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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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I must confess before I begin this writing, that I have not watched a single hour of this TV Series. Not sure why I didn’t start this one, but there are so many options...and who wants to watch a show about people and families? Been there...done that...

What intrigued me more though is the simplicity of the title and how it fits into our time as God’s family in this time of reflection, this time of Lent.

We are in a world churning to define itself. Leaders who we have put into positions of great power still underwhelm us in the harsh reality of politics and governing. Our bodies put into peril from the smallest of organisms, threatening our health and creating stress and anxiety. Our families pushed to the limits of day to day struggles with limited resources and longer work hours. Our children having to find new ways to communicate in a daily scuffle with restrictions meant for good purposes but dealing a long term change. I could go on and on with how many things we have to lament, and how many things we try to find answers to.

This is Us.

Collectively we can wish for times before when we could have known things where more in order, simpler, just easier. Surely the generations before us had it so much easier. Gas prices were lower (but wages and values were lower also), there was time to relax, (but the work was physical and hard. Bodies worn down with heavy loads), there were only a few channels on TV (couldn’t get to watch whatever we want, whenever we want). War (oh...we still have that). With a limited exercise like this, we can agree that each age has had its reasons for lament.

March 2022



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

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

Sunday School

March 6th

March 20th

Contact Kathy Haass (KatydidHaass@gmail.com)
with questions or for more information.

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights

Quilters: 3/7, 3/21 - 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council Interim Convener: Kathy Immekus

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Mikey Hetzel

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.

Happy Birthday!!



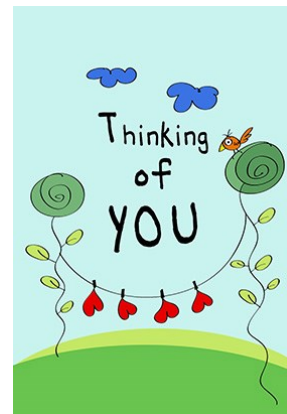
Arlene Preston	3/2
Mikey Hetzel	3/6
Dan Dierbeck	3/17
Jan Frank	3/17
Jan Schuster	3/23
Robert Fredrick	3/27
Kathy Haass	3/27
Kahney Rohrig	3/28
Mary Goldbach	3/29
Eric Dahm	3/31
Bob Rohrig	3/31



Natalie & Bob Lannan - 3/5/2010

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Marion Wandsneider
Fred Theilacker
Joann Shue
Lola & Jerry Krainer





Worship Services - March 2022

Wednesday, March 2nd - Ash Wednesday Worship Service - 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 6th Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 9th - Lenten Worship Service - 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 13th Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 16th - Lenten Worship Service - 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 20th Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 23rd - Lenten Worship Service - 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 27th Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 30th - Lenten Worship Service - 4:00 PM



Announcements Schedule

3/6	Robin Komassa
3/13	Mark Burbey
3/20	Pastor Dan
3/27	Emily Dahm

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week.

If you are not able to do the announcements on this date, contact Kathy Immekus So a replacement can be found. Thank You all.

What is Lament?

Lament as defined in the Oxford Dictionary;
noun

a passionate expression of grief or sorrow.

"his mother's night-long laments for his father"

a song, piece of music, or poem expressing sorrow.

verb

mourn (a person's loss or death).

"he was lamenting the death of his infant daughter"

express one's deep grief about.

express regret or disappointment over something

considered unsatisfactory, unreasonable, or unfair.

Our Hope in exploring Lament together this Lenten Season;

We grieve and cry out to God; we lament. As we lament individually and in community, let us be joined together through both our hope-filled expectations and our calls for God to act swiftly to bring forth God's kingdom this day.

I hope you will join us as you are able!

Shalom. Pastor Dan



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I recently packaged up some old home videos to one of those places that transfer these movies into new styles of media so that we can watch these together as a family. We received the first batch and spent a few hours in various sittings to see all of us, back then. Watching daughters in plays, basketball tournaments, birthday celebrations, dance recitals, musical concerts, horse riding or just playing around the house. We as parents made sure to take the time to bring along the camera and deploy it in order to get the joy of our living as a family. But something struck me as we watched more and more. Where were the bad times? Why are these all so one-sided? Where are we when we are shaken, fighting, afraid, alone, sad or down? We are most likely not shown on these home movies in our "whole" selves. Our lives in these reflections are all about the joy and so that is what we catalogued for hours and hours? Even when we take a still picture...we create a joy in the picture...smile- say cheese... Who wants to see pictures of non-joy in their album, or on their refrigerator or mantle?

This is not Us.

We understand that we have had much to overcome, to take on and to live through. What makes this all make sense is that the balance of who we are is in the entire process, and this process is a part of what God has put into motion through mere creation. We are reactive to our surroundings and thus we will live through ups and downs. Our free will is part of the order of creation. We will hurt and we will be hurt. We will love and we will non-love. We will embrace and we will reject. We will support and we will knock down. Yes, these are just some of the situations in which we live. God have mercy on us.

The season of Lent is a time for us to see ourselves in all situations. It is to be honest with ourselves knowing how we are part of the equation. It is our time to look for forgiveness and to also forgive others. We can cry out to God, and we can accept the eventual answers. We can turn to love and not give up hope. We can come together and lift each other, carry each other, listen to each other. Lent is our journey of finding our true selves within the world and knowing how beloved we are by our God. Jesus Christ through his 40 days of separation and temptation, grew stronger with the struggles not because of ignoring the world, but rather taking on the world and learning more about us.

As much as we need to lament, we do need the joyful pictures, the hope filled writings, the uplifting songs, the embracing. All of these are direct reflections of us when we are ready to know love and God. Pictures, songs, writings, prayers- these are all something we share, and it is okay to smile for God's camera.

This is Us.

Dear Merciful God, be with us as we take on the hard work of self-reflection. Be gentle with us as we are gentle with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We ask for this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ who lived with us and still loved us. Amen.

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Dan



Worship & Arts

The Lenten and Easter Season will begin soon.

The Worship and Arts Team has been busy working with Pastor Dan and Chris Faulk as they establish the numerous activities that will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Activities during Lent and Holy Week will be incorporated in upcoming announcements and Pastor will be talking about them. We, on the team, are very excited as we will be celebrating this Season as we did many times prior to Covid.

Also, we will have our traditional Easter flower orders available for you to purchase lilies and some other Spring flowers. Be sure to watch for this as we will have them available in the next couple of weeks and more information in the weekly announcements.

A Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord, God of Life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from money, but from sharing.

May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. Amen.

- Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Faith Vigil for Peace in Ukraine

Peace. Pastor Dan



New Members!

On February 20, Trinity welcomed Mary Goldbach, Lona and Ken Masch to our faith family. Mary is a caregiver for her husband, Jerry and their daughter, Asia. Lona is a retired registered nurse and Ken is a retired from the U.S Navy. Please welcome them into our faith family.

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about Trinity, please contact Rev. Daniel Krueger or Kathy Immekus, or visit our website at trinitybrookfield.com. Our Sunday Worship is at 10:00 with a coffee hour afterwards in our dining hall. We are also live streamed on YouTube. Search for trinity ucc brookfield wi. We are an open and affirming congregation.



Hi Kids,

Here is part 2 of the story about Noah - do you remember why Noah was in the boat? This part of the story is what happened when the rain stopped.

The Story of Noah – Part 2

A little while after that (40 days) Noah opened a window he had made for the ark and probably let in some fresh air! Ha! Even more importantly he let a raven out. It would fly back and forth to the ark until the water had dried.

Then he sent out a dove but the dove couldn't find any place to go. He waited a week and then sent the dove out again. This time the dove came back with an olive leaf which meant the waters had gone down. He waited one more week and let the dove out again and this time it didn't return.

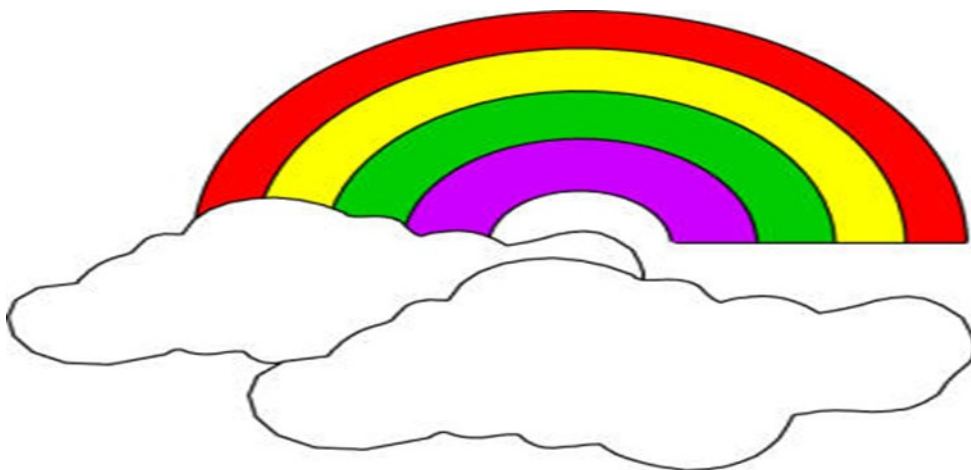
From the way the Bible describes Noah, his family and the animals were in the boat for just over a year or 370 days! That's a long time to be on a boat with all those animals!

When the earth had dried up enough God told Noah that everyone could get out of the boat. That probably was a very happy day! Maybe a little uncertain as well. There would be no one but them on earth and they would have to start all over building a house, collecting food...there wasn't a big grocery store waiting for them when they got off the ark.

Then Noah built an altar to thank God for keeping them safe. When God saw what Noah had done he told Noah that he would never again curse the ground even if people became very bad.

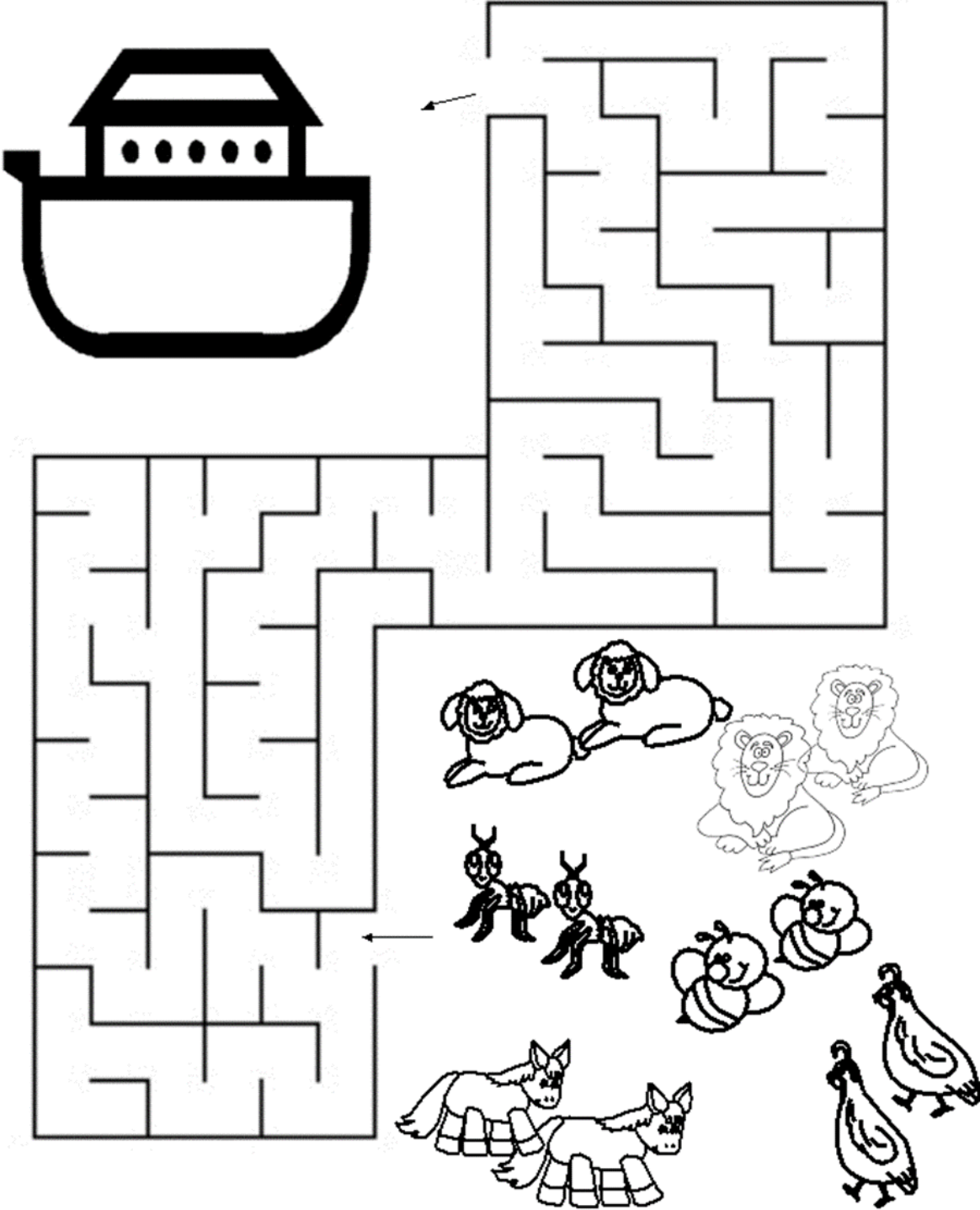
Then he made his official covenant with Noah and with all the animals. God would never bring a flood to kill all living creatures and destroy the whole earth again.

Then he gave them a sign for everyone to see this promise. He put a rainbow in the sky and that's to remind us of the promise God made to Noah, the animals and us today!

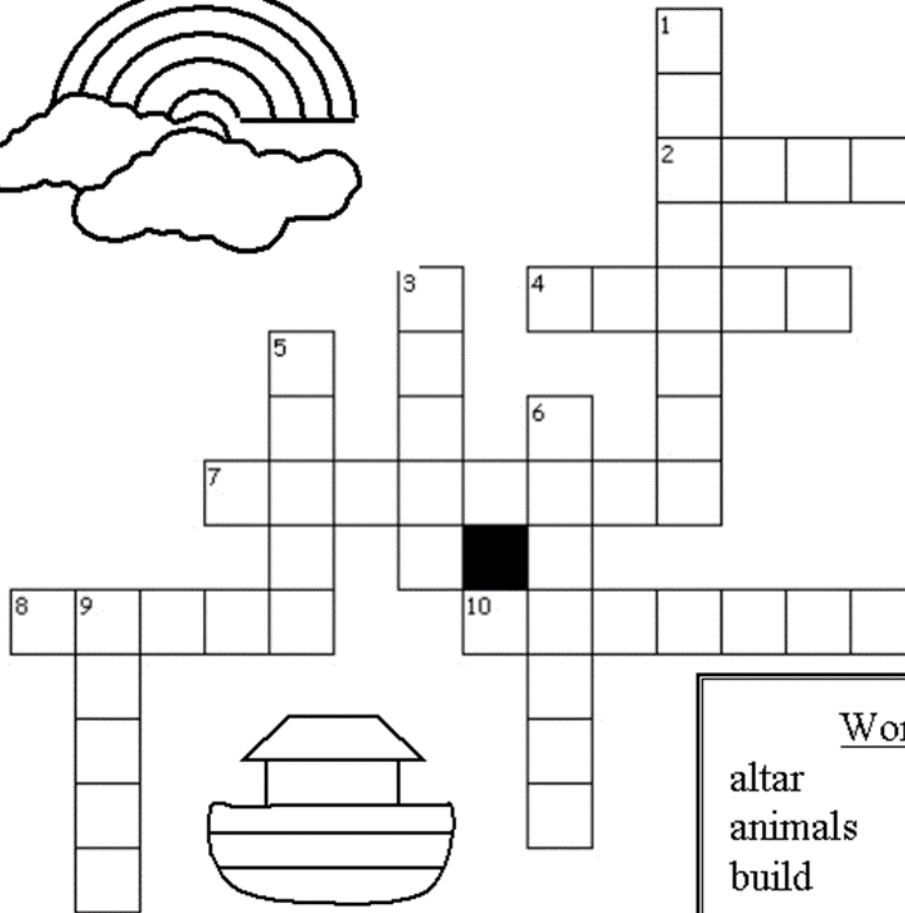


Noah's Ark Maze

Help the animals find the ark.



Noah's Ark Crossword



Word list

altar	flood
animals	obedient
build	rainbow
covenant	raven
evil	saved

Across

2. Every man on earth was _____ except for Noah and his sons.
4. God gave Noah instructions so he could _____ the ark.
7. This is another word for a promise that God made about the flood.
8. Noah was _____ because he was a righteous man and he walked with God.
10. The ark was full of lots of pairs of these.

Down

1. Noah was very _____ and listened to God.
3. Noah sent this type of bird first to see if there was land outside the ark.
5. God washed the earth from all the evil by sending this.
6. This is a sign that God will never flood the earth again.
9. Noah and his family made this as soon as they got off the ark.

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**TRINITY UCC
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	1	2	3	4	5
			<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am	Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am		
Worship 10:00 am Communion -Sunday School Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am	Wednesday Lenten Service 4:00 pm Missions 2:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH		
Worship 10:00 am	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am	Wednesday Lenten Service 4:00 pm	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am		
Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am	Wednesday Lenten Service 4:00 pm	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am		
Worship 10:00 am	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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