



**Trinity United Church of Christ**

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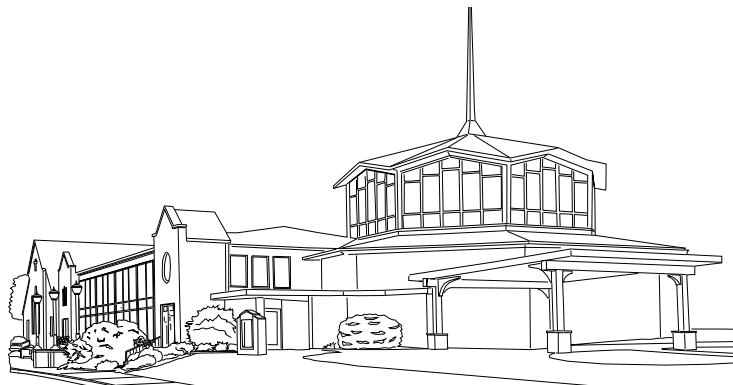
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## Sunday Calendar

### October 4 - WORLD COMMUNION

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

### October 11- Children's Sabbath

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

### October 18

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

### October 25

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Budget Presentation

No Sunday School

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### Office Hours

Tu-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

### Council Reports Due

*T October 6*

### Newsletter Info Due

*W October 14*

## OCTOBER Monthly Calendar

**M 5** Worship Team @ 1:00 pm

**M 12** Christian Ed @ 5:30 pm  
Church Council @ 7:00 pm

**Th 29** Newsletter Assemble & Mail

## OCTOBER Weekly Calendar

**Confirmation Class** Rooms 201, 202

Wednesdays - 7, 14, 28 @ 5:30 pm

No meeting on 10-21

**Circle of Concern**

Fridays @ 6:45 am - No meeting on 10-25

**Sunday School Class** @ 9:15 - 10:00 am

Preschool - 5th grade - Room 203

Confirmants - Room 201/ 202

[Rooms 201, 202 & 203 are reserved solely for Confirmation & Sunday School classes.]

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For a safe environment for in-person worship,

**FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY!**

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



## "Leaders to the Front"

*Can your congregation grow in vital, effective ministry? Yes, if... The answer has several components, but without doubt one of those components is faithful, informed, and courageous leadership among those called forth by the Spirit to guide the life of the church.*

**Faithful** leaders always begin their task by seeking the guidance of God's Spirit. Spiritual leadership begins in prayer, in listening to the revelation of God's wisdom, and in discerning that moment's meaning in concert with Scripture.

**Informed** leaders do their homework, gather information, study the factors surrounding the key issue, and listen to varying opinions and positions.

**Courageous** leaders make human decisions when the moment comes, confident – even bold – because they trust God who calls the church into new life and new places and new times.

Over the entryway to the locker room at the Naval Academy in Annapolis is a large sign for all to read. It says: "If not you, who?" "If not now, when?" Leaders in dynamic, powerful congregations of effective ministry, always listen for the still small voice that ask sthem the same two questions. ~ Roger Pierce (Preprinted with Permission)

In worship this fall, we are on a journey with God's people through the stories of the Old Testament. We are standing beside Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Hannah & Samuel, David & Solomon, Elijah, Jonah and Isaiah, as they travel new paths. We too, find ourselves in a wilderness of newness. Life has to be different in order that we all might be safe and healthy. We know that we will get to the other side of this wilderness and we know that this is going to be a long journey. Like those in the past, we ask: **"Do we believe that God is guiding my journey? Will we trust God to lead us through the wilderness ahead?"**

At times we join the Hebrew people who mumbled, "Life was so much easier back in Egypt. Can't we go back?" At other times, we join Moses in crying, "Lord, I am too weary to lead your people alone." Each time we murmur, God gently reminds us that life, for God's people, is ahead of us not behind us. By the grace of God, may we be surrounded by faithful, informed and courageous leaders who follow the way of the Lord.

Together, let us trust God to guide us into a new and bold future.

**Blessing – Pastor Jane**



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

- \* Sunday School has begun with masks and social distancing. I am thankful for our teachers this fall: Kari & Adam, Audra, Melissa, Vickie, Heather, Selena, Dana, Ellen, Abbie, Meghan, Greg and David.
- \* It was a joy to give **bibles** to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, **Kaiden Roth and Hannah Schnarr**.
- \* What a joy it is gathering with **6 Confirmands** each week who come ready for lively conversations about the Bible and God's story of covenant and new life.
- \* Thank you to **Addie Schnarr**, a Confirmand, for playing the violin on September 27.
- \* As the mowing season draws to an end, I want to thank **Adam, Kari, Karsen and Kaiden** for taking care of the lawn at the parsonage.
- \* Thank you to **Brian Meyer and Tim Hafele** who are working on the parsonage landscaping.
- \* It will be a joy to celebrate **World Communion on October 4** using a variety of breads representing our partners throughout the world.



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

- 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. #112, 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546*
- Eloise Breidenbaugh** *Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. #506, 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)*
- Sherry Malone** *660 Rumbach Ave. Apt. #322, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-582-2721)*
- 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*
- 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*



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

- ♥ Let us give thanks that **John S.** is home following surgery.
- ♥ Let us give thanks that **Jane N.** is home recovering from knee surgery.
- ♥ Let us give thanks that **Janice S.** is now home from Northwood Retirement Community.
- ♥ Let us give thanks that **Carrie L.** is now home from the Skilled Care unit at Memorial Hospital.
- ♥ Let us pray for **Marge K.** who is at Memorial Hospital recovering from hip surgery.
- ♥ Let us pray for **those who are recovering from out-patient surgery or hospitalizations.**
- ♥ 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**. Pastor Jane only knows for sure what is happening in your life if YOU tell her. She cannot ask others to pray unless she hears directly from you; grapevine information cannot be passed along.

## 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 the devastations from wind, fire and water.  
Let us give thanks for all those who are reaching out to help clean-up and rebuild around our country.  
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.

### Pray without Ceasing –

Prayer Warriors, please pray for those who have had the virus, those who currently have, and those who might become infected with the coronavirus in the days to come. Pray for a vaccine, for our front-line workers, for our essential workers, for our economy, for those who have lost their jobs and unemployment benefits, and the world. Pray for comfort for those who are mourning the many losses from this dreadful disease. Pray for our teachers and students as they grapple with on-line learning and for parents that they have the patience and understanding to help their children learn at home. Pray that our lives may return to some sense of normalcy in the days, weeks, and months to come and that God grant us peace as we shelter in place and wait. Amen.



UNIVERSITY

### Remembering our college students:

Please feel free to **drop a card or send an email** to any of our college students so that they know they are being thought of and held in prayer.

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 2020

### October 4    World Communion

**Bible Lesson:** Exodus 13: 1-10 & Luke 22: 14-20  
“The Promise of the Passover”

**Special Music:**

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

**Media:** 8 am Adam Roth

10:15 am Brian Meyer

**Ushers:** 8 am Linda Troxler

10:15 am Dan Sergesketter

**Child Care:** None

**Communion Preparation:** John & Janis Schnarr

**Communion Servers:** Self-serve

### October 11    Children's Sabbath

**Bible Lesson:** Exodus 32: 1-14  
“A Change of Heart”

**Special Music:** 10:15 am (Prelude)

Jera Hafele - Kum-bah-yah

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** All Screens

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Jane

**Media Producer:** John Kahle

**Media:** 8 am Kurt Vonderheide

10:15 am Mark Blackgrave

**Ushers:** 8 am Ann & Jeff Berg

10:15 am David Hubster, Judy Hubster

Heather Goodhue

**Child Care:** None

### October 18

**Bible Lesson:** I Samuel 2: 1-10  
“A Prayer, An Answer, A Song”

**Special Music:**

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer:** Nicole Lechner

**Media:** 8 am Kurt Vonderheide

10:15 am Adam Roth

**Ushers:** 8 am Alene & Gary Frank

10:15 am Melissa & Kevin Blackgrave

Susan & John McGovren

**Child Care:** None

### October 25

**Bible Lesson:** II Samuel 7: 1-17  
(Narrative Lectionary)

**Speaker & Message:** Doug Bawel

**Special Music:**

**Acolyte:**

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Bible Reader:** Doug Bawel

**Time with Young Disciples:** None

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave

**Media:** 8 am Mark Blackgrave

10:15 am John Kahle

**Ushers:** 8 am Bill Small, Bret Astrike

10:15 am Lisa & Phil Schmidt

**Child Care:** None

(Budget Presentation after both services.)



*World Communion – Sunday, October 4, 2020*

*Children’s Sabbath – Sunday, October 11, 2020*

**World Communion:** World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

**Children’s Sabbath: “Reimagining Our Future with Children, Justice, and Joy”**

From Marian Wright Edelman – Children’s Defense Fund...

If we love America and love our children, you and I must build a powerful movement to end child poverty and transform the political and economic priorities in a nation that has ignored the cries of millions of poor children to stack the decks in favor of a few exceedingly rich and powerful billionaires and millionaires. We must envision and realize an America where every child has enough—enough time, attention and stability from parents and other caring adults; and enough quality education, healthy food, stable shelter, accessible health care and other basics we who are more privileged want for our own children. God did not make two classes of children and we do so at our peril. Let us commit together to making this Children’s Sabbath a galvanizing weekend that amplifies our shared moral vision for an end to child poverty. Let it unite our hearts and reaffirm our commitments to making a difference. May it inspire, inform, motivate and sustain us throughout the year to do all we can to level the playing field for all children entrusted to our care.

**Worship Notes for Parents:**

- **The wearing of a mask and social distancing is required in order to keep us healthy and safe.**
- Thank you for staying together as a family. **The balcony is open for seating at the 10:15 am service.**
- 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.
- **Communion:** Please pick up your communion wafer & cup as you enter the sanctuary. There are two cups on top of one another. The bottom one has the wafer and the top one is dark wine or white grape juice. All are welcome at God’s table.



**Confirmation:**

**Wednesday Nights: October 7, 14, 28**

**Sunday Mornings: October 4, 11, 18**

**No class on Wednesday, October 21 or Sunday, October 25 due to Fall Break.**

Social distancing will be practiced and the wearing of masks is required.  
If the weather is nice, look for Pastor Jane by the picnic tables!



**Sunday School ... 9:15-10:00 am (Sanctuary & Room #203) Note: new starting time!**

**Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Come in the alley door to the sanctuary using the side door.

The wearing of **masks** is required to keep everyone healthy and safe.

Please use the **hand sanitizer** dispenser outside the sanctuary door!

Kids will sit in their **designated seats**; they are clustered by family group.

Following the time with Pastor Jane, this group will go to their classroom, (Rm. #203) using the alley door stairs. Offering and attendance will be taken in the classroom.

**Parents are asked to pick up their children** at 10 am from their classroom.

**Offering goal is \$ 140!** Please bring just \$1 per family each week to help us reach our goal.

**Confirmands** will go directly to classroom Room #201/202. Offering and attendance will be taken in your classroom.

**Looking ahead to Christmas...**

The Christian Education Team, along with Pastor Jane, is working on something special for the Children's Christmas Worship and Christmas Eve. Watch your emails for ways YOUR family can participate!



**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

**AUGUST**

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
30	<u>8:00 am</u> 10:15 am	<u>14</u> 20	34

**Sunday School  
September**

Date	Youth	Adults	Total
13	9	6	15
20	9	3	12
27	12	4	16

**SEPTEMBER**

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
6	<u>8:00 am</u> 10:15 am	<u>22</u> 26	48
13	<u>8:00 am</u> 10:15 am	<u>16</u> 33	49
20	<u>8:00 am</u> 10:15 am	<u>15</u> 37	52
27	<u>8:00 am</u> 10:15 am	<u>12</u> 38	50



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Approval of Operating Budget for 2021

Update on the Kitchen Refrigerator [It's presently working but will eventually need to be replaced.]

Approved increase in the Outreach Assistance Fund

Fellow Member in Christ,

- Part of our September Council meeting was spent discussing the Operating Budget. All agreed there are some difficulties in planning for 2021, considering the impact the current Covid pandemic is having on the church as a whole. As reported last month, giving is down but so are expenses, which is good. However, our planning for 2021 needs to incorporate the potential we could return to normalcy in church attendance, activities and work. We have some cash reserves to weather this storm, but you will notice in the attached Operating Budget for 2021 that we have a larger deficit than normal. Taking all these variables into consideration, this can be a bit overwhelming. So please contact a council member should you have any questions regarding this proposed budget. As in the past, the rationale will be explained in a Budget Presentation Meeting in October.
- As many of you know, the **kitchen refrigerator** is 20+ years old and parts for repairs are no longer available. It is currently cooling again, but sometime soon we may need to replace this unit. We've done some research and are looking at a possible \$3,500+ expense. In the meantime, we are routinely checking the refrigerator to ensure it continues to maintain the proper cooling temperature.
- A request has been made by the Outreach Assistance Team for an additional \$2,500 to be transferred into their operating account. During this current pandemic, many people in our community are experiencing financial issues and are in need of help to pay their rent or utilities. Consequently, we are experiencing an increase in requests for assistance. This additional money will enable continuation of this help through the end of the year.

We continue to worship in-person Sunday mornings with our face masks on and smiles unseen. Many volunteers have worked diligently to provide a safe environment for those attending our worship services. For our church family members who feel safer at home, as well as those attending in-person worship, we want to be there for you; so please let us know how we might better assist you in your current faith journey.

*Blessings, Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2020*

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*You Make a Difference*  
Thank You for all you do!



Thank you to **Connie Schmitt, Addie Schnarr and Hannah Schnarr** for playing special music at church. What a blessing to have such talent in our church family.

Also, just a reminder that I will be reaching out to all our musically-gifted members to share their talents with us.

*With Gratefulness, Sarah Sergesketter*

## OUTREACH . . .

### OCTOBER MISSION – NEIGHBORS IN NEED



The Outreach Team reports that our October mission goes to Neighbors in Need (NIN), a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. **Two-thirds** of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. **One-third** of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

**Our goal is \$400.** We thank you in advance for generously supporting this worthy cause! Gifts may be included in your regular giving envelope as there will not be envelopes in the pew holders.

*The Outreach Team*



### UPDATE: September Mission - College Gift Cards

To date, \$495 has been given to the "College Gifts Cards" mission. The gift cards will be mailed in October.

*Thank you for supporting our youth!*

## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK . . .

*"... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me ..."*  
*Matthew 25: 35*

Now that we are back to in-person worship, this is just a reminder for you to leave your food donations in the food bank boxes in the foyer. These items will be collected and delivered to the food bank.

*Jenny LaGrange*

During the month of October, we will be collecting **boxed dressing mix**.



## TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .



The first few weeks of school are now behind us. We are so proud of our students as they adjust to the new school year.

The 3-day class is very happy to be back in school after the long break. The 2-day class seems very eager to learn and have adjusted well.

We appreciate and thank the Trinity community for allowing us to teach and play in the Parish Hall.

*Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director*

## October 2020

### Happy Birthday

Sarah Blackgrave	2
<b>Grant Blackman</b>	<b>5</b>
Julie Beck	7
<b>Chloe Premuda</b>	<b>7</b>
Fred Robberts	8
Janice Sunderman	8
Julie Schroeder	10
Jason Stockburger	10
<b>Trystan Armstrong</b>	<b>14</b>
Heather Goodhue	15
Corma Knebel	15
Mike Mehling	15
Dean Vonderheide	15
<b>Carter Beamon</b>	<b>16</b>
Haley Wright	16
Vickie Campbell	17
<b>Trey Blackgrave</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>McKenzie Blackman</b>	<b>18</b>
Peyton Blackgrave	19
Jerry Adams	21
Ann Berg	22
Denise Schnell	22
<b>Reid Cole</b>	<b>24</b>
Larry Schnell	24
Brian Meyer	25
<b>Bryent Roth</b>	<b>26</b>
Blair Rohleder	29
Harley Hopster	31



### Happy Anniversary

		<u>Years</u>
Sarah & Tom Hopf	10	50
Mike & Linda Mehling	11	51
Jeff & Toni Eichmiller	19	7
Harland, Dr. & Lelani Wittwer	23	55
Jeremy & Rachel Lindauer	25	6
Kathy & Victor Danford	29	32



Happy Anniversary

## ***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** - 9:15 - 10:00 am  
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

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

**Circle of Concern:** Friday mornings at 6:45 am. (No meeting on Friday, October 23.)

**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.

**Reminder:** Fall Break is Oct. 19-23

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



### **Community events held at Trinity Church Building**

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**Sunset Extension**      Tuesday, October 20 - Meeting Time To Be Determined

### **Groups not meeting until further notice**

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<b>Holistic Council</b>	No in-person meetings until further notice.
<b>Music Together</b>	Classes to resume January 2021
<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.

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