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*"Embracing and Celebrating God's Love"*  
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Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends,

I have missed worshipping with you during the first leg of my Sabbatical year. Thank you for affirming my time for respite and study. This time to plan and think through the end of the year is very valuable. We recently went to a festival in Vermillion. Juni, our Golden Retriever, had never been to a large body of water. I grew up about ten miles from Lake Erie and we went there often. I have some amazing photos of the Sunset over the rolling waves. It reminded me how much we need mindfulness. When was the last time you went to a place of natural beauty just for the sake of your soul? Plan your own Sabbatical away from the everyday routine! It's good for the soul.

I will be back from Sabbatical June 18th and to lead worship with you on Sundays. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to share their faith. Thanks to Bert Ambrose and Suzanne Feltner for sharing their message during my absence!

Ella and I are back from a trip to Virginia. We rented a cabin in the woods and it served as another reminder how important it is to stay connected to the beauty of the earth and the grace of God in nature.

Grace and Peace to you.

Kevan



**Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin**, *Senior Minister*  
**Suzanne Feltner**, *Faith Formation and  
Arts Director*  
**Joi Griffith**, *Administrative Assistant*  
**Luke Tegtmeier**, *Organist*  
**Phil Starr/Jack Senn**, *Business Managers*  
**Yulia Allison**, *Nursery Staff*  
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JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
10:30am



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

June 1

Janet Burkhart  
Communion

June 8

Suzanne Feltner Leading  
Pentecost Sunday

June 15

Juneteenth Celebration  
at Christmas Run Park

June 22

“What are you waiting for?”  
Luke 8:23-29, Psalm 42

June 29

“You were called to be free!”  
Galatians 5:13-25, 2 Kings 2:1-14

Financial Position April 2025

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	**Current Month**		**2025 Year to date**		**Last year actual**
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD
Income	\$16,355	\$16,653	\$107,658	\$106,492	\$65,657
Expenses	\$26,586	\$30,429	\$117,889	\$135,118	\$108,974
Net	(\$10,231)	(\$13,776)	(\$10,231)	(\$28,626)	(\$43,317)

Comments:

Income for April was right at expectations. On the expense side, we ran \$3k under budget. The only expense item was that we repaired our organ for \$400.

We are operating as expected through four months.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$255,592)

Please continue to give towards the Kitchen Renovation. 2025 is the second of a three year fundraising campaign. Many thanks for those who have contributed towards the project.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$30,657.

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 year

Established in the summer of 1995.

This summer our breakfast program will be 30 years old!

Trinity United Church of Christ

“Come join us!”



10:30 Sunday mornings worship



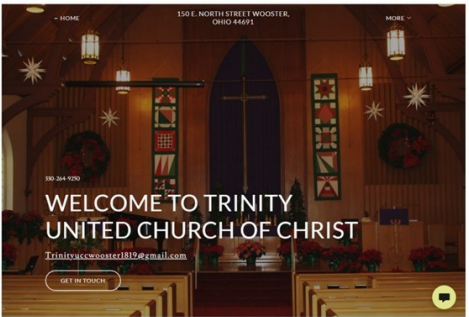
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Faith Formation and Arts at Trinity

June, 2025

It is very interesting to learn the ways we can gather together to learn more about God and Jesus and the things we are supposed to do. I love that I was able to attend a workshop that demonstrated ways the Arts can be used to help us feel closer to God and to connect us with each other. I look forward to starting to share more things with all of you in the future.

On Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, people interested in **Faith Formation** will be meeting after worship in the Parlor. Please think about joining with us and sharing ideas.

**Bible Study on Tuesdays at Noon** meets in the Parlor. People are invited to bring their lunch and gather to talk, and learn more about the Bible and books we study. Hopefully we can soon meet at Christmas Run Upper-Level Park.



**C.A.T.** will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 4:30- 7:00. It is so fun to get together, sing and do art and read stories together. We have been basing each week on a letter of the Alphabet. The kids came up with this idea, and it is so fun!



**Trinity Women** will be meeting for lunch together on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30, at “Route 52 Diner” in the lower level of Town and Country in Kidron. It is so good to gather to eat together and share conversations.

**Ohio Light Opera musicians** will be sharing their music with us on Sundays during worship. It is wonderful to get to hear different instruments and voices!



## June Birthdays!

Nicole Edgerton 1st	Mary Lee Lowe 13th	Jalen Wenger 30th
Edward Eberhart 4th	Sandi Keim 14th	William Vizzo 30th
Judith Amstutz 6th	Joan Flinner 14th	
Ken Richard 7th	Linda Houmard 24th	
Rena Ann Starr 7th	Jim Pearce 24th	
Kiah Ackerman 7th	Brianna Schmidt 24th	
Diane Bostancic 7th	Aaron Vizzo 24th	
Don Baney 8th	Spencer Wenger 25th	
Vicki Butler 8th	Kenzo Griffin 26th	
Morghan Wenger 8th	Michael Hoffman 27th	
David Browning 8th	Andrea Stitzlein 27th	
Karen Howard 10th	Mike Lupole 28th	

SUNDAY,  
JUNE 8  
12:30-3:30PM  
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The Great  
GRILL OFF  
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL • CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF OHIO

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FANTASTIC FOOD & FAMILY FUN!



**SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | 12:30-3:30PM**  
Make plans to come taste the delicious sliders prepared by our grill teams and vote for your favorite burger. Enjoy picnic classics like hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, ice cream, and more. Bring the entire family for carnival games, bounce houses, hayrides, plus many other fun activities. This event is open to the community. Donations of any size at the gate are appreciated and help a child feel safe and receive the trauma care they need at Christian Children's Home of Ohio.

*Our super awesome June volunteers!*

**Lay Readers**

June 1 - Liz Harris

June 8 -

June 15 -

June 22 -

June 29 -

**Coffee Hour**

June 1 - The Schantz Family

June 8 - Dee & Louie Carter

June 15 -

June 22 -

June 29 -

**Flowers**

June 1 -

June 8 -

June 15 - Jim & Lyn Shoots - 40th anniversary

June 22 -

June 29 -

**Ushers**

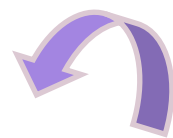
June 1 -

June 8 -

June 15 -

June 22 - Jeff & Julie Vizzo/Joanne Leman

June 29 -



Our church is so great because of the community we have created, and the hands that help us put everything together.

We encourage you to sign up to be one of our volunteers! If you are interested in filling one of the remaining spots, or planning ahead for the month of July, you can find the sign up sheets in the outer Narthex!



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. *The 2025 theme for Strengthen the Church is Great and Wide. This phrase, from Psalm 104, represents the diverse and playful nature of the multitude of ministries the offering supports. Whether the offering supports an outdoor worshipping community in Wisconsin or the National Ministries MESA team who builds systems to connect pastors and congregations, the movement of God is apparent.*

*Trinity UCC will hold this offering on Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025*

*Please Contact Dale Angerman with any questions or concerns.*

*Looking Ahead!*

Holy Communion & Faith Formation Meeting - June 1

Consistory 5:30pm - June 10

Mission Committee 5:15pm - June 17

Juneteenth Celebration @Christmas Run Park - June 15

Dr. Rev. Kevan Franklin Returns From Sabbatical - June 18

Women's Lunch @ Route 52 Diner (Kidron) 11:30am - May 21

Fellowship Friday 7-9pm - June 28





Back Bay Shrimp Boil

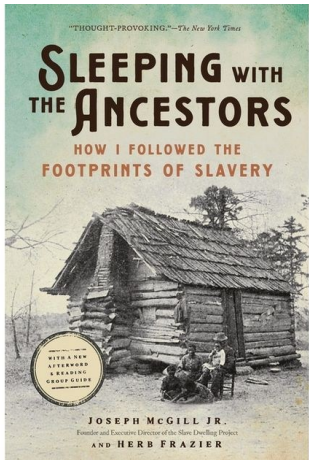
We had a successful shrimp boil on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We don't have a final number yet, but we raised well over \$1,000 that will be donated to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. I was able to spend a week at Back Bay April 26<sup>th</sup>- May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We ripped off a porch and put a new concrete pad in to rebuild the porch on. We also tore down rotten soffits and began to replace them, as well as hanging a new screen door and drilling a dryer vent at another house. A very fun and rewarding experience.

This years church trip to Back Bay is the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us.

Need additional information call Jim Shoots at 330-749-6846



**A.C.T. Book Study**  
We will be reading and discussing "Sleeping with the Ancestors: How I Followed the Footprints of Slavery" by Joseph McGill. The A.C.T. group (Antiracist Coalition at Trinity) welcomes all to join us every other Sunday morning at 8 AM on Zoom using the Prayer and Communion link on Trinity's web site. Contact [ACTatTrinity@gmail.com](mailto:ACTatTrinity@gmail.com) for more information



Leading Worship During Sabbatical

June 1

Janet Burkhardt/ Gary Friend  
Holy Communion

June 8

Suzanne Feltner

June 15

Juneteenth Celebration  
Led by Our ACT Team



**Strengthening the Body of Christ**  
*A Trinity UCC Congregational Care Survey: May 2025*  
For adults and youth age 13 and older



We want to hear from you!

As part of our commitment to fostering a stronger church family, we're **seeking your feedback** on how we can **better care for and support our congregation**.

This short, **anonymous** survey will **take just a few minutes** and will help shape future programs and initiatives. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Consistory.

Please drop off the **completed survey** at the church office, in the offering plate, **or** use the QR code above or the URL below to complete an online version.  
<https://tinyurl.com/4ts9pday>

**Membership Needs**

1. What are the **biggest challenges** to your faith journey at Trinity UCC?
2. What types of **support** would be most meaningful to you?  
e.g., prayer groups, social gatherings/potlucks, shut-in care, grief care, pastoral visits, phone calls, etc.

**Soul Care**

3. What's one thing we could do to make you feel **more connected** to the church?

Programming Preferences

4. What types of **programs** or **events** would you like to see?  
This may be the continuation of **current programming**, something that **you miss** and would like to see **return** or something **entirely new**, e.g. Bible studies and/or small groups, Family or youth programs; Social events and/or fellowship activities. Please be as specific as possible.

5. What days and times work best for you to **participate** in programming outside of Sunday worship? Please check all that apply.

<u>Days:</u>	<u>Time of Day:</u>	<u>Your Age Range:</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday – Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-30
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-61
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> 62+

Accessibility

6. Are there physical areas of the church you find challenging to access independently?

☐ Fellowship Hall   ☐ Chapel/Parlor   ☐ Elevator   ☐ Entrance Doors   ☐ Other (please list)

General Feedback

7. Do you have any other suggestions for how we can **strengthen our Body of Christ**?  
*Please note, another survey will be conducted soon to assess your interest in participation and contributions, as well as contact preferences.*

Thank you for sharing your thoughts! Your feedback is **invaluable** as we work together to **grow in faith and strengthen our church family**. You are loved!

Juneteenth Celebration

Join us on Sunday, June 15th for a special outdoor worship service to commemorate the Juneteenth holiday. We will gather in the pavilion at Christmas Run Park at 10:30 AM. The guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Velda Love, who is the UCC Minister for Racial Justice in Cleveland. After the service, stay for a potluck lunch. Bring a side dish to share! We hope to have a crowd. For more information, contact [ACTatTrinity@gmail.com](mailto:ACTatTrinity@gmail.com).

Juneteenth



Emancipation Proclamation