**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***May 2024***

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

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**May 5th – John 15:9-17**

 **“Want More Fruit?”**

**May 12th – John 17:6-19**

 **Love + Joy = Fruit**

**May 19th – John 15:26-27**

 **John 16:4-15**

 **When the Holy Spirit Comes**

**May 26th – Romans 8:18-28**

 **God’s Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**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**

**W 1** 3:00 pm KICS @ JMS

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 3** 9:30 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 5** 8:40 am Gather & Sing Choir

9:00 am Worship & Communion

 10:15 am Men’s Fellowship

**W 8** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 10** Pastor Karen gone until Saturday (11)

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 12** 9:00 am Worship

**M 13** 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**T 14** 12:00 pm Schnitzelbank Luncheon

**W 15** Pastor Karen gone until Saturday (18)

3:00 pm KICS @ JMS

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 16** 10:00 am Terminix sprays

**F 17** 9:30 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 19** 8:40 am Gather & Sing Choir

 9:00 am Worship

**T 21** 4:00 pmSunset Extension

**W 22 *1:00 pm Church Office closes***

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 23** June Newsletter Sent

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

**SU 26** 9:00 pmWorship

**M 27 *Church office closed this week.***

**W 29** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 30** 1:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

**F 31** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**Karen’s Kares**

 Sometimes, it can be challenging to **“Be The Church”** especially in our relationships with one another and others. It helps us to consider **how to be hospitable as a congregation** as we learn to live out extending acceptance and welcome to the community of Jasper. I am always looking for ways to remind us of our call as God’s People to show God’s Love and to welcome “all people, no matter who they are or where they are on their life’s journey.” I recently came across a well written article by Doug Van Meter about **BEING HOSPITABLE. (**Doug is Senior Pastor of Brackenhurst Baptist Church in South Africa.)

 Hospitality isn’t always easy, yet God calls the Church to practice it. How can Trinity “live a little more dangerously” by showing hospitality, not only to one another but to all those from the community who enter our building for any reason at all? How can or do others know they are welcomed?

 **The New Testament makes a big deal of hospitality. The Apostle Paul includes hospitality in the list of the basics of the Christian life**. For example - *”Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.”* Romans 12:11-13.

 *“Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless — cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it.”* 1 Peter 4:9.

 Hospitality is not the responsibility of only the extroverts but of *everyone* who participates in the congregation. It is more than sharing cookies and coffee after a time of worship or study. Showing hospitality calls for an open schedule, an open ear, and even an open wallet.

 Christians must show hospitality to those we know, and to those we don’t yet know. Hebrews 13:2-3 makes this clear: *“Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love. Be ready with a meal or a bed when it’s needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it! Regard prisoners as if you were in prison with them. Look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you.* This passage clearly mandates we are to show God’s Love to those outside our normal circles.

 A stranger in Scripture isn’t necessarily someone we’re meeting for the first time. It may also refer to someone who is culturally different from us. In the Old Testament, a stranger was someone who was outside of God’s Covenant nation of Israel.

 **When it comes to hospitality, we must “pursue with zeal” the practical needs of others.** We must find ways to show God’s Love to those who are demographically different; to Christians from other congregations who are passing through; to visitors who show up to worship with us; to new members who may seem awkward; and to neighbors who may seem strange!

 When we demonstrate God’s Love for the strangers and saints among us, we reflect God’s Love. Jesus said, “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others?” (Matt. 5:46–47).

 As we reflect upon God’s Grace to us, do our hearts swell with a commitment to hospitality? God calls us to reach out to others — without distinction — with “needs-meeting” Love that leaves no room for grumbling.

 So, whether we are an introvert or an extrovert, we are commanded to show hospitality even to the point of sacrifice—just like Jesus has shown us.

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 **$105.25**

**“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, we will always cherish.”

 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

 Donations year-to-date $90.25

 Monthly gifts ($450.00)

 Balance as of 3-24 $489.25

 **Mission Alive at Trinity**

**Food Bank**

In the months of March and April, the Trinity Family has provided 7 boxes of pasta, 6 jars of pasta sauce, 24 boxes of hamburger helper, one large box of cereal, and 19 cans of vegetables. Your continued support for the Dubois County Community Food Bank is greatly appreciated.

 **May items: Shampoo**

**Women’s Guild**

 The women of Trinity are invited to a luncheon at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant on Tuesday, May 14th at 12 PM.

 It is a great way to meet other women from UCC churches in the area.  Please notify Susan McGovren by call or text (812.631.2355) if you plan to attend or email jsmcgovren@gmail.com.

**REPORT FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

Please consider

Giving to date 2023 - $55,235

Giving to date 2024 - $45,725

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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) Donations to date – $190.00**

**Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity**

 When: Thursday, May 30th

 Where: Trinity UCC Parish Hall

 Time: 1:00 – 6:00pm

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 **April Council Highlights**

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| **April Council Decisions:** |
| **- Approval was given for:** |
| * **Motion to keep side lot next to the parsonage for time being**
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**The next Council Meeting will be held on May 13th at 7:00pm.**

 **Worship Attendance**



 **April 7th – 34 attendees**

 **April 14th – 57 attendees**

 **April 21st – 46 attendees**



**May 2024 - Worship Participants**

**May 5th –**

**Bible Reader:** Heather Goodhue

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** Judy Hubster

**Communion Prep:** Linda Kahle

**May 12th –**

**Bible Readers:** Melissa Blackgrave

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** Cindy Howard

**May 19th –**

**Bible Readers:** David Hubster

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

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

**May 26th –**

**Bible Readers:** Karsen Roth

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

**Media Producer:** Doreen Lechner **Media:** Mark Blackgrave

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

**The Gather & Sing Choir will not be meeting this summer.**

**May Birthdays**

**Name Date**



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| Janet | Meyer | 1 |
| Judy | Hubster | 2 |
| Evan | Vonderheide | 2 |
| Andrea | Hulsman | 4 |
| Jan | Kalb | 4 |
| David | Hubster | 6 |
| Brad | Vonderheide | 8 |
| Thomas | Peters | 12 |
| Jim | Sheetz | 12 |
| Gayle | McDaniel | 14 |
| Sonia  | Klem | 20 |
| Inez | Knies | 21 |
| Rhonda | Johnson | 21 |
| Meghan | Premuda | 22 |
| William | Cox | 23 |
| Natasha | Schnell | 25 |
| Jeff | Berg | 26 |
| Sherri | Uebelhor | 27 |
| Lillie  | Campbell | 30 |

**May Anniversaries**

**Names Date Years**

Gerald & Corma Knebel 5/8/1976 48

Adam & Kari Roth 5/23/2009 15

Heath & Kathirene Astrike 5/26/2018 6

