

# Trinity Times

## May 2025

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It's May. On the church calendar, it's the Easter season. For United Methodists, it's the month of John Wesley's life-transforming experience of God's grace at Aldersgate. In honor of all three, I offer a story about "A Basketful of Grace."

The children pressed against the church doors, empty baskets in hand, waiting for those magic words, "The Easter egg hunt will now begin." Within moments the otherwise saintly band of angels poured out of the building like devils on a mission. They swept across the church lawn like a great cloud of locusts, devouring every bush, vacuuming clean every crevice, grabbing every colored egg in sight.

The smallest of the children trailed behind, innocently gleaning the few eggs that escaped the first wave of searching hands. One father followed his youngest son, Jesse, near the rear of the crowd, periodically suggesting another place to look. When it became clear that no more eggs were to be found, Jesse looked up at him with a deep sadness in his eyes. "Daddy, I found only two," he whimpered. It was all his father could do not to cry the tears he knew his son was trying hard to hold back. Then, it happened. Grace appeared. A few steps away another little boy overheard Jesse's dilemma. He reached into his own basket and taking hold of one of the eggs he had found, he placed it in Jesse's basket. "Here. Why don't you take one of mine?" he invited. Immediately, a smile returned to Jesse's face. He thanked the boy, and his father exchanged a grateful glance with the young gift-giver's mother who stood nearby. They turned to make their way toward the church door, and as they rounded the corner of the building, they began to hear the plaintive cries of another child with an empty basket. They watched in amazement as Jesse paused, and then, taking the egg he had just been given, he placed it in the child's basket. "Here. Why don't you take one of mine?" it was then, the father believes, that he began to cry.

That's the way it is with grace. When it discovers you, you can't help but pass it on. What you thought you didn't have enough of for yourself is, suddenly, more than enough to share with the world.

That's the essence of The United Methodist Church. From its earliest days of saddlebags and circuit riders to its current and future plans for cyberspace, the people called United Methodists have always been a people of grace, concerned about the welfare of others because they believe in a God who is concerned about them. It began with John Wesley's compassionate heart, "strangely warmed" by the unmerited grace of God. And it continues with us today, a people uniquely connected, with baskets full of grace for people who cry because the world has left them behind, because we don't know how to love God without loving our neighbors. When we are the church God has called us to be, one can almost see the hand of God linking the contents of the baskets in our lives, "Here. Why don't you take one of mine?"

Wishing you a grace-filled May! Pastor Eileen

## May Worship

\*=sermon text

Note: We will be out of sync with the Lectionary on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Each week we will use the readings of the previous Sunday.



May 4      Third Sunday of Easter  
*Holy Communion*  
Scriptures    Acts 5:27-32  
                  \*John 20:19-31  
Sermon        Late Bloomers

May 11      Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures    Acts 9:1-20  
                  Psalm 30  
                  \*John 21:1-19  
Sermon        The Gospel of the Second Chance



May 18      Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures    Psalm 23  
                  Revelation 7:9-17  
                  \*John 10:22-30  
Sermon        The Voice of the Shepherd

May 25      Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures    Acts 16:9-15  
                  \*John 14:23-29  
Sermon        The Living Reminder





## Yard Sale!!

### **Our 2025 Church wide Yard Sale is coming up!!!**

**When:** Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
8am until 2pm

**Donations accepted:** Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm  
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm

#### **Looking for helpers of all ages!**

Tasks include unpacking donations as they come in, setting up the room for the sale, helping to sell on Saturday, and of course the dreaded clean up when it's over!

An ***email sign-up sheet*** was sent to all members of the congregation on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, so if you haven't seen it, scroll back in your emails and click the link to add your name to the list of helpers!!

(Or...if you'd rather, you can text/call/email Mary Calabrese (contact info below) to let her know your availability...

This is a fun event (despite the many hours of work required to pull it off) so please consider giving your time and energy this year to making it a success...especially if you've never been part of the crew in the past!! We will train you!!

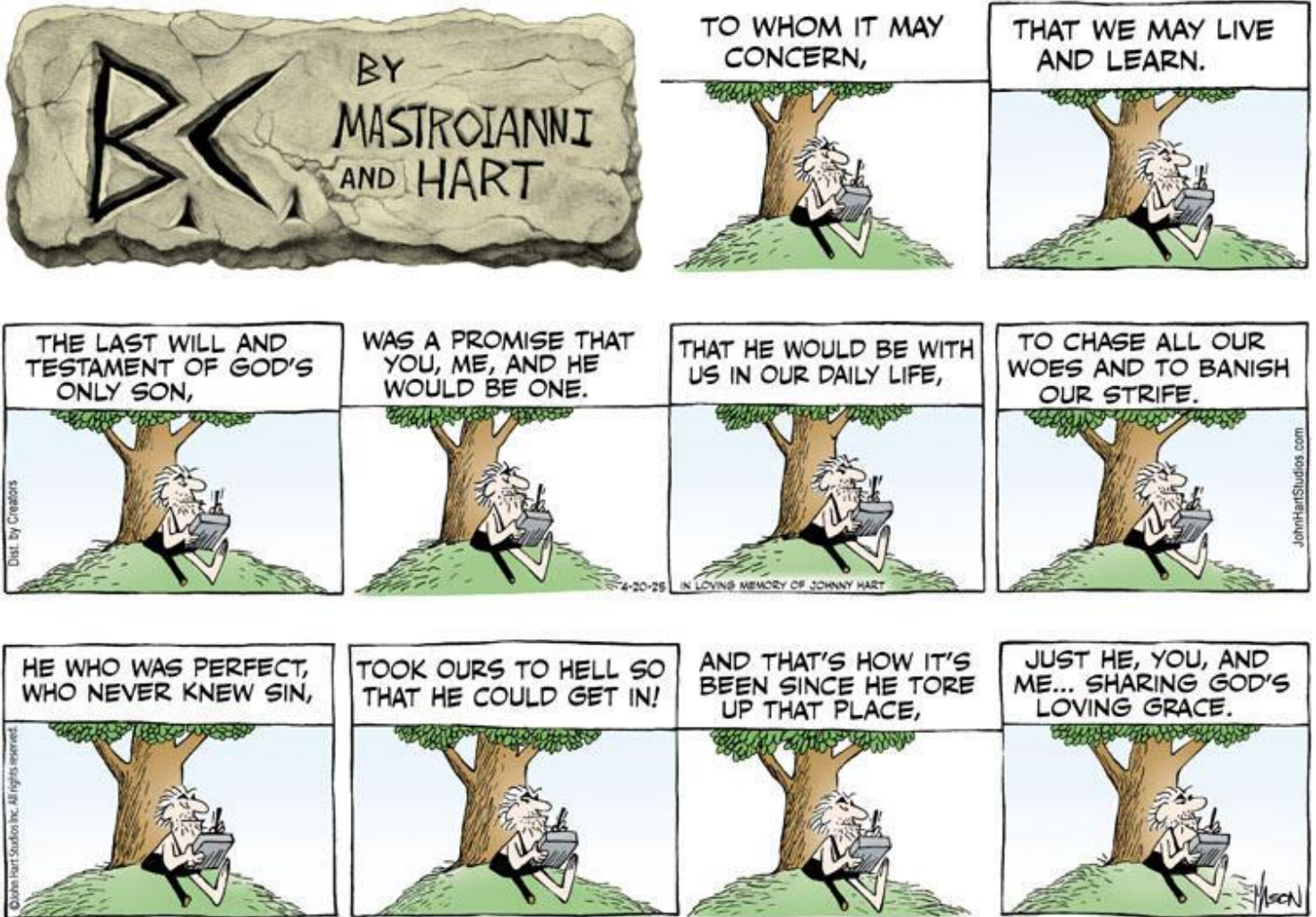


**\*\*\*Also looking for donations** of all kinds, including housewares, small furniture, clothing/accessories/jewelry, wall art and more.

Please email or text Mary Calabrese if you have any questions:

[fmmt@comcast.net](mailto:fmmt@comcast.net)

(845) 522-4166



## LOVE Inc Personal Care Collection

MAY is TUMC's month to collect & donate personal care items for our neighbors in need through Love INC.

Most requested items are:

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Dish Soap      | Laundry Detergent       |
| Tissues        | Toilet Paper            |
| Paper Towels   | Body Wash (men & women) |
| Body Lotion    | Sturdy Combs            |
| Hairbrushes    | Women's Deodorant       |
| Women's Razors |                         |

Copies of this list will be in the Narthex along with a box where you can leave your donated items when you come to church.

Keep a copy of the list as a handy reminder during May.

Please reach out to family and friends to help make this mission a great success for our less fortunate neighbors.

Thank you! Arlene

(845) 705-5197

## Roundtable Discussions

Meet on Tuesdays at 8 pm on ZOOM.

DATE	TOPIC
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	What inspired your hobbies or interests?
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBD

Future Topics:

What is deemed right and wrong can defer from one society to another - what do you think?

What inspired your hobbies or interests?

How might we be a sanctuary for our community?

A deontologist always tells the truth even if it would hurt someone.

A Stoic holds that negative emotions result from error in judgment.

A wise person would not undergo such emotions.

Call Karen Jenkins for any questions, 845-242-5590,  
Patsy Boisvert for the ZOOM link, 845-298-0454

## The New York Conference|The United Methodist Church



Have you ever wondered what happens at the NY Annual Conference?

Go to [nyac.com](http://nyac.com) to answer all your questions.

Patsy Boisvert

### Heifer Project:

The Heifer Project has ended. Your donations totaled \$783 which is enough for 6 ½ pigs.

Thank you. Cathy Hamlin

### Trinity United Methodist Church

Webpage: <https://trinityumclagrange.org>

Worship Recordings

This is our link for the Trinity YouTube channel for people who want to see our worship recordings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNePmj0UUjXh3c0aXixbVQ>

# May Food Pantry

Bagging: Tuesday, May 27 at 10am in the parish hall.

Distribution: May 29 from 7-8 pm. Helpers should try to be there by 6:30 pm.

For the moment, no more paper bags are needed, since so many people have contributed so generously. We'll let you know when the need arises again, but now our prime concern is storage space!

Many thanks!

Marcia

## Trustee Corner

### Trustee Members:

**Class of 2025** - Ann Sherer, Chris Freeman, Mike Bangert – Treasurer

**Class of 2026** -

Mike Tucci – Co-Chair, Royal Ricci – Co-chair, Bob Boisvert – Secretary

**Class of 2027** - Patsy Boisvert, Ralph La Casio, Ron Lemar

The April 26<sup>th</sup> Spring Cleanup/Workday was postponed due to bad weather. Look for a new date later in May.

## Yoga

Beginner/All Levels "Align & Refine"  
RajaHatha Yoga

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm

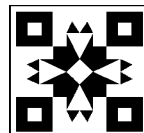
Thursday Class 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Saturday Class 9:00 - 10:15 am



\*please arrive 10 minutes prior to start of class.

\*class cost: \$5 (20% donated to church)



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Piecemakers

The Trinity Piecemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Meeting dates will be posted during church. Please contact Debbie Beattie at: 845-223-5584 for more information.

### Adult Bible Studies

**Please join us - all are welcome**

Weekly Adult Bible Studies with a time of prayer and praise via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm. Contact Clay Beattie, 223-5584

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Easter Trustees meeting after service Confirmation Class
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry bagging
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Food Pantry Distribution

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