

Celebrate God’s love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Trinity Church is a congregation of The United Methodist Church and is a Reconciling Congregation.

A Note from our Minister...



A Church With A Vision

She asks, “Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to walk from here?” “That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the cat. These lines from Lewis Carroll’s *Alice in Wonderland* are rich with meaning. It’s true; action without vision is random activity. As we begin a new season in the church, it can be said that Trinity United Methodist is one with a vision.

The leadership of Trinity is committed to take our church to the next level. This is a collective effort however, and everywhere I look there is evidence of ambitious people working diligently to expand our ministry to the Springfield community and beyond.

Vision can be summarized by this wonderful story told by Edward Pulling, a great educator: Back in the Middle Ages, a dispatcher went out to determine how laborers felt about their work. He went to a building site in France. He approached the first worker and asked, “What are you doing?” The worker snapped back, “Are you blind? I’m cutting these impossible boulders with primitive tools and putting them together the way the boss tells me. I’m sweating under this blazing sun, it’s backbreaking work, and it’s boring me to death!”

The dispatcher quickly backed off and retreated to a second worker. He asked the same question: “What are you doing?” The worker replied, “I’m shaping these boulders into usable forms, which are to be assembled according to the architect’s plan. It’s hard work, and sometimes it gets repetitive, but I earn five francs a week, and that supports my wife and children. It’s a job. Could be worse.”

Somewhat encouraged, the dispatcher went on to a third worker. “What are you doing?” he asked. “Why can’t you see!” said the worker as he lifted his arms to the sky. “I’m building a cathedral!” Friends, whatever we do, let us do it with purpose and with vision. For we are building a church for the glory of God!

Blessings to you . . .

Dr. C.



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Trinity Office & Building is closed on Monday, September 4, 2024 in observance of Labor Day! Have a Happy & Safe Holiday!

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Please Pray for These Members/Friends:

Mary A, Lisa B, Borys B, James B, Meri B, Jean C, Margaret (P) C, Mary C, Benard D, Dominick E, Jo Anne E, Mary (T) G, David & L H, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Gavin M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Jane S, Carl S, Lynn T, Alison (Allie) W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.



September Rose Window

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

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

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

September 30 - Anonymous

"QUOTE"

“September tries its best to have us forget summer.”

~ Bernard Williams

SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

- 9/1 Judy & Charles L
- 9/2 Berney B
- 9/3 Russell C, Joseph T, *Caroline & Eric M*
- 9/4 Brianna C, Aidan N, *Andrew & Stephanie G*
- 9/5 Colin C, Catherine R
- 9/6 Isabella T
- 9/8 Leverett H,
- 9/9 Stephen G, Christopher S, Lisa & C
- 9/11 Tim E, *Steve & Karen S*
- 9/12 Charlotte M, Maura S
- 9/13 Zoe K, Anthony S, Nicholas S, *Wayne & Teri L*
- 9/14 James A, Susan C-B, Maximus D, *Dina & A.J. C*
- 9/15 Arianna B, *Nicole B & Shannon C*
- 9/16 Susan T, *Brenda K & Stephen G*
- 9/17 Robert C, Daniel G, Aura I, Jennifer R, Joachim T
- 9/18 Jenna C, Rev. Dr. C (S), Mason C, Morgan M, *Jess & Christina H, Ian & Rachel S*
- 9/19 Richard H, Carlos M (S)
- 9/20 *Holly & Donald B, Russ & Linda C*
- 9/22 Henry G, Jackson R, Andrew T
- 9/23 Diane & Robert F
- 9/24 Jeannette B, Michael R
- 9/25 Rita A, Thomas S, Erin S
- 9/26 Eric M
- 9/27 Benjamin P, *Jason P & Beth M-P*
- 9/28 Amelia H-R, James M, Jennifer S
- 9/29 Benjamin (F) R
- 9/30 Amy B, Brenda K (J), Kyle L, *Pat & Laurie H*



Birthdays & Anniversaries
CELEBRATION

Milestone Birthdays

9/4 Charles G

9/8 Mary P



Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 years

9/6 Daniel & Heather M

TRINITY'S BLOCK PARTY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



September is here and with it, this year's Trinity Sunday & Block Party celebration. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 8th, 12 noon - 2:30 p.m.**, when we gather together on the front lawn for food, fellowship, and fun. There will be music, games for the children (and the young at heart), delicious food, and a drawing every half-hour for a free pie.

If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, please stop by the Connection Point table in Asbury Hall) during Fellowship Hour after worship or feel free to contact Wendy R at blockparty@trinityspringfield.org. We look forward to spending some "quality time" with one another and with our Forest Park neighbors.



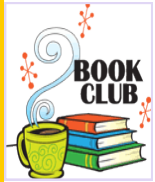
NICARAGUA GALLERY EXHIBIT

The September exhibit in the Trinity Community Gallery features a narrative exhibit of photos chronicling Trinity's 10 year involvement in the Church World Service Nicaragua initiative. Plan to stop in before or after worship to see familiar Trinity faces serving in this ministry.



Are You Interested in Becoming an Acolyte?

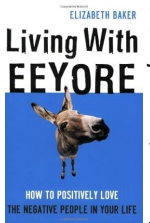
Any youth in Fourth grade and up would be welcome! There will be a Training in September 2024. Any questions just ask Tina W, Acolyte coordinator. You can email her at: acolytes@trinityspringfield.org.



Women's Book Club

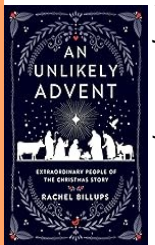
The Women's Book Club will be discussing *The Women* by Kristen Hannah when they meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m. at Arlene Mackie's home, 936 Grayson Drive, Springfield. "*The Women* is the story of one woman gone to war but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way." Contact Jane with questions. Thank you.

Upcoming Book Studies with Rev. Dr. David Calhoun



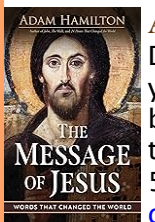
Fall Study Opportunity - Living with Eeyore

Join Rev. Calhoun for this four week study. Living with Eeyore is a humorous book that is filled with practical solutions. It is a treasure chest for anyone who lives and works with negative, unhappy individuals. This book study will help you not only to survive but also to learn to relate to your "Eeyore" with a dash of humor and genuine love. This study will be offered Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28 at 6-7:30 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Calhoun. To sign up for the study email Doreen at doreen@trinityspringfield.org.



Advent Study Opportunity - An Unlikely Advent

Join Rev. Calhoun for a four week Advent study focusing on the book: An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story. This Advent study will focus on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story while guiding participants through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of these unexpected characters have something to teach us about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas. This study will be offered Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 12noon to 1:30 p.m. (bring a brown bag lunch). For more information contact Rev. Calhoun. To sign up for the study email Doreen at doreen@trinityspringfield.org.



An After the Holidays Book Study - The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World

Did you know that much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said? If you would like to learn more, you are invited to join Rev. Calhoun in a fresh encounter with the Words of Jesus. In this six-week study by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, we will explore six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings. why they matter, and how they speak to us today. This study will be offered Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20 at 5:30 - 7 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Calhoun. To sign up for the study email Doreen at doreen@trinityspringfield.org.



Confirmation
—Class—

Confirmation Class scheduled for 2024-2025

Confirmation 2024-2025 will begin on **Sunday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m.** Youth (8th grade and above) who were not able to attend the informational meeting should contact Rob for the details at: directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org.



LIGHT@9 Begins on Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Elementary age students can look forward to learning with Karen Sheffield and Rachel Smythe, our beloved teachers, down in Vincent Hall. Through music, dance, art, and more, kids will learn all about the stories of our faith and the abundance of God's love.

The youth class will meet in the Youth Room with Rob. We'll be looking to deepen our worship by exploring the texts we explore during Sunday worship.

Silent Retreat September 28, 1:00-4:00

Conway, Massachusetts



**A time of intentional prayer, contemplation, meditation, and rest.
Come spend time with God in the company of Creation.**

This retreat has a 10 person capacity, so register swiftly by emailing Rob at directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org.

Please note: the retreat space presents some mobility challenges.



Youth Mission
GROUP

Youth Mission Group

Rob is introducing a new program for Trinity Youth- the Youth Mission Group. This group will meet for 30 minutes monthly via zoom to learn about Christian mission *and* do mission work within our church and community. This will culminate in a mission trip to Maine the second week of August 2025. In order to attend the youth mission trip, youth must participate in the Youth Mission Group. The first meeting will be on October 2 at 7:30 p.m.



Sunday Night Youth Fellowship September 15 at 6:00 p.m.

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us for the start of a new year of youth fellowship! We'll be kicking off the year with a tie-dye party at church and more! Come reconnect, meet new people, and get excited for another year of Trinity Youth!

Adjustment to Youth Schedule

Youth Fellowship will be held every Sunday evening *except* the first Sunday of the month.





Altar Ministry

We are seeking volunteers for the altar ministry. The members of the team take turns preparing the altar on Sunday morning for worship. The preparation is easy and only takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. For

further information or questions please contact Judy W at altarministry@trinityspringfield.org.



Choir Season Begins at Trinity

It's with excitement and anticipation that I announce the beginning of the Choir Season at Trinity!

The **Chancel Choir** and **Handbell Choir** will begin rehearsal Thursday, September 5th.

Handbells will rehearse at 5:45p.m. in the sanctuary, and will perform on many special occasions during the program year. **Chancel Choir** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. The group is open to all adults who like to sing— you certainly don't need to read music or have any prior experience to participate!

Children's choirs will begin rehearsals after church on Sunday, September 22nd. The **Choristers**, for children in grades 2-7, will meet from 12:15-1:00 p.m. The **Chamberettes**, a group for youth in grades 8-12, will then meet 1:00-1:45. The **Youth Handbell Choir** rehearses from 1:30-2:20 p.m. and is open to youth with some foundation of musical reading skills.

If you have any questions, you can find me on email at music@trinityspringfield.org.

Thanks, and God bless,

Chris White, Interim Music Director



New Member Orientation

Trinity is a growing and dynamic congregation of people. Many of you have been asking me when the next new member orientation is going to happen? I'm happy to report that a new and prospective member gathering has been scheduled for **Sat., Sept. 14, 2024 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. Please Email Doreen at doreen@trinityspringfield.org if you plan on attending.

Blessings,



SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024, WE WALK!

The 48th Annual Greater Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will take place here at Trinity! 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 \$4,000 to support families and communities around the world and here in the Springfield area.

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 support is helping our neighbors here in the Springfield area who receive support from 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 page to register or to make a donation is: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/team-trinity-springfield-2>.

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 Sun., October 6!

Dance Movement Choir

The Dance/Movement Choir is getting ready for fall. If you would like to dance in our choir, or are just thinking about it, please come join us! 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. If you would like to participate, we rehearse on **Sundays from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.** Regular rehearsals will begin September 29. For questions or to join, Please contact email Amelia dancemovementchoir@trinityspringfield.org

Movement Choir





“I Am the Vine; You Are the Branches.”

Our theme for the year is branches and our guiding scripture: “I am the vine; you are the branches.” Jesus tells us this in John 15:5a. He goes on to talk about the connection, the vine and the branches, and how they need one another. “Abide in me and I abide in you” he tells us.

As we consider the connections through branches this year we would like to use a visual that is already in our sanctuary and has been there since it was dedicated in 1929. The front piece of our altar includes three circles of grapevines, each around symbols of the Trinity. The circular vine pictured above surrounds symbols of Jesus.

The Worship Committee invites you to come into the altar area after church one Sunday and spend some time looking at the vine and the branches on the altar. What do you see? How do you feel about being one of the branches? How can you strengthen your connection to the vine, to Jesus and to God? May God be with us as we live into our theme this year.



United Women in Faith (UWiF) September Meeting Sept. 17, 2024

All are invited to attend the September quarterly meeting of United Women in Faith on Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. Adam Smedberg will be our featured speaker representing Church World Service (“CWS”). Trinity supports this organization by participating in the annual CROP WALK, which occurs the first Sunday in October. The vision of CWS is a vision of a caring, compassionate world where everyone has food, voice, and a safe place to call home. Their mission is to transform communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Please join us on September 17 in the Parkside Cafe to learn more about this important ministry. Light refreshments will be provided.

Yours in Faith, UWF Leadership Team: Brenda Sheldon, Hope Lewis and Holly Blair

It's Back!!!! Trinity's Pumpkin Patch Festival - Save the Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024



The Trinity Ways and Means Committee is currently working on the 2nd annual Pumpkin Patch Festival to be held on Saturday, October 5th .from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. As in last year's Festival, there will be food trucks and craft vendors in addition to kids' activities and pumpkins for sale. Volunteer sign-ups are available now at the Connection Point for the following: making apple crisp, baking a cake for the take-a-cake activity, lending wagons to tote pumpkins to cars, general volunteering on day-of, set-up and break-down, placing a sign in your yard and more. Many hands are needed to make this a success, so **please save the date and plan to attend this fun event.** You can also reach us at pumpkinpatch@trinityspringfield.org. See you there!!



Pumpkin Patch Festival Bake Sale

The Pumpkin Patch Festival is almost here and this year it will include a bake sale, “Autumn’s Bounty.” Think of apples, pumpkins, cranberries, cinnamon, and all the delicious goodies you can make with them. Of course, what’s a bake sale without chocolate chip cookies, brownies and blondies. Our bake sales have always been very popular with the public and we hope you’ll help us with this one. **You can drop off your items in the kitchen on Friday, October 4, 2024.** If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for helping to make this bake sale a success.

Kris G
Email: hospitality@trinityspringfield.org,



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.



Craig Masonry is repointing the exterior masonry on the west wall of the chapel. Bob Craig has repaired the exterior window at the top of the stairs to the bell tower. He has repaired some areas where the limestone has failed. In the picture Bob Craig is repointing the chimney.



Stained Glass Resources has removed the 5 sanctuary aisle stained glass windows and the four large stained glass windows at the west transept and rear balconies. Attached is a picture of one of the aisle windows that has been taken apart, cleaned, missing or damaged glass repaired and then re-lead the glass.



The Parsonage bathroom has been completed and it is very beautiful. The work includes a new linen closet, replacement of the ceiling and handicap accommodations including grab bars and a sliding 36" wide access door.



Three new small point of use electric hot water heaters have been installed under sinks that are a long distance from the main hot water tank in the boiler room.

Asphalt paving was placed on the west exit driveway in the area of the potholes.

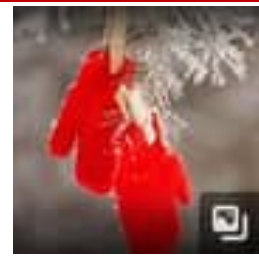
Construction on Sumner Ave has started with the installation of a new high pressure large gas line which an Eversource spokesperson suggested Trinity Church should have plenty of natural gas in the future. In the past the boiler has shutdown due to low natural gas pressure. An Eversource contractor will be installing new electric lines under Sumner Ave. The contractor plans to rent 4 parking spaces on the West exit driveway to store equipment for 2-3 months.



Another Fun-Filled Event for Trinity – Friday, November 15th from 5 – 7 p.m.

November 15th is slated for another fun event at Trinity!! We're reviving the SILENT AUCTION which has been so popular in years past!!! The event promises an evening of music, fellowship and laughter from 5p.m. – 7 p.m. complete with tasty hors d'oeuvres and refreshing beverages. Be on the lookout for further information as summer ends, but be sure to SAVE THE DATE on your calendars now! Hope to see you there!!

The Ways and Means Committee



Mitten Tree

National Mitten Tree Day is Friday, December 6, 2024. Show your warmth and donate to Trinity's Mitten Tree. Knitted, purchased and/or gently used mittens, hats and scarves will go to Trinity's Parkside Pantry. Stop by the Parkside Café with your donations on December 6, from 2-4 p.m. and help decorate the Mitten Tree! Sit down for a hot chocolate and cookies. Donations gratefully accepted through December 20th.



Gifts From the Heart Handmade Market

We are looking for artisans and crafters for the Gifts From the Heart Handmade Market scheduled for **Sunday, December 8, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Community Gallery**. The purpose of this market is to give Trinity members the opportunity to purchase handmade gifts (for themselves or others) while giving our artisans an outlet for their work. In lieu of a "table fee", all vendors are asked to donate at least 10% of their proceeds to the church.

Space is limited so anyone who is interested in being a vendor is asked to contact Nicole Baker artmaking@trinityspringfield.org to reserve a space.



**Arm in Arm is Coming Back!
Save the Date: March 22, 2025
Get More Info: September 8, 2024**

The first Arm in Arm Concert was a response to the Parkland mass shooting in 2018. Since then we have had a number of concerts including music, mime, dance, visual arts and poetry. The creative arts help us to acknowledge the painful reality that our society's obsession with guns is increasingly making gun violence a part of our lives, yet we live with hope. Each concert has lifted up two organizations working against gun violence to which donations are split from the proceeds.

Mark your calendars now with the date of our next concert, Saturday, March 22, 2025. **Please come by the Arm in Arm table after church on Trinity Sunday to learn more about the concert and to see how you can be involved.** Join us in turning away from arming ourselves against others toward reaching out to others and linking arm in arm.



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.



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