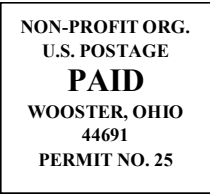
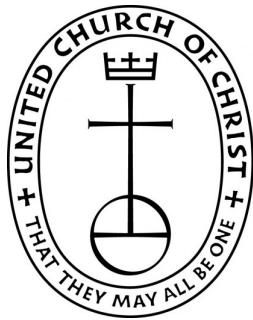


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**October 2024**  
**Trinity UCC Topics**

Trinity Friends,

This is something that you really need to know!!! Doing a good thing is good for you. It gets better! The person that receives the benefit of your good deed is the gift that keeps on giving! Kindness is good for you and catching for others!

During our recent building renovation, I have been suggesting that we look at “Church” differently. Too often when we talk about church renovation, we mean the building. I am suggesting that we think about the church as the people. Renovation of the soul is at the heart of our faith practices.

No church structures existed for the first 300 years of Christianity! People understood that wherever they went, “they” were the church. As Mother Teresa said, “God has no hands but ours” What would it look like for you to have a spiritual renovation? What would it mean for you to BE the church?

Several years ago, I was driving toward Trinity and I noticed one of my fellow clergy friends walking along the sidewalk. My friend took a couple of steps to the left and bent over and two more steps to the right reaching down on the curb. As I looked more closely, I saw that he was carrying a small trash bag in his hand. I realized that he was carefully picking up fast food wrappers, random flying papers and anything that was blowing around. I also noticed that he was definitely intentional about this practice while on a walk toward the church he serves. He inspired me to commit to the same practice whenever I had the chance. I went through a “minor” renovation.

Renovation happens when we make a conscious choice. It’s good for the person who performs a benevolent task. It is good for the community. People will be inspired by what they see in you. This happens all the time at Trinity. Many of our members renovate our thinking by inviting us to join uplifting programs that are good for everyone.

Your Partner in Christ’s mission,  
Dr. Franklin

Hebrews 13:2  
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.  
Hebrews 13:16-18  
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



**Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin**, *Senior Minister*  
**Suzanne Feltner**, *Faith Formation and Arts Director*  
**Joi Griffith**, *Administrative Assistant*  
**Luke Tegtmeier**, *Organist*  
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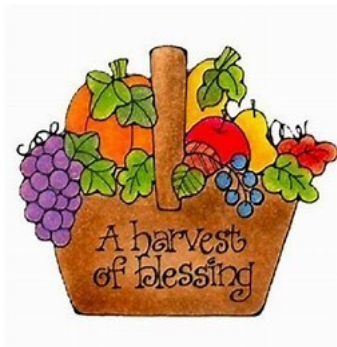


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[www.youtube.com/trinityuccwooster](http://www.youtube.com/trinityuccwooster)

OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube  
Live services are available on website at  
Trinity UCC.org

October 5th

Trinity members leave for Biloxi MS returning on the 12<sup>th</sup>.  
The Back Bay mission trip is led by Jim Shoots!

October 6th

Neighbors in Need Offering World Communion Sunday  
Abigail Reed is Speaking about her Mission Experience in South Korea  
Amelia Walker an Ordained UCC minister serving in Newark will officiate Communion and lead worship. Lynda Varno is going to Amelia’s church to sing as an exchange of talents.

October 13th

“For the Man who has Everything”  
Mark10:17-31

Dedication of our new Fellowship Hall Space and Kitchen  
After Worship; Homeward Bound meal with speakers Doug and Wyn Jones who are a part of the Homeward Bound Shelter efforts. With meal to follow.

October 20th

“What are we serving”  
Mark 10:35-45

October 27th

“Deep in my heart”  
Mark 10:46-52

Financial Position August 2024  
Trinity UCC Wooster – “Embracing and celebrating God’s Love”

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	**Current Month**		**2024 Year to date**		**Last year actual**
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD
Income	\$10,946	\$22,312	\$125,816	\$149,021	\$130,032
Expenses	\$29,549	\$34,965	\$213,400	\$241,703	\$233,400
Net	(\$18,603)	(\$12,653)	(\$87,584)	(\$92,682)	(\$103,368)

Comments:

Contribution income was \$11k under expectations for August. On the expense side, we paid \$321 for annual back flow testing causing our building maintenance to be over budget. August was a three pay period month, causing our expenses to be \$9k higher.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$288,706)

During August we paid Vince Mariola \$140,363. This includes \$74,563 that was paid to repair all the drains and pipes under fellowship hall and the showroom floors.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,869

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 years  
Established in the summer of 1995.

Trinity Kitchen / Fellowship Hall  
Renovation Project 2024



Vanco electronic  
giving



Venmo – @trinityuccwooster1819  
Venmo



Paypal

Email that your donation is for  
the kitchen to:  
tucc44691finance@gmail.com

Place check or cash in  
the collection plate  
or mail to the church  
office.

We are nearing the end of our renovation project to upgrade our equipment and facilities for our daily Breakfast Program and Church functions. We are still raising funds and would appreciate it if you’d consider donating to our project. When making donations mention Kitchen renovation or building.  
Thank-you for your continued support of our mission in downtown Wooster!



**Mind, Body and Spirit at Trinity     October, 2024**

To quote the refrain of the hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth” *I cannot give up saying this very often in the month of October, “God of all, to you we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.” The colors of this season are so magnificent and I love the cooler weather and the chance to see all the beauty. I hope you all enjoy it as well.*



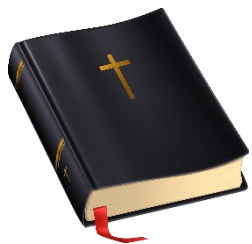
You are invited to join us on **Tuesdays at noon** in the Parlor as we “**Worship at the Table**” with a light lunch, Bible study and fellowship. This will begin on October 8<sup>th</sup> and will last 6 weeks. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. There will also be sign- up sheets in the Narthex.

**C.A.T.** is a wonderful gathering time for children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade to sing together, do art together and eat supper together on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:00. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us, please let me know. (Working on putting together a group of 3-5 years old as well. Please let me know if you are interested in this.)

**Minds, Body and Spirit** You are invited to come and learn how to care for our minds, bodies and Spirits on Thursdays at 10:00 in the Chapel.

**Choir rehearsals** on Thursdays at 5:30 in the Chapel. **Bell Choir rehearsals** on Thursdays at 7:00 in the Chapel.

**Knit, Pray, Crochet** Come, bring a project and gather together on Fridays at 11:00 in the Parlor.



**October Birthdays!**

**Matthew Schaeffer 1st**  
**Jannette Miller 1st**  
**Jim Butler 2nd**  
**Marilyn Meigs 2nd**  
**Benjamin Wright 4th**  
**Louie Carter 8th**  
**Dave Lueschen 8th**  
**Roxann Long 9th**  
**Richard Goodright 10th**  
**Cheryl Clever 10th**  
**Vaughn Robison 10th**  
**Marina Albright 11th**  
**Rowan Brown 11th**  
**John Schmidt 12th**  
**Adam Kirk 12th**

**Kristine Murray 13th**  
**Allyson Amstutz 16th**  
**Janet Burkhart 17th**  
**Kane Murray 17th**  
**Dakota Thomas 18th**  
**Garret Davis 18th**  
**Cameron Reed 19th**  
**Braylon Wenger 19th**  
**Jacob Donelson 20th**  
**Ken Flinner 20th**  
**Patty Dickason 22nd**  
**Megan Donelson 23rd**  
**Bob Mairs 23rd**  
**Matthew Newman 23rd**  
**Michelle Young 24th**

**Jeff Vizzo 24th**  
**Sharon Reed 25th**  
**Joyce Swinehart 25th**  
**Adam Briggs 25th**  
**Lisa Aultz 26th**  
**Abigail Reed 27th**  
**Elaine Reed 27th**  
**Judy Snyder 27th**  
**Rob Hradek 27th**  
**Alexis Gunn 27th**  
**Jeff Aultz 28th**  
**Jeanne Browning 29th**  
**Frank Hall 30th**  
**Martha Boyer 31st**  
**Matthew Bricker 31st**

**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 for special events like Sonnenberg Station



Visitors to North Street Mission



Join us in worship in person or on-line



Kitchen Renovation

*Our super awesome July volunteers!*

### **Lay Readers**

October 6th– Daniel Kirk

October 13th– Jodi Kirk

October 20th– Youth

October 27th -

### **Coffee Hour**

October 6th -

October 13th-

October 20th - Carter's

October 27th

### **Flowers**

October 6th-

October 13th-

October 20th-Jon & Peggy Vizzo

October 27th-

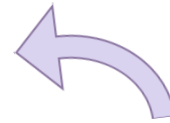
### **Ushers**

October 6th-

October 13th-

October 20th-

October 27th-



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!*

WAIP First Gathering **October 2nd**

Back Bay Mission Trip In Biloxi **October 5th-12th**

Neighbors In Need Offering **October 6th**

World Communion Abigail Reed will be speaking about her mission **October 6th(Meal To Follow)**

Dedication of New Fellowship Hall & Kitchen **October 13th**

Homeward Bound meal Speakers Doug & Wyn Jones **October 13th**

Volunteer Mentoring **October 17th**

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**

## **MISSION TEAM NEWS**

### **HOLD THE DATE: OCTOBER 13**

On October 13 at noon, The Trinity Mission Team with Suzanne Feltner will be hosting a fall informational and fund raising luncheon for the new Homeward Bound Shelter. Immediately after church services, Wyn and Doug Jones will provide the program in the newly remodeled Trinity fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided and donations for Homeward Bound will be accepted. Join this informational session to learn ways in which you can support the new shelter mission.

### **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:

**OCTOBER 17**

**NOVEMBER 21**

**JANUARY 16**

**FEBUARY 20**

**MARCH 20**

**APRIL 17**



## Moving in!

The kitchen is getting restocked with the dishes and cooking utensils. The Fellowship Hall is filling up with tables and chairs. Soon we will be dedicating and celebrating our new surroundings. Please keep informed as to when these events will be happening by following Trinity's social media and Sunday bulletins. Come join in on the celebrations!



They are here!



Trinity's cookbooks are ready for distribution! Those of you who have ordered a cookbook can pick it up at the church office between the hours of 10am-2pm Monday -Friday. Please pay any balance due at that time. There are extra available if you would like to purchase more. Cost is \$10. Thank you so much for your recipes and memories. It is a delightful compilation of Trinity's culinary history. Hope you enjoy it!



In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is **“Mental Health Justice For All!”** This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

One-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds are used by [Justice and Witness Ministries](#) to provide [grants](#) to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Trinity UCC will collect this special offering on October 6, 2024, as part of World Communion Sunday. We thank you for your support and generosity.

Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.



Environmental Justice and Care Team

Reminders for October Events

Hear Hallie Bowie, a New Leaf Design Ltd. Architect and LEED Green Associate, talk about: **“Moving to Clean Energy and How the Inflation Reduction Bill Can Help”**  
On Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on 3186 Burbank Road, Wooster  
This will be an informative talk with lots of Q&A afterwards. Find out what your energy future could look like. Bring a friend, a neighbor, your extended family members, this is a chance to make changes that will make a difference for you and the planet.  
Sponsored by the Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network and the Wooster Interfaith Justice Committee Climate Change Group  
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Imagine this...a brisk fall day, leaves a blaze in the sun, blue sky above, rolling hills, forests, walking paths, quiet moments, a chance to worship in nature. PLUS: an opportunity to Hear a stellar line up of speakers, enjoy breakout sessions about building HOPE for the future of our planet, time to enjoy the beauty of Tempeld Hills, chance to meet members of other UCC churches in the Heartland Conference.  
There is a registration code available that will fund your participation. Please see me and I will get it to you.

SAVE  
the  
DATE

REVIVING HOPE:  
A CLIMATE ACTION SEMINAR  
FOR ALL GENERATIONS

INSPIRING • CONNECTING • EQUIPPING • SUPPORTING FAITH IN ACTION

Saturday, October 12, 2024

TEMPLED HILLS  
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER  
5724 DURBIN RD  
BELLVILLE, OHIO 44813



Please, please, please show up for this chance for change, challenges and choices that impact your life and all life on this EARTH! It is literally in our hands to cherish all life and make a difference.

Margaret Bourne

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)

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

DAY CENTER & SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER





Our Services

- Laundry Attendant
- Day Center Attendant
- Kitchen Server
- Severe Weather Shelter Attendant
- Weekend Maintenance

For more information  
or to sign up:



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Please share with others who may be interested. We appreciate your continued interest in these efforts.