Trinity United Church of Christ



October 2021



☆ Worship: 8 am & 10:15 am
☆ Sunday School: 9 am

October 3: World Communion Exodus 4: 10-17 "Reluctant Messenger"

October 10: Children's Sabbath Exodus 16: 1-18 "Following Directions Brings Life"

October 17: Samuel 3: 1-21 "Your Servant Hears!"

October 24: Laity Sunday- Tim Padgett, Speaking Genesis 2:15-17 & Proverbs 3:1-6 "It's Your Choice"

October 31: Reformation Sunday I Kings 5: 1-5, 7: 51, 8: 6-13 "The House of God"

Masks are required in Orange/Red. Masks highly recommended if in yellow/blue 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.

Contact Information

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October Monthly Calendar

- M 4 Property Team @ 6 PM Worship Team @ 7 PM
- T 5 Council Reports Due Outreach Team @ 6:30 PM
- Su 10 Women's Guild @ 9 am
- M 11 Christian Ed. @ 5:15 PM Church Council @ 7:00 PM
- T 12 Newsletter Articles Due
- T 19 Sunset Extension @ 4 PM
- W 27 Newsletter Sent
- S 31 Men's Fellowship @ 9 am

October Weekly Calendar

Confirmation – Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM No confirmation on 10/20

AA – Wednesdays and Fridays @ 7:00 PM

Music Together – Mondays & Saturdays @ 9:30 am

Office closed every Friday!

Upcoming Special Events:

- ♦ World Communion Sunday 10/3
- ◆ Children's Sabbath 10/10
- ♦ Budget Presentation 10/31

Happy * Fall Break!

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PJ's Ponderíngs...

October 2021



Volunteer ... Beyond the call of Duty

Volunteer – confident, over the brim, secure; the least needy of appreciation and first to give appreciation;

Volunteer – that person whose hand is ready, whose heart overflows, who looks forward, listens carefully, lifts the broken, cares for the grieving, shares a joy;

Volunteers – hold a staff, build a bridge, gather sheep, defend the weak, and go the extra mile.

Truly, the quintessence of **Volunteer** by definition is that duty is the meer stepping stone, for he or she gives above the call of duty –

always above the call of duty, always exceeding the mire dutiful.

and ... adventurous ... sometimes they give all.

Volunteer – well ... that was Jesus and you too.

- When someone does their duty, we call them honorable.
- When someone does their duty in the face of danger, we call them heroes.
- When someone goes beyond the call of duty, we call them **volunteers!**

By Michael G. Maness, 2005



In order for the Church to be aware of the areas to which you would like to contribute your Time and Talents, all ages are asked to please **complete the Time and Talent Sheet**.

This year, there are several ways to do this:

- 1. Fill out a hard copy! There is one included in those newsletters mailed. There are also copies available on the credenza as you enter the church. Put your completed copy in the offering box.
- 2. Highlight your choices on the Time & Talent Sheet emailed to you. Return the form via email.

Please include your name and contact information! Be sure to include everything you are doing NOW or did prior to Covid-19 and would like to continue to do in 2022.

We would like for all ages (friends & members) of our church family to complete a form. After the completed forms are received, we will update our records with your new information and make the list available to the various ministry teams of Trinity UCC. Thank you!



Jack Astrike	Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 Pleasant View, Apt. # 1, Jasper, IN 47546	(812-634-7920)
Norma Blackgrave	St. Charles Health Campus, Rm. # 103 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546	()
Eloise Breidenbaugh	Northwood Retirement Community, Rm. # 504 2515 Newton Street, Jasper, IN 47546	
Mariemma Huebner	Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 Pleasant View, Apt. # 23, Jasper, IN 47546	(812-634-7945)
Carrie Loveall	855 Missouri Street, Apt. # 17, Ferdinand, IN 47532	(812-998-2010)
Sherry Malone	660 Rumbach Ave. Apt. #322, Jasper, IN 47546	(812-582-2721)
Claire Rohleder	Legacy Living, 1850 IN-56, Rm. # 220, Jasper, IN 47546	(812-482-3185)
Violet Ruckriegel	1308 Vine Street, Apt. # 118, Jasper, IN 47546	(812-827-6986)
Margie Schneider	Life's Journey of Avon, Rm. # 208 10241 E Co. Rd. 100 Indianapolis, IN 46234	Ν

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 to chat with Pastor Jane, please call her 812-631-1147.

Within the Fellowship:

- Death: Jason L. Stockburger passed away on August 19, 2021. Our sympathy is extended to his parents Debie & David Stockburger, his sister, Jamie and nephews Ty and Carter.
 - ♥ Sarah S. recovering at home, following surgery for a broken ankle.
 - ♥ Claire R. fell and broke her wrist; she is now at Legacy Living Jasper, Rm. # 220.
 - ♥ Pete R. at home awaiting further tests.
 - ♥ Norma B. & Margie S. under hospice care.
 - ♥ Carol E. doing well with remedial treatments every 8 weeks.
 - ♥ Pray for those impacted by the devastations from wind & water, fire & drought.
 - 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.
 - We continue to **pray for the people of Afghanistan and Americans who remain.**



Celebrating the life of Ruth Ann Brinkman August 27, 1940 – August 16, 2021

Let us give God thanks for the 80 years of life appointed to a beloved daughter, Ruth Ann Brinkman. Ruth, the oldest of four children, was born on August 27, 1940 to Robert and Georgina (Steffen) Neuman. Ruth was gently welcomed into the glory of the heavens on Monday evening, August 16, 2021. She is now reunited with her parents, her husband, Richard, her daughter-in-law, Bridget and her two sisters Carol Pederson and Donna Neuman. May God's comfort be upon her surviving brother, Eugene and other family members.

We are thankful for the 56 years of marriage Ruth shared with her beloved husband Rich, whom she married on September 7, 1963 at Trinity United Church of Christ. Ruth and Rich enjoyed a life filled with the blessings of family and good friends. The love that Ruth and Rich shared gave birth to five children: Christine, Cynthia, Catherine, Chad, and Curt. The family grew with the addition of sons-in-law, Daniel & John. Rich and Ruth were also blessed with 14 grandchildren: Joshua, Justin, Jennifer, Juel, Colton, Faith, Amber, Holly, David, Caitlyn, Jace, Mariah, Leah, and Arah. The family also now includes 13 great-grandchildren. There are wonderful childhood memories of picnics at the Huntingburg Conservation Club and road trips to visit the extended family. Most recently, Ruth was blessed to spend time with the family in Florida where they gathered for a family wedding. Ruth dedicated her life to caring for her loved ones.

Ruth was baptized, confirmed, and married at Trinity United Church of Christ in Jasper. She was a member of the Trinity Women's Guild and sang in the church choir. In her younger years, she worked as an LPN in Dr. Salb's office. Later Ruth worked at the Dairy Queen where she made life-long friends. She was also a member of the Jasper Outdoor Recreation. Ruth loved going out to eat, watching Wheel of Fortune, gardening, playing cards, and spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Celebrating the life of Jason L. Stockburger October 10, 1974 – August 19, 2021



Jason L. Stockburger was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 10, 1974, to David and Debie Stockburger. We are thankful for the 46 years of life appointed by God before his death on Thursday, August 19, 2021. Jason had been at the Timbers of Jasper for 14 years following his injury from a car accident.

Jason was a 1993 graduate of Jasper High School. After high school, he served in the United States Navy. Jason was a talented artist. He won several art contests and had his work displayed in local art shows. Trinity church was gifted with one of his works of art which hangs in our chapel. He enjoyed playing video games online, artwork, and watching the Indianapolis Colts.

Proceeding Jason in death were his grandparents and one aunt; Jeanne Jordan. Our prayers and sympathy are with his parents David and Debbie Stockburger, his sister Jamie and his two nephews Tyler and Carter as well as his aunts and uncles.



Sunday School 2021-2022 "BELIEVE you can BE all that God created you to BE!" Thank you for wearing a mask when we are not in "Blue"!

Preschool – 6th grade – 9 am in the Sanctuary. Youth (7th – 12th grades): Breakfast-October 10 & 24. Lively discussion on October 3 & 31! Children's Sabbath will be celebrated on October 10, 2021! No Sunday School on October 17, due to Fall Break!





- Wednesday Nights October 6, 13, 27 5:30 – 6:15 PM in room # 201/202.
- Please wear a mask when we are not in "Blue"; thank you!

Note: October 20: October 27:

- No Class due to Fall Break.
- Faith Partners join us: if we are in "yellow" or "blue" status we will EAT in addition to playing a game.

In October, we will explore what we believe about Jesus. It was great in September to hear our youth share what they believe about God.

Thank you to: MaryAnn Weisheit, Alexander Thomas, Melissa Blackgrave, and Hannah Schnarr for sharing their musical talent in church services in the month of September.





Men's Fellowship ... The Trinity men will gather on **October 31**st 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...

Trinity Women's Guild will gather on **October 10th** at 9 am in the chapel.

Program note: With Children's Sabbath being celebrated during worship, ideas and experiences will be shared on how we can help develop the faith of children.



Time & Talent Sheet – available in hard-copy and on line.

Nominating Team -

3 year term: Denise Schnell- President John Schnarr- Financial Secretary Rod Kalb- Worship Liaison

2021 Budget included in this Newsletter Budget Presentation set for 10/31!
Special Congregational meeting on 11/14: Vote on 2022 Budget and Elect leadership.

Scouting for Team Ministry Members...

Do you have a love of children and youth? Do you have fond memories of your own time in pre-school, Sunday School, VBS, Youth Fellowship or an adult bible class?

Then the Christian Education Ministry team is for YOU!

Do you have a compassionate heart that calls you to help others? Do you hear clearly God's call to feed, clothe, house and visit those in need?

Then the Outreach Ministry team is for YOU!

Are you fed by God's Word and at God's table? Is there a song in your heart? Does your soul pray? Do your ears love to hear the story of Jesus; do you want to tell others the story? Do your eyes appreciate the beauty of God's sanctuary?

Then the Worship Ministry team is for YOU!

Are you like the biblical Martha? Is hospitality in your blood? Do you love planning a good party? Do you feel at home setting-up, hosting, and cleaning-up?

Then the Parish Life team is for YOU!

Do you feel the best with a hammer or paint brush in hand? Are your dreams filled with images of buildings and green landscapes? Are you excited as you check off items on the "To-do-list"? Then the Property Team is for YOU!

Consider becoming a member of any of our 5 Ministry Teams. There are no terms, so try it out for a year. Most of the teams divide out the various responsibilities; so the more on the team, the better. *It is a JOY to SHARE in ministry; come join the team*. However, if you are unable to join a team but would like to do small projects, we need your gifts!





Mission Alive at Trinity

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ which supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. The Outreach Team of Trinity has chosen NIN for the October mission. One-third of the Neighbors In Need offerings support the Council for American Indian Ministry. In 2021, monies from NIN and other funds will be used in part, for grants for UCC churches struggling during COVID-19. Justice issues addressed this year will emphasize homelessness. Envelopes will be placed in the pews to be used during October. **Trinity's goal is \$400.** There are many needs in the United States today. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you!

- Adopt-a-Family... Your spare change/dollars to purchase food gift cards in the coming month.
- College Student support... We received \$530 toward our goal of \$350! Your generous gifts will be appreciated by our 7 college students: Emma Emmons, Jack Goodhue, Jace Goodhue, Laurel Hubster, Ella Hubster, Sydney Peters, and Amanda Schnell. Gift cards will be in the mail soon, so they know their Trinity Family loves and cares about them!



Community Food Bank – October donations: boxed dressing!

Some of you may know I have had old age related health issues for a couple of months. My husband has still been able to pick up the items you have donated and, since he volunteers there weekly, he has delivered your donations. These are difficult times. In spite of that, Trinity has helped the Food Bank! In August, you contributed 25 boxes of cereal and 3 large family-sized bags of cereal. So far in Sept. 27 rolls of toilet paper and 10 rolls of paper towels have been donated. I know some of you are not attending church in person. If you would like to mail a monetary gift, the address is: Community Food Bank 1404 S. Meridian Road Jasper, IN 47546 Boxed dressing mix is the October item. Thank you for helping those in need.



UCC Special Appeal: "Severe Storms 2021"

Catastrophic winds, flood waters, fires, power outages have devastated various parts of our country. Recovery needs, both short- and long-term, will be massive, with damage estimates in the billions of dollars. **If you would like to help, clearly mark your donation** and Trinity will see that it gets passed along where it can be put to use in the recovery.

Family Festival Re-cap – September 11, 2021

The fourth annual Family Festival was a big success. The festival was started years ago by Jasper church Iglesia Nueva Vida, translated as new Life Church. One of the goals of this year's event was to promote family values in our community. The faith-inspired event was held at Schroeder Complex with many fun activities for families to enjoy. Besides music throughout the day and speakers giving short messages, the event ended with a family movie shown on a big screen.

Our booth activity was "The Walls of Jericho come Tumbling Down". Participants stacked blocks of differing sizes to build a wall. Then the fun began as they took bean bags and knocked down their wall! Thank you to Greg, Addison, and Corbin Schnarr, Sherri, Mya, and Gavin Uebelhor, Abbie, Hadley and Cameron Rumbach, Heather Goodhue, Larry LaGrange, John and Shea McGovren for manning the booth.

Trinity distributed 200 boxes of popcorn at the end of the evening for the movie-goers. The popcorn was donated by Rural King and packaged into individual serving boxes by Mary Ann Weisheit, Connie Schmitt, and Jane Neukam.

Council approved a \$500 donation to go towards the expenses of this event. Thanks to all who helped! Outreach Team (*Rod and Jan Kalb, Jenny LaGrange, and Susan McGovren*)

From the Family Festival Committee: Thank you all for your participation in the Family Festival. We appreciate your willingness to sponsor a booth and provide the popcorn for the movie. Your donation of \$500 helped to defray the costs of the festival. It was a great day with families enjoying the activities, music, messages, food and movie.



Strassenfest Re-Cap

Strassenfest 2021 turned out to be one of the more challenging events this year. There were many difficulties to overcome this year due to Covid. To highlight some activity this year, we set a new booth set-up record with a time of 1 hour and 45 minutes, sold 68 gallons of ice cream, sold out of cobbler every night before 10 PM, there was a marriage proposal, good music and I got to reconnect with many members of the church after being home bound for many months. This is such a big event for the community, but also for the church. I would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year one of the best Strassenfest ever. *~ David Peters*

Income: \$ 6,091.01 Expenses: \$1,691.84 Net Profit: \$4,399.17 Donation Value: \$1,400.00.



Highlights from the September 20, 2021 Meeting

- Approved the 2022 budget for presentation for acceptance by congregation.
- October 31st -Budget Presentation Sunday, after each worship service.
- Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14th after each service.
- Approved extending the line of credit at German American Bank for another year.

~ Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021

Mark Blackgrave's comments & feelings regarding Covid: Covid Pandemic continues to rage throughout the world and continues to plague our community. We miss our members and friends who we don't see; out of fear of this deadly disease, they remain sheltered. Many of us are tired and weary; for some wearing mask has become a way of life. Some of you are even tired about hearing about Covid in worship and have mentioned this to me. The context of worship is the right of the pastor to "feed us" what a pastor feels we need. Our pastor has a belief that this Covid crisis needs awareness, understanding and prayers. I know there are at least a few that may disagree with this approach for whatever reasons. Pastor Jane has expressed her willingness to listen to your concerns; I would encourage you to take her up on that offer by making an appointment to see her or call her on the phone. It is good to have a healthy dialogue on concerns about Covid or any other items.

~ Peace, Mark Blackgrave

Lincolnland Fall Association Meeting – Sunday, October 24 3:30 PM Registration ... Gathering begins at 4:00 PM (Eastern Time) Location: St. Peter, Lamar - (Outside weather permitting) – bring a lawn chair Focus: Adopting 2022 Association Budget, Honoring the ministry of Chip and Gayle Jahn A meal will follow the meeting.



Date	Worship Attendance		Sunday School Attendance
September 5	8:00 am 16	10:15 am 29	Sunday School begins 9/12
Communion	Total - 45		
September 12	8:00 am 13	10:15 am 39	7 Kids/Youth 3 Adults
Fall Schedule Begins!	Total - 52		
September 19	8:00 am 19	10:15 am 52	11 Kids/Youth 3 Adults
Baptism Sunday	Total - 71		
Contractor 2C	0.00	10.15	
September 26 Christian Education Sunday	8:00 am 15 Total - 68	10:15 am 53	13 Kids/Youth 4 Adults
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Sanctuary Dome Water Leak Update

~ from Mark Blackgrave

Below is the report from Technical Assurance, the company that performed the forensic water infiltration tests to determine the locations of the water leaks. Remember, Technical Assurance, is not a contractor, they only advise clients on building issues and recommend solutions. They have found multiple areas of concerns that need to be fixed. Below is a pictorial Summary of the findings:

Exterior Issues (the cause)



The list of repairs needed:

Exterior (phase 1/solution 1) Remove all existing caulking and sealant Replace all caulking and sealant on window frames Replace all caulking and sealant around roof flashing Cap off screw holes; Paint window frames Interior (phase 2) Remove water stains Secure and or replace window seals Check and secure walnut wood appliques

Technical Assurance presented us two solutions for phase 1. The first solution is to remove all old sealant and putty on window frames and the roof flashing and apply new. They believe this will solve the issues by 92%. The second solution, more involved, is to remove the windows and refurbish the frames and re-glaze of the stain glass. They believe this would solve the issues by 97%. They are recommending approximately 15-year maintenance period to prevent future issues.

All of this comes with a huge cost. The council discussed the options and decided to find out some additional information from Technical Assurance. We also will be forming a team, so that the best recommendations can be made to the congregation. We will also have to figure out the financial implications for a project of this size.

Again, if you have any questions or want to see the actual report, please let me know. ~ Mark



October Bírthdays

Sarah Blackgrave 2 Grant Blackman 5 Julie Beck 7 Chloe Premuda 7 Fred Robberts 8 Janice Sunderman 8 Julie Schroeder 10 Reid Cole 14 Trystan Armstrong 14 Heather Goodhue 15 Corma Knebel 15 Mike Mehling 15 Dean Vonderheide 15

Carter Beamon 16 Haley Wright 16 Vickie Campbell 17 McKenzie Blackman 18 Peyton Blackgrave 19 Jerry Adams 21 Ann Berg 22 Denise Schnell 22 Larry Schnell 24 Brian Meyer 25 Bryent Roth 26 Harley Hopster 31

October Anníversaríes



10/10 Sarah & Tom Hopf

10/11 Mike & Linda Mehling

- 10/19 Jeff & Toni Eichmiller
- 10/21 Paula & Mark Marshall
- 10/23 Harland, Dr. & Lelani Wittwer

10/25 Jeremy & Rachel Lindauer

10/29 Kathy & Victor Danford

Celebrating 51 Years!

Celebrating 52 Years!

Celebrating 8 Years!

Celebrating 4 Years!

Celebrating 56 Years!

Celebrating 7 years!

Celebrating 33 years!

	October 2021 - Worship	Partícípants
October 3	World Communion Sunday	2
8:00 am	Bible Reader: Mary Ann Weisheit	Media Tech: Adam Roth
	Ushers: Mary Ann Weisheit, Connie Schmitt	Organist: Mary Ann/Sarah
10:15 am	Bible Reader: Dean Vonderheide	Acolyte: Addie Schnarr
	Organist: Mary Ann/Sarah	Music: Melissa B. & Alexander T.
	Time with Children: Audra Jahn	SS Teacher: Audra Jahn
	Ushers & Lock-up: Rod and Jan Kalb	Communion Prep: Linda Kahle
	Media Tech: Adam Roth	Media Producer: John Kahle
October 10	Children's Sabbath	
8:00 am	Confirmation Liturgist: Mya Uebelhor	Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide
	Usher: Linda Troxler	Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit
10:15 am	Confirmation Liturgist: Mya Uebelhor	Acolyte: Mya Uebelhor
	Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit	Music: Hailey Knebel
	Time with Children: Pastor Jane	SS Teacher: Meghan Premuda
	Ushers & Lock-up: Linda and John Kahle	
	Media Tech: Adam Roth	Media Producer: Nichole Lechner
October 17		
8:00 am	Bible Reader: Bill Small	Media Tech: Adam Roth
	Usher: Bill Small	Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit
10:15 am	Bible Reader: John Schnarr	Acolyte: Ushers
	Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit	Time with Children: Pastor Jane
	Ushers & Lock-up: Janis and John Schnarr	
	Media Tech: Brian Meyer	Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave
October 24	Laity Sunday - Tim Padgett, Speaking	
8:00 am	Bible Reader: Selena Vonderheide	Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide
	Ushers: Selena & Kurt Vonderheide	Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
10:15 am	Bible Reader: Heather Goodhue	Acolyte: Lillie Campbell
	Organist: Sarah Sergesketter	Music: Alexander Thomas
	Time with Children: Heather Goodhue	SS Teacher: Kari Roth
	Ushers & Lock-up: Heather Goodhue & Famil	-
	Media Tech: Mark Blackgrave	Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
October 31	Reformation Sunday	
8:00 am	Bible Reader: Connie Schmitt	Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide
	Ushers: Suellen Seng and Doug Bawel	Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
10:15 am	Bible Reader: Dan Sergesketter	Acolyte: Parker Jahn
	Organist: Sarah Sergesketter	SS Teacher: Abbie Rumbach
	Time with Children: Audra Jahn	

Ushers & Lock-up: Dan Sergesketter, Larry LaGrange Media Producer: John Kahle

Media Tech: John Kahle