



TRINITY BELLS

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"after the comma"

Bird Houses

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My backyard is adorned with a couple of birdhouses that I've collected over the years. One is a very colorful Metal Can which was painted by a daughter in middle school art class. Its main color is of yellow with flourishes of reds and greens. It hangs off one the poles in my fence line. Another was won during a white Elephant Christmas gift exchange and is an old cowboy boot that has been preserved in all it's leathery glory and boasts a wooden cut out of Texas. I think it may be a size 12 or something. Yes- you guessed it- nothing plain hanging on my deck for sure.

These two houses have hung in my deck area for almost 6 years. Sadly, nobody has claimed them for a home. They look roomy enough for some occupants and I've wondered why no one has built a nest within their spaces. Curious as I am, I watched one morning to see if there was any activity at all near them. No birds, but the squirrels had easy access to them as their proximity to the fence post allowed for the squirrels to peak into them as they bounded along the top of my fence. Well that makes sense- I had positioned these wonderful little homes in a place of potential danger and in doing so made it clear that inhabitants should be wary of setting up within their walls. I think I need to move them.

There is another birdhouse that hangs under a soffit in the same area of my deck. To my surprise it has new life within it. Maybe because it is suspended under this protection... lo and behold there is the beginnings of a small family within the house adorned with a metal wrapped expired WI license plate! Watching it one afternoon, I was amazed at the agility and speed that the parent bird was able to enter the small hole which served as the doorway to this abode. Not the perfect home, but able to be safe and warm. Smart bird.

April 2023



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

4/2, 4/16, 4/30

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Troop 21: 4/16, 4/30 - 6:00p-8:30p

Monday Quilters: 4/3, 4/17 - 8:30a-4:00p

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Mark Burbey

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!!



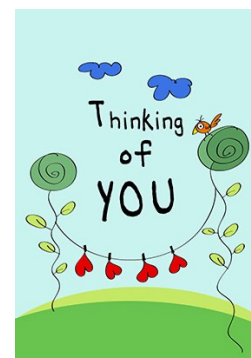
Terri Allen.....	4/1
Lou Frank	4/3
Donald Larson	4/13
Chloe Brown	4/18
Ruth Larson	4/20
Dave Mielke	4/23
Jerry Goldbach	4/25
Judy Marchant	4/26
Wendy Kleman	4/26
Dan Brzezinski	4/30



Janice & Robert Fredrick.....	4/07/1962
Diane & William Siebold.....	4/08
Yvonne & Donald Basting.....	4/15/1961
Kathy Haass & Joe Halvorson.....	4/20/1991

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Marion Wandsneider
Fred Theilacker
Joann Shue
Nancy Korslin
Sherry Nuszbaum
Patricia Wendlandt





Worship Services April 2023

Sunday, April 2nd

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Communion, Sunday School

Thursday, April 6th

Seder Meal – 6:30 PM
Doors open and welcoming begins at 6:00

Friday, April 7th

Good Friday Service – 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 9th

Sunrise Worship – 7:30 AM
Easter Breakfast – 8:30 AM
Easter Worship – 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 16th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Sunday School,
Council Meeting 11:15 AM

Sunday, April 23rd

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 30th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Sunday School



- April 2. Chris Faulk
- April 9. Mike Hetzel (10am)
- April 16. Lona Masch
- April 23. Mark Burbey
- April 30. Kathy Dahm

If you're unable to do your scheduled date, please contact Mark Burbey.



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It made me think of how we as the church are challenged to present a safe place for those of our family to enter in. Sometimes we look at our church as a haven, a safe place where we invite others to join us in our exploration of God’s love. We hope that all see this as we do and for many this is the case. The hospitality is alive and felt. I believe Trinity UCC has much of this within its life as a community of faith.

We know there have been experiences within religion where our siblings have walked away from the church, feeling as the birds on my back deck have- seeing the dwelling place, but believing they might get hurt. On my deck the birds look to the squirrels, knowing the little tailed beings have access and final say on how safe they will be. The church for some, as they have encountered, can be a place where they are not sure of the welcome within. Maybe we’ve predetermined what it is that these visitors/spiritual home seekers need and have literally put a sign on the door that says you can enter, but you can’t make any changes to the décor or the furnishings (or practices). Don’t bring in your own sticks and comforting bedding, because we know what you need. The birdhouses hanging on my fence look pretty where they are and I enjoy looking at them through my kitchen window, but they are just that- for my pleasure, not much use to others.

But then there’s the other birdhouse...you know the one that hangs a bit detached from any structure but allows for some “swinging” in the breezes. It is not within my sightline from my kitchen and it is allowed to be used by the inhabitants in their own wonderful way. It is open to be used by whomever wishes to enter it’s opening, regardless of what my intention for it is or was.

Creation has a way of reminding us that we need to be open to the newness of what the next is and what/it may need. God in God’s beauty of making this wonderful world which we inhabit was given to us freely along with the intention that we learn to adapt as needed. We are to be thankful to our benevolent Creator each time we are allowed to find our home in so many different situations. Each opportunity we have to create love, is another expression of the freedoms we inherited to express and proliferate this embracing of love action so that others can experience God in their own way.

My birdhouses and their placements were what I thought was best, but in the end- my way was not necessarily the home my winged friends needed. I learned from them what God has undoubtedly done for me...God has given me the freedom of will and the freedom of love which I can use in making my way through God’s world. The key here is to remember and respect that my siblings who all travel with me in this journey through life, are also given the same. Some will make their homes within the church, and some may not- but in the end we all have a home in God’s love.

Dear God, I thank you for your trust in me, that I will strive to open my heart to allow you and others in for the making of your kingdom here on Earth. Amen

I think I’ll move a couple of birdhouses...

Pastor Dan



BINGO!

That's right! Bingo time it is!

The Trinity Media Team will be hosting a Bingo
Sunday
after our Worship Service on April 30th!

The fun begins approx...11:15 (or whenever
Pastor Dan finally finishes his sermon... 😊)
until around 12:45 or so and includes a
sandwich buffet and beverages (freewill) which
will be eaten at your leisure because we want
the games to start as soon as we are gathered!
No need to stop for lunch when your number
is being called!

We will have a prize table for those of you
lucky enough to win a round and we are
welcoming those of the Trinity Community and
friends.

*Please note this will not be an advertised to
the public event and is for enjoying some
church fellowship and a bit of chance!*

More information will be forthcoming during
our announcements each week and we look
forward to seeing you there!

***"Happy Hunger Bingo Games! And may the
odds be ever in your favor."***



Book Club

Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 26 at
10:00 AM in the church dining hall.

The current books we are reading are "The
Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah and "Under the
Banner of Heaven" by Jon Krakauer.

If you enjoy reading, or have an idea for a
book for us to read, please join us. Our
discussions are always informative and
lively. All are welcome, even if you have not
finished reading the suggested book. Please
contact Roberta Stanley for further information.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER OBSERVANCE AT TRINITY

APRIL 2 - Palm Sunday with a palm procession into church
10:00 AM

APRIL 6 - Maundy Thursday - Symbolic Seder Meal in church dining hall
6:00 PM (no reservations needed)

APRIL 7 - Good Friday Observance
7:00 PM

APRIL 9 - Easter Sunrise Service (outdoor service, weather permitting, bring a lawn ,
7:30 AM if possible)

APRIL 9 - Easter Morning Breakfast - all are welcome
8:30 AM

APRIL 9 - Easter Celebration Service
10:00 AM

You are invited to attend any and all of these special services. We hope to see you at Trinity, where all are welcome!



EASTER BREAKFAST

On Easter Sunday, April 9th, after the early worship service we will be having the annual potluck breakfast. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Starting on March 19th there will be a sign-up sheet for items that we need to be brought for our breakfast. There is a wide variety of items needed, some for those of you that are creative in the kitchen and some for those of you that are better at shopping. So let's make this Trinity tradition a festive time of good food and great fellowship.



Hi Kids,

We are going to learn about another very important man from the Old Testament, his name is Moses. This month is just the beginning of the story of Moses, more to come.

The Story of Baby Moses

by Sharla Guenther

Does everyone remember the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors? This story takes place many, many years after Joseph - actually it happened about 200 years later!

The people who were from the family of Joseph were called Israelites or Hebrews. As it happens there were more and more Israelites than ever before. The Israelites had children, and their children had children and soon there was too many to count.

Most of the Israelites lived in Egypt where there were also a lot of people called Egyptians. Too bad they couldn't all just see each other as the same. But as you'll soon find out the Israelites and the Egyptians were treated very differently.

Anyway, a new king who was called Pharaoh came into power in Egypt. He didn't like it that there were so many Israelites and he thought they would one day take over the land. So he decided to make all the Israelites into slaves.

He made them work from early in the morning till late at night doing very hard work. Even if they were tired the Egyptians wouldn't give them a break, they would just make them work harder. It was very bad.

Pharaoh did all this and he still wasn't happy. The Israelites were still growing in number so he decided to make a law. If any boys were born to the Israelites he would have them killed.

At this time there was an Israelite couple who were expecting to have a baby. When they had a baby boy (whose name would later be Moses) they decided to hide him because they wouldn't let anyone kill this beautiful, precious baby of theirs. They hid Moses for three months, but as he got older he didn't sleep as much and he cried louder than before. So his parents did the only thing they could do, they made a strong basket (sort of like a mini baby boat) and put blankets around the baby and placed the basket in some tall grass in the Nile river.



Baby Moses had a sister named Miriam, and she watched from a distance to see what would happen to her baby brother. While she was watching she saw somebody coming, she realized it was Pharaoh's daughter and her servants. They were dressed like they were famous, and she had seen her before and remembered what she looked like.

Pharaoh's daughter had come for a swim. While she was swimming she noticed a basket floating a little ways away in the tall grass. So she asked one of her servants to go see what it was.

The girl brought the basket over to her, and when Pharaoh's daughter opened it, the light startled Moses so he woke up and started to cry. "What a sweet, beautiful little baby. It must be one of the Israelite's," Pharaoh's daughter said to her servants.

Miriam had seen what had happened, and she hurried over and asked, "Would you like me to go find an Israelite woman to feed the baby for you?"

"Yes, go and find someone who can nurse the baby." she answered. Miriam ran as fast as she could and told her mother that Pharaoh's daughter had found him and wanted someone to come nurse him.

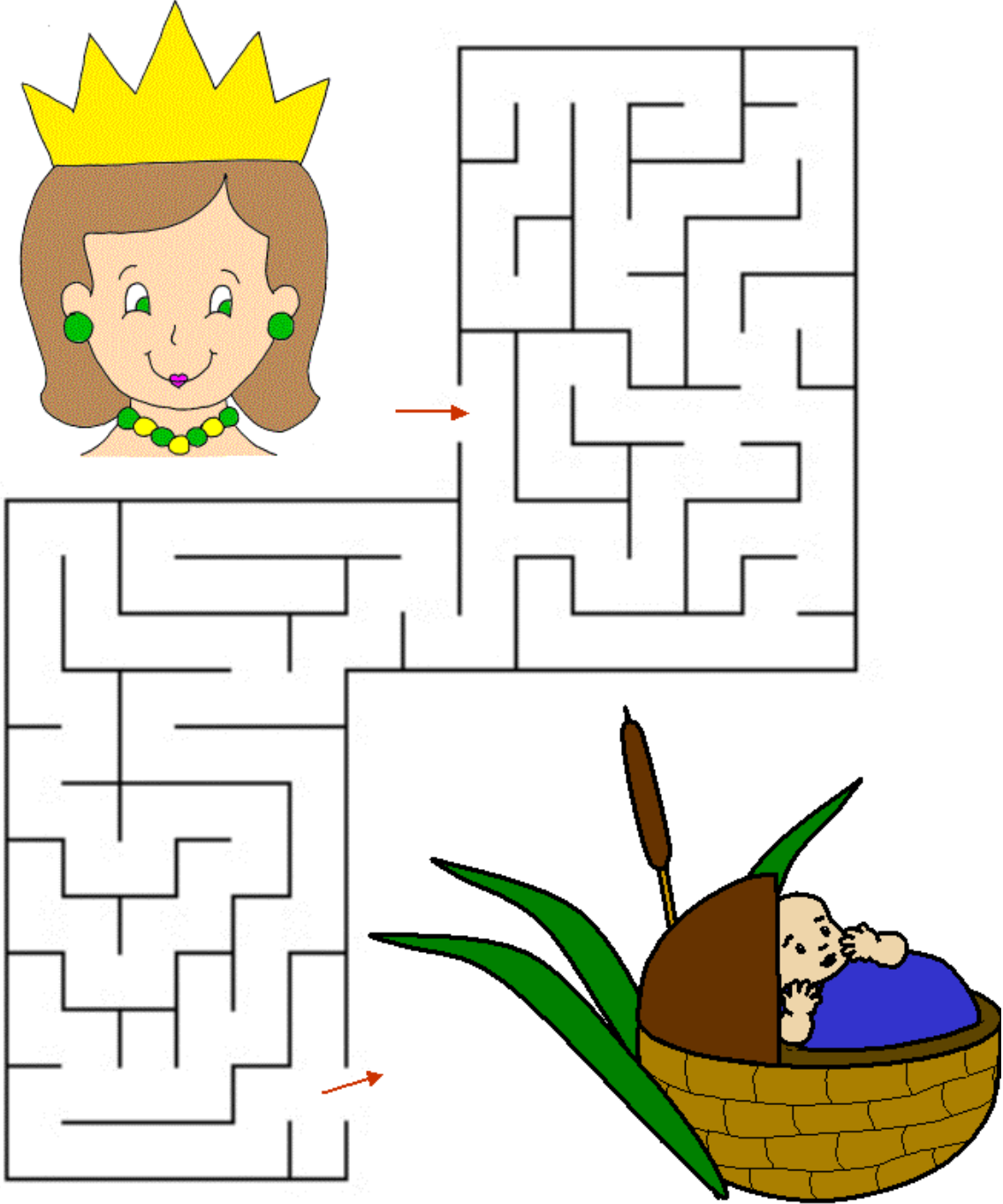
They went and found Moses with Pharaoh's daughter, and she asked them, "Please help me and nurse this baby, and I will pay you for helping me." (She didn't realize that this was actually Moses' mother).

Later he became the son to Pharaoh's daughter, and that's when she named him Moses, which means she got him out of the water.



Moses Maze

Help Pharaoh's daughter find baby Moses.



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**TRINITY UCC
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Worship 10:00 am	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	Decorating 10:00 a - 3:00 p, DH	Decorating 10:00 a - 3:00 p, DH Cup of Life 10:00 am, Ed. Wing	Seder Meal 6:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	
Sunrise Worship 7:30 am	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Breakfast 8:30 am			Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	Mission Meeting 1:00 pm, DH	W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	
Easter Worship 10:00 am					Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH		
Worship 10:00 am	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p			Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	
Council 11:15 am Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH							
Worship 10:00 am	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	Book Club 10:00 am, DH		Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	
Worship 10:00 am	30	1					
Sunday School Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH							

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