

Trinity Times

October 2026



"What is truth, really?" a seven-year-old boy asked his father. "It's not just the correct answer, right?"

Feeling the importance of the question, the father told him the story of the blind men who encounter an elephant and grope around trying to learn what it is. The one who feels the elephant's leg is sure the animal resembles a tree trunk. Another who grabs hold of the tail argues that it is like a rope. The one who grasps an ear insists that it is an undulating sheet of leather. The last, fondling the trunk, is certain that it's a hose.

"Which one is telling the truth?" the father asked.

"None of them. They all think they are correct, but not one of the answers is true" the boy said.

"What's the truth?"

The truth is, it's an elephant."

In this time of disinformation and AI-generated images, it can be hard to discern what is really true. Facts have increasingly ceased to matter to some in the media, in politics, and in the war of ideas. People have become estranged from critical thinking, divorced from logic, and alienated from even objective truth. They admit no ideas that do not confirm them, hear no voices that do not echo their own, sift out all information that doesn't validate what they wish to believe.

But objective reality does not change because you refuse to accept it. That you refuse to acknowledge a wall does not change the fact that it's a wall. And you shouldn't have to hit it to find that out.

Truth is almost always more than anyone can discern by just their own limited sight and experience.

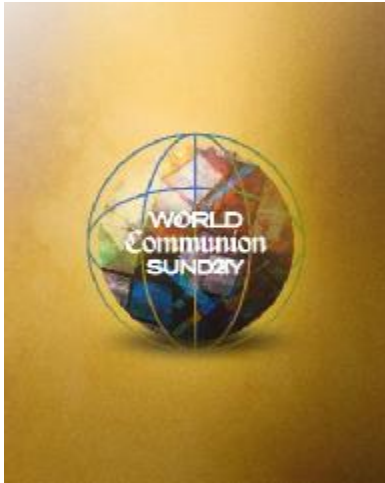
Truth is an important concern in the Bible. Old Testament writers sought and extolled it. Jesus spoke of it often. Virtually every epistle author wrote about it.

So, how do we know what is truth? There is no easy answer, but Jesus gave the best one:

"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:31b-32)

Blessings, Pastor Eileen

October Worship



October 4	World Communion Sunday <i>Holy Communion – Breads of the World</i>
Scriptures	Psalm 19 Philippians 2:1-13
Sermon	Getting Over



October 11 Laity Sunday

This day calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of Christians of all ages in the home, workplace, congregation, community, and world.

The service will be led by Lay Leader Clay Beattie.



October 18	21 st Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon	Whose Image Do You Carry?



October 25	Reformation Sunday
Scriptures	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon	Stand Firm, Hold Fast



Sunday, October 4th

12:30 p.m.

Bring your pet(s)

to the front lawn of the church

to be blessed by Pastor Eileen and receive a medal
and certificate of blessing.



**THE 2026 CROP Walk will be held
on Sunday, October 18
beginning at 10am
at 118 South Grand Avenue (Temple Beth-el)
in Poughkeepsie.**

For more information, please see Pastor Eileen.



October Food Pantry

Bagging – Tuesday - Oct 27th at 10 am in the Lutke Room.

Distribution – Thursday – Oct 29th from 7- 8 pm.

Volunteers should try to arrive by 6:30 pm.

We have needed large grocery bags for some time, since the Food Bank of NENY just provides the shorter variety. But we have put in an order for 600 large grocery bags from U-Line that will arrive soon. We appreciate the bags you have provided in the past, but should soon be in good shape.

Marcia Grant

Trinity United Methodist Church's 37th Annual Auction -- November 7th The time is approaching, so start now!

Our Auction depends on great "stuff" -- No Junk Please!
All Auction items need to be clean and in working order! (unless antique)

- ➔ Check with Craig Grant and then ask any of your service or product providers not already on our solicitation list to donate to our auction.
- ➔ Get your "stuff" out NOW to check it out and clean it up. If you have a set (dishes, glasses, etc.), we would like as complete a set as possible (since we get higher bids for complete sets).
- ➔ Please check out any electrical and/or mechanical items to be sure they are in working order.
- ➔ Anything that we don't think will bring in good bids will be moved to Granny's Attic.
- ➔ If you haven't done so already, contact Leslie Battistoni (blbattist@gmail.com or 797-7165) with a description and estimated value of all gift baskets you are preparing. Please plan ahead and put them together by the end of October. Also let Leslie know if you can help wrap baskets.
- ➔ Invite your friends and neighbors (and update your calendar) to accompany you 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! Both 8 ½" x 11" and 5 ½" x 8 ½" flyers are available in the narthex and in Fellowship Hall.
- ➔ All Solicitors: PLEASE bring completed forms along with all gift cards/certificates, small merchandise items, and business cards to Craig Grant by Sunday, October 25th, with only last-minute exceptions after that.
- ➔ Plan to drop off all auction items and large merchandise in Fellowship Hall on Thursday or Friday, November 5th and 6th. If you absolutely must drop off items before then, please contact Craig Grant and we'll find space for them.
- ➔ Please contact Craig Grant (at cmlgrant@optimum.net or 845-223-5489) if you have any questions.

Help Needed for the Auction Kitchen

I'm planning for the needed food items for the Auction on Nov. 7.

- I'll be contacting my loyal group of pie makers and helpers.
- I'm asking for donations of canned soda this year. I have already bought Sunkist Orange, 7up and A&W Root Beer.
- Needed items:
 - 1-12 pk of regular Coke and 1-12 pk of Diet Coke.
 - 1-12 pk of regular Pepsi and 1-12 pk of Diet Pepsi.
- Also, we have bottled water and our usual selection of teas, not to mention regular coffee.

After the Auction, I am asking that any leftover is taken by the donor.

Any questions, email me at marionb19@ymail.com or call me on my cell 845-392-6351.

Many thanks! Marion Bangert

Book Corner by: Marcia Grant

One Long River of Song: Notes on Wonder by Brian Doyle

David James Duncan sums up Doyle's sensibilities best in his introduction to the book "Brian Doyle lived the pleasure of bearing daily witness to quiet glories hidden in people, places and creatures of little or no size, renown, or commercial value, and he brought inimitably playful or soaring or aching or heartfelt language to his tellings." A life's work, **One Long River of Song** invites readers to experience joy and wonder in ordinary moments that become, under Doyle's rapturous and exuberant gaze, extraordinary.

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Saturday - Nov. 7, 2026

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Gift baskets, handmade crafts & quilts,
Wyndham resort week, gift certificates,
merchandise, services, and much more

There is something for everyone!



YARD SALE: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

AUCTION PREVIEW: 4:00 - 5:00 PM (Kitchen opens)

AUCTION: 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Lots of fun & great bargains!

We dare you to leave empty handed!

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Print this flyer to create handouts for family and friends.

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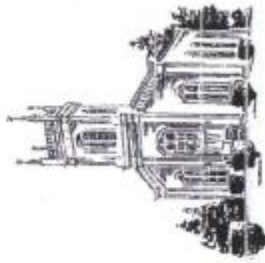
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Round Table meets via zoom on the 2nd & 4th Tues evenings at 8:05 pm.
Email Patsy Boisvert at pmboisvert22@gmail.com to join the group.
10/13/2026 How to take criticism and give it with kindness ?- Leslie
10/27/2026 Discuss Victor Frankl ***Man Search for Meaning***. - Karen

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.



Come one and come all to the ...



Trinity UMC Fall Festival

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



Friday, October 30th

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

6 Cross Road

Lagrangeville, New York

Creative Crafts and
Great Games and a
few Surprises

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). They may be dropped off in church or the Lutke Room. The due date has yet to be determined.

Please see me with questions.

THANK YOU.

Karin Riley



October facts:

- Birthstone: Opal & Tourmaline
- Birth Flowers: Marigold & Cosmos
- Oct 12th - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 31st – All Hallows' Eve



Yoga

Beginner/All Levels "Align & Refine"
RajaHatha Yoga

Trinity United Methodist Church

Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm

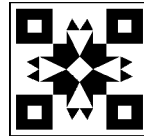
Thursday Class 6:00 - 7:15 pm

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

Webpage: <https://trinityumclagrange.org>

Worship Recordings

Use this link to see the worship recordings on the Trinity YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@tumclagrange8619>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Oct 30 th	TUMC Fall Festival

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