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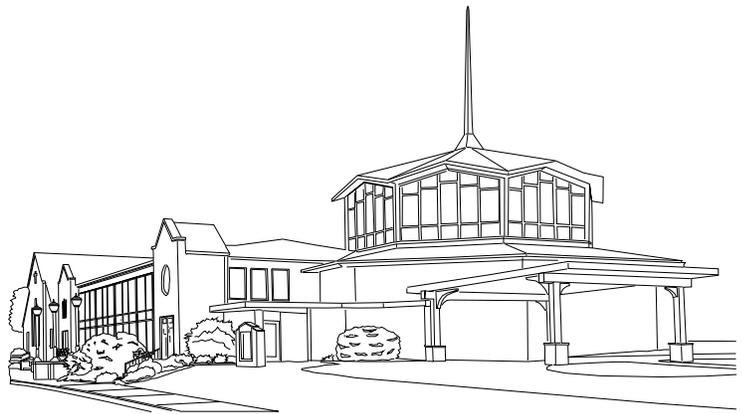


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Sunday Calendar

April 5
No Services

April 12
No Services

April 19
TBD
Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @9 am
Gather & Sing @ 9:45 am
Tornado Drill at both services

April 26
TBD
Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Youth Breakfast @ 9 am

April Monthly Calendar

Church activities are suspended
until April 18.

Periodic updates on church
activities will be given.

April Weekly Calendar

Office Hours — Closed to Public

Tu-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Packet Info Due

Tu Apr. 1

Newsletter Info Due

W Apr. 8

Activities Suspended until April 18

Trinity Tree House Preschool

M-W-F 3 day class & Tu - Th 2 day class

(Classes follow school schedule)

Weight Watchers

M 5:30 pm (Closed until further notice)

Tri State Wellness

T 6:30 pm (Closed until further notice)

Circle of Concern

F 6:45 am (Meetings follow school schedule)

PJ's Ponderings...

April 2020

*"Waken, lilies Easter-white, Rise you purple clover, Dogwoods blossomed in the night,
Wintertime is over. Roses, throw your thorns away, Death forever sever. In the victory of Christ,
We will love forever."*

Life is truly a mystery; we can never be certain exactly what will be the blessing of each day. Here we are experiencing early spring, with Easter just around the corner. The daffodils have already peeked their heads from the frosty ground and the forsythia fill our vision with brilliant yellow. Yet, in some places snow is still a good possibility.

Yes life is a mystery filled with new surprises every day. It is in the midst of this mystery that we live our faith. Proclaiming faith, in something that can be seen, is easy. Yet, faith in that which cannot be seen or proven, is something quite different. The disciples that saw the risen Christ were able to declare the Lord's resurrection. However, Thomas, who had not seen the nail marks, was not so easily convinced. He wanted proof that the Lord had risen. He wanted to be sure before he passed along the story.

Are we any different from Thomas? Don't we want proof of God's presence? Don't we want all the details about how our lives will unfold in the days ahead? Surely, it would be easier to be a Christian IF a detailed road map came with our baptism certificate.

The truth of the matter is that with our baptism comes only a mystery. We are a part of a great adventure that will take us to the grandeur of the mountaintops and the depth of the valleys. Yet, we shall not fear as those who do not believe. We are a resurrection people. We know for certain that we belong to God in life and in death. Yes, the "when" and "how" of life is a mystery; but the "what" of life is perfectly clear. We are children of God made new through God's gift of life everlasting.

As you and those you love journey toward Jerusalem, I pray that your fears might be soothed by the loving grace of Jesus Christ. In the days ahead, may each of us find the strength to face life challenges. May we find courage to live surrounded by the mysteries of life, knowing that we are under the watchful care of God. May each of you be blessed with the blooming of the Easter joy within your hearts.

~ Blessings, Pastor Jane

PASTOR SABBATICAL – COVID 19 VIRUS – COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL

Council held a conference call on Monday 23 at 7 PM via “GoToMeeting” computer software. One topic to discuss was an email from Pastor Jane regarding cancelling her sabbatical. However, there was no discussion, as Pastor Jane after careful consideration, decided to cancel her sabbatical. Her decision is directly related to Corvid 19 Virus restrictions and shutdown that we are all facing. The council accepted her decision.

The summer of 2021 was briefly discussed as a possible reschedule of Pastor Jane’s sabbatical, but nothing was approved.

Mark Blackgrave was instructed to notify the IKUCC Conference regarding the Call Paper we signed with Rev. Karen Fraser Moore as our Interim Sabbatical Pastor. During the call with the Conference office, Mark was given some advice and guidance for his conversation with Rev. Karen Fraser Moore.

Rev. Karen Fraser Moore was very understanding and gracious when we asked her to rescind the Call Papers we had signed with her. She agreed to rescind them.

Also, as a note, the church hasn’t spent any money on the sabbatical.

Two additional items were discussed on the March 23 conference call.

How we can stay connected as a church.

March 23 WITZ contacted us offering free airtime **Sunday morning at 9:30 am** as a public service during the Covid-19 crisis. We agreed to have Pastor Jane record a 15 minute message for Sunday, March 29. Please turn your radio to WITZ Sunday morning to listen to Pastor Jane’s inspiring message.

This public service from WITZ will stay active as long as our church is shut down.

Timely communication regarding shutdown requirements.

Council also decided that every two weeks they will discuss and evaluate the shutdown situation and how we may need to make adjustments. Look for an announcement the week of April 5, to be advised whether our current shutdown will be extended beyond April 18th.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Church Council

Worship Calendar — April 2020



April 5
Palm Sunday

Focus: Mark 11: 1-11
“The Lord Has Need of It”

You will receive the Bible Lesson
and Message
with your April Newsletter.

April 12
EASTER

Focus: John 20: 1-18
“The Promise of Resurrection”

You will receive the Bible Lesson
and Message
with your April Newsletter

April 19

Focus: John 20: 19-31
“Doors and Doubts”

April 26

Focus: Luke 24: 13-25
“Recognizing Jesus in Our Midst”



- 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. # 205, 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)*
- 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)*
- 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 6234.*
- Carolyn Snyder:** *St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 105, 3150 St. Charles Street,
Jasper, IN 47546*
- Jason Stockburger:** *The Timbers, Rm. # 316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546*

***Living with cancer:* Hugh Mattingly, Pete Rasche, Alene Frank**

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

- * **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 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. Thank you to Mary Ann Weisheit for playing piano. We also thank Mary Ann Schroeder, Connie Schmitt, and Jenny LaGrange for participating in the service.



Need to share a joy or concern, talk with Pastor Jane?

She can be reached at: 812-631-1147

Wednesday Lenten Worship

A.N.G.E.L.S.

Always Near; Guiding, Entertaining, Loving, Saving

ALL SERVICES CANCELLED



*Maundy
Thursday*

SERVICE CANCELLED

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE CANCELLED



*Good
Friday
Service*



PALM CROSS WORKSHOP CANCELLED



*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*
Lent 24.6

EASTER SERVICE & BREAKFAST CANCELLED

EASTER EGG HUNT CANCELLED



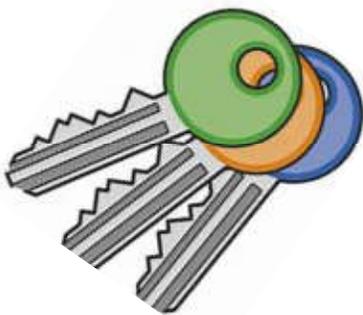
Easter Egg Hunt

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

- Approved with corrections the call papers for the Interim Sabbatical Pastor, Rev. Karen Fraser Moore. **Note: this is no longer applicable** - see Sabbatical Covid 19 Virus article.
- Finalized the Sabbatical Plans for Pastor Jane. note: this is no longer applicable see the Covid 19 Virus article
- To improve security decided to ask for all the building keys be exchanged for a four-digit code. (See the article “Calling On All Keys” in this newsletter)
- Approved supporting Summer Camp Program, by participating in the cost by offering to pay half of the camp fees to any Christian Church Camp up to \$200.
- Approved the expenditure up to \$14,000 for roofing repairs; the Property Team continues to seek various solutions from various contractors to fix the roof issues in the chancel area. The money will come from the Maintenance Account funded by the maintenance envelope giving.

Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2020

CALLING ON ALL KEYS...



If you have keys to the building to enter the back-alley door, we ask that you exchange your key for a personal four-digit code (PIN). The keyless access pad is easy to use and allows for additional improvement to our building security.

So, if you have a key to the building and only enter through the back-alley door, council is asking you turn in your key for a four-digit code (PIN).

Drop by the office, it takes only a few minutes for the exchange of your key for your PIN (personal identification code).

*Thank
You*

WORSHIP TEAM . . .

A tornado drill has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19, for both services.

Please note that this date is subject to change as we get additional updates regarding the current COVID-19 virus situation.

Below is a list of the **CHURCH'S SHELTER LOCATIONS:**

- † Worship storage room in the basement
- † The hallway in front of the Worship storage room
- † The Sacristy, for handicap persons

*In our prayers,
Pamela Catt, Worship Team*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION . . .

Since church activities have been cancelled for the present time, the Confirmation 2020-2021 Preview Meeting date has not been scheduled. You will be notified of the future meeting date.

Your Christian Education Team is keeping you in faith and prayer.

MUSIC

Thank you to Connie Schmitt for special music in February and for the Kids' Choir and the Gather & Sing Choir for singing in March.

Due to worship services being suspended until April 18, **the choirs will not sing for Palm Sunday and Easter.**

The Gather & Sing Choir is scheduled to sing on May 31.



Sarah Sergesketter

OUTREACH COMMITTEE . . . Lenten Mission

We are all going through such uncertain and emotion-filled times right now. Imagine being a child who does not have enough adult guidance in your life. **Mentors for Youth**, a local organization dedicated to providing adult mentors for youth in need, may not be fully operating now, but when our times of *social distancing* are over, there will be **more need**. You can help make a difference in a child's life and future by contributing to **Trinity United Church of Christ's Lenten Mission commitment to Mentors for Youth of \$5,000.**

Please send your Lenten offering to

Trinity UCC, Attention: John Schnarr, PO Box 386, Jasper, IN 47547-0386

Jenny LaGrange

TRINITY WOMEN'S GUILD . . .

The Women's Guild will be collecting Bingo prizes for Good Samaritan Nursing home until the end of May. Suggestions include lotions, costume jewelry, individual snack items, small stuffed animals, puzzle books, after shave, socks (men & women).

Date for assembling hygiene kits for CWS is yet to be determined.

Thank you.

Judy Hubster, Co-President Trinity Women's Guild

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2020 . . .

The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be May 17, at 9 am in the lounge.



Food Bank

In these times of uncertainty, you can still help the **Community Food Bank** by saving containers for use by volunteers at the Food Bank. They break down coffee, tea, sugar, cooking oil, laundry detergent, and other products and put them in containers to be distributed to those people getting assistance from the Food Bank.



Containers needed are:

Cool Whip, butter, cottage cheese, and **32 oz. or smaller** Gatorade/Powerade drink bottles. *Thank you.*

Jenny LaGrange



We are on our way **"To Mars and Beyond"** this summer for Vacation Bible School at Trinity United Church of Christ, **June 28-July 3**. Thanks to all of our wonderful church family and friends, we were able to raise \$863 towards our goal of \$800 to fund VBS for 2020. The Vacation Bible School team, along with the youth are getting excited for their journey to Mars and Beyond 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 Kari Roth...2020 VBS Director. Thanks again for all your love and support for the youth on this Journey!

UP IN THE TREE HOUSE . . .

Until further notice, Trinity Treehouse has cancelled all activities. The staff prays that all the children are continuing their studies and look forward to when we are once again in the classroom for learning, friends and fun.



Kate Buchta, Director, Trinity Tree House



TRINITY UCC FORUM

Sandy Ferrell has setup a place on the internet, called "Trinity UCC Forum" this will allow all us to communicate to one another via the internet. Listed below is the website. Follow the instruction to register which allows you to login. <https://trinityjasperucc.proboards.com>

Should you wish to listen to a sermon from the past, go the church website, www.trinityjasperucc.org then go the media tab for audio of the past sermons. You can also check the website for additional information on our response to the COVID-19 virus.

BIBLE LESSONS AND MESSAGES . . .

During this temporary shutdown of the church and worship services, Pastor Jane has been continuing to reach out to you with Sunday worship messages and bible lessons. She will continue to provide home worship materials for you until such time that worship services in church are once again open to all.

Thank you to Pastor Jane for shepherding us through this most unusual time.



2020 CENSUS— EVERYONE COUNTS . . .

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teacher, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

...Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A Complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

(Source: 2020Census.gov) [copied verbatim]

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JANE HILLMAN

Sunday morning, March 29 at 9:30 am

Pastor Jane recorded a fifteen minute message representing Trinity United Church of Christ which will be aired on WITZ radio on Sunday March 29 at 9:30 am.

Please turn your radio to FM 104.7 or AM 99.1 to listen to Pastor Jane's inspiring message.



We are in the process of updating the Church Directory and are in need of your assistance.

Should you have changes in your home phone or mobile phone number, home address or email address within the last couple of years, please let the church office and Pastor Jane know as soon as possible. This ensures that our church membership is accurate and up-to-date.

Thank you !

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?

Many of you are aware of the recent articles about sharing good thoughts and wishes with "chalk." So why not participate. It's a fun family activity that will bring smiles to all.

WELL THEN, "CHALK THE WALK."

Draw or write encouraging messages on your driveway or sidewalk with chalk and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Then, take a walk around the neighborhood and look for messages written by neighbors. You'll be encouraging smiles, laughs and lifting spirits during this stressful time.



You can even change your message everyday!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The following community events held at Trinity Church building **are cancelled until further notice.**

(Listed in alphabetical order)

Holistic Council

Music Together

Philharmonic Club

Survivors of Suicide

The Lounge Series

Tri-State Wellness

Weight Watchers

UCC Clergy Meeting

Wednesday, April 22 @ Jasper

CANCELLED

Lincolnland Association Gathering

Sunday, April 26 @ Augustana UCC, Holland

CANCELLED

Women of Lincolnland

Spring Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, May 12

CANCELLED

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

The following news sources will be notified of any Trinity UCC cancellations as soon as a decision is made:

WITZ 104.7FM and **WBDC 100.9FM** Radio Stations

Dubois County Free Press

Trinity UCC Jasper Indiana Facebook Page

FOR LAUGHS . . .

Thank you to Mary Ann Weisheit for adding humor to our day.

Enjoy!



SONGS THAT MATCH VARIOUS PROFESSIONS

Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There's a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes that I Might See
The IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send the Lights
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapist's Hymn	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway, here are a few more hymns.

~45 mph	God Will Take Care of You
~65 mph	Nearer My God To Thee
~85 mph	This World Is Not My Home
~95 mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home
~100 mph	Precious Memories

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

	April
Lelani Wittwer	4
Hadley Rumbach	7
Kurt Heise	9
Sarah Sergesketter	11
Sabrina Peters	12
David Peters	14
Brett Wright	14
Brandi Hellman	16
Margie Schneider	16
Carol Rasche	18
Mitchell Mauck	19
Harrison Hulsman	22
Adrienne Palmer	24
Matt May	27

	April	Years
Mike & Angie Heck	4	1
Greg and Lisa Kincer	6	35
Jeff and Ann Berg	15	31
Kurt and Treva Heise	19	34
Scott and Julie Beck	22	42
Nick and Pat Seng	27	46
David and Debie Stockburger	28	47

Attendance at Trinity

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
Mar. 1	8:00 am	18	70
	10:15 am	52	
Mar. 4	7:00 pm		25
Mar. 8	8:00 am	22	81
	10:15 am	59	
Mar. 11	7:00 pm		24
Mar. 15	8:00 am	18	62
	10:15 am	44	
Services Cancelled through April 18			

Sunday School Attendance

Date	Youth	Adult	Total
Mar. 1	8	3	11
Mar. 8	8	4	12
Mar. 15	3	2	5
Mar. 22	Cancelled		
Mar. 29	Cancelled		

Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2020

**At the present time, all church activities are cancelled
through April 18, 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*)

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

Vacation Bible School 2020: **June 29 – July 3** 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.*)
There is no Circle of Concern meeting on April 27 as this is Spring Break.

Mission Outreach: Support of local, national, and global missions and 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

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

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

We realize that with the passing of time any number of things take place which make active participation in the life of the church more difficult. The Trinity Faith Family values our time together in worship, study, service and fellowship. Please know that you and your family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.