**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***July 2022***



***Worship: 8am & 10:15am***

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**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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**9am – 1pm & 2pm - 3pm**

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

**Office Administrator**: Taylor Kleinhelter

**July Monthly Calendar**

**SU 3** 8am & 10:15 am Worship

**M 4 Fourth of July**

*Office Closed this week*

**SU 10** 8am & 10:15am Worship

**M 11** 7pm Council Meeting

**SU 17** 8am & 10:15am Worship

**M 18** *Newsletter Articles Due*

**T 19** 4pm Sunset Extension

**SU 24** 8am & 10:15am Worship

**TU 26** 5:45pm TTH Meeting

**TH 28** *Newsletter Sent*

**SU 31**8am & 10:15am Worship

***The church office is closed every Friday!***

**July Weekly Calendar**

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

**Office Closed** – July 4th – July 7th

**KAREN’S KARES**

**WHAT TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY MEANS TO ME**

In 2002, I had served God’s Church in a professional capacity for 25 years. I admit, I was wondering if/when my ministry would ever really be helpful in terms of God “transforming” the lives of individuals and the lives of congregations. So, I was eager to talk with my Area Minister about the prospect of “Transitional Ministry,” which at the time was a way to open the door for an Interim clergy to remain in the same congregation for a longer time and be considered for the settled position. My first “Transitional Ministry” position lasted about 19 months (an expected Intentional Interim period), yet not much changed in that congregation. Most people did not seem able to comprehend the reasons their congregation needed to be or do anything different than what they had always done. (Unfortunately, that is often still the case today.)

Yet, I had already begun to fall in love with the **concept of “Transformation,”** because since it was so true in my own life, I wanted it to be true for every person and every congregation I encountered. I was convinced it was what God wanted for God’s Church, in every location.

In early 2005, I accepted an “Intentional Interim” position and took advantage of the congregation’s offer to send me to an intensive training event (2 full weeks of training spread over a year’s time.) After only a day or so, I was overjoyed to realize and learn, “I am not the crazy one!” I began to understand at an even deeper level there were ways to help congregations face their dysfunctions and move toward more healthy relationships and ministries. I was hooked. I knew then God was calling me to “Transitional Ministry” and my approach and perspectives would forever be focused on helping congregations experience God’s Desire to become a new Creation.

Over the past 20 years, some of the original intents of Transitional Ministry have changed, yet the most important premise remains: it is **a unique opportunity for a congregation to reassess who God has called it to be and what ministries God wants the congregation to offer/provide to the surrounding community and beyond.**

**COVID has presented the Church with a unique opportunity to reassess how to “Be the Church” in new and different ways**, because so many of the former ways are no longer possible. Many ideas, questions, conversations, and potential solutions are frequently discussed in clergy circles. Clergy were forced to learn new ways of presenting the Gospel, and forming relationships using social media, rather than through in-person contacts. Congregations who were willing and able to adopt new ways to “Be the Church” will flourish and thrive. Those who resist will eventually enter hospice care.

**Trinity UCC of Jasper now stands at a crossroads facing the possibility of combining both opportunities:** 1) Transitional Ministry - Rediscovering God’s Preferred Future Story (Vision), along renewed Mission and Values as a congregation and 2) COVID Challenges of providing ministry in new ways. I want to be the pastoral leader to help lead this congregation to reassess who and what God is now calling it to be in 2022 and beyond, and to find ways to be more relevant to this community and the world through social media.

The following ideas are some examples which enumerate some of the work and challenges that can be accepted/agreed upon to be undertaken by the Transitional Minister, the congregation’s leadership, and the congregation:

**Scope of work for a full-time Transitional Pastor:**

* Serves as Senior Pastor and resource for the dynamics of transition/transformation.
* Works with and guides a Transition Team (Bridge Team) to facilitate the congregation’s discernment of its Vision (God’s Future Story), the identification and organization of teams to facilitate the work of making the congregation’s Future Story a reality, and finally the completing the congregations Profile to being the search for a new settled pastor.
* Serves as resource for the work of transition, including focusing on question, such as: Who are we now? Who is our neighbor? Who is God calling us to become? What is God’s Dream or Future Story for our congregation?
* Guides the congregation’s examination of its heritage, mission, shifts in leadership, communication practices & connections, and it’s future story.
* Provides support and leadership to the congregation in the following ways:
  + Discernment of congregational mission possibly using an assessment.
  + Revitalization/turnaround (creating new excitement/energy and focusing on forward thinking).
  + Exploring new directions in various ministries (worship, CE, outreach, etc.).
  + Development of new ministries (food, clothing, other assistance, etc.).
  + Staff reconfiguration (Reviewing and evaluating job descriptions of the employees in light of the current congregation’s needs).
  + Healing a trauma or crisis (grief, anger, fear, etc.).
  + Developing healthy communication practices and processing conflict in healthy ways (Adopting a Behavioral Covenant).
  + Reviewing stewardship procedures, giving, and reassessing budgetary spending.
  + Reviewing and revising governing documents [Constitution, By-Laws, Employee Handbook, Volunteer Handbook (i.e., expectations of leaders)].
* Obtains ongoing education and professional accountability in specialized transitional ministry.
* Typical term of 12 - 24 months.

I am eager to meet with and learn about each person involved at First Christian Vincennes. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me via cell phone, text, e-mail, or Facebook. I am wondering what God wants to show us and teach us together over the next year.

In Christ’s Love and Kare,

**Pastor Karen**

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ABOUT ME**

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| **DESCRIPTION** | **RESPONSE** |
| Place of Birth | Tyler Texas |
| High School | Corsicana High School, Corsicana, TX |
| Colleges Attended:  Ottawa University (College W/O Campus) | Navarro Community College, Corsicana TX  Kansas City MO, Bachelor of Arts, 1980 |
| Seminary | Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City MO,  Master of Divinity, 1983 |
| Ordained | Bader Memorial Christian Church, KC MO, 1983, KC Area of Mid-American Region, Christian Church (Disciples). |
| States served | Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana |
| Denominations served | Christian Church (Disciples), PCUSA, UCC |
| Types of positions | Youth Pastor, Christian Education Associate, Minister to Young Adults, Solo Pastor, Minister of Spiritual Development, Children’s Pastor, Intentional Interim Pastor, Head of Staff, Supply Pastor, Transitional Interim Pastor |
| Married to | Rev. Paul S. Fraser, August 22, 2010 |
| Between us 6 Living  Adult Children | Jennifer Bedell (1971-1990); Jason Bedell (Heather) 1976, Angel Vonada (Jeremy) 1988, Peter Fraser (Molly), 1976, Julianne Fraser (Justin) 1979, Laurel Capacious (Kenny), 1994, Liam Fraser (Morgan), 1996. |
| 9 Grandchildren  (ages 7 to 18) | Finley, Savannah, Ezekiel, Jade, Malia, Sophie, Joy, Devin, Jocelyn. |
| Favorite Color | Horizon Blue |
| Favorite Beverage | Sweet Tea, Dr. Pepper |
| Favorite Food | Fried Breast of Chicken |
| Favorite Restaurants | Crossed Eyed Cricket & Los Bravos (Tamales) |
| Favorite Theologian | Charles Spurgeon |
| Favorite Bible | The Message |
| Collections | Monkeys, Lighthouses. |
| Favorite Flowers | Yellow Roses, all types of Lilies |
| Interested in | Labyrinths, Spiritual Practices, Singing, Drama |
| Other Professional Trainings | Certified Christian Life Coach (2012) Founder of Prayer-Full Partnerships (2012), working with pastors and non-profit executives to navigate transitions through the use of prayer and discernment. |
| Important Worship Desires | Drama, Art, Color, Music & Preaching 1st or 3rd person sermons; |
| Professional Hopes and Goals | Developing healthy communication and behavioral practices, promoting unity, developing teamwork among leaders in a congregation |

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**Jack Astrike** *Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living*

*400 Pleasant View, Apt. # 1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)*

**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** *Unknown at this time.*

**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** *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.**

**Within the Fellowship… On Saturday, June 25, Norma Jean Blackgrave passed away.** Our sympathy and prayers are extended to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



**Pray without ceasing…**

* **Susan McGovren who is home recovering from ankle surgery.**
* Pray for the **people of Ukraine and give thanks for all who are welcoming refugees.**
* **Pray for ALL in need of healing;** may God grant them strength and patience.
* Pray giving thanks that the **Covid-19 numbers continue to fall**, remembering that there are still those who are losing their lives. We give **thanks for our health care workers!**
* Pray for those **impacted by** the **devastations from wind, fire & water.**
* Pray for those **families and communities where the young and elderly have been killed by senseless violence** in various places in our country, including children in schools, those getting groceries, and those attending worship.
* Pray for our **military, first responders and those in law enforcement.**



**May Council Highlights**

**Approved Council Decisions:**

* extending agreement to Pastor Karen Fraser Moore to be our Transitional Interim Pastor
* hiring Macy Schneider as a custodian for 7-9 hours weekly at a rate of $15.50 per hour
* spending $2,000 from Maintenance Fund to replace the pump on the church air conditioner
* repair of the damaged plaster from leaky roof and remove film on sanctuary windows, no additional funds should be needed

**REPORT FROM FINANCE TEAM**

The Church Council wanted to make the congregation aware that our $56,000 balance as of January 1, 2022 in the General Fund has declined at the end of the second quarter by $14,000.

Contributions – Envelopes:

* January through June **2022** budgeted amount is $99,449.
* January through June **2022** giving was $84,362.

By comparison -

* January through June **2021** giving was $86,138.

Finance Team: John Kahle, Susan McGovren, John Schnarr, and Alexander Thomas

**Congratulations!**

**Big congratulations to two of our Trinity members who have recently gotten married!**

**Clay Garrett Kincer** (formerly of Jasper) and Kasey Chase Bartnick (formerly of New Conway, NH) were married on June 12, 2022 at Hyalite Canyon in the Gallatin National Forest. Clay’s parents are Greg and Lisa Kincer.

Congratulations to your family!

**Evan Vonderheide** (of Jasper) and Shalyn Grow (of Jasper) were married on June 25, 2022 at Willowfield Lavender Farm in Mooresville, IN. They are currently living in New York City. Evan’s parents are Kurt and Selena Vonderheide. Congratulations to your family!

**Mission Alive at Trinity**

**Community Food Bank**

Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need in our county.  Since the last newsletter you have contributed:  **6 cans of tuna, 36 more boxes of mac and cheese, and 1 large box of cereal.**

As you know, the prices of everything are rising.  This is difficult for us all.  Your help to those in need is much appreciated.



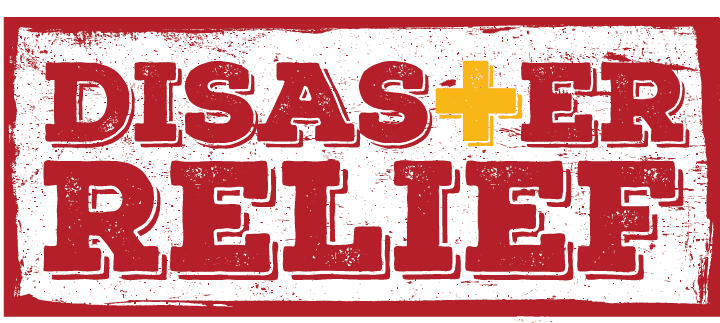
**July's food item is:** **Canned Fruit**

The foodbank is also looking for people who could donate empty cottage cheese and cool whip containers. Thank you!

**Ukraine Relief:** Donations to help the people of Ukraine are greatly appreciated. Checks made out to Trinity UCC; we will send them to the designated fund.

Thank you so much for your donations. **Year to-date** we have collected **$1,150.**

**Adopt a Family: Your spare change/dollars do more than a little!** **Our 2022 family is a mom, dad, and their 2 daughters (ages 5 and 12).** 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. Thank you so much for your continued support. **Year to-date** we have collected **$2,005.92.**

**Tornado Recovery Donations:** Donations to aid in the **tornado recovery efforts** can be made through Trinity Church. **Please clearly mark your donations.**

Thank you for your generosity. **Year to-date** we have collected **$515.**

**Christmas in July**

Christmas in July is to benefit our 2022 Adopt-a-Family. First, some additional information about the mom, dad, and their 2 daughters we have been helping with funds from the change jar. Mom and Dad both work—Dad full time and Mom 2 part time jobs. When they have some spare time the family enjoys camping together.

Jacey is 12 years old and will be entering 7th grade in the fall. In addition to camping she likes to swim, skate and hang out with her friends. She looks forward to riding her bike to the swimming pool this summer. She is a great big sis to her younger sibling, Jaylin.

Jaylin is their special needs daughter. She is 5 years old. She was born with several brain abnormalities and at the age of 2 months was diagnosed with Pyruvate Dehydrognase Complex Deficiency—a rare disease in which the body can’t break down carbs. A special diet is required for her. Jaylin is blind and deaf. She will never crawl, walk or talk and has endured 8 surgeries in her young life. There is no cure for her disease, and tragically she will not likely survive past childhood.

Despite their greater than normal challenges, the family’s outlook remains positive. They have been very grateful for the assistance we have given them so far this year. When contacted about specific needs for **Christmas in July** funds, they indicated they would love a dishwasher and/or help with some truck repairs and tires.

To contribute to **Christmas in July –**place your gift in an envelope found either in the pew or in the Narthex by the Christmas tree. Mark it “Christmas in July” and place it in the offering. If you would like your gift to be directed to a specific cause place a corresponding tag from the tree in the envelope with your donation. **Our goal is $500.** We know you’ll want to help...so thank you in advance for your loving generosity!



Sincerely,

The Outreach Team



**July 2022 - Worship Participants**

**July 17 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Readers:** Suellen Seng, Heather Goodhue **Acolyte:** Usher

**Organist:** MaryAnn Weisheit

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media:** 8 am Kurt Vonderheide 10:15 am Nichole Lechner

**Media Producer:** Nichole Lechner

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** 10:15 am Jan and Rod Kalb

**July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Readers:** Mary Ann Weisheit, Lisa Schmitt  **Acolyte:** Ushers

**Organist:** MaryAnn Weisheit

**Time with Young Disciples:** Alexander Thomas

**Media: 8am** Kurt Vonderheide 10:15amJohn Kahle

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide

**Usher: 8am** Mary Ann Weisheit  **Ushers & Lock-up:** Lisa and Phil Schmitt

**July 31 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Readers:** Connie Schmitt, Greg Schnarr **Acolyte:** Ushers

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media: 8am** Adam Roth **10:15am** Mark Blackgrave

**Media Producer:** John Kahle

**Usher: 8am** Connie Schmitt **Ushers & Lock-up:** Larry LaGrange

**Worship Attendance**

** Date Worship Attendance**

**June 5**  10:15 am 84 **Total 84**

**June 12** 8 am 18 10:15 am 32 **Total 50**

**June 19** 8 am 23 10:15 am 50 **Total 73**

**June 26** 10:15 am 68 **Total 68**

***9And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow***

***more and more with knowledge and full insight***

***10to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ***

***you may be pure and blameless,***

***11having produced the harvest of righteousness***

***that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.***

*Philippians 1: 9-11*



**Sunday – June 26, 2022**

**Blessings to the Trinity Faith Family:**

My heart is filled with joy and gratitude for the many blessings showered upon me this day. I want to thank each and every person that was present in worship today as well as those who were present in spirit. God’s Word, prayers, Time with Young Disciples and the glorious music told the story of our time together. I am thankful for the MANY hands and gifts of time and talent that worked together to make this a joyous day. The reception was overflowing with good food and fellowship. The many kind words of appreciation and blessings warmed my heart.

I want to thank the Trinity Faith Family for the kind words, the monetary gift, and cards and words of gratitude. It is my prayer that God will guide the Trinity Faith Family in the years ahead as you seek God’s will for your ministry together. *Grace and Peace be unto You!*

***Love, Pastor Jane***



**July Birthdays**

**Name Day Name Day**

Greg Kincer 1

Candy Berger 3

Christine Dodd 6

Ann Fleck Schroeder 9

Doug Bawel 10

Josh Premuda 11

Josh Blackgrave 11

Zachariah Astrike 12

Diane Kapp 14

Mason Mauck 14

Ron Blackgrave 16

Chad Brinkman 16

Linda Kahle 17

Harriet Monahan 18

Emily Schnell 20

Corrine Clark 23

Jack Goodhue 23

Donna Mattingly 23

Rich Klem 24

Missy Adams 26

John Schnarr 28

Noah Wright 31

Sydney Peters 31

**July Anniversaries**

**Names Date Years**

Rod & Jan Kalb 7/3/1971 51

Jeff & Melissa Adams 7/4/2009 13

Dean & Ellen Vonderheide 7/14/1989 33

David & Rhonda Scherer 7/18/1981 41

Lisa & Phil Schmidt 7/18/2003 19

William & Cheri Cox 7/22/1978 44

Audra & Brandon Jahn 7/22/2006 16