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***![C:\Users\eloise\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\3ZHLD5NH\letter_writer[1].gif]() PJ Ponderings…*** **October 2018**

**Celebrating Children’s Sabbath**

**“A Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair.”**

*“*Freedom and justice are not negotiable to people who truly seek to honor God. No child should suffer poverty, gun violence, or be torn from the loving arms of family. God did not make two classes of children and values each child as God’s own sacred gift regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexuality, or national origin. **All children deserve lives of hope, not despair.”**

*Marian Wright Edelman, President of the Children’s Defense Fund*

At Trinity UCC we are blessed with the opportunity to be advocates, not just for precious children we know and love; we are called to help EVERY child have a life filled with hope. We can make a difference in the lives of children and in the life of our place of worship—by connecting the two, we can improve the lives of children in our place of worship, community, and across our nation and bring new inspiration and excitement to our worshiping community.

As we celebrate **Children’s Sabbath on October 14th,** we will be a part of a powerful, diverse multi-faith voice for children spanning our nation and crossing all lines of income, race, ethnicity, and political party. What unites us is the belief that God calls us to protect children, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, and the conviction that our faith calls us to live out God’s justice and compassion.

Let us daily remember and pray… Jesus taught us that whoever welcomes one such child in his name welcomes him, and whoever welcomes him welcomes not him but the One who sent him. May God grant us compassion and courage to serve with love and call for justice so that all children may thrive. Amen.

*Grace & Peace, Pastor Jane*

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* **Diane G. –** *stopped immune therapy, looking at new chemo,*

*final radiation treatment was 9/25.*

* **Roberta H. –** had*appointment at MD Anderson in Houston TX.*
* **Jason S. –** *returned to Timbers after hospitalization.*
* **Hugh M. –** *leukemia in remission*.

***Living with Cancer:* Diane G., Hugh M., Pete R. Alene F., Roberta H.**

* **Victims of Hurricane Florence & those involved in rebuilding.**
* **Those that lost loved ones and friends this past month.**
* **Those whose hearts are filled with grief and pain.**
* **Our military men & women and their families.**

**Our Sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of **Carmen Wuchner** who passed away on 9/08/18. Services were held at Harris Funeral Home in Petersburg on 9/11/18 and Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

**Our Sympathies** are extended to Mary and Bob Klingel who are mourning the loss of their granddaughter Kiersten Land.

***Send a card or visit those not able to be in church.***

* **Nina F. -** 408 W. 9th Street
* **Claire R. -** 1031 Dorbett Street
* **Jack A.** Northwood Assisted Living, 400 W Pleasant View, Apt. # 1
* **Marge S. -** 111 W. 26th Street, Apt. # 2
* **Jason S. -** The Timbers, 2909 Howard Dr. Room 316-2
* **Eileen R. -** The Timbers, 2909 Howard Dr. Room 512-2
* **Carrie L. -** 855 Missouri St., Apt. 17, Ferdinand, IN 57532
* **Josephine J. -** Northwood Skilled Care, 2515 Newton St., Rm. 210
* **Margie K. -** Scenic Hills Care Center, 311 E. First Street, Ferdinand, IN 47532
* **Doris W. -** Hamilton Trace, 11851 Cumberland Rd. Fishers, IN 46037
* **Mariemma H. -** Northwood Assisted Living, 400 W Pleasant View, Apt. 23
* **Pastoral Care:** If you would like to visit with Pastor Jane either in your home or her office, please do not hesitate to call. She is always happy to bring communion to those who cannot be in worship. **Call: 812-631-1147**

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**Welcome New Members**

**Adult Baptism**s: Sandy Elaine Ferrell,Angela Elaine Heowener,

 Paula Jean Marshall

**New members:** Angela Heowener, Mike Heck, Rhonda Johnson

Mark & Paula Marshall, Cortney Seng, Brian Ferrell, Brad Atkins

**Angela Heowener & Mike Heck** – 708 E 1st Ave. in Huntingburg, IN

Angie: 812-719-8763 Mike: 812-719-8763.

They will be married at Trinity UCC on 4/6/19. Angie is a medical assistant and Mike works at Jasper Engines in production. They both enjoy traveling, dancing, walking, and spending time with family. Mike also enjoys sports.

**Rhonda Johnson** – 405 W 9th St. in Jasper, IN 812-320-9216

Rhonda is a retired Technical Project Manager with over 1000 hours of training by the Federal Government in Safety, security, communication, and management. She enjoys gardening, sewing, art, and interior design.

**Mark & Paula Marshall** – 410 E. 5th St. in Jasper, IN 812-677-7018

Mark is employed by INDOT and Paula is a Massage Therapist. They enjoy antiquing & attending Comic Cons conventions together. Mark collects sports memorabilia and Paula likes cooking, the arts & theater.

**Cortney Seng** – 1481 Field Crest Lane in Jasper, IN 812-631-3180

Cortney is a Human Resources Manager, attended IU, and likes shopping, supporting IU athletics, and spending time with her nieces.

**Brian Ferrell** – 2642 North Darry St. Jasper, IN (Sandy) 812-309-1127

Brian and his wife Sandy enjoy reading & discussing history & politics together. Brian attended University of Louisville where he studied special education, history and music. He is retired from banking and enjoys classical music, history, and politics.

**Brad Atkins** – Jasper, IN 812-639-4804

Brad recently moved back to Jasper. He attended Jasper High School and enjoys singing.

***On September 30th*,** following our annual Fire Drill at the later service, let us adjourn to the foyer for cake and punch in honor of those baptized and those received into membership.

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**From the Pulpit… 8:00 am & 10:15 am**

**September 30th Reception of New Members**

Bible Lesson Exodus 14: 10-14, 21-29

Message  *“Daring to Put our Toes in the Water”*

Bible Readers Gary Frank, Dean Vonderheide

Time with Children Audra Jahn

Choral Message Gather & Sing Choir

**October 7th World Communion Sunday**

Bible Lesson Exodus 19: 1-9a

Message “*Raised up on Eagle’s Wings*”

Bible Readers Mary Ann Weisheit, Melissa Blackgrave

Time with Children Pastor Jane

Choral Message Gather & Sing Choir

**October 14th Children’s Sabbath**

Bible Lesson Joshua 24: 14-18

Message *“Serving in God’s House”*

Confirmation Liturgist Harry Hulsman

Time with Children Pastor Jane

Special Music Kid’s Choir

**October 21st**

Bible Lesson I Kings 3: 16-28

Message *“Wisdom from Above”*

Bible Readers Bill Small, Adam Roth

Time with Children Pastor Jane

Choral Message Gather & Sing Choir

**October 28th Laity Sunday**

Bible Lesson Luke 10:25-37, Hebrews 13:2, Matthew 25:35

Message Fred Robberts, speaking

Bible Readers Cortney Seng, Susan McGovren

Time with Children Heather Goodhue

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**Gather and Sing Choir     Singers are welcome to** join the Gather & Sing choir as we provide special music for the 10:15 worship service.

We meet in room B04 at **9:45 am** to practice on the Sundays we sing.

We will sing on **September 30th**, **October** **7th** and **21st.**

 In November, our dates will be **November 4th, 11th, 18th.**

**Chime Choir practice** will be held at **9:45 am**

on **November 25th, December 9th & December 23rd**.

**Chimes Practice** will be at **9 am** before you go to breakfast

on **December 9th & 16th**. ***(6th -12th grades)*** are encouraged

to participate. **The chimes will ring on Christmas Eve at 9 PM.**

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**Looking for Totenfest bulletin Sponsor**

**Sponsors are needed for our Totenfest bulletin cover.**

You may also order a bulletin for any Sunday as well.

Call Pastor Jane at **812-631-1147** if you are interested.

**The cost is $10** for each 100 bulletins**; please pay Pastor Jane.**



**Up in the Tree House . . .**

The first weeks of school have gone very well. The students have adjusted nicely to Ms. Patty, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Kate.

Our first focus of the new school year will be to have the children become better acquainted with themselves. This will include talking about their feelings, emotions, and how they grow. They will be working on a booklet called “*All about Me*”. In September, they learned about apples. Some activities included reading books about apples and also cooking apples to become applesauce.

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**Sunday School 2018-2019 - “Walking by Faith”**

9:00 am Opening, Music & Bible Lesson in Sanctuary with Pastor

9:25 am Dismissed to Classroom – Room # 203

10:00 am End of Sunday School

*(Younger children may be picked up in their classrooms.)*

**No Sunday School on October 28th, due to Fall break.**

***“And the Children shall lead them”…*** Our Children and Youth are learning that **giving faithfully to God takes: 2 feet … 1 voice …**

**1 heart and 2 hands** (One for our church and one for others)

**Notes to parents:**

* Please help your children/youth fill out the **Time and Talent Sheet**; all ages are invited to serve the Lord.
* Thank you for remembering to **send offering** with your kids.

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**Yes, we know… it is only October….**

**BUT Christmas is coming!** Beginning in October, we will practice the music for this worship service during Sunday School opening. **So…** if your child/children want to be a part of our **Christmas Program on December 9th @ 10:15 am** please come to Sunday School. We would LOVE to have you help answer the question: “**The Angels Say ?!”.**

**Youth to Breakfast… October 7th – McDonalds –** *Church treats!*

**October 21st – Azura –** *Bring money!*

A permission slip is required. The youth **(grades 6th -12th)** will meet at 9:00 am in the foyer of the church and carpool.

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 **Confirmation 2018-2019**

 **Wednesday at 6:15 – 7:15 PM**

Meet in the Confirmation Room # 213

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| October 3rd  | Who is Jesus? |
| October 10th  | The Holy Spirit in the Bible |
| October 17th  | The Holy Spirit in the church & our lives |
| October 24th  | No Class – Fall Break |
| October 31st  | Dinner with Faith Partners in Foyer |

**Looking ahead:**

Pastor Jane would like to invite the Confirmands to join her at the parsonage for a *movie and FOOD* on **November 10th.** Check your schedules to see what time works! I am also looking for an adult to join us so there are two adults present.

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**Time and Talent Sheet – Enclosed!**

In order for the Church to be aware of the areas to which you would like to contribute your Time and Talents, all ages are asked to please **complete the Time and Talent Sheet included in this newsletter.** **Simply check all of the areas of interest** to you during the coming year (2019). Please include your name and contact information; **also check anything that you are doing NOW and would like to continue to do in 2019.** This is especially true for ushers!

We would like for ea**ch member of our church family to complete a form**, so additional forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins. Feel free to make copies as needed. After the completed forms are received, we will update our records with your new information and make the list available to the various ministry teams of Trinity UCC.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation.

**Please place this form in an offering plate**

**or bring it to the church office by November 4th.**

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**Scouting for Team Ministry Members…**

Do you have a love of children and youth? Do you have fond memories of your own time in pre-school, Sunday School, VBS, Youth Fellowship or an adult bible class?

**Then the Christian Education Ministry team is for YOU!**

Do you have a compassionate heart that calls you to help others? Do you hear clearly God’s call to feed, clothe, house and visit those in need?  **Then the Outreach Ministry team is for YOU!**

Are you fed by God’s Word and at God’s table? Is there a song in your heart? Does your soul pray? Do your ears love to hear the story of Jesus; do you want to tell others the story? Do your eyes appreciate the beauty of God’s sanctuary?

**Then the Worship Ministry team is for YOU!**

Are you like the biblical Martha? Is hospitality in your blood? Do you love planning a good party? Do you feel at home setting-up, hosting, and cleaning-up? **Then the Parish Life team is for YOU!**

Do you feel the best with a hammer or paint brush in hand? Are your dreams filled with images of buildings and green landscapes? Are you excited as you check off items on the “To-do-list”?

 **Then the Property Team is for YOU!**

Consider becoming a member of any of our 5 Ministry Teams. There are no terms, so try it out for a year. Most of the teams divide out the various responsibilities; so the more on the team, the better. It is a JOY to SHARE in ministry; come join the team. However, if you are unable to join a team but would like to do small projects, we need your gifts!

**Just let Pastor Jane know you are available!**

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**Sunday - November 11th**

***How can we share the Good News?***

Trinity Church has an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our communities and in the world. Some churches have an Evangelism Team that figures out ways to share the good news. Unfortunately, we do not have a team of persons focusing on this ministry. But that does not matter! **Each and every ministry team has an opportunity to share the good news.** The questions that are often asked include**: “How do we do this? How do we reach out to those who do not know the love of God? How do we share an extravagent welcome?**

To answer these questions 54 ministry team members have received an invitation to sit at table and figure out how to share the Good News! **Others currently not on a team,**

**can also RSVP by October 14th and join us!**

**Here is our Sunday, November 11th schedule:**

**8:00 am Worship -** The IKC Conference Minister, Rev. Chad Abbott, will be our guest preacher.

**9:00 am** **Our Church Council & Confirmation Class will host a Coffee and Conversation in the chapel with Rev. Abbott.** Everyone is invited to come and get to know the ministries within our Indiana/Kentucky Conference. Parish Life will have drinks and goodies.

**10:15 am Worship:** Rev. Chad Abbott, will be our guest preacher. Our Gather & Sing and the Kid’s Choir will sing.

**11:15 am Lunch** Parish Life is putting this together.

**Noon – 1:45 PM** Discussion facilitated by Rev. Abbott.

**Please RSVP by October 14th** so lunch plans can be made.

Call the office at **812-482-4090** or email us at **trinityucc@psci.net****.**

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**![C:\Users\eloise\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\2GR8VRRN\jumping_for_joy[1].jpg]() Pastor’ Joy Journal…** *(This is just a hint of the joys in my heart.)*

**Let our hearts be filled with JOY:**

* Sunday School began on September 9th. We have 27 **kids/youth and 11 adults** who have attended in September**!** We are looking forward to adding more kids as we continue to “Walk with Jesus”.
* It was a joy to give **bibles to our 2nd graders**:

Karsen Roth, Corbin Schnarr and Jack Rumbach.

* What a joy it is gathering with **7 Confirmands** each week who come ready for lively conversations about the Bible and God’s story of covenant and new life.
* It is a joy to share that **Dana Schnarr will be the 2019 VBS Director.** She will be joined **by VBS team members:**

**Heather** Goodhue- Music, **Kari** Roth- Registration, Snacks & Group leader, **Anna** Vonderheide - Mission, **David** Hubster – Recreation

**Judy** Thom –Crafts, **Andrea** Hulsman – Storytellers

**Audra J**ahn – Science & Group leader **Pastor Jane** – Sunday worship

* Every Sunday we are blessed with our **worship on our screens thanks to Mark Blackgrave, Kurt Vonderheide and John Kahle.** Thank you for your many hours of labor. Also thanks to Adam Roth, Anna Vonderheide, and Brian Meyer for running the screens, along with the producers. If you would like to help, just let them know.
* It is a joy to have our **preschool back in session**; reading to them once a month is a blessing.
* It has been a joy once again to watch some of our **kids on the soccer field. If you send me a schedule for any event,** I will do my best to come see you at least once.
* It is a joy watching another **God’s Home Improvement project** move on to the construction stage and see the monetary support. **Reminder:** There are many other projects and missions in the church; if the circle drive is not your “thing” that is just fine. Your monetary support is appreciated in all endeavors.

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**Behind the Scenes:** *(Here is what is happening and why?) ![C:\Users\eloise\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\3ZHLD5NH\behind-the-scenes-food-photos[1].jpg]()*

* Many thanks to our **Sunday School teachers** for helping our children and youth “**Walk through the Bible”** during Sunday School on September 23rd. A **special thank you to Ellen Vonderheide** for making cut-out sugar cookies for the kids to decorate. Our thanks is also extended to the **Roth family** who helped set up.
* **The Property Team made their annual walk-thru of the parsonage on September 20th.** As usual, there is a **list of projects** to be completed; some will take little time or money others of course will take more time and money. A **short-term and a long-term plan** will be developed to present to the Church Council.

**PS: Thank you Dean, Kurt and Adam for switching the beds!**

* **World Communion bread** – On Sunday, October 7th the **bread trays will contain a variety of breads** representing Christians from around the world.
* In October, look for **Mission Moments** at the beginning of our worship services. Also check the **entrance bulletin board** as we add more footprints representing those who have **offered Time & Talents.**
* **Budget 2019** … it is included in this newsletter for your review and prayers. On **Sunday, November 4th** there will be a short “Stewardship Conversation” at the end of worship. There will be a time to ask questions or share a comment. **On Sunday, November 18, 2018, we will have a special congregational meeting to vote on the budget and elect leadership.** All changes will need to be discussed and voted on at the beginning of the meeting which will start following the 8:00 am service. The meeting will conclude following the 10:15 am service/vote.

**Lincolnland Association Fall Meeting**

**October 21, 2018**

**St. Peter’s UCC in Lamar**

2:30 PM (Central Time) Registration

3:00 PM Program begins 5:00 PM Dinner

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**MISSION ALIVE AT TRINITY**

 **Neighbors in Need**: *October Mission*

The United Church of Christ embraces **3 great loves:**

**Love of Children, LOVE OF NEIGHBOR, & Love of Creation**.

In October, we have the opportunity to share with our “neighbors” through **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**, **a special mission offering** that supports works of justice and compassion in the United States and abroad. A focus is on achieving justice, fairness, and equality for all people. For instance: Low reading skills cause more students to drop out of school before receiving a diploma than does poverty. **The UCC supports a literacy program** to combat this global crisis. This is just one of the things NIN does to “level the playing field” for ALL our neighbors.

Through your generous gifts to NEIGHBORS IN NEED, the UCC is offering hope to millions of people. **We are transforming lives, the nation, and our world.....one NEIGHBOR at a time.**

**Our goal is $400.00** Envelopes are in the pews.

**Thank you** in advance for placing your loving gifts in the offering.

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* **Adopt-a-Family… Your spare change/dollars to purchase** food gift cards in the coming month.
* **College Student support**… We received **$1,095!**

 Your generous gifts will be appreciated by our 4 college students.

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**Food Bank Sunday – October 7th**

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

**In September, we collected 66 cans/packages of beans**.

Looking ahead… **In November,** we will collec**t peanut butter & Jelly!**

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***Spiritual Growth Opportunities***

** The Lounge Series…** Once again Trinity will be the site for a

group of fantastic speakers, offering conversation twice on **Thursday** evening in **October**

**from 6:30-8:00 PM in the foyer.**Admission is FREE!

**Upcoming dates:** **October 11th** Drumming your sacred song

 **October 15th** Guided Meditation.

**Men’s Fellowship** … Trinity men will gather at 9 am in **the church lounge** Sunday **October 21st.** This group is open to anyone; please invite friends for fellowship & worship.

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**![C:\Users\eloise\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\2GR8VRRN\Autumn-Flowers_300px[1].jpg]()Trinity Women’s Guild…** On **October 3rd** Trinity Women’s Guild will meet at **6:30 PM at Good Samaritan Assisted Living apartments on Pleasant View Drive.** There will be a short business meeting plus visitation with residents.

**Lincolnland Women’s Meeting – October 8, 2018**

The Women of Lincolnland Association will gather for their annual Fall Gathering on **Monday, October 8th at Trinity UCC in Fulda, IN** with **special guest Bob Asa** as The Centurion at Calvary. Everyone: **Men and Women are welcome**. Registration begins at 9:00 (Central Time).

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Audra and the Trinity VBS Group,

**Thank you so much for the donation of books for our CASA** **kids!** We are thrilled to have so many neat books to share with them. Thank you for thinking of CASA and the children we serve.

*Sincerely, Deena Hubler, Director of CASA*

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**October BI*RTHDAYS*** 

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| 10/19 | Jeff Eichmiller & Tony Miller |  5 |
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**October Worship Participants**

***October 7th***

8:00 am **Ushers:** Bill Small, Bret Astrike

 **Media Tech:** Kurt Vonderheide

10: 1 10:15 am **Ushers:** Judy Hubster, Heather Goodhue, Kari Roth

Rich Meyer, Larry LaGrange

 **Sunday School Offering:** Mya Uebelhor

**Media Tech:** Brian Meyer

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

 ***October 14th***

8:00 am **Ushers:** Angie & Rick Hobson

 **Media Tech:** Mark Blackgrave

10: 1 10:15 am **Ushers:** Jason Hulsman, Fred Robberts, Lisa & Phil Schmidt

 **Sunday School Offering:** Addie Schnarr

**Media Tech:** Anna Vonderheide

 **Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave

***October 21st***

8:00 am **Ushers:** Connie Schmitt, Mary Ann Weisheit

 **Media Tech:** Kurt Vonderheide

10:15 am **Ushers:** Emma Emmons, Jack & Jace Goodhue

Laurel, Ella, & Maggie Hubster, Ty Stockburger

Hailey Knebel, Amanda Schnell

**Sunday School Offering:** Jack Campbell

 **Media Tech:** John Kahle

 **Media Producer:** John Kahle

***October 28th***

8:00 am **Ushers:** Ann & Jeff Berg

**Media Tech:** Adam Roth

10: 10:15 am **Ushers:** John & Susan McGovren

 David Hubster, Donna & Hugh Mattingly

**Sunday School Offering:** No Sunday School

 **Media Tech:** Adam Roth

 **Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

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**October 2018 – Child Care & Acolytes**

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| **Date** | **Child Care (10:15)** | **Acolyte (10:15)** |
| **9/30** | Melissa Hafele & Ella Hubster |  Lilly Hulsman |
| **10/7** | Kari Roth & Jack Goodhue  |  Kenley Emmons |
| **10/14** | Lisa Schmidt & Maggie Hubster |  Mason Mauck |
| **10/21** | Selena Vonderheide & Laurel Hubster |  Harry Hulsman |
| **10/28** | Heather Goodhue |  Ushers |



**October 7th Communion**

**Preparation:** Kari & Adam Roth, along with Karsen & Kaiden

**Servers:** 8 am Alene Frank

10:15 am Jan & Rod Kalb, Janet Meyer, Mark Blackgrave

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**Children & Youth … Walking with Jesus!**

In the coming months, “**With Jesus beside Them”**,

our children and youth can be found in the following places…

* **Church:** Sunday School and worship – learning, singing, ushering,

Young Life, Wyldlife.

* **School**: Trinity Tree House, classrooms, gym, cafeteria, playground,

library, art & music rooms, hallways and bathrooms, etc.

* **Home:** doing homework, chores and relaxing *(Hopefully!)*
* **Working:** fast food restaurants, watching kids, teaching gymnastics

 supermarket cashier, Holiday World

* **Theater:** performing & watching
* **Inside**: volleyball, dance team, gymnastics, swimming team,

 basketball, writer’s circle, art club, wrestling, spell bowl

* **Outside**: playing soccer, football, cross-country, baseball, tennis
* **Band Contests**: marching and playing inspiring music, color guard
* **Lessons**: sports & music
* **Inside & Outside**: scouting, yearbook
* **Everywhere**: with friends, including friends from Germany.

***“I am with you always!”*** *Matthew 28:20*

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**A Children’s Ministry Leader is needed for our after school kid’s ministry***.*  This group of **20-24 kids (Kindergarten- 5th grade)** would like to continue to meet from 3-5 PM twice a month from November – April *(The actual day of the week is negotiable.)* The Leader would be **paid** for 4 hours with the kids and 4 hours for planning each month. If you have questions or know someone who might be interested, talk with Pastor Jane. **Please pass the word regarding this position.** We have kids and funds to support this ministry**, but a leader is needed!**

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**Church Council 2018 September Highlights:**



* Approved the Outreach Team proposed 2019 mission calendar which will be included in the 2019 Stewardship envelope boxes.
* **Released from membership per requests:**

Brittney Heise, Kelsey Heise, Taylor Heise, Rita Harsha

Christy Harder, Adam Harder, Ryan Harder

**Transferred membership per request**: Penny Atkins

Note: These people requested to be friends of Trinity:

Christy, Adam, Ryan Harder, Penny Atkins and Rita Harsha.

* **Approved 2019 budget for presentation** to the congregation at the Fall Congregational Meeting on November 18th*. (see attached budget in this newsletter)*
* Approved a plan to establish **funds for pastoral** coverage in the year 2020 during Pastor Jane Hillman sabbatical.
* **Reviewed the list of nominees to be elected on November 18th**.

**Council:** Class of 2020 (year ending) Ellen Vonderheide (Property)

 Class of 2021: Mark Blackgrave (Vice-President)

 Pamela Catt (Worship), John Kahle (Treasurer)

***The Council agreed by consensus to work with 8 Council members.***

***The Council also understands that some of those elected may***

 ***choose to serve only one year.***

**Association Delegates**: Eloise Breidenbaugh, Sarah Sergesketter

**Indiana Kentucky Conference Delegate**: Sarah Sergesketter

**Edna Joseph Trustee**: John Schnarr

* Reviewed the **staff & plans for 2019 Vacation Bible School** in June.
* Reminded **Ministerial Consultation** is planned for Sunday, **November 11, 2018,** all leaders & team members need to attend.
* Our thanks to **Susan & John McGovren** for setting up a financial backup system in the office. We also thank **Kari Roth** for covering for Susan in October.

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**Council Highlights continued….**

**The Church Council is constantly working preparing for tomorrow while still addressing items of today.** There are couple things I would like to address on behalf of the Council.

In the November Newsletter, you will receive a copy of a **proposed updated** **constitution**. Some items changed, some items were eliminated, and some items remained the same. A team set out earlier this year to review and update our constitution with a goal to make our constitution more of a living document for our church.  We want to be the church of today and be the church of the future.  We are making plans to discuss with you the changes prior to our vote at our annual meeting on January 27, 2019.

Next, you be hearing about **a sabbatical for Pastor Jane in 2020**. When Pastor Jane was called as our settled pastor we agreed to give her 3 months sabbatical in her call papers. She has informed us that she is planning to take this sabbatical in 2020. Just as Pastor Jane has started planning her sabbatical, the Church Council is starting to plan for pastoral care during Pastor Jane’s absence. We are placing money aside to hire a temporary pastor. **A sabbatical is a health practice as a way for both the pastor and church to renew their relationships**.

I personally appreciate all the hard work of our leaders, helping us prepare for our future. *~ Mark Blackgrave, 2018 Church Council President*

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**A Word from Your Property Team**

**In September, the Property Team focused on the parsonage.**

There are several issues to deal with there, so our Team will have plenty to do there this winter.

If anyone has a **concern having to do with building Maintenance, please call Ellen Vonderheide.**

Thanks, and keep those maintenance dollars coming.

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**Sunday, September 23, 2018, the congregation approved the project dubbed as the GHI Circle Drive Project.**  The vote was 68 yes, 0 No, 2 abstentions. This project will update the east side of our sanctuary with a new concrete drive, a larger canopy and accessible parking.

Since 1966, we have used this driveway to provide a drop-off for elderly, new babies, folks with broken limbs, and protection from the rain. We can’t forget the laughter of all the children who have played in the grass and all the work done over the years to maintain this area of our church property. These will become memories of the past. **Now with the planned improvements, 52 years later, the north corner of 8th and Clay Street will change again.**

Soon contracts will be signed with our general contractor, Jasper Lumber, Inc. Work should begin the second week in October. Asphalt will be removed, part of the present canopy will be torn down, bulldozers will grade the site for improved water runoff, footers will be buried in the ground for the new canopy, concrete will poured, a new canopy roof will be built, lighting will be placed and parking lines will be painted. We are told all of this will take around 75 days weather permitting. **Our goal is parking in a new lighted parking lot Christmas Eve 2018.**

**The city has granted two additional temporary handicap parking spots on the street available during the construction.**

We will try to give you weekly updates on the construction as the project moves forward.

**GOOD NEWS regarding the funding**: We are blessed with many who have given or pledged money toward the Circle Drive Project allowing this project to be fully funded! **All designated congregational giving will be used for this project** reducing the amount of money needed from the Mae Metzger gift and allowing the undesignated GHI monies to be used for other projects. **Praise be to God!**

*Mark Blackgrave, Council President*

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