



TRINITY BELLS

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“after the comma”

Feels Like Home

My how the time does fly! As of August, we will mark our first 6 months together and many more to come. When I was a bit younger (okay...almost 37 years ago) I had my first apartment. My roommate Dave and I both worked at the same place and it made sense to share a two-bedroom upper flat in Sheboygan. Wasn't in the best of neighborhoods, and was your basic kitchen, living room, one bath and two bedrooms. We found second hand furniture at garage sales and "hand me downs" from our families and friends for decorating and making things feel like home.

At first it didn't...

The pictures were not what I remembered hanging on the walls. The kitchen table and chairs weren't the wood and seat pads from my mother's kitchen. The couch smelled funny. The dishes and pots and pans didn't match. Even the toilet paper holder was on the left- not the right...I wanted home, not this mismatch of domestic remembrances and strange newness. Change was hard...but we had a year lease. We decided to make the most of it.

Over time, Dave and I did make this work and we enjoyed having friends and family over to experience this new version of home. What was interesting to me was that once we got through the initial shock of our independence, we realized we each wanted to bring a part of our ancestral homes into a new dwelling, a new household. After negotiating which things were hung on walls or placed on tables, we came to understand we could never really separate ourselves from our familial histories, but we could create something new and good together...not perfect, but good.



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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Email: contact@trinitybrookfield.org

Web Site: www.trinitybrookfield.org

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

In-person classes begin September 19, 2021.

Classes will be in session during worship service.

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

Boy Scouts Troop 21: 8/1, 8/15. 6:00 pm

Quilters: 8/2, 8/30. 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.



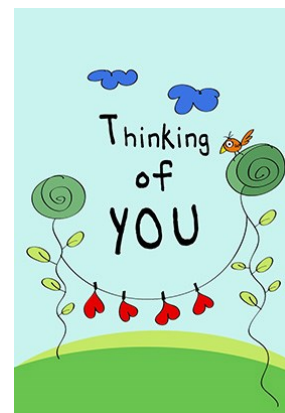
Allen Burbey
Ralph Zahn
Emily Dahm
Edith Heins
Natalie Lannan
Norine Schroeder
Sharon Thomas



Paula & Pat Matthews
Arlene & Jay Preston
Roberta & Robert Stanley
Kahney & Bob Rohrig
Jim Cleary & Lourie Martinez
Allen Burbey & Travis Zuverink
Arnold & Ilene Dahm
Dan & Brenda Krueger

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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





Worship Services - August 2021

Sunday, August 1st Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 8th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 15th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 22nd Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 29th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.



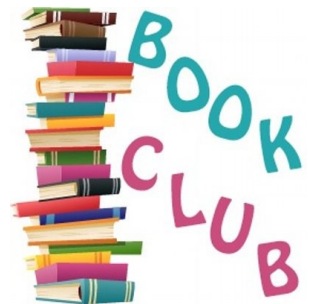
Announcements Schedule

8/1	Mike Hetzel
8/8	Pastor Dan
8/15	Kathy Immekus
8/22	Robin Komassa
8/29	

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

Book Club

Our next book club will meet on Wednesday, August 25 at 10-12 noon in the church dining hall. The book we chose is called Lilac Girls by Martha Kelly and is a book club book so a copy is available from me. It is based on the real-life story of a NY socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits.



All are welcome to join us for our book club and can read as many of the choices we make as you would like. If interested in joining us, please contact Roberta Stanley at 262-781-1172.



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I went on after the lease to move a few more times on my own. One of my most cherished friends ended up helping me move nine times within 6 years! (my last apartment moves in 1992- number ten, I did myself as I didn't have the heart to ask him- we are still friends!).

Through all these moves and changes, there was a constant...love. Sure, there was a lot of change going on, but eventually each one of these addresses became home. Once I learned that it wasn't the bricks and mortar of the dwelling itself- it was about the ability to bring love into the rooms, and this was all about the people in my life that came to share and visit. It wasn't about the condition of my furniture, or the place settings that didn't match, it was about the joy of being together- thanking God for what God did in us. Feels like home.

Trinity UCC has already become home for me. The way I and my family have been embraced, the stories already told and new ones being created, are the essence of a family of brothers and sisters celebrating in their abundance of togetherness. Just as in each of these moves, I made all those years ago, created a bit of chaos and change, I am reminded that change was a necessary part of each of those plantings in my life. We know the church has the same trajectory as we welcome new friends in our midst. We also lovingly remember and celebrate those who are no longer with us, knowing they had a part in our redecorating of this, our Trinity UCC home. Sure, some pieces of furniture will be moved around, and some things may be replaced, re-honed but we have been here before. We are to be aware of the grace and forgiveness necessary for change to occur. It is **home** because of the love of the people, the care and discernment of mission and ministry, the love of and for God and the life of service to others given through our following of Christ!

As I wrap up this writing, a song that is spinning through my mind is a song written by Randy Newman in 1994. Although it is a love song- the chorus reaches beyond and plants me firmly to where I know we can find our best love as we together create home once again;

*Feels like home to me
Feels like home to me
Feels like I'm all the way back where I come from
Feels like home to me
Feels like home to me
Feels like I'm all the way back where I belong*

And here are a few quotes regarding home I found credited to Ashley Evans;

"Christ is the center of our home, a guest at every meal, a silent listener to every conversation."

"May this home be firmly built upon faith held humbly together by hope and ever lit by the light of God's love."

"Having a place to go is home. Having someone to love is family. Having both is a blessing."

I thank God for opening the doors of Trinity UCC. This is my new home and I am blessed! Blessed to be with each of you as we continue to fashion our home to be inclusive and embracing of all who are searching for a place to experience God's love.

Shalom!

Pastor Dan

Mission Moments

The Mission Committee, during the months of July and August, will be collecting school supplies to be given to the Women's Center in Waukesha.

The following is a suggested list of items that you can donate to this important drive:

Backpacks : various sizes/colors, Binders - 3 ring (1, 1 1/2, 2 inches), Composition Notebooks (Wide Rule), Dry Eraser markers, Pencils #2, Permanent markers (Sharpie - fine and super fine; black and various colors), Wide-ruled notebooks (1, 2, and 5 subject) Colored pencils, Folders (2 pocket, various colors), Markers (washable), Pens, (black, blue, red), Pencil boxes/cases. All school supplies are greatly appreciated.

Beginning July 1, there will be containers in the gathering place for your donations., Thank you from your Mission Committee for your help!



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Everyone is invited to join in on the Blessing of the Pets Service on Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00 pm. in the church's south lawn.

No need to have a pet, but if you do have one you will surely want to come and have Pastor Dan give your pet an extra Blessing. Bring any pet you want to have blessed.

It will be a short evening service and social time and fun to see the animals who will be there and to enjoy their company. All of God's creatures are special.

We'll see you there.
Worship and Arts Team



Cup Of Life

Cup of Life is calling all women of Trinity, friends and members, to join us on Wednesday, September 8th at our annual Cedar Valley Retreat. Judy Nelson will lead us in a day filled with prayer, song and reflection centered around the theme of "HOPE".

Participants will leave Trinity's South Parking lot at 8:45am sharp and car pool to the Retreat House. The program will start when we arrive around 10:00am and break for lunch. After lunch, prepared by the staff, there will be time for some strolling through the maze, visiting the chapel and the beautiful grounds before we gather again for our afternoon session. We should be back in Brookfield sometime after 4:00pm.

The cost will be \$16.00 per person paid in a check made out to Trinity UCC. Please write in the memo section of the check CUP OF LIFE RETREAT. Reservations will be accepted up to Sunday, August 15th and please hand checks to Lynne Mielke, Janet Schuster or Terri Allen. Cancellations made after August 15 will not be refunded since Cedar Valley will have ordered supplies for the lunch. The fee will cover the lunch and the fee for using the facilities for the day. When you hand in your reservation, please let us know if you will be willing to drive as part of our car-pooling.

Cup of Life has been hosting Women's Retreats for almost 20 years. It is a wonderful time for the women of Trinity to deepen their friendships and strengthen their religious foundation as Christian members of the United Church of Christ.

If you have any questions, reach out to any of the ladies mentioned above. We look forward to sharing a late summer day together praying, singing and reflecting.



Cup Of Life— Outing to Lakeland University

Cup of Life ladies and Pastor Dan at Lakeland University. Thanks to Jan Schuster for planning the outing and thanks to Lakeland University for allowing us to visit.

A Note From Chris F -

Dear Council,

I just wanted to say Thank You for the generous gift you bestowed on me. It will help A LOT!

Also Thank You for your continued prayers for my health and well being.

It truly means a lot.

Peace

Chris Faulk.

A Note From Pastor Dan

A Big Thank You to the Covid Team who did a wonderful job in creating a safer environment for all of Trinity's Members and visitors. We will continue to monitor events and benchmarks, but are happy to be together in our wonderful sanctuary and fellowship areas. Please remember if you are not feeling well, to consider staying home knowing you can join us online and we look forward to when you are feeling better! Masks are optional as each individual chooses and as always- ALL are welcome

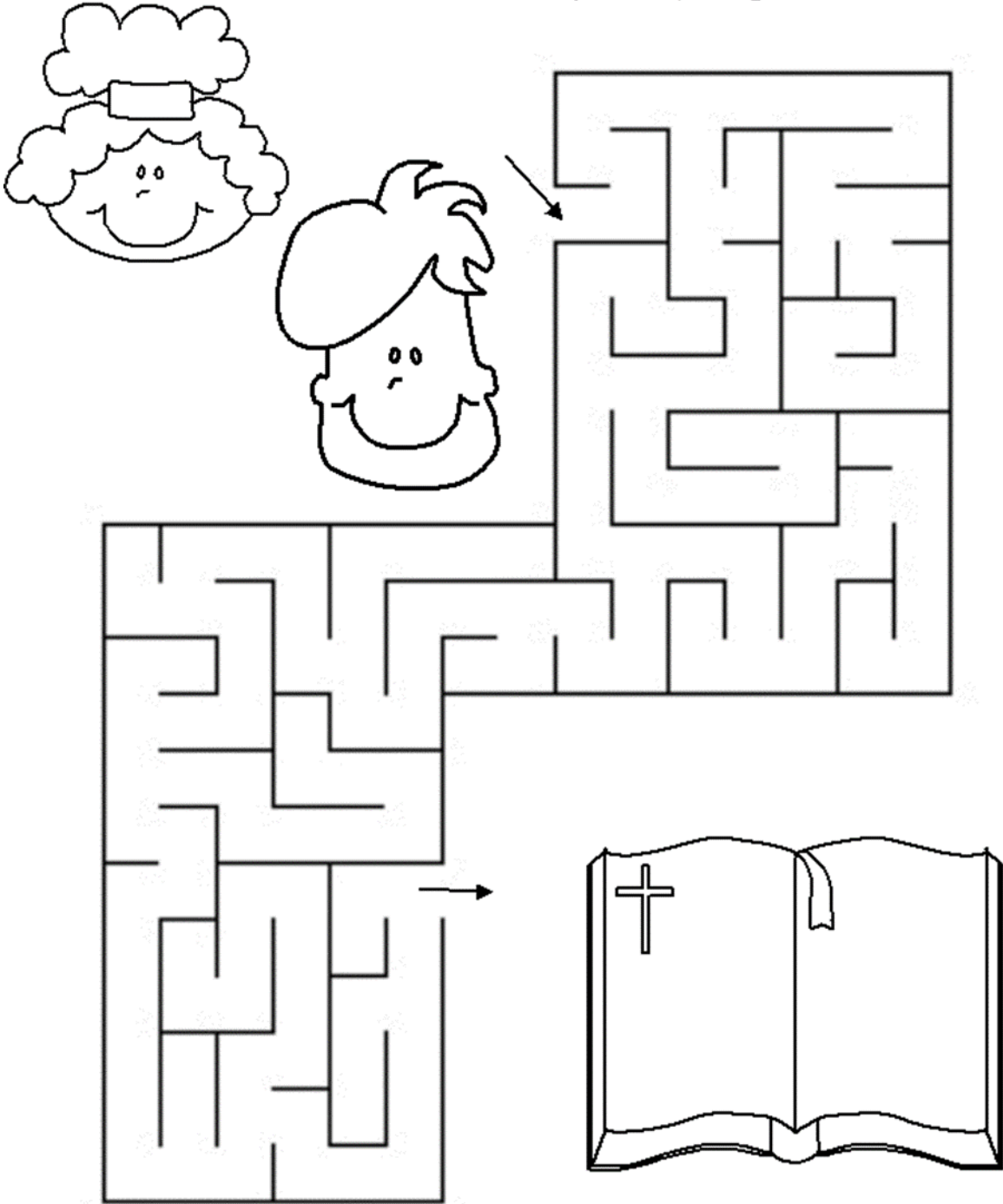


Hi Kids,

Hope you enjoyed last months' story about the Bible and learned something new. Here are some puzzles to see how much you remember.

Bible Maze

Help the boy and girl find the Bible.

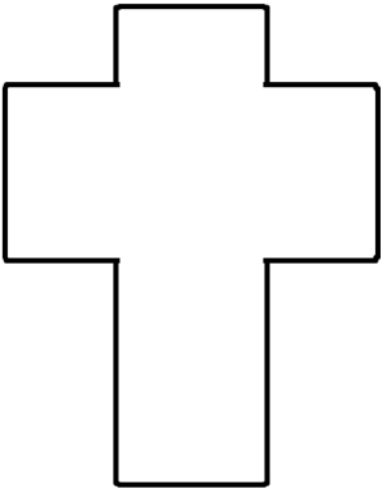




Bible Word Search

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| LETTERS | VERSES |
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BROOKFIELD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 10:00 am & Live Stream 1 Pulpit Supply - Chris Faulk No Communion Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	2 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 3 8:00 - 11:00 am	4	<i>Office Open</i> 5 8:00 - 11:00 am	6	7
8 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream Communion	9	<i>Office Open</i> 10 8:00 - 11:00 am	11	<i>Office Open</i> 12 8:00 - 11:00 am Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	13	14
15 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	16	<i>Office Open</i> 17 8:00 - 11:00 am	18	<i>Office Open</i> 19 8:00 - 11:00 am	20	21
22 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream Pastor Dan's Installation Service Baptism of Llewyn	23	<i>Office Open</i> 24 8:00 - 11:00 am	25 "Blessing of the Pets" 6:00 pm, South Parking Lot	<i>Office Open</i> 26 8:00 - 11:00 am	27	28
29 Worship 10:00 am (In-Person) & Live Stream	30 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 31 8:00 - 11:00 am	1	2	3	4
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