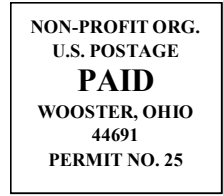
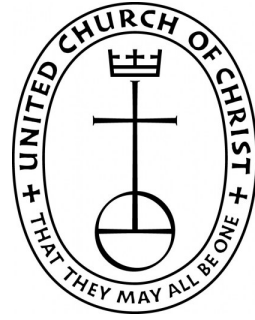


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"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

Trinity Friends,

My favorite Bible passage is Micah 6:8; "God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The Apostle Paul offered his own definition of the meaning of life when he wrote; Faith, Hope and Love remain, but the greatest of these is love.

Our Lenten disciplines lead us to the awareness of the things that truly make a difference in our lives. We can never lose sight of the real purpose of celebrating Easter. A real man named Jesus lived his life trying to do the right thing in the hope to make the world a better place. God loved the world through him. God calls us to open ourselves to do the same.

Several years ago, many of our members gathered for a retreat at one of our UCC camps. We decided to create a logo that would inspire our members. The outcome of that retreat was "Embracing and Celebrating God's Love".

What the world needs most, what the church needs most, and definitely what our lives needs most more than worship liturgies, more than knowledge, more than faith in the economy—is love.

Resurrection happens. We trust in God's creative gifts every spring when we plant seeds. The Resurrection is God's work of love that leads us out of our fear and into our hope.

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is more people who have come alive."— Howard Thurman.

Your Resurrected Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin



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/Larry Keiner, *Custodians*



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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



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

April 2

Maudy Thursday
 “The Last Supper”
 7pm

April 3

Good Friday Observance; Stations of the Cross
 Noon & 7pm

April 5

Easter Sunday/Holy Communion
 “Rabboni!”
 John 20:1-18

April 12

Second Sunday of Easter
 “The Keys to the Kingdom”
 John 20:19-31

April 19

Third Sunday of Easter
 “The Open Door”
 Luke 24:13-35

April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 “Green Pastures”
 John 10:1-10

Financial Position February 2026

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2025 Year to date**		**Last year actual**
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD
Income	\$13,836	\$36,282	\$27,454	\$72,564	\$29,429
Expenses	\$32,306	\$36,700	\$67,857	\$73,421	\$59,251
Net	(\$18,470)	(\$148)	(\$40,403)	(\$858)	(\$29,823)

Comments:

We start off a little slower than we had hoped. Probably in part, due to the weather. As of February reporting, we have not prorated the budget by month - so the monthly budget numbers are not accurate. We will have these updated in March reporting.

Our building equipment maintenance was high at \$1610 as we paid for the new fire alarm testing and some December testing done by the previous vendor.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$254,426)

Please continue to give towards the Kitchen Renovation. 2026 will be our final and third year of the fundraising campaign. Many thanks for those who have contributed towards the project. In February we paid \$4995 for the new church alarm Panel.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$32,383.

Trinity Breakfast program – 30 years
Established in the summer of 1995.
Our breakfast program is 30 years old!

Trinity United Church of Christ

“A Mission Church in Downtown Wooster!”



Serving weekday breakfast since the summer of 1995 (30 years!)



Trinity is proud participant in the United Church of Christ five major offerings, and to be part of the United Church of Christ.



Through special offerings, outside of the operating budget, Trinity donated over \$35,000 in 2025 to various agencies in Wooster and around the world.!



For 2025, 17% of Trinity's operating budget went towards mission. The largest component of this is our support of OCWM and the United Church of Christ.

Faith Formation and Arts at Trinity April, 2026

Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm on April 2. People are invited to participate in the service as part of "The Last Supper" Readers' Theater. Pastor Kevan Franklin will be serving Communion and there will be special music as well. Hope to see you there.



Good Friday Service, 7pm on April 3. We will be gathering in the Sanctuary to remind us about the death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is good to gather to worship, pray and sing as a reminder of this.



Easter Sunday April 5 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9:00-10:00 and worship at 10:30 It is good to gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior!



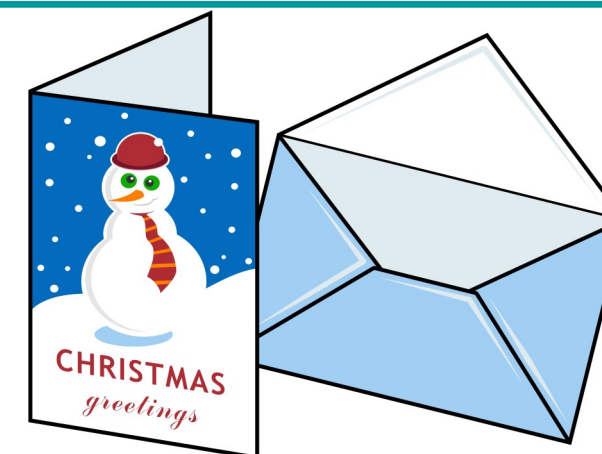
There are other activities and ways to gather at Trinity together. They are listed on our Calendar, so be sure to check it out and participate if you can.

Also, if you are interested in participating in a **Drum Circle**, please let Suzanne know. I would really like to get back to this, especially when people are available.

April Birthdays!

Jack Frichtl 4th
Susan Muskopf 3rd
Lori McCollum 4th
Ryne Ely 6th
June Louttit 7th
Julie Vizzo 8th
Kevin Cantrell 10th
Luke Franklin 11th
Bobbie Angerman 11th
Linda Lowe 12th
Barbara Richard 12th
Jenny Seman 12th
Lucy Schmidt 13th

Lola Franks 14th
Dee Carter 16th
Sara Lowe 16th
Shane Bureau 16th
Mariah Whitman 18th
Sara Rostetter 19th
Sue Ann Fouche 22nd
Andrew Muskopf 25th
Rebecca Piper 25th
Deborah Schmidt 25th
Viny Anderson 26th
Ada Pyers 28th
Anthony Tizzano 29th



Christmas cards from St Stephanus are still coming into the church office! If you have not gotten one after Sunday services yet, they will now be available in the Church office. Please see Joi to get one.

Thank you to all who helped send Christmas greetings to them.

Susan Muskopf

🌿 **A Season of Renewal, A Time to Serve** 🌿

March arrives like a gentle turning of the soil. The days stretch a little longer, the light lingers a little brighter, and we begin to sense new life stirring all around us. As we journey through this season of reflection and renewal, it's a beautiful time to offer ourselves in service during Sunday worship.

Our worship services bloom because of caring volunteers who help create a welcoming, meaningful, and connected community. We invite you to prayerfully consider one of these meaningful ways to serve:

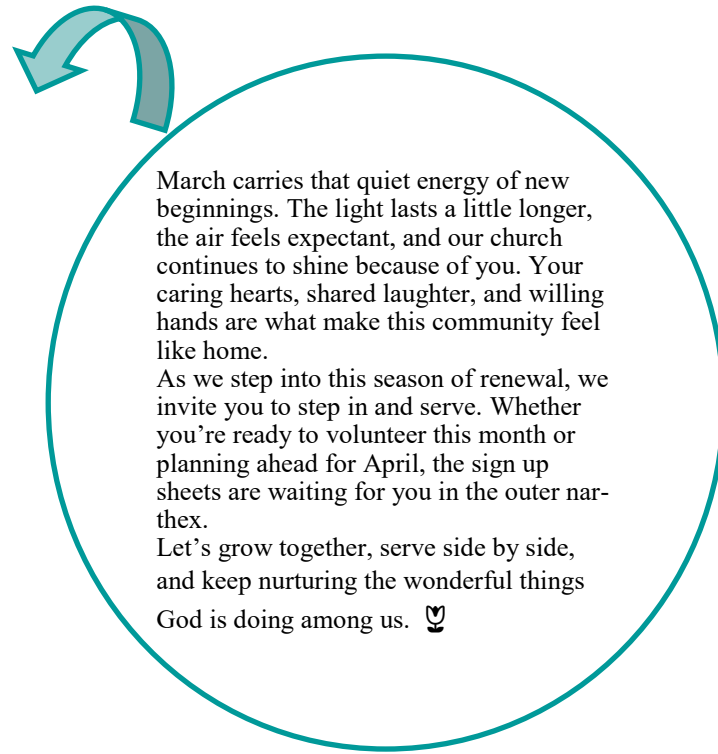
📖 **Lay Reader** – Share God's Word and help Scripture take root in our hearts.

🌸 **Altar Flowers** – Offer flowers for the altar in honor, memory, or celebration of someone special.

👐 **Usher / Greeter** – Be the warm smile at the door, guiding and welcoming all who enter.

☕ **Coffee Hour Host** – Pour a cup of hospitality and create space for fellowship after worship. Whether this is your first time stepping forward or a familiar rhythm of service, your presence makes a difference. Each act of kindness helps our church family grow stronger and reflects Christ's light among us.

Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or call the church office to reserve your spot. Let's step into this new season together, ready to serve with open hands and hopeful hearts. 🙏



March carries that quiet energy of new beginnings. The light lasts a little longer, the air feels expectant, and our church continues to shine because of you. Your caring hearts, shared laughter, and willing hands are what make this community feel like home.

As we step into this season of renewal, we invite you to step in and serve. Whether you're ready to volunteer this month or planning ahead for April, the sign up sheets are waiting for you in the outer narthex.

Let's grow together, serve side by side, and keep nurturing the wonderful things

God is doing among us. 🙏



Looking Ahead!

Ash Wednesday (Every Wednesday) 6:30p - April 1

Maundy Thursday 7p - April 2

Good Friday noon & 7p - April 3

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8am - April 4

Easter Breakfast - April 5

Faith Formation Meeting 6pm - April 7

Quilters 10a - April 8 & April 22

Consistory Meeting 6pm - April 14

Women's Lunch @ Longhorn Steakhouse 11:30am - April 15

Shrimp Boil 5pm - April 18

Mission Team Meeting on Zoom 5:15pm - April 21

Fellowship Friday Game Night 7-9pm - April 24

✦ Trinity UCC Presents

Fellowship Friday Game Night

Join us for a night full of fun, laughter,
and friendly competition!

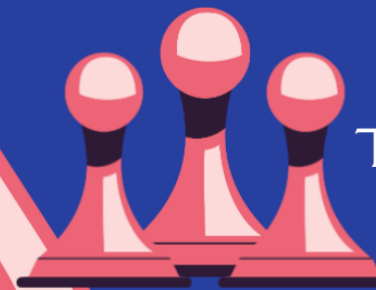
✦ **APRIL 24 7-9 PM**

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Our Annual Shrimp Boil will be held

April 18 at 5pm

at Trinity United Church of Christ

150 E. North St. Wooster, OH 44691

Tickets available in the church office.

All-you-can-eat shrimp, crackers & cheese, finger foods, veggie tray, potatoes, corn on the cob, pie and salad.



Here are links to two YouTube videos that demonstrate how to use TUCC's new AED:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9kBRi3D27s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0mQPkVULak>

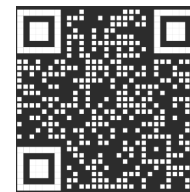
Ignore the part of the video with instructions for initial activation and maintenance-the church's AED is set up and ready to be used.

Remember to call 911 first in case of a medical emergency.

Dale Angerman, M.D.

Please scan to QR Code to be linked to the appropriate video:

Video 1



Video 2



Dear Members,

In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a Congregational Satisfaction Survey. This survey is being shared so that we can better understand your experiences, preferences, and ideas regarding the communication and administrative work of the church office.

Please note that this survey is intended to focus solely on the work of the Secretary and the areas that fall under this role. The goal is to gather helpful feedback about the systems and materials managed through the church office.

The survey will include questions about several areas of church life, including our website, newsletter, weekly bulletins, Sunday Worship Service materials, office hours, and other aspects of communication and administrative support. It will also provide space for you to share suggestions about changes you would like to see or new ideas you feel could benefit the congregation.

Your participation is greatly appreciated. You are welcome to complete the survey anonymously if you prefer. However, if you would like someone to follow up with you regarding your comments or suggestions, you may choose to include your contact information.

While we cannot guarantee that every suggestion will be implemented, please know that all responses will be reviewed and thoughtfully considered as we continue working to strengthen and improve communication and organization within the church.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and help guide improvements in the work of the church office.

Sincerely,

Joi Griffith
Church Secretary

April – Daily U.S. Observances

Each day in April offers opportunities to celebrate community, kindness, and the beauty of the season. These national observances remind us to appreciate one another and the gifts around us.

April 1: April Fools' Day – A lighthearted day known for humor and playful pranks.

April 2: National Autism Awareness Day – Promoting understanding, acceptance, and support for individuals on the autism spectrum.

April 3: National Find a Rainbow Day – Celebrating hope and beauty after the rain.

April 4: National School Librarian Day – Honoring those who help foster learning and curiosity.

April 5: National Deep Dish Pizza Day – Celebrating a beloved American comfort food.

April 6: National Tartan Day – Recognizing Scottish heritage and contributions to American culture.

April 7: National Beer Day – Commemorating the end of Prohibition-era restrictions on beer sales in 1933.

April 8: National Empanada Day – Celebrating a popular pastry enjoyed in many cultures.

April 9: National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day – Honoring the courage and sacrifice of former POWs.

April 10: National Siblings Day – Celebrating the bonds between brothers and sisters.

April 11: National Pet Day – Appreciating the companionship animals bring into our lives.

April 12: National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day – Enjoying a classic comfort meal.

April 13: National Scrabble Day – Celebrating word games and the joy of language.

April 14: National Gardening Day – Encouraging care for the earth and the beauty of growing things.

April 15: National Tax Day – The traditional deadline for filing federal income taxes.

April 16: National Healthcare Decisions Day – Encouraging thoughtful conversations about health care wishes.

April 17: National Haiku Poetry Day – Celebrating the beauty of simple, thoughtful poetry.

April 18: National Animal Crackers Day – A nostalgic treat enjoyed by generations.

April 19: National Garlic Day – Recognizing a flavorful ingredient used in cuisines worldwide.

April 20: National Volunteer Recognition Day – Honoring those who give their time in service to others.

April 21: National Kindergarten Day – Celebrating early childhood education and learning.

April 22: Earth Day – Encouraging stewardship and care for God's creation.

April 23: National Picnic Day – Enjoying fellowship and meals outdoors.

April 24: National Arbor Day – Celebrating trees and the importance of planting and caring for them.

April 25: National Telephone Day – Recognizing the invention that transformed communication.

April 26: National Pretzel Day – Celebrating the long-standing tradition of this baked snack.

April 27: National Tell a Story Day – Sharing stories that inspire and connect us.

April 28: National Superhero Day – Honoring everyday heroes who help and serve others.

April 29: National Peace Rose Day – Celebrating beauty and the symbolism of peace.

April 30: National Honesty Day – Encouraging truthfulness and integrity in our daily lives.