

Trinity United Church of Christ



September 2021



✝ **Worship: 8 am & 10:15 am**

✝ **Sunday School: 9 am**

September 5: Communion

Psalm 146 "Fully Rely on God"

September 12: Welcome Back Sunday

Genesis 1: 26-2:4a "Let there BE GOOD!"

September 19: Oskar Grant Baptism

Genesis 22: 1-14 "God Will Provide"

September 26: Christian Education Sunday

Genesis 28: 10-17

"You can BE all that God created you to BE!"

We strongly recommend wearing a mask regardless of your vaccination status!

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

Offering: Please place your gifts in the offering box or plate as you enter or leave worship.

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Office Administrator: Taylor Kleinhelter

Pastor: Rev. Jane Hillman

September Monthly Calendar

- M 6** Labor Day – Office Closed
- T 7** Council Reports Due
Outreach Team @ 6:30 PM
- Sa 11** Family Fest @ Schroeder Complex
4 – 9 PM Games; 9 PM Movie
- Su 12** Women's Guild @ 9 am
- M 13** Christian Ed. @ 5:15 PM
Church Council @ 7 PM
- T 14** Newsletter Articles Due
- Su 19** Men's Fellowship @ 9 am
- T 21** Sunset Extension @ 4 PM
DAR @ 5:30 PM
- T 28** Newsletter Sent

September Weekly Calendar

Confirmation – Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM

Circle of Concern – Fridays @ 6:45 am

AA – Wednesdays and Fridays @ 7 PM

Music Together – Mondays and Saturdays
@ 9:30 am (Beginning September 20.)

Upcoming Special Events:

- ◆ Family Fest – 9/11
- ◆ Sunday School begins – 9/12
- ◆ Christian Education Sunday – 9/26
- ◆ World Communion Sunday – 10/3
- ◆ Children's Sabbath – 10/10
- ◆ Budget Presentation – 10/31

"Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others."

Philippians 2:4

The Good News: *It's OK to consider what's best for you and your family, but you should also keep in mind what will be most beneficial for your community. Trust that others are also looking out for your interests as well. Everyone has to work together.*

By Jamie Ballard and Martha Sorren

Strassenfest is over and schools are in session. It is now time to get back into our regular routines as the fall begins. I am looking forward to the start of Sunday School, Confirmation, choir practice, the Women's Guild & Men's Fellowship, along with the continuation of worship, fellowship, service and outreach to others.

While the pandemic is still among us, I pray that the church and world will find ways to safely navigate these challenging times. We are fortunate, at Trinity, to have two worship opportunities and plenty of space to social distance. I encourage you to use your good judgement as to what is best for the health and safety of your family and your neighbors.

You may see me wearing my mask/shield in public for four reasons:

1. **Humility:** I do not know if I am carrying the COVID-19 virus as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have symptoms and even if they are fully vaccinated.
2. **Kindness:** I do not know if the persons I am near have a child who is not yet old enough to receive the vaccine, or if they care for an elderly parent. While I might be fine, they might not be.
3. **Community:** I want my community to thrive, businesses to stay open, church to be together in worship and service, employees to stay healthy. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all.
4. **Faith & Science:** I watch the positivity numbers for our area and follow the CDC recommendation of wearing a mask regardless of my vaccination status, especially since our children under 12 are not yet eligible for the vaccine.

I truly believe protecting the most vulnerable is at the heart of Christian living!

May God give us strength & guidance as we love our neighbor as ourselves.

~ Pastor Jane

New Office Administrator to begin on September 1!

Taylor Kleinelter has accepted the position of Office Administrator. The office doors will be open from 9 am – 3 PM, Monday – Thursday.

- ❖ Please email the church (trinityucc@psci.net) **AND** Pastor Jane (pastortrinity@psci.net) information for the bulletin and/or newsletter. This will help both of us know what is happening. Thank You!





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Others to keep in thought and prayer... *Corrine Clark, Shirlene Dreher, David Fischer
Brian & Sandy Ferrell, Carol & Pete Rasche, and Janice Sunderman.*



Pastoral Care: Please call Pastor Jane with any updates.
If you would like a visit from Pastor Jane, please call her 812-631-1147.

Within the Fellowship: Ruth Brinkman passed away on August 16, 2021. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to her children Christine, Cindy, Cathy, Chad, and Curt and their families.

- ♥ **Pete R.** – surgery on September 7.
- ♥ **Norma B. & Margie S.** - under hospice care.
- ♥ **Pray for ALL in need of healing;** may God grant them strength and patience.
- ♥ **Pray for those at the border, particularly the children who are alone and frightened.**
- ♥ **Pray for those killed by senseless violence,** particularly those killed at school.
- ♥ **Pray for our military, first responders and those in law enforcement.**
- ♥ **Pray for those impacted by the devastations from wind & water, fire & drought.**



Sunday School 2021-2022

“BELIEVE you can BE all that God created you to BE!”

Fall Sunday School begins at 9:00 am on September 12!

Wearing a mask is strongly recommended.

Preschool – 6th grade will gather in the sanctuary for music & the Bible Story before heading upstairs for crafts and activities in Room #203.

Youth (7th – 12th) ... This group will go to breakfast on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. The first breakfast will be on September 12; gather in the foyer. The other Sundays will be spent in conversation regarding faith and current events; meet in Room # 201/202.

Looking ahead: Christian Education Sunday - September 26.

The Sunday School kids will sing with masks, if we are in yellow or blue for positivity rate.

2nd graders (Hazel Premuda & Gavin Uebelhor) will receive their Bibles!

Confirmands, Parents and Faith Partners will be introduced and sign their covenants.

❖ **Kids & Youth:** If you are in an activity (sports, music, drama, academic) and give me your schedule, I will try to see you “Do Your Thing” at least once.

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.**



Confirmation 2021- 2022

- **First Session** will be on **Wednesday Night – September 8**
- We meet from **5:30 – 6:15 PM** upstairs in room # **201/202.**
- **Wearing a mask is strongly recommended!**

This second year will focus on “What We Believe”. If you are not currently in the class but would like to come, feel free to join us! In September, we will spend some time building community and talking about God in the bible, in history, and in daily life.

On Sunday, September 26 - Confirmands, Parents, and Faith Partners will be introduced and sign a covenant at the 10:15 am worship.



Trinity Tree House News . . .

Classes started: Thursday, August 26 for the 2-day classes from 8:30 – 11:00 am.

Friday, August 27 for the 3-day classes 8:30 – 11:30

30 students enrolled: **18** in the **3-day class** and **12** in the **2-day class.**

Family Fest... Faith, Family and Fun

September 11, 2021 from 4:00 – 11:00 PM @ Schroeder Complex

Games for kids, Inspirational Speakers, Ceremony to honor emergency workers,
Christian music, a movie at 9 PM, food trucks and more!

The Trinity Faith Family will be offering two simple table games with prizes from 4 – 9 PM.

We are looking for families to take 30 or 60 minute shifts! Please say YES when called!

Plus, we need someone to hand out the boxes of popcorn at 9 PM;
you do not need to stay for the movie.



Gather and Sing Choir Singers are welcome to join this youth and adult choir which provides special music for the 10:15 am worship service.

We meet in room B04 at 9:45am to practice on the Sundays we sing. In September, we will be singing with masks on **September 19**, if we are in yellow or blue for positivity rate. I look forward to seeing new and returning members. Thanks!

Thank you to James Goodhue, Hailey Knebel, The Glory Bound Trio and Alexander Thomas for providing special music in August.

~ Sarah Sergesketter



- ❖ **Congratulations to Hannah Schnarr** who was crowned Little Miss Strassenfest and to **Kaiden Roth** who was first runner-up for Little Mister Strassenfest!
- ❖ **Thanks to Dean V., Anna G., John K. & Pamela C.** for being worship leaders this summer.
- ❖ **Ministry Teams at work:**

Christian Education - SS teachers & Faith Partners secured; Christmas musical selected.

Worship Team – Communion & offering procedure will stay the same; bible readers, bulletins with announcements, children coming forward and choirs singing with masks will return if our county remains in the yellow or blue regarding positivity rate.

Outreach Team – preparing for the Family Fest on September 11; help is needed.

Parish Life – Thank you for hosting August 1st breakfast and Back to School luncheon.

Property Team – please let David Peters know if something needs attention.

Nominating Team is “Scouting for Leadership Talent”. Look for a 2022 Time and Talent survey coming this fall. The gifts & talents of ALL are important for the church.

Budget Team – Look for a copy of the 2022 budget in the **October** newsletter.

Budget Presentation set for 10/31!

Special Congregation meeting on 11/12: Vote on 2022 Budget and Elect leadership.



Mission Alive at Trinity

Thank You for your Generous Giving...

➤ **Christmas in July** - Our final total was \$ 1,095 for our **Adopt-A- Family!**

The Outreach team wishes to express a **heartfelt thanks** to everyone who contributed to our **CHRISTMAS IN JULY Project**. Thanks to your generosity we were able to make a car payment and pay a month's utility bill. We also purchased school clothes and supplies.

We provided gift cards for haircuts, food, and gasoline. By helping the same family all year, we feel that as a congregation we have made a tremendous impact. The family is VERY grateful for our help. **Blessings to you for supporting this project so lovingly!**

➤ **Blankets of Love** ... On behalf of the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generous gift of \$745, we thank you. *~ Church World Service*



September Outreach -- College Gift Cards Goal: \$350

Our **Outreach Mission** for **September** will be helping our **college students** with help from all of you. We will be **accepting monetary donations** that will be used to purchase **gift cards** for the students to use. We will mail the gift cards in October. **Envelopes will be in the pews.**

Please hold our college students in your thoughts and prayers: Jack Goodue, Laurel Hubster, Sydney Peters, Emma Emmons, Jace Goodhue, Ella Hubster and Amanda Schnell.

Note to College Student: If you have not sent us your college address, please do so.

Community Food Bank... Paper Products- September collection!

The manager of the Community Food Bank shared that **paper products are always needed**. However, any food item (*so long as it is not out of date*) can be left in the **Food Bank boxes in the foyer at Trinity**; all items will be taken to the Food Bank.

Some members may have collected the items on the monthly Stewardship card in our church envelopes box and we appreciate your diligence and contributions.

Mail **monetary gifts** to: **Community Food Bank** - 1404 S. Meridian Road, Jasper, IN 47546.

Donation may be dropped off at the back door of the Food Bank during these hours:

Monday 1:00-3:00 PM...Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM ... Saturday 10:00-12:00

Thank you for helping those in need in our community!





September Worship Participants

September 5

Communion

8:00 am

Bible Reader: Pastor Jane

Usher: Linda Troxler

Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

10:15 am

Bible Reader: Pastor Jane

Ushers & Lock-up: Jan & Rod Kalb

Communion Preparation: The Roth Family

Media Tech: Brian Meyer

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide

September 12

Welcome back Sunday!

8:00 am

Bible Reader: Mary Ann Weisheit

Ushers: Mary Ann Weisheit, Connie Schmitt

Special Music: Connie Schmitt

Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide

Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit

10:15 am

Bible Reader: John Schnarr

Ushers & Lock-up: Janis & John Schnarr

Acolyte: Lillie Campbell

Sunday School Teacher: Abbie Rumbach

Media Tech: Adam Roth

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Special Music: Connie Schmitt

Media Producer: Nichole Lechner

September 19

Sacrament of Baptism: Oskar Bernard Grant @ 10:15 am service

8:00 am

Bible Reader: Connie Schmitt

Ushers: Suellen Seng & Doug Bawel

Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

10:15 am

Bible Reader: Susan McGovren

Ushers & Lock-up: Susan & John McGovren

Acolyte: Parker Jahn

Sunday School Teacher: Heather Goodhue

Media Tech: Mark Blackgrave

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Music: Gather & Sing Choir

Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

September 26

Christian Education Sunday

8:00 am

Bible Reader: Madison Mauck

Usher: Bill Small

Media Tech: Mark Blackgrave

Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit

10:15 am

Bible Reader: Madison Mauck

Ushers & Lock-up: Mauck Family

Acolyte: Madison Mauck

Sunday School Teachers: CE Ministry Team

Media Tech: Adam Roth

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Music: Sunday School Kids will sing!

Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide



Highlights from the August 9, 2021 Meeting

August Decisions

- In a special meeting on July 26 – a majority of the council approved the hiring of Taylor Kleinhelter as the Office Administrator, working 32 hours a week; she begins on 9/1.
- Approved the hiring of Technical Assurance a company specializing in finding water leaks in a building. *(See update below!)*

The middle of summer is quite busy **behind the scenes at the church.**

- Your budget team finalized a budget for 2022; it will go to Council in September.
- Council met in a special meeting to discuss additional compensation for a new Office Administrator.
- Soon, the nominating team will meet to finalize a slate of candidates for our leadership.
- Plus there are many emails that go back and forth on behalf of our church.

Financial Update: Currently, we are doing okay in our financials. There are some concerns as our giving stays flat/down and our expenses continue to increase and our budget shortfall continues to grow. We are on a path of using our capital reserves. We will most likely have some major cost with some anticipated work needing to be done in the sanctuary.

Update on Water leak in Sanctuary: Technical Assurance will be here August 19 and 20 to perform a series of tests to find the water leaks in the sanctuary dome. Once they are done with their testing, they will devise a plan to fix the problem. This fix could be expensive; the Council will call a special meeting once a plan has been developed.

Pandemic Policy Update: Once again, the Council had to make plans on how to deal with this pandemic. We are implementing the following at this point in time:

Trinity Council Covid Direction – August 2021	Blue	Yellow	Orange	Red
Strongly Recommend Mask Wearing for All	X	X	X	X
Social Distancing – <i>skipping a pew between groups</i>		X	X	X
Congregation Singing with Mask – singing softly	X	X	X	X
Choirs (Kids & Adults) Singing with Mask	X	X		

The above is Trinity's policy, if local, state, or national governments issues mandates that are stricter guidelines, we will follow those guidelines.

Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021

Faith & Fellowship

Men's Fellowship ... The Trinity men will gather on **September 19 @ 9 am** in the church lounge. This group is open to anyone; please invite friends for the fellowship & worship. The group hopes to gather monthly for conversation.



Women's Guild News...

The first meeting of Trinity Women's Guild will be held on **Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 am** in the Chapel. Come join us as we remember those women who had died in the past two years including: **Carol Mundy, Diane Gray, Nina French, Carolyn Snyder, and Marge Kalb.** Activities for the year include the Cookie Walk during Jasper's O'Tanenbaum Days and hosting the reception after the Children's Christmas Program. **(Women's Guild program included.)**



Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: September 19, 2021

Oskar Bernard Grant ... Born: December 19, 2020

Parents: Anna (Vonderheide) and Ian Grant

Godparents: Meghan Premuda (Aunt)
Christopher Grant (Uncle)

Strassenfest Thank You - Thank you to David Peters for being the chair in 2021! We also thank the 30+ volunteers. Special thanks to the **cobbler baking crew**, those who **donated pantry items & fruit**, **booth workers** of all age, our **set-up and tear-down crews** and those who made a **monetary donation** in lieu of helping or eating. **All contributions are appreciated and valued**; a preliminary report indicates it was a GREAT year financially.

Thank you to **Schnucks**, our newest business in town, for donating the bottles of water.



Date	Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance	
August 1	8:00 am	18	10:15 am	39
<i>Communion</i>	Total	57		<i>Sunday School begins 9/12</i>
August 8	8:00 am	18	10:15 am	33
<i>Strassenfest</i>	Total	51		
August 15	8:00 am	15	10:15 am	43
<i>Back to School Sunday</i>	Total	58		



September Birthdays

9/5	Tim Hafele	9/17	Audra Jahn
9/6	Jerry Thom	9/17	Gerald Knebel
9/7	Emma Kahle	9/17	Dr. Harland Wittwer
9/7	Bentley Lindauer	9/18	Hannah Schnarr
9/8	Hannah Aull	9/20	Reid Lindauer
9/10	Jack Rumbach	9/20	Angie Hobson
9/11	Violet Ruckriegel	9/25	Ruth Coller
9/12	Jack Mattingly	9/26	Colton Wigand
9/12	Laurel Hubster	9/26	Hudson Wigand
9/15	Mark Hopster	9/29	John Coller
9/15	Aliek Armstrong	9/30	Greg Schnarr
9/16	Shea McGovren		



September Anniversaries

9/3	Christine & Daniel Dodd	<i>Celebrating 38 years!</i>
9/6	Cheryl & Mark Hopster	<i>Celebrating 34 years!</i>
9/8	Meghan & Josh Premuda	<i>Celebrating 9 years!</i>
9/16	Sarah & Josh Blackgrave	<i>Celebrating 4 years!</i>
9/23	Sabrina & David Peters	<i>Celebrating 26 years!</i>
9/25	Kimberly & Billy Aull	<i>Celebrating 13 years!</i>
9/26	Stacy & David Hubster	<i>Celebrating 23 years!</i>
9/27	Angie & Rick Hobson	<i>Celebrating 41 years!</i>



2021-2022 Trinity Women's Guild Fellowship

*Motto: Let us not tire of doing good; for if we do not give up,
the time will come when we will reap the harvest. - Galatians 6:9*

Every woman by virtue of her membership at Trinity UCC is considered a member of Guild and is invited and encouraged to take part in the activities. Friends of Trinity are always welcome.

Fellowship will now be at **9:00 am** on the **second Sunday** of each month in the Chapel Room, unless noted otherwise.

The purpose of this group is to unite the women of Trinity in Christian fellowship. We seek to support the congregation and the community through donations, service projects, and funeral meals. We thank all who have contributed in so many ways. Please consider joining us for fellowship on the following dates:

- ♥ **September 12, 2021** - We will host an Agape Service, originally developed by Naomi Rasche. We will hold in remembrance the women of Trinity we have lost in the past two years:
Carol Mundy, Diane Gray, Nina French, Carolyn Snyder, and Marge Kalb.

Sept. 17-19, 2021 - IKC Women's Retreat at Santa Claus Campgrounds. The theme for the event is "Estrogen, Excitement, and Empowerment". Registration is due September 10th.

- ♥ **October 10, 2021** - The Children's Sabbath will be celebrated during worship. We will share ideas and experiences of how we can help develop the faith of children.

- ♥ **November 14, 2021** - Under the guidance of Susan McGovren, we will make Christmas gifts for our nursing home residents and other shut-ins.



December 4, 2021 ... O'Tannenbaum Days Cookie Walk
8:00 am - 1:00 PM

Plan on bringing your homemade cookies and candies.
This is the only fundraiser for the Guild.

- ♥ **December 5, 2021 11:00 am** - Sunday School Christmas Program luncheon. Join us after worship for a luncheon celebrating our Sunday School students. Thanks in advance for donations of food for this luncheon.



- ♥ **January 9, 2022** - Trinity will be hosting the World Day of Prayer in March. Come join us as we develop the program we will share with other congregations in the community.
- ♥ **February 13, 2022** - More information will be shared in the newsletter regarding plans for this fellowship time.



March 4, 2022 1:00 PM - World Day of Prayer Trinity will be hosting! We welcome all who are able to participate in this meaningful time of worship.

- ♥ **March 13, 2022** - More information will be shared in the newsletter regarding plans for this fellowship time.
- ♥ **April 10, 2022** - Come early on Palm Sunday! More information will be shared in the newsletter regarding plans for this fellowship time.
- ♥ **May 4, 2022 6:30 PM** - Spring Celebration with the women of St. Paul and Augustana UCC in Holland. We will meet at Trinity at 6:00 PM to caravan to Holland.

- ♥ **May 10, 2022** - Women of Lincolnland Spring Meeting at Evangelical UCC in Tell City



The following members are assigned as the “contact” person for the month to reach out to shut-in’s through a visit, card and/or phone call. Please consider also serving in this important ministry.

September - Jan Kalb
October - Judy Hubster
November - Sylvia Adams
December - Volunteer Needed
January - Visits and Contacts on your own
February - Heather Goodhue

March - Mary Ann Schroeder
April - Judy Hubster
May - Sylvia Adams
June - Heather Goodhue
July - Susan McGovren
August - Volunteer Needed

Women's Fellowship Officers: Heather Goodhue, Judy Hubster, Susan McGovren, and Jan Kalb