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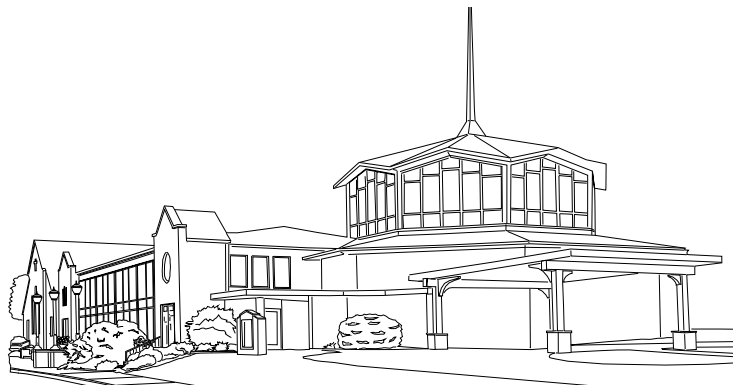
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Sunday Calendar

February 7 - COMMUNION

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

February 14

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

February 17 Ash Wednesday - COMMUNION

Worship 7 pm

February 21- 1st Sunday in Lent

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

February 28

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

FEBRUARY Monthly Calendar

- M 8** Church Council @ 7 pm
T 16 Sunset Extension @ 4 pm
W 17 Ash Wednesday
Th 25 Assemble & Mail Newsletter

FEBRUARY Weekly Calendar

Confirmation Class Rooms 201, 202
Wednesdays - 3, 10, 24

Circle of Concern

Fridays @ 6:45 am

Sunday School Class @ 9:15 - 10:00 am
Preschool - 5th grade - Room 203
Confirmands - Room 201/ 202

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

Office Hours

T-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Reports Due

T February 2

Newsletter Info Due

W February 10

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.



The path from brokenness to wholeness...it is not an easy path to walk.
It is filled with many obstacles...and overcoming it is today's talk.
It starts with traumas and pain...causing brokenness like shattered glass.

Then feelings of confusion and fear...with tears you cannot seem to bypass.
And each step on this path...seems to be a major ordeal.
For your world has fallen apart...and it doesn't even seem real.
And this path is covered by darkness...like walking in a fog so thick.
For the pain and tears are blinding... and the brokenness makes you feel sick.
And when you are stuck at the bottom...with nowhere else to go.

You cry out for God... and God's Presence God will show.
For in our brokenness...is when God will be revealed.
'Cause we will hold onto God...and God will rebuild and heal.

So once shattered and broken...like Humpty Dumpty taking a fall.
God will put back the pieces...so we can stand strong and tall.
And as we hold onto God...many obstacles we will overcome.
Walking the path from brokenness to wholeness...total healing will sure be done.

Adapted from © Secret Angel and The Abuse Expose' with Secret Angel

During this Lenten Season, we will walk together from brokenness to wholeness surrounded by God's loving presence. Each of us has grief, or physical pain, or mental anguish, or spiritual struggles that can drain away our desire for life. Some of our brokenness comes so suddenly that it literally takes our breath away and we wonder how we shall survive.

The Good news is that in this season of reflection, we are invited to lay our brokenness at the foot of the cross and take the love and grace of God upon our hearts. What a joy it is to feel the healing love of God deep in our souls! What hope is known when bit-by-bit God puts together the pieces of our broken lives bringing forth wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

Please join your Christian brothers and sisters as we pray, fast and give during this Lenten Season.

Grace be unto you! ~ Pastor Jane



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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, Corrine Clark, David Fisher, Shirlene Dreher, Helen Seemann
Brian & Sandy Ferrell, Pete & Carol Rasche, Jerry Brewer, Rhonda Johnson, and others.



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

- ♥ Let us pray for **Norma B. and Pete R. who are recovering from surgery.**
- ♥ Let us pray for **Mariemma** who is doing rehab at Northwood Retirement Community.
- ♥ Let us pray for the **safety of our country & peace-makers** who seek to bring us together in love.
- ♥ Let us pray **for those who are recovering from out-patient surgery or hospitalization.**
- ♥ 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 & pay the bills.
- ♥ Let us pray for those dealing with the **devastations from wind, fire and water.**



Be A Blessing!

Pray often. **Be Kind, Give Thanks.** Do Good. **Have Courage. Lead with Love.**
Practice Peace. **Be the Light. Work for Justice. Encourage Others. Be Joyful.**
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From the Pulpit - February 2021 ... 8:00 am & 10:15 am

February 7

Communion Sunday

Bible Lesson: Luke 7: 1-10

Focus: "The Healing Word"

February 14

Transfiguration Sunday

Bible Lesson: Luke 9: 28-36

Focus: "Changed for the Good"

February 17

Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 PM

Bible Lesson: Luke 9: 51-62

"Our Journey Begins!"

February 21

Mission Sunday

Bible Lesson: Isaiah 12

Mission Message: "The Gift of Water"

Time with Young Disciples:

Luke 10: 25-37 – The Parable of the Good Samaritan

February 28

Bible Lesson: Luke 13: 31-35

Focus: "Hen-Pecked or Hen-Loved"



Sunday School ... 9:15-10:00 am

Preschool – 5th Meet in the sanctuary and then go to classroom.

Confirmands Meet in the classroom.

Thank you to ALL who have volunteered to teach!

Confirmation:

Wednesday night on February 3, 10, 24 from 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Sunday Mornings @ 9:15 am

**Note: On February 17, instead of class, please come to
the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 PM.**



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FEBRUARY 2021

February 7

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: Melissa Blackgrave
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 8 am Linda Troxler
10:15 am Jenny & Larry LaGrange
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: John & Janis Sschnarr
Communion Servers: Self-Serve

February 14

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: Alexander Thomas
Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue
Media Producer: John Kahle
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am John Kahle
Ushers: 8 am Mary Ann Weisheit & Connie Schmitt
10:15 am Greg Schnarr Family

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: None
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: Kurt Vonderheide
Ushers:
Communion Preparation: John & Janis Schnarr
Communion Servers: Self-Serve

February 21

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: Sarah Sergesketter
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Brian Meyer
Ushers: 8 am Ann & Jeff Blackgrave
10:15 am Jan & Rod Kalb
Child Care: None

February 28

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Time with Young Disciples: Audra Jahn
Media Producer: Nichole Lechner
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Adam Roth
Ushers: 8 am Bill Small
10:15 am Roth Family
Child Care: None



WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP . . .

Celebrating the Life of Robert Blair Rohleder

October 29, 1961 - December 31, 2020

We give the Lord thanks for the 59 years of life appointed to God's beloved son, Robert Blair Rohleder, who entered this world on October 29, 1961. Following a season of illness, God lifted Blair into the glory of heaven, on December 31, 2020. He is now resting from his labors, free from all earthly limitations and safely cradled in the loving arms of his Lord.

We remember Blair as the son of Robert Lee and Margaret Claire (Friedman) Rohleder. Blair is now reunited with his father, Robert. May God grant comfort to his mother, Claire and the extended family who mourn his death. Blair moved to Jasper from Henderson, Kentucky and graduated from Jasper High School in 1980. He went on to receive an Associate's degree from Evansville Technology School. Blair joined Trinity United Church of Christ, along with his family in 1978.

Blair was blessed in life with a daughter Lydia and son-in-law, Jordan. Two grandchildren, Judah and Ellie brought him great joy, as did the anticipation of the arrival of a third grandchild in the spring.

Blair spent his life in the world of professional golfing and sales and as a caretaker of the land. He was an avid hunter, while enjoying fishing, gardening and music. He loved to entertain family and friends with his cooking talents.

We celebrate the life of Robert Blair Rohleder. So long as we live, he too shall live; for he is a part of us, as we remember him.

*Our thoughts
And prayers
Are with you.*

Home Communion Kits:



Pastor Jane is preparing home communion kits that will include bulletins and communion elements for February 7, Ash Wednesday, March 7, Maundy Thursday and Easter. If you did not receive a kit for Christmas and would like to be included, please contact Pastor Jane.

Note: Family members and volunteers are needed to help with distribution.

JANUARY 11 COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council met in person with the 6 feet protocol, all members were present.

- All liaison council positions are filled with Susan McGovren taking on the Nominating Team.
- Approved moving funds from donations for sanctuary ceiling replacement to the God Home Improvement Funds. We have had several donations to fund the replacement of ceiling tiles and lights.
- Purchased a new computer to replace the present ten-year-old computer used for worship.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021

Thank you to those who made December extra special by sharing your talents.



Alexander Thomas ... for your wonderful O Holy Night solo.

Jera Hafele, Hannah Schnarr, Addie Schnarr, Mary Ann Weisheit

Choir Chimers ... John & Ruth Coller, Kari Roth, Greg Schnarr, Addie Schnarr Jace Hafele, Alex Thomas, Laurel Hubster, David Hubster, Heather Goodhue, James Goodhue, Judy Hubster, and Jack Goodhue.

In January ... Connie Schmitt accordion.

Sarah Sergesketter

End of the Year Information

All 2020 end-of-year financial giving statements were mailed the week of January 4.

If you should have received one and have not, please contact John Schnarr at 812-630-7553.

Trinity Church, Thank you for your very generous Christmas gift - it was so kind of you to think of me. I feel so fortunate to work at Trinity Tree House. Sandy F.

Trinity Church, Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Happy Healthy New Year is my prayer for all of you. Staci H.

Thank You

Pastor Jane & Congregation, Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmas in such a thoughtful way. I very much appreciate the monetary gift. Wishing all a peaceful and healthy 2021! Sincerely, Kate B.

Trinity Church Family, Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gift. I pray 2021, brings each of you joy, peace, happiness and prosperity. Mickie E.

Outreach Committee

Lenten Mission

First, a question -- Have you used any **water** so far today? If so, how? Did you get a drink from the faucet or front of the refrigerator, wash your hands, body, or hair, brush your teeth, flush the toilet? Did you make a cup of coffee or food or drink requiring water, wash dishes or clothes, get ice, clean the chocolate off the front of your refrigerator? Maybe you mopped the floor? You know **not everyone** can do those things, right?

Without the infrastructure to bring **water** into our homes, our lives would be quite different!

It is hard to believe **Lent** starts next month. For many years now, Trinity UCC has chosen to collect and send money to support a **local, regional, or international** cause during Lent. Last year we chose the local organization, Mentors for Youth; this used to be known as Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The executive director spoke at both services the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Very soon afterwards, our country was in the midst of a pandemic. In spite of this, our goal of **\$5,000** was made possible through the generosity of the people of Trinity.

This year, 2021, the **Outreach Committee**, with the approval of the Church Council, has chosen **Water for South Sudan** as our Lenten Mission. Sudan was the largest country in Africa until, after over 2 decades of war, South Sudan gained independence in 2011. The northern portion of Sudan is more urban and the religion practiced there is mainly Islamic. The southern part, today's South Sudan, is more rural, and the religion is mainly Christian with some indigenous religions.

Over 20 years of civil war would explain a reason for lack of adequate infrastructure. South Sudan also has other issues when it comes to getting water to people. One reason being 4/5 of the population is rural. Then, there is the fact that at the heart of South Sudan is a heavy, cracking, clay plain, and in the center of this is an enormous swampy area. Also, many months each year are without any rainfall. This information about South Sudan should help you understand why it is one of the **world's poorest countries**.

Salva Dut, Founder and Chief Strategy Director for the non-profit **Water for South Sudan**, was 11 when he became one of the **"Lost Boys of Sudan."** You may have seen the movie. Soldiers attacked his village in Sudan in 1985, while he was at school. Salva escaped along with other youth, who then traveled on foot to Ethiopia and later Kenya. They were joined by other young people fleeing the fighting. Many died along the way of starvation, disease, or were killed by animals or militia. It is estimated there were 17,000 **"lost boys."**

As a teenager in 1990, Salva led about 1,500 of these Lost Boys from Ethiopia hundreds of miles, crossing deserts to the UN **refugee camp** in Kenya, where he lived for 6 years. His family did not know if he was dead or alive, nor did he know about them. In 1996, Salva and about 3,800 "Lost Boys" were able to go to the United States of America to live.

Still, Salva always wanted to return to his homeland. In 2002, he learned his father was alive, but very ill. With help, Salva was able to go to the UN clinic in Sudan where his father was being treated for waterborne parasites and disease. When the elder Dut was healthy, he moved from his home to an area of Sudan where he could find clean water. After Salva returned to the U.S., he became determined to help the people of his homeland. The following year, Salva Dut and a small group of friends founded **Water for South Sudan**. After South Sudan became independent, Salva moved back to Africa to oversee operations of **WFSS**.

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MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

LENTEN MISSION, continued

This non-profit, humanitarian organization is dedicated to raising funds to **drill and maintain wells in rural areas** of South Sudan and to **educate people about hygiene**. Author and missionary Thomas Hale said, "The humanitarian needs to be able to measure his accomplishments and see the fruit of his labor. But when there is little to show for his efforts, as is so often the case with work in developing countries, the humanitarian becomes discouraged. **The primary motive of a Christian is to serve Christ**. We are instruments to render **His** service. **His** love never runs dry."

Please help reach our goal of **\$5,000**, which is **1/3 the cost of drilling one new well**.

Thank you !



2021 Adopt-A-Family . . .

Trinity's Adopt-A-Family is a single Mom with 2 young sons. Your spare change can help in many ways. Thank you!

COMMUNITY FOODBANK . . .

Trinity's Christmas giving in **December** included donations to the **Community Food Bank** of a total of **23** cans of **soup** and 6 bags of plastic bags. As of **Jan. 10th**, **16** regular size boxes of **breakfast bars** and 4 family-size boxes of breakfast bars have been donated. We are collecting **breakfast bars** through all of **January**.

Thank you, Trinity family! In these difficult times, your help is **appreciated!**

Please remember, **February's** item is **Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce**.

Jenny LaGrange, Outreach Committee

TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .

We are in the process of registration for the 2021-22 school year. Students who are currently enrolled in the Trinity Tree House program were given registration packets before the Christmas holiday break.

Registration opened to the public on Monday, January 11, 2021, and will continue until classes are full.

As of January 2021, classes at Trinity Tree House continue to be in session with social distancing and masks required.



Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director

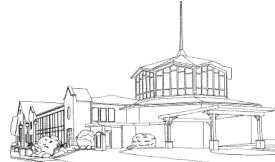
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February Birthdays

Janis Schnarr	1
Brad Atkins	2
Larry LaGrange	2
Maggie Aull	4
Mira Vonderheide	13
Bill Small	14
Jamie Beamon	18
Cheryl Hopster	18
Dan Sergesketter	22
Tricia Cole	23
Brandie Astrike	24
John Kahle	25
Adam Roth	25
Madison Mauck	27
Selena Vonderheide	27

February Anniversaries

		<u>Years</u>
Brett & Haley Wright	2	10



CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

December & January Worship Services

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
12/20	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>19</u>	40
	10:15 am	21	
12/24	<u>4:30 pm</u>	<u>30</u>	90
	9:00 pm	60	
12/27	10:15 am	18	18
1/3	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>13</u>	46
	10:15 am	33	
1/10	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>17</u>	48
	10:15 am	31	
1/17	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>13</u>	50
	10:15 am	37	
1/24	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>12</u>	47
	10:15 am	35	

December & January Sunday School

Date	Youth	Adults	Total
1/10	9	4	13
1/17	6	4	10
1/24	9	5	14



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 further notice.

Men's Fellowship: No meeting until further notice.

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

Music Together

Survivors of Suicide

The Lounge Series

Weight Watchers

Trinity Women's Guild is not hosting the 2021 World Day of Prayer.
