Two pastors from two separate Evangelical churches in town were standing by the side of the road holding up signs. The first pastor’s sign read, “The End is Near!” The second pastor positioned himself about 20 yards further up the road with his sign that read, “Turn around before it’s too late!” They planned to hold up their signs to each passing car.

The first car that passed them came speeding by in excess of the posted speed limit. The driver yelled out from his car window to the two pastors, “Get a life and get a job!” The driver of a second car, immediately behind the first, yelled, “Leave us alone you religious freaks!”

Shortly after the two cars passed, the two pastors heard from around the curve, the screeching of tires and a huge splash. Immediately after, they again heard screeching tires and another enormous splash.

The first pastor looked over at his companion and said, “Do you think we should try different signs?”

The other man responded, “Perhaps, ‘Bridge Out Ahead’ might be more appropriate.”

So often we are given signs from God that we ignore. Sometimes a sign comes in the form of a warning from the doctor. Sometimes a situation or a circumstance communicates to us. Sometimes the sign comes from a loved one. I have often jokingly said, “Why does God’s voice so often sound like my wife?” But God does give us signs from many sources, including from those close to us.

The Apostle Paul believed that God is giving us signs through His created world. To the church in Rome we read,

"God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” (Romans 1:19-20 NIV)

We have no excuse. The natural world is proclaiming and the creation
reminds us of God’s invisible qualities. Even the sky and stars above communicate to us about who God is. The psalmist writes,

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” (Psalm 19:1)

This is one of the clearest biblical statements reminding us that nature itself is meant to show the greatness of God. These words are in the present tense. That is, the heavens “are declaring,” and the sky “is proclaiming” the creative work of God. It’s a continual display. What we see in nature is meant to constantly point to God telling us how amazing He truly is.

But sometimes, many times, we are too busy or too distracted to see the signs that are all around us. If God wanted to communicate to you right now, how would He do it? Would you know it? Would you recognize a sign from God? Would you recognize His voice?

I believe God wants to communicate His love to you. God wants to remind you of His amazing grace; His wild and deep and passionate love that He has for you. If I could encourage you to do one thing in this coming year and new decade, it would be to come to church more often. I have seen it firsthand. God is showcasing His goodness and glory right here every Sunday when we gather for worship. We may not always get it right, but this is one place that God is giving you a sign. Don’t miss it. Don’t ignore it. And certainly don’t wait for something better.

Peace, Pastor John

SAVE THE DATE:
Fundraiser for Roblealto 2020 Mission Trip

Bears Smokehouse
Saturday, January 18th
From 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
2152 Poquonock Ave
Windsor, CT

A flier is required for this fundraiser and will be available shortly.

In Case of Inclement Weather - Information

In the event of a winter storm requiring us to close the church or cancel worship on Sunday morning, we will post information on two local TV Stations:

WFSB: website (www.wfsb.com) and their On-Air list on Eyewitness News Channel 3. We will be listed as Trinity Church – Windsor.

NBC CT: website (www.nbcconnecticut.com) and their On-Air list (check local listing). We will be listed as Trinity Church–Windsor.

Or send a text to 81010 - with the message @tumcsnow no need to download the link.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
HAPPY NEW DECADE!

Blessings for a healthy, peaceful and God-filled New Year!

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Trinity Children & Youth Newz

A new decade with Christ!

Unfortunately our AWANA December Christmas Craft Night was cancelled due to icy and snowy weather.

Save the date! Our Awana Bible Quiz is scheduled for February 28th for Awana kids grades 3-6. This year Trinity is hosting!

Our Youth Group Winter Retreat to Monadnock is scheduled for January 24th-26th. This year we will be discussing the grind. It’s your everyday slog of work, expectations, and hustles – you know it well. But do you also know that God is right there with you? He’s there helping, guiding, and giving you strength to persevere and never give in, never give up. God is in The Grind with you. He uses it to refine you and craft you into a brilliant work, just as he did with His Son, Jesus. We are not to be defined by our failures or successes of any given day. Sparks will fly this winter. Come learn how to see God in The Grind. This is open to anyone grades 6-12. Don’t miss out, See Pastor Dan for more info.

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Youth Group returns from Christmas break and back to regular meetings on January 5th.

Awana returns from Christmas break and back to regular meetings on January 7th.

Get Connected!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityMYF
Pastor Daniel Lee, Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries 860-688-9245 x 109 Emailmedanlee@gmail.com

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
Thank you to Perry Marsh and Patsy Senter for setting up the beautiful Poinsettia plants to adorn our altar for the Christmas season!

With Appreciation,
Your Trinity Family

THANK YOU TO THE TRINITY FAMILY!
Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to Trinity’s Hearth and Home Fund. As a result, many of our own church family had a brighter Christmas holiday.

With gratitude from Your Hearth & Home coordinators, Marlene Wilhelm, Ann Gallagher & Pastor John

command: love each other. John 15:14, 17, NIV
answer: you are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
March 7, 2020

Trinity’s Got Talent
Join us for a night of fun, entertainment, and fellowship as we raise money for:
- Trinity Christian Preschool
- Trinity Educational Development Corporation.

The evening will include:
- A talent show – Only 12 acts will be allowed—prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.
- Student Art Show—Trinity Christian Preschool students
- A Silent Auction
- Dinner

Stay tuned for more details but plan now to attend!!

If you would like to help or if you are interested in participating in the talent show, please contact Wanda Carmon @ (860) 559-3428 or wcarm@com

Need Groceries? Geissler’s cards are available in the church office to benefit Trinity Christian Preschool. You pay face value, the Preschool makes a small profit - everyone wins!
Make Checks Payable to: TUMC

Please Join Us for a Baby Shower Honoring CHELSEA LEE in the Great Room February 9, 2020 - 11:30 to 2:30 Snow Date - February 16, 2020 Bring a Child’s Book with Your Name Inside Chelsea is registered @ babylist.com/weebabylee Contact Wanda 860-688-6885 or Cynthia 860-966-5280 to contribute to a Group Gift if you prefer.

R.S.V.P. by February 1, 2020
Donna Myers 860-916-7561
Marcia Pedersen 860-874-3015
Diane Jubrey 860-285-0637

Please join us for a night of fun, entertainment, and fellowship as we raise money for Trinity Christian Preschool and Trinity Educational Development Corporation. The evening will include a talent show, student art show, silent auction, and dinner. Stay tuned for more details but plan now to attend!!

If you would like to help or participate in the talent show, please contact Wanda Carmon at (860) 559-3428 or wcarm@aol.com.

Geissler’s cards are available in the church office to benefit Trinity Christian Preschool. You pay face value, and the Preschool makes a small profit—everyone wins! Make Checks Payable to TUMC.

A Baby Shower Honoring Chelsea Lee will be held on February 9, 2020, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Great Room. Participants are encouraged to bring a child’s book with their name inside. Chelsea is registered at babylist.com/weebabylee. Contact Wanda at 860-688-6885 or Cynthia at 860-966-5280 to contribute to a Group Gift if you prefer. R.S.V.P. by February 1, 2020.

Trinity Educational Development Corp.
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**January 5, 2020**

- **8:30 AM Sunday School**
- **9:30 AM Worship Service**
- **6:00 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 6, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Awana**
- **6:00 PM Cub Pack Committee Meeting**
- **6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting**

**January 7, 2020**

- **6:00 AM Band of Brothers**
- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**
- **7:00 PM Trustees Meeting**

**January 8, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**
- **6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting**

**January 9, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**
- **6:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting**
- **7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting**

**January 10, 2020**

- **6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting**

**January 11, 2020**

- **9:00 AM Youth Basketball**

**January 12, 2020**

- **8:30 AM Sunday School**
- **9:30 AM Worship Service**
- **6:00 PM Youth Group**

**January 13, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Awana**
- **6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting**

**January 14, 2020**

- **6:00 AM Band of Brothers**
- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 15, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**
- **6:00 PM Cub Scout Patrol Leaders Council Meeting**

**January 16, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting**
- **7:00 PM Scout Pancake Breakfast setup**

**January 17, 2020**

- **6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting**
- **10:00 AM Pinewood Derby Build Day for Cubs**
- **1:30 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 18, 2020**

- **7:30 AM Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast**
- **9:00 AM Youth Basketball**

**January 19, 2020**

- **8:30 AM Sunday School**
- **9:30 AM Worship Service**
- **6:00 PM Youth Group**

**January 20, 2020**

- **7:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting**

**January 21, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Awana**
- **6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting**

**January 22, 2020**

- **6:00 AM Band of Brothers**
- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 23, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 24, 2020**

- **6:00 PM Cub Pack Meeting**

**January 25, 2020**

- **9:00 AM Boy Scout Klondike Prep**
- **9:00 AM Youth Basketball**

**January 26, 2020**

- **8:30 AM Sunday School**
- **9:30 AM Worship Service**
- **6:00 PM Youth Group**

**January 27, 2020**

- **6:30 PM Gideons Meeting**

**January 28, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Awana**

**January 29, 2020**

- **6:00 AM Band of Brothers**
- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 30, 2020**

- **5:30 PM Youth Basketball**

**January 31, 2020**

- **6:00 PM Cub Pinewood Derby Weight In**
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!

JANUARY Birthdays

01/01 Denise Grant, Virginia Pazos
01/03 Bekah Gerlach
01/06 Alexander Halsted, Dan Hammersmith
01/07 Joshua Dickson, Dick Mackey
01/08 Paul Felgate
01/09 Norah Gallagher, Dale Oswald
01/11 Lily Schildknecht
01/12 Alden King
01/13 Carol Earley
01/15 Maya Krusch
01/19 Lucille Felgate
01/20 Germaine Afantchao, Vi Nahabedian, Barbara Sasportas
01/21 Dennis Mitchell
01/23 Kate D’Agata, Rusty Peck
01/26 Barbara Shaughnessy
01/28 Marjorie Mitchell
01/29 Linda Wise
01/30 Emma White
01/31 Susan Otaluka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

01/01 Mr. Hollis (Buzz) Fehlber and Ms. Dyanna Little
01/08 Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hemp
01/27 Mr. and Mrs. Rick Boissonneault

HOW DO I GIVE FLOWERS?

The flowers that grace our Worship each Sunday under the cross are given in memory of loved ones who have died or in honor of loved ones for special occasions. When births occur, you are invited to place a rose on the altar in honor of your newest family member.

Sign up on the Flower Chart located in the Narthex—call Jordan Florists at 860-683-0680 and a staff person will be happy to take your order. In the case of a rose to celebrate a birth, just call Jordan Florists and they will take care of your request. Please let the church office know so we are able to place an announcement in the bulletin.

The 2020 Flower chart is now available on the wall of the Narthex for those who would like to secure a specific date for 2020 flowers.

We have a special agreed upon price for an arrangement; more elaborate arrangements will be priced higher. Please pay Jordan’s directly. Sign up soon.
NEW ADDRESS:
Welcome back to

Dan & Katie Dallaire and family:
420 Palisado Avenue
Windsor, CT 06095
The Methodist

www.tumcwindor.org
office@tumcwindor.org
Senior Pastor: Rev. John R. Gerlach

Gathered in 1790

We believe the Holy Spirit calls us to gather to worship God, be equipped and be sent out to make disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the world

Sunday Schedule:
Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School All Ages: 8:30 AM
Infant & Toddler Care Available During Worship Services

“Are Forever Stamps OK?”