



**Trinity United Church of Christ**

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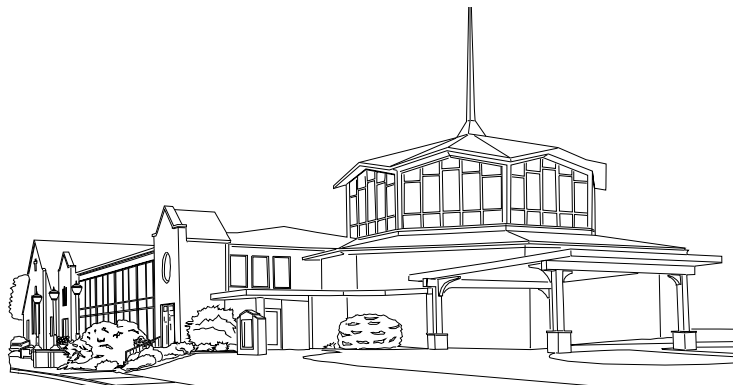
# Trinity Chimes

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## Sunday Calendar

### March 7 - COMMUNION

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

### March 14

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

### March 21

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am  
No Sunday School

### March 28

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

### April 1 Maundy Thursday / Good Friday

Combined Worship Service  
Worship 7pm

## MARCH Monthly Calendar

- M 8** Church Council @ 7 pm  
CEMT @ 5:15 pm
- S 14** Daylight Savings Time  
Begins @ 2am
- T 16** Sunset Extension @ 4 pm
- Th 25** Mail Newsletter



## MARCH Weekly Calendar

**Confirmation Class** Rooms 201, 202  
Wednesdays - 3, 10, 17  
No Classes 24 & 31

### 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.

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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.

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### Office Hours

T-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

### Council Reports Due

*T March 2*

### Newsletter Info Due

*W March 10*



***Lenten Poem by Ann Weems***

Lent is a time to take time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden.

Perhaps we're afraid to face our future knowing our past.

Give us courage, O God, to hear your Word and to read our living into it.

Give us the trust to know we're forgiven and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk.

**Beloved Trinity Church,**

I offer the poem above as a guide to our Lenten journey of praying, fasting and giving.

May God strengthen our prayer life and bring us closer to the Holy One. May we take the time to listen and find guidance, comfort, and hope in our daily conversations with our Lord. May we remember there is power in prayer and comfort in knowing others are praying with us.

Through the grace of God, let us fast from anger and hatred, from discouragement and complaining and from resentment and bitterness. Let each of us fast from judging others; before judging others let us recall how Jesus overlooks our faults. May this fast make room for grace and joy.

There is so much need in our world that calls us into the act of giving of our resources and ourselves. I urge you to find a way to reach out and give so that others might know life. It is true: in giving to others, we are blessed.

As the poet says above, let us trust we are forgiven as we lead a life of faith.

**May the grace of God be with you!**

**~ Pastor Jane**



<b>Jack Astrike</b>	Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 Pleasant View, Apt. #1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)
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<b>Carrie Loveall</b>	855 Missouri Street, Apt. #17, Ferdinand, IN 47532 (812-998-2010)
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<b>Carolyn Snyder</b>	St. Charles Health Campus, Room #105 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546
<b>Jason Stockburger</b>	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.**

- ♥ **Our sympathy is extended to Mariemma** at the death of her daughter-in-law, Beth.
- ♥ Let us pray for **Donna M.**, recovering from surgery.
- ♥ Let us pray for **Sherry M.**, recovering at Memorial Hospital following surgeries to mend a broken leg.
- ♥ Let us pray for our **Adopt-A-Family mother** in a time of testing.
- ♥ Let us pray **for all in need of healing.**
- ♥ Let us pray for **those coping with cancer**; may God grant them courage and comfort.
- ♥ Let us pray for **all in our country** who seek to bring us together in love.
- ♥ Let us pray for those **battling COVID-19**; may God grant them courage and comfort.
- ♥ Let us give thanks for the gift of a vaccine for **COVID-19** and continue to 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 pray for those who are **struggling to maintain life**: jobs, businesses and pay the bills.
- ♥ Let us pray for those dealing with the **devastations from snow, ice, 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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### March 7 Communion Sunday

Bible Lesson: Luke 15: 1-10

Focus: "The Lost is Found"

### March 14

Bible Lesson: Luke 13: 31-35

Focus: "Hen-pecked or Hen-loved"

### March 21

Bible Lesson: Luke 19: 1-10

Focus: "The Path to Salvation"

### March 28 Palm Sunday

Bible Lesson: Luke 19: 29-40

Focus: "Shouting Stones"

### April 1 Maundy Thursday/Good Friday (Combined Worship) – 7 PM – Communion

Together we shall journey from Palm Sunday to the cross, hearing from those who were touched by the life of Jesus.



**Sunday School ... 9:15-10:00 am** (No Sunday School on March 21!)

**Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 March 3, 10, 17 from 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Sunday Mornings @ 9:15 am (Not March 21)

**Note:** No Wednesday class on March 24 due to spring break.

No Class on March 31<sup>st</sup>; instead of class, please come to the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 2021

### **March 7 - Communion**

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Special Music:**

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

**Media: 8 am** Mark Blackgrave

**10:15 am** Adam Roth

**Ushers: 8 am** Mary Ann Weisheit &  
Connie Schmitt

**10:15 am** Dan Sergesketter

**Child Care:** None

**Communion Preparation:** Janis & John Schnarr

**Communion Servers:** Self-Serve

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### **March 14**

**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** Mark Blackgrave

**Ushers: 8 am** Linda Troxler

**10:15 am** Jenny & Larry LaGrange

**Child Care:** None

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### **March 21**

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Special Music:**

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Jane

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave

**Media: 8 am** Kurt Vonderheide

**10:15 am** Brian Meyer

**Ushers: 8 am** Angie & Rick Hobson

**10:15 am** Janet & Brian Meyer

**Child Care:** None

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### **March 28 - Palm Sunday**

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Special Music:**

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Jane

**Media Producer:** Nichole Lechner

**Media: 8 am** Adam Roth

**10:15 am** John Kahle

**Ushers: 8 am** Bill Small

**10:15 am** Melissa & Kevin Blackgrave

**Child Care:** None

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### **April 1- Maundy Thursday/Good Friday (Combined Worship Service)**

**Acolyte:** Pastor Jane

**Bible Reader:** Pastor Jane

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Special Music:**

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave

**Media:** Mark Blackgrave

**Usher:** Denise Schnell

**Communion Preparation:** Janis & John Schnarr

**Communion Servers:** Self-Serve

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## FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Increased** the money to be allocated for Outreach Assistance
- **Increased** the money for the high school scholarships
- **Confirmed** the participation in 2021 Strassenfest

Hope is here with the vaccine - GOD is good! We must continue to be vigilant; we can't let our guard down. So, as a council, we still need to make decisions that may not always be popular as we must follow the current pandemic guidelines/restrictions.

In the past, it was customary that during Lent our church offered Wednesday evening worship services. During Holy Week, we would have both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services. In light of the Covid pandemic, we have had to change and limit our worship services. So this year during Lent, we will have Ash Wednesday worship service only; there will be no additional Wednesday evening worship services. Also for Holy Week, it was decided to have just one Worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 1st, at 7 pm ( Maundy Thursday and Good Friday combined into one service).

Additional impacts of this pandemic have affected our community involvement ministries such as Outreach Assistance, College Student Scholarships and mission work. This new year, as in years past, the church council designates money from the proceeds of the Edna Joseph Estate to be used for the various projects listed above. So in 2021, there were two increases in amounts designated to Outreach Assistance and College Student Scholarships.

† \$10,000 designated for Outreach Assistance due to the increased need for help with rent and utility payments.

† \$750 approved (per senior) for our college-bound high school seniors.

Our Trinity congregation has been very fortunate to be able to continue to assist the people of our own community, in addition to other communities around the world. Our Lenten Mission this year is "Water for South Sudan" - article on Page 7. A mailing with additional information about providing CLEAN WATER — a basic human need — is being sent soon. So be watching your mail box! Please know that we truly appreciate your generosity in support of this most deserving endeavor.

*Thanks be to GOD!*

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021



## MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

### LENTEN MISSION

Trinity United Church of Christ has chosen **Water for South Sudan** for its Lenten Mission, 2021.

One of the 3 main projects this organization has is **Well Drilling** because **Water is a Basic Need, a Human Right**. Clean water changes lives, it helps strengthen families and communities. Where safe, clean water flows, villages in South Sudan have more opportunities to prosper.

The isolated villagers with whom **Water for South Sudan** works, have limited access to clean water, and often can only access contaminated water that will lead to sickness or even death. **WFSS's** goal is to create **sustainable** systems, incorporating well **maintenance** and **training** as part of the installation of a well.

Drilling a **borehole**, often **hundreds** of feet **deep** in the clay earth to reach the aquifer's water, is a technical challenge. That challenge is made greater by the **remote** nature and **harsh climate** of the region. The **drilling rig requires water to operate**. A certain size **gravel** is needed. **Compressed air** must be available. **Soil** must be **tested** and **retested** during the process. **Diesel fuel** is required at all times, as is a special **polymer** to keep the **BOREHOLE** intact until pipe is sunk for the well.



This is not the typical well digging operation that would be done in Dubois County!  
And when **WFSS** drills a well, they also have a team to present a three-day hygiene education program.

***Imagine--If you had not had clean water to use before, WHAT WOULD YOU NOT KNOW?***

One third of the cost of drilling a well is \$5,000. Please help the Outreach Committee provide this **basic need -- this human right -- WATER**.

*Outreach Committee, 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 . . .

The items on the list to donate to the food bank in February are pasta & sauce. In spite of the pandemic and weather, as of Feb. 7th, Trinity worshipers have brought 11 cans/jars of pasta sauce, 1 bottle marinara sauce, 1 can crushed tomatoes, 11 boxes of pasta, 1 bottle ketchup, and lots of plastic bags.

You also answered the call from a parishioner who volunteers at the food bank for personal items. So far you have provided: 47 rolls of toilet paper, 3 tubes of toothpaste, 6 tooth brushes, 3 floss, 3 nail clippers, & 1 box of tissues.

You are a **BLESSING** to people in need.



Please remember **MARCH's item is Hamburger & Tuna Helper.**

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## MUSIC NOTES:



Thank you to **Melissa Blackgrave** and **Alexander Thomas** for sharing their voices for special music in February.

*Sarah Sergesketter*

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## TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year began in January. There are still several openings in the 2-day class (3-year olds). Anyone interested in the 2-day class can contact Susan McGovren for a registration packet. The 3-day class (4-year olds) is full.

The Trinity Tree House Board met on January 28. At that time new hours of class sessions were approved. The new hours are as follows:

**M - W - F Class (4-year olds) 8:30 am—11:30 am**

**T - Th Class (3-year olds) 8:30 am—11:00 am**



*Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director*

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# EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

Please help us create a flower garden by purchasing a flower of your choice.

Flowers may be placed in the **Communion Prep Room** during these times:

**Maundy Thursday (4/1) evening from 6:30-8:00 pm**

or

**Saturday morning (4/3) from 10:00—11:00 am.**

If your flower is in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form which is available on the credenza in the church entrance, or included with the mailed and emailed newsletters. **Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate.**



**All flowers may be taken by donors following the 10:15 am service on Easter Sunday.**



It is important to keep the office calendar and membership records up-to-date and accurate. So we are asking that you please **notify the church office of the following:**

- ◆ Team meeting dates
- ◆ Changes in your membership information such as address, telephone number, email address, etc.

**Thank You!**

**March 14** - Daylight Saving Time Begins!

Sunday, **March 14 at 2 a.m.** move clocks from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. Of course, you can **change your clocks before you go to bed Saturday night.**



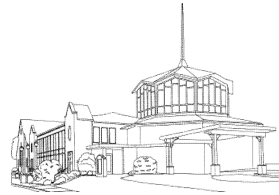
# March 2021

## March Birthdays

Daniel Kahle	1
Rick Hobson	7
Sarah Hopf	9
Neil Astrike	10
Shirlene Dreher	10
David Scherer	10
Mike Berger	11
Greg Braun	12
Lisa Kincer	14
Jace Goodhue	15
Stacy Hubster	15
Terry Kapp	15
William Cole	16
Jera Hafele	17
Maggie Hubster	19
Melissa Blackgrave	22
Ty Stockburger	22
Linda Mehling	24
Treva Heise	25
Jared Coller	25
Remi Adams	26
Sylvia Adams	29
David Foertsch	28
Jerry Brewer	30
Kimberly Aull	31

## March Anniversaries

		<u>Years</u>
Robert & Mary Klingel	1	41
Phillip & Melissa Hafele	17	15



### CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

#### December & January Worship Services

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
1/31	8:00 am	14	51
	10:15 am	37	
2/7	8:00 am	5	28
	10:15 am	23	
2/14	8:00 am	8	43
	10:15 am	35	
2/17	<b>Cancelled due to weather</b>		
2/21	8:00 am	9	51
	10:15 am	42	

#### December & January Sunday School

Date	Youth	Adults	Total
1/131	7	6	13
2/7	4	2	6
2/14	8	4	12
2/21	11	5	16

***Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2021***

**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** (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Communion*)

**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.

**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.**

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**Community events held at Trinity Church Building**

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**Groups not meeting until further notice**

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**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 .**

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