

Trinity Times

November 2025



It will soon be Thanksgiving Day. People will gather in churches to give thanks to God for all the blessings in their lives. Most of us will gather around tables to feast on turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, turnips, squash, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and more. And there will be lots of food left over. We have leftovers after everyone has eaten the very best first. When it comes to delicious, easy post-Thanksgiving meals, leftovers are great.

When it comes to thanking God, however, leftovers won't do. The Old Testament makes it clear that the proper way to give thanks for God's provision and protection is to give off the top, not from what is left over. From a bountiful harvest, one offered to God the first fruits; from a herd of newborn lambs, the healthiest and comeliest. Traditionally, the offering was a tithe. According to the book of Deuteronomy, a tenth of seed, grain, wine, oil, and livestock was to be offered annually – the choicest tenth.

While many think that tithing is an antiquated concept, I find it a good spiritual discipline. Because I believe that all I have comes from God, I also believe that how I prioritize the use of my time and money is an expression of my gratitude to God, my devotion to God, and my trust in God. When I prepare my monthly budget, my tithe heads the list. As I order my week, the activities related to my service to God are given top priority. I try to give back to God the first and best. And I have always found that there is enough time and money for everything else.

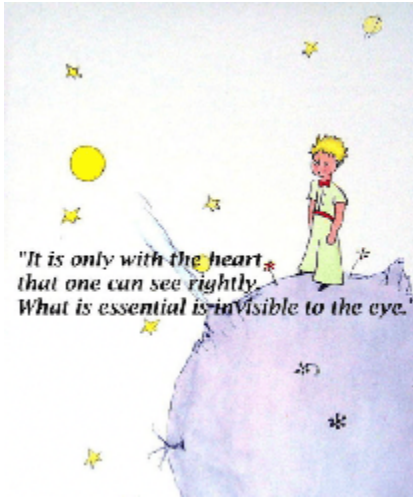
In this month of Thanksgiving, your church asks you to consider your stewardship of these resources. There will be no specific appeal each Sunday, but each sermon will lightly touch upon some aspect of stewardship: the richness of our spiritual inheritance from God (All Saints Day, 11/2); how faith moved Zacchaeus to give half (!) of his possessions to the poor (11/9); that Christ issues to every Christian a third-class ticket that includes a call to serve (11/16); the reason we rejoice always and give thanks to God (11/23). We will consecrate our commitments of time and money during the worship service on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23rd.

Time and money are highly prized commodities of modern society. They are what we have to offer back to God in expression of our thankfulness, faithfulness, and trust. The tithe is a biblical and generous thank offering to God, but it can also be a truly difficult and sacrificial commitment. It is up to each of us to decide how much to give, and the answer will differ for each person and family. But if God is first in our giving and living, then whatever we offer to God will not be leftovers, but the first and best.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving! Pastor Eileen

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

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November 2

Scriptures

Sermon

All Saints Day
Holy Communion
Naming of the Honored Dead
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
*Ephesians 1:11-23
With the Eyes of the Heart



November 9

Scriptures

Sermon

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:137-144

*Luke 19:1-10

Up a Tree (Out on a Limb)



November 16

Scriptures

Sermon

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Get Your Third Class Ticket Here!

November 23

Scriptures

Sermon

Thanksgiving Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100

*Philippians 4:4-9

A Reason to Rejoice



November 30

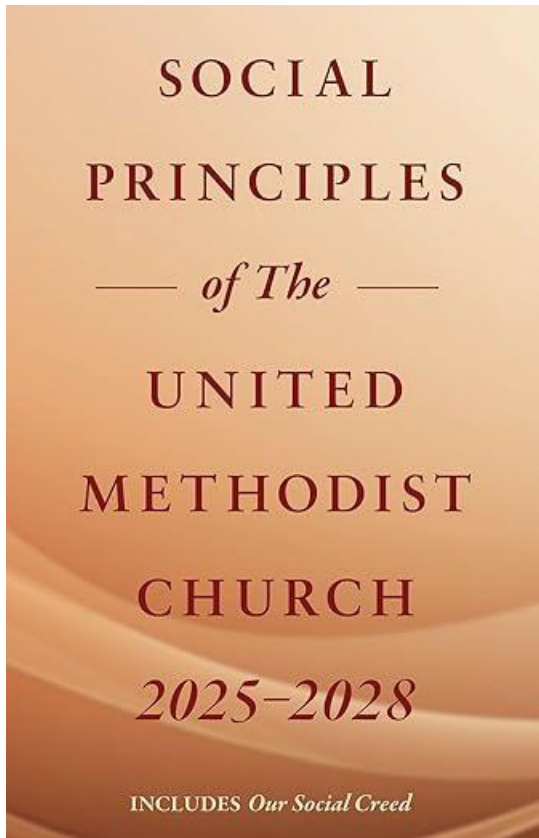
Sermon

First Sunday of Advent
Advent Wreath: The Candle of Peace
Scriptures *Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Wild and Sweet

Book Corner

By Patsy Boisvert

Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2025-2028



The Social Principles are a prayerful and thoughtful effort of the General Conference to speak to the issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation.

They are a guide for how United Methodists should interact with society and address social justice issues. They emphasize the importance of love, justice, and the common good in public policies and personal commitments. The principles are not church law but serve as a guide for relevant social concerns and the church's position on them. The 2025-2028 Social Principles address global social concerns and reflect the diverse contexts of the worldwide church. They are a living document, updated through the efforts of the General Board of Church and Society, to ensure they remain relevant and inclusive.

Prayer Group for Prayer Requests

If you would like to be included in our prayer group for those who have special prayer concerns, please let me know. Lists of people with special prayer concerns are typically confidential, but emailed every month to those who are part of the prayer group. All members have to do is to provide their email addresses and pray regularly for those whose names appear on the prayer concerns list. Also, if you have been doing this for years and would like a respite, please get in touch.

Many thanks!

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Stewardship Campaign for 2026

It's that time of year again when we ask everyone to commit their financial support of our church for the coming year. I'm happy to report that thanks to our pledgers and regular givers, our Spring yard sale, rent from Little Garden Montessori Nursery School and our parsonage tenant, and proceeds from our upcoming auction on November 8th, we expect to operate in the black for the ninth consecutive year.

That said, we can't sit back on our laurels and assume that everything will continue to be fine, particularly with several major repairs and renovations in the offing. So, you'll shortly receive a letter or an email soliciting your financial support in 2026 and asking what church ministries and missions you might be interested in participating in during the coming year. Please take time over the next couple weeks to consider what you can do for yourself and for the church and then return the included pledge form.

Just as a reminder, we hope to see you at our November 8th Granny's Attic yard sale and auction.

Trustee Corner

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

The Trustees Fall Workday was held on Oct 5th after church.

We want to thank everyone who worked hard to improve church and grounds. Church members, trimmed bushes, painted railings, weeded gardens and cleaned the North side of the church

Church Facade: The contractor has finished the repairs to the facade.

Fellowship Hall stove: The Trustees are working to replace the stove.

Trinity United Methodist Church's 36th Annual Auction -- November 8th 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 2026.
 - 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, Ann Sherer's painting, 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. 6 or 7, 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 or home at 845-223-5489 or via cell at 845-380-1715) if you have any questions.

COME! BID! ENJOY!

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 December 8th and may be dropped off in church or the Lutke Room.

Please see me with questions.

THANK YOU.

Karin Riley

Round Table Discussions

- 11/11 If you had another life, what talent would like to have? - Karen
 - 11/25 Discuss friend getaways/reunions – ones you have 2 years or ones you have after a longer time apart. - Leslie
 - 12/9 Discuss vitamins, immunizations and other health aids. - Shirley & Marion
 - 12/23 How do you find the strength to do what you know in your heart is right? - Patsy
- Please email Patsy Boisvert at pmboisvert22@gmail.com to join the group.

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>

The Food Pantry Is Looking for Additional Volunteers to help Bag Food

- On the last Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the parish hall, non-perishable food is bagged for the food pantry distribution. Only in November and December is that date moved up in order to get ahead of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Each volunteer typically bags food for six households. The food has been set out on tables, and all that needs to be done is to fill two or three bags per household. Sometimes we need help to bag produce if people can spare the time, but if they can't, they head home.
- In the last year or so, the number of our available volunteers has dwindled. Two people have moved away, three are often absent, taking care of family members, and, sadly, one person has died. Some months there are plenty of bags left over from a distribution, so few volunteers are needed, but in others, many hands are needed. We are hoping to have a volunteer list of baggers that will include enough members so that we have reserves to draw on during the holiday season when we have large turnouts. If you would like to be part of this outreach program and typically have the last Tuesday of the month free, please give me a call! Thank you.
- Marcia Grant (845-223-5489)

Food Pantry Distribution Dates

October: Bagging on Tuesday, Oct 28th; Distribution: Thursday, Oct 30th
November: Bagging on Tuesday, Nov 18th; Distribution: Thursday, Nov 20th
December: Bagging on Tuesday, Dec 16th; Distribution: Thursday, Dec 18th

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.

Yoga

Beginner/All Levels "Align & Refi
RajaHatha Yoga

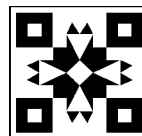


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Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm
Thursday Class 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Saturday Class 9:00 - 10:15 am

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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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 2nd

**All Saints Day
Holy Communion
Fall Back to Standard Time**



**Charge Conference 2 pm
at Hyde Park UMC**

Nov 8th

Annual Action

Nov 9th

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Nov 11th

Veterans Day

Nov 16th

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Nov 18th

Food Pantry Bagging

Nov 20th

Food Pantry Distribution

Nov 23rd

Thanksgiving Sunday

Nov 27th

Thanksgiving Day

Nov 30th

First Sunday of Advent

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