

# Trinity Times

## May 2026

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE © Stephan Pastis / Dist. by UFS, Inc.

Pearls Before Swine by Stephan Pastis is a comic strip that stars Rat and Pig in caustic, witty gags about human folly and everyday absurdities. Pig is a gentle, sweet, and naïve soul. As Rat's roommate, Pig's enthusiastic, amiable nature makes him a valuable (and in Rat's case, only) friend. Rat is cynical, selfish, vain, quick to anger, and prone to bouts of violence. Standing on the edge of a cliff, Rat asks, "If you were allowed one do-over in your life, what would it be?" Pig answers, "The entire thing." Rat responds, "You need to be slightly more specific." Pig replies, "The moment of birth to the moment of right now."

We may not share Pig's great existential despair, but we've all had times when it feels like we're just doing life all wrong.

An ancient philosopher had some good advice. Cicero (born 106 BCE – died December 7, 43 BCE) was a Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar, and writer who vainly tried to uphold republican principles in the final civil wars that destroyed the Roman Republic. His writings include books of rhetoric, orations, philosophical and political treatises, and letters. He was considered the most influential writer of his time and is remembered in modern times as the greatest Roman orator. In one of his most memorable works, Cicero outlined what he considered the six mistakes that keep people from being their happiest, most humane, and most fulfilled. These messages are still so relevant today that I share them with you.

Mistake # 1: The illusion that personal gain results from putting others down.

Mistake # 2: Spending time worrying about things that can't be changed.

Mistake # 3: Insisting that something is impossible because we can't do it now.

Mistake # 4: Focusing on trivial pursuits.

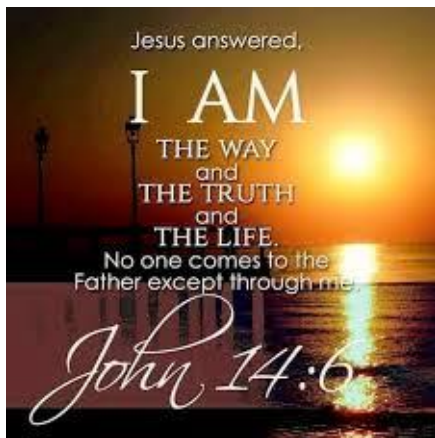
Mistake # 5: Neglecting your mental and spiritual growth.

Mistake # 6: Trying to force others to live as you do.

Cicero lived in the century before Christ, but we can hear echoes of his ageless and universal advice in Jesus' teachings. May our lives be blessed by their wisdom.

Pastor Eileen

# May Worship



May 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
No Holy Communion  
Service led by Patsy Boisvert  
Scriptures Ephesians 2:1-9  
John 14:1-14  
Sermon What did Jesus mean by that?



May 10 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)  
Service led by Clay Beattie



May 17 Ascension Sunday  
Scriptures Psalm 47  
Acts 1:1-11  
Sermon Looking Up Toward Heaven



May 24 Pentecost Sunday (Memorial Day weekend)  
Scriptures Psalm 104:24-24, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon To Soar



May 31 Trinity Sunday  
Scriptures 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20  
Sermon A Cup of Love,  
A Measure of Grace,  
and A Sprinkling of Communion

## Love INC Personal Care Items



Hello Trinity Family, We are scheduled to collect personal care items for our less fortunate neighbors through **Love INC** during the month of May. This is a list of the most requested items. Copies of this list are also available in church for you to take with you as a shopping reminder. Please bring items you are contributing when you come to church and place them in the box provided.

Thank you, Arlene (845) 705-5197

### **Most Needed Items:**

- Dish soap
- Body Wash (Men & Women's)
- Lotion (Regular & Unscented)
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent

### **Linen Ministry:**

Gently used linens can be dropped off at Immanuel Church, 253 Myers Corners Rd, Wappingers Falls. Look for the large cabinet outside the second entrance to the church. New pillows only are also accepted.

### **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.

### **Round Table Discussions**

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

• May 12 Generosity – Leslie

• May 26 Peace. How do you find it and how do you know you need it? - Jessica

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

# 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

## Some May Facts:

- **Lily of the Valley is the birth flower.**
- **Emerald is the birthstone**
- **May 16<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Day.**
- **May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day**

## **Book Corner:**

**By Jessica Fox**

### **The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore**

Take a step into the past and learn about a few incredible women from the Tri state area. During WWI these women supported our troops by painting glowing dials on watches and machinery dials so they could be read in even the worst conditions. Handsomely paid, these girls were the talk of the town with their fashionable clothes and furs. They became known as the “ghost girls” because people began to notice that at night they would actually glow. At the time it was not known that the glowing radium was deadly, and when the girls began falling ill, one by one, no one believed them nor protected them. Follow these remarkable woman as they navigate life and death, leaning in on prayer and their faith for strength, never giving up until the world believes the suffering they experienced at the hands of their employer.

## **Trustee Corner**

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

Fellowship Hall Kitchen stove has been repaired.

The A/V System will be moved from the Chancel to the back of the sanctuary on the left side.

The Sanctuary windows have been repaired so they may be opened to provide fresh air during the summer. Screens will also be installed.

Spring Workday was April 26 after church services. There were many members that worked on these projects.

- Sanctuary windows were washed.
- Social Hall walls were cleaned.
- The ADA ramp was prepared for painting.
- Members walked along Noxon Road to pick up roadside trash.



## **Yard Sale!!**

**Our 2026 Church wide Yard and Plant Sale is almost here!!!**

**When: Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
8am until 2pm**

**Donations accepted: Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm  
Friday, May 8<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, 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](tel:(845)522-4166)**

## **Trinity UMC Archives Report - April, 2026**

Slowly but surely, the work on the Church Archives is coming along. During April, with the help of Leslie Battistoni, Karen Jenkins and Arlene Wood, progress is being made. Newsletters, bulletins, and records of membership and various committees are being “unearthed” and sleeved in acid free folders. The church cookbooks, numbering five editions, include one published before 1939. Photographs discovered are put in a special notebook; also obituaries, including newspaper clippings. By the way, if you have a photo or two to add to the collection, it will be gladly accepted. (I will be bringing these two notebooks to coffee hour for viewing.)

The records are being placed in acid free boxes and acid free folders for safekeeping. (Thanks again to the Fox family for assembling the boxes!) A “Birds Eye” view finding aid of the records is being developed giving the box number and folder number—all for easy finding.

Please stop by on Wednesday morning between 9:30- 12 noon to lend a hand and to see what’s happening.

Thank you!

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

### **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/@tumclagrange8619>**

## May Food Pantry

Bagging for the May distribution is on Tuesday, May 26th at 10 am in the Parish Hall. We typically need between 10 and 12 people to help bag and will notify people about a week in advance if they are needed.

The May distribution is Thursday, May 28th between 7 and 8 pm. Volunteers should be at the Parish Hall by 6:30 pm.

Thank you!

Craig & Marcia Grant

## The LaGrange Cemetery Association

The Annual Meeting of the LaGrangeville Cemetery Association is now a virtual meeting and scheduled at 7 pm on the first Tuesday in June instead of May. More info to follow.

## Yoga

Beginner/All Levels "Align & Refine"  
RajaHatha Yoga

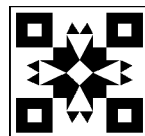
**Trinity United Methodist Church**

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.

Trinity United Methodist Church  
6 South Cross Road  
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*Happy Mother's  
Day*



## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Yard/Plant Sale</b>
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Mother's Day</b>
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension Sunday</b>
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Food Pantry Bagging June Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Food Pantry Distribution</b>
<b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday Trustees Meeting</b>

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