



**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
8<sup>th</sup> and Clay Street  
Jasper IN 47546

Pastor: Rev. Jane Hillman  
Church Administrator: Mickie Emmons

Office Phone: 812-482-4090  
<https://www.trinityjasperucc.org>

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Vol. 48, No.9**



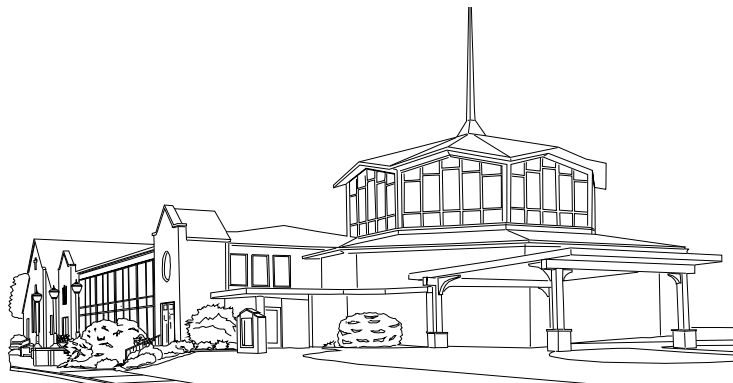
# Trinity Chimes

**Trinity United Church of Christ**

310 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street

P.O. Box 386

Jasper, IN 47547-0386



---

## Sunday Calendar

**September 6 - COMMUNION**

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

**September 13**

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

**September 20**

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

**September 27- Christian Education Sunday**

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am  
Sunday School @ 9:15—10 am

---

### \*Office Hours

Tu-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

### Council Reports Due

*T September 8*

### Newsletter Info Due

*W September 9*

## SEPTEMBER Monthly Calendar

CEMT @ 5:30 pm

**M 14** Holistic Council @ 6:30 pm  
Church Council @ 7:00 pm

**T 15** Sunset Extension @ 7:00 pm

**Th 30** Newsletter Assemble & Mail

## SEPTEMBER Weekly Calendar

**Confirmation Class - Rooms 201, 202**

Wednesdays - 16, 23, 30 @ 5:30 pm

**Sunday School Class - Room 203**

Rooms reserved solely for the groups shown above.

---

For a safe environment for in-person worship,

**FACEMASKS ARE MANDATORY!**

For your convenience, facemasks are available. If you cannot locate one, please ask an usher for assistance.



**I am me...**

There will not ever be anyone like me.  
I am special because I am unique.  
I am stardust and dreams.  
I am light. I am love and hope.  
I am hugs, and sometimes tears.  
I am the words "I love you."  
I am swirls of blue, green, red, yellow, purple, orange and colors no one can name.  
I am the sky, the sea, the earth.  
I trust, yet I fear. I hide, yet I don't hold anything back. I am free.  
I am a child becoming an adult.  
**I am me, and me is just right.**

*~ Beth Schooner, age 15*

In the midst of today's world, the wisdom from a fifteen-year old poet blesses my soul. Her words speak God's truth: **Each of us, created in the image of God, is just right.** This truth may seem so obvious to believers in the faith. We are taught that Jesus loves us; we know that we are precious in God's sight. We read that Jesus accepted all people young and old; we believe that our God welcomes us equally.

Our parents spend our early childhood years reassuring us that we are loved for who we are. Then, often with great fear and trepidation, they send us out into a world that unfortunately is sometimes cruel and abusive. Sadly it is true: there are those in the world who want to set particular standards for God's children. There are those who want to say YOU are ok but YOU are not. Suddenly, being loved for who you are is not enough.

Often in disbelief the world looks in at the church and asks: "Do you really accept everyone as being "just right" the way they are?" Do you truly accept all children of God regardless of the race, religious creed, gender, age, or sexual orientation? With boldness we declare, "YES!" There is a joy in God's heart when acceptance is known in the welcoming arms of the church.

**I invite each of you to believe that YOU are precious in God's sight.** I invite you to trust Trinity Church is a place to know and experience the love of God. It is true there is no one else like you: **You Are Special!**

*Grace and Peace – Pastor Jane*



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

- ✝ It was a joy to bless our children and youth with bubbles as they prepared to return to school. Thank you to Janis Schnarr for helping with the bubble wands and star keychains.
- ✝ It is a joy to anticipate 6 young people in the new Confirmation class and 13 younger kids back in Sunday School. My thanks to all those adults who are willing to take one Sunday and prepare a 20 minute craft and activity for the younger kids.
- ✝ It is a joy to welcome back our Trinity Tree House preschool who will now be using our Parish Hall as a classroom so they can social distance. It is wonderful that the church is willing to share space.
- ✝ It is a joy to be on-line with UCC colleagues each month to exchange ideas and offer support.
- ✝ It is a joy to see people wearing masks and social distancing even though it is a holy inconvenience.



**Please keep these folks in your prayers; consider giving them a call or sending them a note!**

<b>Jack Astrike</b>	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. #1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)</i>
<b>Norma Blackgrave</b>	<i>St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. #112, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
<b>Eloise Breidenbaugh</b>	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. #506, 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
<b>Mariemma Huebner</b>	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. #23, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7945)</i>
<b>Marge Kalb</b>	<i>Scenic Hills at the Monastery, Rm. #306-A 710 Sunrise Drive, Ferdinand, IN 47532</i>
<b>Carrie Loveall</b>	<i>855 Missouri Street, Apt. #17, Ferdinand, IN 47532 (812-998-2010)</i>
<b>Sherry Malone</b>	<i>660 Rumbach Ave. Apt. #322, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-582-2721)</i>
<b>Violet Ruckriegel</b>	<i>1308 Vine Street, Apt. #118, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-827-6986)</i>
<b>Marge Schneider:</b>	<i>Life's Journey of Avon, 10241 E County Road 100 N, Indianapolis, IN 46234</i>
<b>Carolyn Snyder</b>	<i>St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. #105, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
<b>Jason Stockburger</b>	<i>The Timbers, Rm. #316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
<b>Janice Sunderman</b>	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. #504, 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>



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

- ♥ Let us pray for **Janice** who broke her sternum and is at Northwood Retirement Community for rehab.
- ♥ Let us pray for **those who are recovering from out-patient surgery or hospitalized.**
- ♥ Let us pray for **those who are having tests or continue to receive treatments.**
- ♥ Let us pray for **family members coping with cancer.**

**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.**

## Prayers continue to be needed!

Let us pray for those battling COVID-19; may God grant them courage and comfort.  
Let us pray for the heroes in the health care system; may God grant them strength.  
Let us pray for all those who continue to stay at a distance for the sake of their health.  
Let us continue to pray for our school system, as they face challenges and changes.  
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 extreme weather throughout our country.  
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 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 - September 2020 ... 8:00 am & 10:15 am*

**"The Christ in Me, meets the Christ in You"**

**September 6** Matthew 18: 15-22 "Where Two or Three are Gathered"

**Communion**

**September 13** Genesis 2: 4b-7, 15-17, 3: 1-8 "The Creating Breath of God"

**September 20** Genesis 15: 1-5 "Believing God's Promises"

**September 27** Genesis 37: 3-8, 17b-22, 26-34 & 50:15-31 "God Works for Good"

**Christian Education Sunday**

(2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive bibles and Confirmands will be introduced.)

**The wearing of a mask and social distancing is required 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. **Time with Young Disciples** will still be a part of worship; however, **children will stay in the seats for this conversation.** There are clipboards and washable markers in the foyer if you want to claim one. Please put your name on the marker box, so you can get the same one each week. You can write messages or answers to questions on your clipboards and hold them up to be seen.



**Wednesday night Confirmation begins September 16 ... 5:30 - 6:15 PM**

*(Rooms #201, 202)*

Social distancing will be practiced & the wearing of masks is required.

If the weather is nice, we will have class outside when possible.

**Those in the Confirmation Class include:** **Lillie Campbell, Jace Hafele, Parker Jahn  
Madison Mauck, Addie Schnarr, Mya Uebelhor**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ...

### September 6 - Communion Sunday

**Bible Lesson:** Matthew 18: 15-22 "Where Two or Three are Gathered"  
**Ushers/Greeters:** 8:00 am Gary & Alene Frank  
 10:15 am Jan & Rob Kalb, Pamela Catt, Denise Schnell  
**Media:** 8:00 am Kurt Vonderheide  
 10:15 am Adam Roth  
**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

### September 13

**Bible Lesson:** Genesis 2: 4b-7, 15-17, 3: 1-8 "The Creating Breath of God"  
**Ushers/Greeters:** 8:00 am Angie & Rick Hobson  
 10:15 am Dean & Ellen Vonderheide, Kurt & Selena Vonderheide  
**Media:** 8:00 am Mark Blackgrave  
 10:15 am John Kahle  
**Media Producer:** John Kahle

### September 20

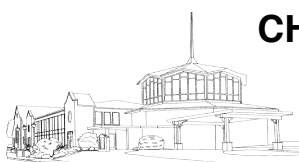
**Bible Lesson:** Genesis 15: 1-5 "Believing God's Promises"  
**Ushers/Greeters:** 8:00 am Bill Small, Bret Astrike  
 10:15 am Donna Mattingly, Nolan & Parker Jahn, Jane Neukam  
**Media:** 8:00 am Kurt Vonderheide  
 10:15 am Brian Meyer  
**Media Producer:** Nicole Lechner

### September 27 - Christian Education Sunday

**Bible Lesson:** Genesis 37: 3-8, 17b-22, 26-34 & 50:15-31 "God Works for Good"  
**Ushers/Greeters:** 8:00 am Connie Schmitt, Mary Ann Weisheit  
 10:15 am John & Janis Schnarr, Kari, Adam, Karsen, Kaiden Roth  
 Greg, Addie, Corbin, Hannah Schnarr  
**Media:** 8:00 am Kurt Vonderheide  
 10:15 am Mark Blackgrave  
**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

## AUGUST



## JULY

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
July 19	8:00 am 10:15 am	<u>21</u> 27	48
July 26	8:00 am 10:15 am	<u>15</u> 20	35

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
Aug. 2	8:00 am 10:15 am	<u>21</u> 14	35
Aug. 9	8:00 am 10:15 am	<u>35</u> 28	63
Aug. 16	8:00 am 10:15 am	<u>19</u> 30	49
Aug. 23	8:00 am 10:15 am	<u>18</u> 19	37



## “God’s ALL-STARS”

- Accept Change
- Love, Love, Love
- Listen with Respect
- Stay Focused
- Teach Kindness
- Always Pray
- Read Everything
- Skip Worrying – Leave it to God!



Sunday School begins September 13 ... 9:15-10:00 am (Sanctuary & Room #203)

**Note new starting time!**

**Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade** kids will begin with Pastor Jane in the sanctuary and then go to their classroom. We have figured out social distancing; the wearing of masks is required at this time. Each person will have their own supply box. Parents are asked to pick up their children from their classroom.

**Confirmands** will go directly to the classroom which is Room #201/202.

**Let our All-Star Team for God be guided by the words above!**



---

## MUSIC NOTES

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth” (Psalm 100:1)*

Thanks to all the musicians for providing joyful music to the Lord  
and  
for those singing from their hearts - God is listening!



## TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .

Plans continue for the safe opening of Trinity Tree House on August 27 and 28. In order to comply with social distancing, **classes and play time will take place in the church hall**. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) has been purchased and we continue to work on guidelines to keep the students and staff safe.

A special thank you to Greg Schnarr and others who helped set up the room to welcome our students.

*Kate Buchta, Director*

---

## PARSONAGE LANDSCAPING . . .

Brian Meyer will be updating the parsonage landscaping mid-September through mid-October and is looking for “helping hands.” If interested in volunteering, please call Brian at 812-631-1426. Thank you.





## OUTREACH . . .

### SEPTEMBER MISSION - COLLEGE GIFT CARDS

The outreach team will be supporting our college students with help from all of you.

We are accepting monetary donations to be used to purchase gift cards for the students to use. **Please put your donation in your regular giving envelope with a notation that is for College Care.** The gift cards will be mailed in October. To date \$30 has been given.

*Thank you for supporting our youth!*



*The Outreach Team*

---

### UPDATE .... CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The total received for the Adopt-a-Family  
“Christmas In July” was **\$645** surpassing our goal of \$500!

**THANK YOU** for your generosity.

*The Outreach Team*

---

### COMMUNITY FOOD BANK . . .

In these strange times, we on the Outreach Committee are actively engaged in the community outreach of Trinity United Church of Christ, with each of you being a vital part in the success of our Church’s mission.

If you were used to donating to the **Community Food Bank** in the past and would like to do so now, someone will be collecting food brought to church for the food bank. Any food item (**so long as it is not out of date**) you leave in the **Food Bank boxes in the foyer at Trinity** will be taken to the Food Bank. Some members may have collected the items on the monthly Stewardship card in our church envelopes box and we appreciate your diligence and contributions. Also, the manager of the Community Food Bank shared that **paper products** are really appreciated. So either item is fine to donate.



If you are NOT attending church in person and would still like to donate, please mail your monetary donation to:

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

You could also take your donation to the back door of the Food Bank:

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

Thank you for helping those in need in our community.

*Jenny LaGrange*

---



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 10, 2020

- It is with sadness that the council accepts the request from Brian Ferrell to step down from the church council.
- Ellen Vonderheide has stepped up to lead the Nominating Team.
- Pamela Catt has agreed to be council liaison for the Outreach Ministry Team.
- The repairs on the roof above the chancel area should start sometime in the middle of September. The job estimate with Streicher Construction is approximately \$15,000.\*
- The new sidewalk and retaining wall in front of the church office is complete. The total estimated cost was approximately \$3,700. The City of Jasper agreed to share half of the cost with the Church. \*Trinity's half of this bill, \$1,867.50, was paid in January 2020.

*\*The money for these repairs will come from money collected from the Maintenance Funds Offering Envelopes.*

---

As Covid-19 continues, trying to manage through this pandemic has proven to be a very difficult task. We hear from our government leaders; we hear from our church members, and we all are trying to do what is right for our church. Decisions to move forward to restart in-person worship comes with many opinions. We need to respect each other and not let the virus come between us as a church family.

On another note, the Maintenance Funds being used is of concern as our church continues to need work and repairs. As your council, we have a responsibility to maintain our building and we are truly blessed with funds we need as these projects come about.

Just a quick recap on the numbers.

\$23,039	7/31/2020 Balance
\$15,000	Estimated Cost of Roof Repairs
-----	
\$ 8,039	Balance after Roof Repairs
\$ 5,000	Council Required Balance per Council Policy
-----	
\$ 3,039	Balance after Roof Repairs

The above numbers show there is some concern on the available money for future repairs.

Folks have also been asking about the general operating funds and how we are doing as church. Please reference the separate **Summary of Operating Funds and Expenditures**.

Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2020

## Summary of Operating Funds and Expenditures

*Budget Comparison  
As of July 2020*

### **Income**

<b>Envelope Contributions</b>	<b>(13.7%)</b>	\$93,373 2020 Actual	\$106,166 2020 Budgeted
<b>Non-Pledge Contributions</b>	<b>+25.2%</b>	\$ 1,825 2020 Actual	\$ 1,458 2020 Budgeted
<b>Other Contributions</b>	<b>(164.1%)</b>	\$ 1,038 2020 Actual	\$ 2,741 2020 Budgeted
<b>Strassenfest Income</b>	<b>(100%)</b>	\$ 0 2020 Actual	\$ 3,791 2020 Budgeted
<b>Building Use Income</b>	<b>(25.7%)</b>	\$ 1,739 2020 Actual	\$ 2,187 2020 Budgeted

Total Actual Income Difference – Contributions are down by **(\$18,368)** YTD or **(18.8%)**

=====

<b>Total Expense</b>	\$107,507 2020 Actual	\$121,144 2020 Budgeted
----------------------	-----------------------	-------------------------

Total Actual Expense Difference – Expenses are down by **\$16,761**

### **Summary**

**\$18,368 Contribution Deficit as of July 31, 2020**  
**\$16,671 Saving on Expenses as of July 31, 2020**  
 -----  
**\$ 1,697 Shortfall**

### **Notes:**

- We don't believe there will be any additional building use funds for the remainder of 2020.
- As we start In-Person Worship, Sunday School and Tree House, the expense will be going up for cooling and heating.
- If you have questions, you can always ask John Kahle, Kari Roth or Mark Blackgrave,
- Thanks to everyone who continues to support the church during this difficult time.

## September 2020

### *Happy Birthday*

Timothy Hafele	5
Jerry Thom	6
Emma Kahle	7
Bentley Lindauer	7
Hannah Aull	8
Jack Rumbach	10
Violet Ruckriegel	11
Laurel Hubster	12
Aliek Armstrong	15
Mark Hopster	15
Shea Fleck	16
Audra Jahn	17
Gerald Knebel	17
Dr. Harland Wittwer	17
Hannah Schnarr	18
Paula Marshall	19
Angie Hobson	20
Reid Lindauer	20
Ruth Coller	25
Colton Wigand	26
Hudson Wigand	26
John Coller	29
Kenley Emmons	29
Greg Schnarr	30

### *Happy Anniversary*

			<u>Years</u>
Christine & Daniel	Dodd	3	37
Mark & Cheryl	Hopster	6	39
Megan & Josh	Premuda	8	8
Josh & Sarah	Blackgrave	16	3
David & Sabrina	Peters	23	25
Kimberly & Billy	Aull	25	37
David & Stacy	Hubster	26	22
Rick & Angie	Hobson	27	40



CONGRATULATIONS !

**Clay and Emma (Kahle) Monahan**  
on the birth of their daughter,  
**Harriet Rose Monahan!**



And to the happy Grandparents John & Linda Kahle.

*Blessings,  
Your Church Family*

***Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2020***

**Sunday Morning at Trinity UCC - Jasper**

8:00 am **Morning Worship** (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Communion*)

9:15 am **Sunday School - Begins Sept. 13, 9:15 - 10:00 am** (*Rm. 202*)

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. - Resumed **Friday, August 21.**

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

**Women's Guild:** No meetings until 2021.

**Men's Fellowship:** No meeting until 2021.

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

School begins August 27 & 28.

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

---



Community events held at Trinity Church Building

<b>Holistic Council</b>	September 14 @ 6:30 PM
<b>Music Together</b>	Tentatively will resume classes in January 2021
<b>Sunset Extension</b>	Tuesday, September 15 @ 7 PM
<b>Survivors of Suicide</b>	No in-person meetings until further notice.
<b>The Lounge Series</b>	Cancelled until Spring 2021
<b>Weight Watchers</b>	No in-person meetings until further notice.