Lenten Preaching Schedule:
February 14 – April 4, 2021
Rev. Chris Neikirk

The life as a Christian is often referred to as a walk. In ancient times, walking was the primary mode of transportation. So, if you were going to travel from one place to another, you walked. Life with Christ is certainly a journey and God wants to take us from one place to another – from a place of sin, emptiness, and loneliness to a place of holiness, fulfillment, and purpose. It is not a walk that we take alone.

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2021 Lenten Offering
Lent, the six-week period preceding Easter, is meant for personal reflection about your faith. During Lent, many people increase their devotional time and think more about doing the work of Jesus. At Trinity, we take a Lenten donation which goes to the work of assisting those in our church & community in need. Please indicate on Secure Give or your check that it is for the Lenten Offering. For your convenience, Lenten envelopes will be available in the Narthex. You are asked to mail or turn your offering in to the church before or on Easter Sunday. We ask that you please consider a donation. Donations of any amount will be welcomed and appreciated. ~ Jan McCauley, Church and Society
2021 - a year of intentional gratitude for God and his church. As we began the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday a couple of weeks ago, it was a tremendous joy to see many of your smiling faces as you “drove-thru” for a blessing, ashes and communion. Many of you said, “Just a couple more weeks.” I can assure you; I feel exactly the same way.

While we have adjusted to life apart and the quality of our recorded services has improved with the addition of new cameras and new sound equipment so that you feel like you are right there sitting on the front row, many of you shared, “It’s just not the same.” No, it’s not, but it’s the best we’ve got right now. I am cautiously optimistic that we are quickly moving toward the other side of this pandemic and we won’t have to deal with difficult decisions like closing churches for worship ever again... at least that’s what I keep telling myself.

As we resume our in-person worship services on March 7, I felt like we ought to have a theme we could all rally around... you know, something to unite us. I kicked around “Make Trinity Great Again” and mulled over “Build Trinity Back Better;” but I couldn’t get past that quiet voice in the back of my head whispering, “You’ve heard those someplace before.” But I couldn’t quite put my finger on where? Hmmmmm... So, I decided to stop taxing my “thunker” and stick with “You belong here!”

It’s true, you belong at Trinity and you belong in the family of God. That’s good news! Even better news, there’s plenty of room both at Trinity and in the family of God. When you do return to in-person worship, we’ll still be spaced out in the sanctuary and continue to wear masks, limit person-to-person contact, and practice social distancing. If you’re a bit apprehensive about gathering in a larger group, we’ll have space for you in Murr Hall where we’ll livestream our service without any active participation.

I know many of you are anxious to return to gathering in small groups and Sunday School classes. I’m asking you to just be patient a little longer as we see how the trajectory of the virus trends over the next several weeks. Then, we’ll have discussions about how to safely and practically resume our group programming. In the meantime, you are welcome to gather on any day except Sunday mornings, as long as you comply with our safety protocols.

Like many of you, this is not the way I want to “do life.” And I assure you, this is not the way I want to “do ministry.” I’m a people person and I love to interact with God’s people... not stay socially distanced and talk through a mask where our facial expressions are hidden. I long for the day when we can shake hands, hug, laugh, sing and worship unimpeded by safety restrictions. I keep telling myself, “Just a little bit longer.” I hope I’m not lying to myself when I say that...

Regardless, 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
cn.2911@yahoo.com
What Is Lent?
Christians in the early 300s, if not before, began observing a period of fasting leading up to the celebration of Christ’s resurrection which was (and still is in most of the world) known as quadragesima (Latin for “forty days” or “fortieth day”). In the English-speaking world we call this season Lent. It is a time of more intense spiritual seeking, devotion, and preparation climaxing in Holy Week with the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. The Bible is filled with forty-day spiritual journeys in which people of faith have sought to hear from God. Elijah spent forty days fasting and seeking God at Mount Horeb. Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights at Mount Sinai when he received the Law. Noah watched the rainfall for forty nights as he sat in the ark pondering God’s words to him. Jonah preached repentance to the people of Nineveh for forty days. And most important of all, Jesus, before beginning his ministry, spent forty days and forty nights fasting in the wilderness while being tested by the devil.

An entire season of our Christian liturgical year is devoted to the idea of repentance for our acts of betrayal and desertion where we contemplate and confess that we have not loved God with our whole heart and our brothers and sisters as we should. Lent, in the early church, was a time when those who had publicly denied Christ in order to avoid persecution repented and were restored, were brought back into fellowship and allowed to receive Holy Communion again. We remember and take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus forgave Peter for denying him, the others for deserting him and loved them still.

Altar flowers are needed for 2021
If you are interested in providing altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please sign up for a date on the flower chart located in the hallway behind the Welcome Center. Flowers may be taken home following the 11:11 service on Sunday morning. Call the office at 812-944-2229 for more information regarding the florist and your announcement for the bulletin. We thank everyone who participates in the altar flower program.

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

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March Calendar of Events

March Sundays
9 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:11 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

March Wednesdays (starting 3/10)
3 pm UTL Bible Study (Sanct)

March 2 Tuesday
5:45 pm Missions Mtg (ZOOM)

March 5 Friday
12 noon Virtual Lenten Organ Concert

March 8 Monday
10 am TLC Chapel (Sanct)
5:30 pm Education Mtg (Zoom)

March 9 Tuesday
10 am TLC Chapel (Sanct)
5:30 pm Trustee Mtg (ZOOM)
7 pm Finance Meeting (ZOOM)

March 12 Friday
12 noon April newsletter articles due!

March 15 Monday
5:30 pm SPRC Mtg (ZOOM)
7 pm Church Council Mtg (ZOOM)

March 19 Friday
12 noon Virtual Lenten Organ Concert

March 22 Monday
5 pm TLC Mtgs (#31/32)
6 pm Worship Mtg (ZOOM)

March 23 Tuesday
1 pm TLC Advisory Mtg (MH or #35)

March 30 Tuesday
10:30 am Book Club Mtg (#6/8)

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SOUTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Please mark your calendars for the South District Conference. It will be held on Zoom Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 PM ET.
Because of current pandemic guidelines, this year’s district conferences will be held electronically via ZOOM. At each district conference, equalization members will be elected for the 2021 Annual Conference Session.
Contact 812-944-2229 or info@trinitynewalbany.org for the link.

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Last Tuesday Book Club
The Last Tuesday Book Club will be reading Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Duguard in March. This book covers the final year of World War II and the strange death of General Patton, specifically whether his death was an accident or an assassination. Please join us in room 6-8 at 10:30 am on March 30 for an interesting discussion led by Margo Wardell.

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UTL Comes Back Again
Good news! The UTL class will resume “Wednesday school” on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. For the first few weeks we will be studying the insights contained in the book, Senior Moments – Prayer Talks with God about Aging Grace-fully by Bernadette McCarver Snyder.
This is a little gem of a book with 53 short essays (1-2 pages) suggesting how we seniors might deal with situations, questions, and mindsets we may have or come upon. For the first few weeks, at least, you will receive an email from us with 2-3 of these passages with titles such as “Get a Life?”, “When in a Fog”, and “If the Shoe Fits”. We are excited about seeing you all again and look forward to these times of study, discussion, and fellowship.
~ Judy and Guy Wall
Dear Trinity,
Thank you for all your prayers, cards, telephone calls, food, flowers and kind words since the passing my husband, Jack. Your outpouring of love and sympathy for our family has been an abundant source of comfort and strength. Thank you. Like all of you, I look forward to the time when we can be together in worship; for now, just knowing that you are there, brings great hope and peace. God bless you. – Betty Morgan

Blast from the Past!
Did you know . . .

. . . that “on March 19, 1957 the minister of Trinity United Methodist Church of New Albany Indiana, shot and killed a fleeing bank bandit who had just killed an Indiana State trooper? It was a mild March afternoon that had turned into a nightmare for the young pastor, the Rev. R. W. Gingery. Rev. Gingery, 37, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, had been riding around with the trooper, First Sgt. Marvin Walts, 49, a member of his congregation and a close friend.

When the Sellersburg State Bank was robbed of $1,651, Walts set up a road block. The officer stopped several cars before he halted the car of the bandit, William G. Hassett, 25, formerly of Louisville. Hassett slew Walts and fired a shot at Rev. Gingery, who was still in the trooper’s car. The minister picked up the trooper’s sawed-off shotgun and killed Hassett.”

(taken from an Courier-Journal written by Ed Moss, July 10, 1957 & Oct. 1, 1957)

Inclement Weather Policy

Sunday Worship: Notification of cancellations or delays on Sundays will be published on the broadcasts of Wave TV, WLKY TV & WDRB TV by 7:45 am on Sunday morning. If the first service is cancelled, then so are all Sunday school classes. We will make every reasonable effort to be open for worship at 11:11 am every Sunday morning. If a “State of Emergency” is announced, then all services and classes are cancelled. Members, guests and staff are always encouraged to observe all safety precautions by staying off the road during icy conditions.

Weekdays: If NAFC Schools are closed for inclement weather, then the Trinity UMC office will be closed. If schools are on a 2-hour delay, then Trinity UMC office will be on a 2-hour delay. On some occasions the office will be open when schools are closed; 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.

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 Finance Committee
Congratulations!! Trinity Learning Ministry has earned another 5 year cycle of accreditation through the National Association of Education of the Young Child (NAEYC). We would like to thank TUMC for all their support, especially Pastor Chris, and our Advisory Board members, Phyllis Wright and Beth Utz. Our staff works hard to maintain and document our high quality program to retain our NAEYC and Indiana Paths to Quality 4 status. We are the only preschool in Floyd County to earn NAEYC accreditation. Our families are grateful their children have a wonderful place to learn and play!

Thank you to Early Learning Indiana for an $18,000 grant to offset COVID-19 related expenses. This second round of grant funding will help us plan for the remainder of the school year, summer camp and fall 2021. We recently used grant funding to put air purifiers in all our classrooms and the preschool office.

Thank you also to the Church and Society Committee for purchasing a new, heavy, metal picnic table for our playground. Keith recently installed it. The Frogs class can’t wait for spring to come so they can have picnic lunch at the table. We enjoy listening to the carillon while we eat. The committee also purchased us a new tunnel for the gym. It is the largest size, so we are excited that our older summer campers will be able to use it, as well as the preschoolers.

Registration for Fall 2021 and summer camp  Do you or someone you know have a preschooler ready to learn and play with us? Preregistration for TUMC and Trinity Preschool families begins in March. Look on our website at trinitylearningministry.org for more information and enrollment forms. If you know anyone who is interested, we are scheduling private tours, mask required.

Contact us: office@trinitylearningministry.org  812-944-2251

Welcome Alexandra Ballew! Alex is an education major at IUS. Alex will be joining us as an assistant teacher M/W/F. Previous IUS students have found working at Trinity as rewarding work in preparation for future full time teaching.

Please plan to join us as we continue to learn wonderful lessons with the Trackers of Truth!


For more info reference a specific Sunday, contact the assigned teacher for that rotation:
Autumn White at  autumnelizabethwhite@gmail.com  /  Yanitza Schmit at (210) 727-6295, yanitza502@gmail.com  
Sue Lane at (502) 594-1730, sue.lane@twc.com

For more information on youth programing, contact:
Nathan Bleecker, Youth Minister, tumcnewalbanyyouth@gmail.com
**Trinity March 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.

**Ushers**

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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.

**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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**Pray for 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**

Trinity will be holding in-person worship services in the Sanctuary as well as live streaming the service in Murr Hall, on the Trinity website and Facebook page this Spring, starting March 7. 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 responding to this plea will be placed in the rotation schedule.

So, let us know if you want to help.

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

- I prefer to help in Murr Hall as a greeter (9am) (11:11 am)
- I prefer to help in the Sanctuary in one of the following positions:
  - usher (9am) (11:11 am)
  - greeter (9am) (11:11 am)
  - Communion assistant (9am) (11:11 am)
  - welcome center staffer (9am) (11:11 am)
  - _____ prayer for Pastor & worship leaders from home
  - _____ video processing for web-site
  - _____ worship experience team
  - media booth operator (9am) (11:11 am)

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

E-Mail: info@trinitynewalbany.org  Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Web: trinityna.org  Phone: (812) 944-2229