**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***February 2022***

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

**February 6: Communion**

*John 5: 1-18 “Stand Up and Walk for the Lord”*

**February 13:** *John 6: “Living Bread”*

**February 20:** *John7: 10-18 “The Word of God”*

**February 27: Transfiguration Sunday**

 **Annual Meeting Day**

*John 9: 1-12 “Living in the Light”*

**March 2: Ash Wednesday – 7:00 PM**

 **Communion & Imposition of Ashes**

**Masks are required in Orange/Red status.**

**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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***(Corner of Clay & 8th Street)***

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**9am – 1pm & 2 - 3pm**

***Website:*** *htps://www.trinityjasperucc.org*

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***Pastor:***Rev. Jane Hillman

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**February Monthly Calendar**

**M 7** 6:00 pmProperty Team

 **T 8** 7:00 pm Outreach Team

**SU 13** 9:00 am Women’s Guild

 Men’s Fellowship

 Youth Breakfast

**M 14**5:15 pm Christian Education Team

 7:00 pm Church Council

**T 15**  *Newsletter articles due*

 4:00 pm Sunset Extension

**T 22** 7:00 pm Worship Team

**W 23** 10:30 am UCC Clergy (*Virtual)*

**SU 27** Annual Meeting

 9:00 am Youth Breakfast

**M 28** *Newsletter Sent!*

**Office closed every Friday!**

**February Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday School** – Sundays @ 9:00 am

**Confirmation –** Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

**Circle of Concern –** Fridays @ 7:00 am

**AA –** Wednesdays & Fridays @ 7:00 pm

**Music Together –**

Mondays & Saturdays @ 9:30am

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***PJ’s Ponderings…*  February 2022**

**Through the Sanctuary Doors**

Loving God, we come through these sanctuary doors looking for who we are, and where we are to go.

From lives weighed down with burdens, we come looking for people to love us.

From past histories that cast shadows over the present,

We come looking for the new creation You birth within us.

From belief too uncertain to calm stormy seas, we come

Looking for a faith founded on rock and unafraid to set sail.

Bless us, O God, so that when we exit these doors,

We will have received what we need and be ready to give what You ask. Amen.

*~ Hope Harle-Mould*

The prayer above tells the story of WHY we gather to worship our Lord. Each of us has a deep need within our souls to connect to God who hears our prayers and is present in our lives.

Daily we are confronted with worldly events that weigh heavily on our hearts; it is God’s love that can lift us from our despair and give us renewed hope.

Over and over again, we come before God to confess our mistakes and to receive the gift of new life, as the assurance of pardon is proclaimed.

It is upon the Rock, Jesus Christ that we firmly stand; it is through the grace of Jesus Christ that our fears are calmed and our courage is strengthened.

It is through regular worship that we are prepared to serve the Lord in unexpected and powerful ways.

It is through the gift of song, prayer and the Word that our hearts are healed and our souls refreshed.

So, my friends, in the darkness of the wintry February ahead of us, let us gather together to give the Lord our praise and adoration for the many blessings we have received.

Let us also remember those who are shut-in with our prayers, notes and visits. It is through each of our hearts that God’s love is shared.

*Blessings to you and those you love! ~ Pastor Jane*

**A full 9 member Church Council has been** *installed and looks forward to working with the various teams. Thank you to all who completed a Time and Talent form indicating their willingness to share their gifts.*

**Annual Meeting will be on Sunday – February 27***.*

 *There will be time after both services to review and accept the 2021 annual reports.*

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**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*

**Corrine Clark** *Legacy Living, 1850 IN-56, Rm. # 202, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-482-3482)*

**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)*

**Pete Rasche** *Memorial Hospital, Jasper, IN 47546*

**Claire Rohleder** *Legacy Living, 1850 IN-56, Rm. # 220- Jasper, IN 47546 (812-482-3185)*

**Violet Ruckriegel** *Legacy Living, 1850 IN-56, Rm. # 104- Jasper, IN 47546 (812-827-6986)*

 **Others to keep in thought and prayer… Shirlene Dreher, David Fischer, Janice Sunderman,**

 **And Brian & Sandy Ferrell.**





**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:**

* **Claire Rohleder** – *recovering from a 2nd hip surgery: Skilled Care unit at Memorial Hospital.*
* **Randy Catt** *– has begun chemo for his lung cancer: St. Charles Health campus, room # 309.*
* **Pete Rasche –** *is at Memorial Hospital under Hospice Care*
* Pray for those who continue to be stricken with Covid-19 throughout the world and those who grieve the loss of loved ones. We give thanks for our health care workers!
* Pray for those **impacted by** the **devastations from fire,wind & water & snow.**
* **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 people of Afghanistan and Americans who remain.**

**Coming Soon -- Upper Room Devotionals – March/April 2022**

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**Trinity Sunday School - 2022**

**Preschool – 6th** grade – 9 am in the Sanctuary.

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

**Thank you for wearing a mask when we are not in “Blue”!**

**Youth Breakfasts (7th – 12th grades): 2/13 & 2/27 Class: 2/6, 2/20**

**Note: The Sunday School kids will sing at the 10:15 am worship on February 20,**

**if our Covid status is Yellow or Blue.**

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**Wednesday Nights – February 2, 9, 16, 23 5:30 – 6:15 PM** Rm. # 201

 **In February,** we will talk about being a Christian in today’s world and what it means to be a faithful disciple in God’s church. We will also write questions for our Confirmation Conversation on April 24 and our Creed to be read on Confirmation Presentation Sunday, May 15.

**(Thank You for wearing a mask when we are not in “Blue!”)**

During February, Confirmands and Faith Partners will be making stepping stones.

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**VBS 2022 on Hold!** At this time, The Christian Education Ministry Team has **NOT been able to find** **a Director** for the **2022 Vacation Bible School**. Therefore, plans are on hold for this ministry, as well as for the fund-raising Soup & Dessert Luncheon. **Note:** The Director finds a team of leaders, selects date & time to fit leaders’ schedules

and selects the theme & materials.

**If you are interested in being the VBS Director,**

contact Greg Schnarr (812-630-8744) gregschnarr@hotmail.com

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**Trinity Tree House 2022-2023 – Open Enrollment has begun!**

**3-day class:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday from **8:30 – 11: 30**

 **$95 a month tuition payment**

 **One time** **Non-refundable fees: $**35 registration, $35 Snack & Supply fee

**2-day class:** Tuesday & Thursday from **8:30 – 11: 00**

 **$80 a month tuition payment**

 **One time** **Non-refundable fees: $**35 registration, $35 Snack & Supply fee

Children must be 3 years of age by August 1, 2022, to be eligible for the 2-day class.

To register please call **Susan McGovren at 812-482-5684.**

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 **Mission Alive at Trinity UCC**



**Outreach February Mission – Blankets of Love**

**Goal: $400** (40 blankets)

Our mission for February will be Blankets of Love sponsored by Church World Service. A blanket can provide warmth to a victim of a flood or fire or serve as bedding to a guest in a homeless shelter. CWS reports that during 2021 from January 1 - June 23, *610 blankets* were distributed. With your **$10.00**, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God’s people may need care. **Your support makes a difference in the lives of these children and families.** In 2021, Pastor Jane challenged us to count our blankets at home and donate $1.00 for every blanket!

 **Donations can be put into your regular giving envelope noting that it is a Blankets of Love gift. There will also be envelopes available in the pew holders.** Thank you for your generosity, so we can “Blanket the World with Love.”

**Adopt a Family - Your spare change/dollars in the jar does more than a little!** We use the total given each month to pay a bill or purchase a gift card for our Adopt-A-Family. **Our 2022 family is a mom, dad, and their 2 daughters (ages 5 and 11).** The younger girl is severely handicapped, and even though Dad works a full time job and Mom has 2 jobs, their budget is stretched with all the extra expenses pertaining to her care. We hope, by helping them with a gift each month, we can lighten some of the stress. So the money YOU put in the jar really matters. When added to what others give it can make a huge difference!! Thanks for your continued support. *Sincerely, Outreach Team*

 

**Community Food Bank –**

**February Donation is Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce!**

Since our last newsletter, the people of Trinity have donated **4 large cans of soup, 33 regular cans of soup and 11 boxes of breakfast bars.**  Thank you for your continued giving to those less fortunate.



**Tornado Recovery Donations**

Donations to aide in the **tornado recovery efforts** can be made through Trinity Church; they will be sent when information becomes available. **Please clearly mark your donations.**

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 **January 2022 - Council Highlights**

* **Transferred $10,000 from the Edna Joseph account to the Outreach Assistance Fund**.  This money is used to support community members requesting financial assistance for items such as rent or utility payments.  This transfer of funds happened last year as well and that whole allotment was used for this purpose.
* An anonymous, non-designated donation of **$25,000 was given to Trinity UCC.**  Council determined it will go into the God’s Home Improvement (GHI) fund to be applied towards the Dome Project and Sanctuary Improvement and Repair. We are currently receiving donations to GHI, as once the window water leak is fixed, repairs can begin on the interior.



**The Annual Meeting on February 27, 2022** will follow the format of the

Fall Congregational Meeting.  The meeting will be called to order at the

end of the 8:00 am service and will reconvene following the 10:15 service.

If anyone plans to present a motion, this needs to be done during the first service portion of the meeting, so all members have the opportunity to hear it and vote on the motion.

**Annual reports will be available 2/20/2022!**

* Reviewed the recently updated Leadership and **Leadership Roster** and **Time & Talent Summary**.  Thank you for sharing your gifts.
* **Ministry Teams** provided updates from their meetings.

*~ Submitted by David Hubster following meeting on January 10, 2022*

**2021 Financial Statements are available in the entrance of the sanctuary.**

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**Date Worship Attendance Sunday School Attendance**

**Worship Christmas Eve: 102 Worship December 26: 15 Worship: January 2: 38**

**January 9 8:00 am 16 10:15 am 38 Total 54 Kids/Youth 5 Adults 4**

**January 16 8:00 am 14 10:15 am 34 Total 45 Kids/Youth 5 Adults 4**

**January 23 8:00 am 18 10:15 am 41 Total 59 Kids/Youth 6 Adults 3**

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**February 2022 - Worship Participants**

**February 6- Communion**

 **Bible Readers:** Mary Ann Weisheit, Lisa Schmidt **Acolyte:** Madison Mauck

 **Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

 **Time with Children:**  Heather Goodhue **SS Teacher:** Heather Goodhue

**Usher:** 8:00 am Mary Ann Weisheit **Communion Prep:** Alexander Thomas

 **Ushers & Lock-up:** 10:15 am Lisa Schmidt

 **Media Techs:**  Mark Blackgrave, John Kahle  **Media Producer:** John Kahle

**February 13**

 **Bible Readers:** Connie Schmitt, Greg Schnarr **Acolyte:** Mya Uebelhor

 **Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

 **Time with Children:** Audra Jahn  **SS Teacher:** Audra Jahn

**Usher:** 8:00 am Connie Schmitt

 **Ushers & Lock-up:** 10:15 amLarry LaGrange

 **Media Techs:**  Kurt Vonderheide, Adam Roth **Media Producer:** Nichole Lechner

**February 20**

 **Bible Readers:** Selena Vonderheide, Kari Roth **Acolyte:** Addie Schnarr

 **Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

 **Time with Children:** Alexander Thomas **SS Teacher:** Kari Roth

**Usher:** 8:00 am Selena & Kurt Vonderheide

 **Ushers & Lock-up:** 10:15 amAlexander Thomas

 **Media Techs:**  Kurt Vonderheide, John Kahle **Media Producer:** John Kahle

**February 27 Annual Meeting Day**

 **Bible Readers:** Doug Bawel, Suellen Seng … Hannah & Corbin Schnarr O**rganist:** Sarah Sergesketter **Acolyte:** Lillie Campbell

 **Time with Children:**  Pastor Jane **SS Teacher:** Meghan Premuda

**Usher:** 8:00 am Doug Bawel, Suellen Seng

 **Ushers & Lock-up:** 10:15 amGreg Schnarr Family

 **Media Techs:**  Adam Roth, Nichole Lechner **Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

THANK YOU to all who made our Advent and Christmas special by sharing your musical gifts!  **We appreciate Mya Uebelhor, Hannah Schnarr,**

**Jan Kalb, Melissa Blackgrave, Alexander Thomas, and James Goodhue**.

Your music added to our worship. We are still in Orange/Red so **no choir** will be singing in February.                        *~ Sarah Sergesketter*



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 **Men’s Fellowship** … The Trinity men will gather on **February 13 @ 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… ![C:\Users\eloise\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\JL3XDJPC\flowers[1].png]()**

**February 13, 2022** - We will be using the fellowship time to do a run through of the World Day of Prayer service.  All are welcome to join in.



**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.

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**February Birthdays**

Janis Schnarr 1

Brad Atkins 2

Larry LaGrange 3

Maggie Aull 4

Mira Vonderheide 13

Bill Small 14

Jamie Heim 18

Cheryl Hopster 18

Dan Sergesketter 22

Tricia Cole 23

Alana Rasche 23

Brandie Astrike 24

John Kahle 25

Adam Roth 25

Selena Vonderheide 27

Madison Mauck 27

**February Anniversaries:**  Hailey & Brett Wright celebrating 11 years!

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