

Trinity United Church of Christ

310 West Eighth Street, Jasper
Indiana, 47547

July 2025 Newsletter



Join us for Worship: 9 am

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Our Mission: *"God Speaks . . . We Listen"*

Our Vision: *"An inclusive community of faith, passionately serving God with hope, confidence and peace."*

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Important Note

*We are working on an updated Church Directory with photos
Send your photos to trinityofficejasper@gmail.com.*

Or

Photo opportunity July 27, after worship



You Tube: Trinity UCC Jasper IN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July!	5
6 9 am Worship & Communion	7	8 OFFICE CLOSED		10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 9 am Worship Baptism & Reception	14 Church Council 7 pm	15 Sunset Extension 4 pm OFFICE CLOSED	16	17	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 Feed The Hungry 8:30 am – 11:30 12 pm – 2 pm @St Joseph Church
20 Christmas in July! 9 am Worship <i>Special Music</i>	21 <i>Newsletter Articles Due!</i>	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 5:45 @ Parsonage Search/PPR Team	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 9 am Worship 10:15 am Photo-op session	28 <i>August Newsletter Sent</i>	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	31		

Greetings from Pastor Elisabeth

With the long days of summer, a slower pace beckons. It's a perfect time to renew our relationship with God by becoming more mindful of God's Presence in the everyday. Brother Lawrence exemplified this well. Brother Lawrence (1614-1691) was a seventeenth century monk who lived in medieval France. In his classic book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, he talks about how ordinary life can be a window into God's presence.

In monastery life, his primary assignment was in the kitchen. He became known as "the monk of pots and pans." He was a humble man focused on a simple life of serving. In time, throughout the region, his reputation grew. More and more people came to the monastery seeking spiritual guidance. What struck them most was a sense of peace and tranquility emanating from Brother Lawrence.

The spirituality of Brother Lawrence begins and ends with the simple spiritual practice of finding the presence of God in the everyday. His advice, "Make it your study—before taking up any task—to first look to God, be it only for a moment." The secret, according to Brother Lawrence, is cultivating a loving awareness of God even in the most mundane, daily tasks. For Brother Lawrence, his daily tasks of working in the monastery kitchen—cooking meals, washing dishes, and scrubbing floors—were as sacred as kneeling in prayer.

As our summer unfolds into autumn, how might we use these long summer days to see the Divine within the everyday moments that come our way?

Wishing You God's Peace, *Pastor Elisabeth*





UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 6

Celebrating Independence Day



Saturday, July 19

Join in a Mission Outreach Project!

An ecumenical “food packing” event in collaboration with St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church.

2 shifts – 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. & Noon to 2

Sunday, July 13

A Baptism: Heidi Grant



*A Reception hosted by Heidi’s family will follow. All invited!

Thursday, July 24

The Search Team (also called the 2025 Pastoral Parish Relations Team) will gather at the Parsonage at 5:45 p.m. for
A discussion of “How’s it going?”

Evening treat?

A Charcuterie Board & Tres Leches Cake by “The Sweet Place by Yesica” of Huntingburg.

Sunday, July 20

Christmas In July

“A Service of Lessons & Carols”



Special music by Jeff Crandell & Nikita Fischer

July 31-August 3



Strassenfest begins!

Helpers needed!

Point Person: David Peters “Thank You!”

HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 2025

Dedication of our Four Tables & Churchwide Picnic



Cornhole Tournament Winners



First Place

Bob Grewe & Phil Schmidt



Second Place

Scott Lofton & John McGovren



Third Place

Anthony & Zane Price

**Many thanks to all who
pitched in to help!*

PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8



We welcomed ten new members
to our Trinity Faith Family:

Andy and Lydia Bolton
Bob and Karen Grewe
Mike and Cindy Howard
Jim and Shelley Patterson
Doreen Lechner
Wes Roeder

A Cake & Punch welcome
reception was hosted by our
Women's Fellowship.

June 29th - Communion Set

We dedicated a lovely handcrafted
travel communion set that was gifted to
Trinity UCC by Monte Young, a local
potter.

Trinity UCC was one of two churches who had a welcome booth
at the 2025 Dubois County Pride Festival.



*"No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey,
we welcome you at Trinity UCC"*

Point Person: Anna Grant. "Thank you!"

Anna & all our amazing helpers!

Special Music for our summer months!

*~Mellisa Blackgrave offered up a solo
on June 8 titled "Send Us Your Spirit."*



LOOKING FOR SPECIAL MUSIC-This summer . . .

If you, or if you know of people in the wider community,
who would like to share their gift of music, Trinity welcomes
guest musicians & singers.

See Sarah Sergesketter-Special Music Point Person.

HISTORY TEAM forming . . .

Do you have an interest in history? We are looking for a team to put
careful thought into how we might preserve and present our Trinity history
See Sign-up Sheet in Narthex.

RECYCLING PROJECT LAUNCHED ...



FOR MEROM CAMP
COLLECTING **CLEAN** CAPS -Sarah Sergesketter
I am collecting **CLEAN** caps/lids for new benches at
Merom Camp.

Here's how to donate:

1. Please wash out any caps by hand or in the dishwasher.
2. Check the inside of the lid for any paper or thin plastic liner and take it out.
3. No paper on the outside of the cap/lid. You may need to soak them in dish liquid and peel them off.
4. They can be small toothpaste caps up to 8-inch Ice cream/cool whip lids. Detergent caps, Drink lids, etc.

Place them in a clean plastic bag and put them in the container at church.
(I will also be recycling the plastic bags. They will not be thrown away.)

Thank you for supporting Merom in this drive to make more benches at Merom.

A TRINITY PRAYER CHAIN

Please call/text Pastor Elisabeth or text Cindy Howard (812 309-0488) to activate our Prayer Chain. Prayer Chain members will pray daily with prayer concerns.

Prayer Requests? Visit requests?

Please call or email the Pastor or the church office.

We hold our members who are homebound in our prayers!

Sherry Malone	Meadowood Apartments 660 Rumbach Ave, Apt. #322	Birthday: November 16
Janice Sunderman	Legacy Living 1850 W State Rd 56, Room #134	Birthday: October 8
Shirlene Dreher	376 St. Charles Street	Birthday: March 10

***At St. Charles Health Campus** 3150 St. Charles St. Jasper – Fred Robberts – Rm. 204

Prayer of Sympathy for:



Rod & Jan Kalb and their family-

Jan's cousin – Dan Ritterskamp (of Washington, Indiana) passed on May 23, 2025

Kurt & Treva Heise and their family-

Kurt's father – Jack Heise (of Evansville, Indiana) passed on May 27, 2025

Medical Equipment Loans

The Outreach Team is making an inventory of medical equipment that our members might borrow in their times of recovery from surgery or injury. This list will be published when completed as well as made available in the Narthex Do you have items at home that you'd like to add to the list? These items would be "on loan" and returned to you after borrowed. Or if you have items to donate, they would be stored at the church.

Please contact Shelley Patterson (jp47527@yahoo.com)

Caring for one another is part of what makes Trinity a special family.





YOUTH NEWS

- ★ Did you know that Addison Schnaar's Jasper Wildcat Tennis Team won the State Tennis Championship? Way to go, Addison and Team 🎾
- ★ Did you know that Kaiden Roth (and his dad, Adam) completed a WildLife Camp in Missouri? Hooray! 🎉
- ★ Did you know that Jack Campbell completed a week of Boy Scout Camp at Maumee Scout Reservation in Norman, Indian. He earned merit badges for art, orienteering, cooking, and space exploration! Good job, Jack ! 🎉

Trinity Youth - This is your page! We seek YOUR news to add from month to month!

Feel free to send any news/photos/write-ups to:

trinityofficejasper@gmail.com

(812) 482-4090.

Know what?

We'd love to post a bit of news of our Youth
on our Trinity Facebook Page!



Do you have something to share?

Send to: trinityofficejasper@gmail.com



Mission Alive at Trinity

Adopt-A-Family: July 2025 Mission: Christmas in July

Our Christmas in July mission gives us the opportunity to help our Adopt-A-Family on a larger scale than our monthly “spare change” jar. This year’s family is a single mom with two teenagers and two elementary age children. Our gifts each month have been greatly appreciated.

During the month of July, there will be a Christmas tree and envelopes in the Narthex. You will find specific expenses with dollar amounts on the tags. If you would like your money directed to a specific “cause” place the appropriate tag in the envelope with your gift. You will also find envelopes in the pews.

Thanks in advance for helping to ease some financial stresses of our Adopt-A-Family.

CHANGE JAR GIVING – YEAR-TO-DATE: \$2,214

ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACCOUNT

Carry-over from 2024 \$555.24

Donations year-to-date \$1155.00

Monthly gifts (Jan. thru June) (\$1,000.00)

Balance as of 6-15-25 \$710.24

*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 is continuing to do great work in our community through the Community Food Bank donations. In June we donated 54 boxes of mac and cheese and 2 bottles of shampoo. As always, your generosity and continued support for this mission is greatly appreciated.

July’s item: Canned Fruit



OUTREACH Opportunity- Saturday, July 19th

Exciting news!

We have the opportunity to participate in a meal packing event in conjunction with St. Joseph Church in Jasper. The event takes place on July 19th.

There will be 2 shifts available: 8:30 – 11:30 AM and Noon – 2:00 PM. They need a total of 300 volunteers for the day. Any age is welcome to help! Smaller children will be given a chance to create a colored picture to be included with a meal!

Besides physically packing the boxes, monetary donations will also be appreciated. The Outreach Team feels this is a wonderful opportunity to share our blessings.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Foyer to volunteer your time packing and envelopes in the pews if you wish to give a gift of money. **Our goal for this mission is \$500 and lots of workers!**

Below is some additional information about the event.

Note --- 10% OF THE MEALS PACKED WILL STAY IN DUBOIS COUNTY TO FEED OUR OWN!

Jasper Catholic Community Food Packing Event

80,000-Meal Food Packing Event

SATURDAY, July 19, 2025

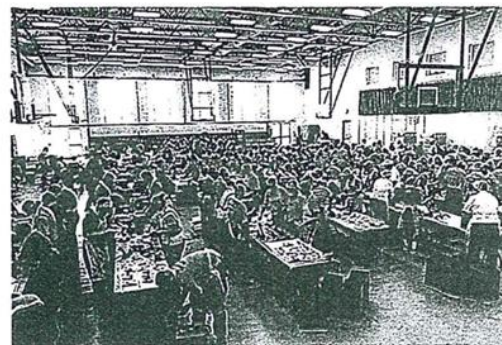


An estimated 820 million people do not have enough to eat, and in the poorest countries, families sometimes go days without food. More than 3 million children die from hunger-related causes each year; that's one child every 10 seconds.*

To help fight the scourge of hunger in developing countries, we are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to pack nourishing meals. These nutrient-rich meals, designed by a nutritionist, will feed children and families in a poverty-stricken country for just 33 cents a meal.

By donating your time and treasure, you can make a difference! We invite parishes, KofC members, families, community and school groups, area businesses and organizations to join us in this incredible Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry.

*Sources: World Health Organization, United Nations



How many people would you like to feed?

SPONSORSHIP	MEALS PROVIDED	AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend Sponsor	757	\$250
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peace Sponsor	1,515	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Love Sponsor	3,030	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Joy Sponsor	7,575	\$2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith Sponsor	15,151	\$5,000

Presenting Sponsor - ONE available^

10% of the meals we pack will stay in Dubois County to help feed hungry families in our own community.

JUNE ATTENDANCE

June 1 st	69
June 8 th	58
June 15 th Father's Day	57
June 22 nd	N/C

Our June Guests

- Jaime Smith and Tony and their children: David, Leland, and Gracen
- Visiting Dads and Grandfathers on Father's Day!
- Trina Hare
- Terri Rifenburg
- Bernice

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!*



New Guest Book Location



Beautiful Maple Top!

Jeff Berg created a lovely maple hinged top for our new Guest Book stand. It is located in the Narthex! Thank you Jeff for sharing your skills as a master woodworker!

Name Tag Boxes

Mark Blackgrave has devised a tidy system to hold our nametags. He enlisted Jeff Berg for its installation. Thank you Mark and Jeff for your teamwork!

Update on Safe Church Policy

During all future worship services, the ushers will lock the doors approximately 10 minutes after the beginning of the worship service. The East door to the circle drive will remain open. All the other doors will be locked. The church doors have the crash bar safety feature which allows exiting any locked door.



June Council Highlights

June Council Highlights:

- Decisions of note:

- Action was taken to move forward on building maintenance.

July Council Meeting - Monday July 14th at 7 pm.

Feel free to gather at 6:45 p.m. to “catch up”
and to share a treat.

July's treat? A tidbit from the Jasper's Farmer's Market!

Our 2025 Council is:

Pamela Catt & Greg Schnarr, Co-Council Presidents

Mark Blackgrave

Jan Kalb

Doreen Lechner

Meghan Premuda

Selena Vonderheide

~Thank you, 2025 Council~

July 2025

Worship Participants

July 6th

Bible Reader: Karsen Roth

Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue

Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide

Usher & Lock-up: The Roth Family

Communion Prep: The Roth Family

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Media Tech: Adam Roth

Candle Lighter: Kari Roth

July 13th

Bible Reader: Doreen Lechner

Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Elisabeth

Media Producer: Doreen Lechner

Usher & Lock-up: Rod and Jan Kalb

Organist: Mary Ann Weisheit

Media Tech: Adam Roth

Candle Lighter: David Hubster

July 20th

Bible Reader: Shelley Patterson

Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue

Media Producer: Nichole Lechner

Usher & Lock-up: John and Janis Schnarr

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Media Tech: John Kahle

Candle Lighter: Jim Patterson

July 27th

Bible Reader: Heather Goodhue

Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Elisabeth

Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

Usher & Lock-up: Judy Hubster

Organist: Sarah Sergesketter

Media Tech: Kurt Vonderheide

Candle Lighter: Heather Goodhue

Join in 

We always welcome members to be a part of our worship service! Would you like to take a turn?

If so, please tell Pastor or call the church office and we will add you to our list.

We encourage our youth too to come be a part of worship!

July Anniversaries

Names

Date

Rod and Jan Kalb	7/3
Dean and Ellen Vonderheide	7/14
Phil and Lisa Schmidt	7/18
Andy and Lydia Bolton	7/28



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

Greg Kincer	1
Christine Dodd	6
Doug Bawel	10
Josh Premuda	11
Josh Blackgrave	11
Mason Mauck	14
Ron Blackgrave	16
Chad Brinkman	16
Linda Kahle	17
Emily Schnell	20
Jack Goodhue	23
Donna Mattingly	23
Karen Grewe	29
John Schnarr	28
Sydney Peters	31

Special Announcement!



Kinley Marie
7lbs, 8oz
20 in. long

**Taylor and Ben Popp welcomed a beautiful baby girl
on June 6th!**

From Taylor:

*"Our hearts are filled & God is so good!
We are all doing great but ask for continued
prayers as Ben and I transition into this new
role of parenthood and for Kinley to continue
to grow healthy and happy!"*

If you would like to send "Congratulations"--

**Taylor and Ben Popp
4060 North Portersville Road
Jasper, IN 47546**

Birthday/Anniversary not listed?

Please email or call the church office and we will add!

trinityofficejasper@gmail.com

(812) 482-4090

Let's get to know each other!

Our Newest Members . . .

Lydia Bolton

A dear friend had invited us to be her guest at Trinity and I'm so glad she did. My father's side of the family (Legenour) is from Jasper, and he moved us here from Bloomington when I was 7 yrs old. After graduation from JHS, I headed back to Bloomington to attend IU. From there, I took a job in Louisville.

After about 10 years, I started to really miss home. I missed this small city with a big heart and wanted to be close to my folks as they got older. I started a new career when I moved back to Jasper: owner of Fire Horse Yoga Studio. I also met my lucky husband, Andy, around that time. We've since adopted two cats, and a Border Collie named Winnie.

There's a new owner at the Yoga Studio now and I'm blessed to simply be a teacher and a student. My full-time job is working as the Planned Giving Coordinator at the Sisters of St Benedict Monastery in Ferdinand. I love to read, bake, go to the Farmer's Market, listen to and collect vinyl records, hike, hunt for mushrooms, and most of all spend time with Andy and our furballs.

I'm so grateful my friend introduced us to Trinity. We're looking forward to deepening our faith, making new friends, and making a difference in our community. Thank you for having us.

Andy Bolton

I grew up in Jasper and live and work in Jasper. My wife is Lydia. We have a dog and two cats. I work at Jasper Engines in the tool and die division. I enjoy fishing, deer hunting, wood turning, and disc golf.

***Newest members:** at your convenience, please send your sketch to the church office-
We will include it in upcoming newsletters!

Our New Office Manager

Jaime Smith

I grew up in a large, bedroom town in central Massachusetts. My early years were spent riding horses and mucking stalls. At 19, I joined the Air Force and had a brief stint as a C-130 Crew Chief before switching to Explosive Ordnance Disposal, the best job in the military. After 10 years I left the Air Force and went to college and worked in various roles in local government. I still owned horses and began breeding them as well. A military friend offered me a job in 2021, and I moved from Boston to Columbus, Indiana. Life was good but incomplete. Then one day, God sent me Tony, a fellow veteran and a dog trainer. I decided that Tony was worth moving one last time, this time to Jasper. Now we have become the Brady Bunch, with 7 kids, 6 of them boys. Lots of love, lots of chaos in our house.

After settling into our new home and neighborhood I decided that I wanted to find the perfect job so that I could set my roots firmly here in Jasper. That is when I found the job posting for Office Manager at Trinity. It sounded perfect, and the more I meet and get to know everyone it is becoming even better.

As a family we enjoy weightlifting, video games, sports, and camping. Tony coaches the boys' teams and loves deer hunting. I enjoy flower gardening, baking, crafts, teaching homeschool co-op classes, helping business ideas get off the ground, and volunteering to speak and facilitate groups on veterans' issues, leadership, and difficult topics like domestic violence and stalking. I have felt so welcomed and I am so grateful to be entrusted with my position here at Trinity, it is truly a blessing. I look forward to getting to know everyone and being able to support the church and community in any way that I can.

We welcome Jaime!

