Many of you know that every Thursday morning, I meet with a group of clergy and ministry leaders from the greater Hartford area. We briefly share about our ministry experiences, and personal journeys. And we pray together. Our prayer time is the sweetest and most power-filled part of my week outside of Sunday worship. This group has some of the strongest and most faithful Christian men I have ever been blessed to know.

Lately it seems, several of us are facing significant challenges – either in ministry or in our personal lives. Staffing disasters, health care catastrophes, wayward and wacked out kids, troublemaking board members and financial fiascoes. There is never a lack of fodder for which to pray. As spiritual leaders, it is quite common that the enemy would attack the leader of the church or ministry. We have witnessed first-hand that we are not dealing with simple annoyances and personal hiccups – we are in a spiritual battle.

Yet we as church and ministry leaders are not alone or unique in experiencing challenges and battles. If you are a believer who is living like salt and light in a dark world, you won’t go for long without encountering spiritual warfare - obstacles and attacks. Ol’ Slick will do what he can to get you off track. God reminds us in His word to stay aware of Ol’ Slick’s schemes, to live alert in this world, and to stay close to Him.

Scripture tells us, “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith.” (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Being aware of the battle is half the strategy in resisting and defeating the enemy. We are in a war and there are times that the battle is fierce. And we need to “go to the mats” as they say.

This past week, one of my brothers in this Thursday morning prayer group gave us some solid, godly advice. After listening to our challenges he told us, “Brothers, don’t let your warfare be greater than your worship.”

I love that idea. We need to be aware of the battles and we need to fight fire with all the tools at our disposal. However, one of the greatest tools we have available to ward off spiritual attacks that we so often ignore, is Worship. In worship, we focus our attention on Jesus and not the enemy. In worship we gain strength and power for the inevitable battles that will come. In worship we express love, give love and bask in God’s love. Worshiping Jesus together may be the single most important thing we do. It plays an indispensable role in rekindling our
Our Awana Bible Quiz is scheduled for February 28th for Awana kids grades 3-6. This year Trinity is hosting. This year we have 4 churches competing from our “Discovery of Grace” handbooks.

Last month our youth attended our annual winter retreat to Monadnock Christian Ministries in Jaffery, NH. This year we discussed “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.

Our Awana Grand Prix is on March 3rd. The Awana Grand Prix is a pinewood derby in which kids create and race small wooden cars. Anyone is welcome to come cheer on their favorite car! Interested in helping to be a design judge during the event? See Pastor Dan. Our Awana Clubs continues to grow. Interested in getting involved? See Pastor Dan

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Spiritual fire, and keeping it burning. Corporate worship brings together God’s word, prayer, and fellowship, and so makes for the greatest means of God’s ongoing grace in the Christian life.

Are you facing struggles, difficulties and challenges? Don’t let your warfare be greater than your worship.

Are you worried about making ends meet at the end of the week? Don’t let your warfare be greater than your worship.

Are you anxious? Scripture says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

And Don’t let your warfare be greater than your worship.

Corporate worship is not only for utilitarian purposes. But it is the first place you need to go to and the one thing never to let go of when the battles are raging.

Don’t let your warfare be greater than your worship!

Peace, Pastor John

Holy Land Tour
Feb 1—Feb 10, 2021
Brochures available NOW!!

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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.

TRUSTEE OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

The Trinity Church Board of Trustees met on January 8 and elected the following Officers for 2020:

Chairman: John Evans.
Vice Chairman Dave Scammon.
Treasurer: John Donzella.
Secretary: Lisa Petkis.

Please pray for their leadership in the coming year.
A special THANK YOU to Dale Smith and Dale Oswald for all your tremendous years of service on the Trustees Board!!!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our FUNdraiser to support our upcoming mission trip to Roblealto Bible Home @ Bear’s Smokehouse on Sat., January 18.

WINDSOR FOOD BANK

The following are the most needed items:

- Peanut butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Meats
  - Crackers
  - Cereal
- Baked Beans
- Canned Vegetables & Fruit
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayo
- Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate
  - Paper Towels
  - Kleenex
  - Toilet Paper
- Personal Care Items
- Soap and Shampoo
- Baby Wipes

Monetary donations are also accepted for food and fuel. Please make checks payable to: Windsor Food and Fuel Bank. Sent to: PO Box 854, Windsor, CT 06095-0854.

Bring your food donations to Fellowship Hall and drop them in the designated basket.

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

the beginning of Lent, comes on February 26, 2020. We will hold a special evening of Worship, Prayer & Praise at 7:00 PM to begin our Lenten Season together. It’s important that each Christian practice spiritual disciplines to “show that you are a letter of Christ … written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” (2 Corinthians 3:3)
2019 Financial Update

Our overall income was down in 2019 and our expenses exceeded our income by approximately $12,000.00. We were able to underspend the budget by about $81,000.00, mostly because we did not pay more than half of our Apportionments.

Income and expenses for 2019 are as follows:

**Income:** $558,512.00

**Expense:** $570,441.00

Our 2020 Budget is $636,960.00. This budget compared to our 2019 budget accounts for a 2.19% reduction in overall expenses.

Your donations and financial commitments are as important as ever!!

We Have A New Church Librarian!!

We thank the Lord that Martha Richardson has volunteered to help organize the church library. Although she is working full time, she has already done a great job in the ongoing process of straightening and purging. If you want to help, let Martha know.

Small Group Resources are available—take a look.

WINDSOR POLICE CADETS DINNER

Tired of cooking? Come join the Windsor Police Cadets for their Annual Spaghetti Supper, to be held snow or shine on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 180 Park Avenue, Windsor, CT from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The cost of tickets is $10.00 for adults and $5.00 for children. For advance tickets, contact Officer Nicole Alberti @ (860) 983-3508. Tickets are also available at the door.

Trinity’s Got Talent

Join us for a night of fun, entertainment, and fellowship as we raise money for:

- Trinity Christian Preschool
- Trinity Education 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**

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 wcarmon@aol.com

Save the Date Dinners For 8 Gathering & Celebration Friday, April 24th, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Have you participated in the Dinners for 8 Program or have you ever thought of participating or do you have questions on how this works? If so, this event is for you!

We'll have a get-to-know-you time with a few ice-breaker games, followed by a baked chicken dinner. Then, we'll talk about the program and answer questions. It promises to be a fun time and you don't have to commit to join in order to attend. Everyone is welcome!

Please join us. Call Donna Myers@ 860-688-7230 to reserve a spot for the evening. A small donation will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!

02/01 Michael Mgrdichian
02/02 Rob deRezendes, Eleanor King, Ruth King, Kevin Walsh
02/06 Bryan Brooks-Gray, Sunny Levine
02/07 Sarah King
02/08 Margie D'Agata, Ryan Pennant
02/09 Everett Butler, Charles Murray
02/10 Glenn Brennan, Errol Mesquita, Jr., Mimi Otaluka
02/11 Win Senter
02/12 Rebecca Forrester (née: Hopkins)
02/13 Beverley Webb
02/16 Karen Huggan, Jacob Rendock, Judy Smith, Frances Wonsik
02/17 Abigail Rendock, Lois Ann Weissenburger, Soraya Wynter
02/18 Marilyn Keyes, Lynda Peters
02/20 Nancy Yost
02/22 Siobhan Grant, Patsy Senter
02/23 Elena Peters, Margaret Volpe
02/24 Dale Smith
02/25 Bill Wise
02/26 Chuck Erickson
02/27 Carolyn Jarvis, Glenn Terk, Marlene Wilhelm
02/28 Joy Craig

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

02/06 Ed & Cynthia Lally
02/08 Bill & Lois Ann Weissenburger
02/14 Peter & Mary Ellen Scott, Hector & Beverley Webb

GEISSLER’S SUPPER MARKET

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

LIFE’S TRANSITIONS

Rachel Capone, a longtime member of Trinity, went home to be with our Lord on December 23, 2019. Pastor John conducted a private graveside service on Friday January 10.

Richard Crockett, husband of Connie, and another longtime member of Trinity, went home to our Lord on January 20, 2020. His service on January 24 was conducted at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford.

Please be praying for these families during this difficult time.
**“STEP” INTO THE NEW YEAR**

Make this craft to remember God’s many blessings.

**What you need:**
- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

**What you do:**
1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God’s continued goodness.

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**NEW ADDRESS & PHONE INFORMATION:**

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**PUZZLE**

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y___ r___ my fr___nds f

y___ d___ wh__t c_mm_n’d. …

Th_s s my c_mm_n’d:

L_v___ ch__ th_r.”

**JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV**

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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 Sunday School and Worship Services