**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***June 2023***



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

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**June 4th –** Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

“The Creation Stories”

**June 11th –** Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

“Be Free of this Illness”

**June 18th –** Mt 9:35-10:8-23

(Juneteenth) Freedom

“Disciples and Authority”

**June 25th –** Genesis 21:8-21

“The God Who Sees”

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

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

**Contact Information**

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9am – 1pm & 2pm - 3pm

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**Monthly Calendar**

**F 2** 10:15 amMommy & Me Playgroup

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 4** 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship ~ Communion

**W 7** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 9** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 11** 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship

**M 12** *Church office closing at 12:00 pm*

7:00 pm Council Meeting

**T 13** 6:30 pm Outreach Team

**W 14** *Church office closing at 1:00 pm*

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 16** 10:15 amMommy & Me Playgroup

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 18** 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship

**T 20** 4:00 pm Sunset Extension

**W 21 *Newsletter Articles Due***

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 23** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**S 24** 1:00 – 7:00 pm Pride Festival

**SU 25** 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship

*The Parish Hall will be closed for an event*

**M 26 *Newsletter Sent***

**W 28** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 30** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

***The church office is closed Tuesday & Friday!***

**Karen’s Kares**

First, I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the members of the Church Council for surprising me on Sunday, May 14, 2023, during the 10:15 worship service with a wonderful gift coupled with a card and cash to acknowledge the **40th Anniversary of my Ordination to Ministry.** If your math is correct, you can figure out my ordination occurred in **May of 1983**. I was ordained the day following my graduation from **St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri.** During these past 40 years I have served in a variety of ministry settings including several positions as a solo pastor, as a Christian Education Associate, as an Associate Pastor, as a Children’s Pastor, as an Intentional Interim Pastor, and a Transitional Pastor. These positions were in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana.

Once our Easter and Pentecost celebrations are over, the summer months can provide us with an opportunity to look forward into the future of Trinity United Church of Christ.

As we look toward the fall of 2023, I am wondering about the best ways we can **begin to create more excitement, enthusiasm and hope** as we begin to plan for upcoming Worship Services, for our Christian Education programming, for our Parish Life Food and Fellowship opportunities, for our continued Community Outreach, and for how we continue to provide needed maintenance and care for our property. What are your ideas?

We are sponsoring a booth at the upcoming **Dubois County Pride! Festival on June 24, 2023, at the Jasper River Walk.** Several ideas are being considered about how we can promote our congregation at this event. I still hope to have additional conversations and find help in creating a promotional information sheet to hand out to any and all interested parties. I am looking for folks willing to spend an hour or so in the booth to talk with those who may have an interest in Trinity United Church of Christ.

We will once again be participating in the upcoming **Strassenfest in August**. Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets to provide cobbler, be in the booth, and enjoy being a part of a Trinity Tradition! Please be in touch with David Peters for more information.

The **Christian Education Team** has submitted a proposal to the Jasper School Board requesting permission to use the Jasper Middle School to provide Christian Education programming for elementary students one or two Wednesday afternoons each month beginning in the fall of 2023. Tentative plans may be to use former Vacation Bible School curriculums to create learning opportunities using art, drama, music, Bible Stories and crafts. Please consider if you **would you be willing to provide one or two Wednesday afternoons** (approximately 90 minutes in length) to assist a main leader with a variety of learning modules this fall.

Soon the **Bridge Team** will be inviting for all members and friends of the congregation to participate in **small group listening sessions** to give everyone an opportunity to express needs, concerns, desires and dreams about God’s Preferred Future for our congregation. Several topics are being planned for discussion. Watch for upcoming details soon!

In Christ’s Love and Kare,

*Pastor Karen*

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**Pray without ceasing…**

* Pray for ALL in need of healing; may God grant them strength and patience.
* 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.

**Mission Alive at Trinity**

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**Adopt a Family: Year-to-date** we have collected **$503.05**

This year’s family is a single dad and his middle school son. They have given their permission for us to share a bit of their history with you.Both parents were together when the boy was young, but Mom eventually moved to Texas with him because Dad was struggling with drugs and had spent some time incarcerated. Dad has overcome his past issues and has been able to stay away from drugs for 5 years now!!! A job brought him to the southern Indiana area and he settled in Jasper. Recently, Mom notified him and indicated she did not feel capable of raising their adolescent son. The child also has been diagnosed with autism, so there are challenges besides the “usual” pre-teen issues. She wanted to send him to Jasper to live with Dad, who was eager for the chance to be with his son full-time. He is a great kid who enjoys school, Legos and drawing. They have enjoyed their time together, and Dad is determined to provide a safe, comfortable and loving home for them both.

When contacted about becoming our new Adopt-A-Family, he was overwhelmed. It will help him to continue “to climb his way out of the hole” (his words) he created for himself. He has much gratitude for our kindness. Already, we have provided Christmas gifts for both Dad and son (they say THANKS!!) plus the January change jar gift, a $150 gift card to IGA to be used for groceries and/or gas.

We appreciate your continued change jar support of our new family. Please remember them in your prayers, as well. We feel confident Trinity’s generosity will make 2023 a wonderful year for them!

With gratitude, The Outreach Team

**Lost & Found!**

Some pieces of jewelry were found in the church parking lot a couple of weeks ago. If you have lost something, please call the church office and identify what you lost.

(812) 482-4090

**Streaming our Worship Services – Update**

Many of you know in the background the Technology Team, Property Team and Church Council have been working on how we can begin streaming our worship services. Streaming became very popular during the Covid shutdowns, allowing parishioners to view the church service from the safety of their homes, or wherever they might have been.

We are charged in **The Great Commission** *Matthew 28:19-20*

“Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave His Charge: “God authorized and commanded Me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

As a congregation we have been charged to bring folks into Christianity. What congregations learned when streaming their worship services was that even after the Covid shutdown and church doors were open, folks still preferred to watch worship services from their own homes. These congregations also experienced an uptick in giving. Recognizing our charge and embracing the technology we believe this is an important part of our ministry here at Trinity.

We are behind; we need to overcome some obstacles so we can start streaming our worship services. Listed below are three of the obstacles.

1. The cost of the equipment.
2. The video blind spots, created by the glaring sunlight.
3. Additional trained volunteers.

Items 2 and 3 are being worked on. The biggest obstacle is the cost of the equipment. The Technology Team is asking for donations specifically for the purchase of equipment and software needed. We ask that if you do donate you clearly mark your donation for “Streaming.” We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Technology Team

**Bridge Team – Listening Sessions**

In a UCC Congregation, we don’t hire a pastor. We call a pastor. When we extend a call to a pastor it is a mutual covenant between pastor and the congregation. God is a big part of this process. Yet the entire congregation is also part of this process. The Bridge Team and Search Team are your representatives. The Bridge Team has already asked for your help, the first time was the survey; the second time was populating the timeline charts. Now we are asking everyone to participate in small group listening sessions.

Because we want to hear from everyone and accommodate everyone’s schedule, we will offer at least ten different time slots for these Listening Sessions. We will also ask for some of you to step up to host these sessions. Many of these sessions may be hosted here at the church, but it could be in a restaurant or someone’s backyard patio.

Pastor Karen has been called to prepare our congregation for a new pastor. This process of preparation includes looking at all our current ministries, possibilities of new ministries, and updates on how we do today’s ministries. This will include a comprehensive look of our worship services, additional music, a new worship schedule, new ways of Christian Education, revised leadership roles and other ideas. We want to hear from you, so please sign up and be part of the future of your church.

**Bridge Team Update**

The Bridge Team meets monthly. Here are some past activities and some future activities and our status. These activities are all to help write a profile that truly represents who we are as a congregation to assure the “bridge” to our future.

1. Analyze the values of the congregation through a survey – Completed
2. Summarizing and creating a congregation value statement – Completed
3. Bridge Team survey on church ethics – Completed
4. Congregation historical timeline – In Progress
5. Review of religious values for our local area / based on census data – Completed
6. Interviewing local community leaders – In Progress
7. Congregational Listening Session on Church Ministries – In Progress
8. Creating a mission statement – In Progress
9. Compiling information for the Congregation Profile – In Progress

Team Members – John Kahle, Heather Goodhue, Audra Jahn, Adam Roth,

Maryanne Schroeder, Alexander Thomas, Mark Blackgrave

Transitional Pastor – Rev. Karen Fraser Moore

Bridge Team Coach – Rev. Paul Fraser

**Washington, D.C. Poem**

This poem is dedicated to my trip to DC. It was an amazing time and I want to thank everyone who helped make it possible for me to go. It definitely got me to think about our country, along with a lot of other topics. Anyways, here’s the poem.

~ Our Adopt a Family son

The Garden of Eden

So beautiful and unique

Each flower and plant

Being better than each

Unknown warrior

Dropped to the ground in battle

Now we salute

In his or hers honor

A battle for rights

A battle for the colored

A battle for justice

For those who are enslaved

So many monuments

To amazing people

Based on the Greeks

Amazing architecture

A palace of knowledge

So many topics

All for the grabs

Of those who truly want it

A place where on display

Things like birds hang

In the sky, on the ground

Flying machines all around

The museum of tragedy

Info from start to finish

The “purification” of a race

That killed so many people

The capital of our people

So many interesting things

Now the question is

What does it all mean?

**Food Bank**

**As of the middle of the month of May, I was able to take 28 large bottles of shampoo to the Food Bank from the people at Trinity. That was a blessing for many families!** Even though Dubois County is more affluent than many places, a large number of people here need our help.  Thank you for helping!



**June item: Boxed Macaroni and Cheese**

**Jasper Strassenfest**

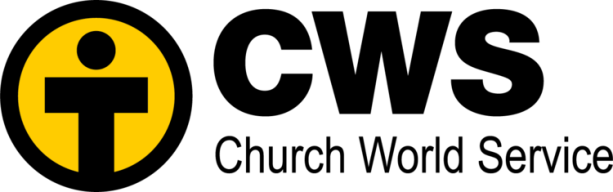
The Jasper Strassenfest is less than 90 days away! The Strassenfest will again take place behind the Jasper Library. It takes the help of many members of the church to make this happen each year. I look forward to working with you to make this event successful.

**Please mark your calendars for the days of August 3rd - August 6th.** During that week, we will need help with setting up the booth, making cobblers and helping in the booth during the Strassenfest.

If you have any questions, please contact David M Peters.

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**Letter to Trinity**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to the Church World Service 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 struggle in the face of extreme challenges.

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

**Stay Connected With Us!**

To stay informed on how you’re helping people in need, at home and around the world, please visit cwsglobal.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Thank you!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES!**

**Laurel Hubster**

 Laurel graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies.

She will start graduate school this fall at Maryville College, in

St. Louis, Missouri for a Masters of Occupational Therapy.



**Jack Goodhue**

Jack graduated from Franklin College in Franklin, Indiana.

He was an English major with a Psychology minor, and has a pre-law

certification.

He will be taking a gap year as he works and applies to law schools.



**Sydney Peters**

Sydney graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Trinity UCC congratulates you on your successes!

** June Council Highlights**

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| **May Council Decisions:** | | |
| **- Approval was given for:** | |
| * **exploring a way to offer an after-school youth program in the fall of 2023** |

**The next Council Meeting will be held on June 12th at 7:00pm.**

**1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Expenses*

January-March $53,288

Budget $57,438

(underspent budget by $4150)

*Contributions*

January-March $42,027

Budget $46,874

By comparison

1st quarter 2022 giving was $28,576

1st quarter 2021 giving was $39,955

**Date Worship Attendance**

**May 7** 8:00am **9** 10:15am **40** **Total 49**

**May 14** 8:00am **13** 10:15am **49** **Total 62**

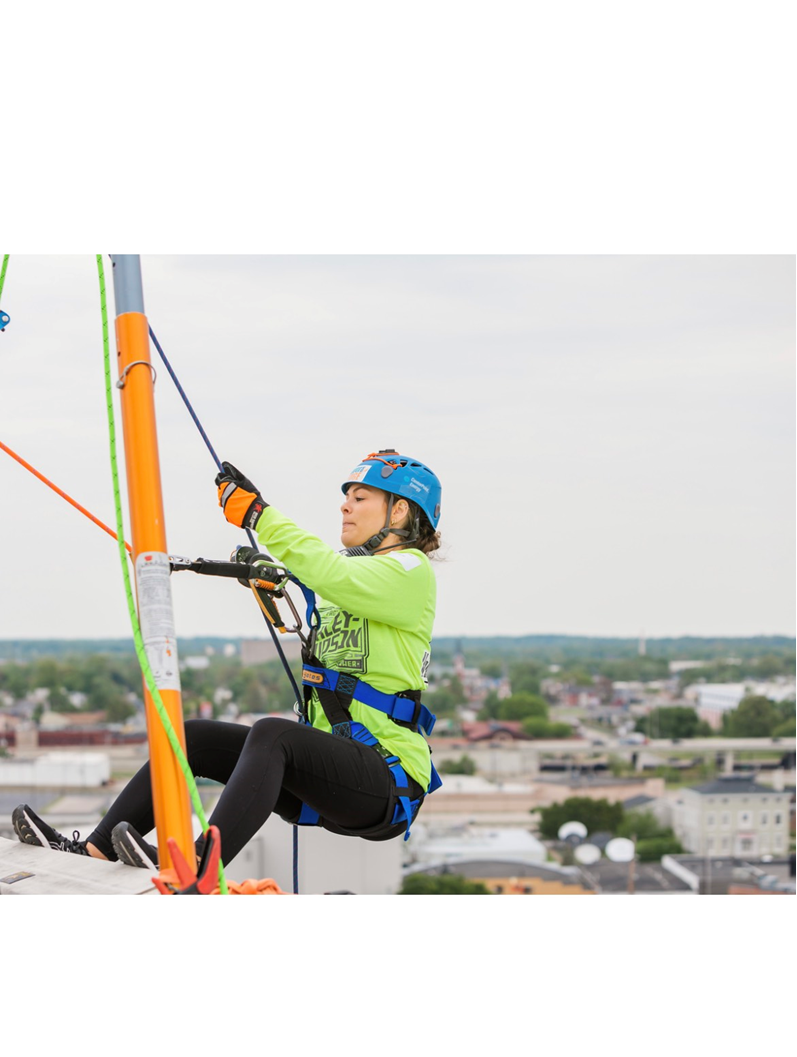
**May 21** 8:00am **12**

**Taylor Popp went Over the Edge for Granted!**

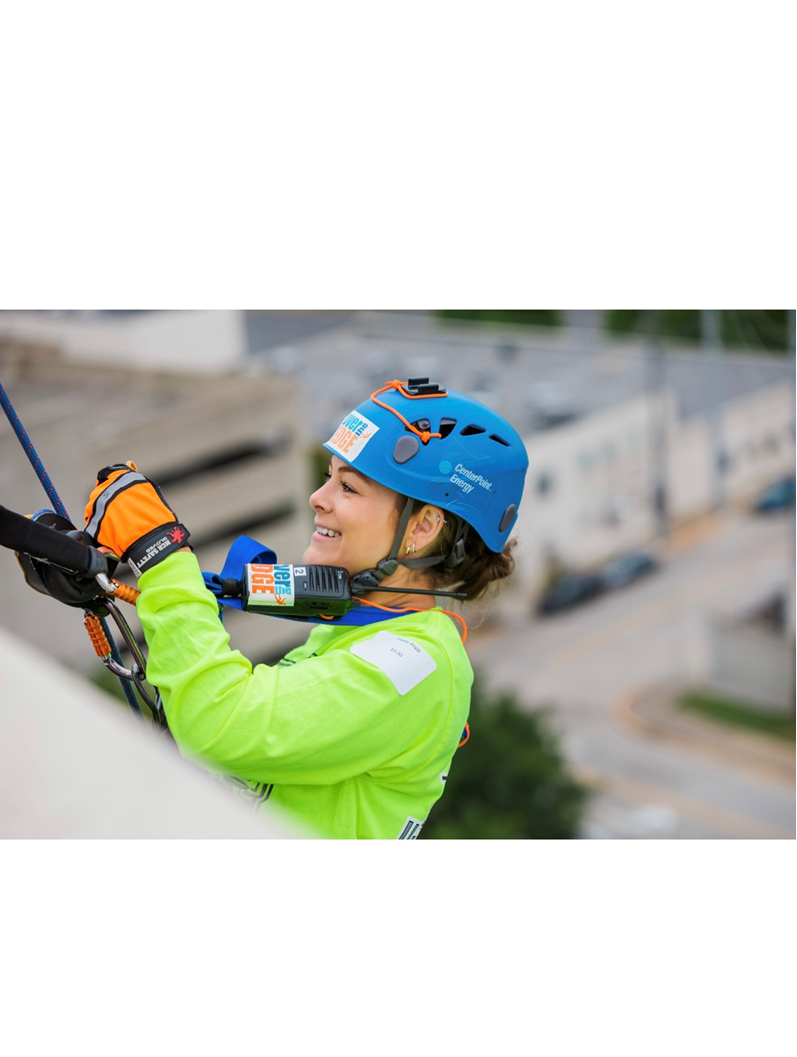
Taylor rappelled down CenterPoint Energy's 9-story building in downtown Evansville, IN on Saturday, April 29th to raise money for Granted. Granted is a nonprofit organization that funds wishes for our local children with terminal and life-threatening illnesses … including children right here in Dubois County and surrounding areas.

All of the money raised will go towards making magical Wishes come true and helping Granted ensure NO CHILD ever sits on a waiting list.

**THANK YOU to everyone who donated to this great cause. It was such a fun day and an experience that I will never forget! I can’t wait to participate again next year!**

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**June 2023 - Worship Participants**

**June 4th – Trinity Sunday**

**Bible Readers:** Doug Bawel/Suellen Seng,Greg Schnarr

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit, Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Casey Uebelhor

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave **Media:** Kurt Vonderheide, Mark Blackgrave

**Usher:** Doug Bawel, Suellen Seng

**Usher & Lock-up:** TheGreg Schnarr Family

**Communion Prep:** Linda Kahle

**June 11th – Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Readers:** Bill Small, Casey Uebelhor

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit, Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer:** Doreen Lechner **Media:** Kurt Vonderheide, Nichole Lechner

**Usher:** Bill Small

**Usher & Lock-up:** Jan & Rod Kalb

**June 18th – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Readers:** Selena Vonderheide, Susan McGovren

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit, Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

**Media Producer:** Kurt Vonderheide **Media:** Mark Blackgrave, Adam Roth

**Usher:** Selena Vonderheide

**Ushers & Lock-up:** John & Susan McGovren

**June 25th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Bible Readers:** Mary Ann Weisheit,Janis Schnarr

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Casey Uebelhor

**Media Producer:** Nichole Lechner **Media:** Kurt Vonderheide, John Kahle

**Usher:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Ushers & Lock-up:** John & Janis Schnarr

**June Birthdays**

**Name Date**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Jack | Campbell | 1 |
| Amanda | Schnell | 3 |
| Pat | Seng | 4 |
| Ansel | Adams | 4 |
| Becky | Armstrong | 5 |
| Emma | Emmons | 5 |
| Mya | Uebelhor | 5 |
| Jenny | LaGrange | 8 |
| Kurt | Vonderheide | 12 |
| Nick | Seng | 13 |
| Mary Ann | Weisheit | 15 |
| Kennan | Cole | 17 |
| Earl | Neukam | 18 |
| Lillian | Hulsman | 19 |
| Dallas | Knies | 20 |
| Nolan | Jahn | 22 |
| Heather | Schnaus | 23 |
| Kami | Hopster | 23 |
| Anna | Grant | 26 |
| John | McGovren | 26 |
| James | Goodhue | 27 |

**June Anniversaries**

**Name Date Years**

Geoff & Sarah Mauck 6/7/2003 20

Bill & Elaine Small 6/16/1973 50

Brandi & Neil Hellman 6/18/2011 12

Kevin & Melissa Blackgrave 6/23/1990 33

John & Susan McGovren 6/24/1973 50

Tricia & Bill Cole 6/27/1998 25

Heather & James Goodhue 6/27/1998 26

Dan & Sarah Sergesketter 6/28/1980 43

Jerry & Sylvia Adams 6/30/1973 50