



TRINITY BELLS

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“after the comma”

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Child’s Play

Renowned psychologist Jean Piaget notes, “Play is the work of childhood.” and Mr. Rogers elaborates on this statement by saying “Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.”

Child’s Play- noun

informal something that is easy to do or easily done
(Disctionary.com)

Isaiah 11:6-9

*The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.*

⁷ *The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.*

⁸ *The infant will play near the cobra’s den,
and the young child will put its hand into the
viper’s nest.*

⁹ *They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.*

This passage is an amazing picture in our minds. It brings thoughts of hope, peace, joy and love in such a way that it is attainable. Child’s play indeed.

December 2022



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

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

Sunday School

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Troop 21: 12/4, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Monday Quilters: 12/5, 12/19, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Kathy Immekus

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

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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!!



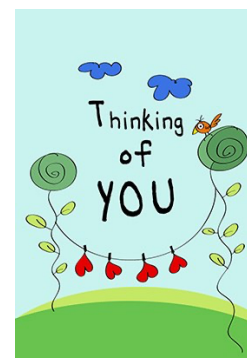
Christina Matthews.....12/3
Ken Masch.....12/6
Mike Hetzel.....12/9
Roberta Stanley12/10
Jeanne Zimmerman12/12
Meghan Dahm.....12/14
Lola Krainer12/22



Kathryn & Dan Dierbeck 12/05/1981

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Marion Wandsneider
Fred Theilacker
Joann Shue
Nancy Korslin



Worship Services
December 2022

Sunday, December 4th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 11th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, December 18th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Worship Service –
4:00 PM

Sunday, December 25th
VIRTUAL LIVE-STREAM Christmas
Worship Service – 10:00 AM



- December 4. Robin Komassa
- December 11. Kathy Immekus
- December 18. Jim Cleary
- December 24. Mark Burbey
- December 31. Mike Hetzel

If you're unable to do your
scheduled date, please contact
Kathy Immekus.



**LOOKING AHEAD AT
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 PM
December 25 - Live-streaming of Christmas Day
Service at 10:00 A.M.





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I love how Isaiah uses the image of the young interplaying with the fear of consequences. I mean really... a leopard never lies down with a goat, A wolf lives with a lamb?! But in contrast to what un-Love presents- the needed flavor of overtaking a weaker creature is changed to soothing rest or cohabitation. A young vulnerable calf slow to move with limbs just forming is given the embracing of a lion giving warmth and protection. I also love the image of a lion eating straw just like an ox which from what we know about cuisines means we understand and live in each other's worlds. Oh, but the parts in Isaiah's prophetic utopia of the young child reaching into a viper's pit and playing near the cobra's den reminds us that this kind of play would normally lead to divisive and hurtful outcomes such as bullying and the killing of the spirit. Child's Play? It should be.

We are in Advent where we are brought to the manger where the creatures lay in the same straw that we find our savior. The mooing and cooing in harmony with each being is the scene. There is not thought to the fear around their situation, which by the way is larger coming from the human side than it is the pasture dwellers side! (i.e. the Romans and the power structures poised to curtail freedom and truth in love-we'll experience this in Lent and Easter)

Then Isaiah reassures us our God has much more for us to do and be love participants, He is saying to us, God's people; "They will neither harm or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea"!

Oh my, this should be Child's Play- easy to do- shouldn't it? How have we made this so hard? We have taken the fertile and beautiful images of what God wants for us and interjected our own versions of getting along. Getting along as long as the lions sleep with the lions. The calf cowers in the corner with the other calf's and the vipers and cobra's of hate and anger are given free reign to spill and poison into our societies. When will our cries for change come?

This is what Advent is all about. We are not the only Age that has looked upon our streets and societies to cry out to God for help. We will not be the last, but maybe we can do better. God is patient and forgiving...thanks be to God!

God's love brought forth in the birth of God's son is the earthquake that quiets the sobs of the outcast, finds the forgotten, heals the hurt, rejuvenates the weary, forgives the unforgivable and gives hope, peace, and joy to ALL regardless of their belief in LOVE.

This Advent and Christmas season is another opportunity to all of us to be participants of what God through the Prophet proclaimed- we will help fill the earth with the knowledge of the Lord- our God- our God's LOVE (oh and that includes our giving of LOVE- Child's Play YES!)

May God through our Advent journey and eventual homecoming at the manger be reminded that we can be children at play (Love) always! We were born to be not fearing of anything because love has been with and given to us. This Christmas Morning, we are given the lesson again of how love is always being taught. May we learn again and again and again. Amen!

Child's Play for us is to take this lesson from God and join in the play of the world. It's that easy. LOVE!

Christmas Blessings!





Many Thanks

- Chris Faulk for designing flyers for Community Shred Event, Advent Flyer, Fall Events, and taking the Council Minutes.
- To Mark Burbey for updating Trinity's phone system.
- To Terri Allen, Lynne Mielke and Jan Schuster for planning a busy year for Cup of Life.
- To the Quilters, for their beautiful quilts they shared with the members of Trinity.
- To Naomi Stewart and Jim Cleary for our "morning singers"
- To our Celebration Singers who provide us with beautiful songs on Sunday morning.

These are just a few of the people who make Trinity such a welcoming church.

Kathy Immekus
Council President





Hi Kids,

The past few months we have been learning stories from the Old Testament of the Bible. I thought in December we would read about the birth of Jesus which is found in the New Testament of the Bible. Enjoy the story and activities. Merry Christmas!

The Story of Baby Jesus

A long time ago, in the town of Nazareth, lived a young woman named Mary. Mary did her chores, was kind to others, and loved God very much. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, who was a carpenter.

One day, while Mary was at home cleaning her room, an angel suddenly appeared. Before Mary could say anything the angel told Mary that she was favored by God, and that God was with her.

Mary was surprised. She was trying not to be afraid, but she had never seen an angel before. After all, Mary was just a regular lady like you or I. Why was this angel visiting her? What did the angel want?

The angel quickly tried to reassure Mary. "Do not be afraid!" the angel said. "God has found favor with you. You will have a baby boy, and are to give him the name Jesus. Your baby will be called the Son of God "

Mary couldn't believe what she was hearing; she didn't know what to say. She realized that she was trembling, and knelt down. When she was finally able to speak she said, "I am the Lord's servant, and I hope everything you have said will come true."

Then the angel disappeared, and Mary was left alone.

Soon after, Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby. Joseph was confused and upset by this, but an angel came to him in a dream and said, "Joseph do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The child Mary is going to have is God's son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."

When Joseph woke up he remembered what the angel had said. He knew that everything was okay, and he wasn't upset anymore.

In those days, the government decided that they should count everyone that lived in that area of the world. So Joseph had to take Mary to his town of Bethlehem to register.

It took Mary and Joseph a long time to get to Bethlehem. They didn't have cars back then, so it probably took them a lot longer to get there. This was very tiring for Mary because she was soon going to have a baby.

When they reached the town, all the hotels were full and there was nowhere that they could stay. Finally, someone felt bad for them and offered them a place to stay.

They stayed in a small barn where animals were kept. Doesn't it seem strange that Jesus, the King of the Jews wasn't born in a fancy palace or even a hospital?

Mary and Joseph were thankful that they at least had a place to lie down. It was warm, and there was plenty of straw to lay on.



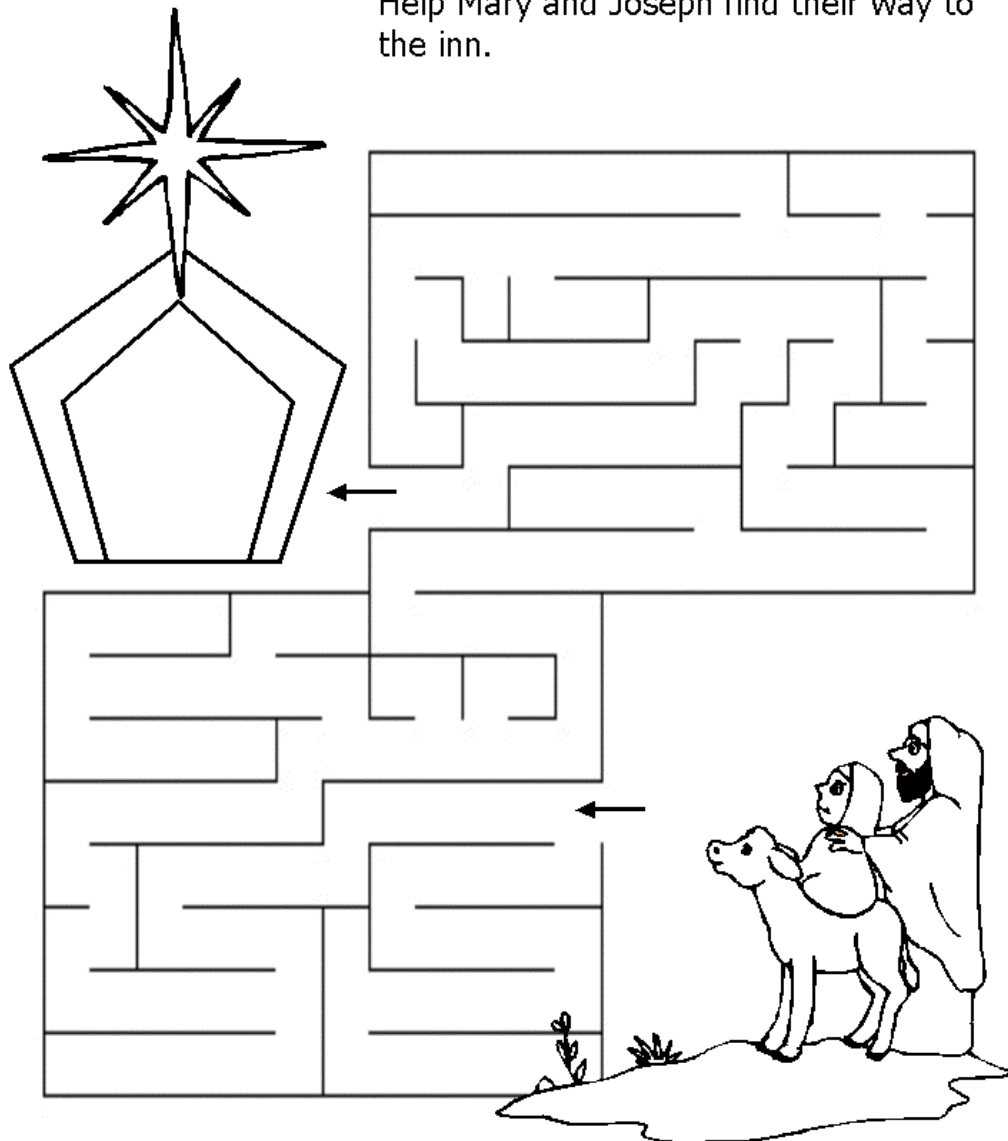
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That night an exciting, wonderful thing happened: Mary and Joseph had a baby! But this wasn't just any baby, he was Baby Jesus! The creator of the whole world, the King of Kings, and the one who would save the world.

The little baby boy fell asleep in Mary's arms. She wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger on some clean straw.

Christmas Maze

Help Mary and Joseph find their way to the inn.



Nativity Word Search

C A N O I T A V L A S D N S H S
Q S H E P H E R D S R F A L L U
R A T S A M T S I R H C T E J S
N E M E S I W S H E E P I G O E
J G N I K M A R Y G I U V N S J
M O S Y I H X Q U R Q W I A E T
D O N K E Y R E G N A M T D P M
Z I L I N N K E E P E R Y O H F



angels
Christmas
donkey
innkeeper
Jesus
Joseph manger
king Mary
 nativity
 salvation
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ¹ | Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ² | 3 |
| Worship 10:00 am Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH | 5 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH | 6 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 7 Missions 1:00 pm, DH | 8 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH | 9 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 10 Cup of Life 1:00 pm, DH |
| 11 Worship 10:00 am Christmas Tea | 12 | 13 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 14 | 15 | 16 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 17 |
| 18 Worship 10:00 am | 19 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH | 20 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 24 Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm |
| 25 Christmas LIVE- STREAM (No In-Person) 10:00 am | 26 | 27 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 28 | 29 | 30 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | 31 |
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