

# *Trinity Times*

## *April 2026*

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Jesus said to them, "Go to Galilee, there they will see me." (Matthew 28:10b)



My first tour of the Holy Land included considerable time in Jerusalem, where we saw numerous sites associated with Jesus' teaching, healing, Last Supper, arrest, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection. One afternoon we were scheduled to walk the Via Dolorosa. It is called the "street of sorrows" because it was the pathway that Jesus followed carrying the cross from Pontius Pilate's judgment hall, where he was condemned to death, to Golgotha, where he was crucified. I had especially looked forward to this walk.

But as often happens in that part of the world, last-minute negotiations and changes had to be made in regard to the morning schedule, causing our group to arrive at the Via Dolorosa late and at the wrong end. It was disappointing to hear the guide announce that there was only enough time to run the length of the Via Dolorosa – and not from the beginning point to the end, but backward! So instead of walking as Jesus did on Good Friday, solemnly and slowly, we ran – and not toward, but away from Golgotha.

On a subsequent tour, our group did walk the Via Dolorosa slowly and in the "correct" direction. We were there in time to see the weekly procession led by Italian Franciscan monks every Friday at 3:00 p.m. We watched a group of mourners carrying a loved one's casket through the narrow, crowded street for burial. It was a much more memorable afternoon, but I still remember that first visit, and how our expectations of experiencing the street of sorrows were changed.

As I read Matthew's account of the resurrection, I find myself thinking that the experience of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary was a similar one. They go to see the tomb, but they arrive too late: Jesus has already been raised and is no longer there. Then an angel appears and tells them that they're headed in the wrong direction. Jesus has already gone ahead to Galilee, and they too should be going from that place of burial, first to the disciples to tell them that Jesus is alive, then on to Galilee where they will see Jesus. The women leave the tomb quickly and run to tell his disciples. Along the way, Jesus meets them and reiterates that the disciples are to go to Galilee, where they will see him. They are to follow him to that place where they will continue his work of teaching and preaching, healing bodies, touching hearts, and saving souls.

I still puzzle over the meaning of my first experience of the Via Dolorosa, but I believe that it is a reminder that Christ meets us in surprising places and sends us in unexpected directions. The risen Christ doesn't stay too long around places like the empty tomb. He is back on the road, in Galilee and wherever he is needed. If we would see him, we too must go away from the place of death and burial, and go to the place of life and service. The call of the risen Christ is – perhaps not so surprisingly – much the same as that of the man Jesus: "Follow me." Go to Galilee, go to where the needs for ministry are, and there you will see him. As our Lord has led us to the cross, may he lead us to Easter – and beyond.

Pastor Eileen

*Worship  
Holy Week*



March 29

Palm Sunday

Reverse church:  
9:00 am fellowship time: hot cross buns  
and palm crosses  
10:00 am worship service  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 21:1-11  
For the Love of Donkeys

Scriptures

Sermon



April 3  
Scriptures

Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12  
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66  
Three Crosses

Sermon

*Easter Season*



April 5

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion (served at communion rail)

Scriptures Psalm 30

John 20:1-18

Sermon Morning People



April 12  
Scriptures

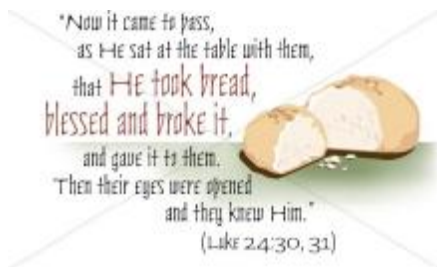
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Sermon

Why Are the Wounds Still There?



April 19

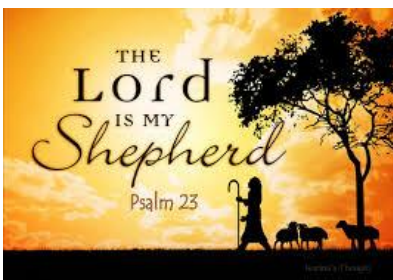
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Scriptures 1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

The Significance of Shared Meals



April 26

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (No Holy Communion on May 3)

Scriptures Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

Sermon

You Will Not Be Overcome



# Save the Date

News from the New York-Connecticut District

## District Conference - Saturday 11 April

May the  
God of  
hope fill  
you with  
all joy and  
peace in  
believing,  
so that  
you may  
abound in  
hope by  
the power  
of the  
Holy Spirit.  
-Romans 15:13

hope  
with  
joy

Yorktown United  
Methodist  
Church  
9:30am - 10am  
Fellowship  
10am - 12pm  
Worship and  
Conference  
Meeting  
12pm-1pm Lunch

## **RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

If you have been worshipping at Trinity UMC and desire to formalize your ties to the church by becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Eileen.

If you're interested but uncertain about membership because you have questions about The United Methodist Church or Trinity UMC, please speak to her as well. New members will be formally received and welcomed on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Some April Facts:**

- Daisy is the birth flower, it symbolizes innocence and purity.
- April comes from the Latin word "aperire," which means "to open,"
- The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970
- The birthstone for April is the diamond.

### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

**Webpage:** <https://trinityumclagrange.org>

Worship Recordings

Use this link to see the worship recordings on the Trinity YouTube channel.

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

### **Adult Bible Study**

**Join us via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm for this weekly adult Bible study with a time of prayer and praise. Contact Clay Beattie at (845) 223-5584 for reading materials.**

# Trinity Scholarship

Applications for the Trinity Scholarship are being accepted by the Scholarship Committee.

For questions or to request an application, please reach out to Joyce Gebele at 845-797-0997, or [joyce.gebele@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.gebele@gmail.com).

Applications should be returned by email or in person by May 26, 2026.

Eligibility requirements for the Trinity Scholarship are as follows:

Relationship to Trinity United Methodist Church, LaGrangeville

- Preparatory Member
- Member
- Constituent (is active and participates in the life of the church, though not a member)

Matriculation

1. Classification:

- High School student of the graduating class in the year of application
- College Student
- Adult enrolled in continuing education

2. Students in the categories above must be enrolled in programs leading to:

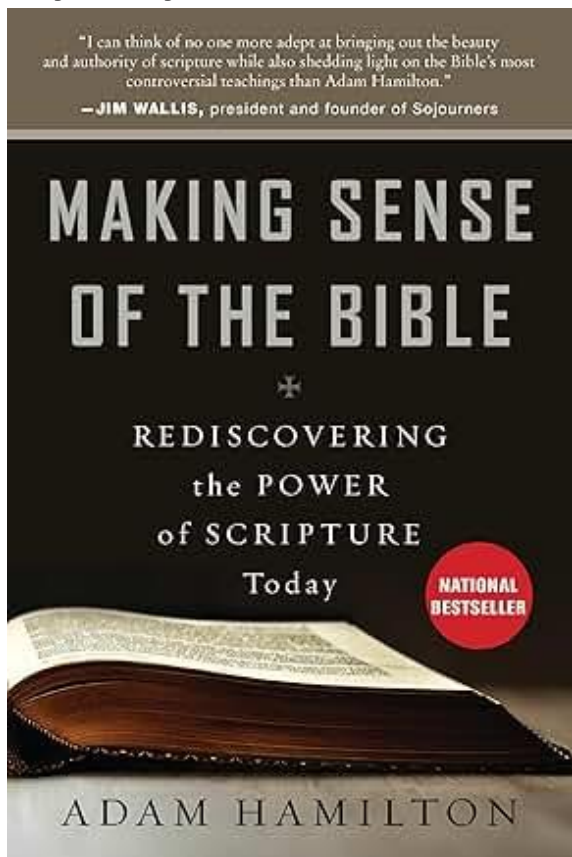
- Associate degree
- Baccalaureate
- Advanced degree
- Certificate in vocational training

3. Acceptance by a college or vocational school

Peace and Blessings,  
Your Scholarship Chairperson  
Joyce Gebele

# Book Corner:

By Patsy Boisvert



For anyone wrestling with their faith, this book offers a clear path for making sense of the Bible's most challenging passages.

- **The Nature of Scripture:** Explore where the Bible came from, who decided which books were included, and whether its words are inerrant or inspired in this approachable guide.
- **Science and the Bible:** Tackle the tough questions about Creation, evolution, and the Flood. Were Adam and Eve real people, and how do we reconcile the Bible with modern science?

- **Old Testament Violence:** Confront the passages where God seems to command genocide and prescribe harsh punishments, seeking to understand them within their historical and theological context.
- **Women in the Church:** Ask the hard questions about why Paul commanded women to "keep silent in the church" and what that means for Christians today.
- **Interpreting Challenging Verses:** Examine what the Bible says about divisive topics like homosexuality and whether Jesus really taught that all non-Christians are assigned to hell.

Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual



# Love Stories: Plated

A Culinary Experience

*In Memory of Jewel Ratzlaff*

Saturday, April 11, 2026

5:00–7:30 PM

An Evening Featuring

★ Live Music

Exquisite Menu

Silent Auction

**NEW VENUE!**

Freedom Plains United

Presbyterian Church

1168 Route 55 Lagrangeville

Reserve  
Your Seat!  
75 per guest



Building Relationships • Restoring Hope • Transforming Lives

## The TUMC Church Archives – a Ministry of Memory

### Why have a Church Archives?

For over 200 years Trinity Church has ministered to many people—children, youth and adults. It has a rich history which needs to be preserved and protected through its records. This task involves locating and making the records easily accessible for reference.

Since starting in January, worship bulletins and newsletters have been put in new acid-free folders and clearly labeled. Along the way, interesting newspaper clippings and photographs have been discovered and are now preserved in notebooks for easy viewing. It would be wonderful to have more photos and newspaper clippings.

I am also finding funeral bulletins and a few obituaries of members. Hopefully more of this type of record can be found or donated.

I am working at the Church office on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to noon, Help is needed if only for an hour. If you have questions, please email me.

Thank you!

Margaret Cornell ([mfmcornell@gmail.com](mailto:mfmcornell@gmail.com))

### **Trustee Corner**

Members: Mike Tucci, Royal Ricci, Ralph La Casio, Chris Freeman, Ann Sherer, Bob & Patsy Boisvert, Mike Bangert, Ron Lemar

Church furnace: The trustees are working to resolve the heating problems.

Fellowship Hall Kitchen stove: The stove will be repaired.

A/V System: Options are being discussed for moving the A/V System from the Chancel to the back of the sanctuary.

Spring Workday: April 26

## April Food Pantry

Craig and Marcia Grant would like to thank everyone who took on a little extra work to run the February distribution in our absence. We missed you all, but really enjoyed the warmer weather that Florida offered. We hear that everything went smoothly and greatly appreciated it!!

In April, bagging is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 10 am in the parish hall, and the distribution will be held on Thursday, April 30 from 7-8 pm. Anyone who is helping at the distribution should be in the parish hall by 6:30 pm.

Thank you!

## Round Table Discussions

• Round Table meets via zoom on Tuesday evenings at 8:05.

04/07 Have I ever been persuaded to change my opinion by another person's story, perspective or additional information? - Patsy

04/21 Wealth – What would you do with it? – Karen

• Notify Patsy Boisvert at [pmboisvet22@gmail.com](mailto:pmboisvet22@gmail.com) to join the group.

## Yoga

Beginner/All Levels "Align & Refine"  
RajaHatha Yoga

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm

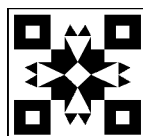
Thursday Class 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Saturday Class 9:00 - 10:15 am



Please arrive 10 minutes prior to start of class.

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



Trinity  
Piecemakers

The Trinity Piecemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm. Meeting dates will be posted during church. Please contact Debbie Beattie at: 845-223-5584 for more information.

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Happy Easter



## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>April Fools Day</b>
<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday 7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Sunday Holy Communion</b>
<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>District Conference</b>
<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Reception of New Members Administrative Council</b>
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Spring Work day</b>
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Food Pantry Bagging</b>
<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Food Pantry Distribution</b>

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