

# Trinity Times

## November 2024

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A little boy defined salt this way: “Salt is what always spoils the potatoes when it is left out.” Using the same negative approach, we can say, “Gratitude is what always spoils life when it is left out.” A thankful spirit enables one to praise God even when circumstances are difficult.

Genuine thankfulness is more than a passing thought of appreciation for something we have received. It is a deeply-rooted realization that the Creator of the universe cares to meet our individual needs. It puts us in a place of realizing what we have, not what we think we deserve or what others owe us. Genuine thankfulness focuses on the good that God has done for us, and builds our trust in God so that we experience God’s peace. And hopefully, it inspires us to wish the same for others.

The following letter, dated December 13, 1621, from Edward Winslow to John Robinson, a prominent Pilgrim leader who remained in England while the Mayflower voyage took place, detailed the harsh conditions faced by the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony, including the harsh winter, disease, and struggles to establish a new society, while also expressing gratitude for God's providence and the hope for a successful colony despite the challenges. It reads, in part:

***We set the last spring some twenty acres of Indian corn, and sowed some six acres of barley and peas, and according to the manner of the Indians, we manured our ground with herrings or rather shads, which we have in great abundance, and take with great ease at our doors. Our corn did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown, they came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom; our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain, and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.***

May there be nothing lacking to spoil your Thanksgiving celebration!

Pastor Eileen

# WORSHIP

November 3  
Scriptures

All Saints Day  
\*Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24  
\*Revelation 21:1-6a  
A Special Kind of Remembering

Sermon



November 10  
Scriptures

Stewardship Sunday  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
\*Mark 12:38-44  
On Being Debonair

Sermon

November 17  
Scriptures

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
\*1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
A Posture of Hope

Sermon



November 24

Scriptures

Sermon

Thanksgiving Sunday  
Reception of new members  
Joel 2:21-27  
\*Psalm 126  
Matthew 6:25-33  
Home with Shouts of Joy





## ***An Invitation to Become a Member of Trinity United Methodist Church***

Participation in a United Methodist church does not require one to officially join the church, but many people desire to make the vows of membership.

When a person officially joins with a congregation, he or she makes a commitment to participate in the ministries, financial support, and decision-making of the church. Therefore, the church not only counts members, it counts on them to be a formal part of the body of Christ and to accept and exercise their responsibilities in that role. People who join a United Methodist Church commit to "uphold the church by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness." Honoring this membership commitment through a lifetime builds a strong community of believers who are disciples of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to join Trinity United Methodist Church at this time, or if you have questions about the meaning of membership or the process of becoming a member, please speak to Pastor Eileen.



## ***An Invitation to Confirmation for Our Youth***

All youth who are age 13 or older and feel ready to profess their faith in the Triune God are invited to begin the process of confirmation. The form and timing of instruction will be determined at a meeting with confirmands and parents. To participate, please speak to Pastor Eileen.

## Book Corner by Marion Bangert

A few years ago, I came across two books in the church library that were together. At first, I thought I picked up two copies of the same book. But no, they were two different books by the same author, Joseph F. Girzone. So, I brought both of them home to explore.

***Joshua: A Parable for Today*** is the first book. I'm including a paragraph from the back of the book.

When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are first mystified, then confused by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself solely by carpentry and woodworking: and charges very little for his services. Yet his work is exquisite. A statue of Moses he carves for a synagogue causes amazement and consternation. His carvings of the apostle Peter-one for the town's Episcopal church, another for a Pentecostal congregation-surprise the pastors and members of both groups. Neither is what they expected. Both are haunting.

It didn't take long for me to figure out who Joshua represented. It's a quick read and I wasn't able to put it down once I started.

***Joshua and the Children: A Parable*** is the second book (also the second book in the series) and a continuation. The children are the first to recognise that something is quite different about this stranger who has come seemingly from nowhere. It is through the villagers' children that Joshua is able to restore a sense of peacefulness and honesty. Both books are in the church library at this writing. Enjoy!

# Trustee Corner

## Trustee Members:

Mike Tucci - Co-Chair  
Mike Bangert - Treasurer  
Chris Freeman  
Ralph La Casio  
Ron Lemar

Royal Ricci - Co-chair  
Bob Boisvert - Secretary  
Ann Sherer  
Stan Brown

## Recent Projects:

Work Day Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – many church members worked to improve the appearance of our buildings and grounds.

- Weeds removed in several areas of the Church and Fellowship Hall.
- Office & Lutke doors and stair railings painted.
- Mold cleaned from several areas of Fellowship Hall and back shed.
- Tree removal debris was cleaned up.
- Shubs were trimmed.
- Sanctuary light switches replaced with dimmers.
- Siding repaired on back shed.
- Computer work to improve operation of the camera for Zoom link.



Pictures copied from the TUMC facebook page.

The next Trustee meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> after worship in the Lutke room.

# November Food Pantry

## ***TUMC FOOD PANTRY***

The November Distribution is a week before Thanksgiving on November 21 from 7 to 8 pm.

Bagging is November 19 at 10 am in the parish hall.

November is typically the biggest distribution of the year, so if you have paper grocery bags you can spare - with or without handles - the food pantry can use them. Ideally, doubled bags with handles work best for heavy loads, but we don't usually have enough of these with handles, so we use paper bag liners without handles in two basic sizes: standard size grocery bags that are 17" tall and smaller grocery bags that are 14" tall. We are not using plastic bags or bags that are smaller than those listed. If you can provide any of these, please drop them off after church on Sunday, or in the entry way of Fellowship Hall during yoga on Tuesday or Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings, or just give me a call at 845-223-5489, and I'll get them. Many thanks.

Marcia Grant

# **Trinity United Methodist Church's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction -- November 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **Now is the time!**

- Remember the schedule:
  - Granny's Attic yard sale from 2:00 to 5:00 PM
  - Auction preview from 4:00 to 5:00 PM
  - Auction from 5:00 until exhaustion
  - Remember and advertise all the available goodies:
    - A Wyndham resort week at choice of many inviting locations during the spring, summer, or fall of 2025
    - Over 80 gift cards and certificates from local merchants & organizations
    - Traditional favorites up for bid - Debbie Beattie's apple dumplings, Joyce Gebele's carrot cake, Ellen Ramey's bread-of-the-month, Ann Sherer's pastel, themed baskets, new & slightly used merchandise
    - Delicious home-made pies by the slice, hot dogs, chili, and meatball subs along with soft drinks, coffee, tea and hot chocolate
  - Talk to your friends and neighbors and bring them to the auction!
  - Don't forget to put the auction flyer in your car window and on any bulletin board or store window that will accept it! Extra flyers are available in both the narthex and Fellowship Hall.
  - Drop off all items and merchandise on Thursday or Friday, Nov. 14 or 15, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Contact Craig Grant if you need an alternative drop-off time.
  - Contact Craig Grant at [cmlgrant@optimum.net](mailto:cmlgrant@optimum.net) or home (845-223-5489) or cell (845-380-1715) if you have any questions.

**COME! BID! ENJOY!**



# Mid-Hudson



**Crystal Middleton** was living in Poughkeepsie and attending Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church when the lock-down was imposed early in the pandemic. She felt called to do something for the community, and she knew that Love INC was helping many people who were without resources. She attended an information session, and she was hooked! She participated in a Redemptive Compassion study (which she recommends to everybody) and learned about a holistic way to see those in need and to help empower them to make constructive changes. In 2021, she joined the board of directors. She was soon asked to be the vice-chair of the board, and later served as the board chair. Crystal has always worked for non-profits and has a master's degree in public administration, so board leadership was a great fit for her. Crystal also serves on the fund-development committee and on the prayer team. "I've seen the power of community in helping people in need, and the churches in the area are perfectly poised to do this work. In fact, I believe it is what we are called to do." Crystal will be finishing her term on the board of directors at the end of this year. We are so very grateful for her service and leadership.





## Roundtable Discussions

Meet on Tuesdays at 8 pm on ZOOM.

DATE	TOPICS
11/12/2024	Veterans day was yesterday. Do/did we know a veteran? How do we perceive veterans?
11/26/2024	Thanksgiving is this week. For what are we grateful?
12/10/2024	What are some of our Christmas traditions?

Future Topics:

What do we do when we are overwhelmed in your daily life?

Does God have a gender?

What's on our bucket lists?

How do we feel about the current rhetoric in the world?

How do we view the homeless? What should be done about/for the homeless

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

## Christmas Shoeboxes

Again this year, we will be collecting Christmas Shoeboxes to be distributed locally by Dutchess County's Acts of Kindness. Fill a shoebox size box with items such as crayons, coloring books, hair accessories, games, matchbox cars, gloves, candy, etc.

Use your imagination - be creative! No liquids. Please wrap it and write "boy or girl" and the age it's appropriate for on the outside end of the box.

There is always a need for boxes for teens (suggestions: gift cards, gloves, scarves, lotions, etc). The boxes are due by Sunday, Dec. 9 and may be dropped off in church or the Lutke Room.

Please see me with questions.

THANK YOU.

Karin Riley



## 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>

Blessing of the Animals 2024! Pictures copied from the TUMC facebook page.

## 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. 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**

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints Day  
Worship Committee meeting



Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Sunday  
Board of Trustees meeting

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day



Nov 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Administration Council meeting  
Cooperative Parish Charge  
Conference 2 pm  
at Poughkeepsie UMC.

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Sunday

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day



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