

COVID-19 Protocols-Trinity United Methodist Church from TCAC

Trinity requires that everyone wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times at the church at all indoor services and events in Trinity's building, regardless of vaccination status. Social distancing of six-foot separation, for any indoor contact of more than fifteen minutes, is required, except for those from the same family household. Congregational and group singing is suspended. Fellowship-hour is suspended, other programming may continue. **For the entire article visit:** www.trinityspringfield.org click on the "about us" tab and scroll down to COVID updates.

LIGHT@9 (Sunday School) Postponed Until February 6

Given our community's ongoing struggle against the pandemic and the necessary restrictions in place at Trinity, LIGHT@9, Trinity's Sunday School program for children and youth, has postponed it's winter start date to February 6, 2022. We miss all of you and are so eager to gather again to learn about God and celebrate each other. Of course, this date could be delayed further should COVID circumstances continue. However, it is our hope and plan that LIGHT@9 will resume on February 6. We look forward to seeing you then!

Conference Wide "Brave Space Conversations"

The Vision Forward Team for the New England Annual Conference is hosting "Brave Space Conversations" on Monday January 24, February 7, and February 28. These conversations will focus on charting a path forward for the New England Annual Conference that is faithful to God. They will happen on Zoom and are open to Methodists throughout New England. To register see the link in the Thursday Thoughts.

Bible Study Class on the Gospel of John - February 6 Through April 7 (Easter)

The invitation from Jesus is: "Come and see, Follow me". During this bible study, we will study some of the most magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). We will revisit stories only told in John's gospel including Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and the raising of Lazarus.

This will be an eleven-week study and will include both the use of weekly video segments and group conversations in order to travel into the scripture as we hear God's Word. Those who participate do not have to have an in-depth knowledge of the Bible to enjoy, learn and participate. You will be asked to read just two chapters of John a week, and discover life-changing stories, we hope, will help us to follow Christ as disciples.

Time and Place: Sundays 9-10 a.m. in the Primary Room. *(We will not meet on February 20)*
Facilitator: Pastor René

Barbara Coffin's Paintings

Barbara Coffin's remarkable paintings will be on display this month in the Primary Room, before and after worship. Those of you who have been at Trinity for many years may have seen some of Barbara's amazing work when it was offered up at various auctions and events. Last year Barbara had over 70 paintings on display at the Suffield Public Library, and most of them were sold to benefit a Hartford children's organization. You can see a preview on our website under the connect tab and scroll down to the Trinity Community Gallery tab.

Welcome to Worship!

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here! If you have any questions, ask one of the ushers. They can be found near the rear entrance of the sanctuary. Large-print Bibles and hymnals, and hearing devices are available from any usher. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in Asbury Hall.

NEW TO TRINITY CHURCH?

We would love to reach out to you! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera app and a staff member will contact you. Welcome to Trinity.

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SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Table offers coloring pages and other materials to help children feel welcome and comfortable in church. The table is located in the rear of the sanctuary. Please return supplies to the table after the service.

Trinity's Nursery is open, under the caring direction of Shaylee Geier, every Sunday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., for children ages birth to 4. The nursery is located on the lower level of the building. An usher can direct you.

Trinity Offers Christian Education Classes for All Ages at 9 a.m. on Sunday Mornings: LIGHT@9 (Living in God's House Together at 9 a.m.), for age 4 years -through grade 5, **usually meets** downstairs in Vincent Hall. **It is on hiatus until February 6.** Our youth classes meet upstairs, middle school in the Youth Room and high school in the classroom down from the church office. Our adult class meets in the Hale Room, downstairs.

Chapel Kids is a worship service designed for children ages 7–12. It is offered during the worship service, Sunday, September to May **except the first Sunday of the month which is Communion Sunday and Easter Sunday. It begins at the beginning of the middle hymn, and ends after the benediction.** Chapel Kids is located in the chapel, which is on the same level as the sanctuary, and can be reached by going through the side door on the right of the sanctuary.

Dance/Movement Choir with Amelia Hays-Rivest starts again on Sunday, January 30 and continues most Sundays except February 13 and Easter. We're an intergenerational group, ages 6-adult, that contributes to the worship service through movement, just as the other choirs do through words and music. Dance experience is NOT required, nor is walking. All that is required is a sense that worship can move, literally, beyond words and music. We will be fully masked, and rehearse in the sanctuary with air flow and spacing. We have the ability to pivot to online if needed. Bring a change of clothes! Please contact Amelia at amelia@dramastudio.org for questions or to join.

This church is committed to providing a safe place for our children & youth.

Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy requires that parents (or an adult they have designated) bring & pick-up their children 5th gr. & under from church-sponsored programs. Please escort your child to/from the restrooms during worship. Thank you.

Wi-Fi Guest network password: TrinityGuest7476!

Want to learn more? Scan the QR code with your smart phone.



Attendance Sunday, January 16: Adults 85, Children 2, Total 87

