@trinityspringfield.org or in person to Brenda Sheldon or Hope Lewis.



Thoughts on our Theme "I am the vine; you are the branches."

June, the month that ushers in summer. It is also the last month of our theme, branches. We invite you to remember Jesus, God Incarnate, as the vine and ourselves as the branches as we move through the lush growing time of summer. Are we acknowledging all people as being branches? Are there people who are barely hanging on to the vine, who may need a listening ear or a hand reaching out? Perhaps you can find time to enjoy the shade of a trees branch this month and take time to contemplate one last time, "I am the vine; you are the branches." (John 15:5a) In verse 9 we read "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." May your summer be blessed as you remain in God's love and continue to love one another.

Love is...

A TRINITY KIDS INTERPRETATION
OF 1 CORINTHIANS 13

LOVE IS GIVING TIME, SPACE AND
COMFORT.

LOVE IS INVITING A FRIEND TO
PLAY AND OFFERING THEM A
TREAT.

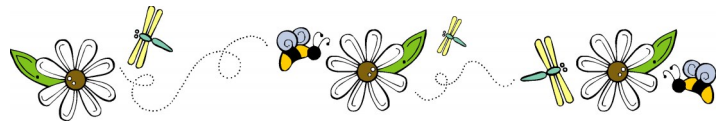
LOVE IS HELPING SOMEONE PICK
UP SOMETHING THEY DROPPED.

LOVE IS TAKING A DEEP BREATH.

LOVE CELEBRATES WHEN MY MOM
SURPRISES ME BY LETTING ME BUY
SOMETHING AT THE DOLLAR
STORE.

LOVE IS TALKING TO A FRIEND
AND HAVING A GOOD CRY.

LOVE IS LOVE.



14th TUMMS Golf Tournament Saturday, June 14, 2025

Please join us for an afternoon of (very poor) golf,
with a family party and evening of fellowship to
follow.

Questions? Contact Scott Woodward
or Nate Olin.



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 to the webpage is:
<https://www.trinityspringfield.org/events/softball-team/>
Make sure you click on the drop down box and scroll
to Trinity UMC. Thank you.



Save the Date!

The much-loved **Carillon Concerts** return
to **Trinity UMC** on **Thursday, July 17th!** Stay
tuned for more details coming soon!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRINITY 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."*

Clayton Van Calhoun

Manchester Community College

Kaya Donah

Quinnipiac University, Communications

Fiona Everett

Classical Magnet School in Hartford

Kean Jarrinen

Longmeadow High School

Layla McKenzie

Longmeadow High School

Alison Smythe

Holyoke Community College

Piper Jean Smythe

Memorial University of Newfoundland, English

Anna-Lee Thompson

Smith College, Chemistry

Youth Prayers

AT THE END OF EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, THE YOUTH CRAFT A PRAYER.
THE PRAYER IS IN THE FORM OF A COLLECT, MEANING THEY FOLLOW THE STRUCTURE OF:

YOU - ADDRESSING GOD
WHO - DESCRIBING GOD
DO - PETITIONING GOD

THROUGH - IN WHOSE NAME THEY PRAY

THIS IS A COLLECTION OF THE PRAYERS THEY'VE CREATED.



ALMIGHTY AND ALL-LOVING GOD,
WHO HELPS US TO HELP OTHERS,
REMINDE US THAT YOU MADE AND KNOW EVERY ONE OF US,
THROUGH YOUR LOVING AND HELPING SON, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.

OUR SPIRITUALLY LOVING GOD,
WHO WATCHES AND CARES FOR US,
PROTECT US THROUGH THIS WEEK AND BLESS US WITH BEAUTIFUL THINGS,
THROUGH YOUR SON WHO LOVES AND CARES FOR US EACH AND EVERY DAY, JESUS, AMEN.

OUR GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,
WHO WATCHES AND LOVES US EVERY DAY,
GIVE US CONFIDENCE AND PATIENCE,
THROUGH YOU GRACIOUS AND LOVING SON, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.

OUR LOVING GOD,
WHO PROTECTS US AND KEEPS PEACE IN OUR LIVES,
KEEP US AND OUR LOVED ONES SAFE AND HAPPY,
WE PRAY THIS IN THE BEAUTY OF ART AND ACTION, AMEN.

OUR WONDERFUL, GRACEFUL, AND LOVING GOD,
WHO CARES FOR AND PROTECTS US,
PROTECT OUR FAMILIES AND BLESS US WITH A BEAUTIFUL WEEK AHEAD OF US,
THROUGH THE MAN, THE LEGEND, OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.

OUR LOVING GOD,
WHO KEEPS US SAFE AND LOVES US NO MATTER WHAT,
TAKE CARE OF US EACH AND EVERY DAY,
IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

OUR LOVING, HEAVENLY FATHER,
WHO BLESSES US DAILY,
HELP US TO SPREAD YOUR LOVE TO EVERYONE WE MEET,
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WE PRAY, AMEN.

OUR LOVING AND GRACIOUS GOD,
WHO FINDS PATHS FOR US IN HARD TIMES,
HELP US TO BE GOOD SHARKS AND NOT BAD DOLPHINS,
IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

OUR LOVING GOD,
WHO CREATED EVERYTHING GOOD ON THIS EARTH,
BRING PEACE AND EQUALITY TO THE WORLD,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.

HEY MAN!
YOU ARE SUPER AWESOME.
HELP US AND GIVE SMILES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK,
THROUGH OUR FRIEND, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.

OUR GRACIOUS, LOVING GOD,
WHO WATCHES OVER US IN ALL THAT WE DO,
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF US AS WE GO THROUGH OUR DAYS,
THROUGH YOUR LOVE WE PRAY, AMEN.

OUR LOVING GOD,
WHO TAKES CARE OF US EACH DAY,
PLEASE KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE AND LET US LIVE OUR LIVES THE WAY YOU WANT US TO,
IN YOUR SON JESUS'S NAME, WE PRAY, AMEN.

OUR LOVING GOD,
WHO PROTECTS US AND MAKES US FEEL LOVE,
PLEASE BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE IN IT,
THROUGH YOUR SON THE PRINCE OF PEACE, JESUS CHRIST, WE PRAY. AMEN.

OUR GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,
WHO BLESSES US EACH AND EVERY DAY,
PROTECT US AND BLESS US EACH AND EVERY DAY,
IN YOUR SON'S NAME, WHO PAVED THE WAY FOR US, AMEN.

OUR GRACIOUS, HEAVENLY FATHER,
WHO LOOKS OVER US EVEN WHEN WE'RE IN OUR LOWEST POINTS,
PLEASE WATCH OVER US IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND KEEP US IN YOUR THOUGHTS,
IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

GRATEFUL GOD,
WHO GUIDES US THROUGH EACH AND EVERY DAY,
LISTEN TO OUR PRAYERS AND HELP EVERYBODY.
IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO WRITES OUR NAMES ON THE PALMS OF HIS HANDS,
JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.





Please Welcome These New Members Who Joined Trinity UMC on May 25!

Kay Davidson, whom we receive into this household of faith by letter of transfer from the Baldwinsville United Methodist Church in central New York. Kay lived and worked near Syracuse NY., where she owned a companion care company and taught T'ai Chi Chih classes at a local library. She enjoys painting and singing and is thrilled to live near her daughter and son-in-law.

John Plaster, whom we receive into this household of faith by vows. John was born in Ridgway, PA, and later on moved to Wallingford, CT, where he grew up. He worked for Milton Bradley for 25 years as the Graphics Production Manager. After retiring from there, he taught Electronics at Asnuntuck Community College for four years. He has been involved with Amateur Radio for over 50 years. He currently is the water commissioner for the town of Hampden and volunteers in other capacities as well. He enjoys traveling with his wife, Christine, and spending time with family and friends.

Christine Sterritt, whom we receive into this household of faith by vows. Christine grew up on a farm in Canaan, NY. After attending college in Utica, she landed her first job at an advertising agency in Enfield, CT. Following that job, she worked at Milton Bradley for 20 years as an Art Director designing packaging for numerous games. After retirement, she was able to pursue her passion for painting and now enjoys teaching watercolor classes at the Hampden Senior Center. Christine resides in Hampden with her husband, John. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their five children and eight grandchildren.

Shawn Rowell, whom we receive into this household of faith by Profession of Christian Faith. Shawn grew up in New Hampshire. He moved around a bit until moving to Western Massachusetts and meeting Trinity Member, Jennifer Rowell. Shawn is helping Jennifer raise her three teenagers: Mason (18), Zander (17) & Cosmo (16). Shawn works for EDS as a car detailer. When he isn't playing or annoying the cat Peanut. Shawn is enjoying watching wrestling, helping Jennifer with her crafting and spending time with family.



Pastor's Attic Tag Sale

We're just days away from our **Pastor's Attic Tag Sale on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m.—3 p.m.**, and it's shaping up to be our biggest and best yet! We'll be offering a **diverse array of items at unbeatable prices**, including clothing and accessories, household goods, kitchenware, small appliances, toys, games, decorative items, and antiques. We will also have delicious baked goods and coffee for sale. We thank you for your support, and don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors...

Donation Drop-Offs:

We will be accepting donations **this Sunday, June 1, after church until 2 p.m.** and **Monday, June 2, Tuesday, June 3 & Wednesday, June 4 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Please bring clean, gently used items you no longer need—we welcome household goods, small furniture, books, décor, and more.

Volunteers Needed:

- **Saturday, June 7** – Help staff the event (setup, assist shoppers, cashier, cleanup)
- **Tuesday, June 9** – Help with post-sale item removal and cleanup

Whether you can give an hour or a day, every helping hand makes a difference! If you're able to volunteer, please let us know as soon as possible at pastorsattic@trinityspringfield.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and service!



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.