

# Signal Light - OCTOBER 2020

## Trinity United Church of Christ - Quincy, Illinois

Online Worship & Social  
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Web Site

[www.trinitychurchquincy.com](http://www.trinitychurchquincy.com)

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## *Pastor's Letter*

Dear Friends,

Some of you may be aware that I started my 31st year as the pastor of Trinity this month. October is also Pastor Appreciation Month. I want to thank those of you who have reached out with kind words. This year has, without a doubt, been my second most challenging year of ministry since being ordained. (the most challenging being the year Susan died.)

I want to turn the tables and focus my appreciation on YOU. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippian church, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Philippians 1:3 I am grateful for you and pray for you daily. You have given me the sacred honor of baptizing your family, marrying your loved ones and walking with you through sickness and the valley of death. It is a sacred privilege and I thank God for leading me to Quincy and blessing our many years together.

Our time together has been a blessing to me and my family. Your love, care and support in our cancer journey was a blessing that cannot be adequately expressed with words of appreciation. Your willingness to change and evolve and become a church of the 21st century that values a variety of worship expressions created a vitality that many churches only hope for. I am grateful that you are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

In the greatest world health crisis in a hundred years you have been careful and supportive and cared for one another as we continue to adjust to the "COVID normal" and wait for it to be safe to regather. I am grateful for the leadership of the Consistory and Worship Team. I am grateful for our musicians who volunteer to make worship online more meaningful. I am grateful for my son Andrew, who has volunteered each week since March to take the raw video files and edit them into the presentation we are able to watch on YouTube and Facebook.

These are hard times. But gratitude makes it easier. Every time I think of you, I give thanks.

Faithfully,

*Tim*





## *Worship Series*

# *Community Spread*

God's COVID Mitigation Plans

As a deadly virus surges across the globe we will focus on spreading the values of our faith to lessen the impact of the Corona virus.

**October 18, 2020**

II Corinthians 4:15-18 -Spread Grace

**October 25, 2020**

John 14:1-7 - Spread Comfort

**November 1, 2020**

Romans 8:24-27 -Spread Hope

**November 8, 2020**

Ephesians 4:29-32; I John 4:7-21 - Spread Kindness & Love

**November 15, 2020**

Ruth 1:15-18 - Spread Gratitude

# *Totenfest*

Each year on the Sunday before All Saints Day we have a special service of remembrance for those who have died in the last year. God promises to be present with us in life and in death and promises eternal life for the children of God. There will be a special service of remembrance on Sunday, October 25th on YouTube and Facebook. Grief experts tell us that remembering those who have died is an important part of healing from the devastating loss of a loved one. This year we will be remembering six people who now have eternal rest in the presence of God.

## *In Loving Memory*

*Julie Ann Schild Finley*  
6/5/1954 ~ 4/13/2020

*Winona Marie Kistner*  
11/30/1920 ~ 10/13/2019

*Susan Elizabeth May*  
1/5/1948 ~ 12/18/2019

*Linda Katherine Miller*  
3/15/1946 ~ 3/6/2020

*David August Frederick Nagel*  
3/23/1931 ~ 3/13/2020

*Charles Monroe Nell*  
7/23/1942 ~ 6/12/2020

*Please continue to pray for the families of those who are remembered today. Grief is a healing process that takes a very long time. "Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord; for they Rest from their Labors."*



## *For Such a Time as This*

Last year our stewardship campaign theme was “Pray Gratefully - Serve Responsibly – Give Generously!” It sounds like the perfect theme for a pandemic year. This certainly has been a year like none other. As we strive to be safe and responsible, we continue the work of the church in different ways. This year our stewardship theme is “For Such a Time as This!” Our theme comes from the book of Esther. In an extraordinary time, when the people of Israel were threatened by genocide, Esther stepped out in faith, risked her life, and advocated for mercy to the king. Her expression of faith and courage saved the nation of Israel.

In this extraordinary time, we are invited to step out in faith to support the work of the church in 2021. This is a time to come together in support of Trinity. Often, we don't fully realize the value of something until we lose it. 2020 has shown us how much we need God and each other.

Pledge cards have been mailed, please return your pledge as soon as possible. You are welcome to email Marty [marty@trinitychurchquincy.com](mailto:marty@trinitychurchquincy.com) with your pledge amount or drop your pledge card in the mail. A very conservative budget has been recommended by the Consistory and information about the budget and upcoming Congregational Meeting will be mailed soon. Thank you for expressing your faith and support with a financial commitment for the coming year. For Such a Time as This we need to pull together in support of our future together.

Your Stewardship Team

## *Drive Through Communion*

On October 4th approximately 80 people from our church and the community joined with our Christian sisters and brothers around the world to celebrate communion, in a special drive through communion event. Food for local food pantries, as well as Neighbors in Need offerings and Crop Walk donations were also given. Special thanks to all who were involved and made this a safe meaningful event. Our next drive through Communion is scheduled for **November 22nd**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.



## *Financial Update*

In this time when it is not safe for us to meet in person, the church continues to be supported by your gifts. Unfortunately, our expenses continue to exceed income. We are grateful for all who continue to mail checks, drop off gifts or use our online giving platform on the website.

We are blessed to have the capability to give to the church through our website. There is a giving tab in the top right corner of the screen. Gifts can be made to general fund giving as well as memorials. The following giving options are available: Online giving through the website <https://trinitychurchquincy.com/giving/>

Thank you for your continued financial support. We continue to only make bank deposits every two weeks and it may take a little longer for your check to clear the bank.

## *Neighbors in Need*

Neighbors in Need Offering was October 4th. Thank you to all that gave a gift. There is still time to give a gift. Please mail or drop off your gift to the office by October 25th. Total gifts thus far: \$125.00

## *Food Drive Continues*

We will continue with filling our grocery cart. There is a cart by the west door for you to drop them off. There is a big need. Please help us feed the hungry. 297 food items were given in September. Thank you!

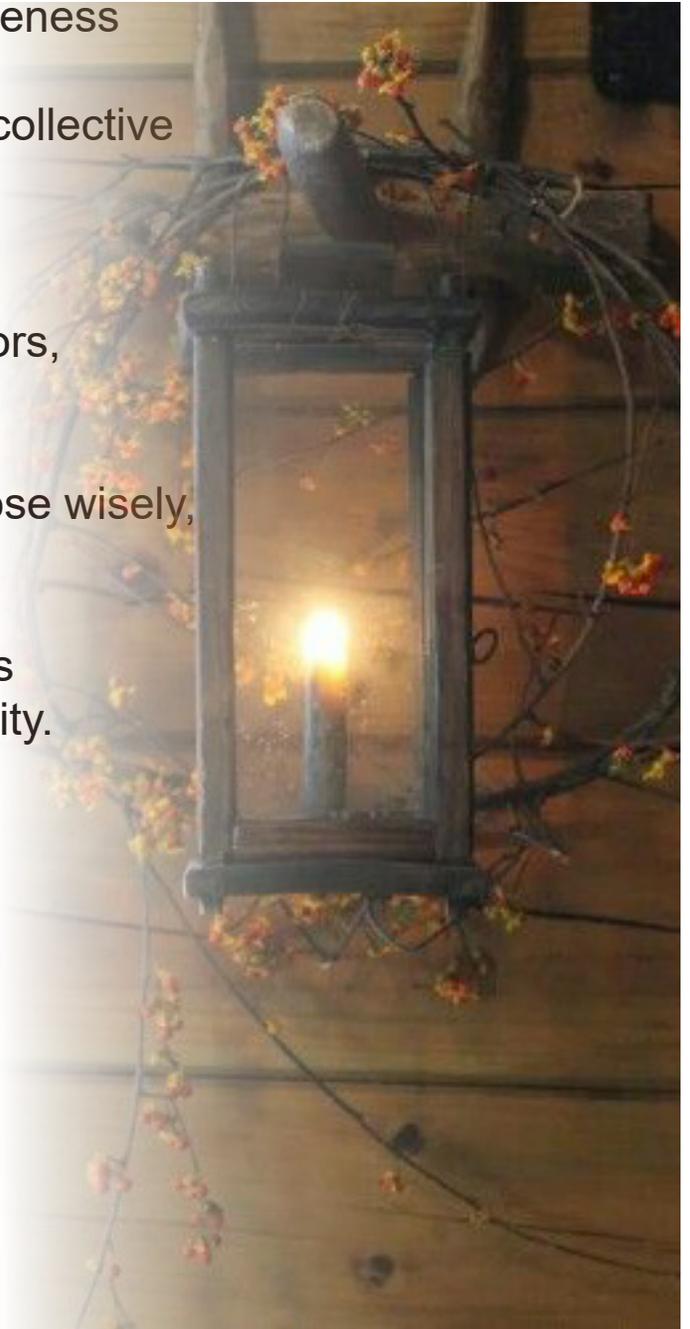
## *Crop Walk*

The Crop Walk was October 4th thru 11th. There is still time to give a gift. You can mail, drop gifts off at the church office or give on line at [www.crophungerwalk.org/quincyl](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/quincyl) Please have your gift to the office by October 23rd. Thank you. Total Trinity gifts thus far: \$320.00

# *A Prayer for these Times*

Sister Christine Koelhoffer, IHM

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.  
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.  
We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.  
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.  
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral.  
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.  
Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.  
Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,  
You, the God who does not abandon.  
Amen





## *Trinity's Digital Ministry*

The pandemic has pushed Trinity to increase our digital ministries in order to provide spiritual care, nurture, and worship in this time when we are severely limiting in-person gatherings. There are multiple ways you can experience our online presence.

Worship can be accessed three different ways online. You can worship with us on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOouMxMe0NoaHeogkg5zAXg>

You can worship with us on Facebook at:

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

You can go to our webpage and scroll to the bottom of the home page to access all our media. That can be found at:

<https://www.trinitychurchquincy.com>

In addition to worship, the Pastoral Reflections that are being posted daily on Facebook. One of the most efficient ways to spread God's love and promote the ministries is to SHARE the posts. Sharing the posts allows others in your social network to see the inspirational content we are posting. Please share!

## *Retirement Celebration*

You are invited to a 'Drive by' celebration for Jeff Burns retirement on Wednesday, November 18th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at our home, 740 S. 15th St. Jeff will be on the front porch to wave as you go by. Jeff retired from ADM/Quincy Soybean after 45 years.

Drive by to give a wave or a honk. I hope we see you. Thank you,  
Marty Burns

## *Air Conditioning Update*

Envelopes will be at the west door table or in the foyer and periodically in the Signal Light until our goal has been reached. If you are sending a gift in the mail be sure to specify Air Conditioning Fund in the memo area of your check.

**Thank you! 2019 & 2020 Gifts Received: \$12,390.00**

## *Resource Center Devotionals*

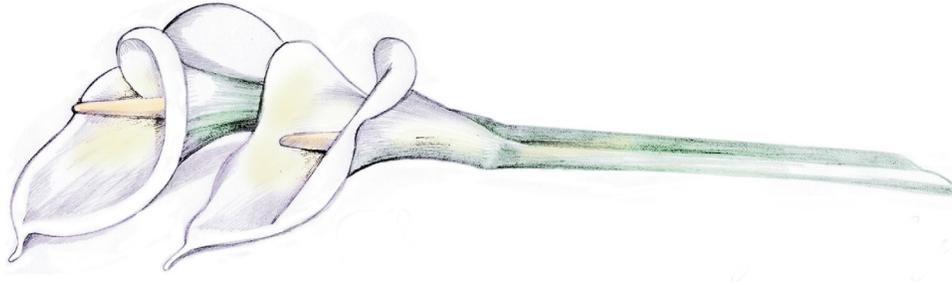
Enjoy and relax on a lazy summer day with a devotional: The Upper Room November-December issues are now available. These Days Devotionals for October-December issues are located on table by the west door or the literature rack in the church foyer. Although the suggested price for each booklet is \$1.00, any amount you can give will help defray the cost.

## *Trinity Members Hospitalized*

Trinity members hospitalized since the September 2020  
Signal Light: **Donna Nell; Mary Boyer**



# *Memorials and Celebration Gifts*



## **SECOND MILE GIVING FUND**

**To: Thelbert & Joan Niehoff  
From: Marty & Jeff Burns & family**

## **SECOND MILE GIVING FUND**

**In Honor of Jeff Burns retirement October 9, 2020  
From Marty, Michael, Cassandra & Dominic**

# *Foster Parents Needed*

Lutheran child and Family Services of Illinois is needing foster parents to help a child and family heal. Learn more at [www.LCFS.org/foster](http://www.LCFS.org/foster) or call 1-800-363-5237. Or call Toni McCulloch at 573-719-6976



# *Prayer List*

**EACH DAY IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIFT UP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:** Garold Schumaker, Mary Boyer, Donna Nell, Shirley Kroner, Steve Cole, Mavis VanCamp, Glen Hollyman, June Lahrman, Dick & Georgia Tournear, Baby Myles, Bill Arnold, Cathy Ussery Jim Bigelow, Marilyn Griffin, Don Tallcott, Katie Durk, Judith Stoermer, Carlene Davis, Andy Knight, Dorothy Krohn, Jim Sass, Christian Caley, Steve Lock and Mike Jackson, Trevin Humphrey, Leo Henning, Beka Zwirtz, Mary Jones, Ray Southard, Steve Homan, Mildred Crane, Jimmy and Caitlin Garcia, Beth Harscher, Tim Miller, Shona Rodgers, Jim Foster, Mary Feeny, Julie McEwen, Ken Herman, Bob Standbridge, Glenn Cox, Russell Orr, Sarah Shelley, Donna Braden, Kim Meyer, Phil Worrell, Donna McClelland, Sondi Miller, Mary Dyer, Kevin Rockhold, Bill Lahrman, Conner Redington, Ron Gaus, Linda Vandiver, John Rudicil, Marty Ohnemus, Brian Cox, Dr. Kent Palmer, Marilyn VanBlair, Max Miller, Teresa Sweet, Ginny Tobin, Mike Rokita, Lisa Gengenbacher, Dave Holtschlag, Tim Axton, Jeff Bates, Imogene & J.B. Weston, Cindy Trower, Bob Bizer, Kim Stratman, Bill Gilbert, Eli Campos, Sammy Adcox, Alan & Rosemary Fries, Jimmy Steinkamp, Tim Dittmer, Alexandra & Isabelle Durk, Marcia Moss, David Travis, Lori Gordon, Lisa Wood, Briley & Grayson Zibilski, Nancy McCarty, Lori Kraus, Richard Brown, Vicki McColez, Mike & Sandy Schmid, Penny Norton, Kyle Benson, Vickie Fischer, Colin Little, Hayden Wheatley, Jan Lee Wansley, Colette Gaston, Linda Atkins, Vickie Schoffmit, Liam Combs, Steve Withers, Mary Frasch, Prudence McKenadey, Bob McCleary, Ty Sharify, Marie Holt, Beverly Hurt, Pauline Poppe, Sydney Jean Meade, Sue Foster, Kristopher Schreacke, Hayden Pegues, Conner Smith, Shirley Martin, Gary Glover, Hannah McVeigh, Evan Mencer, Julie Hamilton, Dustin Humphrey, Carolyn Lauder, Yvonne & David Stone, Millie & Bob Meyer, Mary Loos, Ella Cain, Pauline Willbanks, Mary Chamberlain, Pat Hillerts, Kim Tryon, Carol Holbrook, Allison Weibring, Barbara Savell, Sue Mann, Edna Walker, Al Rankin, Lee Koch, Bennett Dredge, Jeremy & family, Abbie, Blaine, Jamie, Mike, Toby, Ashley, Stephanie & family, Calvin, Annie, Ella, Abbie, Rebekah, Carla, Isabella, Katie, Alisha, Tonya, Valerie, Jake, David, Leslie, Alex, Don, Amanda, Philip and the Armed Forces. Please pray for the families and friends of Alice Tournear, Jeff Glas, Connie Owens and Charlie Nell in this time of grief and those who are recipients of our Love Gift offerings.



## *October Birthdays*

1	Ella Cain	12	Brian Myers
3	Stephanie McClelland	18	Doug Kooken
	Kim Deeter		Paul Obrock
	Dale Loos	19	Austyn Duncheon
	Becky Mester	20	Steven Cloud
	Amber Walker		Kyle Fleer
	Hilary Morriss		Alayna Ryan Moore
	Larry Hanson	21	Kristen DeVine
	Maria Kooken		Liza Schutte
	Robin Niehoff	22	A J Barnes
4	Ryan Gilbert		Lexi Mero
	Patricia Eaton	24	Matteson Rache Schmidt
	Tammy Rees	25	Kendal Kendrick
	Meagan Mero	26	TJ Stephenson
5	Kristi Routh		Gracie Frankel
6	Daniel Spohr		Karen Howell
8	Cindy Meyer		Kenady Moore
	Jeffrey Hibbert	27	Gail Vance
9	Brandon Cloud		Jordan Mester
	Casey Decker	28	Tony Marshall
	Kenneth Laaker	29	Barbara Aeschliman
	Robin Schild		Brianna Otten
	Denise Moore		April Lenane
10	Katie Ridder	31	Elizabeth Dix
	Cassie Coulter		
	Bea Cliatt		
11	Justin Cloud		
	David Dix		
	Lola Westenhaver		



## *October Anniversaries*

1	Bo & Hilary Morriss
2	John & Donna Moller
3	Robert & Karen Wuestenfeld
4	Travis & Kim Higgins
5	Robin & Viktoriya Schild
	Randy & Geri Miller
7	David & Kelle McClain
8	Larry & Melinda Moore
8	Randy & Peggy Poteet
9	Brent & Brandy Hickerson
11	Kenneth & Anita Laaker
13	Todd & Melissa Hildebrand
18	Jason & Christy Frankel
	Adam & Kendell Farr
19	Philip & Carol Armour
19	Tammy & Roger Rees
21	Joe & Cindy Meyer
26	Ryan & Danielle McPartlin

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