

Trinity Memorial Church

Our Mission: To serve Christ passionately through self, family, parish & community.

Our Identity: A diverse people responding to God through worship & music, friendship & formation, generosity & service.

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Do we live our lives differently inside the church compared to how we live our lives outside of church? The classic example is a mafia “don” going to Mass and acting as a “faithful” Roman Catholic yet still having people killed and leading numerous criminal enterprises. It is a stunning dichotomy when the message of Christianity does not translate into action in a person’s life. There are many other examples of this happening in less obvious ways in the world around us.

What masquerades as “Christianity” often does not even resemble what Jesus and the Apostles taught about, namely, reconciling the world to a God of love. I will freely admit, it is a constant struggle to stay true to our Baptismal vows as the world in which we live pulls at us to act in a way contrary to our Christian beliefs. How do you follow the Prince of Peace yet advocate the violent overthrow of another religious or ethnic group? If Jesus taught “render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s and to God that which is God’s” how can Christian Nationalism even use the name “Christian”?

I pray that as followers of Jesus, we may live out our belief that God is loving, forgiving and faithful to us by making every effort to be merciful and caring to others. The Invitatory Psalm we know as the *Jubilate* begins: *O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness and come before God’s presence with a song!* When we know the grace and love of God, how can we keep from singing out in joy.



I hope everyone is enjoying the community building activities that we have been doing using the graffiti boards. I hope there were a few surprises as we found out how our brothers and sisters came to Trinity. I hope we found commonality with our experience as people

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Fr. Glenn's Message (Continued)

listed what ministries fed their spiritual journey. As we continue into October and delve further into people's thinking, may the surprises keep coming!

May we know the joy of God's saving help again, over and over! *Glenn+*

Celebrations		
Birthdays		Anniversaries
	06 Braden Palmer 16 Ron Akel 20 Carolyn Blake 20 Lucas Dupree 23 Sidney Dement 23 Chuck Griffith 28 Sally Akel 30 Pat Creagh	
	03 Lea Aribisala 03 Su'riyah Davis 04 Debra Howe 05 Alice Zakrevsky	03 Palmer, Chris & Lisa (26 yrs) 08 Crowle, Steve & Barb (42 yrs)

Please let us know of any updates or corrections to the lists!

CHOW



The need for food donations in our community is greater than ever. Please consider donating to hunger relief at the [Broome County Council of Churches](#), 3 Otseningo Street, Binghamton, NY 13903, or by contributing to our own Canteen effort and fund.

Parish Register

It is with great sadness that we must let you know of the death of three members of our Trinity family:

Dr. Bruce Borton passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2024, A funeral was held on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Melissa Bump passed away on Friday, August 23, 2024. A funeral was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024..

Jo Anne Maniago passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2024. We will celebrate Jo Anne's life on October 12, 1-4 pm, with memory sharing beginning at 2 pm, in our Dining Room.

Stewardship Update



"Walk in Love" is the theme of our stewardship campaign this year. We walk in love when we warmly greet each other, or when we call a friend who is under the weather, or when we take a friend to lunch who has recently lost a loved one. When we pass out food or when we volunteer for one more committee, or when we pray for others, we are walking in love. I hope you count on your church, like we do, for the inspiration, courage and opportunities that allow you to walk in love.

By now, you have probably received a letter from Father Glenn. As always, he provides thoughtful, scripture-based insights on how we can "walk in love." In the last paragraph, Fr. Glenn outlines how you can support the missions of Trinity with your pledge. If it is in your heart to do so, please complete the pledge card included with that letter or pick one up at the entrance of the sanctuary. Together, we can support one another in walking a path of love.

Gratefully, *Edris Boyll-Kuzia and Steve Crowle, Wardens*

Trinity Forum



October 6 – Drew Deskur, Executive Director, Kopernik Center – celebrating Kopernik's 50th anniversary and Space Week (October 4-10)

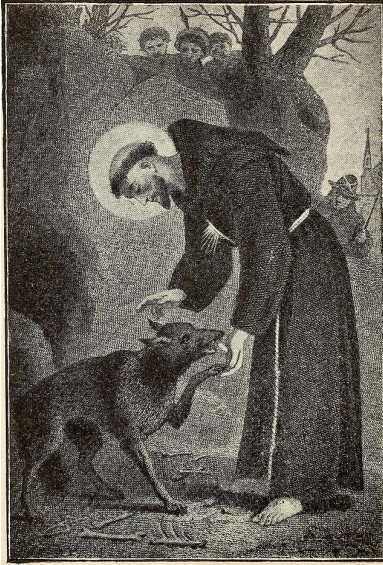
October 13 – Jon Karp, Binghamton University, "Israel: One Year After October 7th"

October 20 – Phyllis Amenda and the Rev. Lea Harding – recent developments in the Methodist Church.

October 27 – Randy Frye will give us a preview of Marten Janssen's *Requiem Novum*, which the Choir will present on November 3 at 4pm, in memory of all souls departed.

The Trinity Forum meets most Sundays from September to June at 11:30 am. Meetings will be held in person in the Common Room, and will usually also be made available live, via Zoom. You can join remotely by going to TrinityZoom.org. Please also watch the Sunday Bulletin for reminders and updates.

St. Francis Honored



St Francis of Assisi, known to many of us foremost for his love of animals, is honored with a special day of remembrance on October 3, the anniversary of his death.

We, in turn, honor his memory by invoking special blessings on our animal friends.

We will celebrate a *Blessing of the Animals* service on October 6. Please watch for announcements on details.

The image on the left shows St. Francis taming the wolf of Gubbio. This particular image appears in "Perez and Columbus, or, The Franciscans in America" by Francis Dent (published 1903).

Our Hybrid Congregation

Join us from wherever you are, in person or remotely, in worship and many of our events.

Our 10:00 am worship service and many of our events are available for remote participation:

- **10:00 am live Worship Service:** on Trinity Memorial's [YouTube](#) page, look for: **Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church - Live stream.**
- **10:00 am Worship Service replay:** services are available on [YouTube](#) for replay following the original live service.
- **Trinity Forum:** offered most Sundays from September to May; in person in our Common Room, or online at TrinityZoom.org . A replay of a Forum may be made available, at the discretion of the presenter, and time permitting, on our YouTube channel.
- If you are reading the Trinity Times online, you can simply find your way to our presence on the Internet by clicking on any of these links:
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 - Trinity Memorial's YouTube channel: youtube.com/@TrinityMemorial
 - Trinity Memorial's Forum recordings on YouTube: [Forum Playlist](#)
 - Trinity Memorial's Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/FacebookTrinity>
 - Trinity Memorial's ZOOM meeting: <http://TrinityZoom.org>

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Trinity Memorial Church

Worship services ministries

October 2024	Altar Guild:	Cynthia Evans & Barb Bowell	
October 6		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Bill Palmer & Jim Albert
	Acolyte		David Scone
	Worship Leader		Phyllis Amenda
	Lector		Louise Donohue
	Eucharistic Ministers		Phyllis Amenda, Nichole Huff, Rayleen Kie, Phil Evans, Debbie Parmelee
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Edris Boyll-Kuzia
October 13		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	John & Roxe-Anne Lynn
	Acolyte		Phyllis Amenda
	Worship Leader		John Chaffee
	Lector		Ken Lattimore
	Eucharistic Ministers		John Chaffee, Ken Lattimore, Bill Palmer, Debbie Parmelee, Bob Peterson
	Digital Minister		Carl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		
October 20		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Phil & Cynthia Evans
	Acolyte		Daniel Aribisala
	Worship Leader		Barb Manzo
	Lector		Bob Peterson
	Eucharistic Ministers		Darlene Croston, Phil Evans, Nicole Huff, Daniel Aribisala, Bob Peterson
	Digital Minister		Bob Kuzia
	Coffee Hour		Cynthia Evans
October 27		8:30 AM	10:00 AM
	Ushers	Members of the congregation	Dan & Ginny Hill
	Acolyte		Ken Lattimore
	Worship Leader		Bill Palmer
	Lector		Bruce Parmelee
	Eucharistic Ministers		Bill Palmer, Darlene Croston, Peter Koeppel, Louise Akel, Ken Lattimore
	Digital Minister		Karl Betcher
	Coffee Hour		Ginny Hill

Information is correct as of September 20, 2024

Canteen Schedule

We are offering a hot lunch to the neighborhood hungry in our dining room. Our prayers of thanks for all who share in this ministry!

Date	Cooking & Serving	Site Manager	Host/Hostess
10/6/2024	Friends of Trinity	B. Crowle	S. Crowle
10/13/2024	St. Patrick's & Port Dickinson Baptist	Bill Palmer	
10/20/2024	Trinity Memorial	S. Hanes	C. Hanes
10/27/2024	St. Mark's	B. Parmelee	D. Parmelee

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Madrigal Choir of Binghamton Concert October 27

The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton's
46th season 2024-25

LOVE NEVER ENDS

Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* with chamber
orchestra; works by Borton, Finzi,
& others

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, 4:00 pm at
Trinity Memorial Church,
44 Main St., Bing.

Special guest artist,
Derek Lee Ragin

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Students Free

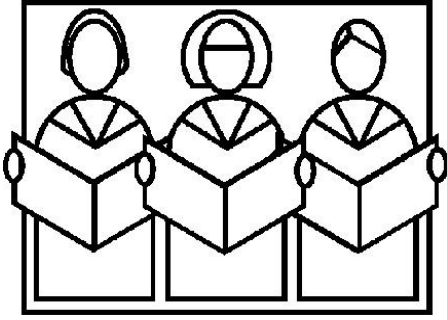
October 27, 4:00 pm; Trinity Memorial

Church: The Madrigal Choir of Binghamton will present their 2024-25 season's opening concert on October 27: "Love Never Ends."

Featured soloist is Derek Lee Ragin, a superb tenor, classical and spiritual singer. Theresa Lee-Whiting will conduct. The featured work on the program is Morton Lauridsen's exquisite *Lux Aeterna* (with orchestra) and a work by our beloved past conductor, Bruce Borton, also titled "*Love Never Ends*."

The concert is at 4 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, 44 Main Street, Binghamton.

Music Notes



To my dear friends in Christ,

I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is almost here! This fall has been a very busy season, and the choir and handbell choir have been working hard to prepare music for our Sunday morning services!

As the choir is preparing a large new work by Mårten Jansson titled *Requiem Novum*, we have had time to reflect and dig into this musical treasure! This piece features our choir and soprano soloist, Christina Taylor, as well as many local musicians who will be playing in the chamber ensemble. VOCES8, a professional vocal ensemble, premiered this piece on a new recording released in March of 2023. They had the following to say about this wonderful new composition.

“This new large work for chorus and orchestra, written by Swedish composer Mårten Jansson and American lyricist Charles Anthony Silvestri, features the familiar movements of the Latin Requiem Mass, with new poetry in response to each movement, but from the perspective of the dead. The entire work moves from the somber, melancholy, even fearful tones of the mass movements to responses of hope and wonder, as those whom we mourn reveal the peace, redemption, and sheer wonder of their new reality beyond the veil of eternity. Requiem Novum expresses the grief we feel, our hope for life eternal, and provides an opportunity for those we have lost to comfort us.”¹

This musical offering will be presented on Sunday, November 3rd at 4 PM in the sanctuary.

Many famous composers have written Requiems. Some do it as a part of their larger output, some do it as a way to process through their own grief, and some compose because they have been commissioned to. A requiem is defined by dictionary.com as...

- 1: a mass for the dead,
- 2a: a solemn chant (such as a dirge) for the repose of the dead,
- 2b: something that resembles such a solemn chant,
- 3a: a musical setting of the mass for the dead,
- 3b: a musical composition in honor of the dead.²

As we all navigate the world of life and death, my prayer is that you will find grace, hope, and love as we process this new work and the myriad feelings and experiences throughout life and death.

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Music Notes (Continued)

During Advent there will be a Sunday of an extended prelude featuring solo piano music focusing on advent hymns and carols! We will then culminate the Fall/Christmas season with Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* at the traditional 10:30 PM Christmas Eve service.

May God be with you during this beautiful month of October.

God's blessings to you all, Randy Frye
Director of Music

1. "Requiem Novum - Mårten Jansson," VOCES8, accessed September 7, 2024, <https://voces8.foundation/shop/requiem-novum-mrten-jansson>
2. "Requiem," Dictionary, accessed September 7, 2024, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/requiem>

Southern Tier Singers Collective, October 20

Memories from the Mediterranean

October 20, 4:00 pm; St James Church, 147 Main St, Johnson City, NY

STSC will perform *Memories from the Mediterranean*.

Musical reminiscences and reflections from Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the Levant culminate in a world premiere of *Rumor Mil*

by Palestinian-Jordanian-Canadian composer Shireen Abu-Khader, with text using poetry by Palestinian-American poet Naomi Shihab Nye.

STSC will be joined by the Binghamton University Chamber Singers and Vestal High School's Vestal Voices (director Austin Kiley).

This performance is made possible by Broome County Arts Council and the Binghamton University School of the Arts.



The concert is free and open to the public, donations gratefully accepted.

kwpk Being a good Christian is hard - harder than it, perhaps, should be. It's hard, because, if we're honest, knowing what it means to be a follower of Christ is like looking through a kaleidoscope. This is, of course, wonder-ful, as it reflects the incomprehensible richness of God as expressed in each of us. It also should give us pause.

Diversity in our understanding of our faith in Christ and his teachings is nothing new. The apostles were not uniform in their understanding of what they were taught and experienced. Neither were the early Christian communities, as we can deduce, for example, from St. Paul's writings.

Matters, of course, didn't just stop with different understandings of Jesus' nature, teachings, and commission to His followers. "The State" - in the form of Roman emperor Constantine I. - had to meddle, by calling several councils - the first one in the first half of the 310s A. D. in Arles, and the for us very consequential one in the 320s A.D. in Nicea in modern-day Turkey. We don't even need to ask, whether either one of those efforts resulted in a single, common understanding - how could it? Each unique reflection of Jesus' life and teaching was genuinely and strongly heart-felt. How could any one's reflection be possibly not right, even when it was contradicted by some other person's equally heart-felt reflection?

Worldly powers' meddling in Christian faith took another step into the abyss of entanglement of religion and state, when Christianity was declared the official State Religion of the Roman Empire - not just one of many religions tolerated in the Roman Empire, but the official religion of the Empire itself.

The history of entanglement between Christianity and the state since then can at best be described as a mainly sordid one, with only occasional glimpses of light. Armed conflicts, sentiments of superiority, doctrine of discovery, forced conversions, brutal killing of other-minded Christians as heretics - I can't think of a crime against humans that has not been perpetrated in the name of Christian faith.

If we reflect on that history, it becomes clearer why the separation of religion and state was not just a nice idea, but one that is fundamental to religious liberty as an integral part of the American project: it removed the state and its power of legislation and (en)force(ment) as the deciding party for religious differences - not just between Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus and many other expressions of a life in faith, but perhaps even more importantly between different readings, experiences, and expressions of Christian faith.

Upholding that freedom and preserving it for future generations has been, and will continue to be, a life-long challenge for all of us. It includes respect, if not outright love, for anyone disagreeing with our own personal reflection of what it means to be a Christian. It also includes the justifiable expectation that anyone disagreeing with our reflection would respect, if not outright love, us.

After two thousand years of mainly failed entanglement of state and religion, we really should allow ourselves not to feel self-righteous about what we see as our faith - rather, we should be humbled by the many experiences of our faith; we should support each other in deepening our understanding of what it means to be a Christian - by sharing, listening, empathizing - so that by building on the love of Christ for all of us we may spread His love, and by doing so be known as His followers. For that, we don't need the state's power of policy and enforcement - if anything, entangling faith with power gets into the way of love. Openness, if not simply surrender, to Jesus' unconditional love for us, and our willingness to extend it to all around us in turn, is all we need. I told you it would be hard.



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Pickleball!



Our 2024-25 Pickleball season begins Thursday October 3; players meet weekly on Thursdays, at 7pm in the gym. Please call Cynthia Evans 607-727-9372 if you have questions about the sport, or how to participate.

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