**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***March 2025***

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

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**Communion: Please pick up your communion wafer and cup as you enter the sanctuary.**

**Offering: Please place your gifts in the offering box as you enter or leave worship.**

**Contact Information**

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9:00am – 1:00pm & 2:00pm – 3:00pm

**Website:** htps://www.trinityjasperucc.org

**YouTube:** Trinity UCC Jasper IN

**Monthly Calendar**

**SU 2** 9:00 am Worship & Communion

**M 3** Pastor Elisabeth’s first day at Trinity!

**W 5 *Ash Wednesday***

7:00 pm Worship & Communion

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**F 7 Women’s Guild – World Day of Prayer**

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 9** 9:00 am Worship

 10:15 am Annual Meeting

**M 10** 7:00 pm Church Council

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

**F 14** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 16** 9:00 amWorship

**M 17 *Happy* *St. Patrick’s Day!***

**T 18** 4:00 pm Sunset Extension

**W 19** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 20** 9:00 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

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

**SU 23** 9:00 am Worship

**W 26** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

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

**SU 30** 9:00 am Worship

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

**F 4** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 6** 9:00 am Worship & Communion

**Pastor's Message –**

**Greetings from Pastor Elisabeth**

 I write this greeting from Posey County, Indiana in mid-February, well knowing that when you read my greeting, I will be there in Dubois County getting settled and anticipating beginning God’s ministry with you. Presently, I’m in the midst of boxes—packed boxes and empty boxes waiting to be filled—and I wholeheartedly “thank-you” for the warm welcome I’m ***already*** receiving (even before embarking on my move!)

The lovely cards, notes, and emails sent have been heart-warming. I hear news of many hands preparing the parsonage for my arrival. The Search Team asked me “to be bold” in generating a list of staples to stock the parsonage kitchen, and they’ve told me they’re arranging for a few welcome meals once I arrive. My! What a warm welcome! Trinity UCC is demonstrating “Christian hospitality”—a genuine gift in these times!

Trinity’s mission and vision statements are on my heart.

 **Our Mission**: “God speaks. We listen.”

**Our Vision:** “We seek to be an inclusive community of faith, passionately

 serving God with hope, confidence, and peace.”

As we enter the Season of Lent, my intention is to listen deeply. Lent is always a season to deepen our listening to God. For me, this year, I will also be deeply listening to you. Your stories, your history, and your hopes and aspirations will help shape our shared ministry. I end my greeting with a Lenten prayer:

*Heavenly Father,*

*As we enter our Lenten journey, guide us to the path that leads to you. Fill our hearts with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as we strive for our lives to become aligned with yours. Let us hear your voice in the deepest reaches of our heart. Give us rest in you. Stay with us through the busy days of this world, slowing our lives down helping us to remember you when we need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance.*

*In your Son’s Name, we pray this. Amen.*

**Wishing You God’s Peace, *~Pastor Elisabeth***

**Office Hours for Pastor Elisabeth (beginning March 3rd)**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm (lunch 1:00-2:00 p.m.)

Tuesday is sermon-writing from the parsonage study.

Day off: Friday

Pastor can be reached at (812) 453-3381 (phone/text)

\*Please note: On occasion, a meeting or visitation will take her away from her office hours.

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 *Jasper, IN 47546*

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*Jasper, IN 47546*

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 *Jasper, IN 47546*



 **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 our military, first responders and those in law enforcement.*
* *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 call or email the church office.**

**![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: *“Meet” our 2025 Adopt-A-Family*

 After working at Leed’s for 15 years, Mom took a few years off to stay at home with her

4 children. That was when Dad was in the picture. However, he is no longer in the household, nor is he a contributor. As a result Mom has taken a job at Servant’s Inc. in an effort to support her family. With 2 girls, ages 7 & 17 and 2 boys ages 5 & 15, she struggles to make ends meet. She is grateful to have been chosen as our new Adopted Family.

 With each gift we give her she gets emotional as she thanks us for our generosity. So appreciative!! So far this year we have used the “change jar” money to buy Walmart grocery cards. Also, Outreach received an anonymous gift designated for larger expenditures for our Adopted Family. Thus far, that money has been used to make rent payments as well as car insurance payments. Thanks for your gifts so far. Keep the “change jar” coins and dollars coming. What seems like a small amount to you can make a huge difference for someone else.

 ~Outreach Team

**CHANGE JAR GIVING: $153.00**

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACCOUNT**

Carry-over from 2024 $555.24

 Donations year-to-date $153.00

 Monthly gifts ($200.00)

 Balance as of 2-20-25 $508.24

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

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

**Community Food Bank Updates**



**March item: Hamburger & Tuna Helper**

**2025 Trinity Women’s Fellowship**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER!**

YOU ARE INVITED! Precious Blood Church will be hosting World Day of Prayer 2025 on Friday, March 7th. The service will begin at 9:00am.

This year’s featured country is the Cook Islands in the South Pacific. The theme for the day is “I made you wonderful”. The message to women is “You are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God”.

We have not had the World Day of Prayer in our area since 2022. Please join us!

Precious Blood’s address is 1385 West 6th Street in Jasper. Please park in the East parking lot and enter through the doors under the canopy.

For more information or questions, please contact Ruth Fritch at (812) 631-4230.

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.

 March - Mary Ann Schroeder

 April - Judy Hubster

 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)*

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 **February Council Highlights**

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| **February Council Updates:** |
| **- Approval was given for:** |
| * Pastor Mark shared he has taken a full-time position as a Hospice Chaplain with Gentiva Hospice Care in Bloomington, IN.
* Discussion held regarding the recruitment of a new custodian. John Kahle placed an add, received a number of candidates and narrowed it down to 9. Phone Interviews are tentatively planned for Feb. 17, 19 and 20 and will be conducted by John, Pamela and Selena.
* Motion to allow John McGovren to serve as Property Committee Advisor was made by Greg Schnarr and seconded by Selena, approved unanimously.
* Motion made by Mark, seconded by Doreen, to allow Property Committee to move forward with cleaning as outlined in John’s report, up to, but not to exceed $3500.00. $2000.00 will come from Maintenance line item and $1500 from Edna Joseph account.
* Motion made by Mark, seconded by Selena to add a $1000 budget line item for Technology Team, to be used for items such as cords, microphones, cables and stands) Funds will come from Edna Joseph account.
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**The next Council Meeting will be held on March 10th at 7:00pm.**

**The Trinity UCC Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9th following Worship. There will also be a soup luncheon following the meeting. Hope to see you there!**

** Worship Attendance**

 **February 2nd – 51**

 **February 9th – 45**

 **February 16th – worship canceled due to weather**

 **February 23rd – 54**



**March 2025 - Worship Participants**

**March 2nd –**

**Bible Reader:** Pamela Catt

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Time with Young Disciples:** PastorMark

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** John & Janis Schnarr

**Communion Prep:** John & Janis Schnarr

**March 5th – Ash Wednesday**

**Bible Reader:** Lisa Schmidt

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit

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

**Usher/Acolyte:** Mark Blackgrave

**Communion Servers:** Susan McGovren & Lisa Schmidt

**Communion Prep:** John & Janis Schnarr

**March 9th –**

**Bible Reader:** Dean Vonderheide

**Organist:** Mary Ann Weisheit

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

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

**March 16th –**

**Bible Reader:** Kaiden Roth

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Elisabeth

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** The Roth Family

**March 23rd –**

**Bible Reader:** Mark Blackgrave

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Elisabeth

**Media Producer:** Doreen Lechner **Media Tech:** Adam Roth

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

**March 30th –**

**Bible Reader:** Dan Sergesketter

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

**Ushers & Lock-up:** Dan & Sarah Sergesketter

**March Birthdays**

**Name Date**



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| Rick | Hobson | 7 |
| Neil | Astrike | 10 |
| Shirlene | Dreher | 10 |
| Phil  | Schmidt | 13 |
| Lisa | Kincer | 14 |
| Stacy | Hubster | 15 |
| Jace | Goodhue | 15 |
| Maggie | Hubster | 19 |
| Melissa | Blackgrave | 22 |
| Linda | Mehling | 24 |
| Treva | Heise | 25 |
| Sylvia | Adams | 29 |

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