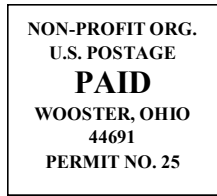


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August 2025
Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends,

"The Spirit moves where it wills" is one of my favorite scriptures from the Gospel of John. The UCC uses the word "discernment" to remind us that our ways are not God's ways. The Spirit moves where it wills. The history of the church has never been a straight line. There are good signs for the future of the whole church when we follow the movement of the Spirit.

Consider all of the people who contribute to the mission of our Church.

July 13-16, we hosted a North Street Mission work group from Wadsworth. They worked in several community agencies and will take back to their church the things that they learned about creating caring community.

The Heartland (Ohio) UCC Conference meeting will be held at Ohio Wesleyan on September 26. In recent years the energy of our Denomination continues to increase and the conference is a good place for ways that our sister churches are doing.

You have contributed to the progress of the church through the encouragement and support for those who are now our partners in Ministry. It is good to know that many Trinity clergy have been ordained here and are serving UCC churches in Ohio.

Leila Jindra has recently been called to serve as the full-time Pastor at Middleburgh Heights UCC. Abby Reed has announced her intention to attend Seminary shortly with the intent to pursue a ministry career in the UCC.

Emily Howard, who served as our associate Pastor for 4 years, is thriving serving at Grace United Church of Christ in Uniontown. Emily recently sent a text for all of you; "Hi Trinity! I miss you!" Grace UCC is holding an "open and affirming Sunday" as they move forward under Emily's Pastorate there.

Nancy Boreman recently completed her Doctor of Ministry and continues as a Chaplain for the VA in Cleveland.

YOU! Yes You! Make all of this ministry possible! Your energy inspires the Church in ways many of you will never see. The people we inspire in turn inspire another generation, making a difference in a world that desperately needs to create caring communities. Remember the "Spirit moves where it wills." You never know where it will go next.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

"The wind blows wherever it wants to. You hear it, but you don't know where it is coming from or where it is going. It is the same with everyone who is born from the Spirit." John 3:8



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*
Connie Plant, *Custodian*



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AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE
10:30am



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

August 3

Luke 12:13-21
Holy Communion
“Investment Opportunity”

August 10

Gary Friend
Psalm 138 and 1 Cor. 15:1-11
"It's all God's Doing."

August 17

Leading Worship
Bert Ambrose

August 24

Leading Worship
Bert Ambrose

August 31

Special Guest Leading Worship

Financial Position June 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	\$54,531	\$46,282	\$173,910	\$169,032	\$94,126
Expenses	\$31,507	\$31,837	\$173,910	\$196,427	\$160,213
Net	\$23,024	\$14,445	\$0	(\$27,395)	(\$66,087)

Comments:

Contribution income was \$1500 over budget for June. As per consistory guidelines, we balanced out the General fund with Endowment funds. we used \$36,863 to balance out the second quarter. Year to date we have used \$80,852 - so effectively our year to date deficit is \$80,852 through June.

We continue to operate as expected.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$251,256)

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: \$29,636.

Trinity Breakfast program – 30 years

Established in the summer of 1995.

Our breakfast program is 30 years old!



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Join us in worship and ministry

Sunday: 10:30 am Worship

(Livestream starts at 10:35)

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We are an open and affirming, global mission church. Everyone is welcome!

Faith Formation and Arts August, 2025

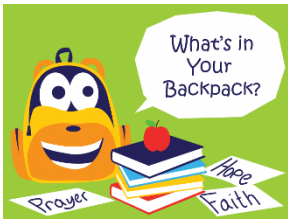
Wow, summer is going fast and I am so looking forward to lots of different activities that are being planned for us to gather together in the Fall!

Thank you to the Ohio Light Opera musicians for sharing beautiful music with us this Summer! What a blessing!

C.A.T. will be held on **Wednesday, August 6th** from 4:30-7:00pm. We will then take a break until the first week of September.



Blessing of the Backpacks will be on **Sunday, August 10th**. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship service.



Bible Study in the Park is on **Tuesdays at Noon** at Christmas Run Upper-level Park. People are invited to bring their lunch and spend time in fellowship, eating together and of course, Bible study.



Fellowship Friday Game Night is on **Friday, August 22nd** from 7:00-9:00pm. It is so good to gather together, play games, snack and talk with each other!



August Birthdays!

Lyn Shoots 2nd	Wendy Blough 12th	Joanne Orr 26th
Audra Smith 3rd	Jessica Griffin 13th	Sally Lennon 29th
Debra Ullom 3rd	Jordan Perry 14th	Linsey Aultz 30th
Carol Smith 4th	Emily Blough 15th	Luke Wiest 31st
Peggy Vizzo 4th	Armin Bizer 17th	
Carter Bourne 4th	Rachel Tizzano 17th	
Benjamin Wiest 5th	Karen Mathys 18th	
Janet Landers 7th	Judy Adams 19th	
John Seman 7th	Christopher Hoffman 21st	
Nancy Goodright 8th	Corinne Landers 22nd	
Andrew Arko 8th	Grant Ely 23rd	
Gina Vizzo 10th	Samantha Newman 24th	
	Chris Marek 25th	

A Grateful Acknowledgment

Honoring the Legacy of Faithful Members

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the families of **Doris Sigg** and **William & Marilyn Sparr** for their recent bequests to **Trinity** as part of their estate planning. Their generous and thoughtful contributions are a testament to their lasting faith and commitment to Trinity’s mission.

Trinity continues to thrive through the ongoing generosity of our members and friends—both during their lifetimes and through planned giving. We are deeply thankful for this enduring support, which helps sustain our ministry for future generations.



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21

Our super awesome June volunteers!

Lay Readers

August 3 - Lynda Varno

August 10 -

August 17 - Liz Harris

August 24 -

August 31 -

Coffee Hour

August 3 -

August 10 -

August 17 -

August 24 -

August 31 -

Flowers

August 3 - Pat & Doug Anderson

August 10 -

August 17 - Varno Family

August 24 -

August 31 -

Ushers

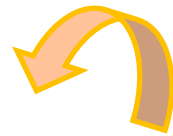
August 3 - Varno Family

August 10 - Jeff & Julie Vizzo/Joanne Leaman

August 17 -

August 24 -

August 31 -



Our church is amazing—and that's all thanks to *you!* The heart, the laughter, the helping hands... it all comes together to create the community we love.

Want to be part of the fun? Jump in and volunteer! Whether you're ready to fill a spot now or plan ahead for September, the sign-up sheets are waiting for you in the outer Narthex. Let's make it happen—together!



Looking Ahead!

Holy Communion & Faith Formation Meeting - August 3

Pastor Kevan Begins 2nd Round of Sabbatical - August 10-September 7

Consistory 5:30pm - August 12

Women's Lunch 11:30am - August 13

Fellowship Friday 7-9pm - August 22

Consistory 5:30pm - September 9th

NAACP Unit Freedom Fund Dinner(Kittridge Hall College of Wooster) - Sept. 28

World Communion Day/Neighbors in Need Offering-October 5

Biloxi Back Bay Mission Trip - October 19

August 2025 – Daily U.S. Observances

Each day is a gift. May we celebrate, serve, and reflect as one body in Christ.

August 1: *National Girlfriends Day* – Celebrating friendship and sisterhood

August 2: *National Coloring Book Day* – Embracing creativity and calm

August 3: *National Watermelon Day* – A joyful taste of summer's bounty

August 4: *U.S. Coast Guard Day* – Honoring those who serve at sea

August 5: *Work Like a Dog Day* – Celebrating diligence and dedication

August 6: *National Root Beer Float Day* – A nostalgic treat for all ages

August 7: *Purple Heart Day* – Honoring wounded U.S. veterans

August 8: *National Happiness Happens Day* – Encouraging joy and optimism

August 9: *National Book Lovers Day* – Celebrating the gift of reading

August 10: *National S'mores Day* – Celebrating sweet summer memories

August 11: *National Son and Daughter Day* – Honoring the blessing of children

August 12: *Middle Child Day* – Celebrating the often-overlooked peacemakers

August 13: *National Prosecco Day* – A toast to joyful gatherings

August 14: *National Financial Awareness Day* – Promoting stewardship and planning

August 15: *National Relaxation Day* – A call to Sabbath and stillness

August 16: *National Tell a Joke Day* – Spreading laughter and light

August 17: *National Nonprofit Day* – Honoring those who serve others

August 18: *National Fajita Day* – Celebrating cultural flavors and community

August 19: *National Aviation Day* – Honoring the spirit of exploration and flight

August 20: *National Radio Day* – Celebrating voices that inform and inspire

August 21: *Senior Citizens Day* – Celebrating wisdom, experience, and legacy

August 22: *Be an Angel Day* – Encouraging small acts of kindness

August 23: *National Ride the Wind Day* – Honoring invention and imagination

August 24: *National Waffle Day* – A warm and comforting tradition

August 25: *National Park Service Founders Day* – Honoring nature and preservation

August 26: *Women's Equality Day* – Commemorating the right to vote

August 27: *Just Because Day* – Encouraging spontaneous joy and generosity

August 28: *National Thoughtful Day* – Promoting mindfulness and empathy

August 29: *National Chop Suey Day* – Celebrating cultural fusion in cuisine

August 30: *National Beach Day* – Giving thanks for creation and recreation

August 31: *National Eat Outside Day* – Embracing community and God's creation

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” – Psalm 90:12



FREE CLASSES—tuition sponsored by United Way Wayne and Holmes Counties

Microsoft Word, July 7-August 1 M-F 9-12 (Microsoft Office Specialist-Word Associate)

Small Business Start Up, July 8-September 9, Tuesdays from 9-3, (Rise Up Customer Service Sales and Entrepreneurship and Small Business Certification)

Fast Track Welding, September 22-December 10, Monday and Wednesdays from 4-8—(Students would pay \$400 for materials and one AWS Certification).

Nurse Aide, October 27-November 20, M,T, W, Th 3:30-9:00—(Students would need to pay \$140 for books and state certification.)

Tuition is Free

Materials and certifications must be paid for either by student or another funding source.



Garden Angels at work!



Our joyful garden crew, ready to dig in and beautify!

Have you seen the front of the church lately? It's blooming with beauty—and joy!

This cheerful crew showed up ready to dig, weed, prune, and plant, all with big smiles and trowels in hand. These faithful volunteers gave our flowerbeds some much-needed TLC, bringing color and life to the church grounds just in time for summer.

Armed with gloves, sun hats, and laughter, they freshened up the flowerbeds with bright mari-

golds that now greet every visitor (see photo!). We're so grateful for this hardworking team. Your dedication makes Trinity not just a church, but a warm and welcoming home for all.

Want to join the fun next time? No experience needed—just a willing heart and maybe a sun-hat!

Please Call Lin Wierwille or Margaret Bourne!



A fresh, welcoming touch thanks to loving hands and a little mulch magic!

I recently received the following recycling information from Carla Hall, who is a member of The Interfaith Justice Group and a recent graduate of the Master Recycler class.

She shares the following updated information, which you may find helpful. Staples has largely expanded the variety of items they recycle and they give you store credit!

- (1) All kinds of electronics, cords, chargers, earbuds/headsets, shredders, speakers.
- (2) Household batteries (non-rechargeable alkaline and lithium button batteries).
- (3) School supplies: crayons, glue sticks/bottles, pens, markers.

I was able to recycle a non-functioning VCR at Staples. Here is the website Carla shared:

<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling#rec>

I will have further recycling help next month. Also, Buehlers will have their annual shredding day in August, watch for their date.

Carol Eberhart for the Climate Justice Team



ACT Book Talk – Join Us on Zoom!



Saturdays, August 10 & 24 at 8:00 AM

Start your Saturday morning with meaningful conversation! The ACT Team invites you to join our book talk on zoom. We'll gather for thoughtful discussion, spiritual reflection, and connection as we explore faith and justice together. Whether you've read the book or not, all are welcome!



Time: 8:00 AM



Location: Zoom (link in weekly email or available upon request)

For more info or the Zoom link, contact Jennifer Faust

Save the Date SENIOR FORUM

OCTOBER 21, 2025
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM



EVENT DETAILS

Join us for an educational experience learning about resources available for you in our community. We will have Vendors, Speakers & Bingo. A complimentary lunch will be provided for attendees.

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