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The drive each day down the corridors of highways and byways has the usual spring bloom of orange. It amazes me each year how the crop moves about and challenges those amid it's blossoming to take time to slow down and recognize the changes. Some would say these creations are beautiful in the awakening of newness, but for many I believe they say the opposite. What a nuisance!

Yes, I am speaking about the miles and miles of orange barrels and cones that pop up right during the ebb of Winter and the upcoming Spring and Summer.

It seems to be a fact of life in the modern day that we are forced to accept this kind of change on an annual basis. Sure- we want the roads to be smooth and passable, safe and speedy, and of course open for passage. We invest a lot of time, effort, planning and money in creating efficient paths for travel. These roads on any given day are used for movement. It could be a family going for a visit to relatives, a daughter or son coming home, the transport of a loved one in an emergency vehicle, transference of goods and services from one location to another. All of these and more are dependent upon the future thinking, the design and the upkeep to ensure the best possible outcomes. Like so many other situations like this, we need also to maintain these thoroughfares, hence the orange parade. US statistics that I found on the ASCE website (American Society of Civil Engineers) are staggering in size and scope. Here are some statistical facts:



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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

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights Quilters: 6/6, 6/20 - 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger Council President: 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!!



Kathy Leslie	6/5
Dawn Faulk	6/16
Pat Matthews	6/16
Chris Faulk	6/17
Carol Capes	6/19
Matt Corley	6/19
Lona Masch	6/26
Judy Nelson	6/27

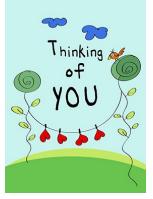


Carol & Scott Capes6Kathy & Don Immekus6Naomi & Ed Stewart6Sharon & Bob Thomas6Lola & Jerry Krainer6

6/26/1976 6/29/1968 6/29/2001 6/29/1985 6/30/1973

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann Marion Wandsneider Fred Theilacker Joann Shue





<u>Worship Services</u> <u>June 2022</u>

Sunday, June 5th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM Sunday, June 12th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM Sunday, June 19th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM Sunday, June 25th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM



Announcements Schedule

6/5	Kathy	Immekus
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6/12	Jim Cleary
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- 6/19 Emily Dahm
- 6/25 Robin Komassa

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.

Social Media Team

Hello Trinity Friends!

We are looking to have some fun with creating a Social Media Team that will help all the ministries of Trinity get the Good News out through our missions and ministry using all of our resources.

Are you a good fit? All it takes is the ability to work with a few others in coordinating how we unify our messages. You could also be a part of the team in helping our teams create their messages on a regular basis- kind of like a newspaper writing and editing team.

I will be holding an introductory meeting of those interested in the next few weeks, but need to know who I should invite.

Let me know if you are interested and we'll get this new team rolling! You can email, call or just pull me aside!

Thanks! Pastor Dan



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43% of our public roadways are in poor or mediocre condition.

Our nations highways and roads move 72% or nearly 17 Trillion of the nation's goods.

We have over 4 Million miles of roadways

Travel has been increasing approx. 18% each year since 2019

And I'll add one of my own observations- It seems that there are no routes between Sheboygan and Milwaukee that do not have some line of orange poles, flags, barrels or cones. Arrghh!

This is our reality.

So, is this Bells article just about me beefing and complaining about the roads and the constant construction? maybe. But I also find some inspiration and some correlation to how this type of change seen on our roadways is very much like the change Christ was planning for our lives. The roadways are so much like our individual life paths that we have taken and created. For many of us, we have walked these paths and have also created them for those who are to follow us. When we create these paths, we also try to make them safe, comfortable, navigable, and trustworthy. We also experience the need to make adjustments, to fix the cracks and potholes of our beliefs in order to enjoy the travel, or to trust it's stability and destination. No one wants to put others on a rough road. We are challenged by our messages in the Gospels and letters. These are the love road building materials, combined with Christ's design and God's patience and gifts given to each one of us. We only have to put some effort in our faith upkeep, and we will be better prepared for our journey's. And then there are the orange markers.

We too need to be patient and cautious with each other in how we speed through the "love/life construction zones" of others and ourselves. Giving ourselves a break in the headlong need to get there, the orange cones we see are there for the protection of the building process and the people within the work area. We can see the work zone coming and not just lament its presence, but celebrate it's need in our midst.

I believe we are all under construction throughout our lives, and it is with the love of God, the understanding of the Way we learned from Christ and the on-going supervision of the Holy Spirit that we can improve our paths so that others may ride along with us. They do call them freeways, don't they?

So next time you see those Orange Barrels, remember the change that is all around them and say a prayer for the safety of those under construction (which would be all of us). Safe and loving travels everyone!

By the way, it is estimated that midwestern states have upward of 2.5 Million Barrels deployed per state annually! - That's a lot of little prayers that could happen if you think about it!

Let us pray,

Dear Constructing God, we know we are your creation and that with our lives we are in the midst of other creations. Because of this, we are of your beloved. You have made this journey to your love for all, and we are blessed to be among them. Amen.





What is 5 for 5?

The United Church of Christ has 5 annual mission appeals and encourages its congregations to support all 5. Hence, 5 for 5. The 5 missions are:

Our Church's Wider Mission. One Great Hour of Sharing Neighbors in Need Strengthen the Church The Christmas Fund

The Mission Committee has donated \$500 to each one of these 5 missions.

In the coming months look for more information about the focus of each mission.

Missions Committee

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for all of the support you have given to the mission events that have take place in the month of May. We say "Thanks" for the books you brought and the donation of underwear for the Guest House.

Just a reminder that there is a sign--up sheet in the Gathering Place for anyone who is interested in being involved in the Hunger Task Force event we are planning. There is more information about this next to the sign-up sheet.

JUNE EVENT: Collection of TOILET PAPER AND TOILETRIES for the Waukesha Food Pantry. More information will be in the Thursday Newsletter."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Father's Day Ice Cream Social June 19th

> I got out of the ice cream business. I just didn't like working on sundaes.

After the worship service, the CNF Committee would like to invite you to join us in our Father's Day celebration. This day is not only for the Fathers, but for all the men that are and have been a special part of our lives. They may be our Grandfathers, Uncles, Brothers or dear friends. Come downstairs and join us in this heartwarming celebration.



Cup Of Life

Cup of Life ladies have been very busy over the last few months. At our April 6th meeting we put together 15 Easter baskets of treats for all the children of Trinity. The baskets were made of paper and decorated and filled by our members in "assembly-like" fashion. The outside of each bag was decorated to resemble an Easter Bunny with google eyes, pink noses, whiskers and a fluffy tail. The inside of each was filled with "green grass", individual bags of jelly beans, marshmallow peeps, candy eggs and one chocolate bunny along with a small card from Cup of Life. They were all transferred to large woven Easter Baskets provided by Helen Spranger for easy distribution on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Kathy Immekus, all children present at the Easter Breakfast were given one bag each to take home. Terri Allen distributed the remaining four at the beginning and end of the 10:00AM Worship Service. To say that all of the ladies of Cup of Life had fun making and filling up the baskets would be an understatement. We all took the opportunity, while working, to reminisce about our childhood memories of Easter and of preparing baskets for the children in our own lives.

Then on May 8th, we met again in the Dining Hall to prepare and decorate 60 bakery bags which we then filled with 2 home-made muffins per bag (that's 120 muffins in total). The outside of each bag contained a label indicating which muffin type was in the bag, and also had Spring decorative stickers. A gingham square cloth (various colors provided by Kahney Rohrig) was placed at the bottom of each bag, then 2 muffins and then a colorful paper napkin was tucked above and around the muffins. The bags were then displayed on a decorated table set up in the Gathering Space. At the end of the Mother's Day Worship Service on May 8th, each woman exiting the Sanctuary was given one bag to take home as a small token of Cup of Life's appreciation for the "motherly" care all the women have tenderly shown to other in the past year.

Thank you to each of the following Cup of Life members and friends who provided items for decorating, stuffing and baking for these two projects and who spent 2 laugh-filled meetings putting everything together. You are all wonderful women and fun to spend time with: Terri Allen, Ilene Dahm, Dawn Faulk, Susan Harman, Edith Hines, Kathy Immekus, Lynne Mielke, Kahney Rohrig, Janet Schuster, Tootie Seidl, Helen Spranger, Roberta Stanley and Jeanne Zimmerman.

Also, thanks to Eric Dahm for setting up the Mother's Day table in the Gathering Space.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 1st at 10:00AM in the Dining Hall to work out details for Father's Day and for the Summer months. Afterwards, those who would like will go over to Maxims for lunch. All women who are members and friends are welcomed to our meetings where we reflect, eat, laugh and work.





Hi Kids,

The Story of Abraham and Sarah

Once there was a man named Abram. One day the Lord came to talk to Abram, and Abram asked, "Who will have all my things when I die".

God promised Abram and his wife Sarai that one day they would be parents, even though they were old and had no children.

God wasn't sure that Abram understood. So that night He took him outside, and said, "Do you see all the stars that are in the sky"? When Abram looked up, the whole night sky was full of stars, so many in fact that he would never be able to count them. Then God said, "That is how many children you will have".

Quite a few years later when Abram was ninety-nine years old (older than even your grandparents) the Lord decided to change Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many." He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah.

God told them again that they would be parents and that they would have a boy. This time Abraham laughed so hard he fell on his face! It was hard to believe that he and Sarah would have a child in their old age.

One day three visitors came to Abraham's house. He hurried to meet them. "May I get you something to eat and drink?" Abraham asked. "Please come in and join us, and have a rest on the couch."

The visitors agreed, so Abraham brought them some fresh bread, milk, and hamburgers. While the visitors were eating, they asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" Abraham thought this was a little strange, but he replied, "She's in the other room".

Then one of the men spoke and said, "I will come back to see you at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

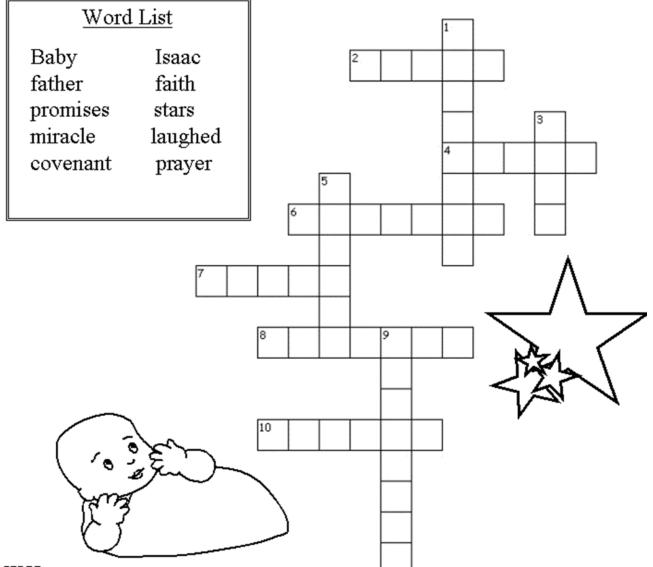
Now Sarah was listening behind the living room door. She started to laugh, but covered her mouth and laughed to herself because she didn't want to be heard. Then she said to herself, "How can I have a child, I'm almost one hundred years old?"

Later when the visitors had left, Abraham and Sarah realized that the man who had told them this was indeed God.

A year later Sarah did have a son. She and Abraham named him Isaac, which means "he laughs." They were very excited, and remembered to thank God for Isaac.



Abraham & Sarah Crossword



Across

- 2. God told Abraham to looks at these, this would be how much offspring he would have.
- 4. The name of Abraham and Sarah's son means 'he will laugh'.
- 6. Sarah and Abraham both did this when they found out they would have a child.
- Abraham was considered righteous because of his _____.
- 8. Isaac was a ____ from God.
- 10. God always listens to our ____.

Down

- 1. God always keeps these.
- 3. Abraham and Sarah were almost 100 years old when they had one of these.
- 5. Abraham is called the _____ of many nations.
- 9. This was the promise God made to Abraham that would greatly increase is family.

