

Trinity Times

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As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

One of my favorite comics was "Calvin and Hobbes." In one strip, Calvin approaches a ringing phone. Then, holding the phone to his ear, he says, "Hello? . . . No, my dad's not here right now. Will I take

a message? I don't know – what's in it for me?" Having hung up the phone, he walks away saying, "People always assume you're some kind of altruist."

I don't know about that. But I do agree with Rabbi Harold Kushner, who believed that we are all created to be altruists – and for our own good. In an anthology entitled *Handbook for the Soul*, he wrote:

"I believe that each of us was put on this earth to fulfill his or her potential for humanity, and the soul is that part of us that makes us truly human. When we fulfill our soul's destiny, we feel 'right.' Conversely, when we ignore our soul's destiny, when we get caught up in our own self-interests and forget to care for others, we feel empty and unfulfilled. When I talk to people who feel this emptiness and lack of fulfillment . . . I suggest they find some way to 'give back' something to the world in order to feel a sense of completeness. Too often people make the mistake of believing that if they only had more money or more sex or a different partner or a better-looking body, they would feel the sense of 'wholeness' they have always craved. Virtually without exception, this is not the case. What is actually lacking is the dimension of giving and kindness as a means of nourishing the soul."

The qualities expressed in Colossians (especially kindness), seem to be in short supply these days, when "What's in it for me?" appears to be the prevailing ethos. So, for the sake of our world and for the sake of our souls – which are in need of kindness – let us all, as James M. Barrie, creator of Peter Pan, once suggested, "Always be a little kinder than necessary."

To that end, here are 10 easy ways to be kind.

1. Give five compliments every day.
2. Let a person with only a few items go ahead of you in the grocery line.
3. Give a loved one an extra hug.
4. Smile at everyone you see.
5. Be a buddy to a new coworker.
6. Pick up trash where you're walking.
7. Offer to return a grocery cart for an elderly or disabled person or a mother with small children.
8. Write a thank you to someone who influenced you.
9. When someone tries to merge in your traffic lane, let them in, and wave as you do.
10. Leave a treat or note of thanks for a person who provides a service.

May your acts of kindness feed your soul and make this world a better place! Pastor Eileen

WORSHIP OCTOBER 2025

October 5 World Communion Sunday
Breads of the World Holy Communion
Scriptures 2 Timothy 1:1-14
*Luke 17:5-10
Sermon Small Steps



October 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures *Jeremiah 31:27-34
Luke 18:1-8
Sermon A Graciously Terrible Memory

October 19 Laity Sunday
Leader Clay Beattie
Scriptures to be determined



October 26 Reformation Sunday
Scriptures Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Sermon Who Will Dare to Don Red Dresses?

TUMC Annual Fall Festival
Sunday, October 26th
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm
6 South Cross Road, Lagrangeville

The nights are getting cold, apples are being picked from the trees, and the leaves are beginning to fall. This can only mean one thing .. it is time for our annual (and really awesome) Fall Festivals for kids of all ages !!!

We will have pumpkin carving, games and crafts, a costume parade and trunk-or-treat, and a few special surprises. Please spread the words and invite your friends and neighbors as all are welcome.

Please reach out to Clay or Debbie Beattie if you want to create a trunk for trunk-or-treat .. you know you do and we can help you with ideas ☺ .. or help leading the games or crafts.

Please reach out to Clay or Debbie Beattie if you have any questions and have a most blessed day !!!

Clay and Debbie



Come one and come all to the ...

Trinity UMC Fall Festival

Pumpkin Carving, Crafts, Games, and so much more !!! Fun for all ages !!!



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Lagrangeville, New York*

*Creative Crafts
and Great
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Book Corner

Most months this newsletter has a book review by one of our church members. These reviews give us a look at books that may be of interest to us.

If you have a favorite author or book series, please consider writing a brief review for the newsletter so other members can enjoy some new topics.

Thank you,
Bob Boisvert

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 is Oct 5th after church.

Some of the tasks:

- Trim bushes
- Paint railings
- Weed gardens

Church Facade: The contractor has finished the majority of the repairs the facade last week. There are a few items being finished next week.

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

The garden on the North side of the church was updated by a landscape company.

Trinity United Methodist Church's 36th Annual Auction -- November 8th

We hope you've given at least passing thought to our Auction over the summer

.....attic and garage cleaning,

....baskets to make,

....services you could perform, and...

most important and necessary for success –

EVERYONE SHOULD BE A SOLICITOR

Many businesses are pleased to help us and receive new clients and free advertising, so don't be afraid to ask them -- they don't bite.

We would *really* appreciate your soliciting professionals (dentists, doctors, & veterinarians), service providers (beauty salons, pet groomers and care givers, car care) and all kinds of local merchants that you use.

Please contact Craig Grant for materials. You still have plenty of time to help.

Our Auction depends on great "stuff" -- No Junk Please!

**Please, all Auction items are to be clean and in working order!
(except antiques)**

**Please contact Craig Grant (at cmlgrant@optimum.net or 845-223-5489)
with any questions.**

Leslie Battistoni (797-7165 or blbattist@gmail.com) has again agreed to coordinate the gift baskets this year. We have saved a number of good baskets that will be available in Fellowship Hall for your expert filling.

Again - Those of you who are soliciting, PLEASE don't leave us hanging. September and October are crunch time.

So GO GET 'EM!



Trinity Bears

As many of you know, Trinity Bears has been providing meals for the Fox family after Jessica underwent surgery in late July. We have been providing a meal once a week on Fridays. I need three more volunteers for the month of October and would like to fill in November soon. If you are able to provide a meal and/or have questions, please call me on my cell 845-392-6351 or email marionb19@ymail.com. Thanks.

Marion Bangert

Round Table Discussions

In October, Round Table will return to Tuesday evenings at 8:05 pm.

• Future Dates and Topics:

- 10/14 Which activities make you lose track of time? - Patsy
 - 10/28 How and when does God speak to you? - Marion
 - 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>

October Food Pantry

Bagging on Tuesday, Oct 28 at 10 am in the parish hall

Distribution: Thursday, Oct 30

Volunteers should plan to be downstairs in the parish hall by 6:30 pm.
The distribution ends at 8 pm.

Putting away tables and any remaining food usually takes about another 15 - 20 minutes.

If you are a regular member of our distribution teams and find you cannot attend, please send us an email to let us know. Our memories aren't what they used to be!

Many thanks to all our helpers. We couldn't do this without you!

Marcia

Adult Bible Study

Join us via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 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 & Refine"
RajaHatha Yoga

Trinity United Methodist Church

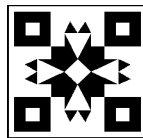
Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm

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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6 South Cross Road
LaGrangeville, NY 12540



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Oct 4 th | Blessing of the Animals |
| Oct 5 th | World Communion Sunday Workday |
| Oct 12 th | 18 th Sunday after Pentecost |
| Oct 19 th | Laity Sunday SPRC Meeting |
| Oct 26 th | Reformation Sunday Administrative Council Meeting Fall Festival |
| Oct 28 th | Food Pantry bagging |
| Oct 30 th | Food Pantry Distribution |

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