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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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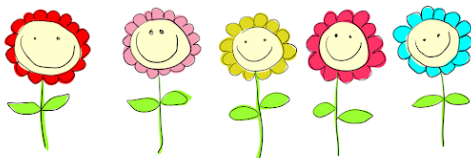
April is Open!

The origin of the word April comes from the Latin word "aperire" which is a verb. This verb is grounded in it's meaning which is "to open". Many believe that the word April relates to the spring season where flowers begin to bloom, trees start opening and hibernating animals of many different sizes begin to wake from their winter slumber. Even the birds begin to open to the skies in their annual migration from South to North for their summer of settling down and mating.

So much to do and so much to be of witness to! Thanks be to God!

A little over a year ago, our way of living and being community looked closed. In fact, closed was a word used frequently and as the months rolled on, the evidence made it hard to believe that we could be open again. Social distancing, masks covering our faces, closed seating inside restaurants, closed visitations, so many things to mourn. We suffered together, holding on to each other in different and unexpected ways through more phone calls, texts, video chats and virtual just about everything. But then our April comes again, and this time we are ready and thankful more than ever! What this year gave us was a renewed sense of what community and relationships really mean in our lives

April 2021



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Virtual Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service
(During in-person worship)

Holy Communion: First Sunday of the Month
(unless noted otherwise)

Sunday School Via Zoom

Jill Gretenhardt and Robin Komassa teach students from Pre-K through 7th Grade. If you are interested in having your children participate or if you have questions, contact Kathy Haass at KatydidHaass@gmail.com or Jill Gretenhardt at [yippeeefun@aol.com](mailto:yippeefun@aol.com). Lessons for the upcoming week are sent via email in addition to the Zoom link. Class begins at 9:15 am for 30 to 45 minutes.

Open to the Community

Virtual Worship, Sunday 10:00 am
On Hold: Boy Scout Troop 21
On Hold: Game Nights
On Hold: Quilters

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Terri Allen

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Marie Furrer

Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard

Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm

Ministers of the Church:

All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.



Terri Allen

Lou Frank

Donald* Larson

Chloe Brown

Ruth* Larson

Dave Mielke

Jerry* Goldbach

Judy Marchant

Wendy Rieves

Geraldine Masch

Dan* Brzezinski



Janice & Robert Fredrick

Diane & William Siebold

Yvonne & Donald Basting

Kathy Haass & Joe Halvorson



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann

Geraldine Masch

Marion Wandsneider



Worship Services - April 2021



Good Friday, April 2nd Virtual Service - 7:00 p.m.



**Easter Sunday, April 4th -
"Sunrise" Outdoor Service -7:30 a.m.
South Parking lot - bring your own chairs**

Virtual Service - 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 11th
Virtual Service - 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, April 18th
Virtual Service - 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, April 25th
Virtual Service - 10:00 a.m.**

Pastor Dan's Meet & Greet's

Pastor Dan's Meet and Greet on March 14, 2021. There have been 46 members and friends attending these meetings. Thanks to Pastor Dan who has made these meetings informative and to Jan Glasenapp, Peg Zahn, Judy Marchant, Lynne Mielke and Kathy Immekus, members of Trinity's CoVid Team for keeping us safe for these small gatherings. Pastor Dan has also met with several of our homebound to introduce himself and to let them know that they are kept in our thoughts and prayers.





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know personally it made me vision so many of my friends and family wondering how they were doing and loving when I was able to talk or exchange some virtual time with them. Yes, our relationships became the thing we wanted most. Do you think God has this same feeling the same with us? Relationships...

God through God's work of love in the life, death and resurrection of Christ I believe felt the same about us- wanting to reconnect, to reopen our priorities with Love as the goal?

As the church, we look to April this year and are immediately brought into the middle of Holy Week. Jesus and his followers have made their own migration to Jerusalem, to be present for the Passover. They are open and anticipating a great homecoming. Jesus knows a different homecoming that will open the world to God's love. He has given himself to love in a way that will change the hearts and minds of all generations. He'll take down the barriers that separate us from God and ultimately celebrate in the opening of the Tomb to break the chains of death. Heaven is opened!

Trinity UCC's Leadership is openly discussing how we move into the next months. They are preparing our journey towards safely re-gathering. In anticipation of this we need to be open-minded to the possibilities and open to the care we will continue to exhibit to all our members, visitors and staff. We never really closed anything but opened our eyes to how we create church in new and varied ways. Sounds a bit like how Christ's followers thought all was done and closed on the hill at Calvary. Then three days later as witnesses to God's new thing in Jesus Christ raised from the dead, created a New Church proclaiming freedom, justice and love!

Yes, our lives are open Holy One, we are ready to bloom, to break forth in our growth of joy and praise in celebration of how much You love us! In Jesus name we pray, Amen!

Happy April, Happy Easter!

Pastor Dan





Message from Stewardship

Earth Day is an invitation to affirm our relationship with God’s creation, and our responsibility to care for the earth and its natural resources. It is celebrated annually around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Earth Day 2021 will mark the 51st anniversary of this holiday. Typically, Earth Day is assigned a different theme or area of focus each year; this year's theme is “Restore Our Earth.”

We are called to be good stewards of Earth as Pope John Paul II states in the quote below. As children of God, we need to bear respect toward all of life, because it is God’s creation and it is filled with God’s glory as seen in Psalm 104: 25-30



“The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with the faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for the use by future generations.”

Pope John Paul II

Psalms 104: 25-30

“There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. There the ships go to and from, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.”

What actions can you personally take to embrace stewardship of our Earth in your home and in your community?

Cup of Life will be meeting on Thursday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. at the Brookfield Library on Calhoun Road.

All are welcome to join us. The only thing you need to bring along is a mask.

Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please call Lynne Mielke at 262-547-0109.





Mission Moments

In March, Trinity sponsors "One Great Hour of Sharing". and the drive ends in May. Mission Committee sends \$200.00 to the UCC home office for this, which is part of the 5 for 5 giving opportunities. If you wish to send a small amount of money to add to this, please do so by sending your contribution to Trinity UCC and in the memo field write "OGHS".

At our March meeting, we voted to send \$500.00 to Hunger Task Force, \$500.00 to Feeding American, and \$500.00 to Apostle Presbyterian Church Collaborative Outreach.

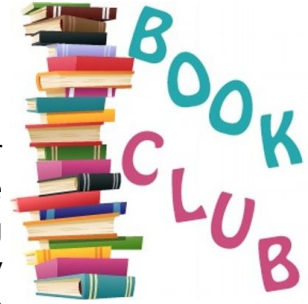
The Back Bay bag lunch was a big hit and we collected \$600.00. At the March meeting, we voted to add another \$400.00 to that amount, and have been able to send \$1000.00 to Back Bay Mission in Mississippi, for their outreach work. All of this ability to help those in need is made possible by your generous contributions in your offering envelopes.

"Undy 500 for Guest House - Milwaukee". The month of April there will be containers placed outdoors at the north entrance to church for your donations of new underwear. This collection event runs through May.

Thank you again for your generous giving and supporting our mission work.



Book Club



The next selection for our book club is *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg, on May 6, 10-12 noon in the Brookfield Public Library larger meeting room which is just inside the main entrance to the right and/or from the library inside and also to the right. It is a room with 5 tables and we can social distance. The book is a light and easy read; and there are several copies in the system, some large print, which makes it easier since no book club kit available.

Please let Roberta Stanley know if you would like to join us for this discussion; even if haven't read the book or are new, you can come for the discussion and with suggestions for our next time. Some I've thought of are *Caste*—new by Isabel Wilkerson suggested by Oprah, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* suggested by someone earlier, and a classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



Announcements Schedule

- 4 - 4 Kathy Immekus
- 4 -11 Judy Marchant
- 4 -18 Robin Komassa
- 4 -25 Jean Gichert

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week. The announcements are being videoed by Wednesday evening.
Thank You all.

Trinity UCC's

The logo features a large blue star with yellow and white rays emanating from its center. To the right of the star, the word "Unsung" is written in a blue, cursive font, and the word "HERO" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font below it.

Mark Burbey is a longstanding member of Trinity UCC. He, along with his wife Sharon and children Allen and Connie joined Trinity in 1989. Throughout his 30+ years as a dedicated member, Mark has done countless tasks serving the church on the council, property committee, and helping with the youth groups, among many other things.

In his personal life, Mark is a dad, grandpa, and devoted husband until the passing of his wife in 2019. By trade, he is an electrician and do-it-yourself kind of guy. It should come as no surprise that he has held his position on the Property Committee for many years, helping with countless projects ranging from small fixes to large construction projects. Mark continues to be a helping hand when it comes to technology, setting up internet services, installing security doorbells and even designing messages for our electronic sign out front. For many years as part of this committee, Mark has led the efforts for property cleanup days and has always made sure our beautiful wooden Nativity Scene is put outside for Christmas season.

Mark's service continued during his time sitting on the church council. He was a dedicated council member throughout many of his years at Trinity and served as Council President for several of them and for that we thank him!

While the committee and council work is important, Mark's work with the Youth Group in our church will always be remembered. Starting in the 90's, Mark was one of the contacts to help coordinate youth events. From sleepovers to game nights and swimming parties, he helped make the experience enjoyable for all. He even spent some years serving as a Sunday School teacher, most notably for the older classes to prepare the kids for their Confirmation year. He was also a mentor for confirmands and served as the Sunday School Superintendent for a few years. Mark drove the annual effort to host a Youth Group car wash, raising money for Church Camp funds and more. And last, most enjoyed by ALL, Mark would spend countless hours working with the Brewers ticket office and Trinity members, to gather us all for an annual Brewer game outing and tailgate party!

And what would all these years be without a little fun? Mark spent many years with his wife Sharon competing in Trinity's couples bowling league. He'd often help organize the banquet at the end of the bowling season. In the early 2000's, Mark helped to organize a Men's softball team for Trinity. While they weren't always the most winning of seasons, the guys just liked to get out and play, and the fans loved to come to Wirth Park and watch. In recent years, Mark joined up with the Dartball team, and kept his sports activity to a more lower impact game.

There are so many ways in which Mark has served Trinity church and its members over the last 30 years – just too many to list them all! **For this, we thank him and would like to highlight Mark as Trinity's Unsung Hero for this month!**





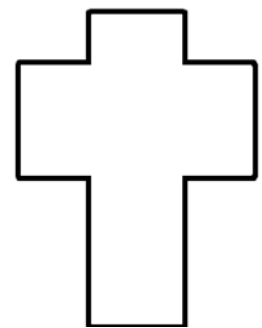
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28	29	30	31	1 Cup of Life 10:00 am - Brookfield Library Church office open: 9:00 - 11:30 am	2 Good Friday Virtual Worship 7:00 pm 	3
4 Sunrise Outdoor Worship 7:30 am South Parking lot Easter Worship 10:00 a.m. (Virtual) 	5	6 Church office open: 8:00 - 11:30 am	7	8 Church office open: 8:00 - 11:30 am Worship & Arts Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	9	10
11 Worship 10:00 a.m. (Virtual)	12 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, DH	13 Church office open: 9:00 - 11:30 am	14	15 Church office open: 8:00 - 11:30 am	16	17
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the God and FAther of our Lord

JesuS Christ

In His greaT mercy He has given us

new birth into a living hopE through the

resurrection of Jesus ChRist from the dead.

