

**2025**



**TRINITY  
TIMES**

**Holy Trinity United  
Methodist Church  
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Rev. Shin Ahn**

**SAVE THE DATES**

April 5 – Operation Troop  
Support Craft Fair 9-2  
April 13 – Palm Sunday  
April 13 - Confirmation  
Class  
April 20 – Easter Sunday  
April 25 – Birka Lodge 6-10  
April 27 – No Sunday School  
May 3 – Craft Fair 10-2  
May 4 – Native American  
Sunday  
May 4 – Confirmation Class  
May 11 – Confirmation  
May 18 – Children’s Sunday

**MARCH WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am  
Followed by fellowship coffee hour  
First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for  
the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

**Wednesday**

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the Month (off-site)

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

The Gathering – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
10:30am-12 noon (Off for July & August)  
AA 7:30pm

***OUR SATFF***

The Reverend Shin Ahn, *Pastor*  
Nancy Rodriguez, *Christian Education Director*  
Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*  
Kevin O’Brien, *Sexton*

## A WORD FOR OUR PASTOR.....

While envisioning the kind of faith community we long to be, I reflected on adjectives I would like to associate with Holy Trinity Church: Loving, grace-filled, compassionate, embracing, warm and inviting, hospitable, reconciling, welcoming, diverse, etc. I would love for all these words to describe our church.

I am especially drawn to the word welcoming because it captures so much of what we are called to be. In Korea, if you want to say “welcome,” you would say, “Jal wat-da.” Its literal meaning is “You have come well.” Interestingly, it shares a similar word structure with the English phrase “welcome,” combining “well” and “come.” You have come to us, and it is a good thing! Is there any more beautiful way to welcome someone than to say, “It is well for you to have come to us”?

It is a blessing to be welcoming people. There is joy in greeting others with open hearts. I am grateful to God for the warmth and kindness you have shown to our family as we settle into new surroundings. Thanks to your support and prayers, we truly feel at home—both in this church and in the North Shore area. I am also thankful for the loving care our church has been providing to support immigrant families in need. God, who welcomes us as we are, is worthy of our praise.

As I reflect on this warm hospitality, I find myself asking: How can we become an even more welcoming congregation, one that embraces even more people? Here is what I would like to share with you:

First, let every Sunday be a day for worship and fellowship. Fellowship is an essential part of worship—it is how we connect with God and with each other. I long for more of us to stay after the service to engage in fellowship, sharing life and love with one another. And let us not limit our fellowship to those we already know well. I encourage you to consider joining in fellowship time with people you might not yet know. To help make this possible, I suggest we look at shifting some meetings and rehearsals to weekdays so that Sundays can remain focused on worship and building community. I realize this may require some adjustments, but I believe it’s worth considering.

Second, I would love to establish a welcoming team. One of the great blessings we have here at Holy Trinity is the presence of new faces each Sunday. It is a true gift, and I am grateful for the opportunity to meet newcomers, something that was rare in my past appointments. To help us embrace this gift, I’ve found a training manual and planning handbook called Welcoming Ministry 100. This resource will guide us as we equip ourselves to be better agents of hospitality. We will review the building, our facilities, and the roles of ushers and greeters. I am seeking volunteers of all ages, because newcomers will come from many different walks of life. If your heart is stirred by the Holy Spirit to be a part of this ministry, I invite you to sign up on the sheet posted in the fellowship hall by Easter Sunday.

Becoming a welcoming church is not simply a strategy to grow our membership—it is a call to become who God intends us to be. It is our identity, as God’s people, to extend God’s welcoming love to all. I am filled with anticipation and excitement as I imagine the transformation and growth God will bring to us as we continue to welcome others with God’s love.

May God bless those who practice the radical hospitality of Christ.

Dreaming of a more welcoming congregation,  
Pastor Shin

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

***Annual Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Service on April 20th***



IT'S OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!  
KIDS ARE EXCITED!

THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP WITH  
DONATING JUST CANDY.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF EGGS!

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4/13  
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

STAY BLESSED!

### **Confirmation class information!**

Dates

March 30th

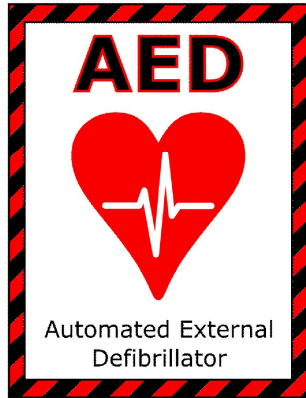
April 13th

May 4th

CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 11:00  
(FOLLOWING THE CHURCH  
SERVICE) AND LAST 1 HOUR



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>**



## **Save the date!**

Sunday **April 6th**

after coffee at Fellowship Hall.

We will have a brief training on the use of our church defibrillator,  
courtesy of Jeanie Murray.



**Save the Date:**

**Sunday, June 1, Merrimack Valley Ringers (handbell ensemble) in  
Concert at Holy Trinity UMC. 4:00 pm.**

**Trinity Times.**

Sue Lee 



## Danvers Food Pantry

Don't forget to fill a **red grocery bag** for the first Sunday of every month, for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry.



Looking for people to provide snacks, set up, and/or clean up for Sunday morning's coffee hour.

One can sign up to set up, provide a snack (home baked or not), and/or cleanup. Even if you can just do one part of this, it will be very helpful, as many hands make light work.

Set up sounds scary but it is easily done, especially after you have done it once. We are anxious to teach you.



**CHURCH PRAYER LIST:** Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Sarah Pena, Linda Murphy, Mark, Joanne Smith, Jeanette, Mary, Millie Ward, Bridget, Rev. Higgins, John, Jean, Ritchie, June, Ray & George, John Douglass, Sandy Gray, Barbara Towski, Jean Ebb, William Drury, Shirley Teague, Nancy Higgins, Betty Spencer, Betty & Bob, Lillian Gillis, Nancy Tiskis, Dree, DeeDee, Pat Gagnon, Pamela Drury, Susan Ellis, Luke & Philippa, Debbie Campbell, Jean Ebb, Cheryl Clay, Richard Cyr, Anne Bennett, Jo-Ann Tilton.



## CHECK OUT OUR NEW CHURCH CALENDAR

Click on the link below

<https://onrealm.org/HolyTrinityUnit/PublicCalendar/ViewCalendar/79ed36b8-5477-4916-a437-b29601391f48>



## Spring Craft Fair!

### Saturday, May 3

### 10am-3pm

If you are a crafter or know who is, we have some spots left!!!!

We are also looking for treats for our bake table. Goodies can be dropped off on Friday evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm-8pm or Saturday morning beginning at 8am. *Please label if your donation contains nuts.*

Please spread the news! There are flyers for posting. Share on social media! We want lots of foot traffic to make this a successful event. Contact Linda Ramsdell (978-239-3808 or [blberamsdell@yahoo.com](mailto:blberamsdell@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

**ORDER BY THIS SUNDAY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>!**



**Easter Tulips and Lillies Order Form 2025**

The altar will be decorated on Easter Sunday with a beautiful display of flowers.

Deadline for ordering is **SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

**AND/OR**

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

How many 6" Tulips: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

How many 6" Lillies: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14 each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Along with this order form, please enclose CASH or CHECK  
made out to Holy Trinity United Methodist Church  
(marked Easter Flowers) and place in the offering plate  
or in the basket on the narthex table.

**Thank you and Happy Easter!**

# SPRING cleaning

**WE WILL BE DOING SPRING CLEAN UP OF ALL THE  
CHURCH SPACES (KITCHEN, SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ROOMS, CONFERENCE ROOM ETC)  
IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN THESE ROOMS, PLEASE  
EITHER TAKE THESE ITEMS OR  
E-MAIL JODI IN THE OFFICE WITH WHICH ITEMS  
ARE YOUR.**

**PLEASE LABEL AND DATE ANYTHING  
CONSUMMABLE!**