**Trinity United Church of Christ**



***April 2025***



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

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We welcome you to Trinity UCC!

***“No matter who you are***

***or where you are on life’s journey,***

***you are welcome here!”***

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**Website:** www.trinityjasperucc.org

**YouTube:** Trinity UCC Jasper IN



**Monthly Calendar**

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

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

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

**T 8 7:30 pm Outreach Team Meeting**

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

**F 11** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 13 Palm Sunday**

8:45 am Gather & Sing Choir

9:00 amWorship

10:15 am Women’s Fellowship

**M 14** *Church Office closed today.*

7:00 pm Church Council

**T 15** 4:00 pm Sunset Extension

**W 16** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**TH 17 Maundy Thursday**

*Church Office closed today.*

9:00 am Mommy & Me Playgroup

**F 18 Good Friday**

**7:00 pm** Worship & Communion

7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SA 19 Holy Saturday**

**SU 20** **Easter Sunday**

8:45 am Gather & Sing Choir

9:00 am Worship & Communion

10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

**M 21** *Church office closed today.*

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

**F 25** 7:00 pm AA Meeting

**SU 27** 9:00 am Worship

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

**Greetings from Pastor Elisabeth**

I express my heartfelt “thank-you” for the warm and loving welcome I received upon arriving to Jasper. Trinity’s warm welcome reflects the caring presence of God’s love that is felt in our Sunday worship! I’m excited about sharing God’s ministry with you as we move forward in mission. As I slowly get acquainted with ministry here, I admire your endeavors and aspiration to be a visible sign of God’s love in the wider community.

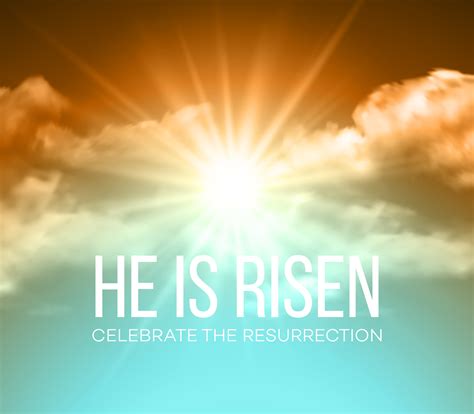
Signs of spring are showing forth with an array of daffodils blooming around our church grounds. Spring bulbs, flowering trees, and heightened birdsong remind me how God’s hand, which tends nature, also nurtures us. Our Mighty God, who sends sunshine to warm our days and brings forth blossoms from barren branches, is indeed the One who renews our weary souls. The love of God we find in Christ Jesus is unfailing, and His grace overflows renewing us each and every day.

As our Lenten journey continues, may our prayer life deepen. May our Lenten practices help clear our lives to more fully open ourselves to receiving the love and joy of Christ celebrated on Easter Day.

Easter is theholy day of the Christian Church that defines us as Christians! On Easter, we celebrate that the stone was rolled from the tomb, and Jesus triumphed over death. Easter—celebrating Jesus’ resurrection—bespeaks of God’s unfailing love and the promise of new life. We rejoice and sing; *"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"*

Wishing you Easter Joy and Love,

*~Pastor Elisabeth*





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| **HOLY COMMUNION**  **April 6**  *Please pick up your communion wafer and communion cup as you enter the sanctuary.*  Communion Items Stock Illustrations – 61 Communion Items Stock  Illustrations, Vectors & Clipart - Dreamstime | **PALM SUNDAY**  **April 13**  A very special  clipart palms for palm sundayTime with Young Disciples  waving Palms  & reciting . . .  *“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”*  “Gather& Sing Choir” |
| 520+ Good Friday Icon Stock Illustrations, Royalty-Free Vector Graphics &  Clip Art - iStock  **GOOD FRIDAY**  **April 18**  **A Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.**   * A service of Lessons and   extinguishing of light to symbolize Jesus’ last days leading up to his crucifixion. | **EASTER DAY WORSHIP**  **April 20**  He is Risen Png, Easter Png, Christian Pngs, Religious Transfers,  Waterslide Graphics, Scripture Transfers, Floral Sublimation - EtsyJoin in our Easter Day Celebration  with our “Gather & Sing Choir”  9:00 a.m. Worship  An Easter Egg Hunt follows for the children. |

**Gather & Sing Choir**

In April, the Choir will Gather and Sing on Palm Sunday and Easter. All are welcome to join at 8:30 am in room B04. Thank you to Heather and James Goodhue and MaryAnn Weisheit for playing the Sundays I was gone in February and March. ~Sarah Sergesketter

**Invitational Evangelism**

Consider inviting a family member, friend, or acquaintance to church to be your guest!

Church research shows that the most effective way to “grow a church” is through invitational evangelism. This simply means a member inviting someone they know to accompany them to worship or a church event.

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| **Office Hours for Pastor Elisabeth**  Monday and Wednesday- 9 am-3 pm (lunch 1-2 p.m.) Thursday 9 a.m.-Noon  Tuesday is sermon-writing from the parsonage study.  Day off: Friday  Pastor can be reached at (812) 453-3381 (phone/text)  **Important note:**  On occasion, a meeting or visitation will take her away from her office hours. |



***We hold our members who are homebound in our prayers!***

***Let’s remember their birthdays and shower them with cards!***

**Sherry Malone** Meadowood Apartments

*660 Rumbach Ave, Apt. #322 (812-559-1332)*

*Jasper, IN 47546 Birthday: November 16*

**Janice Sunderman** *Legacy Living (812-559-0560)*

*1850 W State Rd 56, Room #134*

*Jasper, IN 47546* *Birthday: October 8*

**Shirlene Dreher** *376 St. Charles Street (812-634-1699)*

*Jasper, IN 47546 Birthday: March 10*

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



**Our Love and Prayers of Sympathy are extended to the families of—**

* ***David Fischer who passed on February 21, 2025***
* ***Corrine Clark who passed on March 7, 2025***
* ***Anthony Beaman who passed on March 16, 2025***



**Dear Trinity UCC,**

Thank you for the warm welcome!

Upon arriving to Jasper, I was presented with a welcome basket filled with helpful items tied with lovely ribbon and accompanied by a handmade card! What a blessing to receive gift cards to local restaurants and nutritious meals brought by church members. What a blessing to find the parsonage cupboards and refrigerator stocked with my favorite essentials. Your welcoming spirit and gestures helped my moving-in go smoothly.

With appreciation,

~Pastor Elisabeth



**Did You Know?**

* Much work on the church and the parsonage is being done! Thank you, Property Team and all who have worked on projects.
* The Trinity Women’s Fellowship provided a funeral meal for the family of David Fischer. Pastor Elisabeth received a “Thank you card” from his daughters (Huntingburg and Florida) -- they expressed their appreciation for the meal.
* We welcome our new church custodian – Carol. Carol resides in Jasper; originally from Perry County. She loves nature: planting flowers and taking walks!



**Congratulations to-**

* Jack Campbell who received an award: The Optimist Club of Jasper Youth for the month of February. Way to go, Jack!
* To our Trinity Office Manager – Taylor! She and her husband, Ben, made a very big decision. Taylor will be staying home with their new baby soon-to-be born in June! She'll be working through most of May, and we rejoice with her and Ben in their decision. Blessings and Prayers!

**Mission Alive at Trinity**

Adopt-A-Family:

Thank you for your continued donations for our Adopt-A-Family. They will be forever grateful for your kindness!

CHANGE JAR GIVING – YEAR-TO-DATE: $814

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY ACCOUNT**

Carry-over from 2024 $555.24

Donations year-to-date $284.00

Monthly gifts ($200.00)

Balance as of 3-13-25 $639.24

\*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 February, we donated 24 rolls of toilet paper, 24 packages of pasta, 1 box of cereal, 27 jars of spaghetti sauce, and 3 rolls of paper towel. In March we have collected 26 boxes of hamburger helper. As always, your generosity and continued support for this mission is greatly appreciated.



**April’s item: Canned Vegetables**

**Lenten Project to Benefit the Community Food Bank**

Each year our Lenten Project has a local, regional, or international focus. Last year, an “international” year, we gifted two children’s homes in Ukraine a total of $4300. We learned so much about these homes from two dedicated volunteers, Marty Siegel and Lana Sakash, who shared pictures and stories of the children. Thank you for your generosity!

In 2025, we start the cycle over again with a ‘local” project. Since 2000 our local projects have been Generations “Meals on Wheels” Program, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Dubois County Diabetes Coalition, Crisis Connection, Dubois County Chapter of American Red Cross, Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center, Dubois County Special Olympics, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Student Assistance Services and Kid Stuff, Mentors for Youth, and Dubois County Habitat for Humanity. The Trinity Family made a difference in the lives of Dubois County residents by donating a total of $44,132.63 to these organizations.

The Outreach Team with approval from Council has chosen the Community Food Bank as our “local” Lenten Project this year. Jamie Lofton, a part of our Trinity Family, is a volunteer and the Food Bank and estimates that 400-600 families per month supplement their meals with items from the Food Bank. The director, Amanda Drew, brought us more information about the Community Food Bank during a Mission Moment on March 16.

Please watch the next edition of The Chimes and the weekly bulletins for more information about this worthwhile project supporting local residents.

**Goal: $5,000 Donated to date: $3,255**

**For your convenience, envelopes are in the pew holders. You may also use specially marked envelopes in your giving box. Look for Lenten Offering. Thank you for your donations!**



**Trinity Women’s Fellowship**

Everyone is invited to listen to Mariah Bauer after church on April 13th. Mariah is from the Dubois County Health Department and will be speaking about the Pre to 3 Program to help with combating maternal and infant mortality rates.

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| Collecting any size diapers and baby blankets!  Thank you! |

On May 7th, 2025 at 6:30pm we will carpool to Augustana UCC in Holland for a joint spring gathering with women from Augustana and St. Paul.

**May 13, 2025** - Any interested Women of Lincolnland will again meet for lunch at noon at the Schnitzelbank.

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.

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)*



**Church Camp Scholarships Available to Trinity Youth**

The church camp scholarships are once again available to Trinity Youth attending a faith based church camp this summer.   Our Church Council has approved a 50% coverage of the cost along with an additional $100 from donated funds.  Any youth attending the UCC Merom camp are also eligible for scholarships from the IN/KY conference.  Please contact Susan McGovren (812-631-2355) to take advantage of this opportunity!

**Tai Chi Exercise Class at Trinity**

A six-week video Tai Chi exercise class will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on April 1st in Community Room B-05.

Tai Chi is a form of martial arts that is performed as gentle, low-impact movement in which practitioners perform a series of deliberate, flowing motions while focusing on deep, slow breaths. Often referred to as "meditation in motion", Tai Chi aims to concentrate and balance the body's qi, providing benefits to mental and physical health.

Instructing the video classes is David-Dorian Ross who has won eight US gold medals, a world silver medal, and two world bronze medals in Tai Chi. He is also an acclaimed teacher and has been featured on PBS.

Participants should plan on wearing clothing that allows movement, such as loose fitting or yoga type. Please contact Doreen Lechner, (812) 661-1656, with any questions and to express an interest in participating. Although this class is designed for seniors, all adults are welcome.

We hope to see you there! Thank you!





**Confirmation Class Interest?**

    Pastor Elisabeth will offer a Confirmation Class that will cover these themes;

* Prayer; A Conversation with God
* God's Word
* The Gift of the Holy Spirit
* Jesus: Our Savior & Friend
* The Christian Life
* The United Church of Christ - History & Polity

Pastor Elisabeth will work with youths’ schedules to find the best time and sequence for the sessions.  The last session will conclude with a pizza party to celebrate the youths’ faith journeys!

We will also schedule a time for Confirmation to happen during a Sunday Worship: a time of rejoicing with our youth as they "take up" their lifelong faith journey.  If interested, please see Pastor.

**A Thank-you Note from the family of David A. Fischer**

Dear Pastor Elisabeth and Trinity UCC,

Thank you for the support and presence for our father's funeral!

Pastor – thank you for offering the prayer over our meal.

Congratulations on your call and best of luck at Trinity UCC.

~ Janet and Dana -- Bob, Joshue, James and Liz; Amy and Jose

Lincolnland Association

Indiana-Kentucky Conference United Church of Christ



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

SPRING MEETING

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

**3 p.m. Central/4 p.m. Eastern**

Evangelical United Church of Christ

Tell City, Indiana

802 10th Street

The business meeting will be held in the Chapel. Enter through the Fellowship Hall doors (the large glass doors closest to the parking lot).

The Installation will be held in the Sanctuary, which is accessible from the Chapel or through the main Sanctuary doors on the corner of 10th and Jefferson Streets.

The Reception and Meal will be held in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a brief business meeting to deliver reports and elect officers

prior to the installation service of Rev. Kyle Reaka.

** March Council Highlights**

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| **- Approval was given for:** | |
| * Camp Scholarship discussion had with the utilization of Edna Joseph funds. Previous church support covered up to ½ of camp costs, as well as an additional $100.00 from the camp scholarship bucket of the miscellaneous in/out budget line item. Motion to approve continuing scholarships for faith based camps made by Greg, seconded by Meghan, approved unanimously. * Motion made by Pamela to discontinue the Susan Software at the end of April, seconded by Doreen, approved unanimously. * Motion to approve repairing the old folding machine in an amount not to exceed $400.00 with funds coming from office maintenance, seconded by Jan, approved unanimously. |

**The next Council Meeting will be held on April 14th at 7:00pm.**

**Tuesday, April 8th – Thursday, April 10th – Pastor Elisabeth will be away taking professional time on these days.**

** Worship Attendance**

**March 2nd – 55 March 16th – 64**

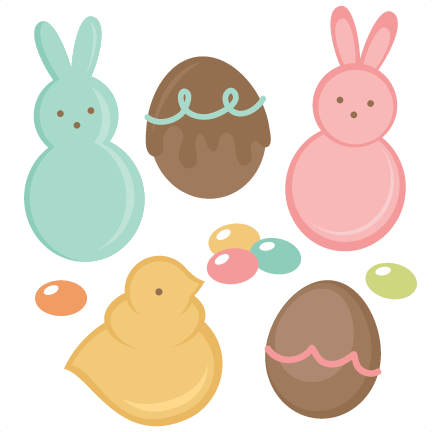
**March 5th (Ash Wednesday) – 43 March 23rd – 57**

 **Worship Service Child Care**

With wonderful additions of young ones to our church family, we would like

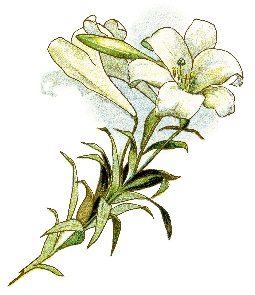
to begin offering child care during services. We are looking for adult and youth help (6th grade and up). We hope to have enough help so that you wouldn’t have to volunteer more than once a month. Please contact

Meghan Premuda, 312-282-9468. Thank you!



**Easter Candy Needed!**

We will hold our annual Easter egg hunt after church service on Easter Sunday. Individually wrapped candy can be left on the shelf in the foyer. Thank you!!

**Easter Flower Garden!!!**

A call for Flowers, Easter Lilies, Hyacinth, Daffodils, Tulips and more!

Your favorite Easter Flower.

Celebrate our Risen Christ, by helping create an Easter Flower Garden in the Chancel on Easter Sunday!

Flowers can be given in memory or celebration of loved ones and will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin.

Please have the flowers at the church by Friday evening, April 18th. Flowers can be placed on the kitchen island. The church will be open Friday morning from 10 to 11:30am for scheduled deliveries to the church.

Please mark the pot with your name. Flowers can be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

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I (We) plan on providing a flower for the Easter Garden for Easter Sunday Worship.

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You can place this form in the offering box or bring the form to the office for acknowledgement in the Easter bulletin.

Flowers should be placed on the kitchen island by Friday evening April 18th.



**April 2025 - Worship Participants**

**April 6th –**

**Bible Reader:** Heather Goodhue

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Elisabeth

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** Judy Hubster **Candle Lighter:** Heather Goodhue

**April 13th –**

**Bible Reader:** Susan McGovren

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

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

**April 18th – Good Friday**

Volunteers are needed for all spots. Please email or call the church office to sign up. There will also be sign-up sheets located in the Narthex. Thank you!

**April 20th –**

**Bible Reader:** Doreen Lechner

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

**Time with Young Disciples:** Heather Goodhue

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

**Usher & Lock-up:** Doug Bawel & Suellen Seng **Candle Lighter:** David Hubster **Communion Prep:** John & Janis Schnarr

**April 27th –**

**Bible Reader:** Selena Vonderheide

**Organist:** Sarah Sergesketter

**Time with Young Disciples:** Pastor Elisabeth

**Media Producer:** Mark Blackgrave **Media Tech:** Adam Roth

**Usher & Lock-up:** Kurt & Selena Vonderheide **Candle Lighter:** Kurt Vonderheide

**April Birthdays**

**Name Date**



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| Hadley | Rumbach | 4/7 |
| Pastor Elisabeth | Baer | 4/9 |
| Kurt | Heise | 4/9 |
| Sarah | Sergesketter | 4/11 |
| Sabrina | Peters | 4/12 |
| David | Peters | 4/14 |
| Mitchell | Mauck | 4/19 |
| Harrison | Hulsman | 4/22 |
| Matt | May | 4/27 |



**April Anniversaries**

**Names Date Years**

Greg & Lisa Kincer 4/6/1985 39

Jeff & Ann Berg 4/15/1989 36

Kurt & Treva Heise 4/19/1986 39

Pat & Nick Seng 4/27/1974 51

David & Debie Stockburger 4/28/1973 52

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