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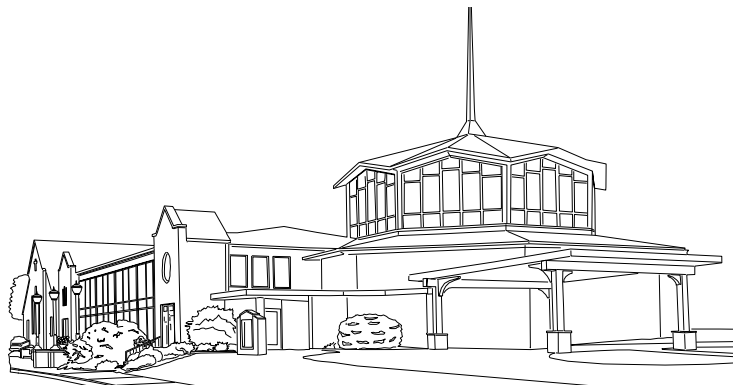
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Sunday Calendar

May 2 COMMUNION

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

May 9

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

May 16

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

May 23 PENTECOST -COMMUNION

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

May 30

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

No Sunday School

MAY Monthly Calendar

M 10 Church Council @ 7 pm

S 16 Men's Fellowship @ 9 am

Th 27 Mail Newsletter

MAY Weekly Calendar

Circle of Concern

Fridays @ 6:45 am

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

No class on Sunday, May 30

Preschool - 5th grade - Room 203

Confirmands - Room 201/ 202

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

Music Together Classes

Mondays & Saturdays @ 9 - 10:30 am

Office Hours

T-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Reports Due

T May 4

Newsletter Info Due

W May 5

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.

A Prayer to Produce the Fruit of the Spirit

Loving God, we pray that our lives would show forth the beautiful fruit of the Spirit, which is rooted and grounded in your love, and produced in a life that is walking in spirit and truth.

We pray that the life of Christ may guard our spirits and rule our lives so that we may truly be open to the leading and guidance of Your Holy Spirit. Teach us to walk in spirit and truth, to depend on Your sufficient grace, and to fulfill the new commandment You gave to the Church, to love others as Christ loved us.

We pray that we would take every opportunity to demonstrate Your love to others, in action, attitude, mood and motive. Help us to show forth Your love not only with our lips but in our daily lives, by giving ourselves to Your service, and by walking in holiness and humility of spirit all the days of our lives. This is our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Adapted from "Knowing Jesus - Prayer-for-the-Fruit-of-the-Spirit"

The fifty days of Eastertide (*Easter to Pentecost*) gives us the opportunity to reflect upon the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and ponder what it means to be a faithful disciple in today's world. **Who does God need us to speak in behalf of? What does God want us to proclaim? Where does God need us to put our Christianity into action?**

Yes, there are many challenges that surround us: the pandemic continues to re-shape our sense of "normal", gun violence continues to erupt in unexpected places, incidents of racism and prejudice are evident, God's creation continues to moan, as wind and water bring damage and destruction, and struggles to maintain life continue.

It is here on earth, in the midst of this pain and uncertainty that God calls the church into being. Together, as the people of God, we are filled with the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These gifts enable us to speak for the most vulnerable; instead of thinking of ourselves, we dare to step into the shoes of another and give them voice. In a world filled with fear and hate, God asks us to proclaim **LOVE** for all God's children! It is through our daily walk that God's love is put into action. God counts on us to witness to the **HOPE** that is possible as we turn our eyes towards Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

I invite you to join me in celebrating the Gifts of the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

Grace and Peace be with you and those you love! ~ Pastor Jane



Jack Astrike	Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 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 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)
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:

Corrine Clark, David Fisher, Shirlene Dreher, Helen Seemann, Brian & Sandy Ferrell, Rhonda Johnson, Pete & Carol Rasche and others. We are thankful for those who have had the vaccine and now feel comfortable returning to worship.



Pastoral Care update: Please call Pastor Jane with any updates. Her cell phone number is 812.631.1147.

- ♥ Our sympathy is extended to **Jan and Rod Kalb** at the death of **Jan's mother Katie Ritterskamp**.
- ♥ **Carol E.** - Chemo treatments continue.
- ♥ **Rick H.** - recovering from open heart surgery.
- ♥ **Sherry M.** - is now at St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. #112 for therapy following leg surgery.
- ♥ **David F.** - dealing with an eye problem.
- ♥ **Norma B. & Margie S.** - under hospice care.
- ♥ **Adopt-A-Family mother** - testing continues.
- ♥ **ALL in need of healing, including those coping with cancer;** may God grant them hope.
- ♥ 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.**
- ♥ Let us continue to pray for the **heroes in the health care system;** may God grant them strength.
- ♥ **School systems & businesses,** as they continue to meet various challenges.
- ♥ **Those at the border, particularly the children who are alone and frightened.**
- ♥ **Those killed by senseless violence; let us hold our law enforcement men & women in prayer.**
- ♥ 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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From the Pulpit – May 2021 ... 8:00 am & 10:15 am

May 2 Communion

Bible Lesson: Acts 15: 1-18

Message: *“Faith Not Practice Unites”*

May 9 Festival of the Christian Home

Bible Lesson: Galatians 2: 15-21

Message: *“A Faithful Christian Home”*

May 16 Bible Lesson: Galatians 3: 23-29

Message: *“One in Christ”*

May 23 Pentecost Sunday – Communion

High School Graduates Celebrated: **Jace Goodhue, Ella Hubster, Amanda Schnell**

Bible Lesson: Acts 2: 1-4, Galatians 4: 1-7

Message: *“The Gifts of the Spirit”*

May 30 Bible Lesson: John 3: 1-17

Message: *“Born Anew”*

The wearing of a mask and social distancing is appreciated in order to keep us healthy and safe. Communion: Please pick up your communion wafer & cup as you enter the sanctuary.



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

Last day of Sunday School will be on May 23rd. We will return on September 12.

Thank you to ALL who helped the Easter bunny bringing joy to our Sunday School kids.

Confirmation 2021

Wednesday night classes concluded at the end of April.

Pastor Jane is available to listen to the Old Testament and New Testament stories; please contact her and make an appointment.

Sunday Mornings @ 9:15 am continue through May 23.

This is a good time to review any stories you need help in remembering.

2021 GRADUATES

Join us at worship services on **Sunday, May 23**, to congratulate our 2021 graduates, **Jace Goodhue, Ella Hubster and Amanda Schnell.**

Summer Camp Time: Scholarships for those wanting to go to religious camp this summer are available. The church will pay 50% of the registration fee for **Merom Camp**; the Lincolnland Association will pay the other 50% for campers attending this camp. Our church will also subsidize attendance to other summer religious camps. **If planning on attending summer camp this year, please send an email to the church office if you are interested in any of these scholarships.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MAY 2021

May 2 - Communion

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Audra Jahn
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave
Media: 8 am Mark Blackgrave
10:15 am Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 8 am MaryAnn Weisheit,
Connie Schmitt
10:15 am Melissa & Kevin
Blackgrave
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: Roth Family
Communion: Self Serve

May 9 - Festival of the Christian Family

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Adam Roth
Ushers: 8 am Linda Troxler
10:15 am David Hubster Family
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation:
Communion:

May 16

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Audra Jahn
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: Come Thy Font of Every
Blessing
Media Producer: John Kahle
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am John Kahle
Ushers: 8 am Bill Small
10:15 am Larry LaGrange
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation:
Communion:

May 23 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: Connie Schmitt
Media Producer: Nichole Lechner
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Adam Roth
Ushers: 8 am Suellen Seng & Doug Bawel
10:15 am Larry LaGrange
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: Kurt & Treva Heise
Communion: Self Serve

May 30 - Trinity Sunday

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

Media: 8 am Adam Roth
10:15 am Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 8 am Mary Ann Weisheit, Connie Schmitt
10:15 am Dan Sergesketter
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation:
Communion:

APRIL 2021 COUNCIL DECISIONS

- Council voted to continue with the Covid 19 Protocol, wearing masks and social distancing. This protocol will continue until July 31.
- Council approved the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator for the kitchen.
- Council set a date of Sunday, August 1 for the Annual meeting. Details to be announced next month.
- Mary Ann Weisheit will be the organist at least twice a month. Council approved this change in addition to her request for compensation.

We are prayerful that by the end of July facemasks will no longer be required. You will be able to once again sit in your favorite pew. As the virus has increased slightly in our area, we feel it is important to continue our Covid 19 Protocol until everyone has a chance to get a vaccination. This protocol is for anyone that uses our building, congregates, teachers, musicians, service personnel, visitors and community users. So, for now just sit tight with your facemask on, covering up your pretty smile.

For almost a year we have been dealing with the refrigerator in the kitchen working for a period of time and then the temperature will rise after the refrigerant leaks out. This refrigerator is used by Trinity Tree House, Parish Life, Funeral Meals, and other groups. Council approved an expenditure not to exceed \$3600. The purchase of this new refrigerator will be financed from several accounts.

Our annual meeting normally takes place in the cold of winter on a Sunday in January. This year you can pull out your short pants and flip flops. Council has scheduled an Annual meeting for Sunday August 1. Let's hope it is not too hot. We will let you know more about the upcoming meeting next month.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021



CLASS OF
2021

Ella Hubster

Ella will be attending **Indiana University** majoring in Speech and Hearing Sciences for her bachelor's degree.

After that she will head to graduate school to obtain her master's degree to become a Speech and Language Pathologist.

CLASS OF
2021

Jace Goodhue

Jace plans to attend **Indiana State University** and is considering majoring in Business and Accounting.

CLASS OF
2021

Amanda Schnell

Amanda will be attending **Indiana University** and majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in German.

MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

One Great Hour of Sharing

Let love flow

The Outreach team, with approval from Council, has selected “**One Great Hour of Sharing**” as our **mission for May**.



The theme for the 2021 **One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering** is “**Let Love Flow.**” The theme is based on **Isaiah 49:10** – “**Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty, shade from the sun, shelter from the wind. For the Compassionate One guides them, takes them to the best springs.**”

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare inequalities that contribute to increased poverty and injustice. On full display is the plight of the working poor who have lost jobs, are on the brink of homelessness, and are waiting for hours in long lines at food pantries.

Deadly wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and wars have left people homeless, families grieving loss of loved ones and entire communities awaiting assistance for long-term disaster recovery.

In the midst of these despairing moments, the United Church of Christ is able to offer hope through **Wider Church Ministries** as it fulfills its commitment to respond to a variety of global and local concerns.

Thank you for your gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, as together we build a just world for all.

Goal: \$400

Thank you, The Outreach Team

MISSION UPDATES . . .

Lenten Mission. . . Water for South Sudan

\$6,463 has been received for “Water for South Sudan.” Our goal of \$5,000 (1/3 the cost of drilling one well) has been surpassed!!!! We have collected 43.1% of the total cost of drilling a well.

We are truly blessed with such a generous and supportive church family! God Bless You !

April Mission . . . Blankets of Love



As of April 25, \$745 has been collected for Blankets of Love!

Wow! Almost double our goal of \$400.

What tremendous generosity!

Thank you, The Outreach Team

Outreach Committee----Community Food Bank

Since our last newsletter we have had a steady stream of donations to the Community Food Bank.

We received 13 more boxes of "helper," 31 regular-sized cans of vegetables, one 29oz. and one 50oz. can of vegetables, as well as some plastic bags.

When people come to the food bank for groceries, they check the items they want to receive from a list the manager has provided. The list, or order, is then filled for them by a volunteer, depending on the size and ages of people in the family. So, larger cans of vegetables, etc. are perfectly "ok" to donate any time, and regular sizes are always welcome.

Thank you for supporting your community!



May's collection for the **Community Food Bank** will be **canned tuna, canned salmon, & canned chicken**

Jenny LaGrange, Outreach Team

Merom Camp & Retreat Center, Inc.

Formerly: Union Christian College, Merom Institute & Merom Conference Center

P.O. Box 127, Merom, Indiana, 47861-0127

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1-800-313-4511 or 1-812-356-4511 Fax 1-812-356-4002 Web-site www.merom.org



March 26, 2021

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Re: 2021 Donation

Check Date	March 20, 2021	Check #	23469	Amount	\$	500.00
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Thank you for keeping Merom in your thoughts and prayers as well as for providing financial assistance to our facility.

We are seeing signs of spring! The forsythia is in full bloom, the first of the spring flowers are out and we see buds on the trees. While I hear birds all day long, it is still quiet compared to summer camps when people are praying and singing in the outdoor worship area.



We are anticipating another tough year for camps in 2021. We will be limiting our camper numbers for each of the summer sessions. We will be doing temperature checks daily and asking the campers and volunteers to practice social distancing and safe behaviors. We have extra sanitizing options for rooms and hands, masks are available and so are cleaning wipes. It will be good to have campers on-site once again.

So far our staff has stayed healthy. We've had a few work groups in during 2020. Camp is a very different place without summer campers and weekend retreaters. We've been reading the updated CDC guidelines for camps – we will only need to add using a room sanitizer to our normal operations. The distance issues and not having a salad bar are will be our big changes.

I hope things are going well with you and your families. Thank you for your generosity.

In peace,

Susan Larson

Executive Director



MUSIC NOTES . . .

Thank you to **Hailey Knebel, Jera Hafele and Alexander Thomas** for special music in April.

Sarah Sergesketter

TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .

End of the year festivities are being finalized.

Graduation for the 3-day class will be held on Wednesday, May 19.

Tuesday, May 18, the last day of school for the 2-day class, the students will take a field trip to the Jasper City Mill and then play in the park on the Riverwalk.



This school year has certainly been a challenge with COVID-19. The staff and I would like to thank the students and parents for the cooperation we have received.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director



We are on our way “To Mars and Beyond” this summer for Vacation Bible School at Trinity United Church of Christ, **June 28-July 2, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM.** The Vacation Bible School team, along with the youth are getting excited for their journey to Mars and Beyond this summer. Spread the word outside of Trinity to come and join us for a week filled with God’s Love and excitement. Registration papers will be out soon for children entering Pre-K through 5th Grade in the 2021-2022 school year. **We can always use some extra hands to help out that week, even for just one day would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, please get with Kari Roth...2021 VBS Director.

Thanks again for all your love and support for the youth on this Journey!

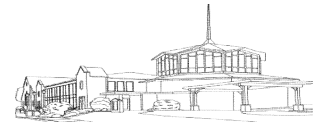
May 2021

May Birthdays

Janet Meyer	1
Judy Hubster	2
Evan Vonderheide	2
Andrea Hulsman	4
Jan Kalb	4
David Hubster	6
Brad Vonderheide	8
Carolyn Snyder	11
Jim Sheetz	12
Thomas Peters	12
Gayle McDaniel	14
Jack Astrike	17
Sonia "Sunny" Klem	20
Rhonda Johnson	21
Inez Knies	21
Meghan Premuda	22
William Cox	23
Natasha Schnell	25
Jeff Berg	26
Kyle Berger	26
Sherri Uebelhor	27
Lillie Campbell	30

May Anniversaries

		<u>Years</u>
Corma & Gerald Knebel	8	45
Kristen & Lucas Hobson	11	8
Ann & Kim Schroeder	12	24
Candy & Mike Berger	13	32
Mary Beth & Les Brozman	23	35
Diane & Terry Kapp	23	51
Kari & Adam Roth	23	12
Heath Astrike & Dr. Katherine Wilcoxon	26	3



CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

March & April Worship Services

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
3/28	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>17</u>	57
	10:15 am	40	
4/4	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>24</u>	101
	10:15 am	77	
4/11	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>14</u>	48
	10:15 am	34	
4/18	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>14</u>	52
	10:15 am	35	
4/25	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>15</u>	39
	10:15 am	34	

March & April Sunday School

Date	Youth	Adults	Total
3/21	No Sunday School		
3/28	8	2	10
4/4	16	3	19
4/11	9	4	13
4/18	6	3	9
4/25	7	3	10

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** (*1st Sunday – Communion*)

Music Ministry :

Until further notice, Soloists and Instrumentalists only

Children's Ministry: Vacation Bible School June 28-July 2, from 8:00 am – 11:00 am

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: Sunday, May 16 at 9 am

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

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - May 16th Noon - 4 pm

Music Together - Mondays & Saturdays 9 - 10:30 am through June 26

Holistic Council - No in person meeting until further notice

Survivors of Suicide - No in person meeting until further notice

The Lounge Series - No in person meeting until further notice

Weight Watchers- No in person meeting until further notice