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Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends,

**As November comes around I want to share with you some thoughts on Thanksgiving. One of my favorite scriptures is Paul's Letter to Philippians 4:11-13 which is a great way to understand the practice of Thanksgiving.**

"I have learned in whatever condition I am in to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through the One who strengthens me. Give thanks always for **all things** unto **God** in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Do not worry about anything; but in **every thing** by **prayer** and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto **God**."

Gratitude leads us through even the deepest of our griefs we give thanks. Prayer changes our heart and soul, we trust in God's grace and love. Despite King David's life which was filled with grief and difficulties, gratitude was his way of looking back at his life and turning his sorrow into joy. Give thanks with a grateful heart!

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

**The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These people have an appreciation of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.-Elizabeth Kubler Ross Amen**



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# NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube

Live services are available on website at

Trinity UCC.org

## November 3rd

Holy Communion and Totenfest  
Sermon “Holding On and Letting Go”

Ruth 1:3-11, 14-18

## November 10th

Stewardship Sunday in Fellowship Hall Coffee  
Shoppe with Brunch

“Seeing the Future”

Mark 12:41-44, 13:1-2

## November 17th

“Meet Hannah, Eli, and Samuel”

1 Samuel 1:4-20

## November 24th

Thanksgiving and Reign of Christ Sunday

Psalms 132

## Financial Position September 2024

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

### General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2024 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	\$14,547	\$19,454	\$140,363	\$168,475	\$151,041
Expenses	\$22,122	\$29,742	\$235,522	\$271,445	\$267,303
Net	(\$7,575)	(\$10,288)	(\$95,159)	(\$102,970)	(\$116,262)

Comments:

Contribution income was \$4600 under expectations for the month. On the expense side, we continue to run under budget. Our administrative equipment was \$300 over budget due to making the Trinity cookbooks. The software line was \$225 over budget due to paying for our email program, Constant Contact for the year.

**Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance:** - (\$278,275)

During the month, we paid Vince Mariola \$65,864, and TriMark \$2955 for the remainder of our equipment.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$27,131**

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 years

Established in the summer of 1995.

## Trinity offers Electronic options for donations



PayPal



Venmo



Vanco

As we prepare for Stewardship Sunday, November 10, 2024 we want to remind you that Trinity offers Electronic options for making donations. With Vanco, you can set up one time donations, or set up monthly on the 5th and/or the 20th.

Another option is to make a donation online by reading one of the QR codes above. You can choose PayPal (QR code on the left), Venmo (middle) or the Vanco code (on right) to donate from a checking account or credit card. They can also be set up to make periodic donations.

Many thanks for your support of Trinity!



**Mind, Body and Spirit at Trinity UCC**

**November, 2024    Suzanne Feltner**

The month of November is such a wonderful time for us to remember to thank God for the wonderful things we get to be a part of. I am very blessed and thankful to be able to continue working, in different capacities, with all of you here at Trinity. It is definitely a good way to feel closer to God and to become friends with many of you...THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

On that note, here are some opportunities to gather together:

**Bible Study at Noon** on Tuesdays in the Parlor.

**C.A.T.** on Wednesdays, from 4:30- 7:00 on the second floor.

**Worship Service on Stewardship Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, will be in Fellowship Hall and Brunch will be served during this time.

**Trinity Women’s Lunch Gathering** will be at 11:30 on the 20<sup>th</sup>, at Broken Rocks in Wooster.

**Mind, Body and Spirit Conversations** Thursdays at 10:00 in the Chapel.

**“Singing connects us to God”** is a quote by Carl Daw. So, all are invited to come and sing together on **Thursdays at 5:30** in the Chapel. Ringing bells can be a joyful experience as well. **Bell Choir** rehearses on **Thursdays at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

**“Knit, Pray, Crochet”** is a good way to work on projects and have conversations with others. You are invited to come to the Parlor on **Wednesdays at 7:00pm and/or Fridays at 11:00am.**

**Fellowship Friday Game Nights** are lots of fun to play games with others, eat snacks and share in fellowship. This month’s will be **Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7pm to 9pm in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!!



**November Birthdays!**

**Annabelle Ogden 1st**  
**Brad Brinkerhoff 2nd**  
**Paul Varno 4th**  
**Sharen Brigham 5th**  
**Jessica Goodright 5th**  
**David Boyer 6th**  
**Bob Chizmadia 10th**  
**Patty Mottern 11th**  
**Adam Vizzo 11th**  
**Brenda Leist 12th**  
**Steve Landers 13th**  
**Chris Gehring 14th**

**Joyce Schroer 14th**  
**Pat Gerber 15th**  
**Jayne Armstrong 16th**  
**Elizabeth Wright 16th**  
**Roger Pyers 16th**  
**Sarah Shoots 17th**  
**Irene Winner 17th**  
**Steve Schroer 17th**  
**Joshua Haney 17th**  
**Ian Lilburn 21st**  
**Kristine Mitchell 21st**  
**Scott Cooper 22nd**

**Vicky Senff 22nd**  
**Nicole Chuma 27th**  
**Shirley Snoddy 27th**  
**Christian Raber 29th**



Join us for special events like  
Sonnenberg Station



Visitors to North  
Street Mission

**2025 Stewardship Theme**

**The Gift You Are**

Trinity is a place where we come together to celebrate gifts. We come together in our darkest hour and come together to dream about a bright tomorrow. In all the craziness today, Trinity is the place to come to be a ray of sunshine for each other.

**From the song, “The Gift You Are”**

**“Remember your darkest hour with dawn still far away.**

**Remember the way that you longed for morning’s light.**

**And think of yourself as a candle in the night.**

**The gift you are, like the very first breath of spring.**

**The gift you are, all the joy that love can bring.**

**The gift you are, all of our dreams come true. The gift you are, the gift of you.”**

**Help us in this 2025 Stewardship campaign so we can continue and expand our ministry!**



Join us in worship in person  
or on-line



Kitchen Renovation

*Our super awesome November volunteers!*

### **Lay Readers**

November 3rd -

November 10th -

November 17th - Youth

November 24th -

### **Coffee Hour**

November 3rd -

November 10th-Rick & Sharen Brigham

November 17th -

November 24th -

### **Flowers**

November 3rd -

November 10th - Donna Brown

November 17th-John & Carol Ladrach Anniversary

November 24th -Kevan & Ella

Franklin 17th Wedding Anniversary

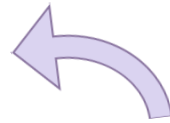
### **Ushers**

November 3rd -

November 10th -

November 17th -

November 24th -



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!



### *Looking Ahead!*

Totenfest/Holy Communion **November 3rd**

Stewardship Sunday With Special Recognitions Coffee Shoppe Worship Of Our Members **November 10th**

Thanksgiving Sunday **November 24th**

Thanksgiving Day **November 28th**

Downtown Church Walk **December 6th**

Christmas Eve One Service 5pm **December 24th**

Rev. Franklin on Vacation **December 26th Through January 1st**

**Office Closed Christmas Eve and Day, New Years Eve and Day**

## **MISSION TEAM NEWS**

### **Volunteer Mentoring**

A mentor is a person or a friend who guides by building trust and modeling positive behaviors. The mentoring program asks for a commitment to aid the unsheltered and provide moral support. Training sessions will assist the volunteer by providing training from various professionals and caregivers. The informational sessions are intended to introduce and share Wayne county providers and resources with those in attendance. You are invited to join other volunteers to walk with our most vulnerable population. If you need more information please call Lin Wierwille: 440-574-1296. Since we are recommencing for the year, this would be a great time to invite a friend who may have voiced an interest in our project. The following are our regularly scheduled meeting dates:

**NOVEMBER 21**

**JANUARY 16**

**FEBUARY 20**

**MARCH 20**

**APRIL 17**



*Friends -*

*Many of you have inquired about volunteer opportunities at the new Day Center & Severe Weather Shelter.*

*Kitchen Attendants, Laundry Attendants and Day Center Attendances are needed during the day. For more information click on this link: [https://cdn0030.qrcodechimp.com/qr/PROD/66ad7f6fe6e0f51acc50ca24/fm/hbwwc\\_day\\_center\\_volunteer\\_form.pdf](https://cdn0030.qrcodechimp.com/qr/PROD/66ad7f6fe6e0f51acc50ca24/fm/hbwwc_day_center_volunteer_form.pdf)*

*Kitchen Attendants, Severe Weather Shelter Attendants and Maintenance help are needed during evening hours. For more information, click on this link: [https://cdn0030.qrcodechimp.com/qr/PROD/66ad7f6fe6e0f51acc50ca24/fm/hbwwc\\_severe\\_weather\\_shelter\\_volunteer\\_form\\_.pdf](https://cdn0030.qrcodechimp.com/qr/PROD/66ad7f6fe6e0f51acc50ca24/fm/hbwwc_severe_weather_shelter_volunteer_form_.pdf)*

As local author Larry Shirer so eloquently delineates in his new book “Native American Spirituality”:

“Native Americans recognized the value of living in balance and harmony within oneself, with each other, with all living things in nature and with the Earth. Fundamental to many Native American cultures was, and is, the concept of living a life of Balance, Beauty, and Harmony.”

A review of the key components and history of the marginalization of Native Americans can help us understand and address the impacts that effect all of us. It is up to each of us as individuals and collectively to become informed and to take action when presented with the opportunity.

**SOCIAL COHESION:** the marginalization of indigenous communities can lead to social division and tensions within the Native populations and the greater community.

**HISTORICAL COHESION:** recognizing the injustices faced by indigenous cultures can enhance historical awareness and lead to an understanding of our combined history.

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION:** efforts to support indigenous heritage enhances and enriches the overall community as well as the indigenous populations.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: the protection of indigenous land and resources is crucial for sustainability and benefits all communities.

LEGAL JUSTICE: upholding the rights of indigenous populations sets a precedence for justice and equality that extends to all populations and communities.

Summited By: Linda Wierwille


# Homeward Bound of Wooster and Wayne County

We are a 501(c)(3) organization that provides services to the unhoused population within our community. We have two programs, the Day Center, and the Severe Weather Shelter. Both programs offer the ability to do laundry, take a shower, eat a hot meal, and access local social service agencies. We are open 365 days a year and provide a safe, warm place for individuals to sleep.

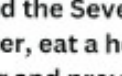
## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Volunteers are crucial to our mission and client success. If you are interested in being involved, please reach out to a staff member via email at [volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org](mailto:volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org) or Call us at (330) 641-1078.

If you would like to contribute with a monetary donation, please mail a check to: Homeward Bound PO Box 217, Wooster OH 44691. Donations are also accepted through PayPal and Venmo.



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## Road Trip Anyone?

I love road trips! How about you? Did you go on a road trip or other vacation this summer? Were you welcomed at motels, restaurants, beaches? Were you ever made to feel unwelcome, denied service or felt scared and unsafe? Did you have to pack a basket of food just in case you could not find a restaurant that would serve you? Hopefully not, but not so many years ago, especially in the era of Jim Crow laws, many people did.

In the 1940s and 50s, as it became popular to travel by car, many Americans traveled to see family, visit new places, or vacation. In the south, establishments were often clearly marked “White only, no Colored”. In other areas, segregation was not as blatant but still existed, and for black people, finding places to sleep, eat, use the bathroom, and fill the car with gas was a daunting and sometimes humiliating and even dangerous task. Add to this the so-called “Sundown Towns”, all white communities that banned black people from entering after dark, so travelling by car could be terrifying.

In 1936, a postal carrier in Harlem, NY named Victor Hugo Green produced the first “*Negro Motorist Green Book*”. *The Green Book included a rundown of hotels, gas stations, drug stores, barber shops, restaurants and other establishments that were safe “ports-of-call” for blacks...either black-owned or known to be non-discriminatory, and, in the case of restaurants, where you were not made to go around to the back and order something “to go”. In cities with no black-friendly hotels, the book often listed the addresses of home-owners who were willing to rent rooms. The Green Book was available for purchase at Esso gas stations (remember them?) around the country, and included listings for all fifty states. The author Earl Hutchinson Sr. wrote of the Green Book in the early 50’s and 60’s, “You literally didn’t dare leave home without it”. Not only did the Green Book help black motorists avoid harm and provide an opportunity to be treated with respect and dignity, it gave travelers and businesses the ability to use their economic power to push back against oppression and harassment.*

The 1948 edition of the *Green Book* included the following statement: “There will be a day sometime in the future when this guide will not have to be published. This is when we as a race will have equal opportunities and privileges in the United States. It will be a great day for us to suspend this publication, for then we can go wherever we please, and without embarrassment.” This day finally came with the publication of the 1966-67 edition, 6 years after the death of Victor Hugo Green. His wife Anna took over as editor and publication ceased after passage of the 1964 Civil Rights act, which demanded that every hotel, restaurant, theatre or other facility catering to the general public must do so for everyone, regardless of race, creed or color.

While the Civil Rights Acts was enforced at a snail’s pace, it had the effect of expanding the customer base of many white businesses while driving business away from many black-owned establishments. In addition, eminent domain was used by local governments to seize land for urban renewal and freeway projects. In the name of “progress”, many *Green Book* businesses were razed along with majority black neighborhoods across the country, or simply bypassed by the newly constructed freeways. Within ten years, at least half of the Black-owned businesses in the *Green Book* were closed.

Although the Jim Crow era has passed, I wonder how people who look “different” are treated while traveling across our great country. Are they unwelcome due to the color of their skin, dress, accent, religion, sexual orientation or country of origin? We have come a ways since the *Green Book* was an absolute necessity for Black travelers, but I feel sure that we could still be a much more welcoming society!

Recently our ACT group (Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity) took a field trip to Cincinnati. We spent time viewing a special exhibit about the *Green Book (created by the Smithsonian) at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The exhibit featured interviews with people recalling their road trips using the Green Book, photographs of people visiting establishments listed in the Green Book, documentaries, and even copies of the Green Book. Although this exhibit finished on October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Freedom Center is worth a visit anytime. It is chock full of information, thought provoking displays such as an actual slave holding pen, and documentaries when your feet get tired. When I first visited the museum almost twenty years ago, we worried that its location in a deserted part of Cincinnati would not attract many visitors. But Cincinnati has grown around it and it is now part of a bustling downtown with plenty of parking, places to eat, and even a Cincinnati Reds game nearby! Ask any ACT member for a more detailed account of this amazing place.*

This is a small sampling of the information about *The Negro Motorist Green Book* that I found on the National Park Service website, History.com, and through our visit to the Freedom Center. For more details about this important book, check out

<https://www.history.com/news/the-green-book-the-black-travelers-guide-to-jim-crow-america>

or google: National Park Service Green Book Historic Context



## Christmas Poinsettias



Order Forms For Christmas Poinsettias Will  
Be Available On The Narthex Table

Order Forms Will Be Due Back November 26th

