

TRINITY TIMES

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SAVE THE DATES

March 2 –Private rental
3:30pm-9pm
March 5 –
Ash Wednesday Service
7pm
March 9 – Day Light Savings
March 28 – Birka Lodge
6pm-10pm
March 30 – UMCOR Sunday
March 30 – Private rental
2pm-5pm
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



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 – 2nd 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.....

One of the fundamental questions I frequently ask myself on my faith journey is, “Who am I?” By nature, this question is closely related to “Who is God?” as John Calvin insightfully put it in his book *Institutes of the Christian Religion*: “Without knowledge of self, there is no knowledge of God.” While John Calvin is not my personal hero—John Wesley is—I completely agree with him regarding the connection between knowing God and knowing ourselves. How can we know who we are without first knowing God? And how can we fully understand God without reflecting on who we are as God’s creation? For me, discovering my true self in the presence of God has been essential to my spiritual journey.

I believe that our self-identity shapes everything we do. For example, as a father, I strive to care for my daughters with love and devotion, not because it is a duty, but because it flows naturally from who I am. The responsibility of fatherhood comes from embracing that identity. Of course, being a father is just one of many identities I hold. I am also a husband to my wife, the eldest son to my parents, a brother to my siblings, a friend, a neighbor to those on Chester St., a customer at New Brothers’ restaurant, and, most importantly, a pastor to you, my beloved church family.

Taking on these responsibilities, while deeply rewarding, sometimes leads to moments when different aspects of my identity conflict. A few years ago, I wrestled with a stance in the Book of Discipline that reflected an unwelcoming position toward our LGBTQIA+ siblings, which was the official stance of our denomination at the time. As a United Methodist minister, I felt bound to uphold the Book of Discipline, but as a Christian, I could not reconcile this with my understanding of God’s love. I even considered leaving the denomination I dearly loved. But by God’s grace, circumstances changed, and I did not have to make that painful decision.

In moments like these, I reflect on the priorities among my many identities and responsibilities. I choose the higher, broader, and more universal identity: We are Christians before we are Methodists, citizens of the world before we are Americans, and children of God before any other label. When we stand together, hand in hand, as God’s beloved children, no label matters.

It is an honor to be your pastor, and I give thanks to God for each of you. May God continue to bless us all as God’s precious children, united in love and grace.

With loving respect,
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.



Host- Coffee Hour

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.

For planning purposes, if you know that you are going to contribute something for a snack, please sign up on the bulletin board or let us know ahead so that we will not be unnecessarily scrambling at the last minute to find/make something. Please be sure that they are marked if they contain nuts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

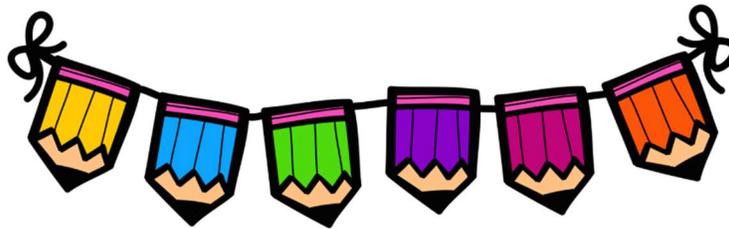
Thanks, Brenda Ferris



**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



JACK & JILL PRESCHOOL

It has been a busy couple of months for us at Jack and Jill. School was up for licensing in February. This is when the person overseeing our school from the state visits to evaluate the program. I am happy to report that we passed with flying colors! Tim, our licensor called me the next day and said "As a licensor for your program over the last 15 years, I just wanted to thank you for always being prepared and having everything in place for a smooth visit. You consistently have a qualified, supportive and caring group of teachers and your children always look so happy. I appreciate you making my job easy." This is an outstanding compliment, and I am proud to be a part of this program.

Throughout January we talked a lot about the weather. It was too cold to get outside so we brought the snow in for the children. They added colors to it with droppers and tried making mini snowmen in the water table. February was all about friendships, love, and of course candy! We had a nice celebration with the children handing Valentines to all their friends. In March we will be focusing on literacy and some of our favorite authors exploring books like Pete the Cat, Frog and Toad, Dr. Suess, and the series including If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, A Moose a Muffin, or a Cat a Cupcake. We are looking forward to having some warmer weather so we can get back outside, although the children do love playing in the hall.

Wishing all of you a happy & healthy month!

A decorative title for a 'Spring Craft Fair'. The word 'spring' is written in a blue, cursive font, and 'CRAFT FAIR' is in a blue, blocky, uppercase font. The text is centered between two horizontal lines with small brown leaves. Various colored circles (purple, pink, grey, yellow, blue, orange) are scattered around the text.

spring CRAFT FAIR

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 3 10.am. - 3:00 p.m.

Need: Help with advertising (we need to get word out for lots of foot traffic), someone to map out the spots in Fellowship Hall, and someone(s) to organize bake table.

If you are a crafter or know of someone who would be interested in renting a spot at our Spring Fair, please contact Linda Ramsdell (978-239-3808 or blberamsdell@yahoo.com).



[Spring Craft Fair | Facebook](#)

As many of you know, Kanes Florist has closed. This is where we have been getting our flowers for the holiday season. We have decided to use Currans right here in Danvers this Easter season. In years past, we were able to pick which colors we wanted. This year we will be ordering an assortment of colors. We will also be offering Lillies this year!



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 6th.

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!