

### **Trinity Gallery**

A new exhibit, "Soul Spaces", will be on display in the gallery during the month of April. The artist is retired UCC pastor Dr. Rev. Chuck Morkin. Please plan to stop in the gallery after the worship service to enjoy the art.

### **Writing Your Life Story Class**

The Writing Your Life Story Class will begin sometime after Easter more details to follow. There will be an open ending date which we will discuss in class. This class is free of charge and the only expense for the participant is when they have their books printed. The Rev. Dr. David Calhoun will facilitate the class and assist the participants in putting their life story in book form. This is a fun and exciting way to leave a written legacy. The class is open to all and friends are welcome to participate! Class size is limited, please email or call the church office at [doreen@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:doreen@trinityspringfield.org) or (413) 737-5311 sign up for the class.

### **SINGLE TOGETHER**

Single Together is a group of women who are single by choice or circumstance who get together monthly for lunch and a time of fellowship and support. On Wednesday, April 12 we will be going together to eat at Cal's Woodfire Grill on Riverdale Road in West Springfield. We will carpool from the church. You are invited to join us by contacting Jo Anne Evans for information or to reserve a place at the table.

### **Trinity Goes Skating! April 16 at 1:00 p.m.**

Let's go skating! On Sunday, April 16 let's hit the skate rink (Interskate 91 in Wilbraham) for an afternoon of skating. Everyone is invited! This is a drop-in event, so come when you can! If you are bringing a child elementary age or younger, please plan to stay at the skating rink. There is a cost for this event- 15 dollars which includes rentals. If the cost is prohibitive, please reach out to Rob and we can work something out. If you'd like to sponsor someone, please make a donation toward this event! This'll be fun! There will be no Sunday Night Youth Fellowship that evening.

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### **Revitalize CDC / Green N Fit Springfield, Saturday, April 29, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Memorial Square Neighborhood, Springfield MA. (lunch provided)**

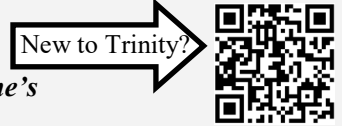
Revitalize CDC assists veterans, the elderly and people with special needs bring their homes back to healthy, livable conditions. We will be allowed to work in groups in these neighborhoods again this year to assist our neighbors in need. I am looking for a group of volunteers from Trinity to work with me and other volunteers on selected homes in need of general repairs, yardwork, landscaping, painting and some rehabilitation. All supplies will be provided and I will update everyone on the scope of work prior to the event. So far, we have 12 homes in this neighborhood that qualify. To join our team or to learn more about the event, please visit [www.revitalizecdc.com](http://www.revitalizecdc.com). If you are unable to volunteer and want to provide financial support, you can also make your donation on this website. This is a great opportunity to be a blessing and help those in need! Let's show our neighbors what happens "when two or more gather in His name"! Thank you all for your support! Gary Stone, Trinity Missions

## **Welcome to Worship!**

**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here! If you have any questions, ask one of the ushers at the rear entrance of the sanctuary. Large-print Bibles, hymnals, & hearing devices are available from an usher.

### **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.*



### **SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN**

**The Children's Table** offers Children's Bulletins for readers & non-readers 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.

**Trinity's Nursery for children ages birth to 4 yrs.** So that the nursery care supervisors can worship with their families, the nursery space is open but unsupervised. You are welcome to use that space with your child as needed. Thank you.

**Trinity's Christian Education Classes for All Ages are at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.** LIGHT@9 (Learning in God's House Together at 9 a.m.), is for age 4 years—through grade 5, meets downstairs in Vincent Hall from **September to May Except for Easter and Christmas through the third Sunday in January and the Summer.** 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 Sundays, from 9-10 a.m.** Questions, email Erica Weida at [tumcadultce@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:tumcadultce@trinityspringfield.org).

**Bible Story for Kids Ages 4-8 meets on Sundays except on Easter and Communion Sunday** downstairs beginning at the second hymn. We are looking for people to volunteer to help. It can be one Sunday or many! If you are interested, email Rob Powell at [directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org).

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

### **No Regular Sunday Afternoon Programming on Easter Sunday.**

To join the music activities, please reach out to Michael Carney: [music@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:music@trinityspringfield.org), for Youth Fellowship: Rob Powell: [directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org), for Dance/Movement Choir: Amelia Hays-Rivest [trinitydance@trinityspringfield.org](mailto:trinitydance@trinityspringfield.org)

*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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 for Sunday, April 2, 2023: Adults 162, Children 28 , Total 190**

**Offering Update: Monthly offering received, March, 2023=\$29,186.00 Monthly budget goal= \$32,500.00**

Thank you for your generosity, and for supporting the many missions of Trinity!



### Schneeglöckchen\*

Like the simple snowdrop  
straining through  
snow-custed earth  
resurrection compels us  
to push on

to dance joy though blind  
to sing hymns while deaf  
to build, to sculpt, to weave,  
to repair, to heal, to teach

to decry death  
in a symphony of defiance

By: Jane Schneeloch

*DID YOU EVER WONDER... how our Easter traditions and symbols came to be? There are many symbols and traditions that help express the meaning of Easter and remind everyone of the first Easter. Some of the symbols and traditions that we use at John Wesley United Methodist Church are:*



**The Cross:** Easter is a time when God changed sorrow into joy. The cross universally symbolizes the Christian faith. It reminds us of Christ's death and resurrection.

**Flowers:** Flowers express new life and hope. It is a symbol of new life that springs from a bulb that seems dry and dead: a reminder of Jesus' resurrection. The lily especially is a symbol of joy and resurrection.



**Animals:** All newly born creatures remind us of the new birth in Christ. Because of Easter, we can become "new creatures" in Him. Chickens and rabbits are ancient symbols of fertility and birth. Lambs symbolize Jesus as the *Lamb of God* and the sacrifice of Jesus. For the ancient Egyptians, the rabbit was a symbol of the moon. Easter comes on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21<sup>st</sup>.



**Butterflies:** A caterpillar seems dead inside the cocoon but it emerges, changed into a beautiful butterfly. The butterfly reminds us that God can change us as Christians into new persons. The caterpillar is a symbol of life. The cocoon is the symbol of death. The butterfly is the symbol of resurrection. The life cycle of the butterfly symbolizes Christ's transformation.

**Eggs:** The egg is an ancient symbol of new life breaking forth. It symbolizes spring's return, new life and Resurrection. Why do we color Easter eggs? According to the legend, some eggs were colored when Mary's (Jesus' mother) tears fell on them. It became customary to decorate eggs to symbolize the end of the penitential season, the beginning of springtime and renewal of life. The eggshell reminded early Christians of the sealed tomb. Why do we use so many eggs at Easter? A long time ago during the long weeks of lent people were not supposed to eat meat or animal products so they couldn't eat eggs, but the hens kept laying them. There were plenty of eggs to be used up once Easter arrived! People decorated them and gave the eggs as presents.



**Palm Branch:** The palm branch reminds us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.