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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEXT STEPS to becoming more active... (To becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ)

1. **Worship** - Attend worship each week to praise God, to be reenergized and to be inspired.
2. **Relationships** - Forming relationships through Christ in a small group or class.
3. **Service** - Serve Jesus in a ministry. Find a way to do something for others. This provides you with a purpose and a mission in life.
4. **Membership** - Become a member of Trinity United Methodist.
5. **Leadership** - Sign up for a Leadership position.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is "to make disciples of Jesus

Christ for the transformation of the world." (Matthew 28:19)

OUR VISION

"Trinity will be a family of disciples worshipping God, forming relationships through Christ and engaging in Spirit led service."

Blended Worship Service 10:00a.m..

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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Trinity Topics Newsletter
January 2021

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" Matthew 28:19

*"Welcome to Trinity Church where we've been leading, developing and changing lives for 200 years".
-Sacred Places*



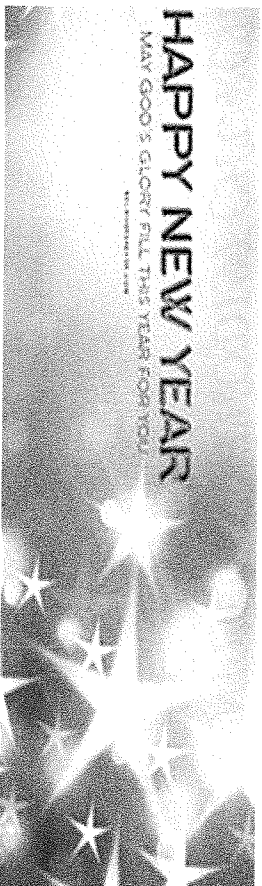
Happy New Year 2021

JANUARY WORSHIP SERIES: *BECAUSE GOD!*

IN THIS WORSHIP SERIES, WE ENGAGE IN A GOSPEL/EPISTLE TANGO AS WE MOVE BETWEEN SOME OF THE MORE STARTLING STORIES OF JESUS AND HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY AND PAUL'S ATTEMPT TO PUT A FRAME OF POSSIBILITY AND UNDERSTANDING AROUND THE STORY OF JESUS. SOMETIMES GUIDED BY MATTHEW'S STORYTELLING, OTHER TIMES LED BY THE BEAUTIFULLY WEIGHTY PROSE OF THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS, WE DIG DOWN INTO THE CORE OF OUR LIVED-OUT FAITH. HOW DO WE LIVE INTO THESE MIRACULOUS MOMENTS IN JESUS' LIFE IN OUR WORLD TODAY? ARE WE CALLED TO BE MIRACLE WORKERS TOO? OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON HERE? WHAT IF WE'RE ASKING THE WRONG QUESTION ABOUT THE STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS OF JESUS? WHAT IF IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE A "HOW", BUT A "WHY"? WHAT IF IT'S NOT A BEHAVIOR TO EMULATE, BUT A MOTIVATION TO LIVE AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS? THAT IS WHY THE LONGER TITLE FOR OUR SERIES IS "GOD'S HOW IS OUR WHY". BUT, PERHAPS YOU CAN GRAB HOLD OF A SIMPLER ONE: "*BECAUSE GOD!*"

PASTOR DOUG WALKER
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MADISON, INDIANA

Sunday, January 3rd, 2020	"Righteousness"	Matthew 3:13-17
Sunday, January 10th, 2020	(Linda Altermatt will bring our message today)	
Sunday January 17th, 2020	"You Give Them Something"	Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday, January 24th, 2020	"The Word is Near You"	Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday, January 31st, 2020	"To the Lost Sheep"	Matthew 15:21-28
Sunday, February 7th, 2020	"Who Do You Say?"	Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday, February 14th, 2020	"Holding Fast"	Matthew 16:21-28



New Year Message From Pastor Doug:

It's a New Year! 2021!

It's a new year, and we just celebrated the coming of Jesus Christ, who is Emmanuel, God with us; and if God is with us, who can stand against us? Like Paul says it in Romans 8:37-39: "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In this new year we also have the opportunity to do away with the old things and our past and embrace the new. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17) And Ephesians 4:22-24 restates it as: "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." So in this new time, we: "Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." (Psalm 98:1)

So, let us plan a new and better future for ourselves and the kingdom of God for this corner of the universe we call Madison, Indiana. As Isaiah 43:19 states for God, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland;" and Jeremiah 29:11 echoes, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" We have a future with God and Jesus as our Savior because God has been telling us for thousands of years, even before Jesus came to earth.

So let us praise God as Peter said, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (1 Peter 1:3). We have the hope and peace that God gives, let us live it and pass it on. "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." (Romans 5:5) (All NIV). AMEN!

In His service,

Pastor Doug

APPROACHING A NEW YEAR

We all probably have different ways of approaching a new year, but as we look at the new year of 2021, we are all hoping that it will be a better year.

As we look toward the new year of 2021, we are all hoping and praying that it will be a better year than 2020; but we should stop and think about what was good in this past year. I read an article that approaches it in a unique way from Larry J. Peacock, *The Living Nativity: Preparing for Christmas with Saint Francis* (Upper Room Books, 2018). Here is how he puts it:

"One year I was invited to a different kind of New Year's Eve party. ... Following dinner, the host gave us a list of questions and invited us to take an hour of silence to reflect about the past year and our hopes for the year to come. We each found a cozy space in the home and entered into the reflections, sometimes using the questions and sometimes simply recalling experiences of the year. The questions were along these lines:

- What was your greatest joy in the year?
- Do you have any regrets or things you would like to do over?
- How have you grown as a person, employee, neighbor, or church member?
- Did you find a scripture passage that became a guiding light for you this year?
- In the new year, is there a special inward or outward work you would like to accomplish?"

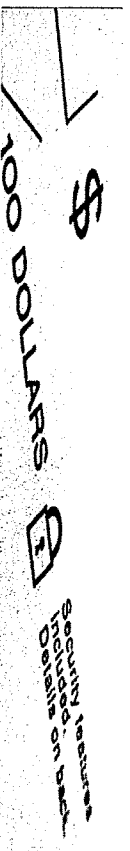
These are all very good questions, and I offer them to you to ponder.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Doug

Pastor Doug Walker

Trinity United Methodist Church



LEAVE YOUR CHECKBOOK AT HOME

Give electronically instead!

Electronic Giving is a convenient and secure way to provide consistent financial support to our church.

Electronic donations can be made from checking or savings accounts. We would love for you to get started!

Pick up an authorization form today from the Church office, or download the App, Give Plus, and select Trinity UMC, Madison.

Fulfilling God's Purpose!

Please Return Your Pledge Cards to the Church

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because . . . of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints" (Colossians 1:3-4). Through the faithful stewardship of the Body of Christ here at Trinity United Methodist Church in Madison, Indiana, we are able to proclaim the Gospel here and in the mission field, both in word and in deed.

During our recent stewardship program, "*Fulfilling God's Purpose!*," we have focused on God's generosity to us and our need, as God's people, to show love and gratitude to him. He is the Creator and Provider of all we are and have; he is the source of all love and mercy. Through the gift of his Son, who suffered, died, and won the victory over sin and death, he has provided for us the sure hope of eternity with him. Through his Holy Spirit, he calls us and gathers us into his church and daily does his work of sanctification in us.

How can we respond to this great love of our Creator and use all his gifts to us for his glory? God is totally committed to us. Are you willing to make a commitment to him? Some of you have made that commitment, but because of COVID and our suspension of in-person worship service, many of you have not returned your pledge cards. Perhaps you're still praying about it, maybe you've forgotten it, or maybe it's been lost. We are asking that you mail it, bring it to the office in person, or request a new pledge card.

Thank you and may God continue to pour out his blessings on you as you fulfill God's purpose!
In Christ,

Pastor Doug Walker

TRINITY IS ON FACEBOOK

You can find us at this website: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCMadisonIN>

Be sure to "like" the page and encourage your Facebook friends to do so, as well! We will be posting information on there regularly, so it is a great way to stay connected! Please help us get the word out about our Facebook page!

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TRINITY ENTRANCE & SECURITY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday -Thursday from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Please use Mainstreet Door Entrance (If the door is locked during those hours, please call 812-265-3059 to gain entrance)

ABIG THANK TO YOU!

Thanks to Betty Allen and Rev. Cliff Sparks for sharing some of their beautiful Nativity Scenes as Sanctuary decorations this year. We have all enjoyed the displays!

And, to each of you who helped set up the tree, hung wreaths, and came back to take it all down until next year.

Linda and I want to thank the congregation for your generous gifts for Christmas. We especially enjoyed the tea cakes, reindeer mix, cookies, jams, persimmon pudding, and BBQ; and, we appreciate the gift cards and the Christmas check from the congregation. We feel truly blessed to be a part of this church.

*In His Service,
Pastor Doug & Linda*

THANK YOU FROM THE TUMC STAFF.

WE ALL JOIN TOGETHER IN THANKING THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WHICH WERE SHARED WITH EACH
OF US. YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS ADDED JOY TO OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON.
WE WISH EACH OF YOU A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND JOYFUL NEW YEAR!!!

A tremendous "THANK YOU"

To: Marshall & Wilma Havens for the food and its preparation that went out to 275 homes on Saturday, 12/19/2020, as part of "The End of the Month Meal" program. Servings of ham, sweet potatoes, corn, rolls & butter, and cookies graced the tables of these homes this Season.

And, "Thank You" to each member who baked cookies, bought cookies, and came to help assemble the bags for delivery.

Taking the opportunity to serve in this way is a blessing for us to be a part of and others to receive!



Trinity United Methodist Church
Worship Service Opportunities
10:00 A.M.
BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

December Event Calendar

The following Calendar reflects ONLY Business Meetings, Bible Studies, and major Church Events. It does not include scheduled Non Church Meetings or Activities

Weekly Meetings:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun., Jan. 3rd	10:00a.m.	Blended Worship Service
Mon., Jan. 4th	9:00 a.m.	"Unhanging of the Greens"
Mon., Jan. 4th	9:00-11:00a.m.	Jesus Closet
Sun., Jan. 10th	10:00a.m.	Blended Worship Service
Mon., Jan. 11th	9:00-11:00a.m.	Jesus Closet
Sun., Jan. 17th	10:00a.m.	Blended Worship Service
Sun., Jan. 24th	10:00a.m.	Blended Worship Service
Mon., Jan. 25th	9:00-11:00a.m.	Jesus Closet
Sun., Jan. 31st	10:00a.m.	Blended Worship Service

Monthly Meetings:

Fri., Jan. 1st	Office Closed	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Thurs., Jan. 7th	6:30p.m.	Missions Meeting (Zoom)
Mon., Jan. 18th	Office Closed	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



CHECK IT OUT!!!

NEW YEAR!

NEW WEBSITE!

Email: secretary@trinitymadisonin.org

Web Site: www.trinitymadisonin.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCMadisonIN>

Would you like to be a
part of the *Praise Band*,
"Smashing Stained Glass"?
Please contact the Pastor
or Office at
812-265-3059.



**ALTAR FLOWERS AND
RADIO BROADCAST**

Do you have a special date (anniversary, birthday) coming up and want to honor it? You can have that opportunity through the sponsorship of the flowers for the altar or the radio broadcast on a particular Sunday morning. The cost for altar flowers is \$50 and sponsorship for worship on WORX is \$75.00. Call the church office (812-265-3059) to make arrangements for a specific date and costs.

Deadline for Bulletin & Newsletter Articles

Items to be placed in the weekly church bulletin need to be emailed or delivered to the church office by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Articles for the newsletter Trinity Topics need to be submitted by the (15th of each month) for the following month's issue. This was an Administrative Council decision in order to get events to our homes in a timely manner. You can email our Office at: secretary@trinitymadisonin.com Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated!



- 12/30 Dan & Elise Payne (This would have been their 30th)
- 1/4 Cliff & Betty Allen Sparks
- 1/4 Michael & Miller Israel
- 1/21 Roger & Valerie Mehl



JANUARY 2021	
3rd	John Wakeman
4th	Michael Hastings
4th	Ann Roller
5th	Cyrnthia Lawson
8th	Linda Lytle
17th	Tom Altermatt
21st	Spence Schnaitter
24th	Ira Todd
27th	Phyllis Calvin
27th	Susan Stahl



If all goes well with the pandemic, we have marked Sunday, March 7, 2021, as the Auction date along with a light lunch. We are asking for items to be donated to help us with this fundraiser. The donated items need to be in good condition and we prefer no clothing, please. These items can be brought to the Church and room #108 has been set aside for the collecting of these treasures. This room will be kept locked, so please call the Church Office and make arrangements to drop items off if it is not during the regular office hours. (9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Monday—Thursday) 812-265-3059

UPDATES NEEDED!!!

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not appearing in our Newsletter, please contact me with that information! Or, if you see names that should be removed, I need that info also. Please help me make sure to acknowledge everyone's special days. Thanks!

Ann Wells
 Administrative Assistant
 812-265-3059

Prayer Requests



Health Care, Assisted Living, Hospitalized, Prayer Concerns

Please remember these people with your prayers, cards, and visits:

RIVER TERRACE: Jim Storm & Mary Irene Sheeler
 THORTON TERRACE: Mary Louise Eisenhardt
 The Waters of Dillsboro: Spence Schnaitter