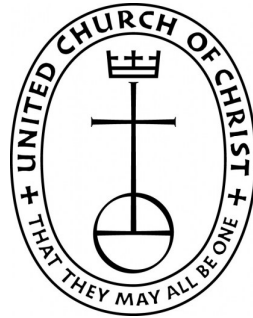


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Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends,

Easter Sunday approaches, Christ’s resurrection brings us purpose for living, light for the world, and caring community in the midst of the world’s confusion, isolation and fear. **There is hope!**

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it” (John 1:5). These words are true even in the moments when we can’t see a positive future, when we are lonely, and when we are afraid. These words continue in season and out of season. We celebrate God’s gifts of the Spirit, alive inside us with the message of hope, peace and love. Christmas, Easter and throughout the church year. **There is peace!**

We gather as a caring community to listen, learn, and share our faith one other. The discipline of worship is powerful when people come together across lines of division that would normally separate them--whether it is race, class, religion, or incarceration! The Life of Jesus compels us to create spaces where “surprising friendships” can happen, and we believe these relationships lead us to a new way of living together and being in the world. **There is Joy!**

Join us as companions on the way to remember the whole story about the most significant event in human history; the resurrection of Jesus Christ! **There is love!**

Your Companion on the Way,

Dr. Franklin

Quote for the month;

“Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about.”

— **N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church**



**Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin**, *Senior Minister*  
**Suzanne Feltner**, *Faith Formation and Arts Director*  
**Joi Griffith**, *Administrative Assistant*  
**Luke Tegtmeier**, *Organist*  
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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube  
Live services are available on our website at  
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April 6

Holy Communion 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
“Have an extravagant Life!” John 12:1-8

April 13

Palm Sunday, the Beginning of Holy Week  
“Palms and Crosses” Luke 19:28-40

April 17

Maundy Thursday 7 PM  
Holy Communion John 13:1-38  
“It all happened around a table”

April 20

Easter Sunday 10:30 AM  
“Resurrection Day” John 20:1-18

April 26

Bill Carlisle Memorial 2pm  
Fellowship Hall

April 27

Second Sunday of Easter  
“Peace be with you” John 20:19-31

Financial Position February 2025

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

|          | <u>**Current Month**</u> |               | <u>**2025 Year to date**</u> |               | <u>**Last year actual**</u> |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
|          | <u>Actual</u>            | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u>                | <u>Budget</u> | <u>YTD</u>                  |
| Income   | \$12,163                 | \$20,438      | \$29,429                     | \$37,145      | \$32,510                    |
| Expenses | \$25,751                 | \$31,539      | \$59,251                     | \$70,644      | \$50,575                    |
| Net      | \$(13,588)               | \$(11,101)    | \$(29,822)                   | \$(33,499)    | \$(18,065)                  |

Comments:

Contribution income was \$8k under budget during February partially due to the cold weather spell. On the Expense, we operated expected except that our payroll company charge was \$640 due to the W2 processing.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$259,309)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,202.

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 year

Established in the summer of 1995.

This summer our breakfast program will be 30 years old!



We are very pleased as to how the 2024 Kitchen/Fellowship Hall renovation project turned out!!! The project is complete, but we are in the second year of the three year fundraising campaign to pay for the project. Our current outstanding balance is \$259,309.

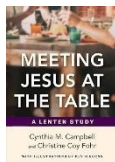
Please consider making donations to this project! You can label your donations to either “Kitchen Renovation” or just “Renovation.”

Many thanks to all that have donated to the project!



The Fifth  
Sunday  
of Lent

**All God’s Children- The Church Family Gathers for Lent Sun-**  
day, April 6<sup>th</sup> after Worship. We eat together a light lunch, study God’s word  
together, maybe craft together and definitely pray together. This will be fo-  
cused on *The Death of Lazarus*.



**Tuesdays at noon in the Parlor**, we are studying the book  
“*Meeting Jesus at the Table*”. You are invited to bring your lunch to eat while  
we talk together and study together.

**C.A.T.** is for children ages K- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and happens on Wednesdays anytime  
after 4:30 until 7:00pm. We gather for music, art, stories and eating supper  
together.



**Book Study with Pastor Kevan on Wednesdays at 6:00pm** in the Chapel. The  
book is “*Parables: The Arrows of God*” by Megan McKenna.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** “**The Last Supper**” **Readers’ Theater** at  
7:00pm. Please let me know if you would like to participate!

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** Worship together at Noon or at 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday- “He is Risen”, April 20<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:00am

**Fellowship Friday Game Night, April 25<sup>th</sup>** 7:00-9:00pm in Fellowship Hall. All  
are invited to come to play games, eat snacks and fellowship with each other.



## April Birthdays!

Jack Frichtl 1st  
Susan Muskopf 3rd  
Lori McCollum 4th  
Ashley Ickes 6th  
Ryne Ely 6th  
June Louttit 7th  
Julie Vizzo 8th  
Kevin Cantrell 10th  
Luke Franklin 11th  
Bobbie Angerman 11th  
Linda Lowe 12th  
Barbara Richard 12th

Jenny Seman 12th  
Lucy Schmidt 13th  
Lola Franks 14th  
Dee Carter 16th  
Sara Lowe 16th  
Shane Bureau 16th  
Mariah Whitman 18th  
Sara Rostetter 19th  
Sue Ann Fouche 22nd  
Andrew Muskopf 25th  
Rebecca Piper 25th  
Deborah Schmidt 25th

Vinny Anderson 26th  
Ada Pyers 28th  
Anthony Tizzano 29th

Memorial Service for Bill  
Carlisle will be held  
April 26, 2025 at 2pm  
in  
Fellowship Hall

Our super awesome January volunteers!

Lay Readers

- April 6 -
- April 13 - John Schantz
- April 20 -
- April 27 -

Coffee Hour

- April 6 - Brigham Family
- April 13 - Muskopf Family
- April 20 -
- April 27 -

Flowers

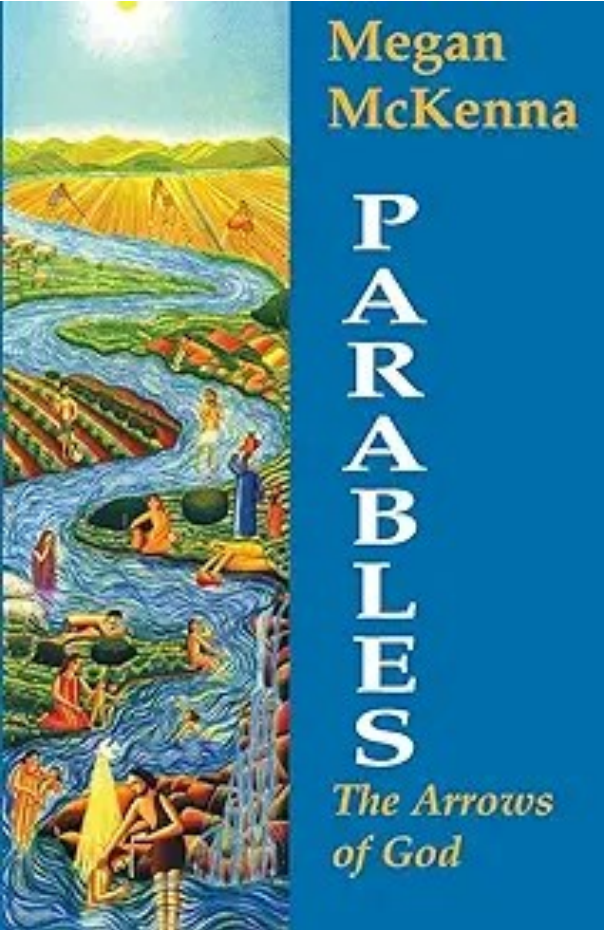
- April 6 -
- April 13 - Muskopf Family
- April 20 -
- April 27 -

Ushers

- April 6 -
  - April 13 -
  - April 20 -
  - April 27 - Jeff & Julie Vizzo
- Joanne Leaman

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!



Countless commentaries have been written on the parables of Jesus. Megan McKenna's *Parables: The Arrows of God* is one of the best. She understands how radical these stories were with their grounding in the commonplace and their calls to action.

This Book study and discussion will be held at Trinity UCC beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and continue on Wednesdays through March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Review from Spirituality and Practice; McKenna, author of *Not Counting Women and Children*, views the parables of Jesus as "arrows of God" pointing toward the Kingdom. Here she discusses the stories of the prodigal son, the talents, the hidden treasure, the lost sheep, the laborers in the field, the seed falling on different soil, and the good Samaritan.

The author broadens her discussion of the parables with anecdotes, tales, and stories from Jewish, Sufi, and Hindu traditions. This imaginative strategy has a great payoff — we are challenged to think even more deeply about how our relationship with God is connected to others. It helps us see more vividly how the coming of the Kingdom has little to do with our agendas or security. And it throws in bold relief how God's generosity can animate our compassion.

Megan McKenna has delivered a big surprise to those of us who thought there was nothing fresh left to say about the parables of Jesus. These essays are bold, radical, and renewing. Best of all, McKenna's spin-off parables from other religious traditions will feed your soul for years to come. Books are ordered and will be in soon. Put in your book request soon so that we have enough. For more information, questions or to enroll in the Parable study email Dr. Franklin at [docksfa@aol.com](mailto:docksfa@aol.com) or phone the church at 330-264-9250.

- March 5 Introduction to the Study. Chapter 2 "Who is the seeker?"
  - March 12 Chapter 3 "The Sower and the Seed"
  - March 19 Chapter 4 "The First and the Last"
  - March 26 Chapter 5 "The Sheep and the Shepherd"
  - April 2 Chapter 6 "The Widow and the unjust Judge"
  - April 9 Chapter 7 "The Talents"
  - April 16 Chapter 8 "The Lost Son"
  - April 23 Chapter 9 "The Compassionate One"
  - April 30 Chapter 10 "Jesus, the Last Arrow and the Archer"
- Megan McKenna's Postscript
- The process of struggling with scripture is hard work. It takes practice and much love to make the stories come true in us in the world today. Other folks have started the digging and the work. The stories are unearthed and given to us. They are stories to make us all come true. There are many parables of Jesus that are not in this book. There are simple reasons for that. The reason is that I don't understand some of the others! They are problems to be solved, holes still to fall into and texts to be dug into with others in community. The ones included are gifts from communities that struggle with scripture and the works of mercy and justice.

Looking Ahead!

- Men's Breakfast 8am - April 5
- Consistory 5:30pm - April 8
- Palm Sunday - April 13
- Women's Lunch @Brick Street Kitchen in Orrville 11:30am - April 16
- Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm - April 17
- Good Friday Service 12&7pm - April 18
- Easter Breakfast 9am - April 20
- Fellowship Friday 7-9pm - April 25
- Memorial for Bill Carlisle 2pm in Fellowship Hall - April 26



## National Holidays and Observances to Enjoy in April

April 1 - April Fools Day  
April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day  
April 3 - National Burrito Day  
April 4 - National Vitamin C Day  
April 5 - National Deep Dish Pizza Day  
April 6 - Good Deeds Day  
April 7 - World Health Day  
April 8 - National Zoo Lovers Day  
April 9 - National Name Yourself Day  
April 10 - Global Work From Home Day  
April 11 - National Pet Day  
April 12 - National Day of Pink / Passover Begins at Sundown  
April 13 - National Peach Cobbler Day / Palm Sunday First Full Day of Passover  
April 14 - National Gardening Day  
April 15 - Tax Day  
April 16 - Wear Pajamas to Work Day  
April 17 - World Circus Day / Maundy Thursday  
April 18 - National Exercise Day / Good Friday  
April 19 - National Dog Parent Appreciation Day / Holy Saturday  
April 20 - Go Fly a Kite Day / Easter Sunday  
April 21 - World Creativity and Innovation Day  
April 22 - Earth Day  
April 23 - National Picnic Day  
April 24 - Action Day for Tolerance and Respect between People  
April 25 - National Arbor Day  
April 26 - Get Organized Day  
April 27 - Teach Children to Save Day  
April 28 - Global Pay it Forward Day  
April 29 - World Wish Day  
April 30 - National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

Easter Sunday Breakfast  
April 20, 2025  
9AM  
Fellowship Hall



Give your Mother some memories from Trinity's kitchen for Mother's Day. The cookbook we put together as a fundraiser for the Renovation has been a success. There are only 9 copies of "Trinity's Recipes and Memories" cookbook left for you to purchase. The cost is \$10 and contact Joi in the office if you are interested. Thanks for your support.

## Leftover jobs and additions

As with any large job, there are always more small jobs that can be done. The Renovation Team chose to do a few things ourselves to save costs by utilizing volunteers to do the work.

Some of these jobs are to paint the walls at the back stairway to the basement, restore the appearance of those steps and replace/install wall door bumpers, door stops and wall corner guards throughout the building. We already have a volunteer working on these projects.

Another job is to scrape the peeling paint off of the walls in the electrical utility closet in the basement back hallway. These were damaged over the years from the water that had leaked in along the back sidewalk. It needs painted now that the water problem is resolved.

The additions are as follows- a wheeled cart was purchased so there is more portable working space in the kitchen. Heavy metal coat hangers are now on the lower hallway coat racks.

There will always be an ongoing “Honey Do” list to keep our building in shape. Just ask the office if they know of any things that you may be able to do.

Thanks for your can do spirit,  
Susan from the Renovation Team



**MAY 10TH, 2025**

**5:00-7:00p.m.**

**Meal Served at 5:30P.M.**

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Adults \$25.00

Children (ages 7 - 12) \$15.00

Children (6 & under) free

All-you-can-eat shrimp, crackers & cheese, finger foods, veggie tray, potatoes, corn on the cob, garlic bread, and salad.

\*We will also be holding a silent auction.  
All Proceeds will benefit Back Bay Mission.