

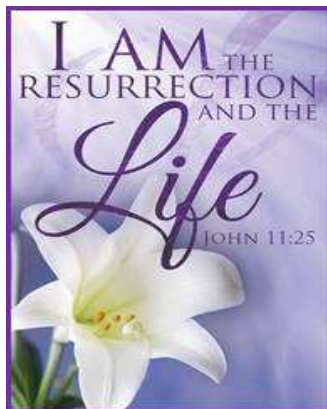


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**April 2020**



## Out On the Way

*by Pastor Susan Stull-Carr*

Well, it's easy to note that 'out on the way' these days, has a lot to do with coronavirus updates, stock markets crashing, economic uncertainty, lower gas prices, political races and empty stadiums for sports events, and even empty churches. All of a sudden, the world got smaller, and a lot more uncertain. Suddenly, we feel the implications of our global life and how interconnected we are with one another. We understand that even with our best scientists and government planning, we are still not in control of much!

Actually, for a lot of people, that's the world that they inhabit all the time – those who live on the margins and edges of our societies, the 'least of these'. But for us, it's a dramatic change, which has us on the edge. Cases of anxiety are sky-rocketing through the roof. Advice pours out of every news report, and every day we hear of another closing, of a school, of a cruise ship, or even of a country. Our governor, along with many others, has proclaimed a 'safer at home' mandate. We feel isolated and alone and vulnerable. It is easy to succumb to fear. But we who believe, have a hope . . . even now.

It seems likely that we will have to cancel our Holy Week services as we had originally intended. We, the Church, look forward to these days together – sharing the Passover feast, standing under the cross, and finally joyously proclaiming, "Christ is Risen." I hate the idea of not being able to stand with you to sing, "Christ, the Lord, is risen today!" But perhaps Easter, especially now, keeps us focused on something deeper.

Easter, is not simply about a joyous day of celebration, with its lilies, promises of new life, mixed with ham and Easter eggs. And Easter isn't just about Christ's resurrection; it's about **a radical hope that God is always overcoming the powers of death and destruction, that God has in Christ on the cross, undone forever, the powers and principalities, (even global pandemics) so while they still may roar and threaten, ultimately life will win! Light and love and hope and joy have overcome and will overcome, now and forever, amen!**

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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

**Sunday Worship**

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

**Sunday School**

September through first week of June

**Open to the Community**

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am  
Game Nights, See Schedule on Website  
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 May publication by Thursday, April 12th.

**Worship Attendance**

Due to COVID-19, multiple worships were cancelled. *We'll be together again!*



Terri Allen  
Lou Frank  
Lauren Klug  
Chloe Brown  
Dave Mielke  
Judy Marchant  
Wendy Rieves  
Geraldine Masch  
Dan Brzezinski

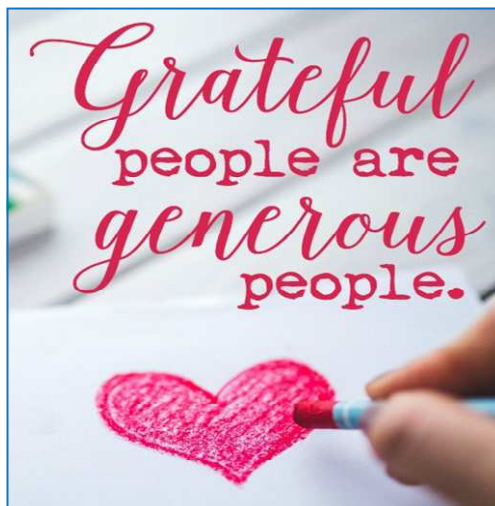
Janice & Robert Fredrick  
Diane & William Siebold  
Yvonne & Donald Basting  
Kathy Haas & Joe Halvorson



Jean Schuster  
*Born to Eternal Life February 10, 2020*

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Brill  
Beverly Littmann  
Geraldine Masch  
Marion Wandsneider  
Glenn Siebert



**Member Giving  
February 2020**

February 2.....	\$9,243
February 9.....	\$2,633
February 16.....	\$2,747
February 23.....	\$1,817
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$16,440</b>

*Submitted by  
Finance Committee*

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## Out On the Way

As I was pondering all this, this scripture came into my mind – un-called, and unbidden, a gift from the Spirit! I would suggest reading all of Romans 8, but these are the words of hope that I share. *From Romans 8:31-35, 37-39*

*“What or who can separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us! For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”*

Remember, whose you are, and who you are, in Christ. Be of good faith.

Grateful for sharing the journey with you,

*Pastor Susan*



## Festive Jazz Worship

The annual Jazz worship service held on February 23 was another outstanding event. Guest musicians **Curt Hanrahan** and **Larry Tresp** joined Mikey and Mike Hetzel on this most festive special worship event. Thank you, Mike and our Celebration Singers for providing Trinity with this outstanding music!

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## Interested in Technology?

Are you a person who is very curious and seriously interested in technology?

The Worship and Arts Committee, is responsible for the audio technician service at Trinity. We are looking for a person(s) who might be wholly committed to learning about this most important task of operating the sound system here at Trinity.

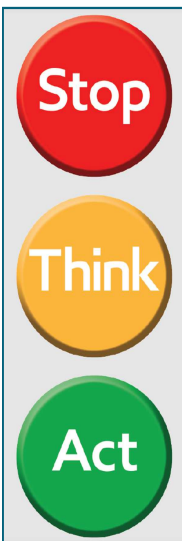
At the present time we are most fortunate to have Mikey Hetzel as our sound technician. He has volumes of experience and knowledge and is willing to work with anyone who is diligent and dedicated to being trained in this process.

If you have questions and might be interested, please talk with Mikey, Marlene Helinski, Lynne Miekle, or Anna Godiali.



## Essential Personnel

Since the Coronavirus is so contagious, the Council supports Wisconsin's "Safer at Home" mandate and we're adopting the "Essential Personnel" philosophy. What does this mean for us at Trinity?



- Until further notice, **DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH.** We've posted signs on the doors to remind everyone to Stop, Think and Act.
- Only essential personnel are allowed entry into church. Certain people are identified as essential and have permission to be inside the building.

- Our contracted cleaning service will be in twice a month to sanitize the inside of the church.
- Our Administrative Assistant will be working remotely from home during normal office hours (see page 2).
- Pastor Susan and our Council are in constant contact handling any church business that may arise.
- We held a special Council meeting via email to discuss and vote on the Emergency Financial Budget which was sent via Mailchimp to members on March 25, 2020.
- Some of us were brought into the 21st Century when we held a teleconference meeting thru Zoom.
- We're working on plans to offer worship from Trinity, especially for the upcoming Holy Week. As soon as we have the details, we'll share them with you. We appreciate your patience!

## Missions & Social Concerns: Mitten Tree Project

by Kathryn R. Dierbeck



Special thanks to Dave Mielke for making two trips to the Hope Center in Waukesha to deliver all the hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves donated by Trinity UCC members. During the first trip before Christmas, we donated 110-120 pieces. On the second trip in March, 90 pieces plus two children's winter coats were delivered.



## Back Bay Mission Project

Special thanks to Trinity members Kathy Haas, Joe Halvorson, and Dan Dierbeck for donating all the supplies and food for the Mardi Gras Lunch!

We collected \$1,346 in total; \$460 was from passing the stock pot.

## Ladies & Gentlemen...

*Start Your Engines!* The UNDY 500 is on! The Mission Committee is once again collecting **new packages** of men's underwear, t-shirts and socks April 19 - May 24 to benefit The Guest House. Bring items to church and look for the bin in the Gathering Space. Every year the Trinity Trekkers are a top contender in the UNDY 500. Let's do it again! (Sizes XL-4XL greatly appreciated.) Thank you in advance for restoring hope and dignity to the men of Guest House.



## Food Sort for Hunger Task Force

The Mission Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Hunger Task Force Food Sort on **Saturday, June 20, 2020** from 9:00 am until 12 noon at the Hawley Road location. A sign-up sheet will be available in May and June. We usually carpool from church. We hope that you can help with this project!



*Volunteers must be 16 years or older, or may be age 12-15 with a chaperone. All volunteers must also be able to lift 30+ pounds; plan for lifting, twisting and bending; and stand for long periods of time.*



In sincere thanks, the family of Jean T. Schuster recognizes the thoughtful, sincere and personal memorials that

have been received from the congregation of Trinity UCC. Your kindness and support are appreciated, and we are forever grateful for the generosity received from the members of Trinity.

In Christ, Janet and Schuster Family



## *Spiritual Life and Mission Committees Are Here to Help!*

Please don't panic, but Trinity wants all its members to be prepared in the event you or another member gets quarantined with the Coronavirus.

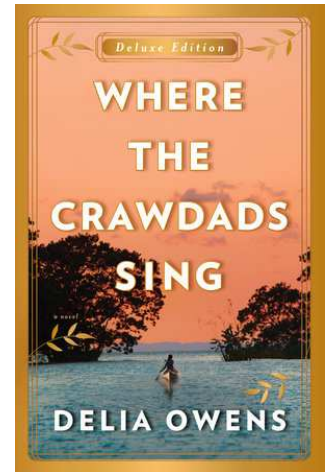
### **BE PREPARED**

- Have some extra supplies on hand. No need to clean out the stores, but keep some extra prescription drugs, canned goods, toilet paper and cleaning supplies on hand.
- Don't forget your pets!
- In the event of quarantine, notify the church office. Your Trinity friends will find a way to help you.
- Pray to Jesus our Great Physician and Healer for all God's people in the world. Let's all stay safe.

## *Book Club*

Trinity's next Book Club will discuss the book "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

It's a fast-read book about a girl growing up in the south and finding solace in nature from a troubled family life. All are welcome to join us in the lower dining area of Trinity for some food and lighthearted discussion. A date will be announced once church reopens.



Dear Friends,

It seems we have sailed out into uncharted territory. The unknown can bring out a whole myriad of emotions. Right now, there is fear, sadness and loneliness as we feel that connections with our church family might be slipping away. Please do not fear, for we are bound together by our faith and spirit. We are the church and the church can be anywhere as long as we can be connected. We are connected! Just know, some of these decisions that Pastor Susan and I have made have been difficult – there were many conversations and much prayer – but ultimately, our goal was to keep all of you, those we hold dear to our hearts, safe and sound.

The waters might be choppy now, but calmer waters are ahead. I know our belief is strong, and I know we will navigate the unknown together. I have faith and I know you do as well. You are all my dear friends and I miss you with all my being. I miss us being together and sharing the word and sharing smiles, handshakes and laughter. I miss us singing together and being there for each other. We will be together again, I promise.

In the meantime, the council will be developing a 'Buddy System' with our members and friends. It is our hope that not only will you be able to stay connected with us, but more importantly we get to stay connected to you. Before then, if you need anything please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Pastor Susan, someone on the council, or anyone of our faith community. We are and will continue to be there for each other.

Blessings for safety and continued good health!

Chris Faulk, Council President

Psalm 34:4 (NIV)

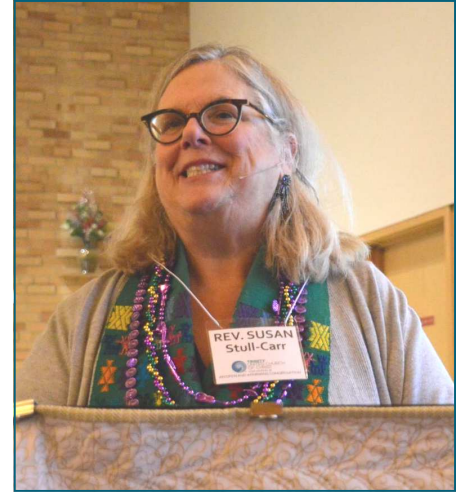
*"I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."*



# Jazz Worship & Mardi Gras Luncheon

The church was filled with many guests who return each year for this Jazz worship, special guests attending for the first time, and others who attend regularly. A couple saw the outdoor sign and were curious and so they attended. There were so many, many wonderful comments made!

*The Worship and Arts Committee*



▲ *Interim Pastor, Rev. Susan Stull-Carr*



▲ *Greeting Members, Friends, and Visitors during our Annual Jazz Worship service*

▼ *Time to Worship with Our Youth*



▲ *Ellia shares her vocal gifts*  
▼ *Kathy, Joe, Chris & Terri*



## *A Pastoral Word*

I am thankful for the work that so many within Trinity are doing to keep us connected and supported in this time. Over the next few weeks, we will be trying some more new things. One of the things that you will read about here is worship, which started this past Sunday, on March 29th.

I've been in touch with many of our elders. I have a few more calls to make. For now, they are supported and safe, and for that we give thanks.

Along with you, I find myself in moments of anxiety and fear, as we enter unknown territory, but I have experienced and trust in God's guiding hand in such times as these, for those who seek God's presence.

There is a poem I want to share with you – it has been a 'touchstone' for me at many places along my journey. My prayer for you today is that you find a sanctuary, a quiet place, where you can hear the birds sing, and look up at the stars, and rest in grace – at least for a moment or two.

This morning, two mourning doves, that have a liking for our porch, were back, nestling down into our planters filled with evergreen boughs. I am hoping that they will build a nest there this spring. Like you, I long for those visible signs of hope in the midst of a darkening world.

In faith and hope,  
Pastor Susan

*May the Lord bless you  
and keep you,  
may the Lord's face shine upon you,  
And give you peace,  
now and forever. Amen.*

## *The Peace Of Wild Things*

*When despair for the world  
grows in me  
and I wake in the night  
at the least sound  
in fear of what my life  
and my children's life  
may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests  
in his beauty on the water,  
and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things who  
do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.  
I come to the presence  
of still water.  
And I feel above me the day blind starts  
waiting with their light.  
For a time I rest  
in the grace of the world,  
and am free.*

~ Wendell Berry

## Hold the Faith!

Thank you for being the church in these days – church without our building is still church! We know it's not easy, but please: stay home and be safe! Watch for links of our upcoming worship services on Sundays.

We deeply appreciate those of you who have been able to send financial support to Trinity UCC at this time. Our prayers are with those of you who may be experiencing cut-backs or lay-offs.

Let us know if you need some help during this time. We keep receiving information from the Wisconsin Conference about different kinds of support for small businesses, etc. Let us know if you want to contact someone who understands those resources. The wider church stands ready to move in support!

Please continue to hold the Glenn Siebert family in your prayers. Reach out to each other during this time – the little conversations break up the day and offer us a sense that we are not alone!



Palm Sunday is the annual celebration of the day that **Jesus returned to Jerusalem**. It is described in all four Gospels. Matthew 21:1-9 tells how palm branches were placed in His path as the crowds cheered, sang and danced.

*“Blessed is He  
who comes in the name  
of the Lord.”*

*Psalm 118:26*

## Your Prayer Requests

Want to add your prayer request to Trinity's weekly recorded Sunday worship service? To allow time to compile them and meet the weekly recording deadlines, we have two requests.

1. Email the prayer request directly to Pastor Susan, [revsrs@yahoo.com](mailto:revsrs@yahoo.com)
2. Send your email to arrive by Wednesday mornings, 9:00 am

*An Easter Prayer*

Christ the Lord is risen

And, as all the world rejoices,

Singing of His glory

With such joyful hearts and voices,

May you find that Easter brings you

Peace and faith and hope anew,

And may these blessings fill your heart

With joy the whole year through.

*Happy Easter*