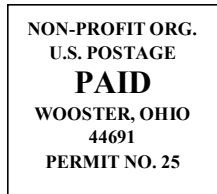
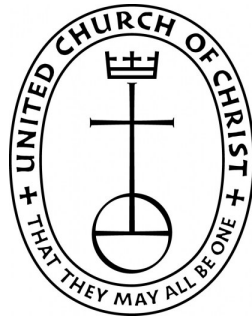


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September 2026
Trinity UCC Topics

All of a sudden we seem to be standing on the far edge of Summer and working our way into another Fall season. The schools are open and those flashing lights in the school zones are on so be careful out there.

Here at TUCC too we begin to move from season to season as we gear up for Rally Day, (Sept.20). It's time to get the choir back in full voice, Sunday School will be cranking up and it won't be long before we hang the greens!

Ok, let's not rush things too quickly. There is plenty still to be done before we start lighting Advent candles.

We stand always between the ebb and flow, the assurance of things fond and familiar and the frightening and unknown in the Church. I think that is especially true right now for TUCC.
But it isn't new.

Trinity has experienced manifest changes in her more than 200 years. Not only have you survived them, those changes are a great part of what has made you who you are today.

I remember awhile back we had a logo that was a quote from Isaiah,
"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Is 43:19)

Change though is hard.

And I wish I could tell you just what those changes that are certainly coming and how to handle them.

I do know they are coming.

I do know you will have to work on them with Godly diligence.

And I know if you do that, you will be different, but will be just fine.

So perhaps before we deck the halls we might take a good, hard look at ourselves and ponder what we perceive might come next for us for God's sake, for our sake, for a future that still offers peace on earth and good will to all...here.

It's not Christmas yet. We still have work to do.

Rev Ray



Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Ray Deuring, *Bridge Minister*

Melinda Thomas, *Office Manager*

Joi Griffith, *Administrative Assistant*

Luke Tegtmeier, *Organist /Choir Director*

Phil Starr/Jack Senn, *Business Managers*

Yulia Allison *Nursery Staff*

Connie Plant/Larry Keiner, *Custodians*



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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



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

September 6

Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins - Smith

September 13

Romans 14:1-12

Psalms 23

Rev. Ray Deuring

September 20

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Ray Deuring

September 27

Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. Ray Deuring

Financial Position July 2026

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2026 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	\$21,604	\$31,383	\$217,162	\$201,862	\$188,067
Expenses	<u>\$33,471</u>	<u>\$41,509</u>	<u>\$229,029</u>	<u>\$259,887</u>	<u>\$200,484</u>
Net	(\$11,867)	(\$10,126)	(\$11,867)	(\$58,025)	(\$12,417)

Comments: Contribution income was right at budget for July. Building maintenance was high due to the sprinkler testing of \$482 and electrical repair of \$182. Our Pastor salaries are low as Kevan is on short term disability and we don’t pay his salary and housing. Pulpit fees were over budget as we paid for one Sunday.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$254,367)

During July we incurred expenses of \$10,397. This included repairs to our sprinkler system by Silco and to replace the outdoor water faucet by E & H Plumbing.

Please continue to give towards the Kitchen Renovation. 2026 will be our final and third year. Many thanks for those who have contributed towards the project.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$30,941.

Trinity Breakfast program – 31 years

Established in the summer of 1995.

Our Breakfast program is 31 years old!



Help to grow Trinity’s ministry by remembering Trinity in your will and estate planning.
You don’t need a large estate to be able to do so!

 THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS HERE!
Sharing Our Gifts • Serving Our Church • Growing Together

Trinity United Church of Christ is excited to announce the formation of our new **Nominating Committee!**

The purpose of this committee is to help connect the gifts, talents, and passions of our congregation with the many ministries and opportunities that help our church thrive. Over the coming weeks and months, committee members will be reaching out to members of our church family to learn more about your interests and to create a resource list of volunteers who are willing to serve in a variety of ways.

There are many opportunities to become involved, whether you enjoy working behind the scenes or serving directly with others.

Every person has unique gifts to share, and no contribution is too small. Whether you can serve weekly, monthly, seasonally, or only for special events, your willingness to help makes a meaningful difference in the life of our church.

You don't have to wait for a phone call! If there is a ministry or area of service that interests you, or if you would like to share your talents and skills with the Nominating Committee, please contact the church office. You can speak with **Joi** or **Melinda**, or send us an email with the areas you would be interested in serving.

Together, we can continue to build a welcoming, caring, and vibrant church community by sharing the gifts God has given each of us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Share Your Gifts!

God has given each of us unique talents. How will you use yours?

The Nominating Committee is building a list of members who are interested in serving in the life of Trinity. Whether you have a few hours a year or can volunteer regularly, there is a place for you!

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Called to Care Visits
- Building Cleaning
- Event Planning
- Meal Preparation
- Lay Readers
- Ushers & Greeters
- Sunday School
- Prayer Chain
- Sound System & A/V
- Office Support
- Choir
- Altar Guild
- Fellowship & Hospitality
- Special Events
- And much more!

Interested in serving?

Contact the church office to share your interests and talents.

Speak with: Joi or Melinda
Call: 330-264-9250
Email: TrinityUCCWooster1819@gmail.com

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them."
1 Corinthians 12:4

Creative Arts at Trinity (C.A.T) will start back up in the fall. C.A.T happens every Wednesday from 4:30pm-7pm. Ages 5 - 8th grade. This program is a great way to get your kid involved in the church and make new friends along the way.
Dinner is provided each Wednesday.

September Birthdays!

Amanda Stermer 2nd	Katy Shaver 16th	Jillian Perry 28th
Tony Heard 3rd	Scott Griffin 17th	Mary Cornelius 29th
Brian Questel 4th	Kim Cantrell 18th	Doug Henshaw 29th
Don Hange 5th	Lynn Taylor 18th	Chuck Vizzo 29th
Gene Dettra 7th	Melinda Thomas 19th	
Jamie Gilmore 7th	David Hradek 21st	
Cindy Henshaw 9th	Samantha Timbs 22nd	
Dru Ely 10th	Bruce Slater 22nd	
John Johnston 11th	Kayla Murray 23rd	
Daniel Darling 11th	Doug Anderson 24th	
Elijah Franklin 12th	Terry Snyder 25th	
Jacqueline Duncan 13th	Katy Reynolds 25th	
Pat Mairs 14th	Dan Vizzo 27th	
Mark Neil 15th	Heidi Derflinger 27th	



Trinity UCC received a generous bequest from the estate of Raymond and Ella Mae Ross.

Raymond had been a member of the church since 1958 and Ella Mae was active in the rummage sale. They were married for 65 years and usually where you saw one of them, you soon saw the other whether it be at church or the Wayne County Fair. Warm weather conversations often involved fishing or time spent together on their boat at Lake Buckhorn.

A Lasting Legacy

If you would like to include Trinity UCC in your will as part of your legacy, please reach out to Phil Starr or Jack Senn in the church office with any questions.

Growing in Faith Together This September

September brings the beginning of a new season, with cooler days, changing leaves, and the return to familiar rhythms of school, activities, and church life. As we move from summer into fall, we are reminded that God calls us to grow in faith through acts of kindness, hospitality, and service. Every opportunity to serve is a chance to share Christ's love and help make our worship experience welcoming and meaningful for everyone. Our worship services are enriched by the many volunteers who faithfully give of their time and talents. We invite you to prayerfully consider serving in one of these important ministries:

 **Lay Reader** – Share God's Word and help bring the Scripture message to life.

 **Altar Flowers** – Beautify our worship space in honor, memory, or celebration of someone special.

 **Usher / Greeter** – Offer a warm welcome and help everyone feel at home.

 **Coffee Hour Host** – Create a place of fellowship and conversation after worship.

Whether you are serving for the first time or continuing a ministry you have enjoyed for years, your gifts make a lasting difference. Every smile, every greeting, every reading, and every cup of coffee shared helps strengthen the bonds of our church family and reflects Christ's love in action.

Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or contact the church office to reserve your spot. As we welcome September and the changing season, let us continue serving with joyful hearts, generous spirits, and a deep commitment to sharing God's love with all.

 **September brings the beauty of a new season**, with cooler days, changing leaves, and the return to familiar routines. As we gather together in worship and fellowship, we are grateful for the many ways our church family continues to grow through your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve.

As we welcome the beginning of fall, we invite you to share your gifts by signing up for **September service opportunities**. Sign-up sheets are available in the outer narthex.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents as we continue to grow in faith, serve one another, and be God's hands and feet in our community. 



Looking Ahead!

Faith Formation Meeting 6pm - September 1

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8am - September 5

OFFICE CLOSED - September 7

Consistory Meeting 6pm - September 8

Choir 9:30am - September 13

Psalms w/ Rev. Ray Deuring - September 14 & September 21

Women's Lunch @ Broken Rocks 11:30am - September 16

Rally Day 10:30am - September 20

Mission Team Meeting 4pm - September 22

Creative Arts at Trinity (C.A.T.) 4:30pm - September 23 & September 30

Fall Book Study 7pm (On Zoom) - September 28

Fellowship Friday Game Night 7-9pm - September 25



FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY GAME NIGHT

COME READY TO PLAY

BOARD GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, FUN
AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

TRINITY UCC - FELLOWSHIP HALL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

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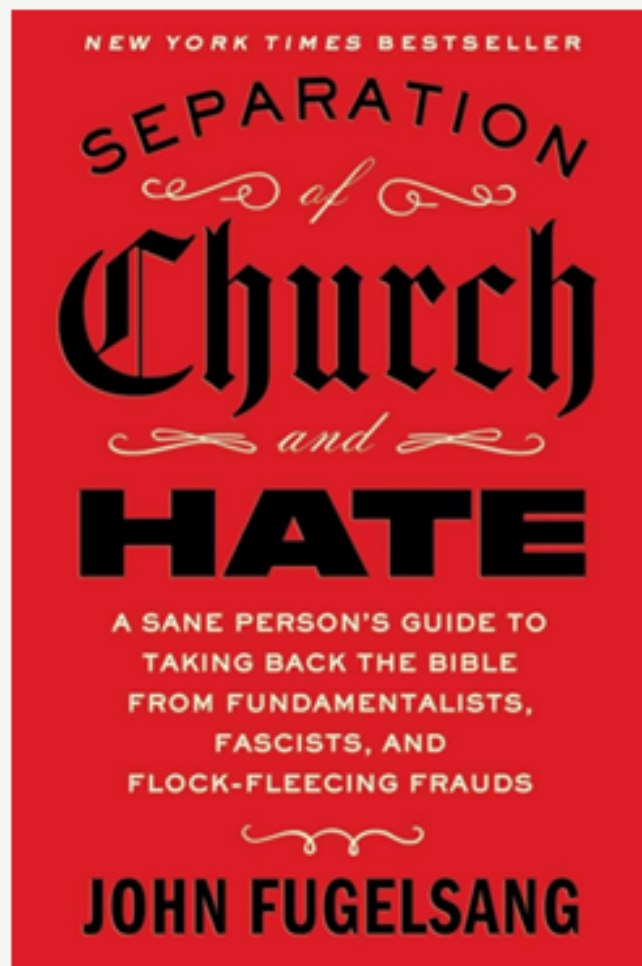
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Trinity's
Open and Affirming
Team
invites you to join
our FALL book study!

We'll be meeting every
Monday evening at 7 PM
via ZOOM



We will be
exploring
John Fugelsang's
*Seperation of
Church and Hate*



ALL are welcome
to reflect and
respond ... just
click on Trinity's
Prayer and
Communion link,

We begin on
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28th

September – Daily U.S. Observances

September brings the transition from summer to fall and many opportunities for gratitude, service, learning, and community.

- September 1:** National Forgiveness Day – Choosing peace and reconciliation.
September 2: World Coconut Day – Celebrating an important food and resource.
September 3: National Grateful Patient Day – Giving thanks for caregivers and healing.
September 4: National Wildlife Day – Caring for the animals and creatures around us.
September 5: International Day of Charity – Encouraging generosity and compassion.
September 6: National Read a Book Day – Celebrating reading and lifelong learning.
September 7: Labor Day – Honoring the contributions of American workers.
September 8: National Grandparents Day – Celebrating grandparents and their wisdom.
September 9: National School Picture Day – Capturing memories of a new school year.
September 10: National Swap Ideas Day – Sharing ideas and learning from one another.
September 11: Patriot Day – Remembering those lost on September 11, 2001.
September 12: National Day of Encouragement – Sharing kindness through our words and actions.
September 13: National Grandparents Day – Honoring love, wisdom, and family traditions.
September 14: National Coloring Day – Encouraging creativity and relaxation.
September 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins – Celebrating Hispanic and Latino heritage.
September 16: National Guacamole Day – Enjoying a favorite food and cultural tradition.
September 17: Constitution & Citizenship Day – Reflecting on citizenship and civic responsibility.
September 18: National POW/MIA Recognition Day – Remembering missing service members and their families.
September 19: National Dance Day – Celebrating music, movement, and joyful expression.
September 20: National Care for Kids Day – Supporting and encouraging children.
September 21: International Day of Peace – Promoting peace, reconciliation, and hope.
September 22: National Voter Registration Day – Encouraging civic participation.
September 23: National Checkers Day – Enjoying a classic game and time together.
September 24: National Punctuation Day – Celebrating clear and thoughtful communication.
September 25: National One-Hit Wonder Day – Remembering memorable songs and music.
September 26: National Public Lands Day – Caring for and enjoying our nation's natural spaces.
September 27: Gold Star Mother's and Family Day – Honoring families who lost loved ones in military service.
September 28: National Good Neighbor Day – Encouraging kindness and care for those around us.
September 29: National Coffee Day – Celebrating fellowship and conversation.
September 30: National Love People Day – Choosing kindness, compassion, and care.

September Month-Long Observances

- National Hispanic Heritage Month** – September 15 through October 15, celebrating Hispanic and Latino heritage, history, cultures, and contributions.
National Recovery Month – Promoting hope, support, and awareness surrounding recovery and wellness.
National Preparedness Month – Encouraging individuals, families, and communities to prepare for emergencies and care for one another.
National Suicide Prevention Month – Promoting hope, awareness, compassion, and support for those who may be struggling.



Choir season starts

After a long, lonely summer at the organ and piano bench, I'm looking forward to working with Trinity Choir this Fall! On Sunday, September 13 all are invited to the church at 9:30 (an hour before worship) for a discussion about what the next season will look like. As a new leader, there will of course be some changes to discuss. But I also want to hear thoughts from singers as well. If you've sung in the choir your whole life, I'm looking forward to making music with you again. If you've never sung in a choir but are curious about what it might look like, this is a great chance to give it a try!

To help me with planning, please bring your calendar, favorite musical piece(s) sung at Trinity, and your favorite color. You'll have to come to this discussion to find out why colors are important!

Submitted by : Luke Tegtmeier



Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. In 2025 the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. Trinity United Church of Christ will participate in this offering on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026. Contributions can also be made online through Trinity's website. Thank you for your support and generosity!

LET US RISE. LET US UNITE.
LET US ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM.

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CHURCH
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ONE CHURCH.
ONE PURPOSE.
One Lord.
EPHESIANS 4:16

WORSHIP TOGETHER | GROW TOGETHER |  | SERVE TOGETHER | GO TOGETHER

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

COME. BE ENCOURAGED. BE EQUIPPED. BE EMPOWERED.

Stronger Together in Christ
PHILIPPIANS 1:27