

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
(United Church of Christ)  
72 Elm Street  
North Andover, Massachusetts 01845



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*We are meeting in person, but you can still watch our YouTube services anytime!*

***Lent Begins March 2nd***  
***Communion Returns March 6th***  
***Communities Together Lenten Services***  
***Palm Sunday April 10***  
***Maundy Thursday April 14***  
***Easter April 17***  
***Order Easter Flowers***

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**Pastor, Rev. Debra Adams**

**Moderator, David Deems**

**Music Director, Matt Arnold**

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**Handbell Choir Director, Bev Valle**

**Administrative Assistant, Dorothy Taylor**

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# The Trinitarian Times

Trinitarian Congregational Church, UCC  
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Early Spring 2022

Dear Church,

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

*Heb 11:1 NRSV*

After moving into our new home last Spring, we turned to landscaping chores. We had quite a bit of the landscaping completed during the fall, but winter set in before we could get the grass seed down. The one thing that became evident as time went on was that controlling the water from the rain and melting snow was going to be an issue. As we graded the lot before the ground froze, it wasn't always possible to see the very slight gradations that are now clearly visible because we have little lakes, ponds and streams forming all over the property. In an effort to control the water before the seed goes down this spring, we'll have to dig some trenches and redesign some of the gardens. I'm learning that the more I try to control, the more I realize I can't control. And that has been the story of our lives these past few years too, hasn't it? We have lost control over our lives and had to pivot on a dime here, there and everywhere in order to stay safe and keep others safe. What we learned during this time was that we really don't have control, as much as we'd like to believe. What I'm finding because of our drainage issues is that I've been forced to explore new ways to cope. And so I've learned about rain gardens and other interesting ideas to divert the water. I'd have never considered those exciting new concepts without being forced to pivot. And as a church who's been forced to pivot quite a bit lately, we've learned we can do online worship and that we are reaching people we couldn't reach with only inperson worship. It causes me to wonder what else we've learned or can still discover, especially during our Lenten journey, that will bring us into a new place that meets our needs and supports the needs of our neighbors. I'm hoping you will be a part of that discovery. That you'll share your ideas with our leaders and offer your time and talent to make them become a reality. The sky's the limit, but the question is, "what will we do with this unique opportunity?" May God guide us as we discover new opportunities of being in ministry together.

In faith,

*Pastor Debra*

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**Join us on the journey through Lent.** As our worship services expand and take shape in the coming weeks, let us walk the path to the cross so that we arrive on Easter morning ready to face the joys and challenges of being in ministry together. We begin our journey with a reflective online service of repentance on Ash Wednesday (3/2). Ashes will be given by Pastor Debra at the front door that day from 11-11:30am. Come through the circular driveway and she will come to your car. The Ash Wednesday service will be online and can be viewed anytime from March 2nd onward. During March and early April, we will listen to and learn from Jesus as he travels to the cross. We'll join the Palm Sunday (4/10) parade only to switch gears as we watch the intimate details of Jesus' betrayal on Maundy Thursday (4/14). We wait, ponder and reflect upon Jesus' death only to find joy on Easter morning. Won't you be companions on the journey with us?

# Communion Returns March 6th



As of March 6th, we will be returning to some of the elements of our service that we have missed as we've dealt with the pandemic. For now we are asking people to wear masks during the service.

Our choir will once again be singing during services, and the congregation will be singing hymns as well. We will return to passing the peace without leaving seats, and communion will be served to those who are comfortable receiving the bread and cup.

Thank you all for your incredible patience during what has been a most challenging time for our church.

## ♪ Notes from the Music Committee ♪

We are most happy to announce that our congregation will soon be enjoying more music and more voices during our Worship services at the church. Since we are slowly returning to a new normal, the Diaconate has determined that the Choir can resume (masked) singing. Music Director, Matt Arnold, has reached out to the choir members and most have responded with an emphatic, "I'm in!" So, the Choir will join Matt and, on occasion, Bev Valle and the Bell Choir to once again fill the sanctuary with their wonderful music. Planning has already begun for the special music for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. We are hoping this step forward on our return to our traditional worship services inspires you to come to church, meet our new Music Director if you haven't had the chance, and worship in communion with us.

On another note, we are happy to say "Music will be back as the Summer Concert Series returns for another run". You are happily invited to come help us celebrate being an audience again. To date we have scheduled **The BACK TRACK OLDIES BAND** on June 26, **4EverFab** on August 21, and **12Barz Band** on September 11. We are in the process of finding a band for July.

These concerts are free of charge and open to all members, families, friends, neighbors, and residents. Concerts are held on the church grounds from 4-6 PM on Sundays. Stay tuned for more information during the Spring.

### **Stewardship Nugget**

"To cherish what remains of the Earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival."

- **Wendell Berry (1934—)**

*American novelist, poet, environmental activist, cultural critic and farmer.*

### **Boy Scout Troop 87 Bottle & Can Drive**

Saturday, March 6

9 am to 1 pm

North Andover Middle School,  
Main Street



## 2022 Lenten Noon Service Series

Wednesday Lenten Services, a time of spiritual reflection and renewal brought to you by Communities Together, Inc.

- March 2 Faith Lutheran Church  
360 Main Street, Andover  
Host Pastor: Pr Jeanette Leisk  
Guest Homilist: Rev. Cassandra Chavez, Redeemer Lutheran, Andover  
Virtual Live Stream: Zoom: Link from [faith-andover.org](http://faith-andover.org)
- March 13 St. Augustine Church  
43 Essex Street, Andover  
Homilist: Deacon Mike Curran, St. Augustine, Andover  
Virtual Live Stream: \*In person, on website: [staugustineparish.org](http://staugustineparish.org)
- March 16 First Calvary Baptist Church  
586 Mass Avenue, North Andover  
Host Pastor: Pr Jeff Snyder  
Guest Homilist: TBD  
Virtual Live Stream: Facebook and YouTube
- March 23 Ballard Vale United Church  
23 Clark Road, Andover  
Host Pastor: Pr Adam Ibitsky  
Guest Homilist: Pr Jeanette Leisk, Faith Lutheran, Andover  
Virtual Live Stream: \*In person, Facebook bvuc or [www.bvuc.org](http://www.bvuc.org)
- March 30 First United Methodist Church  
57 Peters Street, North Andover  
Host Pastor: Rev. Mack Hagins  
Guest Homilist: Rev. Carrie Ann Burnap, Forest St. Union, Methuen  
Virtual Live Stream: Zoom Link: from [www.northandoverumc.org](http://www.northandoverumc.org)
- April 6 St. Paul's Episcopal Church *(Light Lunch to be served following service)*  
390 Street, North Andover  
Host Pastor: Rev. Sarah D Mato  
Guest Homilist: Rev. Joel Amondo, Grace Episcopal, Lawrence  
Virtual Live Stream: In person or Zoom with link on website:  
[stpaulnorthandover.org](http://stpaulnorthandover.org)

# Our Mission Dollars at Work



Building strength, stability, self-reliance, and shelter.

2/3/2022

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Dear Pastor Adams,

Essex County Habitat for Humanity wishes to thank you and your congregation for its generous donation of \$500.00 made on 11/9/2021.

Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission to build new homes so that deserving families can build new lives. In fact, your gift is helping families like Lucy, Becky and Audrey realize their dreams of being homeowners.

Homes are sold to our family partners at no profit and with an affordable mortgage, allowing us to move families from overcrowded, often very dispiriting living conditions to a safe, decent, and affordable home, providing the stability and foundation they need to build better lives. It is a partnership of faith, hope, and a helping hand.

This partnership could not exist without your financial support and the support of the donors and volunteers who spend hours working with us in a variety of capacities. Your donation is important and appreciated. On behalf of all of us here at Essex County Habitat for Humanity, thank you for your support and confidence in our work.

Fondly,

*Thank you!*

*Thank you!*



## PARTNER APPRECIATION AWARD

2021

Trinitarian Congregation  
Church

*Jessica Gordon*  
JESSICA GORDON

Executive Director

## The Eagle-Tribune

January 31, 2022

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On behalf of The Eagle-Tribune, please accept my sincere thanks for your generous donation to the 2021 Santa Fund. Your contribution was a key factor in helping thousands of Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire families this holiday season.

Since 1924, the Santa Fund has become a tradition in our community. Donations like yours fuel this initiative, which this year helped many people from donations large and small.

Please use this letter as confirmation of your gift in the amount of \$500.00. We further confirm that you did not receive any merchandise for your contribution received.

The Federal Identification Number of the Eagle Tribune Santa Claus Trust is 04-6193076. The fund is a 501(c)(3) qualified organization.

Once again, thank you for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

*Jim Fazio*  
Jim Fazio  
General Manager  
North of Boston Media Group



December 31, 2021

Trinitarian Congregational Church of North Andover  
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Dear Friends,

**Thank you so much for the donation of \$250.00 made by Trinitarian Congregational Church of North Andover to Dignity Matters on 12/23/2021.** Your support gives women and girls living in poverty the menstrual care, underwear and bras they need to live with dignity and confidence.

When I started Dignity Matters in 2016, we had no idea how large the period poverty crisis in Massachusetts truly was - or how enormous it would become in just a few years' time. We now support 10,000 women and girls each month, and every item they receive has been donated to us, or purchased with funds given by donors like you.

Thank you for helping us continue our commitment to communities in need. **Thank you for helping us show these women and girls that their dignity matters, too.**

Sincerely,

*Kate*  
Kate Sanetra-Butler  
Founder and Executive Director

*Thank you for coming together to support Dignity Matters. Happy New Year!*

Dignity Matters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with EIN #81-4572839. Donations may be tax deductible as allowed by law.



"If you put an end to oppression... if you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon." Isaiah 58: 9-10

February 17, 2022

Reverend Debra Adams  
Trinitarian Congregational Church  
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Dear Pastor Debra and all of our friends at Trinitarian Congregational,

Thank you seems so small compared to the impact you have made in the lives of the families we serve. Your contribution of new winter items from your Warmth Tree on 2/9/2022, will go a long way in providing for the many Guests we continue to serve.

Thank you for standing beside us as we continue to navigate this current environment and adjust our programs to best serve our Guests safely. Working together, we strive to bring hope to so many by providing the basic necessities for our brothers and sisters in dire need. We thank you for taking the extra step to walk alongside our Guests on their own personal journey towards self-sufficiency and well-being.

We are grateful for your donation and truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With gratitude,

*Ellen*  
Ellen Bedrosian  
Manager of Stewardship and Advancement Services

*You all are ROCK STARS!  
Thanks for all you do always!*



# Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

Trinitarian's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, January 30th. Originally planned as a hybrid Zoom and in-person meeting, we pivoted to all-Zoom when a blizzard was forecast for the day before. Twenty-eight people participated in our important annual business meeting.

The first order of business was to thank Sarah Dunlap, who resigned as moderator, and to note that a "thank you" book is available in the Narthex so the congregation can write notes to Sarah for all her years of service to the church. Next up was thanking Doug Beach, who has resigned as sexton.

Pastor Debra next spoke about the vision of the church and our future together..

The Trustees were asked about the boiler and possibly adding handicap access to the Narthex. There are no plans at present to change anything in regard to these two issues. Bill Pickles did note that we have negotiated a contract with Dish Network for another cell tower, and that we are in negotiations to lease space to a pre-school.

Betsy Manteiga of the Stewardship Committee noted that pledging was up for the year, which is very positive for the church.

Treasurer George Carifio noted the church is in good financial shape. Investments are growing and liabilities are low, and we broke even for 2021.

There was discussion during the budget review about our desire to begin recording the live service to later upload to YouTube, rather than having a separate recorded service.

The leadership slate was discussed and approved, with David Deems being confirmed as Moderator, and Mark Reid and Glen Ayer as co-chairs of the Diaconate. There are openings on most committees and you are encouraged to reach out to the chairs if you are interested in serving.

If you missed the meeting but would like to see the recording made of the proceedings, contact the office for information.

Printed copies of the Annual Report are still available, or it can be sent via email.

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## Thank You Note

"I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, texts, flowers, phone calls during the recent passing of my Mother on Dec. 9th.

Her Memorial Service on January 8 was beautiful. It was beautiful being with all my cousins from both my parents' siblings. I would also especially thank Doug and Lorene Beach and Sarah Dunlap for coming to the Memorial Service. It meant so much to me to see you there.

My brothers and I take great comfort in the fact that Mom and Dad are together again for eternity. We have been very lucky to have her with us this long. Her 90th birthday would have been on March 14th.

Again. Thank you to all who remembered me during the busy Christmas Season. Happy New Year to all.

Love,  
Peggy Sims"



# Pictures from Advent and Christmas





# ORDER FORM FOR EASTER PLANTS



I wish to order the following plants to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies @ \$15.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips @ \$13.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_

Or Market Basket Gift Card(s) for our neighbors in need \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 ea = \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up the plant(s) at the conclusion of the service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number**

Payment should accompany the order.

Make checks payable to the **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

Orders must be received by **Wednesday, April 6**



## The Banner Fund

Banners in the worship space create visual appeal for those who learn from their surroundings. We had new banners for Advent and Christmas! If you would like to contribute and help purchase some of these banners, it would be great! This would be much like purchasing flowers, but have a longer life. You can also honor or memorialize loved ones as part of your contribution. Simply send a check for any amount to the office and write "Deacon Banner Fund" in the memo line. Please include a note saying how you would like to see your gift printed in the bulletin or newsletter i.e. "In memory of my parents by Joe Smith."