

## TRINITY TIMES

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### **OUR SATFF**

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### **SAVE THE DATES**

February 16 – Council  
Meeting  
February 28 – Birka Lodge  
March 30 – UMCOR Sunday  
April 13 – Palm Sunday  
April 20 – Easter Sunday  
April 27 – No Sunday School  
May 3 – Craft Fair  
May 4 – Native American  
Sunday  
May 11 – Confirmation  
May 18 – Children's Sunday  
June 15 – Peace with Justice  
Sunday  
October 5 – World  
Communion Sunday  
November 23 – United  
Methodist Student Day

# 2025



### **FEBRUARY 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

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

I love watching video clips of homecoming soldiers surprising their loved ones on YouTube when I'm feeling down. It's always so moving to see the joy and surprise when soldiers show up unannounced, and their loved ones burst into tears, rushing to embrace them with overwhelming joy. Even though I've seen these kinds of videos many times, the emotion always stirs my heart.

During my vacation in January, I had the chance to visit the small village where I grew up. Thanks to a newly built highway, it now takes less than two hours to get there. Suk and I decided to take a trip back to the past. As I walked through familiar places that shaped my childhood, I felt a deep longing to connect with anyone who might remember what the village was like fifty years ago. God's grace led me to an elderly lady near the old church where my father once served, and she still remembered my parents. We shared a lovely conversation before heading to a nearby small restaurant for lunch.

While we were waiting for our meal, a woman rushed into the restaurant, calling my name. To my surprise, it was one of my childhood friends from elementary school! We hadn't seen each other for almost half a century, since I left the village. Yet, she clearly remembered me, my name, and the precious memories we had shared as children. How wonderful it was to be remembered and welcomed so warmly, and to reconnect with someone from my past! We spent time catching up, sharing our stories, and exchanging contact information.

This joyful reunion led me to reflect on what the church should be. What if the church were a place where all those who have been away—whether for days, months, or years—could return with the assurance of a loving and warm welcome? What if the church were like a hometown, where every name and every story is cherished, where we hold one another in our hearts, even when we are apart? I believe the church should be just such a place—a place of belonging, where God's grace is extended to all. Just as God welcomes each of us as we are, may we learn to extend that same welcome to others, embracing them with the radical hospitality of Christ. May our faith community be a refuge where many weary souls can find a welcoming home.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Shin

**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.



### **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 clean up for Sunday morning's coffee hour.

Hello and Happy New Year! We are looking for people to help with coffee hour in any way that they can...there are many options...

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.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call Jodi in the office and ask her to put your name down for whatever you have decided to help with. For planning purposes, if you know that you are going to contribute something for a snack, please let us know ahead so that we will not be unnecessarily scrambling at the last minute to come up with something, thinking that we do not have anything for coffee hour. If what you bring has nuts, please be sure that they are marked. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,  
Brenda Ferris



## A couple reminders....

- If you need to get into the church and do not have an appointment with Pastor Shin or with the office, please come after Jack & Jill is out of school. The doors are always locked for safety, and no one is allowed to go into their area unless the office has been notified.
- If you need anything from Jodi in the office, please call or email the office during business hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9am-1pm. She is at church with her family on Sundays.



## Know someone looking for a space to hold their function?

Tell them to check out our hall. It holds up to 200 guests, handicap accessible and has a full kitchen. Have them email the office if interested

[htumchurch@gmail.com](mailto:htumchurch@gmail.com)

