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- † **Jace Hafele**, home following a tonsillectomy before Easter.
- † **Debie Stockburger**, home recovering from surgery.
- † **Inez Kneis**, home recovering from surgery.
- † **Carol Mundy**, has a bone broken in her foot.
- † **Carol Rasche**, home anticipating surgery on April 29th.
- † **Pete Rasche**, living with cancer.

- ♥ Those whose hearts are filled with grief and pain.
- ♥ Those recovering from illness or surgery.
- ♥ Our military men & women and their families.

Our sympathies are extended to:

Our sympathies are extended to **Gerald Knebel and family**, at the death of his brother, **Charlie**.

Send a card or go for a visit these folks in Jasper!

- ♥ **Josephine J.** - Good Samaritan Center, 2515 Newton St., Rm. 210
- ♥ **Eileen R.** - The Timbers, 2909 Howard Dr. Room 512-2
- ♥ **Jason S.** - The Timbers, 2909 Howard Dr. Room 316-2
- ♥ **Frances P.** - St. Charles Health Campus, 3150 St. Charles St., Rm. 105
- ♥ **Doris W.** - St. Charles Health Campus, 3150 St. Charles St., **Rm. 517**
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- ♥ **Marjorie K.** - 5363 N. St. Rd. 545d, Dubois, IN 47527 (812-678-2460)
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- ♥ **Emily P.** - 400 W. Pleasant View Dr., Apt. # 11, Jasper, IN 4756 (812-634-7932)

Pastoral Care:

- **If you would like to have a home visit, please call Pastor Jane:**
Cell Phone: 812-631-1147. You do not need to be ill or in distress to invite the pastor for a visit or home communions.
- **Do you have a prayer request?** I have public and private lists; please, indicate whether you would like the information shared with the entire Trinity Faith Family. It is also helpful if you would let me know when the situation has changed so I can give God thanks as the name comes off my prayer list.
~ Pastor Jane

From the Pulpit... 8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship

May 1st Celebrating Love

- Message The Greatest of These is Love
- Bible Lesson I Corinthians 13
- Bible Readers Bill Small, Heather Goodhue
- Council member Linda Kahle
- Time with Young Disciples Heather Goodhue
- Gather & Sing Choir

May 8th Festival of the Christian Home

- Message Believing and Belonging
- Bible Lesson I Corinthians 15: 1-11
- Bible Readers Rita Harsha, Sydney & Sabrina Peters
- Council member Adam Roth
- Time with Young Disciples Pastor Jane
- Special Music: Sunday School will sing with the congregation.

May 15th PENTECOST - communion

- Message The Gifts of the Spirit
- Bible Lessons Acts 2: 1-4, I Corinthians 12: 1-13
- Bible Readers Connie Schmitt, Fred Robberts
- Council member Melissa Hafele
- Time with Young Disciples Melissa Hafele
- Gather & Sing Choir

May 22nd Prayers for our Graduates

- Message Prayer Works!
- Bible Lesson I Thessalonians 5: 12-28
- Bible Readers Bill Small, Ella Hubster
- Council member Kurt Vonderheide
- Time with Young Disciples Andrea Hulsman
- Special Music: Mira Vonderheide & Thomas Peters

May 29th Memorial Day Remembrance – 1 service: 10:15 am

- Message "Remembering"
- Bible Lesson Romans 5: 1-5
- Bible Readers Kari Roth
- Time with Young Disciples Pastor Jane



G.L.O.W – God lights Our Way! Sunday School 2016

The Sunday School will sing with the congregation on May 8th as we celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home.

May 15th – Pentecost, last day for Sunday School! Everyone will be together for games, a craft and snacks, following opening in the Sanctuary.



Confirmation 2016



The first year Confirmation class has been a joy. The attendance of all five youth has been great. There may be only a few youth who need to tell a few stories. Below are the dates and times Pastor is available to hear stories.

- ♦ May 4th from 4:45 – 5:45 PM
- ♦ May 11th from 5:30 -6:30 PM

Youth should make an appointment with Pastor Jane. A parent or another adult will need to come with each youth and remain in the building as a 2nd adult until the youth has finished telling the stories.

Favorite Song Collection in May

On May 8th, 15th, 22nd, you will find a small insert stapled to your bulletin. This insert asks you to list your three favorite songs, which you would like to sing in church. The songs do not need to be in our current hymnal. Please sign your name, so that Pastor can seek you out if she cannot find your song. In the summer, we will sing favorite songs; watch the newsletter to see when your choice is being sung.



Blood Drive - June 20th
1: :00 -7:00 PM

Location: Jasper Moose Lodge
Sponsored by Trinity's Outreach Team

Pastor's Joy Journal *(This is just a hint of the joys in my heart.)*

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter celebration! It literally took an entire church family to bring forth inspiring services and joyfully activities.

Thank you to:

- ♥ Those who **gave memorial money** so that we could purchase our new **while altar clothes & stole** that were specially woven for us.
- ♥ **Sarah** for working with youth and adults gifting us with a chime choir.
- ♥ **Mira and James** for a wonderful violin and trumpet.
- ♥ **Sarah & Brad** for singing on Maundy Thursday and for Sarah's solo on Good Friday. We also thank Sarah for playing for the many services.
- ♥ **Council members** for ushering & reading during Lent & Holy Week.
- ♥ **Worship Team** who worked with MANY volunteers!
- ♥ **Our various readers on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.**
- ♥ **Emma** for portraying Mary, mother of Jesus, without saying a word.
- ♥ All who donated flowers for the **Easter Garden.**
- ♥ All who donated to our Lenten **Mission – Meals on Wheels.**
- ♥ All our **Sunday School kids & youth** who donated to Meals on Wheels.
- ♥ **Christian Education Team** who organized and led the Easter Egg hunt; also thanks to all who donated candy.
- ♥ **Church Council for Easter Breakfast** enjoyed by 75 people.
- ♥ **Mickie in the church office and volunteers** for preparing the different bulletins.
- ♥ **Shirlene Dreher, who visited shut-ins** with Easter goodies bags.

It has been a **joy to work with children & youth during** the openings of Sunday School. They worked very hard at learning the various symbols of Holy Week and at meeting our mission goal. A special thanks to the 4 youth who worked during Lent to earn their \$10 mission offering.

It continues to be a joy to see our various **landscaping plots come alive, our beautifully mowed lawns and ribbons waving.**



Men's Fellowship
Sunday, May 22nd at 9:00 am
in the lounge.

This group is open to anyone; invite friends for the fellowship & worship.



Behind the Scenes: *(Here is what is happening!)*

- ♦ **Two teams have been formed to begin work on a Capital Campaign proposal.** One group will focus on Building and Property, while the other group centers on Outreach options. Once these teams have narrowed down options they will get together, to draft several options for congregational reflection and feedback.
- ♦ **Communion bread... Have you wondered what happens to the communion bread following worship?** In the early church this bread was given to the children and elderly to eat. So it is today, as some of our children enjoy the leftover bread. What is not eaten by humans is given to God creatures of the earth.
- ♦ **Crucifixion** - Scriptures tell us that Jesus was on the cross from 9 am until 3 PM. This was a short time in comparison to other crucifixions. However, they were sped along by breaking the legs of those on the cross. When the soldiers broke the legs of the two on either side of Jesus, they did not break the legs of Jesus because God had already lifted his spirit from him.
- ♦ **If you see something in the church that needs the attention of our Property Team,** please write it on the white board just inside the sacristy.
- ♦ **Stewardship & Finance Teams** are looking at ways to keep our expenses down and our giving up. **The goal is to take in enough new money to pay our bills, while meeting our outreach goals.** We did not make this goal in the first quarter of 2016.

GATHER AND SING CHOIR...

Singing May 1st and 15th



Thanks to Amanda Schnell & Hailey Knebel for special music in April.

Special Music for the Summer: Please speak to Sarah if you could provide special music for services this summer.

MEROM CHURCH CAMP . . .

For additional information visit their website:

<http://www.merom.org/CampHome.htm>



ATTENTION GRADUATES...

A reception will be held in your honor on **Sunday, May 22nd**, following the late service!



Brady Hobson - Northeast Dubois High School. College is Undecided



Emily Schnell - Northeast Dubois High School. She plans to attend the Univ. of Southern Indiana in the fall and major in Social Work.



Thomas Peters - Jasper High School.



Mira Rahe Vonderheide - Jasper High School. Will attend Butler University for the Physician Assistant Program.



Natasha Schnell - Purdue University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. She has accepted a position with Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PWC) as an assurance associate in Los Angeles, CA.

May God bless you on your journey.

Keep a watch for the poster of our 2016 High School graduates.

Trinity Women's Guild Highlights...

- ❄ On April 6th, members of Guild and some youth went to Good Samaritan to **play BINGO** with the residents. The residents really enjoyed all the different types of prizes. In May we will be collect **blank certificates**.

Sisters in the Faith – Come Join Us! May 4th

All women in Trinity and friends are invited to join our sisters from Augustana UCC and St. Paul UCC in Holland. We will meet at Church at 5:45PM for those wishing to carpool.



THE WOMEN OF LINCOLNLAND SPRING MEETING

will be held on **Tuesday, May 10 at Evangelical UCC in Tell City**. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. EDT with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. EDT. The speaker will be Evelyn Adams, and her topic is "Food and Nutrition from the Bible." Keeping with the program, each church is asked to have a table with examples of food from the Bible. The women of Evangelical UCC will provide a lunch. If you are interested in attending, a carpool will leave from the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. EDT.

Message for the Evangelism Team

The Evangelism Team met on Sunday, April 10 - present were Heath Astrike, Susan McGovren, Pastor Jane Hillman and Mark Blackgrave.

A collection of articles on evangelism and volunteerism was shared prior to the meeting to help us focus on evangelism for Trinity. The definition of Evangelism can be simplified as "bringing people to God". As people of faith, Jesus gave us a goal to proclaim the Christian Gospel to the people world. Throughout the history of Trinity we have done evangelism in many different ways. As the society continues to change, we also must change on how we do evangelism in our church. There are many different ways for Trinity to do this.

We discussed several short term goals to be started or phased in prior to September of this year. **First, each of the five standing ministries will be asked to look at their present programs and either revamp or add a new program that reaches out beyond our church's family. Second, we will create informational signage that fit the décor of the building, which give our worship times, a simple message, and a place for ministries to advertise their programs. Third, we will place small pamphlet in all the rooms used by the community. These small pamphlets will have information about our church.** We also want to reinforce external communication regarding Trinity projects or programs to our community. This can be done by notifying local newspapers, community bulletin boards, local broadcast media, as well as our website and Facebook. We need to identify our self as Trinity UCC or Trinity United Church of Christ to avoid any possible confusion with Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

The discussion then turned to intermediate goals (1 to 2 years) as well as our long-term goals. One of the items recommended was to review needs of the community to develop a plan that can be adopted by the congregation. Years ago, Trinity was known for the church that hosted a Thanksgiving dinner - this would be an example of the type of projects that we are seeking. **We want to create a warm friendly feeling when people think of Trinity United Church of Christ. If you have an ideas on projects tell one of the team members.**

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 11:30 am, we welcome new members.

Team Members: Denise Schnell, Heath Astrike, Pastor Jane Hillman, Susan McGovren & Mark Blackgrave

~Submitted by Mark Blackgrave

April 12, 2016 Worship Team Highlights

Discussed the Wednesday night Lenten services. Questions asked: How to get attendance up? Should we continue with Wed. night services? What meets our church's needs?

Suggestions included: Having worship in the foyer round table. To have a light meal before the service. Try a different format. Suggestion for team members to see what other churches are doing for Lenten services. Will continue to discuss the topic at future meetings.

Good Friday notes: Have a least a 45 minute service. Trinity may host 2017 Community Good Friday service.

Discussed our praise worship Sundays. Do we want to continue with these services? The team initial thought were that we were only incorporating contemporary music into regular services, not an entire praise worship. Suggestion was for blended music...traditional and contemporary. The discussion was tabled until Sarah S. can be part of conversation.

Update on pulpit supply speakers: August 21: NYE group at 8 & 10:15 services (Andrea Hulsman and youth)

Memorial gift update: White woven altar cloths/stole were used on Easter Sunday.

Worship calendar update:

May 22: Graduation Sunday - reception for all graduates & Andrea Hulsman.

May 29: Memorial Service (10:15am only) for those who served our country.

The need to get the Art room finished.



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***Celebrating the Youth Ministry
of Andrea Hulsman***

Please send cards to:

Andrea Hulsman - 545 S. Carroll St. Jasper, IN 47546

or place it in a basket in the entrance of the church.

PS: While she is ending her youth ministry duties, she will still be VERY active in the community; so if you are considering a small gift, gift cards are a great way to say THANK YOU!

For Congregation Reflection and Feedback

PROPOSED MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY . . .

As we embark on the search for a new Youth Ministry Leader, the Council felt it would be helpful to develop a statement about our mission and vision for Youth Ministry. Below is the suggestion from the Council. **If you have feedback, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact a Council member prior to our May 9th meeting. Thank you to Pastor Jane for her guidance.**

Youth Ministry Mission Statement:

We exist to reach out to Youth and provide opportunities for fellowship, study, worship and growth, where we can connect with God, with each other, and with the community in service to the Lord.

Youth Ministry Vision Statement:

Our Youth Ministry shall be a Christ-centered, Spirit-led community of love where faith and discipleship grow, and Christian service flows joyfully. This ministry shall equip, encourage and empower our Youth.

Youth Group Values:

1. **Love** God and love other people with our entire being, offering an **extravagant welcome.** (*Matthew 22:37-40*)
2. Have a **deeper relationship** with God through study, fellowship, worship, and service. (*Psalms 119:11; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; Joshua 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 2:42*)
3. **Build/Strengthen your Faith** with a **variety of dialogue partners** in a safe and accepting environment. (*Hebrews 11:1-40; Romans 5:1-21, 3:21-26, 4:13-24*)
4. **Stay connected** to Christ in your daily living while building Christian character. (*Colossians 2:6-7; John 15:1-10*)
5. Look at everyone with **Christ-like compassion and acceptance**; here, **diversity is valued.** (*Matthew 9:12, 13, 36; Luke 19:10*)
6. **Reach out** to others through faithful witness in word and deed. (*Matthew 5:16, 28:19,20*)
7. **Youth are the church TODAY**, connecting to all generations, knowing that they have a home at Trinity UCC where they will ALWAYS be loved, safe, supported and belong.

Your Church Council: Kurt Vonderheide, Lisa Schmidt, Adam Roth, Linda Kahle, Melissa Blackgrave, Dan Sergesketter, Audra Jahn, Melissa Hafele & Heath Astrike

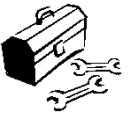
COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 2016

- * Finalized a suggested Mission and Vision for our Youth Ministry, which will be presented to congregation for input.
- * Determined that a Search Team of approx. 6-7 individuals will be formed to recruit/hire Youth Ministry Leader.
- * Approved request from Lori (Bawel) Wigand to transfer membership to Shiloh Church.
- * Approved quote from Schmidt Contracting for \$2,590.00 to replace some decking and replace the flat, rubber garage roof at the Parsonage, which is leaking.
- * Set the date of May 22 to host a Reception for graduates and honor Andrea Hulsman's ministry.

Your Church Council: Kurt Vonderheide, Lisa Schmidt, Adam Roth, Linda Kahle, Melissa Blackgrave, Dan Sergesketter, Audra Jahn, Melissa Hafele & Heath Astrike

A Word From Your Property Team

Property Team is continuing to keep a steady pace on odds and ends projects/jobs. I encourage all to use the dry erase board in the sacristy to write anything that needs attention. Thanks!



~Adam Roth, Council Liaison



PARISH LIFE . . . Reception for Trinity Graduates

The Parish Life Team is hosting a reception to **honor Trinity graduates** and the **ministry of Andrea Hulsman on Sunday, May 22nd** following the 10:15AM worship service. Light refreshments of cake and fruit will be served.

~Dan Sergesketter



Holistic Classes

Last Class will be held in the lounge at Trinity UCC on: **May 5th - "Holistic Approach to Chakras/Energy Centers"**

LINCOLNLAND GOLF SCRAMBLE - to support NYE transportation.

Date: Sunday – June 5, 2016

Time: 2:00 PM (EST)

Location: Buffalo Trace Golf Course in Jasper

Sponsored by: Lincolnland Association

Start putting together your team – more information to come!



From Up in the Tree House...



The Trinity Faith Family is invited to attend the
Trinity Tree House Preschool Graduation:
Friday, May 20th at 10:00 am & 1:30 PM
Location - Parish Hall

26 CHILDREN WILL BE GRADUATING!

MAY 1ST IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY

On Food Bank Sunday, your donation will be placed by the altar and dedicated. Throughout the month, please place your donations of **canned chicken, tuna and salmon** in the plastic tubs in the foyer. All contributions will go to the Jasper Community Food Bank.



April: To date, we have collected 62 cans of vegetables.

Looking Ahead: In June we will collect Boxed Mac & Cheese.



OutreachTeam is seeking a new
CARDBOARD BOAT-BUILDING TEAM.

Alas! Our "seasoned" boat builders have retired—but have agreed to mentor a new crew through the boat-building process. Consider gathering a few friends to embark on this fun activity. This project will remain "afloat" only if someone is willing to take charge. Some great advice and left-over supplies await YOU!!

If you have questions OR would like to volunteer call Rod Kalb at 482-2889 by May 15th.



ADOPT-A- FAMILY . . .

During the month of May, your spare change/dollars will be used to purchase a Walmart gift card for ADOPT-A FAMILY.

Because of your generosity, so far in 2016, we helped pay a utility bill and bought a Ruler grocery card and a gas card. Thanks for sharing your blessings with this very appreciative family!

2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 20TH - 24TH ... 8-11 am

Come, join us at Surf Shack!

We are in need of volunteers for at-home craft prep-work, sewing and cutting. Please call Dana at 630-8845 if you are able to help.



Located outside the Sanctuary . . .



- ◆ Gifts of Love Booklets
- ◆ May/June Upper Room Devotionals
- ◆ 2016 Contact Directories
- ◆ 2015 Annual Reports
- ◆ Extra newsletters
- ◆ Prayer shawls

Located in the foyer . . .

- ◆ Be watching the bulletin board in the Foyer for sign-up sheets for help with **SUMMER FOOD BUDDIES**. We will again need help in packaging and distributing the food bags (they are handed out on Saturdays at the free Community Meals). Sign up will begin the end of May.

Thanks in advance for your support!

- ◆ Information on how **you can help with VBS!**
- ◆ Sign-up sheet for sponsoring flowers or bulletins.
- ◆ Sign-up sheet for opening and closing the building.



During May and the first week in June, we will be collecting bars of soap for hygiene kits for the Indiana-Kentucky Conference meeting in June. Put the soap in the black bucket in the foyer.



The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering this year focuses on refugees and displaced persons.

Souad Kasem Issa combs the hair of her 9 year old daughter. She is a Syrian refugee in Amman, Jordan. She and her husband and six children fled the city of Homs as fighting there worsened. Their home in Syria has since been destroyed by bombing, and they are struggling to survive in Jordan's capital city, where they now live.

Crisis such as war, disaster, changing climate or a devastated economy have forced millions of people over the years to seek safety. Today, our world is facing a refugee crisis beyond anything we have seen in recent generations. At this moment, there are more refugees in the world than at any time since World War II. Millions of people are alive today only because they have escaped perilous situations.

The **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering is rooted in responding to Christ's call to welcome the stranger. The offering provides assistance beyond emergency food, water and shelter.

The United Church of Christ has stepped forward to serve as co-sponsors, mentors and friends to newly arrived refugees on behalf of the Church, helping people in need begin a new life free from violence or persecution. The offering provides financial support to help refugees, such as the Issa family, who are living in a country that's not their home. We are helping families begin a new life with hope for a better future.

Be part of a movement to change the world. **TOGETHER**, there is enough for ALL!! **Envelopes for your gift are in the pews. Please, share generously towards our \$400 goal!**

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Lenten Mission – Meals on Wheels . . . As of the printing of this newsletter, we have received \$6,458.55. The check presented to Generations on Sunday, April 24th.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



5/8	Corma & Gerald Knebel	40 th
5/12	Ann & Kim Schroeder	9 th
5/13	Candy & Mike Berger	27 th
5/23	Diane & Terry Kapp	46 th
5/23	Kari & Adam Roth	7 th



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Janet Meyer	5/12	Jim Sheetz
5/2	Judy Hubster	5/14	Gayle McDaniel
5/2	Evan Vonderheide	5/17	Jack Astrike
5/3	Mike Harder	5/20	Rich Klem
5/4	Andrea Hulsman	5/21	Inez Knies
5/4	Jan Kalb	5/22	Meghan Permuda
5/6	Adam Harder	5/23	William Cox
5/6	David Hubster	5/25	Natasha Schnell
5/7	Juel Denu	5/26	Jeff Berg
5/8	Brad Vonderheide	5/26	Kyle Berger
5/11	Carolyn Snyder	5/31	Logan Astrike
5/12	Thomas Peters		



Child Care

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child Care(10:15)</u>	<u>Acolyte (10:15)</u>
1 st	Treva Heise	Ella Hubster
8 th	Heather Goodhue	Hailey Knebel
15 th	Vickie Campbell	Maggie Hubster
22 nd	Kari Roth	Amanda Schnell
29 th	Lisa Schmidt	Ushers

May 2016 - Worship Participants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Ushers\Greeters</u>	<u>Media Technicians</u>
1 st	8am	Bill Small, Bret Astrike Heath Astrike	John Kahle
	10:15am	Jan & Rod Kalb, Pamela Catt Denise Schnell, Dan Sergesketter	Mark Blackgrave
	Media Producer		John Kahle
8 th	8am	Rick & Angie Hobson	Heath Astrike
	10:15am	Kurt & Treva Heise, David Peters Thomas Peters, Melissa Hafele	Kurt Vonderheide
	Media Producer		Kurt Vonderheide
15 th	8am	Carol Mundy, Carol Rasche	Kurt Vonderheide
	10:	Kurt & Selena Vonderheide Shirlene Dreher, Dean Vonderheide	Brian Meyer
	Media Producer		Mark Blackgrave
22 nd	8am	Mary Ann Weisheit Connie Schmitt	Kurt Vonderheide
	10:15am	Laurel Hubster, Jack Goodhue, Sydney Peters, Emma Emmons	Adam Roth
	Media Producer		Melissa Hafele
29 th	10:15am	John & Janis Schnarr, Greg Schnarr Adam & Kari Roth	Mark Blackgrave
	Media Producer		Mark Blackgrave

May 15th

Communion Servers:

8am Melissa Hafele, Jeff Berg

10:15am Melissa Hafele, Fred Robberts, Mark Blackgrave, Dean Vonderheide

Communion Preparation: Adam & Kari Roth

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE – INCREASE MORE

“There are those who (generously) scatter abroad, and yet increase more; there are those who withhold more than is fitting or what is justly due, but it results only in want.” (Proverbs 11:24, AMP)

In the book of Genesis, God set up a system of seedtime and harvest. Everything God does starts with a seed. The Bible also tells us that God gives seed to the sower. In other words, if you are a person who has a desire to bless others and sow seed, God will make sure you have plenty to give.

Notice in today’s verse what happens when we generously sow seed – we increase more! Just like planting a seed in the natural brings an abundant harvest, planting a spiritual seed brings an abundant harvest as well. You can’t out give God! The scripture says that God will pour out blessings on you that you can barely contain.

God’s blessing goes way beyond the financial realm. God wants you to have blessed relationships, good health and a happy career. Why don’t you take a step of faith today and look for ways to start sowing? What do you have in your hand? Can you start by giving a smile and sowing joy? Do you have five dollars to help someone else at the gas pump? Choose to be a blessing and watch how God brings increase in every area of your life.

~ Stewardship message from Joel Osteen Ministries

STEWARDSHIP REMINDERS...

- ♥ **Loose Offering Goal ... \$1 “extra”** per household each Sunday! **The first quarter 2016 totals are UP by 47% over first quarter 2015.** Your extra dollars are making a huge difference. Keep up the good work!
- ♥ **Operating Income...** While giving by the congregation for our operating budget was up in January and February, a decrease in March has left us at an overall decrease in giving in the first quarter of 2016 as compared to the first quarter of 2015. Overall, we have seen a decrease in giving of 5% for the first quarter of 2016. We were down one service from Q1 2015 to Q1 2016 due to the weather cancellation in January, so that could account for the difference. This is a good reminder that each dollar of your giving counts!
Your continued support is appreciated.
- ♥ **Lenten Mission ...** Thank you for your support of our Lenten Mission project for “Meals on Wheels” which is a project of GENERATIONS! **We surpassed our goal of \$5,000 with total donation of \$6,458.55.** Way to go over and above for those in need in our local area!!
- ♥ **Maintenance Contributions...** Please remember to set aside maintenance dollars each month for the monthly Maintenance Envelope included in your set. Thank you for taking pride in our facilities. Every dollar makes a difference!
“Thanks for your continued support.”
- ♥ **Remember - Your gift of Time and Talents is equal to any offering!** A list of those contributing time and talent is posted in the entrance and in the sacristy. **Remember to ask others to join your team, as they have indicated a desire to help!**

~ Respectfully submitted, Melissa Hafele



YOUTH GATHERING . . . at Church

May 1st, 5:30 – 7PM, youth are meeting with Andrea to celebrate her ministry. Please bring money to share in the pizza cost. Denise Schnell will be the parent host for the evening.



LETTERS TO TRINITY

(excerpts from the letters shown below)

Thank you to everyone in the church community who supported Jace through his recent tonsillectomy. We received cards, gifts, messages, phone calls and most importantly, prayers, and it really helped to lift his spirits and carry him through. Please express my heartfelt thanks to all of those who took the time to think of him! **Thank you!**

~Melissa Hafele and Family

Dear Trinity Church

Thank you for your congregation's generous donation of \$400.0 to Uspiritus in 2015. Your support helps improve our ability to reach people and provide help where it is needed most. We are so grateful to you for keeping the children and families we serve in your prayers and hearts.

~Reylene Robinson, V.P. of Marketing & Advancement Uspiritus

Members of Trinity Church,

Ella Marie Schultz, wife of Rev. Schultz, died Friday, March 25th.

Pastor Schultz served the Trinity congregation back in the late 1950's. He continues to live in the Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville, Missouri. His address is Rev. Raymond Schultz, PO Box 403, Marionville, MO 65705.

My name is David Rauch and Ella was my late father's twin sister. The Schultz family and the Rauch family have many fond memories of Jasper and Trinity Church.

~ David Rauch

Hello,

Ireland Public School Ministry is looking for Religious Education substitute teachers as well as a few regular teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. You'll teach a class of 18-25 kids (depends on the grade level) for an hour each Tuesday at the St. Mary's buildings in Ireland. Lesson plans and supplies are provided. If you or someone that you know would like to get out once a week during the school year to help teach children about God's love and promises, then we would love to have you. **Please contact Arlet Jackle 812-827-9696 or arletjackle@yahoo.com.** Thank you so much, if you have any questions please let me know.



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Trinity Faith Family
Your Help is needed to get our youth to NYE!


There is a **Golf Scramble at Buffalo Trace GC, here in Jasper, being held on Sunday, June 5th** to help raise funds for the bus to take our youth & adults to the National Youth Event.

Trinity UCC is responsible for the following:

- ⊗ **Registering 6 teams of 4** at \$50 a person.
- ⊗ **Securing corporate sponsors for 6 holes** at \$50 a hole.
- ⊗ **Setting Up & Running the Grill station ...** Hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats for 100 people AND drinks – water, soda, Sport Drinks
- ⊗

The more **donations we get from the congregation**, the more profit will be given towards the transportation.

Watch for details from the Church Council in the Sunday bulletin, as to the chair person for this event, how to **sign-up to play** or be a **corporate sponsor**, where to put your **food & supply donations**, and where to sign-up to for **set-up, host, and clean-up**.



A poster for a Golf Scramble event. At the top, the title "GOLF SCRAMBLE!!" is written in large, bold, serif capital letters. Below the title is a central illustration of a golfer in mid-swing, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. To the left of the golfer is a starburst graphic with the word "PRIZES" inside. To the right is a graphic of a golf ball with the word "FOOD" written on it. Below the illustration, the event details are listed in a bold, sans-serif font: "WHEN: JUNE 5TH @ 2 PM (EDT)", "WHERE: BUFFALO TRACE GC (JASPER) 1728 JACKSON ST. (17TH ST. AND JACKSON)", "BENEFITING: LINCOLNLAND YOUTH TRIP TO NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT AT DISNEY WORLD", "COST: \$50 PER PERSON", and "CONTACT: MIKE ZEHR @ (812) 827-7127". At the very bottom, in a smaller font, it says "SPONSORED BY: THE LINCOLNLAND ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST".

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