

# TRINITY BELLS

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### "after the comma"

*"No other season of the year so softens the hearts of men and women, nor summons forth the highest impulses as does Christmas. It brings joy and peace wherever the festive Day is truly commemorated. It is the prelude to the greatest event in the religious history--- the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. These stories (in the book) are written to bring the joy of His birth into modern, everyday living, in the hope that the glory and exultation of His natal day may lift us from our despair and hopelessness." Catherine M. Krueger foreword from her book Christ is Born! Alleluia!*

I remember as a kid the trek to Grandma Krueger house was a real journey. So many people, a load of extended family coming from all over. Indiana, Maryland, California, Illinois and West Virginia were all represented, but the journey all lead us to Howards Grove, WI. By the time Grandma had written this book my immediate family had moved from Illinois to Kiel, WI so our travel was short, but never lost it's anticipation of reconnecting with so many of our family.

What is it about the holidays that makes us want to be together? I can't imagine it is just the extended time where schools are closed for a break, or colleges have done their best to extract everything that our collegiate minds could for a semester. It needs to be more than this.

And it is!



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## 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

Christmas Pageant—December 12th

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

### Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights

Quilters: 12/6, 12/20 - 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.



Christina Matthews	12/3
Roberta Stanley	12/10
Jeanne Zimmerman	12/12
Meghan Dahm	12/14
Lola Krainer	12/22
Brenda Krueger	12/25

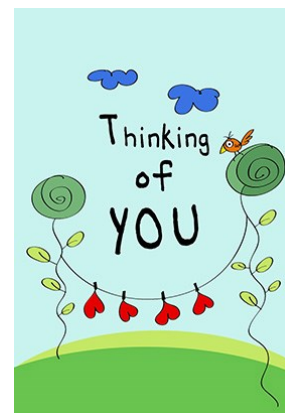
## Happy Birthday!!



Kathryn & Dan Dierbeck - 12/5/1981

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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





## *Worship Services - December 2021*

**Sunday, December 5th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M. - Communion**

**Sunday, December 12th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M. - Youth Pageant**

**Sunday, December 19th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M. - Christmas Concert**

**Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve Worship Service - 4:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day Service — VIRTUAL BROADCAST**

**Sunday, December 26th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M. - Hymn Sing**



### **Announcements Schedule**

12/5	Mike Hetzel
12/12	Kathy Immekus
12/19	Robin Komassa
12/26	Mark Burbey

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

We continue to pray for those involved and affected by the Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy. In response we have also been able to send monies for helping the community of Waukesah from our freewill offerings on Thanksgiving Eve and November 28th service. We were blessed to have raised \$639.00 and Trinity's Mission Team added another \$1,000.00 and this has been sent to the Waukesha Community Fund. All of your generosity is a part of what we are called to be as the church in these times of need. Thank you!





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It is a continuation of generation after generation recognizing the love and ensuing action that our God answered our prayers. It's an answer that becomes harder and harder to define as we hear so much from so many sources claiming to know what it is that God is still trying to tell us.

Let's get back to the basics.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life", was the observation written in the Gospel. For God so loved ALL the world! Because of this God wanted us to know the Son, to know and learn Love in a way that could change the world. We cannot argue that this is exactly what happened! There are very few if any parts of the world who have not encountered the Risen Son, Jesus Christ and have had to discuss, decide, defuse, deny, denounce or defend this intentional act of God. Our action as the Christian Church is to exclaim and spread the Good News! We are to celebrate the coming, and life of Jesus Christ every year (and day!). Yeshua-Jesus as a common mortal name given to a baby, but we add Christ which is the anointed one- the one who will lead us. We are given a dialogue that chronicles why this common named child becomes more than just a good person, a good teacher, a good healer but goes beyond and takes on our fears of death and persecution and releases us from the world that we have come to think contained our destinies. God responds though God's Son with life, love, and life again.

This season of Advent and the ensuing Christmas homecoming is about remembering those we are in community with even when we only see them every couple of years. Even more so, it calls to us to see all of those that we are not connected to and let our knowledge of God's answer to direct how we embrace all of our neighbors, family and even our enemies. We are strong in our faith because we have been heard, we have been recognized, loved and we are blessed!

I know many of us will look at the calendar and try to find as many opportunities to be with family and friends, to be in community, but my hope for all of us is that this becomes our daily activity. Everyday can be Christmas where we welcome love into our lives and sing with the angels, witness with the shepherds and proclaim Emmanuel, Emmanuel- LOVE is with us!

Pastor Dan



## Cup of Life

German Christmas Tea

(Coffee Hour)

In Honor of Roland Perschon

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Cup of Life ladies of the church will be hosting Coffee Hour. This will be a German Christmas Tea in memory of our dear member, Roland Perschon who hosted this themed Coffee Hour for many years. There will be various teas, coffee, stollen and Christmas cookies along with apple juice for the children. We will be using Christmas mugs and will have decorated the tables for the holiday. Please come to share this special Coffee Hour after Worship and after the Choir's annual Christmas presentation that Sunday. It will also be a perfect opportunity to thank the Choir for their presentation and to wish friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And as we share, let us remember Roland; a valued and much-loved member of Trinity who brought joy through his wit, storytelling and hosting abilities. Cup of Life is hoping to make this part of Trinity's annual holiday celebration. See you in the Dining Hall on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



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## Attn. Committee Members

Budgets for each Committee for 2022 must be done no later than Dec. 10, 2021. Committee reports for 2021 by December 30th.

Budget Meeting - January 30th

Annual Meeting - February 6th

## Worship & Arts Dates

The CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM is scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 10:00 am.

TRINITY CELEBRATION SINGERS will bring you their special Christmas music on Sunday, December 19, at 10:00 am.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be Friday, December 24, at 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE will be a virtual broadcast on December 25 at 10:00 am

Please mark your calendar for these special services.





Hi Kids,

We have been reading stories from the Old Testament, but this month I thought we would go into the New Testament and read about the birth of Jesus. Enjoy the story and activities and have a very Merry Christmas.

### The Nativity

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, 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.

The Bible doesn't say for sure where they stayed but most people think that they stayed in a small barn where animals were kept. In any case, 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 lay down. It was warm, and there was plenty of straw to lay on.

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

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

Mary and Joseph soon fell asleep, they were so glad to have this special baby join their family. Some shepherds who lived near Bethlehem, were out at night in their fields watching over their sheep. They were worried a bigger animal might come and hurt the sheep, so that sat on a hill visiting and watching their sheep together.

Suddenly there was a bright light. Now this wasn't just any bright light The light was so bright that they had to close their eyes for a minute because the light hurt their eyes.

When they opened their eyes to see what was going on, a beautiful angel was standing in the air just above them with his arms opened wide.

The shepherds looked at each other in disbelief, but realized it must be real, because they were all seeing the same thing. All at once they were very afraid, but they didn't run because they were too stunned.

Then the angel spoke to them. "Do not be afraid. I'm here to bring you good news for all people. Today in Bethlehem a baby has been born, He is the one that will save the world. You will know the baby because He will be wrapped in cloths, and laying in a manger."

Suddenly, just as quickly as the first angel came, there were a large group of angels, and they said together, "Glory to God, and peace to all people on earth." After they spoke, they floated away.

The shepherds were amazed and excited, did everyone know this news, or just them? They had to go see this baby the angels were talking about.

They ran as fast as they could, and soon found Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. The shepherds fell to their knees when they saw Jesus, they were filled with joy that they had found the Lord.

# 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  
sheep  
shepherds  
star  
wisemen

# Bell to Star Word Ladder

Make your way from BELL to STAR  
by changing just one letter on each  
step to make a new word!



B E L L

A metal musical  
instrument.

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To give up in exchange for money.

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A marine mammal.

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To cook quickly with heat.

S T A R

A light in the night sky.



# December 2021

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**TRINITY UCC**  
**BROOKFIELD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Missions 2:00 pm, DH	2 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	3	4
Ushers - Halvorson Team						
5 Worship 10:00 am & Live Stream Communion	6 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	7 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	8 Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH	9 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	10	11
Ushers - Mielke Team						
12 Worship 10:00 am & Live Stream Christmas Pageant	13	14 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	15 Council Meeting 6:30 pm, DH	16 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	17	18 Decorating Dining Hall 1:00 pm, DH
Ushers - Thomas Team						
19 Worship 10:00 am & Live Stream Christmas Concert	20 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	21 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	22	23 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Service & Live Stream on YouTube	25 Christmas Day Virtual Broadcast Live Stream on YouTube
Ushers - Frank Team						
26 Worship 10:00 am & Live Stream Hymn Sing	27	28 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	29	30 Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	31	1
Ushers - Dahm Team						
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