



Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- Galatians 6:2

Trinity Friends,

Easter teaches us that the gate of Heaven is everywhere when we have eyes to see and ears to hear! Familiar symbols are everywhere at this time of year; Flowers blooming, animals stirring after winter isolation, birds returning from winter southern destinations, and warm sunlit days. (Not to mention Spring training and the return of baseball.) You have your Spring joy. You know it.

The life of Jesus teaches us to take risks for the things that are truly important. Everywhere that we have faith, even in our trials in front of Tribunals with a whip on your back or at the foot of the cross, there is always hope born of faith that God's love and justice will not fail. Easter teaches us how to see with Spiritual eyes. There is a path! A well-worn path that Jesus walked and prepared for us and all those who came after.

The earth is in revival mode. Let this Easter season revive your soul with hope and joy in God's blessings poured out upon us daily. When we pay attention, God's good gifts are everywhere! Signs of God's steadfast love are all around you.

Life is full of choices. All of our choices come down to the difference between fear and faith, between the wilderness and staying on the path.

Two lessons from the Resurrection stories;

1. You don't know everything and that's a good thing!

Our fears are most often unfounded. Through faith, we can walk through this life and grab hold of our dreams! Notice God's redeeming grace in Creation.

2. There is a path- Jesus calls us to be people who live by faith; to wear down the path to make it easier for others to find. "A clear path in the wilderness."

Dreamer Jesus marked the path to abundant life for us. Jesus is the One who went before us into death itself in faith and hope.

**Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,
Dr. Franklin**

"In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful." - Alice Walker

Celebrate with Emily Howard!

Emily Howard has been with us as Assistant Pastor since December of 2019. She has now completed all of the requirements for Ordination and is planning dual celebrations. Emily will be Ordained in her home church in Marion on April 18 at 3 pm. Watch for details in the Friday Trinity eNews about how to join in the virtual celebration. The second celebration is scheduled for May 2nd when Emily will be Installed as “Associate Pastor” at Trinity. Emily’s job description and hours will not change. As we are in COVID time, watch for details on ways to Celebrate the journey with Emily.

Trinity has been truly blessed to be so closely engaged in the process with many people entering into ministry. In the past 15 years, Lori Tisher, Gary Friend, and Nancy Boorman-Lueschen, have been ordained at Trinity. Our former Assistant Pastor, Leila Jindra, now serving Christian Temple Disciples of Christ Church in Lorain, is graduating from Lexington Theological Seminary this year and will be ordained shortly thereafter. We thank you for the care and support and that you have demonstrated for those who have become our partners in Christ’s Ministry.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You may access our worship service on our YouTube and Website homepage listed on the back. Join us, every Wednesday for Prayer services at 6:30 PM.

<u>April 1st</u>	Maundy Thursday - Scripture: John 13:1,31-35	
<u>April 2nd</u>	Good Friday - Prayer Vigil at 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon WAIP COVID Observance on the square in Wooster at 1:00 p.m.	
<u>April 4th</u>	<i>Scripture:</i> John 12:1-8, 20:1-2, 11-16 <i>Sermon:</i> “Acts of Devotion” EASTER SUNDAY - Livestream from park at 10:30 a.m.	Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin
<u>April 11th</u>	<i>Scripture:</i> 1 John 1 <i>Sermon:</i> “What is your problem?”	Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin
<u>April 18th</u>	<i>Scripture:</i> 1 John 3:1-3, Luke 24:36-48 <i>Sermon:</i> “The disbelief of Joy”	Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin
<u>April 25th</u>	<i>Scripture:</i> Acts 4:5-12 <i>Sermon:</i> “Spirit Power”	Pastor, Emily Howard

FINANCIAL POSITION - February 2021

Trinity UCC Wooster - "Embracing & Celebrating God's Love"

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2020 Year to Date**		**Last Year Actual**
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 17,606	\$ 24,015	\$31,921	\$42,120	\$ 35,191
Expenses	\$ 23,584	\$ 28,792	\$46,454	\$57,709	\$ 53,828
Net	\$ (5,978)	\$ (4,777)	\$(14,533)	\$(15,589)	\$(18,637)

Comments: We continue our financial trend of being under budget in terms of both income and expenses. There were no extra ordinary expenses during February.

Through two months of 2021 we are operating pretty close to our expectations.

Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(24,650)

During January we received donations of \$1,948

Breakfast Program Balance: \$25,720

Average Weekly On-line Views: 128

Trinity has received two bequests..

Trinity has found out recently that two of our members who passed away left bequests to the church: Kaye Hess and Jackie Soliday. Trinity is so blessed as our members and friends give generously throughout the year. Over the years many people have also remembered Trinity in their wills. This has enabled us to have an Endowment fund that has allowed us to start many new ministries, acknowledge milestones like our 200th celebration and help us go on mission trips each year. Many Thanks!!!!



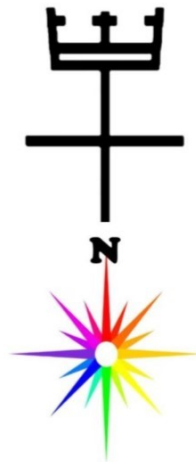
Senior Birthdays

3rd Susan Muskopf
7th June Louttit
8th Tom Perret
11th Bobbie Angerman
12th Barbara Richard
13th Lucy Schmidt

14th Lola Franks
16th Dee Carter
17th Jane Hider
19th Sara Rostetter
22nd Sue Ann Fouche
25th Tom Hanna
27th Roy Brown

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place. Trinity UCC is currently accepting donations, which can be sent to the church.



NORTH STREET MISSION

Wooster OH

www.northstreetmission.org

Make sure to tell your family and friends about North Street Mission. We are a mission trip destination in a small rural town dealing with big-city homeless issues.

Refer them to our website:
www.northstreetmission.org
Or contact Rev. Kevan, Suzanne or Phil.

Wooster Interfaith Justice Committee
Climate Change sub-committee
Ed and Carol Eberhart
Margaret Bourne
2/17/2021

Looking out my study window I see beautiful white light glancing off fields of snow. It is just the kind of winter day I love. The birds are taken care of and are flocking to the feeders and water basins giving us a peek into their world. Dan and I are also taken care of, we have heat, water, electricity and access to all the things we need to be safe and comfortable. We are watching our fellow American citizens in Texas suffering the lack of all the necessities for survival in brutal winter conditions. I see their situation as a warning of more weather-related disasters ahead, not just in the USA but everywhere on Earth. I wonder how many more incidents it will take to convince our citizens that now is time to make significant changes to how we power our modern lives. Thankfully, the Biden administration is trying to set a new tone and move our country forward. So, in the spirit of taking action I am going to share with you one of the projects the Climate Change Committee is working on. Maybe you will be inspired to join our group and lend us your skills and gifts for this important work.

As members of the Climate Change Interfaith Group, we are contacting congregations who may be concerned about the issues of climate change and are interested in pursuing activities related to the care of the Earth and environmental sustainability, either within their congregations or as individuals. We have sent out a cover letter survey to churches of all denominations in Wooster and surrounding areas. Our goal is to open conversations about what it means to care for the Earth as people of faith, and to operate as a clearing house and resource center for congregations who wish to join in actions to prevent and mitigate climate change. This attempt to reach out fulfills the goals stated in the Interfaith Declaration on Climate Change: "Our faiths stand united in their call to care for the Earth, and to protect the poor and the suffering. We recognize that climate change is not merely an economic or technical problem, but rather at its core a moral, spiritual and culture one. We therefore pledge to join together to teach and guide the people who follow the call of our faiths." UCC churches understand that science and faith are not two separate concepts that are incompatible with each other.



We can hold both parts of this equation and combine them into even more powerful solutions for being good stewards of the Earth. Reaching out to others who may have a different point of origin to start thinking about our roles as people of faith in a warming world may seem impossible task. However, finding just one church, or one person, science together we can preserve the future of our planet.

I did some research and found that there are over 100 pieces of scripture in the bible advising God's people how to take care of the Earth he created. Look them up...see how many of you recognize as embedded in our current efforts at stewardship.

Margaret Bourne-Climate Change Committee



Thank you for your donation of \$500.00 to Chapel Hill Community. Your kindness helps create a warm, welcoming atmosphere where people from all walks of life, and all corners of the country, call United Church Homes their home. This includes military veterans, minorities, LGBT older adults and people of all or no faith.

Our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion means when residents step into our communities it feels like coming home, for everyone. We continue to strive to find ways to create safe space and you make it happen.

As one of the nation's leading providers of housing and healthcare services for older adults, UCH provides opportunities for purposeful, abundant living which would not happen without your support. We thank you for your philanthropy on behalf of all of those we serve.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Daniel
United Church Homes

April Faith Formation Opportunities

The Easter season is upon us as well as spring and nicer weather. With that comes more chances to continue to learn more about God and strengthen our faith.

Thursday, April 1st will be our last day of study for “*Entering the Passion of Jesus*”. Class will take place on zoom at either 2:00 or 8:00 (time change due to Maundy Thursday service.)

Friday, April 2nd is Good Friday. You are invited to come in to sit and pray in the sanctuary anytime between 9:00 and Noon.

For Good Friday or Holy Saturday, I have available “*The Way of The Cross*” which is a self-guided tour to find the stations of the cross “written in nature” either in your own yard, neighborhood or favorite walking path. If you would like a copy of this, please let me know and I will get a copy to you. There is also a Kids version available.

The Good Book Club will begin again on Easter Sunday, with a “*Journey with Matthew*”. If you would like the reading schedule and to be sent the questions and prayers to reflect on, please let me know. Small groups will gather on Thursdays via zoom, (or possibly at the park) at either 2:00 or 7:00 pm, to discuss the reading assignments, for those who are interested. You may, of course, just read, reflect and pray on your own as we journey through this book.

The Grace of “Les Misérables” study will be offered on Mondays. This is a 6-week study based on the story written by Victor Hugo, and is divided into six themes found in the story- grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope- each represented by a character in the story. If you are interested, please let me know so I can get the study guide for you.

Talk Together Tuesdays at Noon will be gathering at Christmas Run Upper-Level Park Pavilion. You are welcome to bring your lunch or beverage, to eat during a time of reflection on scripture and conversation.

Scripture of the month: “*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”* **Jeremiah 29: 11-13**

Peace. Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and the Arts

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Sunday morning at 8:30AM.