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

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A Note from our Minister...



A Time To Give

James Kennedy once said, "What really matters is what happens in us, not to us." Sometimes, we don't feel we have that much to give others. We may be struggling financially. Our health might not be the best. We may feel too tired, physically and emotionally, to add even one more activity to our busy schedule.

In reality however, we all have a great deal to give, whatever our circumstances. For instance, we can listen when someone

needs to talk. We can call someone who may be lonely. We can forgive someone who has hurt us. We can teach a skill or share our knowledge. We can even offer something as simple as a smile. It has been said that the ultimate test of an individual's character may be their willingness to sacrifice for future generations whose words of thanks may not be heard. Indeed, we all have more than we think to give to the world.

On Sunday, October 13, 2024, Trinity will be launching its Annual Fall Stewardship Campaign, and you are invited to participate in it.

Church fundraising campaigns are double-edged swords. If the purpose is not important and clearly understood, it may create a wave of fear that a person will be personally asked for money that he or she would rather not give. This fear creates a secondary wave of fear that participation of persons may diminish in an effort of self protection. On the other hand, if the purpose is important and clearly understood, a church fundraising campaign can bring about a sense of personal exhilaration with renewed and amplified commitment to the church.

On the congregational group level, the result is pride and excitement from seeing good things happen. Furthermore, there is reasonable anticipation of better things happening in the future. I believe the purpose of our stewardship campaign is clear and clearly understood. You are invited to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you - your energy, your prayers, and your gifts. We all have a great deal to give; and we are all needed to give whatever we can to help make Trinity be the best it can possibly be for generations to come, and to expand God's realm of radical inclusion, love, compassion, and justice; a realm that Jesus inaugurated and proclaimed. Please watch for more details about the campaign in the very near future!

Grace and Peace,

Dr. C.







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Trinity's Office & Building will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2024 in observance of the holiday! Have a happy & safe day!

VISIT US ONLINE: trinityspringfield.org



Please Pray for These Members/Friends:

Mary A, Lisa B, Borys B, James B, Meri B, Jean C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C, Benard D, Dominick E, Jo Anne E, Mary (T) G, David & Leslie H, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Bob M, Jane T 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.



We offer our Christian sympathy to Nancy & Tom M and family, upon the death of Nancy's Sending Our mother, Ruth C. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this very difficult time.



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



A Great Big Thank You!

On behalf of the Membership & Evangelism Committee, I want to say THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's Trinity Sunday/Block Party celebration such a success. On a

beautiful sunny Sunday our Trinity community came together to make a fun time and provide a welcome gathering for neighbors and one another. So many people worked together to make this happen - from the kitchen crew, grill team, food servers, "popcorn princess", lemonade crew, welcome booth volunteers and DJs, to all who helped set up and put away tables and chairs (kudos to our great sexton team). It was great to see so many Trinity folks working together to create a welcoming atmosphere for one another and for our greater Forest Park community Thanks again, and God bless you all for your commitment. Team Trinity, you rock!

Wendy Regan, Membership & Evangelism Chair

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

10/1 Fred L, Allison R

10/2 Madeline J, Gary & Kristina S

10/3 Cristoper L, Colin & Crystal C, Rick & Amy B

10/4 Samuel S

10/5 Skylar C

10/6 David H, Judith W

10/7 Colleen B, Jess H III,

10/8 Adrianna B, Paul C, Nate & Joanna O

10/9 Christopher H, David J, Debbie M,

Rev. Dr. David & Julie C

10/10 Karin K, Adelyn N

10/11 Charly S

10/12 Alexander R, Christina S, Scott & Pat W,

Camille & Nate T

10/13 Nancy & David H

10/14 Stephen F, Susan P

10/15 David M, Debra R

10/17 Ava B, Jack D, Ken S, Brian & Sarah C

10/18 Scott A, Garrett S, Pheobe O & Cody M,

Paul & Donna G

10/19 James A, Endel L, Nathan S

10/20 Laurie H, Mason H

10/21 Apryl T

10/22 John & Teri D

10/23 Gabriel W, Abigail B, Thomas B,

C. Stephen S

10/24 Brenda & Thomas S

10/25 John M, Isla M, Mia M, Ellen & Jeffrey B

10/26 Amy B

10/28 Jaden B, Tom L, (S) Joe Z, Greg & Melissa M

10/29 Jacki B

10/30 Kathryn S

10/31 Ryan C



Milestone Birthdays 75 & Every 5 & 90 +

10/7 Lynn T

10/13 Steve H

10/18 Beverly B

10/21 Caroline B

10/25 Lynn M



Milestone Anniversaries Every 5 years

10/12 David & Cyndi LeDoux celebrate 50 yrs. 10/22 Fred & Hope Lewis celebrate 25 yrs. 10/25 Ellen & Jeffrey Bernard celebrate 10 yrs.



Thoughts on our Theme of Branches Inspired by Trinity's Altar

Wreaths of grapevines are central to our Altar. The design of the Altar was the idea of the Rev. Dr. F. W. Adams, who also had the vision of building Trinity on Sumner Ave. By using the image of the grapevines he made certain the Altar would always remind us of Jesus' statement in the Gospel of John, "I am the vine, you are the branches."

The picture above is the section of the Altar that focuses on God. Notice the square with a border of two-colored cord (lighter and darker shades of orange). The cord is another symbol indicating our connection with God, symbolizing humankind and God as "inseparably woven together." (Fletcher, p. 5)

Adams' decision to surround each symbol of the Trinity with the branches of a grapevine also reminds us of the Triune God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each provides us a path to the Holy. What are some of the ways that you connect to the Trinity? Quiet meditation with God? Listening for the Holy Spirit? Spending time with the Gospels that you might learn about God through Jesus? Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, remember, you are already connected to God, you are inseparably woven together.

(Fletcher, "Seeing Trinity Through the Eyes of the Guide", 1938)



Help Yourself & Other Trinity Members Put a Face to a Name

Are you already listed in the directory? Haven't yet had your photo taken yet? Need to update your current photo? It's never too

late. That's one of the advantages of our on-line directory - it's always updateable.

- Already have a great photo of yourself & family? Just upload it
- Only have a hard copy? Bring or send it to Doreen in the church office to have it uploaded.
- Don't have a current photo? Come to the Connection Point any Sunday during Fellowship Hour to have a photo taken.
- Questions about the directory? Come to the Connection Point during Fellowship Hour.

We look forward to *seeing* you in the Directory! Wendy Regan,

Membership & Evangelism Chair



It's Here! Trinity's 2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival -Saturday, October 5, 2024 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please join your Trinity family for a day of family fun and festive fall activities on our own front lawn. Stop in with the kids and grandkids and stay as long as you like.

There will be:

Pumpkins and Mums, Pumpkin Painting, Scarecrow Photo Ops, Local Craft Artisans, Games & Activities, Face Painting, Silent Auction, Food Trucks, Apple Crisp, Cider, Baked Goods and MORE!!

Free entry and parking. Pumpkins, food, and certain activities available for purchase. You can reach us via email: pumpkinpatch@trinityspringfield.org.



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.

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Message from Finance & Stewardship Committee

As of September 26,2024 pledges received totaled \$302,960 of the \$441,519 pledged for 2024. To reach our pledged goal, we need to receive \$138,559 in pledge income between now and December 31, 2024. Thank you to all who have contributed so far this year, with a special thanks to those who have met or exceeded their pledge commitment to date. Pledge income is the most important and largest part of our annual budget. That is why it is so important for all of us to do our best to fulfill the commitments we prayerfully made to Trinity during our 2024 pledge drive. If you are new to Trinity and did not have an opportunity to pledge last year, we gratefully appreciate your weekly/monthly or even one time donations. Together we keep Trinity financially strong.

Many of our members have found our online giving option the easiest way to make their pledges. You have the option to make weekly, monthly an even one time pledge donations. Stay tuned while we update our giving tab and QR code on the website for the 2025 Stewardship Drive.



Chapel Chair Capital Campaign

Trinity's Chapel chairs have served us well for almost 100 years, but they have reached a point that they are no longer comfortable or safe to use. Trustees will be replacing these chairs and we want to make sure that the new chairs last just as long. We have selected a wood chair that matches the chapel, is solid and

stable, and is more comfortable and sized correctly for our congregation. The cost per chair is \$300. Trustees need your help to buy the right chair. Are you willing to buy a chair or a part of a chair and help us keep Trinity usable for the next century? Any size donation is greatly appreciated.

Click here: For more information and to pledge, scan this QR code, or pick up a form in the back of the sanctuary.





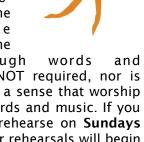
CROP Walk is Almost Here!

Get ready to walk! This year's annual CROP Walk kicks off at Trinity on Sunday, October 6. Please consider walking and donating to fight hunger both locally and globally. Our goal for this year is to raise \$4,000 and have 25 walkers. So far, we have 10 walkers and have raised \$755. We need you to step up! Please consider giving. You can give on the Trinity Giving page o r q o https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/ team/team-trinity-springfield-2 to register and/or donate. If you have questions, please email Diane Mackie at <u>missions@trinityspringfield.org</u> or see Gary Stone in church this Sunday...

Thank you and see you at the walk this Sun., Oct.,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 6adult, that contributes to the worship service Movement Choir



through movement, just as the other choirs do through 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. Please email Amelia for guestions or to join.



Altar Ministry

We are seeking volunteers for the altar ministry. The members of the team take turns preparing the altar for Sunday morning worship. The preparation is easy and only takes about 15-20 minutes to complete. For further information or questions please contact Judy W.



Trinity Community Gallery October exhibit: The Joy of Art

Joyce Belliveau, who has become a familiar face in worship at Trinity, will be exhibiting her art in October.

In her words: "Many years ago, while in high school I dabbled in oil paints, took a few oil painting classes at the Springfield Museum, and sketched in pen and ink for fun. But life got busy, and I did not get back to holding a paint brush until twelve years ago when I retired. Watercolor painting was something I always wanted to do, and I had some extra time to try painting again. I took some watercolor classes and workshops. Then about 6 years ago I once again tried oils, and I've recently started working with pastels.

Painting in the three different mediums have been fun. I am pleased that retirement has allowed me to explore and develop my creativity. Trinity Church has a great gallery space, and I am happy to be showing some of my work there for the month of October."



Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will be discussing Pulitzer Prize winning *James* by Percival Everett when it meets at 7p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 at Arlene Mackie's home, 936 Grayson Drive, Springfield. "*James* is funny and horrifying, brilliant and riveting. In telling the story of Jim instead of Huckleberry Finn, Percival Everett delivers a powerful, necessary corrective to both literature and history. I found myself cheering

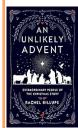
both the writer and his hero. Who should read this book? Every single person in the country." —Ann Patchett The book for November is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. If you have questions, contact Jane S.

Upcoming Book Studies with Rev. Dr. David Calhoun



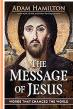
Fall Study Opportunity - Living with Eeyore

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 Mondays, Oct.7, 21,28 at 6-7:30 p.m. For more information contact Rev. Calhoun at info@trinityspringfield.org. To sign up for the study email Doreen Bessey at doreen@trinityspringfield.org. You can purchase the book on Amazon.



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 at info@trinityspringfield.org. To sign up for the study email Doreen Bessey 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 at info@trinityspringfield.org. To sign up for the study email Doreen Bessey at doreen@trinityspringfield.org.





Trunks Needed for Trunk or Treat

We're looking for trunks for our annual trunk or treat which will be held on October 27 at 5:00 p.m. It's a fun event and a wonderful way to offer fun and kindness to our Trinity kids and wider community! Last year, we had 17 trunkslet's try to get even more this year! Trunks need to arrive by 4:15 p.m. on the day of the event to get setup. If you would like to be a trunk email Rob at directorfmandc@ trinityspringfield.org.







October Youth Dates

October 2, 7:30 p.m. - Youth Mission Group Email Rob (<u>directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org</u>) for link

October 6, 6:00 p.m. - First Confirmation Meeting
No Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

October 13, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

October 20, 6:00 p.m. - Special Youth Fellowship at Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine

October 25, 4:00 p.m. - Youth Service Project at the Gray House

October 27, 5:00 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

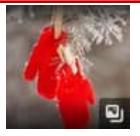
Youth are invited to help set-up and clean-up, followed by a pizza and movie night.



Another Fun-Filled Event for Trinity – Friday, November 15' 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.



Know Your Church

Did you know that Trinity has two Lay Leaders? Sandra Collins and Michael Rust serve as together in that role. What does a Lay Leader do?

- ♦ A Lay Leader connects the people of the church, the leadership of the church, and the local community. He/she
- ♦ Looks for ways to build the awareness of the role of laity in the church
- ♦ Advises the church of opportunities for ministry that will improve the church/community
- Meets with the pastor to discuss the church and opportunities for ministry
- Collaborates with other church leaders to uplift the ministries of laity
- Represents the church on the various committees

Feel free to talk with Sandra or Michael about ideas for connecting the people of the church, the leadership of the church, and the local community.



We had Five New Members Join Trinity UMC on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Please Welcome Them!

In Alphabetical Order

We present to you, David Belew by letter of transfer from Broadway United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL. David was raised in St. Charles, Missouri. He attended high school in El Paso TX. He has lived in Chicago, Maui and Indiana before moving to Agawam in March of this year to take the CEO position at Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley. In his spare time, David is an avid strategy board gamer, theatre aficionado, movie buff and St. Louis sports fan. David lives with adorable little dog Yakko.

We virtually present to you, Janet Bigler whom we receive by vows. She was previously a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sterling, CO.

We present to you, Michelle Leonard whom we receive into this household of faith by Profession of Christian Faith. Michelle is a 35-year resident of the Forest Park neighborhood in Springfield. She was a longtime member at Faith United Church prior to its closing, serving the church in many capacities. She lives on Longhill Street with her husband Bill, daughter Alexandra, three dogs, Paisley, Teddy and Opie and three cats, Casanova, Lily and Stella.

We present to you, Ashby Pack whom we receive by letter of transfer from First United Methodist Church of St. Cloud, FL. Ashby grew up in Florida attending her neighborhood United Methodist Church on Sundays with her family. Before moving to Springfield, she worked as an entomological zookeeper and horticulturist for the Florida Museum. After relocating to Springfield this past summer, she started working for the Springfield Museums and as a swim instructor. She enjoys crafting, cooking, and baking with Rich when they have free time.

We present to you, Rich Pack whom we receive by letter of transfer from First United Methodist Church of St. Cloud FL. Rich also grew up in Florida. After being baptized in high school, he decided to pursue a career in ministry, so he attended Florida Christian College. After his second year he transferred to UCF to pursue the pre-med track. He recently graduated from medical school in May. He is currently a first year resident pediatrician at Baystate. He enjoys baking, gardening, Legos, and running.



For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13





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.

Minister:

Interim Director of Music:

Church Administrator:

Director of Family Ministries and Connections:

Administrative Assistant:

Head Sexton:

Acolyte Coordinator:

Administrative Council Chair:

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Lay Leaders:

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Brian Crawford

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