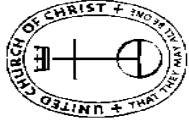


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Question: "Sir...tell me where you have laid him..."

Answer: "Mary"... (John 20:15-16)

Mary Magdalene went with two others to the garden near Jesus' tomb to anoint His body with burial perfumes. They entered the garden gate and were suddenly bathed in the glowing light of two angels. "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" asked one angel. "He is not here, for He is risen, just as He said," explained the other angel.

Incredible as the angels' story seemed, two of the women ran to tell the disciples. The other woman, too worn from grieving, stayed behind in the garden. She did not believe the angels and wanted to see the empty tomb herself. That is how Mary Magdalene became the first Easter doubter.

Before we shake our heads at her faithlessness, why not look into our own lives and find the moments when we have almost missed Easter. It is true; sometimes we miss the miracles that are happening all around us. So it was for Mary on Easter morning; she saw the Master, but did not recognize Him. Jesus put all the love He had for her in His voice and said, "Mary", her name.

In our own need to be made new this Easter, may we be reborn in our lives through participation in the Easter celebration. Let us listen for Jesus calling our names to bring us resurrection power for today. It matters not what has gone before today – death, despair, hopelessness. We can be reborn when Jesus calls our name. This does not just happen at Easter; the miracle awaits us each new day. Let us thank Jesus for knowing our names and sacrificing His life for us that we might have life and life everlasting. Alleluia, Amen.

**Have a Blessed Easter! ~ Pastor Jane**

† **Linda Troxler** – at St. Charles, recovering from surgery.

† **Diane Gray** – home, working on gaining strength.

† **Roberta Hafele** – home, receiving chemo.

**Living with cancer:** **Diane Gray, Hugh Mattingly, Pete Rasche, Alene Frank, Roberta Hafele**

### Within the Fellowship

♥ **Our sympathies to Staci Hanselman and her family**, as they mourn the death of her stepfather, Levinus "Red" Bayer, who passed away on February 14, 2019.

♥ **Our sympathies to Fred Robberts and family** as they mourn the death of **Eileen Robberts, who died on February 10, 2019**. Eileen, a former parishioner, was Fred's mother, and grandmother to Leah Robberts-Mosser. Her memorial service was held at Trinity UCC on March 2, 2019.

♥ **Our sympathies to Ray and Mary Ann Bawel, and Mary Ann Weisheit**, as they mourn the death of Anna Mae Bawel, who passed away March 20, 2019. Anna Mae was married to Ray's brother; she was a first cousin to Mary Ann Weisheit.

♥ **Our sympathies to Connie Schmitt and her family** as they mourn the death of her brother-in-law, Pete Gerber, who passed away on March 23, 2019.

*These folks may not be able to be in church; please send cards or visit them:*

\* **Woody Troxler** – St. Charles Health Care Assisted Living, Rm. # 410.

\* **Carolyn Snyder** – St. Charles Health Care Center, Rm. # 401

\* **Nina French** – Northwood, Good Samaritan, Rm. # 305.

\* **Josephine Jochem** – Northwood Skilled Care, 2515 Newton St., Rm. # 210

\* **Jason Stockburger** – The Timbers, 2909 Howard Dr., Rm. # 316-2

\* **Margie Kalb** – Scenic Hills Care Center, 311 E. First St., Ferdinand, IN 47532

\* **Marge Schneider** – 111 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. # 2

\* **Mariemma Huebner** – Northwood Assisted Living, 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 23 (812-634-7945)

\* **Jack Astrike** – Northwood Assisted Living, 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 1 (812-634-7902)

\* **Carrie Loveall** – 855 Missouri St., Apt. # 17, Ferdinand, IN 47532

## ***In Loving Memory of Eileen Robberts***

June 23, 1923 ... February 10, 2019

We give the Lord thanks for the 95 years of life appointed to God's beloved daughter, Frances Eileen Robberts. By God's loving grace, Eileen is now resting from her labors, free from all earthly limitations and safely cradled in the loving arms of her God. We remember Eileen as the daughter of Charles and Jamie (Leasure) Cooper, whom she joins in the heavens, along with her stepmothers, Frances and Lucy. Eileen is also reunited with siblings: Nell, Mary Louis, Betty, Patricia "Chicken", and James Robert. May God grant comfort and peace to her surviving step-brother Charles, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Eileen and her husband Fredrick were married on May 29, 1943, and enjoyed 65 years of marriage before his death on June 20, 2008. There are good memories of trips in their motor home, driving back and forth across the country many times. One of their favorite trips took them along the Alaska Highway.

Their love brought forth one son, Fred, who brought into the family a daughter-in-law, Marilyn, who has welcomed Eileen into heaven. Eileen encouraged Fred to allow his artistic self to flourish. As time went on, Eileen was blessed with the love of a granddaughter, Leah, and her husband David, who carry on the faith tradition as pastors. The family grew to include two precious great-granddaughters, Chloe and Violet.

Eileen was a faithful disciple of Christ. She grew up in the church with her father as a preacher. Her family was raised in the church where Eileen often played the organ, directed children's choirs, and shared her love for music. Eileen could play every instrument she picked up and could sing in a three octave range. In 2004, Eileen became a part of Trinity UCC in Jasper.

Eileen worked hard her entire life, including working for Potter and Brumfield teaching others to make electrical relays; owning The Country Store; and becoming a beloved hotel breakfast hostess in retirement. We celebrate the life of Eileen Robberts. Her gracious spirit served her well in life and guided her into the glory of eternal life. So long as we live, she too shall live; for she is a part of us, as we remember her.

*Memorial gifts may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.*

## ***Blessings . . . .***

- ♥ **Jema Mae Hafele was baptized on March 10, 2019.** Her parents are Phil & Melissa Hafele; siblings are Jace & Jera. Grandparents are Gerald & Corma Knebel and Tim & Roberta Hafele. Godparents are Douglas Guth and Angela Buntin.
- ♥ **Angie Heowener and Mike Heck will be married on April 6, 2019.** The wedding will take place at 2:30 PM in the Trinity UCC Sanctuary.

## **Walk to Jerusalem: March 6-April 21, 2019**



**Our Lenten Walk to Jerusalem**, promoting better physical, mental, and spiritual health, will continue until Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. Everyone from the youngest to the oldest members can earn miles through physical activity, healthy eating, prayer, Bible reading, or service activities. Together, we will have opportunities to earn "miles" (points) to **help us travel on a virtual trip from Jasper, IN to Jerusalem, for a total of 6300 miles.** Pick up a green paper in the entrance for details, and fill out your blue papers which may be placed in the box.

**Update:** *So far, we have traveled just over 1500 miles on our way to Jerusalem, which puts us in the middle of the Atlantic!* We still have 4800 miles to go, and we need **YOUR** help to get there by Easter. Please drop the blue miles sheets in the box in the foyer weekly. Everyone can participate and earn miles with activity, healthy eating, and spiritual activities.

For more information, contact Janet Meyer [jlmeyer100@gmail.com](mailto:jlmeyer100@gmail.com) .



**This year's  
Palm Cross Workshop  
will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.  
*Everyone is welcome!***



## **Black Rose Ceremony to be held on Good**

Following the April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday worship service, there will be a Black Rose Ceremony held in the front plaza of the church. You are invited to attend for part or all of the ceremony, as you wish. The ceremony is one that I have performed many times with worship groups at Merom Camp and Retreat Center. The campers and counseling staff always found it meaningful to watch, and I think that you might find it equally touching and beautiful.

During the church service, you will be invited to write a prayer on a square paper that you will receive with your bulletin. Please hand in the prayer with your Lenten offering. The ushers will gather those prayers from the collection plate to be used in the Black Rose Ceremony following the worship service. You are invited to come outside and form a circle around the written prayers, which will be fastened to a board. The board will be placed on the cement and the papers will be set on fire. As the papers burn, they will curl up, and the ashes will form a lovely Black Rose. The smoke will drift upward, carrying your written prayer heavenward to God.

If anyone is sensitive to smoke, you are welcome to witness this ceremony from the foyer through the large glass windows. If you are unable to stand for a short period of time, comfortable chairs will be available for your personal comfort.

Should the weather not be favorable for this ceremony, the prayers will be offered at a later date, as wind and rain can make this ceremony difficult. In the past, we have written prayers on paper that were then taken someplace (usually behind the church) and placed in a bowl or can and then lit. This time, you may be present to witness the prayers drifting upward and see this unique flower form from the ashes of your prayers as they make their way to God. I hope that many of you will stay to enjoy the symbolism of this ceremony.

**Fred Robberts, Council President**



**The Gather & Sing Choir**  
**The Gather & Sing Choir will sing on Sundays**  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>**

## **From the Pulpit ... 8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship and Lenten Worship Services**

### ***“Thou Art the Potter, I am the Clay”***

#### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bible Lesson  
Bible Reader  
Cooks  
Menu

#### **Lenten service with meal (6:30 PM in Foyer)**

John 4: 3-15  
Hadley Rumbach  
Linda Kahle & Rumbach family  
Fettucine Alfredo

#### **April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Lesson  
Message  
Bible Readers  
Time with Children  
Choral Music

#### **Communion**

Matthew 25: 1-13  
“Be Prepared!”  
Gary Frank, David Hubster  
Audra Jahn  
Gather & Sing Choir

#### **April 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Lenten Service CANCELED**

#### **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Lesson  
Message  
Bible Readers  
Time with Children  
Choral Music

#### **Palm Sunday**

Matthew 21: 1-11  
“A Humble Entrance”  
Mary Ann Weisheit, Heather Goodhue  
Pastor Jane  
Gather & Sing Choir

#### **April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Message  
Bible Reader

#### **Maundy Thursday (7:00 PM in Sanctuary)**

“Shaped by God”  
Pastor Jane

#### **April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Message  
Bible Reader

#### **Good Friday (8:00 PM in Sanctuary)**

*Tenebrae Service*  
Pastor Jane

*Black Rose Service will follow worship service (outside)*

#### **April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Bible Lesson  
Message  
Bible Readers  
Time with Children  
Choral Music

#### **Easter Sunday**

Matthew 28: 1-10  
“The Angel Speaks, Again”  
Janice Sunderman, Dean Vonderheide  
Pastor Jane  
Gather & Sing Choir; Chimes Choir; Kids Sing

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

### April 28<sup>th</sup>

Bible Lesson            Matthew 28: 16-20  
Message                 "Now What Do We Do?"  
Bible Readers         Connie Schmitt, Audra Jahn  
Time with Children    Heather Goodhue

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Communion and Baptism of Reid Daniel Lindauer

Bible Lesson            Acts 10: 34-48  
Message                 "God Shows No Partiality"  
Choral Music            Gather & Sing Choir

### May 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Graduation Sunday

Bible Lesson            Acts 14: 8-18  
Message                 "God Heals"  
Special Music            Kids Sing

### May 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Confirmation Presentation Sunday

*Confirmands to lead the service. They have written liturgy and selected Bible lessons and songs to go with presentations.*



### Sunday School News



9:00 am    Opening, Music, Bible Lesson in Sanctuary with Pastor  
9:30 am    Class time

#### Notes to parents:

- ✝ Kids are collecting change for our Lenten mission.
- ✝ Children sing in worship: Easter – April 21<sup>st</sup> & May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ May 19<sup>th</sup> – last day for Sunday School.
- ✝ Watch for VBS registration forms.

### Men's Fellowship . . .



The next gathering will be on **Sunday, April 7th @ 9:00 am** in the lounge.



## Confirmation Faith Journey

The six Confirmands did an **OUTSTANDING** job in cooking and hosting the Faith Partner dinner. The youth and Pastor Jane would like to thank Rhonda Johnson for being the second adult.

#### ✝ Confirmation Interviews –

Mon. – April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am	Mason	11:00 am	Mitchell
Wed. – April 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Hadley	6:30 PM	Cameron

#### ✝ Presentation Practices – Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Please meet in the sanctuary.

**Reminder: Presentations are due by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please send them to Pastor Jane via email so she can format them for your books.

#### May 19<sup>th</sup> Presentation Sunday

#### June 9<sup>th</sup> Rite of Confirmation at the 10:15 am service

**Note:** New Confirmation robes and stoles have been purchased with Church's Choice memorial funds. *Thank you!*



### Confirmation Conversation

**April 28, 2019 ... 9:00 am in the Chapel**

The Congregation, Families, and Friends are invited to this hour-long conversation between our six Confirmands, the Christian Education Ministry Team, and the Church Council. Each group submitted a total of 65 questions. Pastor Jane narrowed them down to the top 25 to be discussed.

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

- ♥ **Our Lenten Journey on Wednesday night** has been a blessing in March. The food and fellowship has been rich, and hopefully worship was thought-provoking, as well as educational and meaningful. Thank you to all who have attended.
- ♥ **Lenten Meal Blessings:** Thanks to Selena Vonderheide and the Mauck Family, as well as Lisa Schmidt and the Hulsman family, for cooking in March. We will enjoy the meal prepared by Linda Kahle and the Rumbach family in April. Thank you to the Worship Team for setting the tables and seeing that the other food items were ready for us each week.
- ♥ **It is a joy to see and hear our children tell the meaning of our Lenten symbols.** They also are doing well with telling the Gospel story about the Upper Room and communion.
- ♥ **It is a joy to hear the Confirmands begin to make plans for their Faith Presentations.** Together, they wrote the liturgy for their May 19<sup>th</sup> service, along with a class creed. They work well together as a team. My thanks to the Church Council and Christian Education Team for their thought-provoking questions. I am looking forward to our conversation on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.
- ♥ **It was a joy to be in prayer** with our sisters and brothers on **World Day of Prayer.** It was a wonderful service and fellowship time.
- ♥ **Thanks to Fred Robberts** for speaking on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ♥ **Thanks to the Arts Team** for enhancing the "Potter" theme with various items on the altar.
- ♥ **Thanks to all who have made KICS possible** on Wednesday nights.
- ♥ **Thanks to all who continue to cover office duties** in the absence of a church secretary.
- ♥ **Thank you to the Men's Fellowship** for hosting the coffee hour on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Kids in Christ's Service (KICS)**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Adult helpers are needed . . .  
Please sign-up in the foyer!**



**Easter Flower Garden**

Please help us create a flower garden by purchasing a flower of your choice. Flowers may be placed in the **Communion Prep Room** during these times:

**Maundy Thursday (4/18)** from **6:30-8:00 PM**

**Good Friday (4/19)** from **10:00-11:00 am** or **7:30-8:30 PM**

**Saturday (4/20)** from **10:00-11:00 am**

***If your flower is in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form which is available on the credenza in the church entrance; forms may be placed in the offering plate.*** All flowers may be taken by donors following the 10:15 am service on Easter Sunday.



**Easter Candy Donations Needed!**

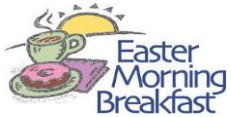
***We are in need of individually wrapped Easter candy  
for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.***

***Place donations in the bottom black container in the foyer.***



**The 2019 Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
from 10:00-11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Grades 4 and younger will hunt eggs.  
**Be sure to bring your Easter basket.**



### **Trinity Family Easter Breakfast**

**Everyone is invited to a pitch-in breakfast on Easter morning at 9:00 am!** Join your faith family for a delicious breakfast between services. There is no charge and no RSVP needed. Parish Life is overseeing this event, but is looking for donations of cooked breakfast casseroles, juice, yogurt, muffins, and other goodies. **Please sign up in the foyer** if you can help out. **Hope to see everyone there!**



### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

**Won't you open your pantries to help the Jasper Food Bank?**

- **In February**, we collected 23 jars of pasta sauce and 27 packages of pasta; we also collected one box of Cream of Wheat.
- **In March**, we collected 70 boxes of Hamburger and Tuna Helper.

**In April, we will be collecting canned vegetables.** Please help us support this much-needed program! Place your donations in the plastic tubs in the foyer. Contributions will go to the Jasper Community Food Bank. **Thank you!**



### **April Birthdays**

4/2	Rich Meyer	4/14	Brett Wright
4/4	Lelani Wittwer	4/16	Brandi Hellman
4/9	Kurt Heise	4/16	Margie Schneider
4/11	Sarah Sergesetter	4/18	Carol Rasche
4/12	Sabrina Peters	4/24	Adrienne Palmer
4/14	David Peters	4/27	Matt May

### **April Anniversaries**



4/6	Greg and Lisa Kincer	34
4/15	Jeff and Ann Berg	30
4/19	Kurt and Treva Heise	33
4/22	Scott and Julie Beck	41
4/27	Nick and Pat Seng	45
4/28	David and Debie	46

**Adopt-a-Family:** Continuing in April, **we are collecting toward a gift for our family.** Your spare change makes a huge difference! Thanks in advance for your continued support for this project. What a wonderful way to share your blessings!







## Vacation Bible School 2019

“The Race Is On” for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Trinity this summer, June 24-28. Thanks to all of our wonderful church family and friends, we were able to raise \$726 towards our goal of \$800 to fund VBS for 2019. The Vacation Bible School team, along with the youth, are getting excited for their Incredible Race with God this summer. Spread the word outside of Trinity to come and join us for a week filled with God’s Love and excitement! Registration papers will be out soon, and we can always use some extra hands to help out that week; even for just one day would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please get with a VBS team member...Dana Schnarr, Kari Roth, Heather Goodhue, David Hubster, Audra Jahn, Judy Thom, or Andrea Hulsman. Thanks again for all your love and support for the youth on this Incredible Race!

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## Lincolmland Association Gathering – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Church members from all the Association churches will gather at **Evangelical UCC in Tell City** for the **Installation of Rev. Jeff McCarn as Pastor and Teacher**. Registration begins at 4:30 PM (EST), with the worship beginning at **5:00 PM (EST)** with a meal to follow. If you would like to go, **please speak with Pastor Jane**.



**Reminder – if you have changes in your phone, address, or email, please let the church office and Pastor Jane know as soon as possible.**

## Council’s Good News . . .

- Many joys bless our congregation this month. Since the last double header newsletter of February and March, much has happened. The most obvious happening at church is the completion of the new canopy and circle drive. Much needed additional parking is now available for those needing handicapped parking, with a few additional spaces for those that may need to unload and park nearby and off the street. I wish to thank all those on the GHI team who undertook this arduous task! I especially wish to give a shout out to Mark Blackgrave for the many hours of navigating this project from beginning to its completion.
- There have been recent updates to our church office computers. This followed the surprise of our office computer’s external drive being zapped during a power outage the first morning of Pastor Jane’s vacation. Mark has proven to be a Man for All Seasons as he undertook the retrieval of valuable files that could have been lost. Fortunately, Mark was able to contact a computer specialist who successfully recovered all the files.
- The church welcomed Pastor Jane back from a less than relaxing vacation, as her cruise ship experienced engine trouble and she was unable to disembark at any of the destinations that she had so looked forward to visiting. The Good News is that she made it back safely, and made the newspaper with the story of her sea adventure. I watched the online video of her ship taking out two docks while pulling into port. Thankfully, no one was hurt.
- It is a joy to see people at the Lenten services to worship, enjoy a fine meal prepared by members of our congregation, and to visit with church family. I find peace as I attach the shards of broken pottery to the cross in the foyer following the Lenten services. Your prayers are nailed (hot glued) to the cross and I’m sure that God is aware of each prayer.
- I wish to thank you for all the expressions of support following my mother’s passing. She is missed, but I know that she is busy singing in the celestial choir (and will probably be directing it shortly).

- Also, I wish to recognize each and every person who does any task that helps our church and its members to enjoy the beauty of our facilities, the richness of our worship time together with its music and art work bringing lavish tapestries of sight and sound, and the meaningful worship experiences brought to fruition by our worship team and Pastor Jane. Thank you all for everything you do, both seen and unseen, as you make us a whole and there is no task too small.

Thank you in Christian Fellowship,

*Fred Robberts, Trinity UCC Council President*

### Stewardship Reminders . . .

- **Loose Offering Goal ... \$1 “extra” per household each Sunday!** Keep up the good work! **Note: Your \$1 bills made a difference in 2018. We are continuing in 2019.**
- **Sunday School Offering ...** How about making it a habit to **help your children develop good steward habits by sending an offering** with them each Sunday?
- **Maintenance Contributions...** Maintenance dollars are used to fund non-budget repair costs. **(Monthly Maintenance Envelope is included in your set.)** These dollars will ensure our office and church building remain in good condition, and help with any other maintenance expenses. 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 talents is posted in the foyer and in the entrance. **Remember to ask others to join your team, as they have indicated a desire to help!**

### Consider sponsoring special bulletins ... \$10

We are still looking for sponsors for bulletins for:

- Graduation (May 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Confirmation Sunday (June 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Thanksgiving (November 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Totenfest (November 24<sup>th</sup>)

**Please speak with Pastor Jane**, if you are willing to sponsor a bulletin.

## Behind the Scenes . . .

**Church Secretary Position:** Thanks to the Secretarial Search Team for its time and efforts regarding the Church Secretary position. Following much deliberation and many phone calls, the team has now been replaced by a Transition Team. Please see the following letter for the current status of the secretarial search.

### Letter to the Congregation

March 20, 2019

Subject: Church Secretary Position

To Members of Trinity UCC:

As you know, we have been without a church secretary since the beginning of the year, and the office has been staffed by volunteers. The Secretary Search Committee, made up of Council President Fred Robberts, Susan McGovren, Sylvia Adams, and Jason Hulsman, reviewed 14 resumes and narrowed the choices down to two possible candidates. After the interviewing process of these two candidates, discussion among themselves, and additional conversation with Pastor Jane, it was decided not to fill the secretarial position at this time.

The unemployment rate in our county remains around 3%. This creates a small selection pool, which makes it almost impossible to find qualified candidates that possess all the skills needed to run our office. The job calls for someone who can work independently, with initiative, and with the ability to juggle multiple tasks. We might be able to find a person to cover some, but not all, of these duties.

The plan as of now is to not fill this position. We will be looking at each individual task and trying to come up with a plan to cover the required duties. We will need to redefine how these tasks are accomplished. Our goal is to find volunteers from within our congregation that may be able to perform these tasks with a minimum of issues.

We must realize that this decision will place additional burdens on our Pastor, so we must figure out how we can help Pastor Jane with the logistics of running the office, understanding that our Pastor has several immediate responsibilities that precede anything else. These responsibilities include visiting the hospitalized, sick, and shut-ins; parish emergencies; and planning and holding weekly worship services. We must also remember that the Lenten season is an especially busy time for her.

We are asking for everyone to step up and support our Pastor by volunteering to help with not only the office duties, but other needs around the church.

Thank you for your support.

Fred Robberts, Council President  
Mark Blackgrave, Council Vice President

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### From the Office . . .

*Just a reminder that if you have articles for the bulletins, newsletters, or the directory, please notify both Pastor Jane and the church office; hopefully, this will ensure that your information is included.*



### A Word from Trinity Tree House . . .

As spring approaches, Trinity Tree House has several field trips planned. The 3-Day Class will be visiting the Animal Medical Center and also Jasper Dairy Queen. The 2-Day Class will be visiting the Jasper Library and Buschkoetter Nursery.

In April, we will celebrate Easter with an egg hunt in both classes.

***Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta***

## Our Lenten Project: "Stepping Forward"

Thank you for your generous gifts to this year's Lenten Project. The Trinity Family has an opportunity to help pregnant women in the Southern Indiana area to safely withdraw from an addiction to opiates, and with education and training, help to ensure long term sobriety so they can give birth to a healthy baby. "Stepping Forward" is a transitional residential program for those in early recovery after completing an in-patient program. The program offers pregnant women with substance use disorders a place to live during their pregnancy and up to six months after the birth of their child. While there, residents receive intensive treatment, skills training, and case management. The ultimate goal is to have prepared participants leave Stepping Forward feeling confident they can live and work in their community, all while maintaining their sobriety.

From Liz Hermann, Program Supervisor:

*There was a client who became an alcoholic after leaving her abusive husband and fled with her children to Indiana. Once here, she had no support and no help to manage her sobriety, from which she was able to control for almost 10 years. She quickly relapsed into her addiction and was pulled over for a DUI. She found herself pregnant and in need of desperate help. She came to Stepping Forward to seek the help she needed. She was able to build a strong recovery community and became a strong presence in the house. Knowing she already had enough stress on her plate, she made the hardest decision: to give up her baby for adoption. I was able to walk her through that process of identifying the family, being with her for the birth, and holding her hand as she walked out of the hospital without the baby she had carried for the last 39 weeks of her life. Additionally, Stepping Forward was able to process the grief with her so she was able to maintain her sobriety through such a major life event. She was able to obtain employment and housing and has now left Stepping Forward. Luckily, she is still a presence in the home through mentoring and eventually sponsorship of future patients.*

The Trinity UCC Family can help in making sure that this home is always available for those who are in need.

**Goal: \$5,000**

**Received to date: \$1,949**  
***Submitted by Susan McGovern***



## The Lounge Series

### Thursday evenings in the Foyer at Trinity UCC

**April 4:** Open the door to Acupuncture, Tui Na, Gua Sha, and other centuries-old Chinese Medicine Techniques through discussion and demonstrations.

*Presented by Dana Weidenbenner, L.Ac., DiplOM, Jasper Acupuncture, LLC.*

**May 2:** Create a happier, more joy-filled life and stronger connections with others by engaging compassion through intent and action.

*Presented by Vanessa F. Hurst, ms Intent and Action*



### From your Property Team ...

In March, we concentrated on projects at the parsonage. The wood floor has been refinished and several rooms painted. We will be having two large and unhealthy trees professionally removed from the back yard this spring.

*Submitted by Ellen Vonderheide, Property Team Liaison*



### News from the Trinity Women's Guild

- Guild will meet in the lounge at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM**, we are hosting Augustana and St. Paul's UCC in Holland.
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>** is the date of the Spring Lincolnland meeting at St. Peter's in Lamar.
- **On June 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will play BINGO with residents at Good Samaritan Home at 2:00 PM.
- The new Guild year will start in **September**.

*Submitted by Judy Hubster*

## April 2019 – Worship Participants

Apr 7	Ushers\Greeter	Media
8:00 am	Carol Rasche, Carol Mundy	Kurt V.
10:15 am	Heather Goodhue, David Hubster, Judy Hubster, Donna Mattingly	Brian M.

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

**Sunday School Offering:** Gavin Uebelhor

**Communion Preparation:** Linda Kahle

**Communion Servers:**

8:00 am Janice Sunderman

10:15 am David Hubster, Heather Goodhue, David Peters, Andrea Hulsman

Apr 14	Ushers\Greeter	Media
8:00 am	Gary & Alene Frank, Janice Sunderman	Kurt V.
10:15 am	John & Linda Kahle, Brian & Janet Meyer	Anna G.

**Media Producer:** John Kahle

**Sunday School Offering:** Hannah Schnarr

Apr 18	Ushers\Greeter	Media
7:00PM	(Worship Team)	Kurt V.

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

Apr 21	Ushers\Greeter	Media
8:00 am	Bill Smart, Brett Astrike	Mark B.
10:15 am	Rod & Jan Kalb, Pamela Catt, Denise Schnell	Mark B.

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave

**Sunday School Offering:** Kaiden Roth

Apr 28	Ushers\Greeter	Media
8:00 am	Connie Schmitt	Kurt V.
10:15 am	John & Linda Kahle, Brian & Janet Meyer	Kurt V.

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

**Sunday School Offering:** Hazel Premuda



## Attendance at Trinity UCC

DATE	WORSHIP	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL	YOUTH	ADULTS
Feb 3	8:00 am	27	97	14	7
	10:15 am	70			
Feb 10	8:00 am	<b>Canceled due to severe weather</b>	0	<b>Canceled</b>	
	10:15 am				
Feb 17	8:00 am	26	86	16	6
	10:15	60			
Feb 24	8:00 am	23	83	16	6
	10:15 am	60			
Mar 3	8:00 am	20	89	18	5
	10:15 am	69			
Mar 10	8:00 am	17	90	12	7
	10:15 am	73			
Mar 17	8:00 am	23	79	13	5
	10:15 am	56			
Mar 24	8:00 am	18	68	8	4
	10:15 am	50			
<b>OTHER LENTEN SERVICES</b>					
Mar 6	7:00 PM	59			
Mar 13	7:00 PM	46			
Mar 24	7:00 PM	41			

## April 2019 – Child Care and Acolytes

Date	Child Care (10:15)	Acolyte
Apr 7	Meghan Premuda / Jack Goodhue	Lilly Hulsman
Apr 14	Dana Schnarr / Laurel Hubster	Kenley Emmons
Apr 21	Melissa Hafele / (No youth)	Harry Hulsman
Apr 28	Selena Vonderheide / Ella Hubster	Mitchell Mauck

## March 2019 Council Highlights . . .

Council Highlights for March 2019:

- Council set a date for Severe Weather Drill for Sunday, April 7 for all activities
- Approved to offer scholarships for first-year college students; we have four students who will graduate this year
- Approved removal of two trees at the parsonage
- Approved camper scholarships for the summer camp season

Council is working on improving how things are done at the church. There are many items behind the scenes that happen here at our church. Our Pastor spends a lot of time on logistics and coordinating tasks beyond our weekly worship. These tasks vary from folks using our building to making sure the rooms have the correct amount of tables and chairs. So it is the intent of the council to lessen this burden on our Pastor.

In the next month or so, you may hear the calls for new opportunities to serve. Currently, the Council would like to look at folks to serve on the following teams:

### Church Office Coverage Team

- Plan is to divide out the tasks and responsibilities in the office; some can be done outside the office.

### Sabbatical Team

- This team will help the congregation prepare the church for when our Pastor goes on sabbatical next year.

### Technology Team

- This team will work through the needs of the office and our church in regards to technology.

Please consider and pray about serving on one of these teams. All of these teams will meet as needed. Together, we can make great things happen!

***Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council Vice President***



## GHI . . . Circle Drive Update!

Improving weather has allowed work to pick back up on finishing this project. Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the first time you can drive on the new lot. Not everything is finished; hopefully when you are reading this article, everything will be done – with the exception of the light posts. Corbel braces were installed on the canopy on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, with painting of the canopy to follow. Our contractors were working with subcontractor to finish the lighting and the landscaping

*Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Circle Drive Project Manager*

### Office Upgrade – Computers

Faster, faster, well that is what will be happening to our church’s office computers in the next coming weeks! Currently, we are going through some computer upgrades in the office. The new memory chips will allow the computers to run faster. Wider monitor screens and some new software will allow easier publishing of bulletins and newsletters.

In February, our external drive failed and was fixed with used parts. We have been told the unit we have is now obsolete. It was decided to install two new external drives to allow files to be shared and to allow for secondary backup for all the church’s records to be located in separate locations.

*Submitted by Mark Blackgrave*

**Attention High School Graduates:** Please email Pastor Jane your future plans following graduation. You will be recognized at the 10:15 am service on May 12<sup>th</sup>. A reception in your honor will follow.

### Reception for Trinity Graduates

The Parish Life Team is hosting a reception to honor Trinity graduates on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:15 worship service. Light refreshments of cake and fruit will be served. Please come help us celebrate.

**Attention College Graduates:** Please email Pastor Jane where you are graduating from, your degree, and your future plans. Information will be included in the May 12th bulletin.

## Annual Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Kids’ Fest

*Dubois County – Please join us for this absolutely FREE event!*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 24, 2019

**WHERE:** Jaycee Park, 1411 Bartley Street, Jasper

**TIME:** 5 – 7 PM EST

Come join us for **FREE** food, games, raffle items, goodie bags, Stat Flight helicopter, fire truck, ambulance, police vehicles, Safety Sam, dunking booth, face painting, balloon art, and much, much more. New this year – “**Booster Bash**” – every child between the ages of 4-9 will receive a **FREE** booster seat and installation!

### How can you help prevent abuse and neglect?

- If you suspect abuse or neglect, please call the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-800-5556.
- Reach out to parents that you know and offer a hand or emotional support.
- Volunteer time to programs that help parents.
- Let all of the children in your life know that they can depend on you.
- Advocate for community services to help families.
- Report suspected child abuse or neglect.
- Consider becoming a foster parent.

**Child Support Hotline: 800-840-8757**

**Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 800-800-5556**

**Website:** [www.in.gov/dcs](http://www.in.gov/dcs)