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“after the comma”

Renew

Oh, my what a year we have had, and what an opportunity we have together as we move into 2022. 2021 was a year for meeting new friends, finding new loves, mourning those we lost and overall the realization of how life cannot be planned. Within all of these life events, we tried to keep focus on how our God is present in all things, how love is the connective to our human want of comfort and how community becomes the balm of mutual care.

In my ponderings for this new year, the word “renew” kept coming to mind. What an interesting word indeed. It can carry with it the realization that something once new, now needs to be refinished, revitalized. It can also be used in the context of “do it again”, as in renewing vows. It can also take on the challenge of making changes, sometimes even extraordinary where the newness is a result of those things learned from the beginning, now being applied. It can take on the action of replenishment, where we once thought we had been drained of all hope and newness, but now find that we can reach out again. I found this poem by D. Simone which captures many of these individual renewals;

“May Light always surround you;
Hope kindle and rebound you.
May your Hurts turn to Healing;
Your Heart embrace Feeling.
May Wounds become Wisdom;
Every Kindness a Prism.
May Laughter infect you;
Your Passion resurrect you.
May Goodness inspire
your Deepest Desires.
Through all that you Reach For,
May your arms Never Tire.”
— **D. Simone**

January 2022



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

January 9th

January 23rd

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

Quilters: 1/17, 1/31 - 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.

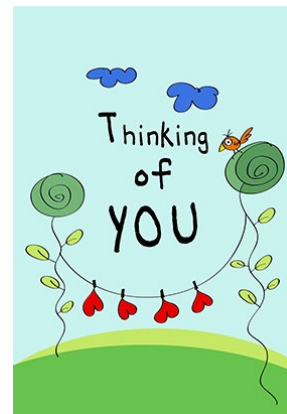
Happy Birthday!!

Arnold Dahm	1/16
Janice Fredrick	1/18
Peg Zahn	1/26



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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





Worship Services - January 2022

Sunday, January 2nd Worship Service - 10:00 A.M. - Communion

Sunday, January 9th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 16th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 23rd Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 30th Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.



Announcements Schedule

1/2	Dave Mielke
1/9	Robin Komassa
1/16	Emily Dahm
1/23	Kathy Immekus
1/30	Mike Hetzel

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

If you are not able to do the announcements on this date, contact Kathy Immekus So a replacement can be found. Thank You all.





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Through our last year, we found that there were many things that we could do as a community, many things that God called us to witness to, how our following in the way of Jesus Christ could guide us with the framework needed for loving all of creation.

The Apostle Paul wrote many renewal messages to the church communities knowing that what the people needed to understand was that the work of love is never ending and can grind us down with the rough surfaces of the world burnishing our souls.

In Colossians 3:9-11 he wrote; ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Our experience of this will be helped with readings from Luke and John this month. We will experience the Baptism of Jesus and the new way leading to God through Jesus as he begins his ministry.

Yes, we have many things still to mourn and lament and we will explore these as we approach Ash Wednesday and Lent, but in the meantime...we begin again. This time of Epiphany is as much about the coming of Christ to the world as it is our being ready and willing to be in renewal with Him. We too are living into our Baptism just as we heard in Paul's letter to Titus,

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3:5).

We begin this year open to the possibilities and the responsibilities as Christ's body in the world. I found this writing from British Author Neil Gaiman, which gave to me some things to remember for how we boldly move into 2022. We won't be perfect, but we can continue to do good.

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.

So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life.

Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it.

Make your mistakes, next year and forever."— Neil Gaiman

Yes, what a year we had, but what a new year we can do!

May God bring Peace, Hope, Joy and Love into our lives, renewing us and rejuvenating us for the work of love we are called to be.

Pastor Dan



Missions

Due to the great response from the Trinity congregation during the last four months of 2021, the Mission Committee supported four successful months of Mission events.

September event was the school supplies that went to the Women's Center in Waukesha. The fall clothing drive began in September, and money was sent to the Haiti Relief Fund and to Hurricane Ida Relief Fund.

In October, the clothing drive picked up speed and the food basket for the Waukesha Food pantry filled up quickly. Talking about the Waukesha Food Pantry, our harvest in-gathering for Thanksgiving baskets began in October.

The mitten tree was put up in November and is filling up fast. Something new happened in November, and that was collecting warm winter coats for the Camp McCoy immigrants. This was very successful.

In December, the Mission committee sends monetary donations to different organizations. Watch for those in the annual report.

December ended with the collection of stuffed animals for Kindred Hearts and will be placed under our Christmas tree. Also, poinsettia plants were taken to the homebound by members of the Mission Committee.

Again, a BIG thank you for all of your support.

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

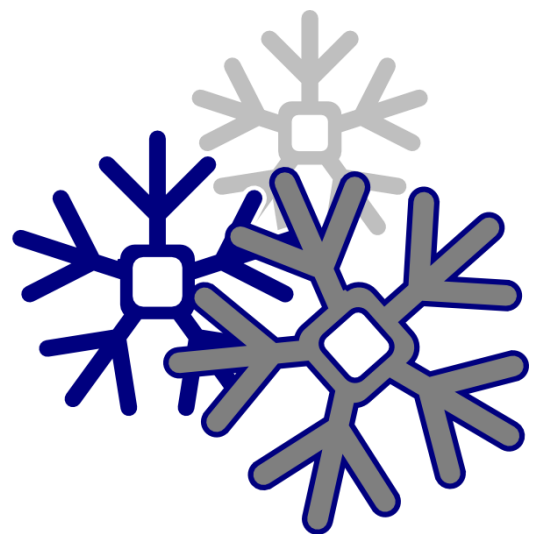
Special thanks to Mark Burbey and Bob Stanley for setting up the outdoor creche scene. Also, special thanks to the Dahm family for getting all the pieces out of storage for Mark and Bob.

The Worship and Arts team would like to thank the following volunteers for helping to set up the Christmas tree on the altar. The decorating group greatly appreciates your assistance and muscle. Special thanks to Bill Siebold, Bob Stanley, Ken Masch, Dave Mielke, Bob Lannon, Joe Halvorson, Pat Matthews.

THANKS to the following volunteers for decorating the Christmas tree and altar area on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Lori Krueger, Paula Mathews, Pat Matthews, Judy Taylor, Emily Dahm, Susan Harmon, Todd Walker, Kathy Haass, and Marlene Helinski. Many hands make the task go more quickly and provides wonderful social time with each other. Again, thank you everyone.

Worship and Arts very much appreciate having fresh poinsettia plants, each year to decorate Trinity. Special thanks to all who ordered and purchased poinsettia plants this year.

Worship and Arts Team





Happy New Year -

Hope you had a fun Christmas and enjoyed last month's story and activity. We are continuing with the Christmas story about the Kings visiting Jesus and what happens after.

The Christmas Story continues....

During the time when Jesus was born there was a very mean king who ruled the land His name was King Herod. Remember his name, because we will talk about him later.

Soon after Jesus was born, wise men were traveling on their camels. One night they noticed a very strange star in the sky. They knew that this star meant that the King of the Jews, the One who would save the world had been born.

When the mean King... (What was his name again?) Herod heard this he got very worried. He called a meeting with all the other important people in the area and asked them where this special baby had been born. The people replied, "In Bethlehem." They knew this because they heard that one day a special person would come from there and take care of all the people.

Then King Herod called the wise men to a secret meeting and found out from them exactly where they saw the star. He then told them, "Go and find this child. As soon as you find him, tell me, so that I can go and worship him."

After they had spoken to the King, the wise men left to find the baby. They didn't know exactly where the baby was, but at night they followed the star in the east. They followed the star until it hung right over the very place where Jesus was.

Since it took the wise men a while to get to baby Jesus, they probably didn't arrive the day Jesus was born but sometime later. When they finally had arrived they were very excited and happy. They found Jesus laying in Mary's arms, and they bowed down and worshipped him.

They opened the gifts they had brought Jesus. The gifts were gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were very expensive gifts; these were gifts that you would give to a King, not to a baby. Mary thanked them for bringing the gifts for Jesus, and the wise men went to find a place to sleep for the night.

As the wise men slept, they each had the same dream. They were not to go back and tell King Herod where they found Jesus. King Herod didn't want to find Jesus to worship him; instead he wanted to kill him because he was jealous that this baby would someday be better than him.

So the wise men went home another way so that Herod would not know where they had come from. They also decided that they would not tell King Herod anything about what they had seen.

When the wise men had left, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," the angel said, "take Jesus and Mary and run away to Egypt. Stay there until I come to you again, because Herod is going to search for Jesus to kill him."

Joseph immediately got up and woke Mary She gently picked up Jesus so he wouldn't wake from his sleep. They left in the middle of the night for Egypt, so no one would see them.

They were safe in Egypt, and after King Herod died an angel appeared to Joseph and told him he could go to a place called Nazareth. And that is where Jesus grew up.

The story of Christmas is special, full of miracles and strange visitors all coming to visit a King and someday the Savior of the world.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Christmas Anagram



Word List:

angels, animals, frankincense, Jesus, manger, nativity, newborn, shepherds, shining star, stable

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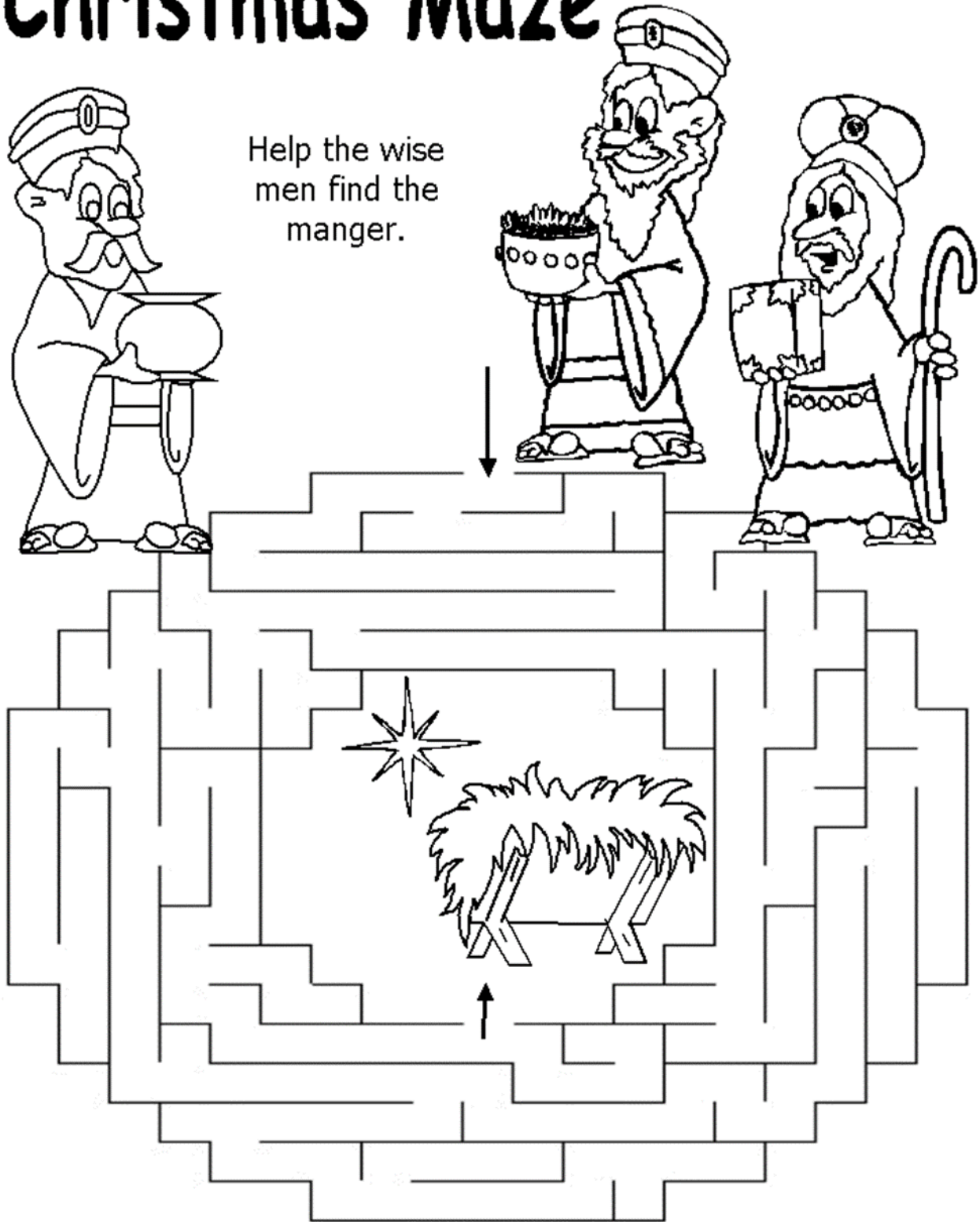
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Christmas Maze



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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
Ushers - Mielke Team				Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH Missions 2:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am		
Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Ushers - Thomas Team							
Worship 10:00 am	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ushers - Frank Team		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am		<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 - 11:00 am		
Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Ushers - Dahm Team							
Worship 10:00 am	30	31					
Ushers - Halvorson Team		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH					

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