

Trinity Times

Summer 2024



The unusual tree in the picture is a banyan, native to tropical Asia, where it is venerated. The young plant puts forth aerial rootlets which, on reaching the ground, form secondary trunks to support the giant horizontal limbs. Branches from these trunks send down more prop roots, and over time the banyan tree becomes grove-like in appearance, covering an immense area, as much as 2,000 feet in circumference, and providing shelter for 20,000 people. In many communities its canopy is used for market places, social gatherings, and village meetings. In some societies the banyan tree has religious significance.

I am amazed at what an extraordinary example of connection the banyan tree is. I've been thinking lately about connections and their role in our lives. Connections are not merely part of our lives, they are vital. Sadly, often we only realize the importance of connections when we are confronted by their absence, as when a loved one dies, or a relationship is broken, or a job is lost, or a church or community gathering place ceases to exist.

From the Creation in Genesis to the Revelation of John, the Bible tells how persistently God seeks to be connected to us. So desirous is God of this close relationship that God sent Jesus to the world. Jesus dedicated his life to drawing people to himself, that all might be connected to God and to one another through him. Our church is a place in our community where we create and celebrate and nurture these connections.

"Blessed be the tie that binds" says an old hymn. Blessed are we, indeed, when we are connected to God by faith, to family and friends in love and caring, to each other and the world through our church.

Whatever you do, take care not to get disconnected.

Pastor Eileen



The Administrative Council has decided that the church will no longer change the Sunday worship service time in the summer.

Worship will begin at 10:00 am every Sunday throughout the year.

Summer Worship

July 7 Scriptures:	7th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
July 14 Scriptures:	8th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12 b -19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
July 21 Scriptures:	9th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 7:1-14 a Psalm 89:20-37 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 28 Scriptures:	10th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
August 4 Scriptures:	11th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13 a Psalm 51:1-12 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35
August 11 Scriptures:	12th Sunday after Pentecost 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
August 18 Scriptures:	13th Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58
August 25 Scriptures:	14th Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

Why is TUMC buzzing with excitement these days?

Maybe it is because we are going to transform the overgrown Garden in the front of the Church into a bee-utiful pollination garden that will buzz with excitement. The plans are still being worked on. If you want to help, please reach out to Clay Beattie at (845) 464-0507 !!!

Save another date ... Vacation Bible School is coming again to TUMC this summer 😊

We are planning to have Vacation Bible School the week of July 8th through the 12th. We are planning to be meeting in the evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The program is focused on kids from 4 years old through 5th grade with opportunities for youth in grades 6th and up to help. Our program is open to all, so think about who you can invite.

Please reach out to Clay Beattie at (845) 464-0507 if you are interested in helping in any way!!!

Trustee Corner

Trustee Members:

Mike Tucci - Co-Chair

Royal Ricci - Co-chair

Mike Bangert - Treasurer

Bob Boisvert - Secretary

Chris Freeman

Ann Sherer

Ralph La Casio

Stan Brown

Ron Lemar

Next meeting: June 30th after worship in the Lutke room.

Current Projects:

ADA ramp to sanctuary – work in process

Parsonage - Furnace repair - done

Social Hall - water problem after heavy rains

Exterior steps to Social Hall and back door of Church

July/August Food Pantry

Food Pantry

July Bagging - July 23 downstairs in the parish hall.

August bagging - August 27 at 10 am

Distributions – July 25 and August 29.

Volunteers should arrive at the parish hall by 6:30 pm.

Since so many people are on vacation in the summer, please let me know if you are available to help bag food.

Many thanks. Marcia Grant 845-223-5489 or

cmlgrant@optimum.net

Dear Trinity Family,

Are you or someone you know 🎵 musically 🎵 inclined?

Please sign up for Special Summer Music! 😊

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp:

<https://signup.com/go/RXfvBRp>

2. Enter your email address:

(You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)

3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thanks,
Heidi

2nd Annual Good Neighbor Walk



To Benefit of Mid-Hudson Love INC

And raise awareness and support by walking

Saturday, July 20, 2024



St. John's Lutheran Church
55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie

9:30 am Rain or Shine
(Registration begins at 8:45)



Top Team wins The GOLDEN SNEAKER for a year!

Please Scan to Register



Raise \$50
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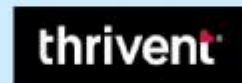
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For further information contact Ann Derwin Doyle at 914-618-0474 or at GoodNeighborWalk@gmail.com

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LaGrangeville Cemetery

The cemetery committee has finally completed the mapping of our cemetery – thanks to the efforts of many. It isn't perfect, since some gravestones have become unreadable, and others may never have been recorded, but it's been done to the best of our ability.

Like many cemeteries, ours is committed to providing “perpetual care” far into the future. While some cemeteries charge for this, we have not. Many people assume that Trinity UMC helps finance the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. It does not. The church donates the plots, and those plots, together with our investments provide the cemetery's total assets. Some years we sell several plots; some years, we sell none. We have raised plot prices twice in the last twelve years. A full 4'x 10' plot is now \$1100, and a 4' x 5' cremation plot is \$600 - rates somewhat lower than most in our area. If you have questions, would like to purchase a plot, or have a plot you cannot use and would like to donate it back to the cemetery, please get in touch, using the cemetery website: lagcemny@gmail.com.

We would like to mow the grass more often and be able to clean and repair gravestones, but this is costly. If you own a plot, or have family or friends buried here, or just want to help keep up the cemetery's appearance, we hope you will consider helping us financially. You can include a bequest in your will, or make a donation. Checks can be made out to the LaGrangeville Cemetery Association and mailed to 6 South Cross Road, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Any financial assistance will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

The following people are the cemetery's elected officers for the next year:

Dawn Orlik
LaGrangeville Cemetery President

Marcia Grant
Vice President

Donna Turner
Treasurer

Royal Ricci
Secretary

Trustees: Pam Alley, Donna Burke, and Ralph LaCasio.

Trinity United Methodist Church

Webpage: <https://trinityumclagrange.org>

Worship Recordings

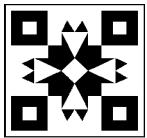
This is our link for the Trinity YouTube channel for people who want to see our worship recordings.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeNePmj0UUjXh3c0aXixbVQ>

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



**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.

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)

Roundtable Discussions

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8 pm on ZOOM. Topics each month will be announced the Sunday before it's held.

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

Prayer List

Rev. Fred Jackson	Kristin Juanita
Gail Rice	Doreen Van Valkenburg
Sam Cochrane	Brad Ronco
Mary Calabrese's brother, Andrew	Stan Brown
Kim Collier's parents, Bud and Joann	Blake Riggs
Kim's friend, Laura	Brian Strydio
Lorraine Messitt	Royal's friend, Chris Matero
Carmine Molinaro	Royal's friend, Kelly Campbell
Greg Luisi, friend of the Wirges	
Paula Harris, friend of the Wirges	

Please get in touch with Marcia Grant by phone or email about a week before the end of the month and give her any updates and also let her know if you would like to be added or removed from this list that goes out to the entire congregation.

Many thanks -- Marcia Grant

Book Corner

From Karin Riley

American Dirt is a 2020 novel by Jeanine Cummins, The book is about a Mexican bookseller who is forced to flee as an illegal immigrant to the United States, along with her son, after her journalist husband exposes a local drug kingpin.

Book of Lost Names by Kristen Harmel. Inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II, a young woman with a talent for forgery helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis.

Trinity United Methodist Church

New York Annual Conference Report

June 23, 2024

The 225th New York Annual Conference was held at the Hilton Stamford Hotel and Executive Meeting Center from June 7 - June 9, 2024. The theme of this year's Conference was "**....and Know that I am God.**" **Psalm 46:10**

WORSHIP AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Annual Conference opened Friday, June 9. Members of the Conference were welcomed by Ms Raggatha Rain Calentine, Chairperson of the Native American International Caucus.

Opening worship and Holy Communion was led by Bishop Thomas J Bickerton. The scripture was Psalm 46:1-6, 10-11. In his sermon, the Bishop spoke briefly about the events at General Conference. He told us it was time to move forward. How to do that? Let Jesus in! He concluded by saying, Jesus is knocking!!

In his State of the Church Episcopal Address, Bishop Bickerton spoke more in depth of the events at General Conference. Major items were the removal of the anti-LGBTQAI+ language from the **Book of Discipline**, the passage of **the Revised Social Principles**, the passage of a resolution that provided a pathway to reinstate pastors who were defrocked because of their gender identity and/or performing same sex marriages, passing a resolution allowing Deacons and Deaconesses to serve Communion and perform Baptisms and passing a resolution lifting the ban on Episcopal clergy to participate in serving Communion in United Methodist Churches. The Bishop noted General Conference approved what New York Annual Conference was already doing. He also stated how proud he is of our Annual Conference. New York Annual Conference is the most diverse in the Denomination!! However, there are challenges. The number of clergy have dropped in the Denomination and enrollments in Divinity Schools have dropped. Eleven churches in NYAC will not have a pastor this appointment season. But it is time to move forward in embracing diversity.

A Memorial Service was held. Clergy, clergy spouses, widows and widowers were read in a service of remembrance. A Celebration of Ministry was held. Eleven retiring clergy were recognized. Two Local Pastors were licensed and eight Provisional Members were commissioned.

Six Elders were ordained on Sunday, June 9

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE SESSIONS

Bishop Bickerton called the session to order on Friday, June 7. To comply with Conference Rules the Chancellor, James Perkins, and Conference Treasurer, Lonnie Chafin, were elected. Also elected were members of the Conference Committees. Prumeh Lee was elected Conference Secretary, Gail Douglas-Boykin was elected Conference Lay Leader and Margaret Howe was elected Conference Statistician. In addition, two Trustees were elected. The plenary passed an \$8.3 million budget with no increase in apportionments. However, with fewer churches in the conference, individual churches may see higher apportionments. Trinity UMC will likely be one of them. The Consent Calendar was approved. Members of Annual Conference approved the new regionalization structure which was passed by the 2020 General Conference. During the postponed 2020 General Conference, a letter of apology to victims of sexual misconduct was approved and read. All Annual Conferences are required to read this letter during their Annual Conferences. The Bishop read this letter to the members of NYAC Annual Conference. (The letter is on page 12.)

During the Corporate session, the members approved the mergers of the following churches: Bayside UMC and Bayside: Korean UMC; and Katonah UMC and Purdys UMC. Though not subject to a vote, the Bishop reported that three churches were closed. They were Gaylordsville UMC, East Berlin UMC and Harriman UMC. With rejoicing, the members approved the charter of Ghana Bethel UMC. Paragraph #2553, which established a pathway for churches to disaffiliate was not renewed at General Conference and expired on December 31, 2023. Therefore, no churches disaffiliated at this year's Conference.

Other Corporate items that were reported are: Conference Chancellor, Jim Perkins, reported there are currently four cases (down from seven) pending against various defendants in New York State courts under the Child Victims Act alleging sexual misconduct. New York Annual Conference has been named as a codefendant in these four. There is no apparent insurance coverage available for these claims. There are a number of sexual abuse claims asserted against local churches in the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy proceeding. Those claims are anticipated to be resolved as part of an approved plan in bankruptcy. The United Methodist Church is contributing approximately \$30 million to a fund set aside to settle these claims. New York Annual Conference's contribution to this fund is \$770,360. NYAC will seek contributions from local churches to share in the costs of the settlement. NYAC has been named in one case filed with New York Courts under the New York Adult Survivors Act alleging sexual misconduct. There is no apparent insurance coverage available. There are a number of suits that have arisen out of the Discipline paragraph #2553 disaffiliation process, which ended on December 31, 2023. Those suits concern ownership of property of churches which did not follow the disaffiliation process. A complete Corporate report can be obtained at www.nyac.com.

LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS

Legislative Sections were held on June 7. The sections were: (1) Ministries of Witness - Connectional Ministries and Ministries of Nurture – Societies, Institutions and Foundations; (2) Ministries of Advocacy; (3) Leadership/Commissioning and Administration; and (4) Clergy Care and Conference Finance. Each section presented and voted on reports and petitions.

I attended the Ministry of Advocacy. All but one of the reports were accepted. All but one of the five petitions passed with over 90% approval. The one that did not pass (Reorganization of the NYAC Task Force to Ensure Transparency, Accountability, Objectivity and Efficiency) was not approved in the plenary session. One of the petitions that passed in this Section was a resolution to Adopt “The New York Annual Conference Parental Leave Policy” - “Parental leave shall be encouraged and permitted for up to 13 weeks with full pay and will not affect the clergy person’s pension, health benefits, and appointment status.” And “Up to three weeks of paid parental leave may be given each calendar year to clergy beginning or ending foster/resource placements. The cabinet will assist local churches and cooperative parishes as it relates to the provision of administration, coverage, and pulpit supply for the duration of the leave.”

I am honored to be your Lay Member to New York Annual Conference. I encourage you to visit www.nyac.com to become familiar with your Annual Conference.

Yours in Christ,
Patsy M. Boisvert
Lay Member to Annual Conference



General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Introduction

Sexual misconduct is a current and real problem within The United Methodist Church. Today, we acknowledge there are people here who have been mistreated, abused, and assaulted by clergy and lay leaders in the Church.

We honor those who have shared their stories and those who have sat with their stories in silence. We commend the courage of all survivors of sexual misconduct to walk a path they did not choose.

Too often those who suffer from sexual misconduct are silenced, ignored, or not believed by the Church.

Sexual misconduct includes psychological, emotional, and spiritual abuse. This apology is a beginning point for confession and hope in prevention and response to sexual misconduct in The United Methodist Church.

Apology

The United Methodist Church apologizes for the times we allowed our desire to protect the Church to outweigh our desire to care for victims and survivors of sexual misconduct. We have allowed polity and protection of the institutional Church prevent us from holding persons accountable, thus perpetuating harm within our local churches and other ministry settings, and damaging the whole United Methodist connection.

We apologize for the times we have not listened to you, doubted your stories, ignored your wounds, and have not tended to your pain. We believe this has contributed to allowing an unsafe culture to exist.

An apology is worthless without a commitment to the challenging work which must follow. The United Methodist Church pledges to:

1. Apologize in every annual conference across the connection.
2. Educate Church leaders regarding sacred trust in ministerial relationships and power imbalance within those relationships.
3. Provide healing resources to all affected in accordance with ¶ 362. Complaint Procedures.
4. Develop a trauma-informed response to complaints of sexual misconduct.

This apology alone is insufficient for healing. The United Methodist Church accepts our responsibility and publicly states our commitment to carry out the steps named to do no more harm. May God's blessing and never-ending love guide our work and see it through.

Trinity United Methodist Church
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LaGrangeville, NY 12540

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4th



July 7	7th Sunday after Pentecost
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August 18	13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25	14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 27	Food Pantry bagging
August 29	Food Pantry distribution
Sept 1	15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sept 2	
Sept 8	Sunday School kick off
Oct 27	Fall Festival at the church



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