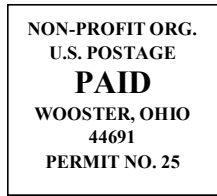
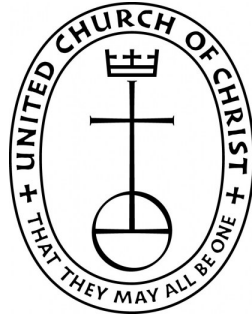


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July 2025
Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends,

Grace and Peace to you!

The United Church of Christ (UCC) denomination adopted the WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) covenant in 2015 as part of our commitment to mental health justice. The UCC's Mental Health Network proclaims and celebrates the basic sacred right each individual has to their own mental health. Our mission is to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of people and families with self-reported emotional and neurodiverse symptoms, experiences, and diagnoses in the life and leadership of congregations and organizations. In faithfulness to this covenant, I shared my recent diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease in worship last month. At my medical team's direction, I am currently on a medical leave of absence while I receive treatments. I am hopeful that my health will allow me to continue as your Senior Pastor after treatment. I deeply appreciate everyone who has stepped forward to lead worship during my absence.

During my time away, I have been enjoying my passion for history and have considered the wisdom of Margaret Mead (American cultural anthropologist) when she said, *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."* Throughout human history the greatest advances have come when "a few people got together." As we approach our nation's 250th birthday celebration, consider the Committee of Five who got together with Benjamin Franklin in 1776 to draft the Declaration of Independence. A few German immigrants got together in 1819 and founded a Church in Wooster and each generation of its members have worked hand in hand ever since.

Small groups of Trinitarian's have changed the world, are changing it today, and will continue to change it in the future. Members and partners are changing the Wooster community through our missions including Called to Care, the Trinity Breakfast Program, Open and Affirming outreach, the Green Team, and North Street Mission. Our foot and handprints can be found on the Homeward Bound shelter, with Habitat for Humanity, the Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network, and on mission partnerships in Ghana, Tijuana, Germany, Mississippi (Back Bay Mission) and South Dakota (Re-member on the Crow Creek reservation). Can you think of others?

I am grateful for the number of members and friends who have reached out to me with words of hope for health and healing during my illness. Faith changes the way we see people, not only as brothers and sisters, but also as fellow sufferers in the hard places of life. I am grateful for this opportunity to see things in a different light. Ella and I appreciate your prayers during this time.

Thank you for your continued support of Christ's work in the world.

Your Partner in Christ's Mission,
Rev. Dr. Kevan S. Franklin



Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin, *Senior 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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JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube

Live services are available on our website at TrinityUCC.org

July 5

Holy Communion

OLO Spencer Wilde

Rev. Ray Deuring

July 12

Rev. Ray Deuring

July 19

Grandkids Day Ice Cream Social

July 26

Sermon titles and scriptures to be announced

Dear Trinity Family,

We want to let our Congregation know that we have accepted the resignation of Suzanne Feltner as Director of Faith Formation and Arts.

Suzanne has been an integral part of Trinity for decades, and we appreciate the contributions she has provided to our members, youth, and community over the years.

Leadership remains committed to caring for our church family with thoughtfulness, intention, prayer, and hope as we move forward together. We will continue working to provide stability and support during this season of transition.

If you have questions or concerns related to ministry operations during this season of transition, we encourage you to speak directly with a member of the Consistory or Jen Seman, Consistory Moderator.

Trinity United Church of Christ is deeply grateful for the years of service and ministry provided by Suzanne, and we wish her well in future endeavors.

Most importantly, we ask our church family to remain compassionate, prayerful, and grounded in the mission and ministry God has entrusted to us.

Grace and Peace,
Trinity UCC Consistory

Financial Position May 2026

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2025 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	\$14,031	\$24,382	\$135,235	\$142,423	\$119,379
Expenses	\$29,045	\$32,482	\$164,426	\$179,620	\$142,403
Net	\$(15,014)	\$(8,100)	\$(29,190)	\$(37,197)	\$(23,024)

Comments: Our member contributions were close to budget again for May. On the expense side, we paid \$500 to be a sponsor of the Lions Blueberry community festival to help promote Trinity.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$248,265)

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: \$31,117.

Trinity Breakfast program – 31 years

Established in the summer of 1995.



During this time of transition, Trinity wants to make sure that the church is caring for all of our members and friends. If you or a family member are in need of Pastoral care please contact the church office at 330-264-9256

Looking Ahead with Hope

Dear Trinity Friends,

Throughout Trinity's history, faithful members have helped guide this church through seasons of growth, challenge, and change. Today is no different.

Consistory, Pastoral Relations, and staff are working closely with our Association to support our faith family. As part of that work, we are exploring a bridge minister to help provide continuity in worship, pastoral care for our members, and the life of the church.

We are grateful for the many people who have stepped forward, offering ideas, service, and encouragement. Trinity's ministry continues through the gifts and love shared by this congregation.

If you have questions, concerns, or simply wish to talk, we encourage you to reach out to any member of Consistory. We are committed to listening, caring for one another, and walking through this season together.

We believe God is still at work among us, and we are confident that the same spirit that has sustained Trinity for generations will continue to lead us. Our members are the heart of this congregation, and we will intentionally continue the mission Christ has placed before us.

Thank you for your prayers, your grace towards all, and your continued participation in the life of Trinity.

Peace and Grace,

TUCC Consistory:

- Jen Seman, Consistory Moderator
- Justin Gilmore, Vice Moderator
- Michael Lilburn
- Lynda Varno
- Janet Broda
- Daniel Kirk
- Gary Friend
- Rich Bringham, Consistory Secretary

- Phil Starr, TUCC Business Manager
- Jack Senn, TUCC Business Manager

Pastoral Relations Team:

- Melinda Thomas, TUCC Office Manager & Pastoral Relations Team
- Joe Kirk, Pastoral Relations Team
- Tammy Hoffman, Pastoral Relations Team

July Birthdays!

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| Meg Vortney 2nd | Dale Angerman 14th |
| Carol Ladrach 2nd | Rebecca Schmidt 16th |
| Coutney Franks 3rd | Paul Gunn 18th |
| Debra Baney 4th | Keri Vizzo 19th |
| Richard Bringham 4th | Carol Bucher 20th |
| Tammy Hoffman 6th | Ginny Gunn 20th |
| Dianne Hange 7th | Zachary Sarbach 20th |
| Sally Griffin- Strader 8th | Jackie Smith 21st |
| Morgan Wenger 8th | Parker Schantz 29th |
| Emily Lowe 9th | Patrick Hoffman 30th |
| David Lilburn 9th | Daniel Myers 30th |
| Sam Franklin 9th | Madison Blough 30th |
| Janet Broda 11th | Tom Montelione 31st |



☀️ A Season of Freedom, A Time to Serve ☀️
July arrives with sunshine-filled days, backyard gatherings, blooming gardens, and celebrations of freedom. As we enjoy the warmth of summer and the blessings of longer days, we are reminded of the freedom we have in Christ to love, serve, and care for one another. This season offers a wonderful opportunity to share our gifts and help make Sunday worship a welcoming and meaningful experience for all.

Our worship services are strengthened by dedicated volunteers who help create a spirit of hospitality, worship, and connection. We invite you to prayerfully consider one of these ways to serve:

📖 **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 cherished ministry, your willingness to help is a blessing to our church family. Every act of service, large or small, reflects Christ's love and strengthens our community of faith. Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or contact the church office to reserve your spot. As we celebrate the blessings of July, let us serve with grateful hearts, joyful spirits, and a commitment to sharing God's love with all.

☀️ Happy July and thank you for serving!

☀️ July brings sunshine, warm days, and opportunities to gather in faith and fellowship. Our church continues to thrive because of your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve.

As we enjoy the heart of summer, we invite you to share your gifts by signing up for July service opportunities. Sign-up sheets are available in the outer narthex. Thank you for helping us grow in faith and continue God's work in our community. 🌸



Looking Ahead!

OFFICE CLOSED—JULY 3

Faith Formation Meeting 6pm - July 7

Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8am - July 4??

Consistory Meeting 6pm - July 14

ACT Book Talk on Zoom 8am - July 12 & July 26

Women's Lunch @ GiGi in Marshallville 11:30am - July 15

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

Fellowship Friday Game Night 7-9pm - July 24



TRINITY UCC - FELLOWSHIP HALL
FRIDAY, JULY 24

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM

150 E. NORTH ST., WOOSTER, OH 44691

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



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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

July – Daily U.S. Observances 🌸

July is a month of sunshine, celebration, and community. As we enjoy the warmth of summer, these observances offer opportunities to reflect, connect, and appreciate the many blessings in our lives.

July 1: National Postal Worker Day – Honoring those who help keep our communities connected.

July 2: National Anisette Day – Celebrating a traditional flavored beverage enjoyed in many cultures.

July 3: National Stay Out of the Sun Day – A reminder to practice safety and care for our health.

July 4: Independence Day – Celebrating the birth of the United States and the freedoms we enjoy.

July 5: National Workaholics Day – Encouraging a healthy balance between work and rest.

July 6: National Fried Chicken Day – Enjoying a classic American favorite often shared at gatherings.

July 7: National Day of Rock 'n' Roll – Celebrating a musical genre that has shaped American culture.

July 8: National Video Game Day – Recognizing a popular form of entertainment and creativity.

July 9: National Sugar Cookie Day – Celebrating a simple treat enjoyed by all ages.

July 10: National Pick Blueberries Day – Appreciating summer harvests and local agriculture.

July 11: National Cheer Up the Lonely Day – Encouraging acts of kindness and friendship.

July 12: National Simplicity Day – Reflecting on the value of a simpler, more intentional life.

July 13: National Barbershop Music Appreciation Day – Celebrating a unique American musical tradition.

July 14: National Grand Marnier Day – Recognizing a historic culinary ingredient and tradition.

July 15: National Give Something Away Day – Encouraging generosity and sharing with others.

July 16: National Personal Chef Day – Honoring those who prepare meals and care for others through food.

July 17: World Emoji Day (widely observed in the U.S.) – Celebrating modern communication and creativity.

July 18: National Get to Know Your Customers Day – Encouraging relationship-building and community connections.

July 19: National Words With Friends Day – Celebrating friendship and meaningful conversation.

July 20: National Moon Day – Commemorating the Apollo 11 moon landing and the spirit of exploration.

July 21: National Be Someone Day – Encouraging us to make a positive difference in another person's life.

July 22: National Hammock Day – A reminder to rest, relax, and enjoy the blessings of summer.

July 23: National Parents' Day of Service – Honoring the guidance and sacrifices of parents.

July 24: National Cousins Day – Celebrating family connections and shared memories.

July 25: National Hire a Veteran Day – Supporting those who have served our nation.

July 26: National Disability Independence Day – Celebrating the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

July 27: National Love Is Kind Day – Promoting compassion, respect, and healthy relationships.

July 28: National Waterpark Day – Enjoying recreation and summertime fun.

July 29: National Lasagna Day – Celebrating a beloved meal often shared around the table.

July 30: International Day of Friendship (widely observed in the U.S.) – Recognizing the value of friendship and community.

July 31: National Avocado Day – Celebrating a nutritious food enjoyed in many dishes.



Trinity UCC
YOU ARE INVITED!
CHURCH FAMILY EVENT
AUGUST 23rd
Worship | 10:00 AM
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
 Our Consistory wants your input to shape Trinity UCC's future! Please attend worship & share your opinions.

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP!

Fellowship Potluck
 Share a dish in the Hall after service.

Share Your Voice!
 Fill out our survey to help guide us.

Let's Make Decisions Together!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR: AUGUST 23

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A Message from Your New Office Manager

Dear Trinity Family,

I am honored to step into the role of Office Manager at Trinity United Church of Christ and look forward to serving both our congregation and staff during this important season in the life of our church.

As many of you know, Trinity is currently experiencing a season of transition. Our Senior Pastor, Kevan, is currently on vacation / medical leave, and our Director of Faith Formation recently departed from her position. During times such as these, clear communication and strong support systems become especially important. The Office Manager position has been established to help strengthen those connections and ensure that information, resources, and support remain readily available to our congregation.

One of the primary purposes of the Office Manager position is communication. My role is to help ensure that information is shared clearly and consistently among our church leadership, staff, ministry teams, and congregation. I am also here to provide support, coordination, and serve as a reliable point of contact for questions, concerns, and needs that arise. Together, Joi Griffith, our Church Secretary, and I will work in partnership to create a strong, coordinated office team focused on communication, hospitality, and supporting the ministries of Trinity.

Please know that our church leadership, staff, and volunteers remain committed to the ministries and mission of Trinity. We continue to move forward with confidence, guided by our faith and supported by the many dedicated individuals who serve this congregation. The purpose of this position is not only to help coordinate communication and administration, but also to provide a consistent point of contact for members and the community as we continue our work together.

If you have questions, concerns, ministry needs, or are unsure where to direct a request, we encourage you to contact the church office. Having a central point of communication helps us respond effectively and maintain continuity as we continue our ministry together.

You may also reach me directly at:

Cell: 330.466.1168

Email: Melindaatl6696@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and engagement as we move forward together in ministry.

As we look ahead, I believe the future of Trinity is filled with hope and growing faith. We are deeply grateful for the rich history, traditions, ministries, and faithful members who have built and sustained this church throughout the years. We honor those contributions and remain committed to continuing the missions and traditions that make Trinity such a special place.

At the same time, this season offers an opportunity to expand our ministry, strengthen our connections, and discover new ways to serve God, one another, and our community. By working together, supporting one another, and keeping our focus on Christ, we can embrace both our heritage and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

Thank you for the warm welcome and for all that you do to make Trinity a caring and faithful church family. I look forward to serving alongside you.

With gratitude and hope,
Melinda Thomas, Office Manager
 Trinity United Church of Christ



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