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Pastor Jane Hillman
Church Administrator, Mickie Emmons

Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2020

Sunday Morning at Trinity UCC - Jasper

8:00 am **Morning Worship** (1st Sunday – Altar Communion)

9:00 am **Sunday School** (Ages 3 through High School)

Preschool - 6 grade classes meet in sanctuary for the Bible lesson, followed by classroom activities.

10:15 am **Morning Worship** (1st Sunday – Pew Communion)

Special Worship Services

Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 PM on February 26 (Communion and Ashes)

Mid-week Lenten Services @ 7:00 PM beginning March 4 (In Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 PM on April 9 (Communion in Parish Hall)

Good Friday Service @ 6:30 PM on April 10 (In Sanctuary)

Easter Morning Worship @ 8:00 am & 10:15 am on April 12

Music Ministry Gather & Sing Choir: (Practice at 9:45 am on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, sing at 10:15)
Special Music: 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 10:15 am worship (Children sing monthly.)

Children's Ministry

Winter Event: Saturday, January 18, 2020 @ 2-3 PM. Painting at Studio H in Jasper.

Vacation Bible School 2020: **June 29 – July 2** from 8:00 – 11:00 am **The Community is invited!**

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry:

Confirmation: (Two year program of Bible study and Faith development – begins at 6th grade)
New class begins in September 2020.

Sunday morning Youth Breakfast & Conversation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 9:00 am.

Circle of Concern: Friday mornings at 6:45 am. (Sr. High youth meet during school year.)

Mission Outreach: Support of local, national, and global missions & disaster relief.

Trinity Tree House Preschool: 2 day class for 3 year olds; 3 day class for 4 year olds.

Women's Guild: 1st Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 PM (Sept. – Dec., Feb. –May)
Christian Service & Fellowship at home, at church and in the community.

Good Fun, Fellowship and Food

Soup and Dessert Luncheon: **March 1** (following late worship)

Easter Breakfast: **April 12** (9 am in Parish Hall)

Easter Egg Hunt: **Easter Sunday - April 12** (following late worship)

Vacation Bible School Kick-off Reception: **June 28** (following late worship)

Back to School Lunch: **August 9** (following late worship)

Christian Education Celebration Lunch: **September 27** (following late worship)

Trinity Chimes

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Worship Calendar & Worship Participants — January 2019

January 5

Focus: "If You Choose"
Bible Lesson: Mark 1: 35-45
Acolyte: Ushers
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Media Producer: John Kahle
Communion Prep: John & Janis Schnarr

8 am Worship Details

Bible Reader: Mary Ann Weisheit
Media Technician: Kurt Vonderheide
Ushers: Ann & Jeff Berg
Communion Server: Mary Ann Weisheit

10:15 am Worship Details

Communion Song: Gather & Sing Choir
Bible Reader: Fred Robberts
Time with Young Disciples: Audra Jahn
Sunday School Offering: Hannah Schnarr
Media Technician: Brian Meyer
Ushers: Adam & Kari Roth, Karsen & Kaiden Roth, John & Janis Schnarr, Greg Schnarr, Addie, Hannah & Corbin Schnarr
Childcare: Ella Hubster
Communion Servers: John & Janis Schnarr, Greg Schnarr, Kari Roth

January 12

Focus: "Fellowship of the Mat"
Bible Lesson: Mark 2: 1-12
Acolyte: Ushers
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

8 am Worship Details

Bible Reader: Bill Small
Media Technician: Adam Roth
Ushers: Angie & Rick Hobson

10:15 am Worship Details

Bible Reader: Fred Robberts
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Sunday School Offering: Lillie Campbell
Media Technician: Anna Grant
Ushers: Larry LaGrange, Dan Sergesketter, Fred Robberts, Mike & Angie Heck
Childcare: Lilly Hulsman

Sunday Calendar

January 5

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9 am
Gather & Sing @ 9:45 am

January 12

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9 am
Youth Breakfast @ 9 am
Men's Fellowship @ 9 am

January 19

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9 am
Gather & Sing @ 9:45 am

Martin Luther King Community Service

5:30 PM Banner Making Activity
6-7 PM Community Meal
7 PM Service

January 26

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9 am
Youth Breakfast @ 9 am

January Monthly Calendar

W 1 Office Closed
Th 2 Youth Event (7th-12th) @ 6-8 PM
S 4 Parish Hall unavailable Noon-5 PM
M 6 Newsletter & Annual Report Information Due
Property Team @ 6:30 PM
Christian Education Team @ 5:30 PM
M 13 7 PM Church Council
Survivors of Suicide @ 7 PM
T 14 Trinity Tree House Registration Begins
W 15 UCC Clergy at Lamar @ 10:30 am
S 18 Kids Winter Event @ 2—3 PM
T 21 Sunset Extension @ 6:30 PM
W 22 Council & Pastoral Relations @ 6 PM
Th 23 Assemble & Mail Newsletter @ 9 am
W 29 Pastoral Relations Team @ 7 PM

January Weekly Calendar

Trinity Tree House Preschool
3 day class **M-W-F** & 2 day class **Tu - Th**

Music Together—Begins Monday, Jan. 20
M 9 am **T** 6 PM **S** 9 am

Weight Watchers
M 5:30 PM

Tri State Wellness Tai Chi Class
TH 6:00 PM

Circle of Concern
F 6:45 am

Anglican Church Service
S 5 PM Chapel/Lounge

Office Hours

Tu-W-Th 8 am to 3 PM

Council Packet Info Due

M Jan. 6

Newsletter Info Due

M Jan. 6

Pastor Sabbath

Th Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

Office Closed the Following days:

Dec. 24 & 25 Jan. 1

January 19

Focus: "Sower, Seed, Ground"
Bible Lesson: Mark 4: 1-9
Acolyte: Ushers
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide

8 am Worship Details

Bible Reader: Ellen Vonderheide
Media Technician: Kurt Vonderheide
Ushers: Bill Small, Bret Astrike

10:15 am Worship Details

Choral Message: Gather & Sing
Bible Reader: Dean Vonderheide
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Sunday School Offering: Jace Hafele
Media Technician: Adam Roth
Ushers: Kevin & Melissa Blackgrave, John & Susan McGovren
Childcare: Hadley Rumbach

January 26

Focus: "See what Jesus Has Done for Us"
Bible Lesson: Mark 5: 1-20
Acolyte: Ushers
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

8 am Worship Details

Bible Reader: Doug Bawel
Media Technician: Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: Mary Ann Weisheit, Connie Schmitt

10:15 am Worship Details

Bible Reader: Adam Roth
Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue
Sunday School Offering: Parker Jahn
Media Technician: Brian Meyer
Ushers: Donna Mattingly, Nolan Jahn, Parker Jahn, Anna Grant, Jane Neukam
Childcare: Maggie Hubster

Later after the angels, after the stable, after the Child, they went back... as we always must,
back to the world that doesn't understand our talk of angels and stars and especially not the Child.

We go back complaining that it doesn't last. They went back singing praise to God!

We do have to go back, but we can still sing the alleluias!

From Kneeling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems

I am writing this while the animals are gathering in the manger in Bethlehem and Christmas is fast approaching. My heart is filled with the many blessings of love. I am grateful for the cards, notes and tokens of love that have blessed my desk, home and heart; thank you for thinking of me. May God bless each of you who shared your talents, a moment of your time or your resources. Your gifts have helped a world hear an "alleluia" above the noise of pain, grief, and despair.

As a new year dawns, each of us is given the task of not letting go of the true gift of Christmas. We are called to continue to sing with the angels that Christ is born among us. Life can be different for those of us that live each day with an "alleluia" in our hearts. Even in the midst of world changing events, we have the promised joy of God. We have been baptized to work towards peace where there is hostility.

May God bless each of us in this coming new year with wisdom and courage to live out our Christian calling so that the angel's song will not be hushed by hopelessness. May the peace of God continue to be our guiding star.

Blessing to you and your families! Love – Pastor Jane



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!**

Special Note: The only way the Pastor knows if you or a loved one is in the hospital is if you call her directly. The sharing of information can be private or public, as you desire.

Would you like Pastor to 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 who have been excellent communicators in the past; our ministry together has been a blessing.

A worship reminder: The cold and flu season is upon us!

Feel free to pass the Peace with words only.

For the departing song – feel free to stand next to one another without holding hands.

Pastor Jane will shake all those hands extended to her; feel free to greet with words only.

May God bless us with good health and a faithful spirit.

♥ What a joy to have **25 children & youth lead worship on December 8!**

♥ **What a wonderful Christmas Reception following worship on December 8;** a special thank you to the **Women's Guild** and all who provided a table of goodies.

♥ What a joy to see **30 poinsettias** adorning the sanctuary.

♥ **Advent appeared** with the glory of royal blue and the promise of hope, grace, joy and love. **Thanks to all who helped!**

♥ **Cookies, cookies, and more cookies...** Thank you for all who purchased on Saturday and Sunday.

♥ **Let us share God's love! Eleven shoppers** helped parents select clothing for **20 families** which included **48 kids;** this is a record number! The cost for this mission was **\$3,103.13.** Two families received a special Christmas, sponsored by Gifts to the Christ Child. Plus, we celebrate **helping 27 households with our outreach assistance** funds from the interest off of the Edna Joseph Trust in 2019.

> **Please join me in thanking** those going off Council (**Fred Robberts, Andrea Hulsman, & Jan Kalb**) for their dedication and leadership this past year. I am also appreciative of all those who have served on various teams and now are moving to other ministries; **thank you for sharing your time and talents with Trinity Church.**

> Consider sponsoring **a bulletin cover** or providing **altar flowers in honor or memory of someone.** Particularly, we are looking for sponsors for **Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Children's Christmas Worship, and Christmas Eve.** **A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the foyer.** Please see Pastor Jane, if you are interested.



In Loving Memory of Richard Brinkman

March 5, 1941... December 10, 2019

Let us give God thanks for the 78 years of life appointed to a beloved son, Richard Joseph Brinkman, Born on March 5, 1941. Rich, the youngest of three children, was born to Leo Joseph and Anna Marie (Bencken) Brinkman. On the wings of his deep and abiding faith, he was gently welcomed into the glory of the heavens on Tuesday morning, December 10, 2019. He is now reunited with his parents and his daughter-in-law, Bridget. We pray for God's comfort to be upon his surviving brother, Jerome, his sister, Florence and their families.

We are thankful for the 56 years of marriage Rich shared with his beloved wife, Ruth, whom he married on September 7, 1963. Rich delighted in flying Ruth to Kentucky for lunch and bringing her bouquets of red roses. They enjoyed a life filled with the blessings of family and friends. Rich's love for Ruth and the family will live on in their hearts.

The love that Rich and Ruth shared gave birth to five children: Christine, Cynthia, Catherine, Chad and Curt. The family grew with the addition of sons-in-law, Daniel and John. Rich and Ruth were also blessed with 14 grandchildren: Joshua, Justin, Jennifer, Juel, Kolton, Faith, Amber, Holly, David, Caitlyn, Jace, Mariah, Leah and Arah. The family also includes 9 great-grandchildren with two on the way. The family shares wonderful childhood memories filled with the sweet smell of donuts made by Rich. They are thankful for the strong roots and wings given by their parents.

Following graduation from Jasper High School, Rich worked as an iron worker on various projects around the United States including the St. Louis Arch, the Rockport power plant and several school buildings in the area. He obtained his pilot's license which he used for his personal enjoyment. Rich was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, the Iron Worker Local Union #103 out of Evansville and the Jasper Outdoor Recreation.

He loved the land upon which he built his home, raised his family, enjoyed horseback riding and working in his garden. We celebrate Rich's strong work ethic, spontaneous spirit and his love of family and friends. As long as we live, he too shall live, as we remember him in love.



In Loving Memory of Curtis H. Meyer

November 14, 1936 ... November 25, 2019

Let us give God thanks for the 83 years of life appointed to a beloved son, Curtis H. Meyer. We give thanks for the ways in which God watched over him these last weeks, saw that the body could not be humanly repaired and in love, gently welcomed Curt into the heavens on Monday, November 25, 2019.

Curt was born November 14, 1936 to Hilbert and Della Meyer. Sadly, his father died when Curt and his older brother, Richard were young. This sorrow would be short lived as he was blessed with a second father, Harold Englert. The family grew to include another brother Don, and sisters Carol, Becky and Moni. We are thankful that Curt is now re-united with his parents, nephew, Kevin Meyer, sister-in-law, Shirley Meyer, and brother-in-law, Mike Gates. Today, we ask for God's blessing of comfort to be upon his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends as they mourn his death.

Curt was a man of faith. He confirmed his faith on September 3, 1950, at the age of 14. He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ. He was a United States Army Veteran stationed in Germany. Curt worked in the wood industry all his life; he retired from Kimball International where he worked for many years as an engineer.

Curt loved to work with his hands crafting a variety of items including his own cane. He had a keen interest in genealogy. Yet, Curt's greatest love was his beloved dog, Lady with whom he is now reunited in heaven.

We celebrate the life of Curtis Meyer who loved his family, pet and friends.



In Loving Memory of Diane Sue Gray

February 5, 1948 ... November 27, 2019

We give thanks to the Lord for the 71 years of life appointed to God's beloved daughter, Diane S. Gray. By God's loving grace, Diane is now resting from her labors, free from all earthly limitations and safely cradled in the loving arms of her Lord. We remember Diane as the only child of Alene & Richard Taber. Our prayers are with her Aunt Carolyn, the extended family and the many friends that mourn her death.

Diane married Edward Gray on August 8, 1970. She became the mother of a son, Butch and a daughter, Dawn. Later, Diane came to know the love of Jamie, Butch's significant other. There are fond memories of family weekend camping trips and horseback riding. Diane was blessed with six grandchildren: Madelyn, Alex, Jordan, Elizabeth, Tori and Abby. She also knew the joy of five great grandchildren Emma & Joseph, Lillian, Isabella & Avah. Diane's home and heart were always open to all who called her Grandma.

Diane was a faithful disciple of the Lord. Diane was baptized in 1948 and confirmed at Trinity UCC on April 15, 1962. Diane was an active member serving on the Church Council as a liaison to the Christian Education Team. Diane worked in the kitchen during VBS, brought ham roll-ups at the request of the kids and help set-up for Sunday School. As an active member of the Women's Guild, she was the Life Issue Chairperson, giving interesting book reviews. She was at all the Guild functions including bringing cookies for the Cookie Walk.

Diane graduated from Jasper High School in 1966. She retired after 17 years as a rural mail carrier for the US Postal Service in Dale, Indiana. She also logged many miles in her 20 plus years as a school bus driver for the Pike County School Corporation. Diane was involved in the Relay for Life and the exercise group at the Zone. Diane enjoyed her home in the woods; she always had a few cats and a German Shepherd dog around the place. She had a love of horseback riding and enjoyed breeding horses and mules.

We celebrate the life of Diane Gray which centered on Faith and Family. Her strong faith and courageous spirit served her well in life and brought her peace on the journey to God

As long as we live, they too shall live for they are a part of us, as we remember them.



- Jack Astrike:** Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living
400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)
- Norma Blackgrave:** St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 305, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546
- Eloise Breidenbaugh:** Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. # 511, 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546
- Ruth Brinkman:** 5876 N US Hwy. 231, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-695-2053)
- Nina French:** Northwood Retirement Community, Rm # 305, 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546
- Mariemma Huebner:** Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living
400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 23, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7945)
- Marge Kalb:** Scenic Hills at the Monastery, Rm. # 306-A 710 Sunrise Drive, Ferdinand, IN 47532
- Carrie Loveall:** 855 Missouri Street, Apt. # 17, Ferdinand, IN 47532 (812-998-2010)
- Rich Meyer:** The Legacy, Rm. # 301, 1850 IN-56, Jasper, IN 47546
- Violet Ruckriegel:** 1308 Vine Street, Apt. # 118, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-827-6986)
- Marge Schneider:** Life's Journey of Avon, 10241 E County Road 100 N, Indianapolis, IN 46234. (Hospice care)
- Carolyn Snyder:** St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 401, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546
- Jason Stockburger:** The Timbers, Rm. # 316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546

Living with cancer: Hugh M., Pete R., Alene F.

Within the Fellowship



Our Sympathies to:

- The Family of Curtis Meyer** who died on **November 25, 2019.**
- The Family of Diane Gray** who died on **November 27, 2019.**
- The Family of Richard Brinkman** who died on **December 10, 2019.**
- To Mariemma Huebner** whose daughter, **Pat Detzer**, died on **December 18, 2019.**



Welcome New Member: **Tim Hafele** was received as a new member on **December 15** by a letter of transfer. Tim is the parent of two adult children, Emily and Phil. He is the grandparent of Jace, Jera, and Jema Hafele.

Welcome New Baby: **Rylee Ann Blackgrave** born on **December 12, 2019.**

Daughter of Sarah and Josh Blackgrave. Grandparents are Kevin and Melissa Blackgrave.
Great Grandma is Norma Blackgrave.

Upper Room Devotionals – January / February 2020 ... Don't forget to pick up your large or small print books.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School 2020 - "Following God's Recipe for Life"

Preschool – 6 This group will gather in the sanctuary for music & the Bible Story before heading upstairs for crafts and activities. Those with young children should pick them up from room # 203 at 9:55 am.

Offering Goal: Thank you for bringing offering in 2019; we met our budget goal. Please continue to support the Christian Education Ministries with your gifts.

Looking ahead: January 26 Kids will sing at 10:15 am
February 23 Kids will sing at 10:15 am

Kid's painting party - Saturday, January 18th!

All Sunday school kids up to the 6th grade and those involved in "Cooking with Jesus" are invited to be a young artist for a day. Please arrive by **2 PM** to **Studio H** located on the square in downtown Jasper. We should be **finished by 3:15 PM**. Studio fees for kids will be provided by the Church. Parents are welcome to join to assist their young artist.

Please RSVP to Greg Schnarr or Audra Jahn by January 6th.

Greg Schnarr 812-630-8744 Audra Jahn 812-630-3526

Youth Ministry

Youth Winter Party – January 2, 2020

Greg and Dana Schnarr have graciously offered their basement **game room** for an evening of **FOOD & FUN!**

Who: 7th – 12th Grade Trinity Youth & Friends!

Location: Home of Greg & Dana Schnarr **909 W. 13th Street** in Jasper

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Bring: **Friends** (with permission slips), **snack** to share and favorite **drink**. **PIZZA will be provided!**

Blank permission slips are available in the tray by the elevator; please **return** your **completed** form to the tray or email them to **Pastor Jane by January 2, 2020**.

Breakfast with Youth (7th -12th) ...

David and Greg would **LOVE** to have breakfast with you on **January 12 & 26 and February 9 & 23**.

Come and enjoy conversation and FOOD!

Sunday School ... resumes January 5

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

9:25 am Dismissed to Classroom.

9:55 am Younger children may be picked up in their classrooms.

Council Highlights for December 2019

- Welcomed Mary Ann Weisheit and Brian Ferrell to the council and said good bye to Andrea Hulsman, Jan Kalb and Fred Robberts.
- Decided to contract out the opening of the church, for each worship service.
- Finished up the details for Annual Meeting on February 2 to include a Pot Lunch hosted by Parish Life with the meeting starting at 12 noon.
- Reappointed Susan McGovren and John Schnarr as financial administrator for the church business.
- Approved three corporate gifts of money we have received go toward Clothe the Children project.

In December of each year council reorganizes. As your incoming president for 2020, I am very happy that our new council for 2020 volunteered to fill all the liaison positions for next year. Our revised constitution allows the council to be made up of 5 to 9 members. This year is was decided to have a 7 members council and everyone stepped forward to make this work for our Church. God Bless!

Trinity's 2020 Council

President	Mark Blackgrave	Christian Ed	Kari Roth
Vice President	Pamela Catt	Parish Life	Mary Ann Weisheit
Secretary	Kari Roth	Property	Ellen Vonderheide
Treasurer	John Kahle	Outreach	Brian Ferrell
Financial Secretary	Kari Roth	Worship	Pamela Catt

We all need thank **Andrea Hulsman, Jan Kalb and Fred Robberts** on completing their 3 year terms, thank you!

Mark Blackgrave, 2020 Church Council President

Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday February 2



Trinity Women's Guild

Donations for Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWICACC)



During the months of January and February, the Women's Guild is sponsoring a collection of items to benefit the Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWICACC). What is a child advocacy center? Child Advocacy Centers are child-focused centers that coordinate the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child abuse while helping abused children heal. There are four locations (Jasper, Milltown, Troy, and Washington) in Southwestern Indiana that serve seven counties. These locations are designed to create a sense of safety and security for the children.

The following items are needed:

- coloring books
- crayons
- pens
- Post-it notes
- Chalk
- washable markers
- disinfectant wipes
- toilet tissue
- kitchen trash bags, 13 gal.
- yellow 8 1/2 x 11 notepads
- reams of paper
- bottled water
- individually wrapped snacks (peanut free)

Men's Fellowship 2020

Men's Fellowship meets **Sundays at 9 am in the lounge.**

The 2020 meeting dates are **Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 5, May 17.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Worship Team Highlights

New usher schedules are being developed and will be distributed during church services in Jan. We thank Linda Kahle for handling this for 2020. Similarly new communion prep schedules are being developed by Janis Schnarr.

The team was happy to note that 30 poinsettia plants were ordered for our sanctuary. The list of flower donations is on page 13.

Christmas/Advent decorations, including the large tree in the foyer, were completed in an hour thanks to the many volunteers who helped. We are grateful to everyone who assists in setting up and taking down the decorations on **January 5 at 11:30 am.**

MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

GIFT TO THE CHRIST CHILD . . .

You helped make Christmas merrier for **two families** through our Gift to the Christ Child project. Thanks to your generosity, we purchased nearly **40 gifts for the kids** and bought many **gift cards for both families.** You are amazing in your caring and sharing. *Thank you!!!*



Clothe the Children Mission



We **outfitted 48 children (a record high)** through our Clothe the Children Project. Early Sunday morning on November 24, eleven Trinity shoppers gathered at Walmart and assisted parents or grandparents in selecting warm winter clothes and shoes for their kids. We spent a total of **\$3,103.13.** Thanks to all who helped by donating money which allowed us to pay this bill and for assistance with shopping. Also thanks to **Heather Goodhue** and **Melanie Krueger** who helped to identify children in need through the elementary schools.

Thank you for contributions to this worthwhile mission!

Food Bank Sunday, January 5!

Please place your donations of **breakfast bars** in the baskets in front of altar for dedication. Throughout the remaining weeks, your donations of **breakfast bars** may be placed in the **plastic tubs in the foyer.** All contributions will go to the Jasper Community Food Bank. In **December** we collected **25 cans of soup.**

In February we will collect **pasta & spaghetti sauce !**



COLLEGE GIFT CARDS . . .

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the very generous gift cards. They will greatly come in handy.

Love, Sydney Peters

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the DQ gift card. It was very helpful for when the cafeteria was serving something I didn't like, like fish or pot pie; or literally anything other than chicken or pizza.

Thanks again, Jack Goodhue

2020 Mission Calendar

- Initial Envelope
- Loose Offering Goal
- Sunday School Offering
- Maintenance contributions

\$5 helps cover the cost of the envelopes.
\$1 per household each Sunday!
 Help your children become good stewards!
 Help fund the non-budget repair costs.

Outreach Opportunities

January		
February	Blankets of Love	\$ 400
March	Lent – Lenten Project	\$5,000
	VBS Soup & Dessert Lunch	\$ 800
April	Lent – Lenten Project	\$5,000
May	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 400
June	VBS Mission Project	\$ 800
July	Christmas in July	\$1,000
August		
September	College Gift Cards	\$ 120
October	Neighbors in Need	\$ 400
November	Clothe the Children	\$3,000
December	Gift to the Christ Child	Gifts / Gift cards

Goal

Food Bank Donations

Breakfast Snack Bars
Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
Hamburger & Tuna Helper
Canned Vegetables
Canned Chicken, Tuna, Salmon
Boxed Mac & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Cereal
Beans
Boxed Dressing Mix
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Soup

2019 Statement of Giving Record



When you receive your 2019 Statement of Giving Record, there will be an additional piece of paper included. If you turned in a **“Promise or Pledge Card for 2020,”** it will be returned back to you.

Your statements will be available at the entrance of the church beginning **January**

We thank you for your generosity in 2019 and for your commitment in 2020.

Up in the Tree House . . .

Trinity Tree House is experimenting with a **new idea that we’d like to share with you!**

Many parents celebrate their child’s birthday with a new toy or book given to Trinity Tree House. This sparked our idea to put a **“Wish List”** together at **Just a Trace** for educational toys and games. This “list” is merely suggestions to help our curriculum and enhance the student’s learning experience. So if you find yourself at **Just a Trace**, please think of Trinity Tree House and the joy you would bring to our students.



The staff and students hope that everyone had a Blessed Christmas and Peace in this New Year!

Reminders: Students return to class on Monday, January 6, 2020 and

Early registration begins January 14.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director



Thank You



Congregation of Trinity UCC,

Thank you for everything you do to spread the Merom Spirit. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Without your help, we wouldn’t be here and I really appreciate all of your support.

MCRC Board Member, Robin Beidelman

“May Christmas bring the season’s best gifts to your door...joy and laughter, warmth and wonder, family and friends.” Copied from Hallmark Christmas Card sent to congregation from Margie.]

Thankful for the cards and phone calls - MISS YOU - and THIRD PEW - had communion from Pastor Richard at Life’s Journey. These are wonderful people and I’m close to kids. Pray for me.
Margie Schneider

Community Service . . . Sunday, January 19, 2020

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and his Legacy

Trinity United Church of Christ and One Dubois County are honored to host a Community Service honoring **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy.** Please join us on **Sunday, January 19,** as we pay tribute to Dr. King through art, readings and music. We are thrilled that the **Celebration Singers will be singing hymns for the service.**

Before and during the service, we will be creating a community banner focusing on the tenets of Dr. King’s teachings of peace, love and action.

We will also be sharing a community meal before the service. Here is the order of events:

5:30 PM banner making activity

6:00-7 PM community meal

7:00 PM service

Please join us as we celebrate Dr. King and his dream . . .

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.”



Thank you to the choir members for singing in **December.** You certainly added special meaning to the worship services. THANK YOU also to the choir chimers for playing on Christmas Eve. Members were Jace Goodhue, Jack Goodhue, Ella Hubster, Maggie Hubster, Laurel Hubster, Lilly Hulsman, and Harry Hulsman.

Thank you to our violinists, Mira Vonderheide and Addie Schnarr, for their beautiful music. I also appreciate MaryAnn Weisheit who plays for the services in which I’m not able to be present.

The Children’s Worship on December 8 was great. Thank you to all who sang so well!!!

Looking ahead to January, we will “Gather and Sing” on **Jan 5th and 19th.**

Sarah Sergesketter

Annual Reports are due no later than January 6.

You can send them earlier!

Reports should highlight your ministry in 2019 and give a sneak preview of the joys and challenges coming our way in 2020.

Financial Reports: Submit them as soon as you have reconciled with the bank.

Thanks to all for your cooperation in preparing and submitting your reports in a timely manner.



Happy Birthday

January

Sandy Ferrell	2
Brady Hobson	3
Melissa Hafele	4
Rachael Lindauer	4
Connie Schmitt	5
Evon Manz	6
Jennifer Whelen	6
John Bottorff	7
Carrie Loveall	8
Amy Schenetzke	8
Jeriamie Campbell	10
Philip Hafele	10
Arah Brinkman	11
Mariah Brinkman	12
Jeff Adams	13
Alene Frank	15
Lisa Schmidt	15
Curt Brinkman	16
Helen Seemann	18
Gavin Aull	20
Gavin Uebelhor	24
Carol Mundy	25
Kaine Bressette	27
Ronan Bressette	27
Raegan Fleck	27
Kevin Blackgrave	28
Carol Ellis	28
Emily Matheis	28
Hazel Premuda	28
Hailey Knebel	30
Leah Brinkman	30

Happy Anniversary

January Years

Ray & Mary Ann Bawel	2	66
George & Evon Manz	6	30
Rich & Sonia Klem	9	38

Attendance at Trinity United Church of Christ

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
Dec 1	8:00 am	31	91
	10:15 am	60	
Dec 8	8:00 am	21	114
	10:15 am	93	
Dec 15	8:00 am	27	85
	10:15 am	58	

Sunday School Attendance

Date	Youth	Adult	Total
Dec 1	12	6	18
Dec 8	16	4	20
Dec 15	8	3	11



POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of

Edna & Fred Bawel
Loved Ones
Jorene Brewer
Our Parents
Charlie & Nancy Eichmiller
Dave Hubster, Ilene & Johnny Goodhue
Doris & Herschel Heowener
Huffy & Hazel Hoffman, Jim Ellis, Debbie Paul
Ed & Rose Kahle & Don Byrne
Chad Mehling
Mae Metzger
Bob Schroeder
Mary Alice & Hillary Seng
Woody Troxler
Carl & Evelyn Witte

Given By

*Doug Bawel & Suellen Seng
Bawel Family
Jerry Brewer
Randy & Pamela Catt
The Family
The Goodhue Family
Mike & Angie Heck
Carol Ellis
Family
Mike & Linda Mehling
Connie Schmitt
Mary Ann Schroeder
Suellen Seng & Doug Bawel
Linda Troxler
Suellen Seng & Doug Bawel*

In Celebration of:

Our Family
Our Family
Jonah Kahle & Jack Mattingly
John & Linda Kahle's 35th Wedding Anniversary
Our Family & Friends
Reagan, Nora & Ruby
My Children & Grandchildren
Trinity UCC & Our Family
Family, Friends & Grandchildren
Our Church Family
My Family
Family & Friends
My Family

Given By:

*Randy & Pamela Catt
Gary & Alene Frank
John & Linda Kahle
Family
Rod & Jan Kalb
John & Susan McGovren
Carol J. Neukam
Lisa & Phil Schmidt
John & Janis Schnarr
Dan & Sarah Sergesketter
Janice Sunderman
Dean & Ellen Vonderheide
Mary Ann Weisheit*