

Trinity Friends,

**July 2023
Trinity UCC
Topics**

Opal Lee, 96, is called the "grandmother of the movement" to make Juneteenth a federal holiday.

In 2016, at 89 years old, Lee, a former teacher and lifelong activist, walked from her home in Fort Worth, Texas, to the nation's capital in an effort to get Juneteenth named a national holiday. Lee walks two-and-a-half miles each year on June 19 to mark the time between the Emancipation Proclamation and when the news of freedom arrived in Galveston, Texas.

Lee said she hopes more people across the country will join her in walking, "We need to go about the business of everybody participating." A Texas native, Lee said she experienced racial unrest firsthand during her childhood, including a night, on June 19, 1939, when a group of hundreds of rioters set fire to her family's home. "People have said that perhaps this is the catalyst that got me onto Juneteenth, I don't know that," she said. "Juneteenth is not a Black thing and it's not a Texas thing, People all over, I don't care what nationality, we all bleed red blood."

A few weeks ago, I preached about the disciples of Jesus and the people who followed him as "Everyday People", referring to the popular 1960's song by Sly and the family stone. Don't ever forget that Everyday people are the ones who hold the world together. One person can make a difference.

One church in Germany with candlelight vigils and peace songs led to the fall of the Berlin wall. Everyday people like you keep the world safe. Let's encourage reflection and Connection to make the world a better place: Volunteer, Vote, be informed, choose community over isolation. 2,000 years ago, 12 people were Inspired by 1 person and it has made all the difference. 247 years ago this nation proclaimed its freedom. Celebrate the 4th of July and freedom everywhere.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

Associate Pastor's Message

Beloved Community,

What new thing is God up to? How are we called to participate? These are the exciting questions of General Synod 2023! General Synod, the UCC's national gathering, will be held in Indianapolis from June 30-July 4, on the theme, "Making all things new." As Isaiah 43:18-19 says, "Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Resolutions are an important way the UCC articulates our voice for social justice. One synod resolution that will be voted on strikes close to my heart. I recently have been learning more about the prison system and even toured the Mansfield Reformatory on vacation, which was an active prison within our lifetimes. A tour that many find haunting for ghost stories, I find haunting for its implications for social justice. A prison cell is a haunting thing to see.

A solitary confinement cell - both in Mansfield and across our country - is typically the size of a parking space with no natural light. 75,000 people at any given moment in the U.S. are in solitary confinement. Almost one in ten Black men are held in solitary confinement in the United States before their 30s. Solitary confinement is already defined as torture by the United Nations.

What should the churches say to this? We should speak. Our baptismal covenant includes the capacity to resist evil. We are called to speak and do. That's why we resolve, with Synod, to continue our efforts - for as long as we have breath. As a recent direct action against gun violence says - "We can. We will!"

Let's pray for Synod to open the doors for new life. Even into the evils of our time, God is still speaking. Amen!

With Christian hope,
Rev. Emily



"Mind, Body and Spirit" at Trinity UCC

Summer time is a good time to reflect, pray and enjoy God's weather and of course take care of ourselves. During this month, you are invited to:

Yoga on Tuesdays, 10:30 in the Chapel. All are invited to gather, move, breathe and meditate. Taught by Lyn Shoots.

"Talk Together at the Park" Tuesdays, at noon in Christmas Run Upper-Level Park. This is a time for fellowship, conversation and bible study.

C.A.T. Wednesdays starting at 4:30 until 7:00pm for Kids who are 5 years old up through 6th grade.

Trinity Women are invited to join together at 11:30 on Wednesday, July 19th in the Parlor. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Desserts will be provided.

National Ice Cream Day will be celebrated on Sunday, July 16th with a light lunch and Ice cream, of course, after worship. Hope you can join us!

Labyrinth Walk/field trip Monday, July 17th. We will meet at Trinity at 11:00 and will be traveling to walk, meditate, pray and have lunch together. If you are interested in doing something like this but cannot do it during a weekday, please contact Suzanne. (She loves doing this and would like to do it more often)

Joe Leaman and Friends: An Evening of Steel Drum Free Concert at Secret Arboretum Friday, July 21st at 6:30.

Sundays- **A.C.T.** at 8:00 via zoom. **Kids' Sunday School** at 9:15 on the 2nd floor at Trinity. **Worship** together at 10:30. **Youth Movie and a Meal**, Sunday July 30th 4:00-7:00 pm.

If you are interested in being part of a Drum Circle, please let Suzanne know what evening works for you or if a Sunday afternoon works for you.

It is also very wonderful to get to hear such talented musicians from Ohio Light Opera as they share their beautiful music with us during worship. God is so good!

Love and peace to all.

Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

Financial Position May, 2023

Trinity UCC Wooster – “Embracing and celebrating God’s Love”

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2023 Year to date**		**Last year actual**		YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Income	\$13,804	\$18,526	\$76,843	\$88,788	\$73,600		
Expenses	\$27,312	\$28,178	\$149,768	\$152,927	\$140,857		
Net	\$(13,508)	(\$9,652)	\$(72,925)	(\$64,139)	(\$57,148)		

Comments:

During May our contribution income was roughly \$4k under budget. In total we were slightly under budget expense wise. We paid for organ repairs of \$480 and paid \$210 for our outdoor worship services. Our electric and gas utilities are now within normal range.

Building Repair Fund Balance: - (11,210)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,755

**Trinity Breakfast program – 28 years
Established in the summer of 1995.**



Trinity and North Street Mission welcomed a youth group from the Downers Grove United Methodist church the week of June 12, 2023. They are located southwest of Chicago.

Trinity Creation Care Article

“A beautiful plant is like having a friend around the house” - Beth Ditto

Below is a list of some of the “friendly plants” That remove toxins from the air we breathe in our homes.

Clean Air Plants

- ◆ **Bamboo palm, Aglaonema modestum**
- ◆ **English Ivy**
- ◆ **Ficus, Benjamina**
- ◆ **Gerbera daisy, Transvall daisy**
- ◆ **Dracaena “Janet Craig”**
- ◆ **Dracaena “Marginata”**
- ◆ **Corn Cane, Dracaena Massangeana**
- ◆ **Mother-in-law’s tongue, sansevieria laurentii**
- ◆ **Peace Lily, Spathiphyllum ‘Mauna Loa’**
- ◆ **Pot mum, Chrysanthemum**
- ◆ **Dracaena ‘Warneckei’**



Toxins listed and the plants that remove them from the air:

Trichloroethylene: Used in inks, printers, lacquers, varnishes, adhesives

Gerbera daisy, Dracaena Marginata, Peace lily, Dracaena ‘Janet Craig’, Bamboo palm

Benzene: gasoline, inks, paints, oils, plastic, rubber, detergents, pharmaceuticals, dyes

Gerbera daisy, pot Mum, Peace lily, Bamboo palm, Dracaena Warneckei, English ivy, Mother-in-law’s tongue

Formaldehyde: Foam insulation, particle board, grocery bags, waxed paper, facial tissue, paper towels, household cleaning agents

Bamboo palm, Dracaena ‘Janet Craig’, Mother-in-law’s tongue, Dracaena Marginata, Peace lily, green Spider plant, golden paths

“and I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and will. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water like a spring of water that never goes dry. Isaiah 58:11 Today’s English verse



Coming up in August

6th - Communion

6th-11th NSM Group from Pittsburg

13th Outdoor worship at Christmas Run
Park 10:30am

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube
Live services are available on our website at
Trinity UCC.org**

July 2

Holy Communion

Sermon: "World House"

Romans 8:12-28

July 9

Sermon: "When God Shows up: Be Careful who you laugh at"

Genesis 18:1-15

July 16

Sermon: "Good Soil"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

Sermon: "Jacob's Heart-Stones"

Genesis 28:10-22

Emily Howard

July 30

Sermon: "Kin-dom Cultivation"

Matthew 13:31-35

Emily Howard

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ed on WKVX 960 AM every
Sunday morning at 8:30AM.