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*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

- † **Charlie E.**, hospitalized.
- † **Don M.**, doing rehab at the Timbers, Room #403.
- † **Cozie S.**, under Hospice care.
- † **Pete R.**, living with cancer. Recent scan showed NO new growth.
- † **Roberta H.**, (Phil's mom) recovering from surgery and awaiting further treatment.
 - ♥ Those whose hearts are filled with grief and pain, especially those in Orlando, Florida.
 - ♥ Those recovering from illness or surgery.
 - ♥ Our military men & women and their families.

Belated Congratulations to...

Shea McGovren and Brad Fleck who were married on **April 30th**, here at Trinity UCC.

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
- ♥ **Cozie S.** - 27 Arlington Court, Jasper, IN 812-482-9357
- ♥ **Jeanne H.** - 851 Poplar Lane, Jasper (Phone first 925-457-1963)
- ♥ **Marjorie K.** - 5363 N. St. Rd. 545d, Dubois, IN 47527 (812-678-2460)
- ♥ **Charlie E.** - 943 W. 6th Street, Jasper, IN 47546 812-482-1523
- ♥ **Emily P.** - 400 W. Pleasant View Dr., Apt. # 11, Jasper, IN 4756 (812-634-7932)

Do you know someone who would like to JOIN the Trinity Faith Family?

Please have this person come and talk with Pastor Jane about the possibility. She is available to answer any questions. The actual reception of new members can take place throughout the year, at either of our worship services. **While we value all of the "friends" of Trinity, we also want to extend an invitation to join us.**

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

July 3rd One Service at 10:15 am with Altar Communion

Message	"Sometimes, it is just that simple!"
Bible Lesson	II Kings 5: 1-14
Bible Reader	Susan McGovren
Council member	Adan Roth
Time with Young Disciples	Pastor Jane
Special Music	Connie Schmitt
Favorite Songs	"Lead on Eternal Sovereign", "Trust & Obey" "Softly & Tenderly", "Standing on the Promises"

July 10th

Message	"Leading a Life Worthy of the Lord"
Bible Lesson	Colossians 1: 1-14
Bible Readers	Mary Ann Weisheit, Denise Schnell
Council member & Time with Young Disciples	Audra Jahn
Special Music	Jack Goodhue
Favorite Songs	"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian", "For Those Tears I Died" "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

July 17th

Message	<i>Kelsey Blackgrave will share her mission trip experience!</i>
Bible Readers	Gary Frank, Heather Goodhue
Council member	Kurt Vonderheide
Time with Young Disciples	Kelsey Blackgrave
Special Music	Melissa Blackgrave

July 24th

Message	"Shaped by Prayer"
Bible Lesson	Luke 11: 1-13
Bible Readers	Bill Small, Dean Vonderheide
Council member & Time with Young Disciples	Melissa Hafele
Favorite Songs	"Sweet Hour of Prayer", "Call to Prayer" "Down by the River to Pray"

July 31st

Message	"Soul Investment"
Bible Lesson	Luke 12: 13-21
Bible Readers	Connie Schmitt, Greg Schnarr
Council member	Melissa Blackgrave
Time with Young Disciples	Heather Goodhue
Favorite Songs	"Are Ye Able", "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me", "Jesus Paid it All"

Good Communication leads to Healthy relationships!

It is time once again to list some possible reasons **you may want to give Pastor Jane a call at 812-631-1147!**

- **Would you like to have Pastor visit you in your home?** Simply call!
- **Do you have a pastoral need!** Do you want to... get married, be baptized, join the church, receive Holy Communion, have Pastor present for your surgery, be visited in the hospital, or simply talk? ***Pastor will only know your needs IF you tell her.***
- **Do you have a question or concern about:** a ministry or activity for which Pastor Jane has leadership responsibilities? Talking to her directly is both helpful and respectful.
- Do you have an idea for a **new ministry** or do you want to **share your gifts of time or talent?** **Call Pastor!**

My thanks to all you have been excellent communicators in the past; our ministry together has been a blessing.

Upcoming Special Events:

- ◆ **Communion Sundays** – July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th
- ◆ **One Service – 10:15 am ...** July 3rd, September 4th
- ◆ **Youth to Beaver Lake** – July 14th ... Meet at the church at 4 PM
- ◆ **Strassenfest** – August 4th – 7th
- ◆ **Blessing of the Backpack Sunday with lunch** – Sunday, August 14th
- ◆ **Sunday School Orientation** - Sunday, August 14th @ 9 am
- ◆ **Confirmation Orientation** – Sunday, August 28th @ 9 am
- ◆ **Jr. & Sr. High Youth – Boating on Beaver Lake** – Sunday, August 28th.
- ◆ **Fall Wednesday Program begins on** – September 7th
- ◆ **Sunday School begins** – September 11th
- ◆ **Christian Education Sunday** – September 25th
Sunday School & late worship at Riverwalk – Picnic to follow.

Fall Sunday School begins on September 11th

The Christian Education Ministry Team is in the process of securing our **teaching staff for 2016-2017**. We look forward to many teachers returning, BUT we also hope to see NEW FACES! **We are looking for co-teachers and helpers!** Please prayerfully consider this role.

Illinois Youth coming to Jasper ... July 14-18th!

Youth from Community UCC in Champaign, Illinois, will be in our midst in July for a mission trip. *(This is the church where Leah Robberts currently serves as Pastor.)* The group of 9-10 youth and adults will be staying at the parsonage. One of their service projects will be to clean the **Trinity Tree House room and all the toys!** The group will also be working the **Community Meal** on Saturday.

- ❖ **Our Jr. & Sr. High Youth are invited** to join them for a cookout and boating on **Beaver Lake** on Thursday night, July 14th. We will carpool from church at 4PM and return at 10PM. **Permission slips** are available from Pastor Jane and need to be returned by July 10th. **Note: We will need at least two adults in addition to John & Susan McGovren & Greg Schnarr.**
- ❖ **Our youth & adults** are also invited to join this group **for a poverty simulation at 6:00 PM on Friday evening, July 15th at the church.** This simulation works better with many people of all ages. Let Pastor Jane know by July 10th, if you are coming to either event.

What is needed from Trinity?

- 1) **An adult to work with them on Thursday beginning late morning and during the day on Friday,** as they bring everything out of the Preschool room, wash the walls, shampoo the carpet and clean all the toys. *(On Sunday the furniture will go back in the room, but the toys will be left out so that the preschool staff can put it back in place.)*
- 2) **Adults to help with the poverty simulation at 6:00 PM on Friday night, July 15th.** We need as many adults as possible! This is a wonderful opportunity to put yourself in someone else's shoes.
- 3) **Pastor will need help on Sunday, July 10th to set-out toys from storage room.**

Please contact Pastor Jane, if you can volunteer!

Attention College Students!

College Student's Addresses are NEEDED!— Please inform the church office of your college address for the coming year. The Outreach Ministry Team plans to send "care" notes and gifts this fall.

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

- ♥ **Golf Scramble...** What a joy it was to be involved in the Lincolnland Association Golf Scramble on June 5th! Now, do not ask me exactly how the scramble works; I do not have a clue. All I know is that with Audra Jahn & David Hubster leading us, our NYE youth (Ella, Laurel, Amanda & her friend, Maggie) provided food and drink for **SEVEN** hours! Thank you to Andrea and Emily who helped with clean-up. There was good fellowship, blue skies and enough sunshine to begin our summer tans. **THANK YOU...** for donating the food that will help our youth & adults get to NYE in July. **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**
- ♥ It was a joy to gather with our sister churches across the **Indiana-Kentucky Conference at the Annual Meeting.** It was inspiring to hear Rev. John Dorhauer preach and sing the music of the faith. Thank you Sarah for playing for the healing service on Saturday morning. Thank you to all who **contributed soap for the 673 hygiene kits,** plus 219 school kits and four baby kits.
- ♥ It was a joy to hold Thomas Peters in prayer **as he attended summer camp** at the UCC camp – Merom! Thank you to the Edna Joseph monies & the **Lincolnland Association** which make camp scholarship possible.
- ♥ It was a joy to see the **movie "Finding Dory" with our youngest group,** as well as enjoying pizza together.
- ♥ It was a joy following communion on June 5th, to see our **younger kids helping collect the communion cups;** they are God's faithful servants already!
- ♥ **It is a joy to watch the Vacation Bible School take shape under the Leadership Team of Dana, Heather, Kari, Selena, Maggie, and Andrea.** Thank you to ALL who gave of their time, especially those who took vacation in order to be a part of VBS 2016. It is a JOY to have God's house filled with song, prayer and laughter. Thank you for the many donations of decorations, food & supplies. Our gifts to the VBS mission will be a blessing.

Thank you for helping me celebrate my 30th Ordination Anniversary!

I want to thank the Parish Life Team for hosting a reception in honor of my 30th ordination anniversary, following late worship on June 19th. I also want to thank each and every person who took the time to send me a note, a gift of appreciation or shared a kind word. It has been my privilege to be your Pastor these past 3 years and I look forward to our continued partnership.
Blessing to all, Pastor Jane

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

- ❖ **The Indiana\Kentucky Conference**, at our meeting in June, voted to cut the budget, in order to stop the draw on the reserve funds. This will mean changes in staffing patterns and ministry. **Let us pray that as a church in covenant with others in the UCC**, we may find ways to increase our contributions to the National, Conference, and Association, so that our ministry together may continue.
- ❖ We are singing throughout the summer, **"Favorite Songs"** submitted by those in the pew. Thank you for your suggestions. **ENJOY!**
- ❖ **Trinity Tree House still has openings** for 4/5 year olds in our 3 day class. There is room in our morning OR afternoon class! Call the church office for registration materials.
- ❖ **The Search team for the new Youth Ministry Leader** is in the process of interviewing a candidate. The Search Team anticipates taking a recommendation to Council in July. The new person will begin **AUGUST 1ST**.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign Building & Property sub-team is hard at work categorizing and prioritizing possible capital campaign project. Many of these came out of the Consultation 2015. They will also research the costs involved with these projects.

There will be opportunities in the coming months for feedback from the congregation in the form of short town hall Meetings.

~Dan Sergesketter –Council Liaison

The Lincolnland Association Council is made up of the **pastors** of all churches in the Lincolnland Association, **lay reps** from all the churches in the Lincolnland Association and the **officers** of the Lincoln Association and IKC reps. It is important that all of these areas are represented as we meet to become acquainted with each other and make plans to strengthen our association.

Agenda Items include: OCWM giving, possible future golf scrambles as fund raisers, and the Fall Association meeting. There may be more agenda items that come available by the meeting date.

Looking forward to seeing reps from all area at this meeting.

~Eloise Breidenbaugh, Registrar

Note: Please let Pastor Jane know if you are willing to attend.

PARISH LIFE TEAM UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS:

Back to School Luncheon - August 14th

Church Picnic at Riverwalk - September 25th

Next Meeting - July 11th at 4:30 PM in the office.

~ Dan Sergesketter - Council Liaison

JULY 3rd 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 fruit** in the plastic tubs in the foyer. All contributions will go to the Jasper Community Food Bank.

In June, we have collected **98 boxes of macaroni & cheese and 2 boxes of pasta.**

Looking ahead: In August, we will be collecting cereal.

SUMMER FOOD BUDDIES . . .

We are still needing people for the following Saturdays:

July 9 – 1 person

August 6 – 2 people

July 30 – 2 people

August 13 – 2 people

Please consider signing up; a sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. **Questions (?) call Rod or Jan Kalb, 482-2889.** They will instruct you on the process before you begin. Thank you for your help with this project!



**JULY
ANNIVERSARIES**

7/3	Rod & Jan Kalb	45 th
7/4	Jeff & Melissa Adams	7 th
7/14	Dean & Ellen Vonderheide	27 th
7/16	Hugh & Donna Mattingly	50 th
7/17	Pete & Carol Rasche	24 th
7/18	David & Rhonda Scherer	35 th
7/18	Phil & Lisa Schmidt	13 th
7/22	William & Cheri Cox	38 th
7/22	Brad & Audra Jahn	10 th



**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

7/1	Greg Kincer	7/16	Chad Brinkman
7/3	Candy Berger	7/17	Linda Kahle
7/6	Christine Dodd	7/18	Pastor Jane Hillman
7/7	Sheila Matheis	7/19	Hugh Mattingly
7/9	Norma Blackgrave	7/20	Emily Schnell
7/9	Ann Fleck Schroeder	7/23	Corrine Clark
7/11	Josh Blackgrave	7/23	Jack Goodhue
7/11	Jo Jochem	7/23	Donna Mattingly
7/11	Josh Premuda	7/26	Marjorie Kalb
7/14	Diane Kapp	7/28	John Schnarr
7/14	Mason Mauck	7/31	Sydney Peters
7/16	Ron Blackgrave	7/31	Noah Wright

JULY 2016



Child Care & Acolytes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child Care(10:15)</u>	<u>Acolyte (10:15)</u>
7/3	Kari Roth	Ushers
7/10	Treva Heise	Amanda Schnell
7/17	Vickie Campbell	Jace Goodhue
7/24	Treva Heise	Ella Hubster
7/31	Lisa Schmidt	Hailey Knebel



**JULY 2016
Worship Participants**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Ushers\Greeters</u>	<u>Media Technicians</u>
7/3	10:15am	Linda & John Kahle Janet & Brian Meyer Mary Ann Schroeder	John Kahle
		Media Producer	Kurt Vonderheide
7/10	8am	Angie & Rick Hobson	Heath Astrike
	10:15am	Jan & Rod Kalb, Pamela Catt Denise Schnell, Dan Sergesketter	Brian Meyer
		Media Producer	John Kahle
7/17	8am	Carol Mundy & Carol Rasche	Kurt Vonderheide
	10:15am	Treva & Kurt Heise David Peters, Thomas Peters Melissa Hafele	Adam Roth
		Media Producer	Mark Blackgrave
7/24	8am	Mary Ann Weisheit Connie Schmitt	Heath Astrike
	10:15am	Selena & Kurt Vonderheide Dean Vonderheide Shirlene Dreher	Adam Roth
		Media Producer	Melissa Hafele
7/31	8am	Ann & Jeff Berg	Kurt Vonderheide
	10:15am	Janis & John Schnarr Kari & Adam Roth, Greg Schnarr	Brian Meyer
		Media Producer	Kurt Vonderheide

July 3rd

Altar Communion Servers: 10:15am Adam & Kari Roth

Communion Preparation: John & Janis Schnarr



Attendance at Trinity UCC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/29	10:15am	55	55
6/5	8am	35	102
	10:15am	67	
6/12	8am	27	86
	10:15am	59	
6/19	8am	33	85
	10:15am	52	

VBS MISSION . . . OCEAN CONSERVANCY

- Ocean Conservancy was founded in 1972.
- They have removed 144,606,491 pounds of trash from oceans under their Coastal Clean-up program over the past 25 years.
- Protect vital habitats of marine animals like sea turtles, polar bears and whales.
- Fund major beach clean-ups in coastal communities around the world
- Spearhead cutting-edge ocean solutions.
- Advocate for protection of the ocean's extraordinary places for future generations.

The VBS team sends a big **THANK YOU** for all the donations and for the volunteers who helped make the VBS week a success. On opening day, we had a total of 28 children. The days were filled with fun activities, crafts and smiling faces!



Thank you for sponsoring altar flowers . . .

Donna & Hugh Mattingly, July 17th in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 16th.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDERS ...

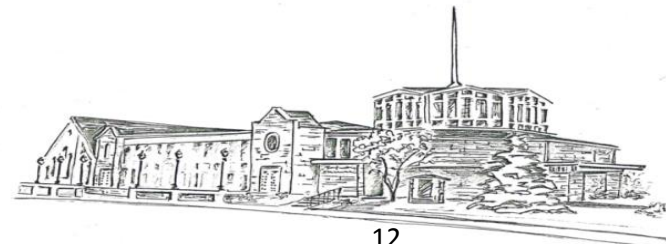
- ♥ **Summer Vacations & T.O.T.** Summer is here and with it comes the excitement of summer vacations!!! While we enjoy special time with our family, please don't forget your church family by offering your **TIME, OFFERINGS AND TALENTS** before you go. **Give before you go!**

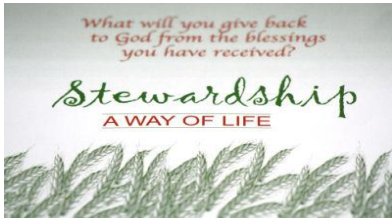
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T.O.T.



- ♥ **Loose Offering Goal ... \$1 "extra" per household each Sunday!** Your extra dollars make a difference each and every Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!
- ♥ **Operating Income...** Our contributions for May 2016 are down by 10% from 2015. For second quarter, our contributions are down by a total of 2% from second quarter 2015. Let's make up that 2% difference in the coming months. It is important that we remember our giving during the busy summer season. **Thank you for your careful consideration of what you are able to give to support our church family!**
- ♥ **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!**





STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE
“IT’S IN OUR DNA”
~Talitha Arnold

“The Lord their God, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.” – Psalm 146:7

Psalm 146 should be required reading for every political candidate running on the “I’m a Christian, so vote for me” platform. The Psalm identifies who God is and what God does. In so doing, it defines what it means to be Christian.

The Psalm warns against putting “your trust in princes” and urges the listener to depend on the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth. Then it affirms that God is not some distant deity, but one who cares intimately for the people of this earth, especially the poor and vulnerable. God is the One:

who executes justice for the oppressed;
 who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
 God upholds the orphan and the widow.

What’s remarkable about this call to justice and compassion is that it comes from the Psalms, not the Prophets nor the teachings of Jesus. Even in the midst of these songs of comfort and praise is this call to care for the poor, feed the hungry, uphold the vulnerable and advocate for justice. It’s in the DNA of our faith.

Whether or not we’re running for office, it needs to be in the DNA of any of us who claims the name “Christian.”

Thank you, God, for this Psalm’s reminder of who you are and what you do – and what we are to be and do.

FROM YOUR OUTREACH TEAM . . . Christmas in July

We are continuing to help our **Adopt-A-Family with our Christmas in July mission**. The Outreach committee, along with your help, would like to expand upon the needs of this family. **We will be collecting monetary donations for our Christmas in July mission to help our family meet the needs of their children and daily/monthly expenses.**

- ◆ The college-age boy would like gift cards to grocery stores in Evansville.
- ◆ The middle-age boys could use bikes.
- ◆ Other upcoming expenses we would like to help offset: school supplies, clothes, utilities.

There will be a tree set up in the entrance with brightly colored gift tags and dollar amounts. Each tag color will correspond with the expense. So, if you want to help with utilities, pick a blue tag; school supplies, pick a yellow tag, etc. **Our goal is \$1,000.** Any amount collected will help this very deserving family.



LETTERS TO TRINITY *(Excerpts from the letters shown below) . . .*

Dear Friend(s) of St. Jude:

Thank you for your gift of greeting cards for our patients at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. We appreciate your hard work and support.

One of the biggest comforts and blessings our families say they have when they come to St. Jude is the knowledge that countless people across America truly care for them.

~Sincerely, Jacqueline Harris, Director-ECC Services

To My Trinity UCC Church Family,

Thank you so much for the \$500 scholarship. This scholarship will help me pay for my books. This scholarship is very appreciated.

~Love, Thomas Peters

My Trinity Family,

Thank you to my Trinity family for the graduation well wishes! Thanks for sharing my joy and all glory to the Lord.

~Janet Meyer

Thank you so very much for the donations of food, supplies and time for the golf scramble. It turned out to be a beautiful day for golf and a great event to raise funds for the NYE transportation for our youth. Thanks again to all who helped volunteer and for all of the donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

~Audra Jahn



STRASSENFEST IS ALMOST HERE!

We are collecting donations of fruit for the Strassenfest cobblers. We need blackberries, raspberries, apples, peaches and blueberries. Next time you go to the grocery store it would be great if you could buy a little extra and donate it for the booth. You can leave it in the church refrigerator and we will take it from there. **Sign-up sheets will be posted in July for shift workers.**

Pamela Catt has retired from her role as **cobbler baking manager**. If anyone feels like this is a role they could fill, we would be happy to have you.

Your Strassenfest team: John & Linda Kahle, Dean & Ellen Vonderheide

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 2016

Greg Kincer completed the Audit of the 2015 Financial Books (thank you!).

Mark Blackgrave has completed his role of getting our website launched, for which we are grateful. Council will review and seek someone to keep the site current.

Capital Campaign: Property/Grounds and the Outreach sub teams have met to develop initial project list. The sub teams will further research the projects and align with each other so not to duplicate projects. Once the lists are ready to communicate to the congregation, possible Town Hall meetings and/or other methods will be used to solicit input from the congregation to ensure alignment.

Noted the planned use of the Edna Joseph Account 2016 funds (\$12,406):

- \$6,000 for Outreach Assistance
- \$2,646 for NYE Trip (youth event)
- Amount TBD for Campers (based on final number of requests)
- \$1,840 to Balance the budget (only if needed)
- \$1,920 unallocated (campers will use some of this amount)

Decisions made June 13, 2016

- * Approved the revised Office Administrator Employee Agreement & Job Description.
- * Agreed to pay the Office Administrator role for paid Friday Holidays for 6 hours.