

APRIL

Kevan's message

Trinity Friends,

Our Easter observance holds special significance this year. This is our first in-person Easter Sunday in over three years. We last celebrated Easter during our 200th anniversary year in 2019, 2020 was entirely virtual, and Easter 2021 was held at the park.

Our deepest Spiritual lessons are learned when we emerge from our darkest hours. When people of faith were no longer afraid of anything, even the powers of death, they had the power to change the world. When the world grows dark, only then can we see the beauty of the stars and moon. They have been there all along, but our eyes were not ready to see them until the right moment.

We think our fears are well-grounded and that faith is foolishness, yet the Gospels contrast two ways of life. Those who stubbornly cling to fears like Judas, Sanhedrin, and Pilate. If you've been reflecting on the present state of things; in the world, in the nation, in your personal life... There is hope. There is a path. Resurrection teaches us that... The gate of Heaven is everywhere! There is a path to a life of grace and peace. Resurrection-is God's way of saying that we don't know everything. On the other side of a dark night of the soul our values are clarified. We learn that our fears are unfounded and our faith is secure.

There is a path through the wilderness, clearly marked by Jesus, the One who went before us into death itself in faith and hope.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,
Dr. Franklin

"We felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 10 Who has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, 11 as you help us by your prayers." 1 Corinthians 1:9-11 Apostle Paul

April WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



April 3rd :- *Holy Communion*
Rev. Emily Howard *John 12: 1-8*
Sermon: "Uncontrollable God"

April 10th:- ***Palm Sunday*** *Luke 19: 28-40*
Sermon: "Joy and Sadness"

Holy Week : April 10-17th

April 14th Maundy Thursday

Noon Worship Service with Stephanus Church EKU via YouTube

1:30 Link with members of Stephanus Church and Trinity "coffee hour style" sharing our church activities and getting to know one another.

(A link for both midday German Partnership activities will be sent to our members prior to the event)

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Celebration in-person in Fellowship Hall.

April 15th Good Friday Service

Noon "Stations of the Cross" Sanctuary

4 PM Prayers for Peace in Ukraine Square

April 17th:- ***Easter Sunday 10:30 am*** *Luke 24: 1-12*
Sermon: "Re-telling Stories"

April 24th:- ***Earth Day*** *John 20: 19-31*
Sermon: " No Doubt"

12pm "Kiss the Ground" Film Viewing

Financial Position February, 2022

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2022 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	\$17,250	\$19,750	\$32,499	\$38,110	\$31,921
Expenses	<u>\$25,847</u>	<u>\$29,796</u>	<u>\$52,054</u>	<u>\$59,682</u>	<u>\$46,454</u>
Net	(\$8,597)	(\$10,046)	(\$19,555)	(\$21,572)	(\$14,533)

Comments:

For February, income was under expectations by \$2500 while expenses were under by \$4,000. Our electric bill has been running over-budget by about \$200 each month for 2022. There were no extra-ordinary expenses during February. We continue to operate as expected.

Building Repair Fund Balance: - (15,453)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,666

Trinity Breakfast program – 26 years

Established in the summer of 1995.

EARTH DAY 2022

To celebrate Earth Day, on April 24, 2022 at 12 Noon, the Mission committee will host a viewing of “Kiss the Ground,” a film about how regenerating the world’s soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth’s climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. Soup and salad will be served. Please join us in the Fellowship hall after the morning worship.



Associate Pastor's Message

Rev. Emily Howard

Dear Trinity Kin-folk,

The word "kin" means a group of people descended from a common ancestor or constituting a people, tribe, or family. Feminist Biblical scholars interpret the phrase in the Bible, 'Kingdom of God,' as Kin-dom of God. Anne of Green Gables calls her best friend, "kindred spirit." How are you finding kin-ship today in church and beyond church? I wonder if the disciples considered themselves kin - to Jesus, and to God, and to one another.

My kinship in the Church of our ancestry led me to some new projects last month. I am delighted that the Heartland Conference UCC has decided to become a WISE Conference - Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged for Mental Health. You may wish to read about this initiative and join our efforts by visiting www.mhn-ucc.org. I joined the Heartland Inclusion Network of advocates working on mental health and disability inclusion. We are just beginning and I invite your presence and prayers any time!

When we gather for Holy Week services, it will be in the building for the first time in two years. I am proud of our community for developing kin-ship across distances. But there is no place like "home."

In the Spirit,
Pastor Emily

Spring cleaning time!

To get ready for the Spring rummage sale in May, the Women's Guild needs to do some spring cleaning in the storage area. It has become quite crowded! We'll tackle that job during our scheduled meeting April 19th at 2 pm. We'll be sorting items already donated for the sale and separate them from items that have been donated for the needy. Once that is done, we'll accept newly donated items for the rummage sale. All helping hands will be appreciated!



TRINITY CLIMATE CRISIS ARTICLE FOR APRIL 2022

As I am thinking about Earth Day, Friday, April 22, 2022, it would be easy to despair, with our T.V. Screens filled with the destructions of God's Earth & God's people in Ukraine by a Russian Dictator, who has no regard for either! However, as Christians we are called to be caretakers of the Earth and all of creation, so I choose instead, to take whatever actions that I can to preserve & protect this planet for ALL of our children and grandchildren. This conflict has once again made it very clear, that the world has to quickly move to alternative forms of energy and rid ourselves of our dependence upon fossil fuels and the political blackmail that comes with that dependence.

Once again, THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS REAL and now we are down to about 8 years, according to climate scientists, if we are to avoid the worst effects! President Biden has rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement, making the United States once again a global leader in the effort to slash climate pollution before it is too late. But it is up to WE THE PEOPLE, to push Congress to pass the legislation to initiate the policies needed to achieve further goals. Contacting our local, state, and national political leaders is something we can all do. And, it is critical that we use our vote to elect people who believe that there IS A CLIMATE CRISIS and are ready to act to do what needs to be done to reduce the carbon dioxide (which NASA says is the highest it has been in 650,000 years) & methane now! When I listen to the courageous people of Ukraine talking about defending their country, I think, how can I have less courage to do whatever I can to save this Planet from catastrophe! Yes, we are ALL in this together and what affects one area of the planet, will ultimately affect us all, as we learned from the Covid 19 Pandemic. So let us go forth bravely and confront whatever needs to be done to reduce Global Warming; at home, in our community, state & nation.

Interfaith Power & Light's theme for 2022's Faith Climate Action Week (April 22-May 1st) is: "Sacred Trust: Our children's right to a livable future". How our faiths call us to respond with bold & just solutions to Climate Change.

APRIL 16: 11A.M.-2P.M. Third Annual Electric Car Drive-In & Earth Day Event at Local Roots Market & Cafe. See electric vehicles, browse local artist's items & shop local farmers. There will be activities for Kids. (Local Roots will be open from 8A.M.-5P.M.).

APRIL 23 10 A.M.-4P.M. The Scarlet, Gray & Green Fair will be held at the Secret Center at the OARDC (now CFAES) opposite the Stone House. Includes: renewable energy workshops, recycling, a green transportation cruise-in, exhibitors, vendors, food & entertainment.

APRIL 24: 12 noon: Trinity will be showing the movie "Kiss The Ground" in the fellowship hall. The film is about soil conservation & agricultural practices which affect maintaining our food supply. A potluck lunch will be served by the Mission Group following the film.

The Citizens Climate Lobby: Presentation at the Scarlet, Gray & Green Fair in Miller Pavilion, sometime between 10A.M. & 12:15P.M. They will have educational & membership information from 10A.M.,-4P.M. They will also be at Local Roots Electric Car Drive-In 11A.M.-2P.M.

Carol Eberhart, for the Climate Crisis Committee March 12, 2022.

April Faith Formation

I hope you have been practicing every day the words that I posted in last month's Topics. Here they are again: **I am a delight to God, my Creator. I am embraced by Christ Jesus the Son. I am a masterpiece in the making of God's creative Holy Spirit. Amen!** These things are very important to say and remind yourself every day. We don't always feel that we are doing things well, or that we are even important. But, please remember that in the eyes of God and the people of Trinity, you indeed are important and loved!

Besides saying these words daily, or even several times a day, it is good to become part of a small group to learn more about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and how to care for others and yourself. You are invited to:

- Faith Formation classes for all ages on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 on the 2nd floor of the church.
- Sunday Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary
- Qi Gong at 10:00 on Mondays in the Parlor, followed by a time of conversation and learning more about better spiritual, mental, physical and emotional health for us.
- Tuesdays at 10 and Thursdays at 6 are times for Yoga in the Chapel. Remember to breathe! If these times do not work for you, please let me know when might work so we can possibly work that out.
- Tuesdays at noon are a time to gather in the Parlor for Soup and Bible Study.
- Wednesdays from after 4:30- 7:00 is a time for children ages 5-8th grade to gather for art, music, supper, drumming and lots of fun! If you are older than these ages and interested in a class during this time, please let me know and I will work on that.
- Wednesdays are also a time to gather via zoom at 6:30 for Prayer and Communion. If you would prefer to do this in person, please let me know.
- Thursdays Bell Choir rehearsals at 7:00 in the Balcony.
- If you are interested in singing solo or in choir or playing an instrument for worship, please let me know. It is time to get to worship God through Music again!

Families, we are invited to "Explore Camp Day" on Saturday, May 21st from 10-3 at Temple Hills in Bellville. If you are interested, please let me know and I will get more information to you. I would love to have some Trinity Youth and Young Ones join me there.

And, lastly, a huge thank you to Pat Anderson, Janet Burkhart, Jamie Gilmore and Lyn Shoots for leading sessions for our first Trinity's Health Fair on the 20th of March. Thank you to all who attended. Looking forward to our second one in the Fall!

Scripture for the month: **I pray that the Lord, who gives peace, will always bless you with peace. May the Lord be with all of you.** 2 Thessalonians 3: 16 CEV

Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts



John Muskopf, Roberto (Esperanza Staff), Hannah Gaul, Eduardo (Esperanza Staff) and Steve Schroer.

We want to thank Trinity for your support of the Esperanza Mission trip 2022 to Tijuana Mexico. During the week we worked on the foundation for a home. For more information and pictures about the mission trip visit our blog: www.esperanzamission.blogspot.com.



Senior Birthdays

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| 3rd Susan Muskopf | 16th Dee Carter |
| 6th Eugene Smith | 17th Judy Taylor |
| 7th June Louttit | 17th Jane Hider |
| 8th Tom Perret | 19th Sarah Rostetter |
| 11th Bobbie Angerman | 22nd Sue Ann Fouche |
| 12th Barbara Richard | 25th Tom Hanna |
| 12th Linda Lowe | 25th Deborah Schmidt |
| 13th Lucy Schmidt | 27th Roy Brown |
| 14th Lola Franks | 29th Shelley Smith |



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Our Worship Service is Broadcast-
ed on WKVX 960 AM every
Sunday morning at 8:30AM.