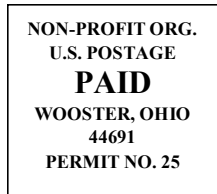
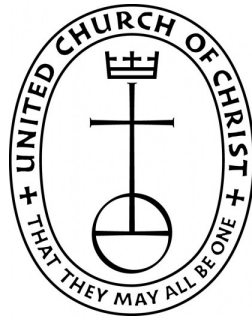


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August 2026
Trinity UCC Topics

Welcoming Our Bridge Minister

We are grateful to share that the Rev. Ray Deuring has agreed to serve Trinity as our Bridge Minister for the foreseeable future.

Rev. Ray has a long history with Trinity. He worshipped here for many years from the 1970s to the 1990s, where he discerned God's call to ministry and was inspired to attend seminary.

He went on to faithfully serve congregations in Northeast Ohio for more than 20 years as both a solo pastor and senior pastor before later serving as an interim minister.

Stepping out of his retirement, his love for Trinity has led him back during this season to once again serve this faith family.

As Bridge Minister, Rev. Ray will help provide continuity in worship, pastoral care for our members, and the life of the church. He will work alongside Consistory, Pastoral Relations, and staff as Trinity continues the mission Christ has called us to.

We are deeply grateful for Rev. Ray's willingness to answer this call and share his gifts with our congregation. Please join us in extending a warm Trinity welcome to both Rev. Ray and his wife, Vernice, aka Vernie, as they begin this ministry among us.

In God's Love,
Your Trinity UCC Consistory



Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Ray Deuring, *Bridge Minister*
Melinda Thomas, *Office Manager*
Joi Griffith, *Administrative Assistant*
Luke Tegtmeier, *Organist*
Phil Starr/Jack Senn, *Business Managers*
Yulia Allison, *Nursery Staff*
Connie Plant/Larry Keiner, *Custodians*



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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 2

Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21

Holy Communion

Ohio Light Opera: Nasr Sheikh

Guest Organist: Steve Gerber

August 9

Matthew 14:22-33

Guest Organist: Steve Gerber

Rev. Ray Deuring

August 16

Matthew 15:21-28

Rev. Ray Deuring

August 23

Matthew 16:13-20

Consistory Sunday

Fellowship Hall

Rev. Ray Deuring

August 30

Romans 12: 9-31

Financial Position June 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	\$60,323	\$28,057	\$195,559	\$170,479	\$173,910
Expenses	\$31,133	\$38,758	\$195,559	\$218,378	\$173,910
Net	\$29,190	(\$10,701)	\$0	(\$47,899)	\$0

Comments: Contribution income was right at budget for June. Building maintenance was high due to replacing the sump pump by the back door (\$695) and fixing the kitchen air conditioning (\$279). Pulpit fees were over budget as we paid for three Sundays (\$600). As per consistory guidelines we have used our Endowment Allowable to spend funds to balance our quarter. For the year so far, we have used \$100.037 in Endowment Funds to balance the general fund. We have another \$32k of allowable funds to spend for the rest of 2026. We normally have a strong fourth quarter so we anticipate our deficit to be less than this level.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$246,150)

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.

Trinity offers Electronic options
for donations



PayPal



Venmo



Vanco

Have you considered electronic giving? Many options are available to you when making donations to Trinity. One option is to make One-time donations 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. Through Vanco, you can also set up Electronic giving to have your donation pulled once or twice a month. See the Stewardship page on our website for the sign-up form, or contact Phil Starr or Jack Senn for more information.

 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.

August Birthdays!

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

Some POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION!

If you have access to AMAZON Prime, we urge you to view the movie:

"GROUND SWELL". It is the third in the trilogy about Regenerative Farming, here and around the world.

It shows the huge increase in the use of this farming method, since the last movie in this series. The amount of carbon capture possible from changing to this farming method alone, can make a tremendous positive influence on our environment!

And, as a bonus to the farmer, it increases yield and reduces expenses. A Win, Win!

Happy viewing,
Submitted by: Ed and Carol Eberhart

🍷 Growing in Faith Together This August 🍷

August brings the gentle rhythm of late summer, with gardens at their peak, family gatherings, and the anticipation of a new season just around the corner. As we enjoy these final weeks of summer, we are reminded that God continues to call each of 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 embrace the blessings of August and prepare for the season ahead, let us continue serving with joyful hearts, generous spirits, and a deep commitment to sharing God's love with all.

☀️ August brings the beauty of late summer, with abundant gardens, warm afternoons, and the gentle anticipation of a new season. As we gather 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 make the most of these final weeks of summer, we invite you to share your gifts by signing up for August 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!

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8am - August 1

Mission Team Meeting 4pm - August 4

Faith Formation Meeting 6pm - August 4

Consistory Meeting 6pm - August 11

Women's Lunch @ El Campesino - 11:30am - August 19

Consistory Sunday in Fellowship hall 10:30am - August 23

Fellowship Friday Game Night 7-9pm - August 28



TRINITY UCC - FELLOWSHIP HALL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

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

CHURCH Rally DAY

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

August – Daily U.S. Observances 🌸

August is a time to savor the final weeks of summer, celebrate community, and prepare for the changing seasons ahead. These daily observances provide opportunities to appreciate the people, traditions, and simple joys that enrich our lives.

- August 1: National Girlfriends Day – Celebrating the friendships that encourage, support, and uplift us.
- August 2: National Coloring Book Day – Encouraging creativity, relaxation, and joyful expression.
- August 3: National Watermelon Day – Celebrating one of summer's sweetest harvests.
- August 4: U.S. Coast Guard Day – Honoring the brave men and women who protect our nation's waters.
- August 5: National Work Like a Dog Day – Recognizing dedication, perseverance, and a strong work ethic.
- August 6: National Root Beer Float Day – Enjoying a classic summertime treat.
- August 7: Purple Heart Day – Honoring military members who were wounded or gave their lives in service to our country.
- August 8: National Happiness Happens Day – Sharing kindness and spreading joy wherever we go.
- August 9: National Book Lovers Day – Celebrating the gift of reading and lifelong learning.
- August 10: National S'mores Day – Enjoying a favorite campfire tradition with family and friends.
- August 11: National Son and Daughter Day – Giving thanks for the children who bless our lives.
- August 12: National Vinyl Record Day – Appreciating music and the memories it creates.
- August 13: National Left-Handers Day – Celebrating the unique talents and diversity of others.
- August 14: National Financial Awareness Day – Encouraging wise stewardship and thoughtful planning.
- August 15: National Relaxation Day – Taking time to rest, reflect, and be renewed.
- August 16: National Tell a Joke Day – Sharing laughter and bringing smiles to those around us.
- August 17: National Nonprofit Day – Honoring organizations and volunteers who strengthen our communities through service.
- August 18: National Mail Order Catalog Day – Celebrating the history of American commerce and connection.
- August 19: National Aviation Day – Honoring the achievements of aviation and the spirit of exploration.
- August 20: National Radio Day – Celebrating the voices and stories that keep communities informed and connected.
- August 21: National Senior Citizens Day – Honoring the wisdom, faith, and contributions of older adults.
- August 22: National Be an Angel Day – Encouraging acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity.
- August 23: National Ride the Wind Day – Celebrating innovation and the wonder of flight.
- August 24: National Waffle Day – Enjoying a favorite breakfast tradition shared with family and friends.
- August 25: National Park Service Founders Day – Celebrating the beauty of our national parks and the importance of preserving them.
- August 26: Women's Equality Day – Commemorating the advancement of equal rights and opportunities for women.
- August 27: National Just Because Day – Doing something kind simply because you can.
- August 28: National Thoughtful Day – Encouraging kindness, compassion, and consideration for others.
- August 29: National Lemon Juice Day – Appreciating a simple ingredient that brightens many favorite recipes.
- August 30: National Beach Day – Celebrating the beauty of our nation's lakeshores, rivers, and coastlines while caring for God's creation.
- August 31: National Eat Outside Day – Enjoying fellowship, fresh air, and the beauty of the outdoors.



First I want to thank you for allowing me to be in service to you and the Lord at this time in you lives. It is and honor and privilege to do so.

Some of you remember me from days gone by. Many of you do not. In the time we have together please do not hesitate to say, “Hi”. I would love to meet you and hear from you. Tell me your stories and what you hope for and want for and from Trinity. Along with that I would like to hear how you might be able to help at Trinity.

I ask that in your comments and criticisms to me or any others here to be constructive in nature.

It’s easy to complain without offering some constructive, realistic alternatives.

Matthew 28“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.29Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

I preached that passage my first week here. My intent is to try to ease the tension and fill the gap during this in-between time, and hopefully make your collective lives a bit less stressful. There will be some tensions I know, but in the long run, working together in the spirit of our living God, we will pass this gap in fine fashion and likely stronger for it.

By the way, Rally Day is just a few weeks away. We have a lot to do in preparation.

We will have a lot to do after as well.

So let’s get to work.

Rev. Ray Deuring

