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Sunday Morning Worship: 9 am Live Stream at Trinityna.org

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Enjoying the Journey . . .

Greetings Trinity Church family,

2021 - a year of intentional gratitude for God and his church. As we are wrapping up the month of January and moving into the month of February, I remain grateful. As we navigate cultural unrest and division, I remain grateful. As we witness political transitions and struggles for power, I remain grateful. As we continue to be a good community partner and refrain from gathering for weekly in-person worship, I remain grateful. As we wrestle with future planning and consider when to resume our gatherings, I remain grateful. I remain grateful, I remain joyful, and I remain hopeful because my gratitude, joy and hope are in God. God will never disappoint.

I certainly hope that you are engaging in our weekly virtual worship experience and I hope that you are inspired and encouraged by our current sermon series, The Year of the Lord’s Favor. The promise recorded by the prophet Isaiah and fulfilled through Jesus Christ has not changed. It is no longer a past historical event or a future promise, it is a present reality. We are people favored by God! We have been set free! We are to be about our father’s agenda to rebuild, restore and renew! Everlasting joy is ours! Our freedom, our agenda, and our joy are not dependent on present circumstances beyond our control, but rather they are dependent on a promise fulfilled as we are encouraged to continue to expand the Kingdom of God.

Perhaps now, more than ever, as we endure dark times in a battle of the pandemic... perhaps now is the time for God’s people to intentionally and diligently share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a world in turmoil. Now is the time for God’s church to be present in the midst of the darkness serving conduits of light and purveyors of hope. Now is the time for us to actively live out our faith by caring for our neighbors and offering sanctuary to the downcast and brokenhearted.

(See Enjoying the Journey . . . On page 2)
Do not be discouraged church and do not be afraid. Our God is among us and our God has declared that this is *The Year of the Lord’s Favor*. Do not be discouraged church as we seek to rebuild our church programs, to renew our optimism toward growing a great church, and to restore our commitment to God and to each other as we participate in expanding the Kingdom of God. God is not surprised and God is not deterred by the challenges of the past year. God is faithful and God is able.

Please join me in a year of intentional gratitude as we live in the reality that now is *The Year of the Lord’s Favor*. Please join me in eliciting the blessing of God upon our church and our community. Please join me in rejoicing at all that God has done and in great anticipation of what God is yet to do. Please join me in celebrating the commitment of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have continued to faithfully support the mission and ministry of Trinity Church. Please join me in praying for revival in our church and in our community as we invite God to work on us, in us, and through us.

I remain grateful as I serve God and lead the people of Trinity Church. The invitation extended by Jesus to his earliest disciples is the same invitation extended to us, “*Follow me.*” We may not always know where we are going, but we know who we are following. God is faithful. Therefore, we expect great things and we are certain we will enjoy the ride!

Blessings,

Rev. Chris Neikirk

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule:** Rev. Chris Neikirk

In February we continue on with the sermon series: **2021: the Year of the Lord’s Favor.** The Year of the Lord’s Favor is now. Isaiah spoke of a time when God’s chosen people would no longer be oppressed. A time when God’s people would finally be set free. Israel was looking for a King who would restore them to earthly power. They failed to recognize that Jesus set them free from their inner captivity, pain and suffering by pointing them toward God.

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**Lenten Series - - *Just Walk***

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Sermon Series Online
After receiving additional information on the number of rising cases in Floyd/Clark as well as the state and a strong recommendation from the Bishop and DS, we made the decision to suspend in-person worship into February. Early February we will reevaluate this decision.
You can listen to the messages at 9am on Sunday mornings or even during the week, at your convenience. You may want to share the link with friends or family.
In the mean time, join us for worship online, Sunday mornings, at trinityna.org.

Blast from the Past!

Did you know . . .

. . . That an interpretation of the beginning of Methodism in New Albany is found in an article written about 1885 by an unknown author who states that a Methodist Class was organized in a beer and cake shop following a prayer meeting conducted by Elam Genung, a pioneer Methodist Episcopalian, formerly from New Jersey.

“Early in New Albany, Indiana, there were less than a score of professors of religion, the majority of whom were Methodists. Of these Elam Gunung, a pioneer Methodist Episcopal, formerly of New Jersey, was one. He was an eccentric man, but underlying the eccentricity was a deep strata of genuine piety.

“The evening of the 10th of May 1817 was one of great beauty, and as the queen of night rode majestically up toward the zenith, flooding all the earth beneath, with her silver light “eternal mildness”, in all its gloriousness reigned over the village of New Albany.

“It was on this night that Elam Genung moved by Nature’s beauty, strolled out from his home to contemplate in the grand old forest the goodness of Natures God . . . He walked along one of the streets, thanking God for His infinite, loving kindness, when unexpectedly he heard the voice of a woman uttering in sweetest notes a hymn of praise to the creator. He immediately changed his course and walked in the direction from whence came the sound. The voice continued until it led to a little beer and cake shop located on Pearl Street, east side not far from Main, and there he discovered the singer to be a widow named Harriot Reynolds, also from New Jersey, who was proprietor of the shop…”

. . . “The meeting held on May 11, 1817 was the first religious meeting on record by any religious sect of denomination in New Albany. (The Methodists have soft pedaled the fact that Methodism was started in New Albany in a beer and cake shop, however, the beer was spruce beer, made from spruce leaves and was not intoxicating and the cakes were ginger cakes.)”

Want to read this article in its entirety? Email info@trinitynewalbany.org and ask for “beer and cake.”

Southern Indiana Chapter - American Guild of Organists
Annual Series of Lenten Organ Concerts: Featuring the Beautiful Church Organs of Southern Indiana

**Friday, February 19, 2021 – Noon**
Virtual Presentation –
Trinity Church – New Albany
Dr. Janet Hamilton, organ

**Friday, February 26, 2021 – Noon**
St. John Presbyterian Church –
1307 E. Elm Street – New Albany
Dr. Charlie Mitchell, organ

**Friday, March 5, 2021 – Noon**
Virtual Presentation –
St. Mark’s United Church of Christ – New Albany
Dr. Shawn Dawson, organ

**Friday, March 12, 2021 – Noon**
Virtual Presentation –
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
New Albany - Gary Pope, organ

**Friday, March 19, 2021 – Noon**
Virtual Presentation –
Trinity Church – New Albany
Dr. David K. Lamb, CAGO, organ

**Friday, March 26, 2021 – Noon**
Virtual Presentation –
Location to be determined – Corydon
Judith E. Miller, CAGO, organ
February Calendar of Events

**February Sundays**
9 am Worship on-line (trinityna.org)

**February Fridays**
4:30 pm Organ Rehearsal (Sanct)

**February 9 Tuesday**
5:30 pm Trustee Mtg (ZOOM)

**February 12**
March newsletter articles due!

**February 19 Friday**
12 noon Organ Concert (Virtual)

**Attention all facility users:**
With the increased likelihood of the spread of COVID-19 this month, there will be no in-person meetings at Trinity Church. You are encouraged to stay connected with your teams/groups as needed. Several groups are using ZOOM as an alternative/safe way to meet.
If you have any questions you may contact the Trinity Church office (812-944-2229 or info@trinitynewalbany.org) Monday – Fridays 8:30am – 4:00pm.

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**February: Food Collection Month**

February is Trinity’s month of responsibility for helping supply the Hope Southern Indiana Food Pantry. All contributions of nutritious foods and basic toiletries are welcome.
Church and Society will again sponsor this vital community mission. There will be a cart at the canopy door entrance for donations. The Quest Class has graciously offered to do porch pick up for those who do not want to come to the church. For porch pick up, contact Jane Heustis at 317-435-6650 or jsheustis@sbcglobal.com.
If you prefer to make a monetary donation this can be done with Secure Give or a check sent to the church office. Be sure to indicate on the memo line that it is for HOPE.

**Suggested items to donate:** Dried Beans, Pop-tarts, Pasta, Potatoes (Instant), Hot Cereal: rice, oatmeal, grits, etc.
If you would like to volunteer at HOPE in the Food Pantry or answering phones, they can be contacted at 812-948-9248 and ask for Olivia. They are practicing current COVID guidelines for clients and volunteers.
Thank you for your continued support.

For more information, contact Jan McCauley at fdoxiemom2@aol.com or 502-299-2414

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**Inclement Weather Policy**

**Sunday Worship:** Notification of cancellations or delays of Sundays will be published on the broadcasts of Wave TV, WLKY TV & WDRB TV by 7:45 am on Sunday morning. If a “State of Emergency” is announced, then all in-person services are cancelled. Members, guests and staff are always encouraged to observe all safety precautions by staying off the road during icy conditions.

**Weekdays:** In the event of severe weather the office will be closed or possibly on a 2-hour delay. It is suggested to call the church office before venturing out. If a “State of Emergency” is announced, then the church office will be closed.
To Pastor Chris and members of Trinity,
I want to thank you for the crocheted snowflake with Mom’s (Carolyn Sherrod) name. She would have loved that. Dylan and I hung it on our tree. We were unable to attend the All Saints Day service in November, as my son Dylan, being autistic, is having increased anxiety with all the changes due to the virus. Hopefully, in time, we can return to church. I remember attending Christmas Eve services with mom and dad, many years ago as a child and have fond memories of Trinity from years past. Thank you for remembering Mom. ~ Peace & good health to you all, Cindy & Dylan Gettlefinger

Dear Trinity,
We greatly appreciate your donation of $200 towards candy purchases for our Boo-Thru. It was a HUGE success. Amidst the chaos of 2020 it was nice to see our kids be able to do something somewhat normal! We also appreciate your school supply donation as well. That is so helpful to so many families this year. ~ Sincerely, Slate Run Elementary

Dear Church Family:
Thank you for your prayers, cards, text messages, phone calls, flowers, food and gifts. These warm expressions of Christian love have given me comfort and strength since the passing of my beloved husband of 53 years. I have recently recovered from the covid-19 virus and plan to have a Celebration of Les’ Life when I get stronger. ~ Karen Grimsley

I wish to express my deep appreciation to Pastor Chris and Dolli and to all those within our Trinity family who have supported us with beautiful expression of love and sympathy, since the death of my sister, Pamela, on December 27th. Thank you! ~ Sharon Herndon

Trinity Church Family,
Thanks and appreciation for the lovely plant for Donna. I (we) appreciate you support and kindness at such a difficult time. Yours in Christ! Ron Schad and family.

Financial Notes

• Want to support the ministries of Trinity through online giving? SecureGive offers several options for tithing, donations, and designated gifts; see the church’s website for connections to SecureGive. E-Tithing offers giving through a direct debit program: contact the church office for information. Need more info? Pick up a flyer in the Narthex or visit us on the web: www.trinitynewalbany.org
  Trinity Church’s monthly financial report is available in the Narthex.

• If you have not already turned in your 2021 Estimate of Giving Card, please do so now. This will enable us to finalize our 2021 planning. May God bless you and deepen your walk with Him like never before, and may you be blessed as you help Trinity further its mission to reach out, invite in and transform lives with Christ.
  Contact the church at info@trinitynewalbany.org to have a card mailed via US Mail or via E-mail.

~ Trinity Finance Committee
Over the last 11 months, the youth have been meeting online with Nate for Zoom Sunday school. We’ve been using the Grow Curriculum to learn about topics like Jesus’ Love, Family Conflict, and Social Justice. We miss learning about God together in person, but still enjoy seeing each other's faces online. ~ Nate

Contact: Nathan Bleecker, Youth Minister, tumcnewalbanyyouth@gmail.com
# Trinity February Servant Minister Schedule

If you find you are not able to serve at a designated time, please attempt to trade dates with someone else on your list, and be sure to let the church office know in time to change the bulletin. If a last minute emergency arises, call the church office to help arrange a substitute.

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**Ushers**: are asked to arrive at the church 30-40 minutes prior to service, assist people in and out of the sanctuary, to wear a church nametag and special usher button, as well as a mask, and assist congregants in going forward for communion (social distancing). Bulletins will continue to be distributed in a ‘no-touch’ fashion.

## Sanctuary Greeters

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**Greeters**: are asked to arrive 30-40 minutes early, wear a special greeter identification, wear a mask, and model social distancing, including staying 6 feet from doors. They will create a warm, welcoming environment and offer support to those entering/exiting Trinity. There will be a greeter outside near driveway. They will assist after the service in guiding parishioners to marked exits.

## Sanctuary Multi-Media & Video Operator

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## Welcome Center

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## Pray with the Pastor

Note: you are asked to pray for the pastor & worship leaders during your home morning prayers.

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## Return to Trinity Summer-Winter Servant Ministry Volunteer Form

It is highly probable that Trinity will be holding in-person worship services in the Sanctuary as well as live streaming the service on the Trinity website and Facebook page this Summer (or even earlier). The expected number of needed volunteers on Sunday morning may be abbreviated, due to social distancing, but volunteers will be needed. If you feel that you would be attending the in-person services (June-December) and would like to fill needed positions, please let the church office know by completing and returning the below form.

**Note**: not all positions are for Sunday mornings; if needed, training will be provided; Sunday positions are only needed if we are having in-person worship services for that date. Only persons (other that ushers) responding to this plea will be placed in the rotation schedule.

I would like to be included in the rotations schedule of the following volunteer minister position:

- usher ____ (9am) ____ (11am)
- greeter ____ (9 am) ____ (11am)
- camera operator ____ (9am) ____ (11am)
- Communion Assistant ____ (9am) ____ (11am)
- media booth operator ____ (9am) ____ (11am)
- welcome center staffer ____ (9am) ____ (11am)

Name ___________________________ Phone ________________________
E-Mail ____________________________

Please return this form by **April 19, 2021** to the Church Office or call **812-944-2229**.
info@trinitynewalbany.org
Daybreak Newsletter Publication Schedule:

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Trinity UMC Staff:

- Spiritual Leader/Pastor: Rev. Chris Neikirk (812) 944-2229 cn.2911@yahoo.com
- Director of Music: Dr. David K. Lamb (812) 944-7547 tumcnamusic@gmail.com
- Praise Team Leader: Bill F. Maetschke (812) 944-2229 bmaets@gmail.com
- Youth Minister: Nathan Bleecker (812) 944-2229 tumcnwalbanyouth@gmail.com
- Children’s Pastor: TBD
- Pre-School Director: Gwyn Welliver (812) 944-2251 office@trinitylearningministry.org
- Administrative Assistant: Mary T. Evans (812) 944-2229 info@trinitynewalbany.org
- Organist: Sharon Herndon
- Facility Manager: Keith Shantz
- Custodian: Lori Drake

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