



Trinity United Church of Christ

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Jasper IN 47546

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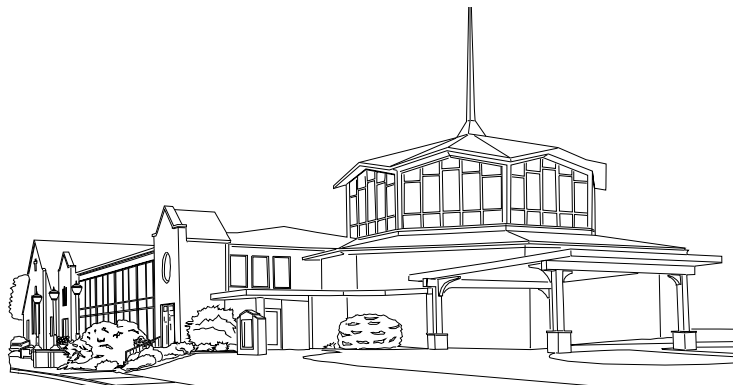
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Sunday Calendar

December 6

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

December 13 Children's Christmas Worship

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

December 20 - Communion

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
NO Sunday School

December 24 - Christmas Eve - Communion

Worship 4:30 & 9:00 pm

December 27— One Service

Worship 10:15 am
NO Sunday School

Office Hours

T-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Reports Due

W December 9

Newsletter Info Due

W December 9

Office Closed

December 29 - 31

DECEMBER Monthly Calendar

- M 14** Church Council @ 7 PM
W 23 Assemble & Mail Newsletter
Th 24 Christmas Eve - Office Closed
F 25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed
Th 31 New Year's Eve - Office Closed

DECEMBER Weekly Calendar

Confirmation Class Rooms 201, 202
Wednesdays - 2 & 9 @ 5:30 pm
No Classes - 12/16, 12/23 & 12/30
Resume - January 6

Circle of Concern

Fridays @ 6:45 am - 12/18 & 12/25 No Meeting

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

No Classes -12/20 & 12/27

Preschool - 5th grade - Room 203

Confirmands - Room 201/ 202

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

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.

Indeed, Christmas is a time for miracles. A tiny baby, born in a humble stable in Bethlehem, changed the world forever. Peace shines brighter than war; Hope replaces doubt; Joy rings louder than despair; Love conquers hate; these are the blessings of Christmas.

In the midst of the challenges of the season, let us pause and look for the miracles of Christmas. Let us celebrate the healing, comfort and assurance of God's presence. May we not take for granted the relationships that we have; instead may we find ways to mend past hurts and re-new our love for one another. Let us find ways to reach out to others who are limited in their activities due to the pandemic; let us make a phone call, send a note and do an abundance of acts of kindness.

May you and those you love find your lives filled with "tiny" miracles sent from the heart of God. May each of us discover ways to be "miracles" to one another as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May your Christmas be filled with miracles and blessings!

~Love, Pastor Jane

Pastor Jane is only a phone call away... 812-631-1147.

If you would like her to announce a joy or concern during worship, please contact her.



Pastor's Joy Journal... Let us give thanks for the STARS of Joy!

- ♥ It will be a joy to prepare **blessed home communion kits** for those un-able to attend church; call Pastor Jane to make arrangements to pick up communion for Advent and Christmas!
- ♥ It will be a joy to share the **Sunday School family videos** featuring the "Symbols of Christmas" at both services on December 13.
- ♥ It will be a joy to watch our Sunday School families receive a **special "Reception in a Bag"** from the Women's Guild; **thank you ladies!**
- ♥ It will be a joy to watch the church be transformed for the Advent/Christmas season; **thank you to the many families who volunteered to help.**
- ♥ It will be a joy to watch the **special Christmas Eve presentation** shared by our Sunday School kids; I give God thanks for their help in bringing the Christmas Story ALIVE. Thank you to **Bret Astrike** for sharing his photography passion and talent. Thank you to **Kari Roth and Dana Schnarr** for gathering costumes and props and getting them on the kids. Thank you to **Mark Blackgrave** for his media help.



Please keep these folks in your prayers and send them a Christmas 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, Room.#103 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546
Eloise Breidenbaugh	Northwood Retirement Community, Room #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, Room #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, Room #105 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546
Jason Stockburger	The Timbers, Room #316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546

Consider sending cards to those not able to be in worship due to the pandemic:
Ray & Mary Ann Bawel, Jerry Brewer, Corrine Clark, Shirlene Dreher, Brian & Sandy Ferrell,
David Fisher, Rhonda Johnson , Pete & Carol Rasche, Helen Seemann & others.



Pastoral Care update: Please call Pastor Jane with any updates.

- ♥ Let us pray for **those who are recovering from out-patient surgery or are hospitalized.**
- ♥ Let us pray for **family members coping with cancer.**
- ♥ 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 those who are **struggling to maintain life**: jobs, businesses & paying the bills.
- ♥ Let us pray for those dealing with the **devastations from wind, fire and water.**
- ♥ Let us pray for the **peace-makers** who seek to bring us together in love.



2020 Advent/Christmas Worship

“Stars over Bethlehem”

November 29 Communion

Bible Lesson: Luke 1: 57-80

Advent Candle: **Peace**

Focus: John the Baptist:
“The Way of Peace”

December 6

Bible Lessons: Mt. 1: 18-25 & Luke 1: 26-38

Advent Candle: **Hope**

Focus: Mary & Joseph:
”Believing the Impossible”

December 13

Children’s Christmas Worship

Bible Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1-9

Advent Candle: **Joy**

Message: The Symbols of Christmas

December 20 Communion

Bible Lesson: Luke 2: 8-20

Advent Candle: **Love**

Focus: Angels & Shepherds:
“The Amazing Good News”

December 24 Christmas Eve - 4:30 PM & 9:00 PM (Both Services identical)

Special Time Children’s Presentation, Communion & Candlelight Service

Bible Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-7

December 27 ONE service at 10:15 am

Message: Denise Schnell, speaking

Note: Throughout Advent/Christmas, we will be using a **prepackaged communion** which has a wafer and grape juice. There is a film that is peeled back for the wafer and then you open the grape juice cup like you would a creamer cup.



Sunday School ... 9:15-10:00 am - Only on December 6 & 13!

The Children’s Worship Service will be held at **8 and 10:15 am on December 13** featuring our family videos: **“The Symbols of Christmas.”**

We will celebrate Christmas during Sunday School at 9:15 am on Dec. 13!

Confirmation: Wednesday Nights: December 2 & 9 (No Class - 12/16, 12/23 or 12/30)

Sunday Mornings: December 6 & 13

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Consensus to approve the recommendation of the Outreach Ministry Team to adopt Sudan Water Project as our 2021 Lenten Mission.

On November 4, Dubois County was placed in the COVID-19 “RED” category resulting in our decision to suspend singing (even before we had a chance to sing softly with our facemasks). After discussion during the November Council meeting, it was decided that when Dubois County is in the “RED” category, Pastor Jane will read the Bible Lesson and there will be no singing.

Pastor Jane has been busy finding ways to connect with members. She is planning special features for Christmas Eve worship. Two identical services are being planned - 4:30 PM and 9 PM. As we get closer to Christmas Eve, we ask that you let us know which service you plan to attend. We want to make sure we have a place for you and your family. (Thank you to those who have already responded via email or telephone.)

As we move into the holiday season, we pray everyone stay safe and practice the safe guidelines and wear a mask.

Mark Blackgave, Council President 2020



Here we are at the end of an extremely interesting year with its many challenges. I'm very humbled and grateful for each and every one of you who have volunteered your talents to enhance and uplift our worship services. Thank you to Melissa Blackgrave for singing for us in November. Let's pray that this coming year ushers in an end to this pandemic.

Wishing you and your families the best this Christmas Season offers; love abounding, a peaceful spirit, joyous laughter, good will, harmony and a grounding in the birth, life, death and message of Jesus.

Sarah Sergesketter

TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .



There will be no Parent/Teacher conferences this year. Ms. Patty sent evaluation sheets home. Parents can contact her with any issues they might need to discuss.

Again this year, during the month of November, canned goods were collected for the Community Food Bank. Thanks to all who so generously contributed.

From the students and staff of Trinity Tree House, we wish everyone peace and blessings during this holy season.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK . . .

Thank you for the donations of **6 jars of jelly, 7 jars of peanut butter, and 17 boxes of stuffing mix.** Also collected were 2 plastic bags filled with plastic bags and 1 brown paper bag of bags. The Food Bank needs these items in order to fill orders. Your help is appreciated. During the month of **December**, we will be collecting **Soup.**



Jenny LaGrange

MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

You have the opportunity to share your blessings with 2 families this Christmas through our **GIFT TO THE CHRIST CHILD** project!

Family A is our current “Adopt” grandma and her 2 grandsons she is caring and providing for. These gifts will end our aid to them, but please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Family B is a single mom with 2 young boys. She recently lost her job (from missing too many days while dealing with the older child’s health issues). She is struggling to make ends meet. More information on their situation will be offered at a later date. They will become our 2021 Adopt-A-Family.

On the table in the Foyer you will find lists of each family member’s wishes. If you want to purchase a gift put your name beside that item. Once you have bought the gift: **label who is to receive it** (a description of the recipient, such as Family B, Boy age 7) on the tag.

This is **VERY** important to those sorting the packages! Also, if a gift consists of several parts, please place it all in one box or bag, as we try to offer the same number of presents to each child in a family. Just remember....one line = one package.

Place the wrapped and tagged gift on the table to be delivered.

Please have them here by Sunday, December 13 *

(early so that packages may sit untouched a few days before being delivered)

*Two additional dates to bring your gift are being offered—**SEE BELOW**

There are also baskets for **gift cards for the family—any kind—any amount.**

Label them only Family A or Family B

No need to sign up for these

Alternate ways to contribute this year:

- (1) Call Jan at 812-630-7518 to sign up for a gift. She will be keeping an updated list and can tell you what items are still needed. Also, call her with any questions you may have.
- (2) Send a monetary donation labeled Gift to the Christ Child and the Outreach team will purchase a gift or gift card for you.
- (3) In case you choose to purchase a present but can’t deliver it to the foyer at church, the following dates/times are being offered for “drive-through” drop off:

Saturday, December 12 from 2-4 pm

Wednesday, December 16 from 5:30-7 pm

Simply use the circle drive, where a table will be placed near the canopy. Place your gift on the table and someone from Outreach will move it inside to the gift table.

We appreciate your understanding of the need for a few changes during this unusual time. We are committed to keeping everyone safe while fulfilling our mission.

Christmas Blessings, Outreach Team

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS DECEMBER 2020

December 6

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Time with Young Disciples: Audra Jahn
Media Producer: John Kahle
Media: 8 am Mark Blackgrave
10:15 am John Kahle
Ushers: 8 am Connie Schmitt, Mary Ann Weisheit
10:15 am Larry LaGrange, Dan Sergesketter
Fred Roberts
Child Care: None

December 24 Christmas Eve - Communion

Times: 4:30 & 9:00 PM
Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave
Media: 4:30 pm Kurt Vonderheide
9 :00 pm Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 4:30 pm
9:00 pm
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: John & Janis Schnarr
Communion Servers: Self-serve

December 13

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Special Music: Hannah Schnarr, Jera Hafele
Organist: None
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Media Producer: Nichole Lechner
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Brian Meyer
Ushers: 8 am Alene & Gary Frank
10:15 am Melissa & Kevin Blackgrave
Child Care: None

December 27 - ONE Service at 10:15 am

Speaker: Denise Schnell
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit
Time with Young Disciples: None
Media Producer: John Kahle
Media: Kurt Vonderheide & John Kahle
Ushers: Pamela Catt
Child Care: None

December 20 - Communion

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 8 am Ann & Jeff Berg
10:15 am Melissa & Kevin Blackgrave
Susan & John McGovren
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: John & Janis Schnarr



December 2020

December Birthdays

Jeremy Lindauer	2
Kathy Danford	11
Catherine Fullington	11
Rod Kalb	11
Rylee Ann Blackgrave	12
Mary Ann Bawel	14
Eloise Breidenbaugh	14
Mariemma Huebner	14
Mitch May	15
Karsen Roth	15
Dana Schnarr	15
Kaiden Roth	16
Catherine Bressette	18
Brandon Jahn	22
Cameron Rumbach	24
Susan Neukam	25
Mark Marshall	25
Judy Thom	25
Jane Neukam	26
Ian Grant	29
Rhonda Scherer	30
Heath Astrike	31

December Anniversaries

	<u>Years</u>	
<i>Pamela & Randy Catt</i>	11	49
<i>Linda & John Kahle</i>	15	36
<i>Sandy & Brian Ferrell</i>	18	28
<i>Ruth & John Coller</i>	23	30
<i>Alene & Gary Frank</i>	27	34
<i>Anna & Ian Grant</i>	31	2



CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

November Worship Services

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
1	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>25</u>	68
	10:15 am	43	
8	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>19</u>	60
	10:15 am	41	
15	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>21</u>	58
	10:15 am	37	
22	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>20</u>	62
	10:15 am	42	

November Sunday School

Date	Youth	Adults	Total
1	17	1	18
8	14	2	16
15	13	1	14
22	12	5	17

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

HELP US IN PLANNING - LET US KNOW...

Two Opportunities to Celebrate Our Savior's Birth

4:30 PM or 9 PM

Please call the office with your preference.



**CARD SHOWER to celebrate
Mariemma Huebner's 98th
birthday December 14 !**

She is the matriarch of the congregation and thus we are blessed with her wisdom and faith.

Please Send Card To:

Mariemma Huebner
Northwood Retirement Community
Assisted Living
400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. #23
Jasper, IN 47546

Thank You

We would like to thank our Trinity Family for the many congratulatory words and cards we have received, as we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Even with Covid restrictions around us, we managed to enjoy the weekend with our children and grandchildren. It was a very special time to have them all join us for Sunday morning worship at Trinity. Along with 50 years of marriage together, God has certainly bestowed many blessings on us. We are very grateful for Trinity and its entire family. Thank you all and may God bless each of you.

John & Janis Schnarr

November 30, 2020

Dear Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you so very much for again sponsoring the local "Clothe the Children Project".

We truly appreciate your continuing this much needed and worthwhile project.

We know that your hard work and kind hearts have helped to make many children happy.

Our wish is that each of you has a very special Christmas Season and that the year 2021 holds much happiness for all of your church families.

Sincerely,

Heather Goodhue
Heather Goodhue
Social Worker

Melanie Krueger
Melanie Krueger
Social Worker

Kent Taylor
Kent Taylor
Principal

Shannon Bauer
Shannon Bauer
Principal

Ryan Erny
Ryan Erny
Asst. Principal

Merry Christmas

The Trinity Tree House staff and children wish you a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous, joyful 2021!

Patty Brosmer



Sandy Fierst

Kate Buchta



The staff of Trinity United Church of Christ wishes each of you and your families a Christmas Season filled with JOY, LOVE and PEACE!

Pastor Jane

Staci H.

Mickie E.

Kari R.

Adam R.

Sarah S.

Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2021

Sunday Morning at Trinity UCC - Jasper

8:00 am **Morning Worship** (*1st 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 6th grade

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

Circle of Concern: Friday mornings at 6:45 am.

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.

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



Community events held at Trinity Church Building

Groups not meeting until further notice

Holistic Council	No in-person meetings until further notice.
Music Together	Classes to resume in 2021
Survivors of Suicide	No in-person meetings until further notice.
The Lounge Series	Cancelled until Spring 2021
Weight Watchers	No in-person meetings until further notice.
