**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***May 2025***



***Worship: 9:00 AM***

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We welcome you to Trinity United

Church of Christ!

***“No matter who you are***

***or where you are on life’s journey,***

***you are welcome here!”***

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Office closed Tuesday & Friday

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**YouTube:** Trinity UCC Jasper IN

**Monthly Calendar**

**SA 3** Pastor Elisabeth – Vacation Day

**SU 4** 8:45am Gather & Sing Choir

9:00 am Worship & Communion

\*Guest Preacher

**T 6** 6:30 pm Tai Chi Class (last class)

7:00 pm Outreach Team

**W 7** 6:30 pm Women’s Fellowship spring gathering at Augustana UCC in Holland

**SU 11 Happy Mother’s Day!**

9:00 amWorship & Communion

Communion Set Dedication

**M 12** 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**T 13** 12:00 pm Women’s Fellowship – Schnitzelbank Lunch

**TH 15** *June Newsletter info due.*

9:00 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

**SU 18** 8:45 am Gather & Sing Choir \*last one before summer break\*

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am New Member Class

1:00 pm SKS Music Recital (Parish Hall & Kitchen)

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

**TH 22**  ***June Newsletter Sent!***

**SU 25** 9:00 am Worship

**M 26** **Happy Memorial Day!**

*Church office closed today.*

**T 27** 1:00pm Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

**W 28 *Taylor’s Last Day at Trinity***

**Greetings from Pastor Elisabeth**

On Easter Day we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus’ resurrection is a promise that death and evil do not have the final say. We have new and everlasting life in Christ! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is not just a Sunday. It is a season and a “**presence of heart**” that continues throughout the year. With hope in our heart, we celebrate that Jesus lives again. We celebrate that we are offered “new life” in Him.

Easter—as an “**every Sunday**”celebration—is one in which we come together “in spirit,” to receive the gift of grace. God’s all-embracing love, offers us forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God. This is Good News! Easter is also **daily** celebration in which we live each day trusting in God, knowing that Jesus is “the resurrection and the life” (Gospel of John 11:25).

Christians are called ***Easter*** people. We seek to embody a spirit of ***joy***, and we endeavor to hold ***joy*** in our heart. Just as the early followers of Christ witnessed and experienced the resurrection of Jesus, we, too, may be empowered by God’s Spirit to witness and experience Easter joy.

Finally, let us remember, we are not alone: God is always with us. May we seek to be living and active witnesses to God’s abundant love.



As Mother Teresa’s quote says*, ‘Joy is a net of love by which*

*you can catch souls.”*

May Easter Joy touch each one of your lives and empower you to continue serving as “every day” witnesses to the love and grace of God.

**Wishing You God’s Peace,**

***Pastor Elisabeth***



**May 4 –**Guest Preacher Pastor Dan /Sarah Sergesketter

Gather & Sing Choir

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| **Mother’s Day-**  **May 11**  Dedication of  our new Communion Set  Holy Communion Celebrated  1st Holy Communion Cards Black & White Clip Art - ClipArt Best | A Moment with The Artist-  Monte Young  C:\Users\eloise\Downloads\IMG_7854.jpg |
| **Sunday – May 18**  **A Time of Appreciation**  **for**  **our Music Program here at Trinity UCC!**  Music Appreciation - ExcelsioreCampus *\*Our Gather & Sing Choir*  *\*Our Organists:*  *Sarah Sergesketter*  *Mary Ann Weisheit*  *Gather & Sing will offer special music –*  *before they break for the summer!* | **A New Member Class**  follows worship on May 18  A brief overview of  The United Church of Christ and Trinity UCC  Time for questions and answer!  Premium Vector | Cinnamon Rolls Food Vector Artwork Graphic  Cinnamon Rolls  And Coffee/Tea/Juice |

**We will receive New Members** during our worship on the Day of Pentecost: June 8th

***New Member Packets in Narthex—feel free to take one!***



***We hold our members who are homebound in our prayers!***

**Sherry Malone** Meadowood Apartments

*660 Rumbach Ave, Apt. #322 (812-559-1332)*

*Jasper, IN 47546 Birthday: November 16*

**Janice Sunderman** *Legacy Living (812-559-0560)*

*1850 W State Rd 56, Room #134* *Birthday: October 8*

*Jasper, IN 47546*

**Shirlene Dreher** *376 St. Charles Street (812-634-1699)*

*Jasper, IN 47546 Birthday: March 10*

* **Prayer Requests? Visit requests?**

Please call or email the Pastor or the church office.



* Matthias Eichel died on April 6th in Germany where he recently retired from pastoring.  Many of you will remember Matthias as a student pastor here at Trinity during the years 1990 and 1991.  He was a kind, young man who worked so well with our youth. If you wish to send condolences, they can go to Kerstin at: [kerstin.goldbeck@posteo.de](mailto:kerstin.goldbeck@posteo.de)
* We keep John & Susan McGovren & family in our prayers. John’s brother, Jim McGovren died on April 19—the eighth anniversary of John’s mother-Roberta’s passing.

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| **Memorial Day**  May include: A red, white, and blue American flag with 50 white stars on a blue field and 13 alternating red and white stripes.  While Memorial Day may indicate it’s the beginning of summer  and a time for picnics, sometimes we forget the true significance of that day.  Let’s remember all the men and women who fought and died  for the freedoms we Americans enjoy today! |



**Be On The Look-Out – An Outdoor Dedication!**

* The fourth recycled picnic table is on site, and – thanks to all of you—we now have four tables.
* Be on the “Look-out- for a dedication of our tables to the glory of God!
* What an accomplishment! We thank Sarah Sergesketter & all team members and all who saved caps. It took a ton of teamwork! What an accomplishment to celebrate!

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| Did you know?   * The Parsonage now has a new bathroom vanity and sink! A whole new look! * Work on the Parsonage’s back drainage issue begins! * Pastor will soon host an Open House! Come see the upgrades to the Parsonage! * **When?** End of summer or early fall! |

**CONGRATULATIONS TO -**

**\*Audra Jahn** on receiving a Vice-Principal position

at Jasper Elementary School!

\***Jasper Middle School** for receiving a 2025 Creative Classroom Residency in conjunction with John F. Kennedy Center in D.C.

David Hubster is Principal of JMS.

**Karson Roth** was a part of the eighth grade class that took part in the study and creation of an interactive mural: great job!

Art Exhibit Opening –on April 3 featured the mural--

at The Thyen-Clark Cultural Center.

**Casey Uebelhor** presided over the Opening!

**HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY**

* Good Friday Service-Thank you Readers and Thank you, Sarah Sergesketter, for a beautiful A cappella solo of “Were You There?”
* Palm Sunday with our donkey, and Heather Goodhue offering Young Disciples’ Time.
* Easter Sunday’s Festival Service with our array of Spring Flowers! Thank you to all!



* ***An Easter Egg Hunt*** *followed our Easter Service.*

*Thank you to all who contributed candy!*

*Thank you to our Christian Education Team who planned*

*And a big “thank you” to our older youth who played “Easter Bunny!”*

* *Easter Baskets blessed two adult members.*

*Stacy Hubster*

*Gary Frank*



***A Prayer Chain Forming –***

*A Prayer Chain is composed of kindred spirits who have it on their heart to pray for others during their personal devotional time.*

*If you’d like to be one of the ‘prayer warriors’ please call the office and your name will be added as one who will pray for others in need. The prayer chain list will be given to you, so you will know whom to call next.*

*Once we have our list, then if a request comes in for the prayer chain—then the chain is activated. Oftentimes, this is a quietly powerful way for prayer to be lifted up to God.*

***Prayer Chain Sign-up sheet in the Narthex***

--THANK YOU NOTES--

\***To the wonderful people at Trinity UCC,**

Thank you to all of those who donated blankets, stuffed animals and the heart

crocheted animals! The kids who come to SWICACC will be comforted by these items.

Sincerely, Emily Klein, SWICACC Medical



**\*DEAR TRINITY CHURCH FAMILY,**

As most of you may know, my husband, Ben and I are expecting our first child in early June. With that being said, I have made the decision to stay home full time to care for our new family member. My last day at Trinity will be Wednesday, May 28th.

I wanted to take this time to thank everyone at Trinity for all you have done for me these last 3, almost 4 years! It has been a blessing working here and getting to know so many of you. I also want to thank Pastor Elisabeth for being so kind during our short time together as well as hosting a “Best Wishes” Open House for me at the office. It means so much to our growing family! I will be sure to send pictures when the baby arrives!

~ Taylor Popp, Trinity Office Manager

**CWS – Church World Service**

**Dear Friends from Trinity United Church of Christ.**

**Thank you for your generous gift of $300 to the CWS Blankets Program. 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**

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| **Church Camp Scholarships Available to Trinity Youth**  Church Camp scholarships are once again available to Trinity Youth  Summer Camp Clip Art Royalty-Free Images, Stock Photos & Pictures |  Shutterstock attending a faith-based church camp this summer.  Our Church Council has approved a 50% coverage of the cost  along with an additional $100 from donated funds.  **Please contact Susan McGovren (812-631-2355) to take advantage of this opportunity!** |

**Mission Alive at Trinity**

Adopt-A-Family:

Thank you for your continued donations for our Adopt-A-Family. They will be forever grateful for your kindness!

CHANGE JAR GIVING – YEAR-TO-DATE: $4,028

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACCOUNT**

Carry-over from 2024 $555.24

Donations year-to-date $908.00

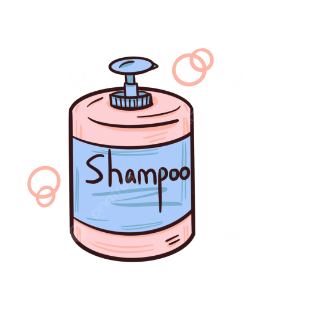
Monthly gifts ($550.00)

Balance as of 4-13-25 $913.24

\*Also, thank you to a member who is taking care

of the family’s rent and monthly car insurance payments.

**Community Food Bank Updates**

The Trinity UCC family continues to do great work in our community through the Community Food Bank donations. In April, we donated 9 boxes of hamburger helper, 58 cans of vegetables, 3 boxes of mac and cheese, and 2 boxes of stove top. We appreciate your generosity and continued support for this mission!

**May’s item: Shampoo**

**LENTEN PROJECT – COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**

Thank you for your generous donations of **$5,165** to this year’s local Lenten Project, the Community Food Bank. Trinity’s support will make a difference in the lives of individuals and families struggling with food insecurity. This monetary gift will help the food bank to continue their mission of fighting hunger in our community. Your kindness is not just financial – it is a gift of hope, comfort, and dignity for those facing challenging circumstances.

~ Outreach Team

**OUTREACH TEAM**

**One Great Hour of Sharing – *“Be the Light*”**

Outreach team has selected One Great Hour of Sharing as our mission for May. It is one of the special missions of the UCC.

**The theme for the 2025 offering is *“Be the Light”.***

**The theme is based on Matthew 5:14-16.**

The resources collected will help people nearby and faraway when man-made or natural disasters strike. Tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes, floods and hurricanes continue to devastate communities worldwide. These gifts make a difference for neighbors near and far whose names we do not know and whom we may never meet. Thank you for your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, showing how Trinity’s light can shine!

**Our goal for this mission is $500**

**A special message from the Trinity UCC Outreach Team-**

**How can we help YOU?** The Outreach Ministry has received a couple of gift donations and we are anxious to share with the congregation.

You lovingly and generously support all of our missions throughout the year, so we have decided to “pay it forward”. If you ever need a little extra help (eyeglasses, medical aids not covered by insurance, car or appliance repairs, etc.) please let us know.

We’re confident most people in our church family can handle an unexpected expense once in a while-- but occasionally, we are all blindsided by too many costs at one time.

**LET US HELP!!**

We’ve set aside some funds specifically for the purpose of helping you, our church family. Don’t be shy. All names and information shared will be kept confidential! We are eager to help.



If you have a need, please call **Jan Kalb (812-630-7518)** **OR** **Pastor Elisabeth (812-453-3381)**.



**Our April Guests**

\*Kathryn Drye, Evansville

\*Three International Golfers here for a Sultan Run Golf Tournament

(one from France, one from Italy and one from Spain!)

\*Bernice

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| *Remember to invite our guests to sign our Guest Book!*  *Feel free to give them a current newsletter (found on Post in Narthex.)*  *\*Pastor will send them a welcome note!* |

**APRIL ATTENDANCE**

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| **April 6th –** | **63** |
| **April 13th – Palm Sunday** | **65** |
| **April 17th – Good Friday Service at 7 pm** | **32** |
| **April 20th – Easter Day** | **86** |
| **April 27th –** | **44** |



**Confirmation Class Interest?**

Pastor Elisabeth will work with youths’ schedules to find the best time and sequence for the sessions.  The last session will conclude with a pizza party to celebrate the youths’ faith journeys!  We will also schedule a time for Confirmation to happen during a Sunday Worship: a time of rejoicing with our youth as they "take up" their lifelong faith journey.  If interested, please see Pastor.

**Trinity Women’s Fellowship**

The Women of Augustana and St. Paul churches in Holland invite the women of Trinity to a Spring Celebration at Augustana on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm.  We will meet in the Trinity parking lot at 6:00pm to carpool.  We hope you can join us!

The women of Trinity are invited to a luncheon at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant on Tuesday, May 13th at 12:00 p.m. We will join with other UCC women of the area for fellowship, conversation, and of course, delicious food. Please RSVP to Heather Goodhue by text or phone to 812.639.6949 by Friday, May 9th.

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.



May - Sylvia Adams

June - Heather Goodhue

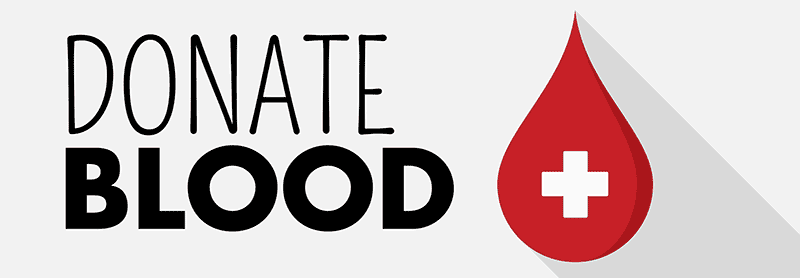
July - Susan McGovren

August - Volunteer Needed

September - Jan Kalb

*(Officers: Heather Goodhue, Judy Hubster, Susan McGovren, Jan Kalb, & Sylvia Adams)*

**Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity**

 **When: Tuesday, May 27th**

**Where: Trinity UCC Parish Hall**

**Time: 1:00 – 6:00pm**

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**April Council Highlights**

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| **April Council Highlights:** | | |
| **- Approval was given for:** | |
| * Unanimously approved option of email voting for cases in which action needs to be taken in a timely manner. * Unanimous approval for using Brad Popp to remediate and fix the alley drainage issues. |

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

**1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Beginning balance January 1, 2025 $52,737.77**

**1st Quarter Contributions**

Contributions – envelopes $52,815.00

Contributions – non-pledge $5,000.00

Contributions – loose-offering $391.00

Initial offering $125.00

Building use $600.00

Total contributions $58,931.00

**1st Quarter expenses** $66,669.23

Over budget due to paying 1st and 2nd quarters

property insurance for a total of $16,441.

**Ending balance March 31, 2025 $44,999.54**



**May 2025 - Worship Participants**

**May 4th –** *\*Guest Sermon from Sarah Sergesketter*

**Bible Reader:** David Hubster

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter **Special Music:** Gather & Sing Choir

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer**: Kurt Vonderheide **Media Tech:** Kurt Vonderheide

**Usher & Lock-up:** David Hubster **Candle Lighter:** David Hubster

**May 11th – Mother’s Day**

**Bible Reader:** Lisa Schmidt

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Elisabeth

**Media Producer**: Doreen Lechner **Media Tech:** John Kahle

**Usher & Lock-up:** Phil & Lisa Schmidt **Candle Lighter:** Lisa Schmidt

**Communion Prep:** John & Janis Schnarr

**May 18th –**

**Bible Reader:** Dean Vonderheide

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter **Special Music:** Gather & Sing Choir

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer:** Nichole Lechner **Media Tech:** Nichole Lechner

**Usher & Lock-up:** Dean & Ellen Vonderheide **Candle Lighter:** Jim Patterson

**May 25th –**

**Bible Reader:** Kari Roth

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Elisabeth

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave **Media Tech:** Mark Blackgrave

**Usher & Lock-up:** The Roth Family **Candle Lighter:** Adam Roth

**May Birthdays**

**Name Date**



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| Janet | Meyer | 5/1 |
| Judy | Hubster | 5/2 |
| Evan | Vonderheide | 5/2 |
| Taylor | Popp | 5/3 |
| Andrea | Hulsman | 5/4 |
| Jan | Kalb | 5/4 |
| David | Hubster | 5/6 |
| Gayle | McDaniel | 5/14 |
| Sonia "Sunny" | Klem | 5/20 |
| Inez | Knies | 5/21 |
| Rhonda | Johnson | 5/21 |
| Meghan | Premuda | 5/22 |
| Jeff | Berg | 5/26 |



**May Anniversaries**

**Names Date Years**

Gerald & Corma Knebel 5/8/1976 49

Adam & Kari Roth 5/23/2009 16

**If your name is not listed and you would like it to be, please email or call the church office!**

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