**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***August 2024***

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

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**August 4th – John 21:1-19**

 **“Breakfast on the Beach”**

**August 11th – Luke 15:11-32**

 **“Three Prodigals”**

**August 18th – Genesis 16:6b – 13a**

 **John 4:21-30**

 **“The God Who Sees”**

**August 25th – Ecclesiastes 3:1-18**

 **“A Time and A Season”**

**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**

**F 2** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 4** 9:00 am Worship & Communion

**M 5** 3:00 pm Church Council Meeting

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

**T 8** *Council info due to the church office.*

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

**SU 11** 9:00 am Worship

**M 12** *Church office is closed today.*

7:00 pmChurch Council Meeting

**W 17** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 15** 10:00 am Terminix

**FR 16** 9:30 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 18** 9:00 am Worship

**M 19** *Newsletter info due to church office.*

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

**W 21** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

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

**SU 25** 9:00 am Worship

 10:15 am Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Karen (Parish Hall)

**M 26** *Send September Newsletter!*

**T 27** 1:00 – 6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Parish Hall)

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

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

**SU 1** 9:00 amWorship & Communion

**Karen’s Karen –**

As I approach the final days of serving as your Transitional Interim pastor, a few thoughts come to me about what it means to “Call” (rather than “hire”) your new settled pastor.

 When a person experiences a “Call” from God to make a decision to live as God’s Servant 24/7/365 for the rest of his/her life, that person begins to place healthy boundaries around her heart and soul. She/he enters into a “Covenant” with God to be God’s Servant by drawing strength, hope, energy, compassion, love, support and encouragement from God on a daily/hourly/minute by minute basis. It is not a decision to be made lightly and only after considerable reflection, meditation and prayer.

 When a congregation decides to “Call” a new settled pastor, the congregation enters into a 3-way covenant, with the three parties – the congregation, the new pastor and God. In this 3-way Covenant the congregation pledges to faithfully serve God and respond with commitment and sensitivity to God’s Call for the congregation and also pledges to love, care for, encourage and support the pastor on a daily basis. It is not a decision to be made lightly and only after considerable reflection, meditation and prayer.

 Servants (pastors, chaplains, and judicatory leaders) who are truly called by God basically place their heart, soul, and life in God’s Hands depending upon God to lead, guide and direct their path every day for the rest of their lives. I have many colleagues who have seriously taken their Call from God to serve the Church very seriously. I am thankful for their example and commitment. I firmly believe they understand the Covenant they have made with God and that they long to be “called” (not hired) to a congregation who is willing to be part of that 3-way Covenant. I only know about a few congregations who have understood and have taken their role in the 3-way Covenant seriously and have intentionally decided to accept, affirm, love, care for, encourage and support their pastor on a daily basis.

The understanding and viewpoint of the congregation to “Call” a new pastor, rather than “hire” a new pastor, is of utmost importance. That understanding and viewpoint can and will affect the future success and abilities of the congregation to effectively minister to the surrounding community. It will also affect the ability of the new pastor to effectively minister to the congregation (and community) over a long period of time.

I am praying that soon Trinity United Church of Christ in Jasper Indiana will “Call” a new settled pastor and seriously decide to enter into a 3-way Covenant between God, the new pastor and the congregation. I am also praying the congregation will seriously decide to accept, affirm, love, care for, encourage and support their pastor on a daily basis.

Seriously deciding to be in Covenant with a new pastor involves being able to respect and honor any and all boundaries of the pastor and his/her personal space and needs, which will vary with each pastor and their family.

With 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.*
* *Those confined to their homes and/or receiving ongoing medical treatment.*
* *Families grieving the loss of loved ones, family members and friends.*
* *Those who struggle financially and emotionally because they do not have enough of basic human needs, especially those in this community.*
* *Those who are awaiting answers that can change their lives.*

**If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please let Taylor know in the church office via email or phone call.**

**![C:\Users\Jane\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\K2KY9B0Q\kids-saving-money-on-coin-jars[1].jpg]()****Mission Alive at Trinity**

**Adopt a Family:** We continue to help our Adopt-A-Family each month. Thanks to your generosity, so far this year we have paid their rent for 2 months and provided 4 Ruler gift cards for groceries. Keep up the “change jar” giving and the prayers. Both make a difference!! The family appreciates everything we’ve done to help. Peace and Blessings!

**Year-to-date** we have collected **$306.25**

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACCOUNT**

 Carry-over from 2023 $849.00

 Donations year-to-date $326.25

 Monthly gifts ($600.00)

 Balance as of 7-25 $476.25

**Church World Service – Blankets of Love**

Dear friends from Trinity UCC,

 Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of 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 are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

 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

**Food Bank**

 In the month of July our church focused on canned fruit for the community food bank collection. Through the generosity of the Trinity people, **we have collected 35 cans of fruit, 1 jar of honey, 1 jar of peanut butter, and 1 bottle of ketchup so far in July.** As always, we want to thank you for the continuing support of the local food bank.



 **August items: Cereal & Oatmeal**

 **Worship Attendance**

 **July 7th – 50**

 **July 14th – 35**

 **July 21st – 45**



 **FAREWELL LUNCHEON**

 Please join us for a luncheon on August 25th after the Worship Service to help send well wishes to Pastor Karen as she journeys on to her next adventure. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex after the Strassenfest. All are welcome to attend!

** June Council Highlights**

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| **June & July Council Decisions:** |
| **- Approval was given for:** |
| ***June Decisions –*** * Motion made by David P. to increase budget for annual test of fire alarm. Seconded by Mark B. Motion passed unanimously.
* Motion made by David P. to add knox box to the property. Mark B. seconded and motion passed unanimously.
* Motion by David P. to replace parsonage roof out of Edna Joseph account. Seconded by Pamela C and approved unanimously.
* Motion made by David P. to remove trees and clean up parsonage lot. Seconded by Doreen L. Passed unanimously.

 ***July Decisions –*** * No decisions were made in July.
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**The next Council Meeting will be held on August 12th at 7:00pm.**

**REPORT FROM THE FINANCE SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

Please consider – as of July 25

 Giving to date 2023 - $111,313

 Giving to date 2024 - $87,603

**Creative Spirit Camp**

**The following is a poem written by the campers and staff at Creative Spirit Camp held at Merom during morning worship time. The show this year was Winnie the Pooh.**

**OUR CREATIVE SPIRIT**

See the roof peak over the trees,

Feel the stage beneath your feet,

The sights and smells of Merom around me.

Lord please use me here for your glory.

Art is a form of love we've created here;

For the mind we have the Creative Spirit.

One thought, then clear it.

Our talents, founded by God's Gifts,

Merge at Creative Spirit

to make a play so you can hear it.

A puppet show is where it all started,

But now it's exactly where the heart is.

Bless the stage and the light.

Bless the vespers performed at night.

But now, if we must go,

Bless our show.

Creative Spirit, dwell in us,

In our hearts and in our arts,

As we live and breathe, dance, act, and sing,

Give us Grace.



**August 2024 - Worship Participants**

**August 4th –**

**Bible Reader:** Susan McGovren

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave **Media:** John Kahle

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

**Communion Prep:** Linda Kahle

**August 11th –**

**Bible Reader:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

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

**August 18th –**

**Bible Reader:** Heather Goodhue

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Karen

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

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

**August 25th –**

**Bible Reader:** Melissa Blackgrave

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

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

**THANK YOU to Mary Ann Weisheit for playing special music in July as well as playing for two of the services.**

**August Birthdays**

**Name Date**



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| Gary | Frank | 6 |
| Linda | Troxler | 7 |
| Mark | Blackgrave | 11 |
| Debie | Stockburger | 11 |
| Kelsey | Blackgrave | 12 |
| Sheila | Oeding | 13 |
| Brian | Ferrell | 13 |
| Jason | Hulsman | 14 |
| Sarah | Mauck | 18 |
| Pamela | Catt | 21 |
| Mary Ann | Schroeder | 25 |



**August Anniversaries**

**Names Date Years**

Larry & Jenny LaGrange 8/23/1969 54

Brian & Janet Meyer 8/29/1981 42

Sheila & Terry Oeding 8/29/2009 14