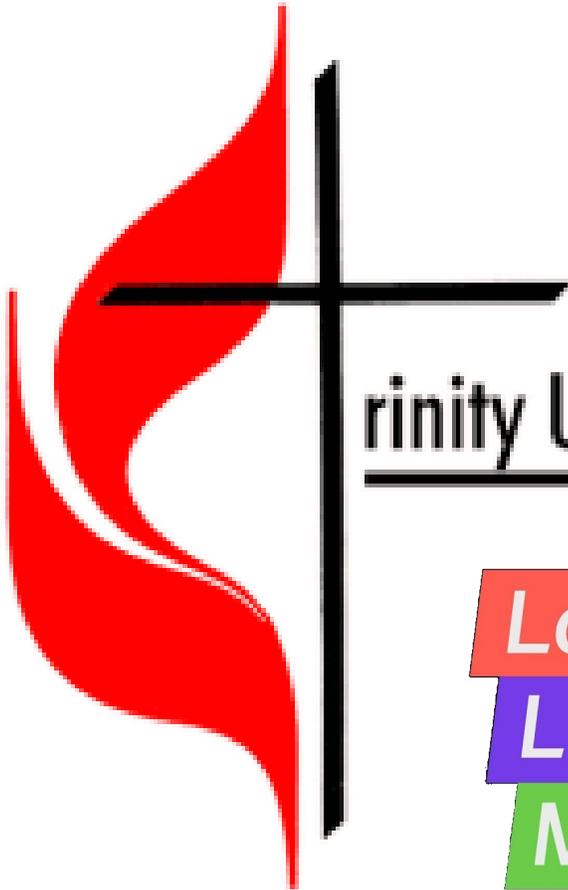


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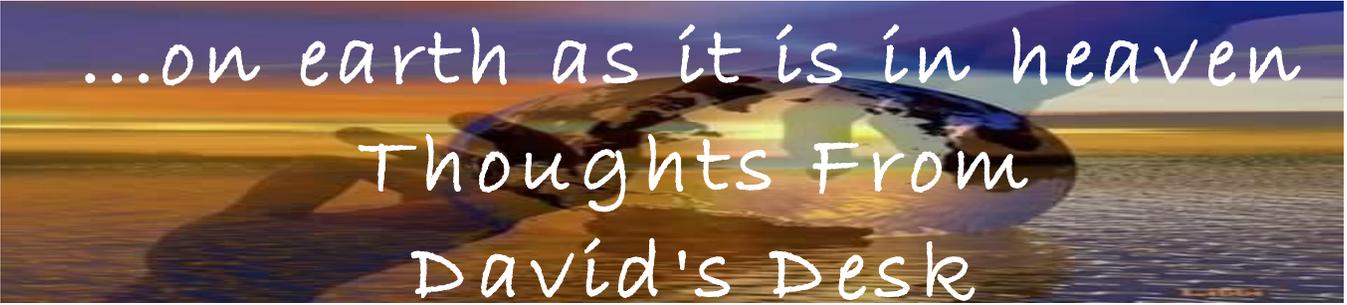
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**Love God**

**Love People**

**Make Disciples**





...on earth as it is in heaven  
Thoughts From  
David's Desk

*“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.” -Isaiah 43:19 (The Message)*

The beginning of a new year is seen by many as a good time to, well, begin. A new year marks the beginning of new things while we say good-bye to what has transpired over the last twelve months. Many of us had hopes and dreams for 2021; some have come to pass; others have left us wanting.

We are still battling a global pandemic that unfortunately shows no signs of slowing down. We are still a very divided nation and world; divided over politics, healthcare, vaccines, religion, and many other ideas and ideals. For many believers our world situation comes as no surprise. We have read for millennia what awaits us and our planet. Many believe these are signs of the times. And though this might be the case, we are not left without hope.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God is always doing a new thing. He wants us to “be alert, be present” to God’s involvement in our world. That is why I love our “Be the Church” time, a time to share where we see God in His world.

2022 is going to be a year of new beginnings here at Trinity; beginnings that have many of us both excited and believing that this year is going to be one of Trinity’s very finest. Look at where God is leading us in this new year:

- We are opening our daycare in January. After Bonnie’s health scare and the subsequent shutting down of the daycare, we saw just how vital this need is. Now our church will have its own daycare where we can help children safely learn and grow.
- We are launching our prison ministry. What started as a dream to be pen pals with women who are incarcerated has already turned into a full-blown ministry helping these women adjust back into society once they have served their sentence.
- We are opening a Community Resource Center downstairs in our tutoring center. Open during Food Bank hours and by appointment, this center will help anyone in Fort Wayne navigate the social services they most desperately need.
- We are re-introducing our Meet Your Neighbor meals as once a month events here at the church.
- We are partnering with other Methodist Churches and organizations to help dismantle racism, our bishop’s number one goal for 2022. This will most likely include the hiring of some new staff member(s).
- We are going to have a new playground in the Spring of 2022, paid for by neighborhood grants through the city. This will also include new basketball courts and better lighting.
- In January, we are launching our brand-new website, complete with our new church logo.
- We are already starting to see new faces attend our corporate worship service on Sunday mornings!
- And much, much more.

God is doing a new thing at Trinity. Look now, do you see it?

Grace and Peace,

david

# Executive Pastor's Corner

## With Pastor Susan



Greetings and Happy New Year,

Can you believe we will soon welcome in the year 2022? Remember in 1999 how everyone worried what would happen with our computers when we entered the year 2000? That was over 20 years ago. Those babies born that year can now vote. Time seems to speed up a little more each year.

I'm excited to see what God is going to do at Trinity this new year. I am expecting miracles! As we've studied the New Testament, I've been reminded each month how powerful God is and how he wants to bless his children. He loves us so much, and as a parent wants to lead us into new and amazing things. However, to receive his blessings, we must get out of the boat.

In Matthew, we read about the time Jesus walked on water. As he walks toward the boat, Peter asked to join him on the water. Jesus invited him with one word, "Come." *"Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Did you notice that as long as Peter had his eyes on Jesus, he was able to walk on the water? He defied science and nature as long as he trusted in his Lord.*

But when he looked elsewhere, when he depended upon himself, he began to sink. Then Jesus asked him the question he has asked me many times, *"You of little faith, why did you doubt?" It is so easy to take our eyes off Jesus as we traverse through life. Even when we are doing something we believe Jesus wants us to do, we get caught up in day-to-day bumps in the road.*

I have made the decision that the only resolution that I will make this new year is to keep my eyes on Jesus. I will trust him with all the decisions and daily activities at the daycare. I will trust him to draw people into our prayer time on Wednesday evenings, and I will trust him as we launch the prison and outreach ministries.

Will you join me on the first Wednesday of the new year (January 5<sup>th</sup>) for a special prayer service to ask God's blessings to be poured into Trinity and all our people and ministries? There will be time for individuals to be anointed with oil and prayed over. It will be a time of remembering 2021 and preparing for 2022. I pray you will join the staff at 6 that evening to ask for the blessings God wants to give us.

### DAYCARE UPDATE

I wanted to share some updates about the daycare. In November, we passed our fire safety inspection. We are now waiting for our consultant from the state to come in and do her inspection. We are waiting for some clearances to come through to the Early Childhood state offices. If they come through in time, our inspection will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. If not, we will have to reschedule. Either way, it looks like we will be opening **Trinity's Treasured Tykes** in January. It's been such a very long process. So, it is great that we are this close to opening. Please keep us in your prayers as we work through these final steps.

Pastor Susan

# Children's Ministry Update

Lynessa Grossman, Children's Minister



## Kids Corner

In Sunday we have taken a break from Moses and did our Christmas series on the spiritual gifts. That might sound a little familiar to you because that is what Pastor David has been preaching on it as well. We thought it would be nice to talk about the same thing for Christmas. We will be going back to the Moses story when the Christmas season has passed. The volunteers who help with Sunday School are incredible, if you would like to join our team please contact me.

That Thursday Thing has about 9 regulars that come every week. Their favorite thing is to play basketball together. We have been having them come in on Wednesday for homework help and to hang out with us. If you would like to come check it out let me or Kaleela know.

With the new year coming up I would really like to expand the children's ministry by adding in a nursery on Sundays. If you or anyone you know would like to be involved with that please let me know.

Children's Ministry Director,  
Lynessa Grossman

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## Youth

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who have helped with the Angel Tree project this last month! With your help and generosity we were able to provide for over 10 children in our neighborhood and come alongside their families for Christmas. This congregation never ceases to amaze me with their kindness, generosity, and love that are demonstrated through giving and serving. The families are very grateful for your support. I believe that we were able to show the love of God during this season, and I hope that for some of the children and their families, this will be an open door for new relationships to be built and strengthened.

### Lock Out!

We will be doing a combined UMC Youth Lock Out January 14-15 for all Middle School and High School youth. We will be visiting a few different locations throughout the night, as well as doing a service project in our neighborhood.

Lock out will go from 7:00pm Friday the 14 - 8:00am Saturday the 15

Cost is just \$5.00 per student.

Students should bring an overnight bag, pillow, and blanket.

Contact Kaleela for more details.

**Dollar Sundays** - All loose \$1.00 bills in the offering each Sunday will go toward Special Giving.



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Food Bank



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Youth Ministry



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Rising Stars

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday *Engage*



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday The Blessing Fund

## Financial Notes

-Missions Council

2021 was a renewal and reopening of our doors, trusting God to see us through COVID-19 and helping us to move forward in our love and service to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Kaleela and Lynessa have blessed us with their talents and dedication not only in our worship service with technology and music and devotion but they with love for our neighborhood youth. We have had so many youths come through our doors during the week for a time of study, a time of play, a time of sharing a meal and a time of friendship. That Thursday Thing and a Tuesday afternoon of learning have touched many lives. We sent several youths to Camp this year and hopefully will send more in 2022.

Another major undertaking was our decision to open Trinity's Treasured Tykes Daycare. Our goal was to be able to open in 2021 but there were many obstacles to overcome. 2022 watch out, here we come. Pastor Susan and Lynessa and many other volunteers have worked very hard to prepare this ministry. Please pray for our new staff and volunteers, pray about how you might be able to help, pray for the new children who will be walking through our doors. Help us Lord to use this ministry to glorify you.

In 2021 we agreed to sponsor our own missionary, Will Avila, to go to Guatemala. In addition, Kaleela is now gathering a group to go to Guatemala for a week to experience this opportunity to love and service others. My guess is that they will become as blessed as those with whom they serve. Pray for this Ministry as well, I only wish I was young again.

We had several absolutely fun and exciting parking lot events. This summer we had two hamburger and hot dog cookouts. I am looking forward to more this summer (actually I am looking forward to summer). Our Trunk or Treat brought a minimum of 100 kids through the parking lot, with parents taking pictures, fun games, tasty treats and many smiling faces.

In late November a pen-pal Prison Ministry started with just a few, it seems like overnight this has exploded and may become one of our great ministries for 2022.

How can you help? Pray, Pray, Pray and of course give as you can. Your dollars are needed to help us continue serving others.

Here are ways that you can give.

Your offerings can be mailed to the church, dropped off in our mail slot at office door, or you can go online to our giving web site and make a donation.

Mail:

Trinity UMC  
609 Putnam St  
Fort Wayne IN 46808

Or online: [www.tithe.ly.com](http://www.tithe.ly.com)

Another way is to send your donation via your banks online bill pay. If you need assistance with any of these options please let us know so that someone can contact you and help you set this up.

Mary DeLaRosa, Finance Chair

### The Church Budget

The budget is not sums to me!  
It is children's happy faces;  
It is missionaries who tell of Christ  
In far-off needy places.  
It is a sanctuary to which we go  
For worship and for prayer;  
It is the folk we're glad to know  
In love and friendship there.  
It is the organ's majestic roll  
And anthems quite inspiring;  
It is the preacher's honest theme  
Of a gospel that's untiring.  
It is an altar we call peace  
In a world that is at war;  
It is the Kingdom of our Lord  
When evil has been turned to good.  
It is the reigning of the Christ  
In a world-wide brotherhood.

Community Rewards is easy to use. The more you shop with Kroger the more money Trinity will earn! Trinity UMC thanks you all for your support.

**Sign up by phone** - Call 1-800-576-4377, option 3

You will need:

1. to inform them that you would like to sign up for community rewards
2. your Kroger card number (located by the barcode)
3. Your name and address
4. Trinity Community rewards number IL722



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## Shut Ins

**Arnold, Phyllis** 10116 Goshen Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46818

**Cook, Don** Greystone Nursing Home 10445 Dupont Oaks Blvd. Rm 400 Fort Wayne, IN 46845

**McAlpin, Joan** 260-486-5014 Apple Ridge 3320 State Blvd. Apt 202 Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**McLeod, Wanda** 818 Louisedale Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46808

**Meeks, Judy** 260-424-0487 641 Greenlawn Ave Fort Wayne, IN 46808

**Moore, Lucille** 260-579-5256 5250 Heritage Parkway, Fort Wayne, IN 46835

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Write 2 Read Tutoring Center By Appointment Only	Executive Pastor Susan Roehs	260-422-7924(w) 484-432-2603 (c)



Have you considered setting up an automatic payment for your tithe through your bank? Your tithe will come out of your account automatically on the same day each month. One less thing to remember to do.

If you need assistance with any of this please let us know so that someone can contact you and help you set this up.

Mary DeLaRosa



## Trinity Goes To Guatemala!

I am excited to announce that we will be taking a group from Trinity UMC to Guatemala this Spring. This will be the first international missions trip for Trinity UMC in over 10 years. The current dates for this trip are April 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. This trip is open to all who are interested, but will require an application to be submitted and accepted. We will be having an informational meetings Dec. 26th & Jan.2nd. If you are interested or have any questions before the meeting, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.



Kaleela Grossman  
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## Break Free Ministries

Trinity is excited to introduce you to a new ministry! As of December, Brittney and Jessica founded Break Free Ministries. This ministry's sole focus is to serve incarcerated women.

Break Free Ministries was created to encourage women in their darkest moments. We have a penpal ministry to encourage and mentor women who are currently incarcerated in the state of IN. Through the generosity of our members, we have already been able to purchase devotionals for a few of the women. We have already received multiple thank you letters and calls explaining how this ministry alone is a Godsend to the women while incarcerated. Sometimes we are the only people these women have that see them as more than a number or a failure.

Currently there are over 2,500 women incarcerated at various Indiana Department of Corrections facilities. No matter how society may view them, God sees them as his daughters. In his letter to the church at Phillippi, The Apostle Paul, a prisoner himself, writes; "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8. To these women, the church's kindness and generosity is nothing short of praiseworthy.

Break Free Ministries also partners with each woman as she walks through her re-entry process. We help set her up with housing, counseling, a caseworker to help with family reunification, job training and placement, budgeting and finance classes, and a long-term spiritual mentor. No woman should ever be defined by her past choices or circumstances. At Break Free Ministries, we want every woman to see herself as God sees her: one who is fearfully and wonderfully made, and one who is loved so fiercely that Jesus would've died just for her. By eliminating any roadblocks to success, and helping each woman heal from past trauma, addictions, and dysfunctional relationships, we will empower each woman to break the chains of generational bondage and move into a full and complete life for all of eternity.

Please continue to pray for all who are incarcerated. If you would like to know more about what we are doing to help those currently incarcerated or transitioning back to their new normal, please contact Brittney Farkas or Jessica Abbott. Also, please feel free to contact us if you'd like to volunteer as a penpal, or if you wish to donate to this ministry to help supply women with much-desired supplies like Bibles or devotionals. God is already doing amazing things in the lives of these women and their families!

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January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 James 4 Pray for our shut-ins	4 James 5 Pray for Dan	5 1 Peter 1 Pray for our Tech Team	6 1 Peter 2 Pray for Pastor David	7 1 Peter 3 Pray for President Biden	8
9	10 1 Peter 4 Pray for those with Addictions	11 1 Peter 5 Pray for Vice President Harris	12 2 Peter 1 Pray for Congress	13 2 Peter 2 Pray for Brittney	14 2 Peter 3 Pray for the Praise Team	15
16	17 1 John 1 Pray for Pastor Susan	18 1 John 2 Pray for your pastors' families	19 1 John 3 Pray for the leadership of the UMC	20 1 John 4 Pray for Kaleela	21 1 John 5 Pray for Lynessa	22
23	24 2 John Pray for those who don't know Jesus	25 3 John Pray for our community	26 Jude Pray for those who have Covid	27 Revelation 1 Pray for our congregation	28 Revelation 2 Pray for our food bank workers	29
30	31 Revelation 3 Pray for our new prison ministry					

Trinity UMC has joined the **Recycling Advantage Program**. Help us earn money by recycling your old electronic waste.



We will be collecting:  
**Cell Phones**  
**Laptops/Tablets**  
**Used printer cartridges**  
**New unused printer cartridges**



You will find the box to collect your old electronic waste in the Narthex on the *Welcome Center* table.

January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> No Choir
<b>2</b> 9 am Worship 10:30 am Fireside	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer 6:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> That Thursday Thing 4:30-6 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Choir Practice 9 am
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<b>30</b> Congregation appreciation Sunday  9 am Worship 10:30 am Fireside	<b>31</b>					

## Food Pantry Year End Totals



Families 1,144	1st Time 312	Est. Meals 47,665
Female Heads 519	Est. Items Given 5,896,361	Children 1,070
Disabled 514	Volunteers 32	Donated Hrs. 4,680



Join us on **FACEBOOK LIVE** Sundays



9:00 a.m.

@Trinity UMC - Fort Wayne

**WEEKDAY MINISTRIES:**

**Food Bank**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**THAT THURSDAY  
THING**  
4:30 - 6:00PM



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