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Trinity Friends,

I hope that you enjoy this message from United Church Press as much as I did.

I have stood with the congregation, sipped the cup, tasted the bread.
I have prayed with the congregation, for Christ to enter and fill my soul.
I have looked at the faces around me, plain folk and fancy, old folk and young.
I have searched for the face of Jesus, and asked when Christ would appear.

I wonder:
Have I looked past the face of Jesus?
Have I not seen the Christ in another?
Have I missed him at the table?
I will stand again with the congregation and look for Christ in their midst.

From "The Inviting Word Learner's Guide" (Cleveland, Ohio: United Church Press 1995 (Used by permission))


Please stand again in the congregation and look for Christ in our midst.


You Partner in Christ's Mission,


Rev. Dr. Kevan S. 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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MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube

Live services are available on our website at

TrinityUCC.org

May 3

Holy Communion and Tree Dedication

“Words of Encouragement”

John 14:1-14

May 10

“Children of the Covenant”

John 14:15-24

May 17

“Jesus and Pastoral Care”

John 17:1-11

May 24

Pentecost Sunday & Strengthen the Church Offering Sunday

“Amazed and Perplexed”

Acts 2:1-21

May 31

Trinity Sunday

“Everything’s Alright”

2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

Financial Position March 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 | \$76,526 | \$33,465 | \$103,980 | \$91,051 | \$91,303 |
| Expenses | \$36,123 | \$40,464 | \$103,980 | \$115,150 | \$91,303 |
| Net | \$40,403 | (\$6,999) | \$0 | (\$24,099) | \$0 |

Comments:

Our member contributions were \$5,800 under expectations. On the expense side, we paid \$400 to have our organ/piano tuned for Easter. Our natural gas bill was only \$129 to balance out the double posting last month. Since it is the end of the quarter, we used \$57,758 of endowment funds to cover the year to date deficit. Last year we used \$43,989 to cover deficit.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$253,471)

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. In March we paid \$1,680 to the Locksmith shop to repair our outer doors.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$32,708.

Trinity Breakfast program – 30 years (almost 31 years old!!)

Established in the summer of 1995.

Our breakfast program is 30 years old!

Trinity United Church of Christ

“Come join us!”



10:30 Sunday mornings worship



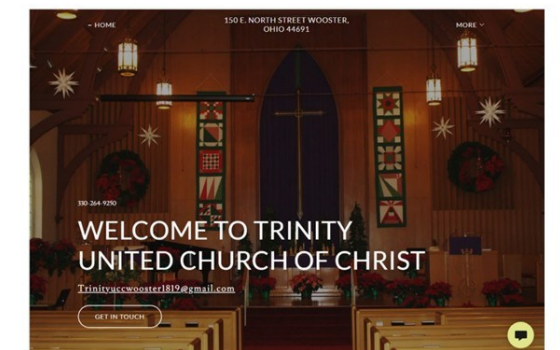
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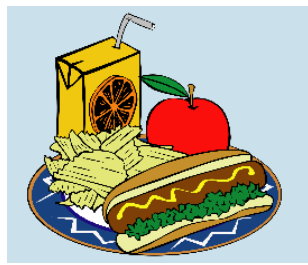
Faith Formation and Arts May, 2026

Climate Justice Celebration after worship on Sunday, May 3rd.

Ascension Day Gathering 7:00pm at Oak Hill Park. Please join us for this service. May 14th



C.A.T. (Creative Arts at Trinity) is for K-8th grade and includes Art, Music, Stories and supper and fellowship. It is on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:00.



Choir Rehearsals on Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel. Bell Choir Rehearsals at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

“Knit, Pray and Crochet” is at 11:00am on Fridays in the Parlor.



Fellowship Friday Game Night on May 22nd at 7:00-9:00pm



May Birthdays!

Lynda Varno 1st
Patti French 3rd
Benjamin Uher 3rd
Jill Henshaw 4th
Katie Cantrell 5th
Natali Edgerton 8th
Karin Wiest 8th
Lorene Donelson 8th
Jamie Chipka 9th
Greg Moore 10th
Chloe Long 11th
Phoebe Long 11th
Fred Mathys 11th
John Ladrach 11th

Chloe Landers 11th
Michael Scholze 12th
Mary Boyer 12th
Jeremy Jewell 13th
John Muskopf 14th
Xavier Kirk 14th
Gabriel Kirk 14th
Harrison Briggs 15th
Linda Heaslet 15th
Kevan Franklin 15th
Caroline Briggs 15th
Ella Franklin 16th
Christine Lindeman 16th
Larry Baker 18th

Ray Leisy 18th
Melissa Blyth 18th
Matthew LeFever 19th
Joan Cooper 21st
Courtney Drown 21st
Theresa Vizzo 22nd
Donna Brown 23rd
Dustin Snyder 25th
Jon Vizzo 28th
Cythia Bricker 29th
Margo Stafford 29th
Lindsay McMichael 31st
Ryan Smith 31st



Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. The theme for 2026 is Sent Forth in Love. Trinity Church will hold this offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. You can donate on line at TUCC's website or using the special offering envelopes in the pews.

✿ A Season of Growth, A Time to Serve ✿
May arrives in full color and quiet abundance. Blossoms open wide, the air feels alive with possibility, and the world hums with new energy. In this season of growth and renewal, we are reminded that faith, like a garden, flourishes when it is nurtured and shared. It's a beautiful time to offer ourselves in service during Sunday worship.

Our worship services come to life through 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 it blossom in our hearts.

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

👐 **Usher / Greeter** – Be the friendly face that welcomes 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 matters. Each small act of care helps our church family grow stronger and reflects Christ's love in our midst. Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or call the church office to reserve your spot. Let's step into May together, ready to serve with joyful hearts and open hands. 🙌



May arrives in full bloom, with longer days and a world alive with color and possibility. Our church shines because of you—your kindness, laughter, and willingness to serve make this community feel like home.

As we move through this season, we invite you to step in and serve. Sign-up sheets are in the outer narthex for May and June.

Let's continue to grow together and share in the good work God is doing among us. ✿



Looking Ahead!

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8am - May 2

OARDC Fisher Conference Center "Scarlet, Gray and Green Environmental Event 10a-4p - May 2

Tree Dedication after Church - May 3

Faith Formation Meeting 6pm - May 5

ACT Book Talk on Zoom 8a - May 10 & May 24

Consistory Meeting 6pm - May 12

Quilters 10a - May 13 & May 27

Ascension Day Celebration @Oak Hill Park 7p - May 14

Women's Lunch @ Pine Tree Barn 11:30am - May 20

Paster Kevan on Vacation - May 15-May 21

Mission Team Meeting on Zoom 5:15pm - May 19

Fellowship Friday Game Night 7-9pm - May 22

Pentecost Party after worship - May 24

OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day) - May 25

GAME NIGHT

May 22, 2026
7-9:00 PM

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April 2, 2026

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift honoring our mission. Your support of Ohio's Hospice enables us to serve patients and families at the most critical time of their life.

Ohio's Hospice supports families across the state, offering comprehensive medical care and grief counseling. We strive to provide unparalleled care for anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Your generosity makes it possible for us to care for your family, your neighbors, and your community.

Thank you again for your contribution to our organization. A notification of gifts made in memoriam or honorarium will be sent to the family, or other designated parties. If you have any questions or would like additional information on other ways you can help, please contact Ohio's Hospice Foundation at 800-653-4490 then select option 5.

With gratitude,

Lori Igel

President

Ohio's Hospice Foundation

Thank you for your support!

Gift date processed: March 27, 2026

Tax deductible amount: \$500.00

Designated region of support: Wooster region

Ohio's Hospice is supported by Ohio's Hospice Foundation, IRS Tax Identification # 31-1769696.

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FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Have you been wanting to become involved in Trinity's Breakfast Program, but were not sure how to do it? We have the answer! We are looking for volunteers to fill 2 spots on Monday & Tuesday mornings. Can't commit to every Monday or Tuesday? How about every other Monday/Tuesday or even once per month? We work from 7am – 10:30am, but we are flexible! We will work with you and your schedule.

Trinity has been serving our community for over thirty years. Please help us to continue this important work!

Thank you,

Nancy Lilburn 330-234-6848

Jack Senn 937-422-2185

Jen Slater

Joan Cooper 330-466-0573

2025 ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

Our Wooster Alternative Gift Market was held on December 14th. First Presbyterian Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Wooster Mennonite, and Trinity join to make this market happen every year.

We raised \$4700 for projects supported by the market, and lunch proceeds totaled almost \$600 to benefit Homeward Bound. Thank you to all who worked at the market, made soup for the lunch, everyone who braved the snowstorm to attend, and those who could not attend but nevertheless contributed to the market. You are all much appreciated!

With gratitude for the opportunity to serve the marginalized in our world,
Nancy Lilburn and Trinity's Mission Team



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Wayne County Health Department

Saturday, May 16th, 2026

PLACE: Wayne County Fairgrounds

TIME: 9am-1pm *By appointment only*

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- **Automotive Fluids & Car Care Products**
Oil, antifreeze, fuel injector fluid, etc.
- **Cleaning Supplies & Other Household Chemicals**
- **Fluorescent Bulbs**
All tubes up to 8 ft, CFL of all sizes
- **Diesel, Kerosene & Gasoline**
Limit 10 gallons per car. Containers will not be returned. All containers must be closed tightly.
- **Pesticides, Herbicides, Fungicides & Fertilizers**
- **Oil-Based Paint**
NO LATEX PAINT
- **Mercury-Containing Devices**
i.e. Thermometers
- **Aerosols**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

1. Must have an appointment
2. Remain in vehicle
3. Provide driver's license
4. Sign an affidavit certifying that the waste was generated in a household and used for residential purposes only



 **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

May – Daily U.S. Observances

Each day in May invites us into the fullness of spring—growth, gratitude, and gathering together. These observances offer small reminders to celebrate life, care for one another, and enjoy the season unfolding around us.

May 1: May Day – Celebrating springtime, community, and renewal.

May 2: National Brothers and Sisters Day – Honoring sibling bonds and lifelong connection.

May 3: National Paranormal Day – A playful nod to mysteries and the unexplained.

May 4: Star Wars Day – “May the 4th be with you,” celebrating a beloved cultural phenomenon.

May 5: Cinco de Mayo – Celebrating Mexican heritage, culture, and resilience.

May 6: National Nurses Day – Honoring the compassion and care of nurses.

May 7: National Teacher Appreciation Day – Giving thanks for educators who shape lives.

May 8: National Have a Coke Day – A lighthearted celebration of a classic beverage moment.

May 9: National Lost Sock Memorial Day – A humorous tribute to life’s disappearing socks.

May 10: National Clean Your Room Day – Encouraging order, clarity, and fresh spaces.

May 11: National Eat What You Want Day – A joyful pause from food rules and routines.

May 12: International Nurses Day – Recognizing nurses worldwide and their essential care.

May 13: National Apple Pie Day – Celebrating a timeless symbol of comfort and home.

May 14: National Dance Like a Chicken Day – A silly reminder not to take life too seriously.

May 15: International Day of Families – Honoring the heart of home and connection.

May 16: National Love a Tree Day – Encouraging appreciation for nature’s quiet giants.

May 17: National Pizza Party Day – Bringing people together over a shared favorite.

May 18: International Museum Day – Celebrating culture, history, and shared learning.

May 19: National May Ray Day – A cheerful celebration of spring sunshine. Enjoy the warmth.

May 20: World Bee Day – Honoring pollinators and their vital role in nature.

May 21: National Talk Like Yoda Day – A whimsical nod to wisdom, spoken differently.

May 22: National Buy a Musical Instrument Day – Encouraging creativity and new sound.

May 23: National Lucky Penny Day – Celebrating small tokens of fortune and hope.

May 24: National Scavenger Hunt Day – Inviting curiosity, movement, and discovery.

May 25: Memorial Day (U.S.) – Honoring those who gave their lives in military service.

May 26: National Cherry Dessert Day - A sweet Celebration of cherry based Desserts.

May 27: National Grape Popsicle Day – A cool taste of childhood nostalgia.

May 28: National Hamburger Day – Celebrating a classic American meal.

May 29: National Paperclip Day – A small invention that quietly holds things together.

May 30: National Creativity Day – Encouraging imagination in all its forms.

May 31: World No Tobacco Day – Promoting health and well-being worldwide.

Dear Members,

As an added benefit to our Trinity Family and with interest of current members, your Consistory is exploring utilizing our building as a shared workspace/meeting space for our **members** and **Trinity youth**. Additionally, we are also in need of volunteers to help with office support on an as-needed basis. If this is something you are interested in, sign-up sheets will be available on the table in the Narthex. Feel free to reach out to Consistory Member, Lynda Varno via email lynda.varno@gmail.com, or on a Sunday at church. You are valued and appreciated!

With care,
Lynda