

# *Trinity Times*

## *September 2025*

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One of the most impressive aspects of the Gospel is its simplicity. It's difficult for the world to understand this, so frequently, in an effort to be impressive, people complicate things.

It took Jesus only about 170 words to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" It takes only 9 minutes to read the Sermon on the Mount. The Lord's

Prayer contains only 56 words. The Gettysburg Address contains only 268 words and the Declaration of Independence 1,322 words. But according to a study by Business Roundtable (an association of chief executive officers of America's leading companies) "a government regulation on the sale of cabbage required 26,911 words."

Furthermore, Jesus used words that would fill any language: light, love, life, truth, peace, bread, water, God, home, parents, children. He drew his lessons from such ordinary and common things as the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. He also used words that translate into one or two syllable words, such as ask, search, knock, come, take, believe, follow. They strike at what Reinhold Niebuhr called the vulnerable center of society. No matter how complicated society becomes, it cannot escape the simple things of life.

Many wise and intelligent people have been quoted on simplicity. Artist Hans Hoffmann: "The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so the necessary may speak." Economist E. F. Schumacher: "Any third-rate engineer or researcher can increase complexity; but it takes a certain flair of real insight to make things simple again." Bassist Charles Mingus: "Making the simple complicated is commonplace; making the complicated simple – that's creativity." Leonardo da Vinci: "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

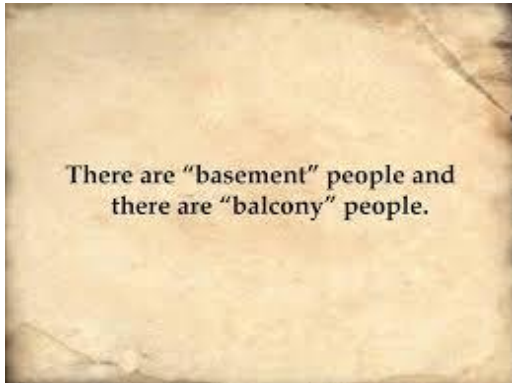
My favorite take on simplicity is the best-known song of the Shakers, "A Gift to Be Simple."  
*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we are in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shall not be ashamed;  
to turn, turn will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come round right.*

As we seek to follow Jesus in our faith understanding and our daily living, let's keep it simple!

*Pastor Eileen*

# SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

\*=sermon text



**September 7**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Homecoming Sunday

***Back to School Blessings***

*Holy Communion*

Scriptures

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

\*Philemon 1:1-21

Sermon

Balcony or Basement People?

**September 14    14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures

1 Timothy 1:12-17

\*Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

It's about Being Found



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**September 21**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures

1 Timothy 2:1-7

\*Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

Real People

**September 28    16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

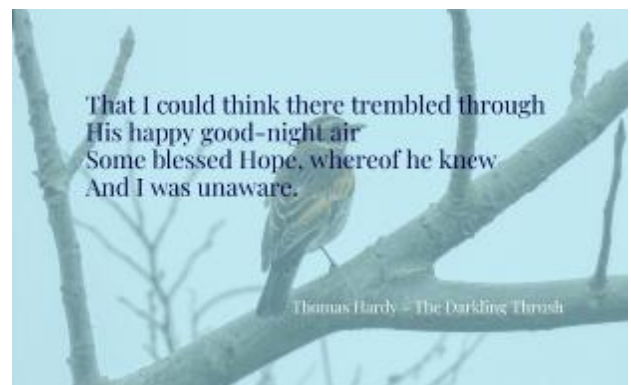
Scriptures

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

\*Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Sermon

Some Blessed Hope



Thomas Hardy - The Darkling Thrush



*It's time to pray for the new school year!*

*Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am*

*Students, bring your backpacks and school supplies!  
Teachers, bring your bags, briefcases, books, supplies!  
School staff, bring your work tools and resources!*





September 7<sup>th</sup>

**Join us in worship at 10:00 a.m.**

Sunday School resumes . . .

The Choir returns . . .

Holy Communion is celebrated . . .

A "new church year" begins . . .

Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall  
for a pot luck brunch.

Bring a dish to share!

Sign up information will be emailed soon.



## 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 have volunteers through the month of September and would like to fill in October 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](mailto:marionb19@ymail.com).

Thanks.

Marion Bangert



## Trustee Corner

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

The next Trustee meeting is Sept 7<sup>th</sup> after worship.

The Trustees are planning on holding a Fall work day to prepare for colder weather. The date is yet to be set.

Church Facade: The contractor has given us a start date in early September. When this work begins, there will be scaffolding around the front of the church. The entrance will not be blocked.

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

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

# **Trinity United Methodist Church's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction -- November 8<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:cmlgrant@optimum.net) or 845-223-5489)  
with any questions.**

**Leslie Battistoni (797-7165 or [blbattist@gmail.com](mailto: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!**

## Book Corner by Joyce Gebele

Here are two books that are set in America and take us through time –

The first is ***North Woods*** by Daniel Mason. It is a book of fiction that looks at a single house in the North woods of New England through history – connecting us to the environment and to one another across time, language and space.

The second is ***The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement*** written by Sharon McMahon, a longtime HS Government and Law teacher and host of an award-winning podcast. She hopes to shine a light on the people not mentioned in our textbooks, but who made an impact on our history.

## Round Table Discussions

Round Table will meet in September on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays instead of the regular Tuesday evenings. The Zoom meetings will begin at 7 pm. The September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a topic planning meeting. In October, Round Table will return to Tuesday evenings at 8:05 pm. Please email Patsy Boisvert at [pmboisvert22@gmail.com](mailto: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/UCeNePmj0UUjXh3c0aXixbVO>

# September Food Pantry

**Bagging** on Tuesday, September 23 at 10 am in the parish hall

**Distribution:** Thursday, September 25

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

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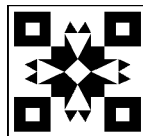
Tuesday Class 5:30 - 6:45 pm

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.



# Mid-Hudson Love Inc

## Annual Trapp Family Lodge Vacation Fundraiser

### Vacation Dates:

**Sunday, May 31 - June 7, 2026**

Thanks to a generous friend of Mid-Hudson INC, we once again offer the opportunity to win a one-week stay in a private Guest House at the Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vermont. (2 BR Guest House sleeps 6)

Situated on 2,500 acres in beautiful Stowe, Vermont, Trapp Family Lodge is a unique mountain resort featuring Austrian-inspired architecture, beautiful views and European-style accommodations.



**Tickets can be purchased for a suggested donation of \$20 each or 3 for \$50.**

*We enjoyed the peace and privilege and pleasure of spending a week in beautiful Stowe Vermont at the Trapp family lodge. From start to finish, the experience was wonderful. Walking back in time, we relived the history and experiences of the Trapp family singers from a presentation from one of the Trapp granddaughters to a tour of the lodge built by the Trapp family to enjoying delicious meals served in the elegant dining room to learning about the wonder of the family farm, all while surrounded by the beautiful scenery of the Green Mountains of Vermont. Topping this off was spending time with friends while strolling through the streets and quaint shops of the village of Stowe. A vacation to remember for sure!*

*2025 vacation winners Dave and Ro Schneck*

**Winning ticket will be drawn at the Sixteenth Annual Benefit Scrabble Tournament on October 23, 2025.** (Love INC Staff, Board Members, and families are not eligible to win.)  
Questions: Contact Patsy Boisvert, pmboisvert22@gmail.com or call/text 845-242-5089.

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YES, please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s). Enclosed is my donation. (Suggest \$20/ticket or 3 for \$50)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL WITH DONATION TO:

**Mid-Hudson Love INC \* 748 Freedom Plains Rd \* Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Homecoming Sunday <b><i>Back to School Blessings</i></b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>Trustee meeting</b>
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Food Pantry bagging</b>
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Food Pantry Distribution</b>
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>

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