



Trinity United Church of Christ

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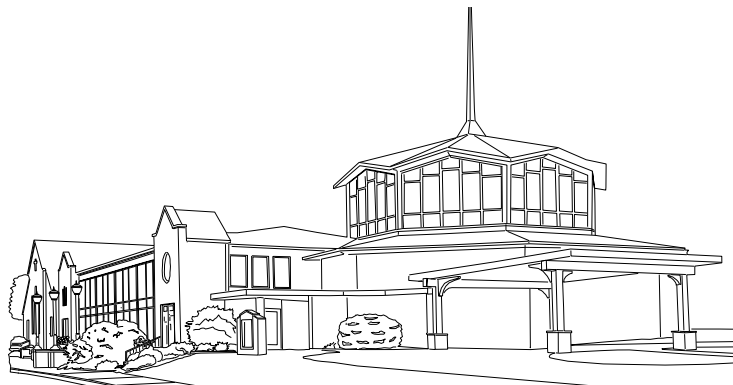
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Sunday Calendar

July 4 COMMUNION SUNDAY

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

July 11

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

July 18 LAITY SUNDAY

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

July 25

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am

JULY Monthly Calendar

Th	1	CEMT @ 5:15 pm VBS @ 8 am– 11 am
F	2	VBS @ 8 am– 11 am
S	4	<i>Happy 4th of July!</i>
T	6	Council Reports Due
Th	8	Newsletter Articles Due
M	12	Council Meeting @ 7 PM
T	20	Sunset Extension
S	24	Foyer & Chapel Reserved
M	26	Budget Team @ 6:30 pm

JULY Weekly Calendar

No Weekly Activities Scheduled

Office Hours

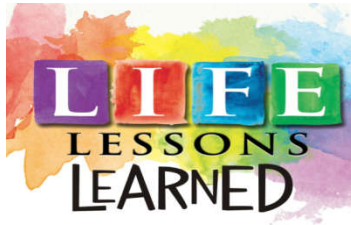
T-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Reports Due

M July 6 by Noon

Newsletter Info Due

Th July 8



“Experiences are one of the most important things that God uses to shape you for service.”

~ Rick Warren

In recent months, I have learned and re-learned many of life's important lessons. Listed below are just a few; perhaps these will give you food for thought in your journey in life.

- ♥ **Life is a precious gift of God.** It is to be cherished and honored each and every day to the fullest extent.
- ♥ **Family gives you roots and wings... celebrate both!**
- ♥ God gives us strength and courage to live through the most unbearable and painful situations. **Lean on the Lord!**
- ♥ Life is truly a mystery which cannot be solved by human thought; we are asked to live with the mystery, knowing **God is with us.**
- ♥ Miracles happen in ways we do not always expect. **Sometimes we see the miracle only when we look back on life.**
- ♥ Our faith journey begins with our baptism, pauses for a moment in Confirmation and then takes off into new directions. Henceforth, **Confirmation is the beginning not the end of the journey.**
- ♥ Graduations from high school and college are exciting and significant moments of celebration. These past and present experiences are to be cherished **while our eyes and hearts look to the future.**
- ♥ A **positive attitude is KEY to finding joy in life.** Life is much too short to get caught up in the minor frustrations; deal with them and move on.
- ♥ One needs to **make careful decisions about life.** Remember, it is not just your life that might be affected.

- ♥ One never knows when life might change dramatically; therefore, it is important to **speak the words of love that lie upon your heart**; speak them often!
- ♥ It is important to have discussions about what you want in the way of health care. **Talking openly and directly to family is important** so that your wishes might be known.
- ♥ **EVERYONE** should fill out a form naming a **durable power of attorney for Healthcare** and make a living will.
- ♥ **Take time to write up your medical history and keep it updated:** (Have a younger member of the family put it on the computer.) Keep this document in your car and home, and give it to the family members.
- ♥ **We need to be advocates for our own health care.** Ask questions; take notes; record conversations (with permission), talk to one another. Do not be intimidated; it is OK to get a second or third opinion. Be knowledgeable; it is your body and your life.
- ♥ Naming your anger, working through it directly with persons involved, forgiving one another **and letting it go... IS the path to a healthy and faithful life.**
- ♥ **A “thank you” or a kind word is a cherished gift.**
- ♥ **Joy is like the rainbow which appears after rain.** Sometimes we see the rainbow clearly; at other times it is just a faint glimmer. Yet, it is there!

May you take a few moments from your busy summer schedule, to reflect on YOUR experiences and how the Lord has shaped your life. **Let us remember, that God is present when the sun shines brightly as well as in the shadows of a dreary day.**

Something to Consider...



- > A person wearing a facemask has not been vaccinated; there may be other reasons for continuing to wear a mask!
- > A person not wearing a facemask has been vaccinated; this person may be choosing not to be vaccinated.

Instead ... Let us respect the choice of others, as we hope they respect our choice.
Let us do whatever is best for us in order to be safe and healthy.

Blessing to you and those you love! ~ Pastor Jane



In Loving Memory - Marjorie A. Kalb

We give the Lord thanks for the 87 years of life appointed to God's beloved daughter, Marjorie A. Kalb. By God's loving grace, Marge is now resting from her labors, free from all earthly limitations and safely cradled in the loving arms of her God. We remember Marge as the oldest of 6 children born to Edward & Emma Schott. Marge is now reunited with her parents, step-mother – Esther, infant brother – David, sisters - Shirley & Judy, stepbrothers – Alfred & Robert. We ask for God's comfort to be upon her living siblings, John and Mary Lou and the many nieces and nephews who mourn her death.

We are thankful for 55 years of marriage Marge shared with her husband, Rufus, following their wedding on January 7, 1950. There are good memories of time spent with family. The love they shared brought forth 3 daughters: Susan, Patricia, and Lorie. Marge was blessed with a son-in-law Ken, whom she joins in heaven, and sons-in-law Dennis, Nicholas and Larry. Marge was surrounded by the love of her 7 grandchildren: Jason, John, Justin, Heather, Cortney, Christina and Matthew and 15 great-grandchildren. Her love is forever imprinted on the hearts of these generations.

Marge was baptized, confirmed and married at Trinity UCC in Jasper. While raising her family, she was an active member of St. Peter UCC in Dubois serving as Council President, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Women's Guild. In, 2001, she returned to Trinity UCC where she enjoyed the Wednesday morning breakfast group.

She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter # 77, serving as a past commander. Marge belonged to the Dubois County Extension Homemakers; she served as past president, secretary, and treasurer. Marge worked on poultry farms for over 20 and was part-time at Dubois Water Utilities. Marge was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed crafts and crocheting, fishing, gardening, IU Basketball, and spending time with her family.

We celebrate the life of Marge Kalb. Her kind and faithful soul served her well in life and guided her into the glory of eternal life.

The following was written by Marge and shared at her funeral:

"Growing up at Trinity, I grew in faith, confidence, and trust in God.

So many people at Trinity paved the way for my faith journey.

I was confirmed and married at Trinity. After years of discontent, I returned to Trinity.

Coming back... what a joy has filled my heart. I am home at last."



Jack Astrike	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 Pleasant View, Apt. # 1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)</i>
Norma Blackgrave	<i>St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 103 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
Eloise Breidenbaugh	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. # 504 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546</i>
Mariemma Huebner	<i>Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 Pleasant View, Apt. # 23, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7945)</i>
Carrie Loveall	<i>855 Missouri Street, Apt. # 17, Ferdinand, IN 47532 (812-998-2010)</i>
Sherry Malone	<i>St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 112 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-582-2721)</i>
Violet Ruckriegel	<i>1308 Vine Street, Apt. # 118, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-827-6986)</i>
Margie Schneider	<i>Life's Journey of Avon, Rm. # 208, 10241 E Co. Rd. 100 N , Indianapolis, IN 46234</i>
Jason Stockburger	<i>The Timbers, Rm. # 316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546</i>



Pastoral Visits... *If you would like a visit from Pastor Jane, please call her 812-631-1147.
She is now fully vaccinated and able to make pastoral calls.*

*Pastor Jane will be in St. Louis for a Continuing Education week from July 12-19;
if you need her, she can be reached by phone.*

- ♥ Do you have a Joy or Concern to share? **Call Pastor Jane!**
- ♥ Do you have a prayer request? **Call Pastor Jane!**
- ♥ Do you simply want a listening ear? **Call Pastor Jane!**
- ♥ If you would like someone to cheer you from the sidelines? **Call Pastor Jane!**



Pastoral Care: Please call Pastor Jane with any updates

- ♥ Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the **family of Marjorie Kalb** who passed away on Wednesday, June 23. May God's comfort surround her daughters, Susan, Pat and Lori and their families.
 - ♥ **Rhonda J.** - recovering from surgery.
 - ♥ **Carol E.** - awaiting PET scan results.
 - ♥ **Norma B. & Margie S.** - under hospice care.
 - ♥ **Pray for ALL in need of healing, including those coping with cancer;** God grant them hope.
 - ♥ Give thanks for the Covid-19 vaccine, while continuing to pray for those who lost loved ones.
 - ♥ Pray for **those at the border, particularly the children who are alone and frightened.**
 - ♥ Pray for those **killed by senseless violence; let us hold those in law enforcement in prayer.**
 - ♥ Pray for those **impacted by the devastations from wind, fire and water.**
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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.**

From the Pulpit – July 2021

... 8:00 am & 10:15 am

July 4	Communion	
	Bible Lesson: Mark 6: 1-13	Message: "Go Forth"
July 11	Bible Lesson: Ephesians 1: 3-14	Message: "Our Inheritance"
July 18	Laity Sunday Dean Vonderheide, Speaker	
July 25	Bible Lesson: Ephesians 3: 14-21	Message: "Rooted in Love"

Communion: Please pick up your communion wafer & cup as you enter the sanctuary.

Music: Throughout the summer, we will be singing favorite songs submitted in 2020.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JULY 2021

July 4 - Communion Sunday

Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: VBS Celebration
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: 8 am Adam Roth
10:15 am Adam Roth
Ushers: 8 am Linda Troxler
10:15 am Pamela Catt
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: Linda Kahle
Communion: Self Serve

July 18 - Laity Sunday

Speaker Dean Vonderheide
Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: None
Media Producer: Nichole Lechner
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Adam Roth
Ushers: 8 am Angie & Rick Hobson
10:15 am Dean & Ellen Vonderheide
Child Care: None

July 11

Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: None
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 Melissa & Kevin
Child Care: None

July 25

Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: None
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 8 am Mary Ann Weisheit
Connie Schmitt
10:15 am Heather Goodhue
Child Care: None

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 2021

- Council presented their annual review of Pastor Jane to her and the Pastoral Relations Team.
- Approved the hiring of Conrad Schmidt Studio of West Berlin, WI to advise on the needed repairs of the Stain Glass Windows in the sanctuary dome.
- Approved the lifting of all Covid Protocol.
- Set the Agenda for the Annual Meeting on August 1st – 9 am Easter Breakfast, and a 9:30 Meeting.
- Accepted the resignation of Mickie (Emmons) Ellison as the Church Administrator. Her last week will be the last week in July.
- Agreed that the Personnel Team will take the lead with Pastor Jane's guidance for hiring a replacement for Mickie Ellison.
- Approved Pastor Salary Compensation for 2022. We will meet IKCUEC guidelines.
- Agreed to allow Pastor Jane to use a 2021 vacation day at the beginning of January 2022.

June's meeting was filled with a lot of discussion and a lot of action. I believe we made great decisions and still ended the meeting before 9 pm.

Windows in the Dome.

We have been working to "waterproof" the sanctuary for the last several years. Each time we think it is fixed, we get a new leak. Well, this time the leaks are associated with the window frames in the dome. The sanctuary was built in 1966. During the ensuing years, work has been done on the windows.

The time has come for a comprehensive inspection. Council agreed to hire Conrad Schmidt Studio of West Berlin, Wisconsin to inspect the windows. This firm specializes in preserving stain glass windows. Upon completion of the inspection, they will provide us possible solutions to repair the windows. The cost of these repairs will be expensive. We agreed that some preliminary work will need to be done. **More details will be shared at the annual meeting on August 1.** Please plan to attend this meeting.

Covid Protocols. Effective June 15, 2021, we are ending all Covid Protocols that were put in place over the past 15 months. We will no longer require the wearing of facemasks or social distancing. Worship items like the collection of offering and the serving of communion will be at the discretion of Pastor Jane. We appreciate all the efforts of everyone who accepted and adhered to these protocols.

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Council Highlights for June 2021, Continued

Note: Order of Worship flyers are available each Sunday on the side credenza at the entrance of the sanctuary.

Annual Meeting. August 1st. Why not celebrate with Easter Breakfast between the two worship services? The Parish Life Team will be hosting a 9 am breakfast, followed by our Annual Meeting, where discussion regarding repairs to the sanctuary is on the agenda.

Please join us for the 9 am breakfast followed by the 9:30 am meeting. The presentation should take approximately 15 minutes. See the separate article in this newsletter.

Mickie (Emmons) Ellison. We want to publicly thank Mickie for all her efforts. She served this church very well as our Church Administrator. If you get a chance, stop by and thank her. Many of you may not know Mickie recently was married to Ernie Ellison. They will be moving to Georgetown, Indiana at the end of July. We wish her the best!

Pastor's Compensation. Approximately eight years ago the church agreed to work toward a salary that matched the guidelines set by the Indiana Kentucky Conference. When Pastor Jane was called to our church, we could not afford the recommended salary. For the last five years we have been working toward fulfilling that promise. I do think it is important to honor the agreement made by the church eight years ago.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021

ANNUAL REPORTS have been sent via email and some printed copies are in the Narthex. Should you need a printed copy, please call the church office to arrange to get a copy.



To keep records up-to-date, please contact the Church Office (812.482.4090) to notify of changes that need to be made in your records. This information is needed for the Church Directory, Newsletter, the UCC and Trinity Annual Reports, etc.

We appreciate your diligence in keeping the Church records accurate.

Thank You!

Annual Meeting

August 1, 2021

Agenda

9:00 am Easter Breakfast

Note: Breakfast will be served at 9 am.

Acceptance of the annual reports

Presentation/discussion on needed sanctuary repairs

- condition of dome windows – splitting of the window frames
- ceiling and light project
- other wish list items from the congregation
- discussion on possible solutions and the cost
- fund raising suggestions/guidance/recommendations

Meeting adjournment

NOTE: We will not be voting.

This is an informational discussion on the sanctuary repairs.

MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

JULY 2021 MISSION



Our **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** mission gives us the opportunity to help our Adopt-A-Family on a larger scale than our monthly "spare change / dollars" gifts. This year's family is a single mom with two (2) young sons. Mom and the older son are dealing with a lot of medical issues. Time off for doctors appointments and treatments have made it impossible for mom to keep her job. They struggle financially to make ends meet. Our gifts each month have been MUCH appreciated!

We would like this year's **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** dollars to help them with groceries, utilities, car payments, etc. We will collect your kind donations during the month of July. **Our goal is \$500.00.**

The Christmas tree and envelopes are in the Narthex. If you would like your money directed to a specific "cause" place the appropriate tag in the envelop with your gift. There are also **envelopes in the pews.**

Thanks in advance for helping to ease some of the stress our Adopt-A-Family is going through.



Gratefully,

The Outreach Team

JUNE MISSION (GOAL \$800) ... VACATION BIBLE

UPDATE . . . As of June 24, \$520 has been collected for this year's Bible School mission.

Thank you!



MAY MISSION (GOAL \$400) ... ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

UPDATE . . . As of June 6, \$525 has been collected for One Great Hour of Sharing!

FANTASTIC!

The Outreach Team

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Even though this is summer and people are busy with sports and travel, Trinity people have donated 42 boxes of mac & cheese, 8 cans of turkey, tuna, chicken, or ham, a large pack of toilet paper, and 12 boxes of tissues.

Thank you for your generous spirit!

Jenny LaGrange, Outreach Team



July's food item is canned fruit.

MUSIC NOTES

We were blessed this June 6 and June 27 Worship Services or the beautiful music provided by Jera Hafele, Hannah Schnarr, Kay Hall and Alexander Thomas .

Sarah Sergesketter



FAITH, FAMILY, AND FUN

Mark your calendars for **Family Fest 2021**

(sponsored by City of Jasper)

When: **September 11, 2021**
4:00-11:00 p.m.

Where: **Schroeder Complex**

Family-oriented activities and games

Church-based musical group

Ceremony to honor emergency workers

Food truck vendors

Outdoor movie at 9:00 p.m.

(Trinity will be participating.)





2021 Strassenfest, Jasper, IN
August 5—August 7, 2021

The Strassenfest is in a couple weeks! Invite your friends and family to stop by the Trinity booth and enjoy yummy homemade cobbler with ice cream.

We anticipate another great year with proceeds to boost our operating fund income. However, we can't do this without your help.

Sign-up sheets are available Sunday, July 4 in the back of church (Narthex).

We have openings for:

Cobbler Bakers



Booth Workers

&

Set-up & Tear-down



Many hands make light work and we appreciate all that you are able to do!

David Peters- Booth Chair

Thank You 



Water for South Sudan, Inc.
P.O. Box 25551
Rochester, NY 14625
585-383-0410
waterforsouthsudan.org

June 4, 2021

Dear Ms. LaGrange,

Thank you so much for donating the funds to co-sponsor a well! Your sponsorship is now on our list to be drilled. We'd like to share information about what you can expect next.

The following will be stamped in the well cement and printed on the well banner:

Trinity United Church of Christ

We are at the end of the drilling season, which runs until the rainy season begins in May/June. If our team in South Sudan is unable to complete your well sponsorship this season, your sponsorship will be placed at the top of the list for the next drilling season, which will begin in December 2021 when the dry season begins.

Our drilling team is out in the field for days and weeks at a time, and lacks access to the internet when in the field. We appreciate your patience and understanding as information often needs to be sent from South Sudan in small batches.

When we receive word that your well has been drilled, we will email you the location of your well along with photos so that you can share news of your well. In addition, wells will be posted on our website and may be posted on our social media sites.

Thank you again for supporting our work; your generosity will transform lives in South Sudan.

Sincerely,

Cheri Crist
Donor Relations and Data Coordinator

MEROM CAMP & RETREAT CENTER INC.

Congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you all so much for your endless support of Merom. Thank you for spreading the Merom Spirit, sharing our mission and allowing others to experience Merom's magic.

MRC Board Member, Robin Beidelman



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. - Romans 12:12

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the United States to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can--and will--change lives.

Sincerely,



Rick Santos
President and CEO
Church World Service

Pastor Jane Hillman, Board of Directors, Trinity Tree House and TUCC Congregation;

Thank you so much for the gift card to Buschkoetter's Nursery upon my retirement from Trinity Tree House.

I appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone involved with TTH over the years and know I am going to miss it.

Sincerely, Kate Buchta

Dear Trinity Church,

I really appreciate the scholarship. Thank you for all the support over the years.

Sincerely, Jace

Pastor Jane,

Thank you and all the members of Trinity for all the beautiful cards and prayers on the death of my daughter, Patricia.

Thank you, Shirlene L. Dreher

Trinity UCC,

Thank you for the generous scholarship. It will help with my college costs. I hope to see all of you at church over my breaks and holidays.

Sincerely, Ella Hubster

Thank you so much for the gracious amount of money towards Wyldlife camp. I am so excited to go and have a really good time.

Thanks for always supporting me!

Addie

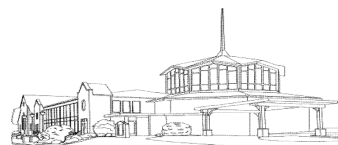
July 2021

July Birthdays

Greg Kincer	1
Candy Berger	3
Christine Dodd	6
Norma Jean Blackgrave	9
Ann Fleck Schroeder	9
Doug Bawel	10
Josh Blackgrave	11
Josh Premuda	11
Zachariah Astrike	12
Diane Kapp	14
Mason Mauck	14
Ron Blackgrave	16
Chad Brinkman	16
Linda Kahle	17
Pastor Jane Hillman	18
Emily Schnell	20
Corrine Clark	23
Jack Goodhue	23
Donna Mattingly	23
Rich Klem	24
Missy Adams	26
John Schnarr	28
Sydney Peters	31
Noah Wright	31

July Anniversaries

		<u>Years</u>
Rod & Jan Kalb	3	50
Jeff & Melissa Adams	4	12
Dean & Ellen Vonderheide	14	32
Pete & Carol Rasche	17	29
David & Rhonda Scherer	18	40
Lisa & Phil Schmidt	18	18
William & Cheri Cox	22	43
Audra & Brandon Jahn	22	15



Worship Attendance

May & June

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
5/30	8:00 am	<u>12</u>	43
	10:15 am	31	
6/6	8:00 am	<u>25</u>	72
	10:15 am	47	
6/13	8:00 am	<u>18</u>	57
	10:15 am	39	
6/20	8:00 am	<u>18</u>	55
	10:15 am	37	
6/27	8:00 am	<u>22</u>	55
	10:15 am	33	

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MONTH OF JULY

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) begins again in September!
10:15 am **Morning Worship** (*1st Sunday – Communion*)

Music Ministry: Soloists and Instrumentalists for the summer; choirs begin in the Fall.

Children's Ministry: Sunday School (all ages) will resume on September 12.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry:

Confirmation: The second year of Confirmation will begin in September.

Sunday Morning Youth Breakfast & Conversation: Youth (7th—12th grade)
Will begin to meet in September on designated Sundays.

Circle of Concern: Friday mornings at 6:45 am.
The High School Youth prayer group will resume in September.

Mission Outreach: Support of local, national, and global missions and disaster relief.

Women's Guild: Meetings to resume in the Fall of 2021.

Men's Fellowship: Meetings to resume in the Fall 2021.



Community events held at Trinity Church Building

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - Meetings resume in September
Music Together - No Classes until further notice
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