**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***April 2024***



***Worship: 9:00 am***

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**April 7th – A guest will fill the pulpit.**

**April 14th – “Being the Witnesses”**

**Luke 24:36-48**

**April 21st – “The Good Shepherd”**

**John 10:11-18**

**April 28th – “Connected to the Vine”**

**John 15:1-8**

**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.**

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**Monthly Calendar**

**M 1** *Pastor Karen gone this week!*

**W 3** 3:00 pm KICS @ JMS

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 5** 9:30 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 7** 8:45 am Gather & Sing Choir

9:00 am Worship

**M 8** 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**T 9** 7:00 pm Outreach Team

**W 10** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 12** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 14** 9:00 am Worship & Communion

**W 17** *Church Office closed at 1:00pm*

3:00 pm KICS @ JMS

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 18** 10:00 am Terminix sprays

**F 19** 9:30 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 21** 8:45 am Gather & Sing Choir

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Men’s Fellowship

**T 23** 4:00 pmSunset Extension

**W 24** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 25 May Newsletter Sent**

**F 26 IFA – Arts Festival**

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**S 27 IFA – Arts Festival**

**SU 28** 9:00 pmWorship

**Karen’s Kares**

Among my many interests and callings, I often spend time and energy considering what it means for a congregation to be able to be labeled **“Healthy.”** Or, asking myself and others ***“What does it mean for a congregation to exhibit Healthy Behaviors and Interactions that will help create and encourage an atmosphere of generosity, trust, and care for others?”***

A few years ago, the **Center for Healthy Churches** went through a discernment process to try to respond to that question. Rather than focusing on numbers in regard to membership, attendance and involvement in small groups, that organization wanted to define **Healthy Congregations** by using different markers. Here are some of their responses:

**A Healthy Congregation** understands its most fundamental call is to be **a Community of Jesus’ Followers**. This understanding turns people away from institutional concerns and toward Discipleship Commitments. Such a congregation is clear that its core purpose is to incarnate Christ’s Healing Ministry in a hurting world, joining God in God’s Work in the world in the **Power of the Holy Spirit.**

**A Healthy Congregation** has **a Shared Vision for** all of its participants to embody. When a congregation’s vision is fractured, its ministry’s impact weakens both in its participants’ lives and in the community that God has given it to serve. **Having a clear and focused vision** invites the congregation to joyfully align all their resources – spiritual, mental/emotional, physical, financial, and structural – all toward shared God’s Kingdom Work.

**A Healthy Congregation** has **a Thriving Ministry**. There is a sense of excitement and passion among its people. They experience meaning and purpose as they are given opportunities to share their gifts. They experience God’s Deep Generosity and Grace and are glad to give of themselves and their resources. They understand their congregation has all that it needs to accomplish the Mission God has given it.

**A Healthy Congregation** has **Trusted Leadership** – both clergy and lay. A congregation that deeply trusts its leaders can face any adaptive challenge, respond with enthusiasm to any new call, and work faithfully through any conflict that may arise. **Clear communication and encouraging words and actions** by leaders embolden the congregation to step out in faith.

This way of thinking about **a** **“Healthy Congregation”** reminds us of the Apostle Paul’s metaphor of the Church as **a Healthy Body** in Ephesians 4:15”

“(W)e must grow up in every way into Christ who is the Head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the Body’s Growth in building itself up in love.”

In Christ’s Love and Kare,

*Pastor Karen Fraser Moore*

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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 **$72.25**

**“Meet” our 2024 Adopt-A- Family**

Our 2024 **Adopt-A-Family** consists of Mom, Dad, and their 5 children. Dad is a plumber and has worked with the same company for 10 years. Mom has been a CNA for 8 years. She hopes to someday attend Nursing School, when they can afford it. Their daughters are 12, 11, and almost 10 and their 2 sons (described by Mom as rambunctious) are 9 and 6. All of them attend Jasper Schools.

They recently moved to a rental house in the country where as Mom puts it, “the kids can just be kids”. They enjoy spending time with their chickens, rabbits, 2 cats and a dog! Mom and Dad admit they can’t afford many luxuries, but spend time with their children by playing in the yard, playing board games or watching movies together. They say “we aren’t rich but the memories we make together are cherisable to us.”

Despite both parents working they are finding it stressful trying to make ends meet. Through your gifts we can reduce some of their stress by helping pay a few bills for them.

The “**Change Jar**”isin the Narthex. We hope you will continue to put your spare change/ dollars (or a check) in it. The money collected each month will be applied to a bill or bills of the family’s choice. Your pocket change can help make a “change” for our **Adopt-A-Family.** Please remember them in your prayers, also. Thanks for your loving gifts.

~ Outreach Team

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACCOUNT**

Carry-over from 2023: $849.00

Given year-to-date: $72.25

Monthly gifts: $350.00

**Balance as of March 24, 2024: $571.25**

 **Mission Alive at Trinity**

**Food Bank**

During the month of March, the people of Trinity have donated 1 large bag of cereal, 7 boxes of pasta, 6 regular size boxes of hamburger helper along with 3 twin packs, 5 boxes of tuna helper and 6 jars of pasta sauce.  Thank you for continuing to support this mission!



**April items: Canned Vegetables**

**Book Study at Trinity!**

A video book study of Adam Hamilton's book **"When Christians Get It Wrong"** will be held on Wednesday evenings in April and May.

The series of 6 sessions will begin on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm in the Chapel Room. The book is available on Amazon and additional websites. The study will be moderated by Doreen Lechner. You may contact her by call or text at 812-661-1656 with any questions.

**Trinity Women’s Guild**

The Women’s Guild will meet on Sunday, April 14th after the 9am Worship Service.

Dr. Priya Alex will be our guest speaker. All women are invited to meet in the Chapel Room!

**REPORT FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

Please consider

Giving to date 2023 - $40,923

Giving to date 2024 - $33,086

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***“And don’t forget to to do good and share with those in need” Hebrews 13:16***

**Outreach Opportunity for April – Blankets of Love**

Our mission for April is **Blankets of Love** sponsored by Church World Services.

Church World Service reports that last year, 32,785 blankets were distributed in 15 states and 49 agencies serving the US & Worldwide. These blankets go to victims of natural disasters, refugees, or to serve as bedding in shelters, or those who are unable to meet basic needs living without shelter. Your **$10.00** will provide a blanket that will provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, healing and hope, wherever God’s people need care.

Your support makes a difference in the lives of these children and families. Donations can be put in the marked envelopes in the pews or into your regular giving envelope. Please make sure that it is noted for “Blankets of Love”.

Thank you for your generosity so we can *Blanket the World with Love.*

**OUR GOAL - $500 (50 Blankets)**

**2024 Lenten Project – S.A.R.A.**

Thank you for your generous gifts to this year’s International Lenten Project. Sharing America’s Resources Abroad has been helping countries around the world for more than 40 years. This year a focus is on two children’s homes in Ukraine providing them with medicines and nutritious food. Our two guest speakers, Lana and Marty, explained the needs, and you answered with your gifts. If you haven’t had a chance to contribute yet, you may still do so. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex.

**Goal: $5,000 Contributed to date: $3,135**

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**March Council Highlights**

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| **March Council Decisions:** | | |
| **- Approval was given for:** | |
| **●** Motion made and approved to donate $250 from Edna Joseph Fund to the Dubois County Pride event.  ● Outreach Team requested $10,000 from Edna Joseph Fund for their efforts. Motion made and approved.  ● Outreach Team requested that the hotel room for guest speakers (from SARA) be covered by Edna Joseph Fund. Motion Made and approved. |

**The next Council Meeting will be held on April 8th at 7:00pm.**

**Worship Attendance**

 **March 3rd – 48**

**March 6th – 11**

**March 10th – 48**

**March 13th – 10**

**March 17th – 53**

**March 20th – 13**

**March 24th – 51**

**SEARCH TEAM COMPLETES PROFILE**

The Search Team with the input the Bridge Team gathered has completed the church’s profile. It has been validated by Rev. Monica Ouellette, associate conference minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference, and is now on an online platform for pastors to read and discern his/her next call.

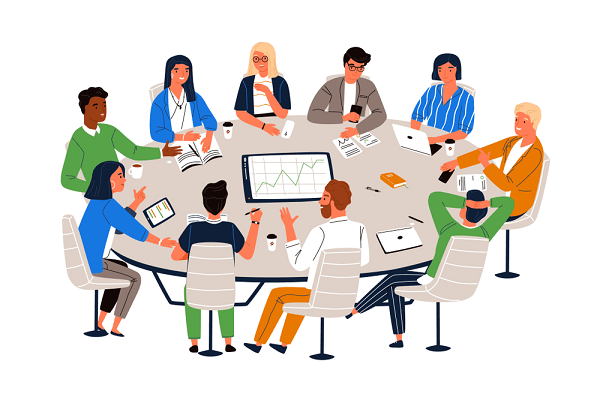
The profile is a 32-page document that describes our beloved Trinity Family. It answers such questions as: *Who are we now?, Who is God Calling Us to Become?, and Who is Our Neighbor?* It also contains our budget and other information about our finances, the demographics of the congregation, and our programs and policies. We were able to explain what we value about Trinity United Church of Christ and what we value about living in Jasper.

The following community leaders wrote beautiful reference letters: Pastor Debbie Roe, former member and Interim Pastor; Nancy Eckerle, Director of City of Jasper Chamber of Commerce and City Council Member; and Dr. Tracey Lorey, Superintendent of Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools.

A copy of the profile is available in the Narthex on top of the credenza for you to see. Please do not remove the profile from the church.

Now that the profile is finished and posted, the search team will be receiving profiles from interested candidates, and we will begin the interview process.

The team asks that you please continue to pray for patience and discernment. If you have any questions, please contact a team member.

Mark Blackgrave, Anna Grant, Kurt Heise, Susan McGovren, Lisa Schmidt, Alexander Thomas, and Casey Uebelhor

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**February 25, 2024**

**(Sanctuary)**

1. Call Meeting to Order

* Called to Order @ 10:06AM by President Schnarr

1. Establish a Quorum of Members present to hold meeting

* Quorum was established by Secretary Hubster

1. Approve the Annual Report(s)

* President asked for any questions or comments regarding the Annual Report; none presented
* Lisa Kincer made a motion to accept and Adam Roth seconded; Motion carried

1. Approve Delegates to Conference
   1. Lincolnland Association Meeting

* President Schnarr opened the floor for nominations or volunteers; Mark Blackgrave volunteered
* Kurt Vonderheide made motion to accept Mark Blackgrave as the delegate and John McGovern seconded; Motion carried
  1. Indiana/Kentucky Conference Annual Meeting
* President Schnarr opened the floor for nominations or volunteers; He nominated Sarah Sergesketter; Mark Blackgrave volunteered if Sarah declined (she was not present at this meeting)
* Greg Schnarr motioned and Dean Vonderheide seconded; Motion carried

1. Approve Edna Joseph Trust Representative

* President Schnarr proposed that he would assume the role of the Edna Joseph Trust Representative.
* Heather Goodhue made the motion to approve and Jan Kalb seconded; Motion carried
* President Schnarr reported that this year’s payment from the trust was $34,181.53

1. Discuss current property issues facing the church
   1. Roof

* Rubber membrane roofing on area connecting the “old” church with the “new” building has been replaced; This will allow next steps in repairing damaged ceilings in classroom
  1. Chancel area and ceiling
* Still seeking quotes and guidance
  1. Windows
* Several have been replaced
  1. Parsonage
* Home inspection will be done on Feb. 29 to help determine next steps for the parsonage

1. ONA

* Pastor Karen opened the floor for questions, concerns and comments regarding the ONA process and current team
* Several comments and questions were presented

1. Search Team Update

* Susan McGovern, Mark Blackgrave, Casey Uebelhor and Alexander Thomas presented update on the Search Team process. Kurt Heise, Lisa Schmidt and Anna Grant are team members that were unable to attend

1. Membership Roster

* Information shared that work was being done on the Constitution and By-Laws of Trinity, UCC, Jasper to address membership criteria and roster

1. Adjournment

* Motion to close the annual meeting made by John McGovern and seconded by Rod Kalb; Motion carried



**April 2024 - Worship Participants**

**April 7th –**

**Bible Reader:** Selena Vonderheide

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** Heather Goodhue

**Communion Prep:** Kari Roth

**April 14th –**

**Bible Readers:** Kari Roth

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave **Media:** Kurt Heise

**Usher & Lock-up:** Dean Vonderheide

**Communion Prep:** The Roth Family

**April 21st –**

**Bible Readers:** Sarah Sergesketter

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

**Media Producer:** Nichole Lechner **Media:** Adam Roth

**Usher & Lock-up:** Dan Sergesketter

**April 28th –**

**Bible Readers:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

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

**Ushers & Lock-up:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Thank you to Jan Kalb for providing Special Music in March!**

**April Birthdays**

**Name Date**



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| --- | --- | --- |
| Hadley | Rumbach | 7 |
| Kurt | Heise | 9 |
| Sarah | Sergesketter | 11 |
| Sabrina | Peters | 12 |
| David | Peters | 14 |
| Brett | Wright | 14 |
| Mitchell | Mauck | 19 |
| Harrison | Hulsman | 22 |

**April Anniversaries**

**Names Date Years**

Greg & Lisa Kincer 4/6/1985 38

Jeff & Ann Berg 4/15/1989 35

Kurt & Treva Heise 4/19/1986 38

Julie & Scott Beck 4/22/1978 46

Pat & Nick Seng 4/27/1974 50

David & Debie Stockburger 4/28/1973 51

