



Trinity United Church of Christ

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Jasper IN 47546

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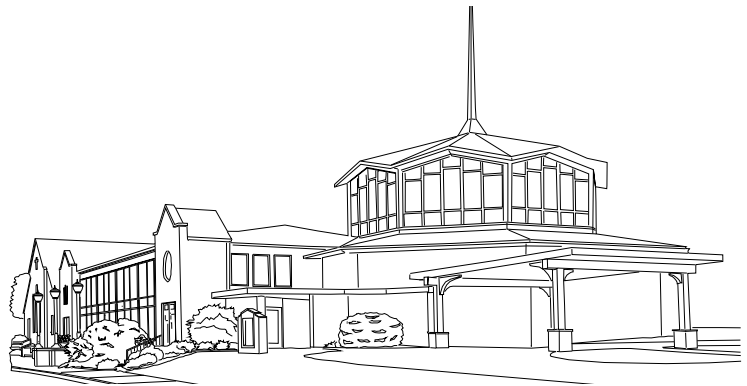
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Sunday Calendar

July 6

No Worship Services

July 12

No Worship Services

July 19

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

July 26

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

JULY Monthly Calendar

W 8 Council Packet Information Due

Th 9 Newsletter Articles Due

S 12 Christian Education Ministry Team @ 8 am
Outside by the Office

M 13 Council Meeting @ 7 pm

Th 30 Newsletter Assemble & Mail

JULY Weekly Calendar

Office Hours

Tu-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Packet Info Due

W July 8

Newsletter Info Due

W July 9

Weight Watchers

M 5:30 pm (Future on-site meetings TBD)

Tri State Wellness

T 6:30 pm (Class Dates to be determined)

Dear Trinity Faith Family,

I am writing this on June 15, aware of so many voices crying out to be heard! Some cry out in fear as the Covid-19 virus hovers, economic struggles multiply and the virus of racism and injustice continues as it has been for generations. I hear the voices close to home as well as those across the country. I see the determination of those in the health care field fighting a deadly virus and encouraging us to do our part. I see the mass of people gathering to say "Black Lives Matter" and demand a change NOW not later. I feel in my heart the pain of those who must stay socially distant in order to survive as well as to save the lives of others; it is hard not to gather for worship. I feel in my heart the pain of those who must march to proclaim the truth of God: "All are created in the image of God and are created equally as precious sons and daughters."

I continue to ask myself: What is it that I still need to hear? In reading countless passionate responses by our various UCC leaders, I found the words below to be meaningful and helpful. They were written by Rev. Phil Hart who is currently the Transitional Minister for the Michigan Conference. Rev. Hart was once a Conference Minister here in Indiana. Let us ponder his words together as we seek God's will. ~ *Pastor Jane*

May 29, 2020

Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace to you. I write you today with a heavy heart. I made myself watch the video. I knew the story and how it would end. The police officer kneeling on George Floyd's neck. I knew Mr. Floyd was handcuffed and that other police officers stood by. I knew Mr. Floyd was going to die. I knew I was watching a murder unfold.

It is hard to watch these things. It is even harder to know that for so many people part of their daily life is dealing with the reality of being misunderstood, harassed or killed by the instruments of state power or by vigilantes that take the power into their own hands like they did when they killed Ahmaud Arbery.

These are difficult times that call us to rekindle our commitments to love, justice and kindness. We are social distancing but we can also be planning and collaborating for justice.

For what good is it to quarantine for months from one pandemic only to walk out without the will or plan to fight another pandemic of hate and prejudice that has been with us for so much longer? Or what good is it to wear a mask so that we might protect those around us from Covid-19 if when the masks come off we forget the deadly virus of prejudice and hate that lurks around the corners and burrows its way into our social structures and culture?

As members and friends of the United Church of Christ, as people that claim God is Still Speaking and Jesus is the Head of our Church, we must commit ourselves to fighting this ongoing injustice. As individuals and as local churches we should prayerfully discern how we might join the prophet's call and work to "let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24).

Friends we must be present to what is unfolding around us and commit ourselves to co-creating new chapters so that a very different story can unfold. A story about voices heard, justice delivered, and a story about a people that went into quarantine nervous and afraid but came out with the hearts of prophets.

May the peace and courage of God fill your soul. ~ *Phil*



Please give these folks a call or send them a note!

Jack Astrike:	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)</i>
Norma Blackgrave:	<i>St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 205, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
Eloise Breidenbaugh:	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. # 506, 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
Mariemma Huebner:	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 23, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7945)</i>
Marge Kalb:	<i>Scenic Hills at the Monastery, Rm. # 306-A 710 Sunrise Drive, Ferdinand, IN 47532</i>
Carrie Loveall:	<i>855 Missouri Street, Apt. # 17, Ferdinand, IN 47532 (812-998-2010)</i>
Sherry Malone:	<i>660 Rumbach Ave. Apt. # 322 Jasper, IN 47546 (812-582-2721)</i>
Violet Ruckriegel:	<i>1308 Vine Street, Apt. # 118, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-827-6986)</i>
Marge Schneider:	<i>Life's Journey of Avon, 10241 E County Road 100 N, Indianapolis, IN 46234 (Hospice)</i>
Carolyn Snyder:	<i>St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 105, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
Jason Stockburger:	<i>The Timbers, Rm. # 316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546</i>



Pastoral Care update: Please call Pastor Jane with other information and updates.

- ◆ **Jane N.** – recovering from a knee replacement.
- ◆ **Linda T.** – gallstones removed.
- ◆ **Pete R.** – dealing with several health issues.
- ◆ **Sherry M.** – back home!
- ◆ **Others who have been hospitalized, undergoing tests or receiving treatments.**
- ◆ **Living with cancer:** **Pete Rasche, Alene Frank**

Why not share a Joy or Concern with Pastor Jane! Pastor can be reached on her cell phone @ 812-631-1147.

There is power in PRAYER!

Let us pray for those in places where the COVID-19 is present and for the heroes in the health care system.

Let us pray for all those who must stay at a distance for the sake of their health.

Let us pray for all those who are struggling to find jobs, re-open businesses and pay the bills.

Let us pray for those dealing with raging waters and violent winds. Let us give thanks for all those who are reaching out to help clean-up and rebuild around the globe.

Let us pray for those who've lost loved ones through senseless violence and injustice.

Let us pray for the peace-makers including those in uniform.

Let us pray for lasting change.



From the Pulpit - July 2020 ...

8:00 am & 10:15 am

Just to be clear, God's Church has not been closed, so it does not need to be re-opened. We have simply stopped worshipping in our building for a time to protect the health and well-being of our people and our communities. **God's Church does not require a building in order to be the Church. What is required is love, compassion and the presence of God. The Church is God's hands and feet whether gathered or scattered.**

July 19 *Celebrating the Church – Easter, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday*

Bible Lesson: Mark 16: 1-9 "Joy beyond Fear"

July 26 Bible Lesson: Matthew 10: 5-15 "Traveling Light"

The wearing of a mask and social distancing is appreciated in order to keep us healthy and safe.

Communion: Please pick up your communion wafer & cup as you enter the sanctuary.

A Worship note to Parents and Children: When you come to worship, please stay together as a family. Everyone is encouraged to **bring your own water bottles**, as the drinking fountain will not be available. Also, please **bring your own crayons, pencils and paper** as these will not be available. **Time with Young Disciples** will still be a part of worship; however, **children will stay in their seats for this conversation.**

JULY RADIO MESSAGES . . .

Pastor Jane will continue to bring a message at **9:30 am** on **WITZ 104.7 FM**.

If you are unable to hear the radio message and would like a printed copy, call Pastor Jan

Posted Weekly on Website

July 5	Galatians 5: 1, 13-25	“Called to Freedom”
July 12	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	“Soil Testing”
July 19	II Timothy 1: 1-14	“Treasure Entrusted to Us”
July 26	Amos 7: 7-15	“Setting the Plumb-line”



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

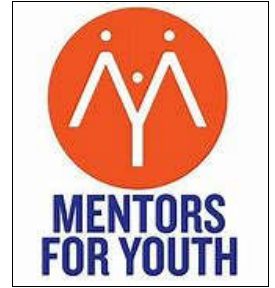
- ♥ It is a **joy to hear from YOU** via phone, email or text. Thank you for staying in touch.
- ♥ Thank you to **ALL who are adapting to the changes in our worship life**. Let us remember it is not HOW or WHERE we worship that matters, but that we pause from the world and turn our hearts to God.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who is **reaching out and staying connected as the Trinity Faith Family**.
- ♥ Thank you to **ALL who are finding ways to be God's voice of love, mercy and justice** in powerful and peaceful ways throughout our community and world.
- ♥ Thank you to our various **ministry teams who are adapting their meeting practices** due to social distancing; together we are learning new ways to continue God's ministry.
- ♥ Thank you to **Mark Blackgrave** for recording the radio messages.
- ♥ Thank you to the various **teams for making many preparations for in-person worship**.
- ♥ Thank you to **Pat Seng and Susan Hulsman** for years of working with Outreach Assistance.
- ♥ Thank you to **Sandy Ferrell who is now chairing the Outreach Team**, giving Jan Kalb a well-deserved break.

OUTREACH . . .

UPDATE - LENTEN MISSION . . .

Thank you for your generous donations to this year's Lenten Mission -
Mentors for Youth.

We collected **\$3,355.24** to send to this local organization.



Thank you !

JULY MISSION . . .



The Outreach Committee invites members to donate to
"Christmas in July" for our adopted family ---
a grandmother and her two grandsons (ages 11 and 14).

Due to the pandemic, we will not have a Christmas tree in the foyer this year but you are encouraged to mail a donation with your regular/weekly Lord's Share or separately.

Our goal this year is \$500, which will go towards a Walmart gift card.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK . . .

Since we have no monthly collections of food items at this time, the Outreach Committee is encouraging you to please send a donation directly to the

**Community Food Bank
1404 S. Meridian Road
Jasper, IN 47546**

If you would rather give food items that are on our list, you can save those until you are physically back in church and put them in the foyer. **Another option** would be taking items to the door on the back side of the food bank during the hours it is open:

Mon. 1:00-3:00, Wed. 6:00-8:00, and Sat. 10:00-12:00.

They are especially in need of **Paper Products** (*toilet paper, diapers, tissues, feminine hygiene products*). Unlike food items, these cannot be purchased by people using WIC or Food Stamps.



You could give a little or a lot, weekly, monthly, or one time. Thank you for anything you do to help!

Jenny LaGrange, Outreach Team

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS ...

WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS

Your church family cares about you and would like to keep in touch as you return to school. Please let the office know the address of where you expect to be in **October**.

(We realize that Covid-19 may change your plans.)



Please send us your new college address.

Call or email the Church office.

Telephone: 812-482-4090 **Email:** trinityucc@psci.net

COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES:

Community events held at Trinity Church building
(Dates are tentative.)

Holistic Council	Monday, August 10 @ 6:30 PM
Music Together	Resume in October
Sunset Extension	Tuesday, September 15 @ 7 PM
Survivors of Suicide	Monday, August 10 @ 7 PM.
The Lounge Series	Thursday, September 10 @ 6:30 PM
Tri-State Wellness	Tuesday, August 4 @ 6:30 PM
Weight Watchers	Future meetings To Be Determined.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 8,2020

- Agreed, per member's request, to remove Logan Astrike, Carrie Powell, Angie Heck and Mike Heck from church membership
- Most of the council decided to postpone the opening of the church for in-person worship previously scheduled for June 14th.
- Confirmed the purchase of a new push mower to replace the 10+ years mower that needs major repairs.

The church council has decided to **postpone in-person worship** on June 14 as advertised. The council decision was based on multiple reasons. The ultimate reason to postpone was **based on keeping everyone safe**. As stewards of the church, we looked at the local Covid-19 data, and we took into account that some folks shared that they weren't ready to return to in-person worship and would not be in church. We looked at physical distancing, face masks, and sanitizing the church as well as other items that we needed to address. After much discussion, we felt we could not guarantee the safety and care of our members; therefore, the decision was to delay the opening of the church building.

The council has decided to commit to WITZ radio station to continue with the Sunday Morning Reflection through the end of August. We thank Pastor Jane for these thoughtful messages. They will air on WITZ 104.7 FM approximately 9:30 am each Sunday. **They are also available on the website after they air on the radio.**

Once in-person worship begins, the plan, as of now, is to video or stream the worship service so that those who aren't comfortable coming to church are able to participate from home. Currently we are researching the equipment needed. Our goal is to have additional information and updates on this endeavor in the next newsletter.

We strive to be the people of **extravagant welcome**, but for now we need to be the people **extravagant care**.

One in Christ,

Mark Blackgrave, Council President, 2020

NOMINATING COMMITTEE for COUNCIL 2021

In July the Nominating Committee will have our first meeting to plan our approach to securing **FOUR nominations for the 2021 church council**.

- * We need to be more proactive as a church to secure the best available people for leadership of the church we love.
- * We need each member and friend of Trinity to submit at least one name of someone they think would make a good council member.

Please contact Brian Ferrell, Selena Vonderheide , Greg Schnarr or Ellen Vonderheide with your nominee.

Thank You.

CHURCH SANCTUARY UPDATE . . .

The third week of June as we began preparing the sanctuary for our return to in-house worship, we noticed that **the acoustical ceiling tiles** above the chancel area have started to give way (pictured below).



The issue is related to connecting the sanctuary roof with the main building along the weathering. We've experienced this problem since 1966 (approx.), and many repairs have taken place over the years. We believe these acoustical ceiling tiles above the chancel area been replaced at least three times when repair work was done on the roof.

Council has approved approximately \$14,000 for extensive rework of the roof in this area scheduled to be done later this year. The plans are to get this rework on the roof completed to ensure we have completely taken care of this water problem.

Once we have agreed that the repairs to the roof are satisfactory, we need to consider the damage to the interior ceiling and how/when to proceed with that repair. Prior to any work being done, we must first take into consideration items such as funding, sound absorption, aesthetics and lighting. At this time, nothing has been decided.

Lastly, we want to **acknowledge our appreciation to Ellen Vonderheide** for her efforts in obtaining a contractor to "shore" up the currently drooping ceiling tiles. Our hope is that the contractor is able to have a temporary fix until the roof is repaired.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council President

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES . . .

Out of love for our church family, we have issued rules in regard to worshipping in person.

- If you are coughing, sneezing or feeling sick please stay home.
- We encourage folks over 65 or folks with compromised health issues to stay home. Pastor Jane will continue to reach out to you.

Guide to In-Person Worship **Start Back Date - July 19 at 8am and 10:15am Worship**

Coved-19 Response – Trinity United Church of Christ, Jasper IN – Church Council Directive

General Information

Items not accessible while in the building:

Office remains closed to the public
Water Fountains
Tree House Area
Kitchen Area
Parish Hall
Communion Prep Room
Classrooms *(all levels including the chapel room and lounge)*
Sacristy *(pastor only)*
Chancel Area *(pastor only)*
Choir Loft/Organ Area *(organist only)*

- We suggest not to arrive too early as socializing must be kept to a minimum.
- We ask that you limit your time in the foyer and other common areas before and after church, including the parking areas.
- At all times maintain at **least 6 feet distance between other folks** that do not live in your household.
- **We recommend wearing a face mask, if at all possible.**
- Although the songs will be displayed on the screen, **we ask that you do not sing aloud.**
- **Hand sanitizer stations** will be located at each entrance and in the pews

Entering the Building – Open Entrances

[Limiting entrances helps reduce areas that need to be disinfected between services.]

Alley Door (north door)
Circle Drive Accessible Door
Both Doors from 8th Street (front of the church)

Communion Sunday

On Communion Sunday, you will be instructed to pick up your communion prior to entering the sanctuary. Look for the signs at the entrance giving you directions. There will be three areas for you to pick up your communion. The **first area will be the credenza** as you enter from the circle drive door, a **second area will be on a table in the foyer** and the **third area will be a table close to the side entrance of the sanctuary.**

We ask that at the end of the service you take your cup with you and place it in the trash located at the exits when leaving the sanctuary.



Guide to in-Person Worship, Continued . . .

Offering

At each entrance to the sanctuary will be a plate / box to place your weekly offering.

Bulletins

At least for the first four (4) Sundays you will not receive a bulletin. We will utilize the monitor screens.

Inside the Sanctuary

- Pews will be marked for the 8 am and 10:15 am worship, while other pews will be marked for **no seating**. All this is being done to maintain the proper distancing and to reduce the amount of disinfecting needed between worship services. Additional pews are available in the balcony.
- You are encouraged to sit as a “family unit.”
- Hymnals will not be needed for any of the songs.

Worship

- Follow the screens for the order of worship, prayers, songs and instructions.
- Passing of peace will be done without touching or leaving the pews. One suggestion is to place your hand over your heart and nod as you face the person.
- During the Time with Young Disciples, we ask that young disciples remain in the pew with their families.
- There will be no hand holding or closing song at the end of the service.

Departing after Service

Pastor Jane will not be greeting everyone after the service. She will do a general departure greeting from the chancel area. If you need to speak with her, it is suggested you call her on her cell phone (812 - 631-1147). She will be better able to understand how to assist you.

When the worship service is over, you will be instructed when to leave your pews. We ask that you follow the instructions, and as you exit the pew and leave the building please maintain the correct social distance.

Left side should leave through the sanctuary side door.

Right side should leave through the main doors.

Balcony should leave through the foyer steps.

We remind everyone that all of this is precautionary and done out of love for our church family and our neighbors.



* **Sympathy to the family of Rev. Dr. Trnka.** The Rev. Dr. John Edward Trnka Sr., age 90, of Newburgh, IN, passed quietly from this life on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Several times John served a short term interim here at our church - the first time immediately after the Rev, Dr. James Mennerick departed and the second time was in the month leading up Pastor Jane’s tenure as our settled pastor. Many of us might remember the caring approach John gave to our church while he served as our interim pastor and for that we are extremely grateful he was part our spiritual life.

* **In February of this year we started to work on various methods of sending the newsletter to you.** As noted in other communication, it not been an easy process. We moved from a **Bulk Mailing** to **First Class** mail, **email and it continues to be available** on the **Trinity Church website**. We still have around 16 households that haven’t responded as to how they wish to receive the newsletter. If we **reached out to you** either by phone, postcard or letter and **have not heard back from you**, future newsletters will only be available to you on the Trinity website: trinityjasperucc.org .

Should you wish to continue to receive the newsletter, please call the church office at 812-482-4090 office and leave a voice mail or email at trinityucc@psci.net as soon as possible.

For the folks who are home bound, former pastors and friends, or in a care facility, you will continue to get the newsletter.

* **The family of Norma Blackgrave wants to honor her with a “Card Shower.”** As many of you know Norma is residing at St. Charles nursing facilities. The family will most likely not be able to celebrate her 90th birthday in person because of the current Covid-19 visitation restrictions. Her Birthday is July 9th. We ask that you send her a card and, if possible, tape a small picture of yourself inside the card (you could use a computer-printed copy). Having a picture would help Norma remember you! She dearly loves her church family. Blessings to all!

**Sends cards to Norma Blackgrave, Room 205, St Charles Health Campus
3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546**



THANK YOU CORNER . . .

Special thanks go out to Mark Blackgrave, Pastor Jane, Church Council, the Ministry Teams and other volunteers for all the behind-the-scenes work they perform on behalf of Trinity Church.

During this COVID-19 pandemic they have been working in “overdrive” to keep you spiritually uplifted and connected as a church family.



Thank you God for blessing Trinity with strong, spiritual leadership and loving concern for all!



An excerpt from letter to Trinity Church . . .

“Dear Friends, We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,500 to TRI-CAP for our Emergency Funds. Your support is heart-warming and will touch the lives of many people in our community.

. . . Through your generosity, we can continue to serve families in need. . .”

Kindest Regards, Joyce Fleck, CCAP,
Executive Director.

“Thank you all so much for helping others in our community? May God Bless each of you with good health.”

July 2020

Happy Birthday

Greg Kincer	1
Candy Berger	3
Christine Dodd	6
Sheila Matheis	7
Norma Blackgrave	9
Ann Fleck Schroeder	9
Doug Bawel	10
Josh Blackgrave	11
Josh Permuda	11
Diane Kapp	14
Mason Mauck	14
Caitlyn Brinkman	15
Ron Blackgrave	16
Chad Brinkman	16
Linda Kahle	17
Pastor Jane Hillman	18
Emily Schnell	20
Corrine Clark	23
Donna Mattingly	23
Jack Goodhue	23
Rich Klem	24
Marjorie Kalb	26
John Schnarr	28
Sydney Peters	31
Noah Wright	31

Happy Anniversary

		Years
Rod & Jan Kalb	3	49
Jeff & Melissa Adams	4	11
Dean & Ellen Vonderheide	14	31
Pete & Carol Rasche	17	28
David & Rhonda Scherer	18	39
Lisa & Phil Schmidt	18	17
William & Cheri Cox	22	42
Brandan & Audra Jahn	22	14



Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2020

Sunday Morning at Trinity UCC - Jasper — Worship Services to Resume July 19

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

9:00 am **Sunday School - *Cancelled until further notice***

10:15 am **Morning Worship**

Music Ministry :

Until further notice, Soloists and Instrumentalists only

Children's Ministry: No activities at this time.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry:

Confirmation: Two year program of Bible study and Faith development – begins at 6th grade
New class begins Wednesday, September 16.

Sunday morning Youth Breakfast & Conversation - **Cancelled until further notice**

Circle of Concern: Friday mornings at 6:45 am. **Cancelled until further notice**

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

Women's Guild: Meetings tentatively scheduled to resume in September.

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

Christian Service & Fellowship at home, at church and in the community.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL



Hear that? People in Heaven have ever-laughing life?



"Remind me never to ask the YOUTH GROUP to help fold the church bulletins again."

