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June 2020



Out On the Way

by Pastor Susan Stull-Carr

We always knew this time would come, when we hunkered down in our homes, that we would have to someday emerge from the relative safety of staying home. But we closed ourselves in, hoping to help 'flatten the curve' against the ferocity of an unleashed, unknown new virus. We watched as the virus moved across China and Europe, slowly realizing that this was not just another 'flu bug.' And so, we determined to close things down, to shut doors, to give our medical people a chance to not be overwhelmed by this virus. In spite of our efforts, they have been overwhelmed, but certainly not to the extent that they would have had we not taken this 'time out.'



*"They that wait upon
the Lord,
shall be renewed.
They shall rise up
on wings like eagles.
They shall walk and
not grow weary.
They shall run and
not grow faint."
Isaiah 40:31*

But now, we are having to figure out how to move back into life, for we know that we can't stay locked in our homes forever. We know that the disciples finally left the security and safety of their own locked doors, to venture out into life. Today, Jim moved back to his workplace. We weren't ready for that move, as he's been doing a great job from home, but the company made that decision. Other companies have determined that it is best for people to remain home at least until June and then and only then, will people go in, a few at a time, rotating their exposure. We have little idea what the right way will be, except to know that according to our brightest and best, like Dr. Fauci, to re-open too soon and too fast, could be catastrophic. We have already seen the evidence.

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REMOTE Office Hours

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am to 11:30 am

VIRTUAL Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am
Fellowship Hour: Postponed
Holy Communion: First Sunday of the Month (unless noted otherwise)

Sunday School

September through first week of June

Suspended Temporarily

Game Nights, Scheduled Saturdays
Boy Scout Troop 21, Sunday 6:30 pm
Quilters, Mondays, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
All Special Events

Staff & Lay Leaders

Interim Pastor: Rev. Susan Stull-Carr
Director of Music: Mike Hetzel
Administrative Assistant: Kathy Shine
Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard
Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm
Ministers of the Church: All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit articles and photos for the July publication by Friday, June 12th.

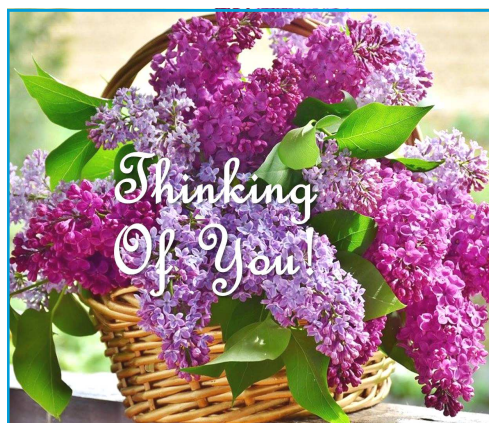
Worship Attendance

Due to COVID-19, virtual worships are conducted until we worship in person.



Kathy Leslie
Dawn Faulk
Pat Matthews
Chris Faulk
Carol Capes
Matt Corley
Roland Perschon
Judy Nelson

Carol & Scott Capes
Kathy & Don Immekus
Naomi & Edward Stewart
Sharon & Bob Thomas
Lola & Jerry Krainer



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Geraldine Masch
Glenn Siebert*
Marion Wandsneider

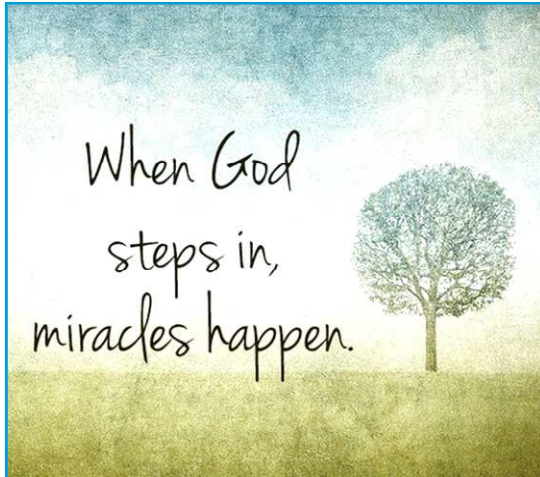
*New Address
announced in May Bells

Heartfelt Sympathy

Trinity extends our sympathy to the family and loved ones of Donna Brill who passed away May 26, 2020. Donna was the mother of Kathy (Eric) Dahm.

*Though taken from us,
the ones we love live on . . .
Although they are now beyond
the reach of our arms,
They will always be within the
embrace of our never-ending love.*





Paycheck Protection Program

A small miracle came to Trinity via the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) administered through the Small Business Administration and facilitated by Associated Bank.

The PPP was set up to help small businesses and non-profits, including churches, whose cash flow has been interrupted by Covid-19. It was set up to cover eight (8) weeks of salary for employees who were on staff as of February 15th and who will be on staff in June. Our employees, Mike Hetzel, Kathy Shine and Eric Dahm plus Pastor Susan have been paid throughout the shutdown. This loan would allow us to continue their salaries for June and July, if necessary. If we are back in our Sanctuary before that time, it will help re-pay Trinity for 8 weeks of their salary over the designated period.

The miraculous part of this loan is that the amount that covers 8 weeks of salary and associated costs will be forgiven. Anything borrowed over that amount will need to be repaid over a two-year period at 1% interest. The Finance Committee was very careful to request only the amount we determined would be paid out in salaries for two months and feel very confident that there will be little to no payback necessary.

We started the process on Palm Sunday and were approved for a loan on Easter Sunday evening. Special thanks to **Kathy Bilskey, Bob Stanley, Mike Hetzel, and Terri Allen** for all their combined efforts and for moving swiftly to garner these funds for Trinity.

It is hoped that you will feel as blessed as we on Council do and you will remember that our long-term relationship with Associated Bank, successor to Bank Mutual, aided in Trinity being awarded this loan. Thank you all and stay safe. God's blessings continue to rain down upon Trinity and her people.

Dear Friends of Trinity,

First of all, our thanks for your prayerful support of the decision to suspend worship through May 26th, as per Governor Evers' guidelines. Now, we are asking for your patience a while longer.

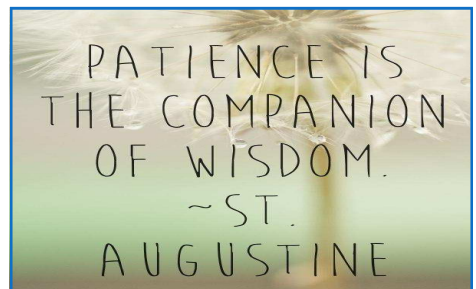
At our recent Council meeting, there was a **unanimous decision to keep the doors of Trinity closed for worship and all other events through the end of August**. We will continue our on-line worship, which is possible because of the commitment of Mike and Mikey Hetzel. Mikey has done a superb job with the production each week.

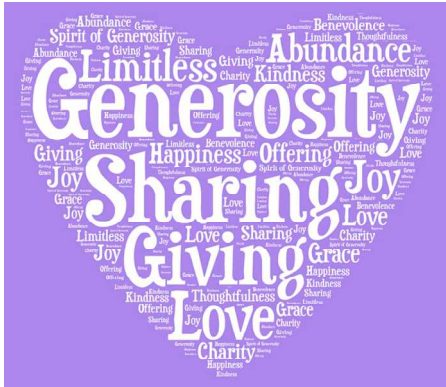
We are reaching more people with our virtual worship than ever. And we are reaching people who often have not been interested in coming to church, but are being drawn to these services. Thanks be to God!

Our primary purpose in prolonging our return is to keep our congregation safe. We heard from several families with concerns about compromised health systems and how they would be unable to return to worship if we re-opened now.

We are grateful to you and your sacrifices of love. Our prayers surround you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Susan and Trinity's Council





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Out On the Way

Each of us will make decisions based on our own discernment about what is best for us. And the church council has discerned that it is best for us to wait to re-open our building for us to gather once again.

Waiting is never easy. I already hear some people frustrated. They want to get back together, to be in the sanctuary. But as we've discerned together, it is clear to us that it would be the wrong step forward for us. Many people think that waiting is a passive response, that there is something 'weak' about waiting. But that is not what the scripture tells us. Learning to wait is an important gift of spiritual maturity. Learning to wait on God's time is especially challenging to our modern idea that busyness = accomplishment.

But the time of waiting can become a full time. Most writers know that the most creative words come out of a time of waiting and solitude. Rest can be a most creative time. New ideas emerge when we step back away from our rat-race, and there is time to imagine new possibilities.

I read a great little insight about the time between when a caterpillar enters a cocoon and the time of emergence from the cocoon. In between, the caterpillar has to undergo a radical transformation. In actuality the cocoon becomes mush, it disintegrates. But inside that mush are what are called 'imaginal cells' and those cells 'imagine' the possibility that a caterpillar can become a butterfly. How amazing.

So, as we wait – patiently, and sometimes impatiently, my prayer is that we may all become butterflies, with wings ready to soar on the winds of the Spirit and that we are empowered by the dreams we have dreamed as we wait.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Susan



Member Giving April 2020

April 7	\$ 9,974
April 26	\$12,544
Easter / Maundy Thursday.....	\$ 920
TOTAL	\$23,418

The 4-7 envelope giving represented three weeks of March giving when the church was first closed. The 4-26 giving represented the month of April and the additional giving for Easter week. The Trinity leadership is so very humbled to see these numbers. Although the church is not made up of dollars and cents but of people, the dollars and cents help to continue to pay staff, to keep our congregation well informed through mail chimp, bulletins and Sunday You Tube services, and to pay all utilities and normal costs to maintain the building. So, your generosity in these difficult times is inspiring and speaks to how important Trinity is in your lives. The above does not take into account the additional \$13,440 which was deposited on 4/14 and represents the SBA Loan to continue to pay staff salaries. Thank you all again for your continued faithfulness to Trinity and to the needs of those around us.

Successful Boy Scout Food Drive

The first May food drive brought in 706 lbs. of food and a \$100 donation. They are hosting another drive-thru food drive Saturday, May 30 in Trinity's parking lot. Thanks so much for your support of our Boy Scout troop and care for the community!



Thanks for Attending Trinity's Virtual Worship Services

We're grateful that you and your loved ones are building your faith with our online worship. The word must be spreading — just look at the number of views (which increase weekly)!

The links to worship are sent on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via our Mailchimp account. If you (or someone you know) wants to be added to the distribution list, simply contact the office to provide your email address.

May 24 Views: 118, <https://youtu.be/FrGmr5yilTM>, Memorial Weekend

May 17 Views: 122, <https://youtu.be/AMSShTrTTYo>, "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

May 10 Views: 199, <https://youtu.be/gtSkyo1l-Kk>, Mother's Day

May 3 Views: 204, <https://youtu.be/ftYELxqfnqE>, "Then Their Eyes Were Open"

April 26 Views: 164, <https://youtu.be/-LgrnyAzDhk>, Earth Day

April 19 Views: 198, <https://youtu.be/YGJ0d9dEtyQ>, Humor Worship

April 12 Views: 204, <https://youtu.be/k40naYOKkzI>, Easter Sunday

April 5 Views: 258, <https://youtu.be/ZjLbUWuo8cg>, Palm Sunday

March 29 Views: 419, <https://youtu.be/5eYuOqYp7ZY>, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Feedback on Trinity's Virtual Worship

May 3 Worship: Very uplifting message of hope again! I liked the flowers behind Mikey and looks more spring like!

May 10 Worship: Again, our thanks to all of you who put together today's wonderful and thought-filled service. The music was great, thanks Mike, and so were all the other aspects of the service. Enjoyed seeing all of our kids. Thank you, thank you.

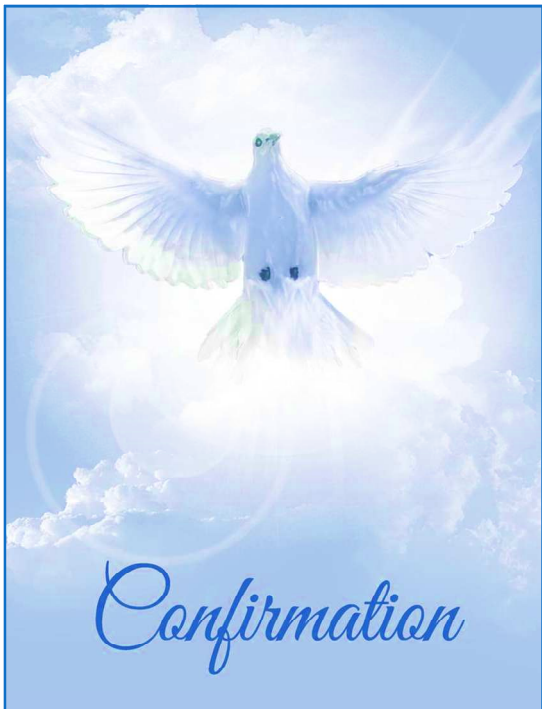
Blessings, Dave and Lynne



Food Sort Postponed

Due to on-going Covid-19 concerns and restrictions, Hunger Task Force is not allowing volunteers into their building. The Food Sort originally scheduled for June 20 will be postponed until further notice.





Be The Church

By Pastor Susan Stull-Carr

During the summer months, Pastor Susan will explore the concept of "Church". This is a theme of Pentecost, and will be viewed through the rubric of "Be the Church", the banner that hangs in the front of the sanctuary.



Prayer for a Confirmand

*Each moment of your life,
may you feel God's embrace.*

*May you sense
God's guiding presence,
in each challenge
that you face.*

*God's peace and light
be with you*

and may you realize,

*How deeply loved
and special you are
within God's eyes!*

Come and join us on-line for some great worship this summer! If you would like to assist with reading scripture or prayer (and have a phone or other device for you to record video) please contact Pastor Susan.

Many thanks to all the wonderful folks who have already added so much to our worship! We enjoy seeing you!