In Paul’s letter to the early church located in Galatia, he writes,

“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, how I wish I could be with you now…” (Galatians 4:19-20)

I have never experienced the pain of childbirth, but I do sympathize with the emotion that Paul is expressing toward this early church. If I read this part of his letter correctly, his painful desire is not to just be with these believers. His desire is for Christ to be formed in them. That’s my heart’s desire for all of us who call Trinity our spiritual home as well – that Christ might be formed in us.

And what does it mean to have Christ formed in us? In Romans 8:29, Paul talks of God’s foreknowledge and predestined plan for us to be “conformed to the image of his Son.” The author of Ephesians writes about the “unity in the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God and becoming mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Eph. 4:13) I like the way the translation The Message interprets Christ formation in us as “Christ’s life becoming visible in our lives.” (Gal. 4:19 Msg) John Wesley described it “till there be in you all the mind that was in him.”

For me, the notion of Christ being formed in me is the idea of Christ having full control of me and my having His heart and mind. That’s a tall order. There are days when there’s only room for me in me. I don’t always have room for Jesus in me as well. I have evil thoughts at times that look nothing like the thoughts Christ would have. But I do believe that even though it’s a tall order, Paul is saying that it is a worthy goal and the most desirable life to live. In other words, having Christ formed in me is possible and preferable.

The season of Lent is a wonderful time to reflect on our spiritual growth and agree with God’s desire to grow us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. By attending to various spiritual disciplines such as scripture reading, prayer, fasting and worship, the Lord will grow our hearts and minds until Christ is fully formed in us. It may take work. It

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may take sacrificing, but it is the best path we can choose.

The Lord is trying to capture our hearts so that He can find a dwelling place for Himself. And once we start moving in that direction we will be more loving, more tolerant, less judgmental, less critical and more fun to be around.

I invite you to journey with me during this season of Lent. Let us attend to the things of the Lord, that He might take command of all that we are and all that we have. I want that for myself, and I deeply want it for each of you!

Peace, Pastor John

Holy Land Tour
Feb 1—Feb 10, 2021
Brochures available NOW!!
You can also register on line at www.EO.travel
Tour: HL21
ID# 58561
Departure date 02/01/21

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Chelsea’s Baby shower! We are very blessed to be a part of the Trinity family.

Hope Club is an afterschool Bible study which occurs the last Thursday of each month. This takes place at Sage Park Middle School and is open to all students. See Pastor Dan if you are interested in getting involved.

Our Awana Grand Prix will be on March 3rd. Join us during this 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.

February 28th Trinity is hosting our now annual, Awana Bible Quiz! Open to Awana clubbers grades 3-6 participants from 4 area churches compete in various Bible memorization and content challenges. Go Trinity!

Youth Summer Mission Trip is on July 12-17. This year we will be traveling to Wayne County, NY to participate in Week of Hope. Week of Hope is packed with practical acts of love and service. Students build meaningful connections as they serve people through our strong partnerships with local ministries and nonprofit organizations.

Get Connected!
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityMYF

Pastor Daniel Lee,
Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries
860-688-9245 x 109
Email: medanlee@gmail.com
**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 Ch–Windsor.
- **NBC CT:** website (www.nbcconnecticut.com) and their On-Air list (check local listing). We will be listed as Trinity Church–Windsor.

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**Pray For Our Mission Team to Costa Rica!**

Please pray for our 19 individuals going to Costa Rica on our Mission Trip this Spring from March 14 to March 22, 2020. Pray for:
- Preparations, Spiritual & Financial
- Travel Safety to & from Costa Rica,
- The Team’s Impact On The Lives Of Children & Adults at Roblealto, and
- Group Unity and Team Work

A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall if you would like to formally be part of our Prayer Team.

The Roblealto Child Care Association is a Christian, public welfare, non-profit organization founded in 1932. Over 60 individuals from Trinity have gone to Roblealto over the past eight years!

**Our 2020 Team:**
- Althea Balkus-Bouthet
- Teresa Balkus-Bouthet
- Wanda Carmon
- Amanda D’Agata
- John Donzella
- Sharyn Donzella
- Andrew Felgate
- Desna Foster
- Bekah Gerlach
- Joan Gerlach
- John Gerlach
- Jon King
- Sarah King
- Mona Norlund
- Marcia Pedersen
- Evan Petkis
- Orville Ritchens
- Tristin Webster
- Tom Yurko

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**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.

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**Men—Save the Date**

**Saturday March 21**

Bloomfield, CT—The First Cathedral
1151 Blue Hills Ave
Bloomfield, CT

Register on line at
www.ironsharpenison.net

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Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: Samantha helps_internal_ingredients_Cymbal's.
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!!

Trinity’s Got Talent

Join us for a night of fun, entertainment, and fellowship on Saturday, March 7 @ 5:00 PM in the Great Room 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

Purchase Tickets from Donna Myers &/or Buy Ad Space: www.TrinityTalent.givesmart.com

Ticket prices: $35 per person or $240 for a table of eight

Save the Date

Dinners for Eight
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!

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03/03 Howard Nelson
03/04 Brian Price
03/05 Kerrie-Ann Billings, Courtney Murray
03/06 Elka Finkenstein
03/07 Joan Faulk
03/10 Ellen Peck, Shannon Skypek
03/11 Phyllis Brennan
03/13 Joan Gerlach, Avery Walsh
03/16 Matt D'Agata
03/17 Eleanor Jean Finkenstein, Matthew Hawkinson
03/21 Sandra Gustafson, Inez LaJoy
03/23 Patricia Dean
03/25 Ashley Butler, Mary Ellen Jacobsen, Donna Myers
03/27 Grace Felgate
03/29 Desmond Wilson
03/30 Aubrey Montinieri, Sonja Swedberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!

03/01 Donna and Larry Myers
03/06 Phyllis and Glenn Brennan
03/07 Kerrie-Ann and David Billings

LIFE’S TRANSITIONS

Scott Borden, 27, and son of Barbara Borden, went home to be with our Lord on January 30, 2020. Please be praying for Barbara and her family during this challenging time. Cards may be sent to: 107 Colony Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Virginia (Ginny) Hinckley, 81, wife of John Hinckley, and a longtime member of Trinity, went home to our Lord on February 6, 2020. The family appreciates prayers for peace. Cards may be sent to John at: Suffield House, 1 Canal Road, Suffield, CT 06078.

Cliff Hudgins (former member Charlene Hemp’s father) passed away on February 18, 2020. He lived a simple, humble good life, but the past two months were challenging. Please keep Charlene, Houston and their family in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hemp, 11254 Ascot Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112.

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
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
MARCH 8, 2020

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7!

Make Music to the Lord

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

- A type of horn   □ □ □ □ □ □ □ MURTETP
- Played by King David □ □ □ □ □ □ □ PRHA
- Plucked to make sound □ □ □ □ □ □ □ IGSNSTR
- Similar to a tambourine □ □ □ □ □ □ □ MRBELIT
- A type of harp □ □ □ □ □ □ □ ELRY
- Blown through to make sound □ □ □ □ □ □ □ EPPI
- A percussion instrument □ □ □ □ □ □ □ YBLACMS

Le _ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath _raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer found on bottom of page 3.

Joyful Noise

Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:
- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:
1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.
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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 Sunday School and Worship Services