

The Trinity In-Spire

Sunday Services

Current Sermon Series- A Different Kind Of King

Every Sunday:
9:00 AM

Traditional Service

10:00 AM

Friendship Class "Adult
Sunday School"

11:00 AM

Contemporary Service

December Events

12/3 - Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM

12/10 - Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM

12/13 - Women To Women @
Coffee and Cream
8:30 AM

12/17 - Women's Bible Study
9:30 AM

12/24 - Christmas Eve Service
7 PM

12/25 - 1/1 - Office Closed

12/31 - New Years Eve

If you have something that needs to be added to the newsletter for next year don't hesitate to get in touch with Randi in the office or office@trinitychurchum.org and we will figure out the best way to share the info. thank you so much for your attention and participation.

*A
Different Kind
of
King*

For a Different Kind of Kingdom



Staff Christmas

*Let's show our church staff
how much we love them! We
will be collecting a special
offering for our staff from
November 2nd through
December 14th*

*Trinity Church Council thanks
you for helping show our love!*

You are invited to join us
for our Christmas Eve
Service

December 24th
7:00 PM

Trinity United Methodist Church
229 South State Street
Kendallville, IN

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
the **KING**
has **COME**





A Special Congratulations to David and Debra Hockley who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21st.

They were married in the sanctuary here at Trinity!

We wish them many blessings in their marriage for years to come!

✿ If you would ever like us to include a special event, anniversary, or birthday in our newsletter or in a shout out on our facebook page please reach out to Maddie at (260)-582-7148 or send an email to Maddie@trinitychurchum.org ✿

A Message From Pastor Drew

A Different Kind of King for a Different Kind of Kingdom

We just wrapped up our months-long series Conversations with Matthew just in time for the beginning of Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas. It's a season when we reflect upon what the coming of Jesus meant in his day and what his coming means for us now. The Gospel writer Matthew taught us over the last few months that two kingdoms vie for a place in the human heart. One is the kingdom of this world, a kingdom built on pride, cruelty, and greed; the other is the Kingdom of God, one built on humility, compassion, and love.

At the head of that second Kingdom was an extraordinary King—a King like no other. Most kings before and most kings since used the tools of the world's kingdom: guile, brute strength, manipulation, and self-promotion. But a Kingdom like no other needs a King like no other.

On Christmas we celebrate the coming of that King; during Advent, we remind ourselves why his coming matters. We remind ourselves what makes this King different.

Join us Sundays in December for this journey of rediscovery, and celebrate the season with us on Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM.

Financial Update from Dr. Warrenner

On behalf of the Leadership Board and the Trinity Church Foundation, we would like to update the congregation on the financial status of the church. Most of you will remember past years when we traditionally had a formal pledge drive every fall. This has not taken place for several years, so it is important that everyone be informed of the church's current fiscal health.

First the good news. Through the donations and bequests of many current and former church members, we have a thriving and robust Foundation. This has allowed Trinity to complete significant repairs and upgrades to the building and property in the past year. These have included roofing and repairs to the newer part of the church, extensive repairs to the steeple, refinishing of the outside doors to the sanctuary, and most recently, repaving of the east parking lots. These were accomplished without incurring debt or needing to approach the congregation in a fund drive.

Now, the not so good news. In 2025, the monthly church operational budget is approximately \$21,600 per month. Year to date, our monthly giving has averaged about \$14,300 per month, for a monthly deficit of \$7,300, or a weekly deficit of approximately \$1,800. Funds from the Trinity Foundation have been used to balance the budget when necessary, thus far without depleting the principle of our Foundation accounts.

If each giving unit in the congregation were to increase their weekly financial gifts by 10%, the weekly deficit would drop from \$1,800 to about \$1,330. A 15% average giving increase would reduce the deficit to about \$1,170 per week. Please note that this still leaves an annual budget deficit in excess of \$50,000.

Our church Foundation assets, though substantial, are not infinite. We on the Leadership Board would therefore ask all of you to prayerfully consider an increase in your church giving in the upcoming year. In addition, recognize that separate donations and bequests designated for the church Foundation will help sustain Trinity Church into the future.

I will be happy to address any questions you may have regarding these matters.

Gerald Warrenner, M.D.

Pastor & Staff:

Rev. Drew Baker, Lead Pastor
Debbie Miller, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Randi Gross, Administrative Assistant
Maddie Pfafman, Communications Administrator
Jessica Swogger- Nursery Attendant

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Our Vision & Values



A safe harbor
offering God's
love and hope
to all people.

Trinity Church
United Methodist



Jesus First

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