

# *Trinity Times*

## *May 2024*

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Years ago, on a self-tour of Southern England, Chris and I found less than we had expected at a stop on our journey, and so, early the next morning we got back on the road, heading toward our next destination. The skies were gray and rain fell steadily as we drove. Around three o'clock, just as we were getting tired of the dreary journey, we spotted a sign indicating that we were about to enter the town of Westbury. I grew up very close to a town with that name on Long Island, and Chris knew that, so naturally we were curious about this Westbury. A short distance down the road

we came upon a lovely old inn, and turning to each other, said, "Let's stop here." Being fond of serendipity, we did.

As we settled into our room, the rain stopped, and we decided to go for a walk. At the reception desk we asked what there was to see in the area. "The White Horse," was the inn owner's response. He explained that the figure of a horse had been created in chalk on a nearby steep slope, and proceeded to offer us the use of his survey maps so that we could explore.

It was a long hike to the hill and then up to the White Horse, but after seeing it, we decided to climb the rest of the way to the summit. What we found there was a breathtaking view, a real landscape view. We could see for miles in every direction: the slope of the hill down to the valleys below, the inn from which we had come, the road on which we had traveled, the town of Westbury, the local cement works, the green fields all around. Which way would we go from there? What would we explore next? The choices seemed endless, but the approaching loss of daylight meant there was time for only one. We decided not to go back the way we came, but instead to try another route. And down into Westbury we went.

Upon returning home, I got to thinking about that panoramic view, and how it opened our eyes to unimagined choices. I thought of how, in our daily lives, we are so focused on what is immediately around us or right in front of us, that we miss the full picture. We view things from our particular perspective, and fail to see amazing opportunities that lie outside that limited view.

I pray that there will be time and the means for you to take a wider look at your life. May you find a landscape view – a perspective from which you can clearly see where you are, where you have come from, and where you might go -- a breathtaking view of endless possibilities! And may you choose the way that will bring you satisfaction, fulfillment, and joy.

*Pastor Eileen*

## May Worship

\*= sermon text

**May 5 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Holy Communion

Scriptures: 1 John 5:1-6  
\*John 15:9-17

Sermon: The Coaching Voice



**May 12 Ascension of the Lord**

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:15-23  
\*Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: Left Behind

**May 19 Day of Pentecost**

Scriptures: John 15:26-27; 4b-15  
\*Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Holy Spirit Holes



**May 26 Trinity Sunday**

Scriptures: Romans 8:12-17  
\*John 3:1-17

Sermon: The Hand, the Lamb, and the Dove

MANY THANKS TO:

\*Debbie and Clay Beattie for organizing, advertising, and leading a great Easter Fair on Palm Sunday that delighted young children and adults alike who joined in making crafts, playing games, hunting for eggs, and retelling the story of Holy Week.

\*Seven excellent readers for leading us through a deeply moving Good Friday worship service:

Marcia Grant, Mike Tucci, Patsy Boisvert, Laura Sumner, Heidi Tucci, Brian Battistoni, and Carol Colwell.

\*Heidi, Craig, and the choir for beautiful music that intensified our feelings of sorrow as we listened to the story of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and increased our joy as we celebrated the Resurrection on Easter morning.

\*The worship committee whose decorating with bright cloths, lovely candles, and fragrant flowers filled our sanctuary with beauty.

\*Everyone who purchased and shared their Easter flowers for the Easter service.

\*All who participated in the worship of Holy Week and Easter and made it so special!

## **Trustee Corner**

### **Trustee Members:**

Mike Tucci - Co-Chair

Royal Ricci - Co-chair

Mike Bangert - Treasurer

Bob Boisvert - Secretary

Chris Freeman

Ann Sherer

Ralph La Casio

Stan Brown

Ron Lemar

Next meeting: June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Current Projects:**

Social Hall - Furnace repair

Social Hall - water problem after heavy rains

Exterior steps to Social Hall and back door of Church

ADA ramp to sanctuary

## May Food Pantry

Bagging - Tuesday, May 28 in the Parish Hall at 10 am

Distribution - Thursday, May 30 from 7-8 pm.

Volunteers, please arrive by 6:30 pm.

If you would like to help bag food,  
please contact Marcia Grant.

Since our food distributions have  
grown larger of late, there are  
times we could use more people.

Many thanks!

Marcia Grant (845-223-5489.)



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## Love INC Collections

We will be collecting items for LOVE INC at church for the month of May. I will put a box in the narthex and in Social Hall so you can drop it off there.

We collect things like:

Shampoo

Toothpaste & tooth brushes

Body wash & soap

Feminine hygiene products

Dish soap

Laundry detergent

Toilet paper.

Anything on that order.

Thanks as always for your generous help and donations.

Cathy Hamlin

## LaGrangeville Cemetery Association

For many years, the annual meeting of the Cemetery Association was in early May. But because the cemetery's fiscal year ends on April 30<sup>th</sup>, we decided to move our annual meeting to June. So... **there will be no cemetery meeting in May. It will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Lutke Room.**

Cemetery Association meetings are open to everyone, and we invite anyone who might be interested in knowing more to attend. However, only plot owners are entitled to vote.

We would also like to lift up the Cemetery Association as an organization worthy of support. The church provides the land, but no financial assistance. Our greatest source of income comes from the sale of plots. Our current prices are: \$1100 for a 10' x 4' plot, which can accommodate up to one full burial and two cremains, and \$600 for a 5' x 4' plot, which can accommodate two cremains. Our coffers are far from empty, but since "perpetual care" extends far into the foreseeable future, we are aware of the importance of a healthy bank account. To that end, we hope you will consider donating. A painless way of providing support might be to include a bequest in your will.

If you would like to help, donations can be made to the LaGrangeville Cemetery Association. You can either bring it to church and put it in the collection plate or send it to:

6 South Cross Road  
LaGrangeville, NY 12540.

Thank you!  
Marcia Grant

## 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, [joyce.gebele@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.gebele@gmail.com).

Applications should be returned by email or in person by June 09, 2024.

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 Committee  
Joyce Gebele and MaryAnn Henderson



**Our 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Churchwide Yard Sale is almost here!!!**

**(Just kidding...I have no idea how many years this sale has been happening!! I just wanted to see who actually reads this!!!)**

**When: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
8am - 2pm**

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

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2-8pm**

**What is accepted? As in the past, clothing, shoes, housewares, wall art, outdoor “stuff”, linens, small appliances (please be sure they are in working order!), small furniture items, holiday items, children’s toys and games, etc, etc, etc....**

**Please DO NOT bring: outdated computer equipment, old television sets or stereo equipment, clothing/linens with stains or rips or yesterday’s sandwich.**



**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!**

**Sign up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall...If you can’t get to church to sign up but would like to help, text me and let me know!! This is a fun event so please consider giving your time and energy this year to making it a success.**

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

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

**(845) 522-4166**



## **Pasta, Plants, and Plenty of Phun !!!**

Come and join us on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for an evening filled with Pasta, Plants, and Plenty of Phun for the whole family.

**As for Pasta:** We will begin serving pasta, sauce, bread, and salad at 5:30. Now we all know spaghetti is not complete without that most awesome morsel of goodness – a home-made meatball !!! So we will also have the first annual TUMC meatball challenge. Bring some of your home-made meatballs to share. We will also have a meatball judging with many magnificent prizes.

**As for Plants:** We want to remember our dear friend Gail Strydio, who sold many a plant at our Spring yard / plant sale. Please bring potted off-spring from one of Gail's plants. We will be taking donations for any of the plants you would like to take home. The donations raised will go toward buying plants for our pollination garden (see the next announcement).

**As for Phun:** .. We will have a brunch of Plant trivia and a few games with Pasta you do not want to miss!!

So please plan to attend and bring a friend (or three or four or more) ... To help us plan for people, please sign-up in the fellowship hall or call Clay Beattie at (845) 223-5584. We are also working on an on-line sign-up as well. If you would like to help with setup, cooking, or cleanup, please call Clay as well (many hands make light work 😊).



## **Why is TUMC buzzing with excitement these days?**

Maybe it is because we are going to transform the overgrown Garden in the front of the Church into a bee-utiful pollination garden that will buzz with excitement. The plans are still being worked on. If you want to help, please reach out to Clay Beattie at (845) 464-0507 !!!

## **Save the date ... the Chicken Barbeque is back 😊**

On Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Chicken Barbeque. Both take-out and dining in will be offered. If you would like to help in any way, please reach out to Debbie Beattie at (845) 223-5584.

## **Save another date ... Vacation Bible School is coming again to TUMC this summer 😊**

We are planning to have Vacation Bible School the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to be meeting in the evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The program is focused on kids from 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade with opportunities for youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up to help. Our program is open to all, so think about who you can invite.

Please reach out to Clay Beattie at (845) 464-0507 if you are interested in helping in any way !!!

## 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>



**Sunday School**  
Please contact Clay Beattie if you are interested in participating. 845-223-5584

**Adult Bible Studies**  
Please join us - all are welcome

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



**Trinity  
Piecemakers**

The Trinity Piecemakers will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Meeting dates will be as follows: 4/4, 5/2, 5/6. Please contact Debbie Beattie at 845-223-5584 for more information.

## 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)

## Roundtable Discussions

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 8 pm on ZOOM. Topics each month will be announced the Sunday before it's held.

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

## Prayer List

Brad Ronco  
Gail Rice  
Mary Calabrese's brother, Andrew  
Kim Collier's parents, Bud and Joanne  
Kim's friend, Cathy Wilcox  
Lorraine Messitt  
Carmine Molinaro  
Kristin Juanita  
Matthew Moore (Carole Forman's grandson)

Rev. Fred Jackson  
Sam Cochrane  
Michelle Morrill's sister, Mary  
Victoriano Flores  
Brian Strydio  
Greg Luisi  
Ronnie Pettati  
Doreen Van Valkenburg

Prayers for the family of Michael Tanner on his death at the beginning of April, brother of Leslie Battistoni.

Please get in touch with Marcia Grant by phone or email about a week before the end of the month and give her any updates and also let her know if you would like to be added or removed from this list that goes out to the entire congregation.

Many thanks -- Marcia Grant



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 3      General Conference  
              Charlotte, NC

May 5      6th Sunday of Easter  
              Administration Council Mtg

May 12     Ascension of the Lord

May 19     Day of Pentecost

May 26     Trinity Sunday

May 28     Food Pantry bagging

May 30     Food Pantry distribution

## The Trinity Times

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