



Trinity Friends,

“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo. “So do I” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the Lord of the Rings, injected spiritual wisdom into his novels. Many of you resonated with the Gandalf quote from the Lord of the Rings when this pandemic began in March of 2020. Like so many things in life, we don’t choose the times that we live in. If I had my druthers, I would rather not have to navigate through a pandemic. Yet, I am sure good can come from the greatest challenges. We learn to do things in new ways.

The question that resonated with many of you is; “What will we do with the time that we have been given?” That is one of the big questions of life! What did the disciples do with the time that they had been given with Jesus? The Prophet Isaiah used the image of a potter working clay in her hands as a way of speaking about how God shaped the people of Israel. In the United Church of Christ we talk about Faith practices; Prayer, study, and works of love help us to return to the love of God and neighbor.

I have grown in appreciation for the amount of practice actors and musicians put into each performance. What would it be like if the musicians and actors never practiced before the performance? Faith is exactly like that. We need to practice our faith!

As our lives change and new technologies become available nearly every day, we need to use whatever is available to us to help people practice their faith and learn to move ahead through uncharted waters. As the fall brings opportunities for exploring your faith, what will we do with the time given to us? Join us in prayer, study and works of love.

Your Partner in Christ’s Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

September WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are back to in person worship services. You may also access our worship service on our YouTube and Website homepage listed on the back.

September 5th *Scripture; James 2:1-10, 14-17, Psalm 146*

Sermon: "Common + Humanity = Community"

Rev. Emily Howard

Holy communion

September 12th *Scripture;- "James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38*

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

Sermon" Mercy Triumphs over Judgment"

September 19th *Scriptures: James 3:13-4:3, Mark 9:30-37*

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

Sermon: ""Famous Firsts"

September 26 *James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50*

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

Sermon: ""Personal involvement"



Join us for prayer and communion every Wednesday at 6:30pm via zoom.

See our webpage for the link.

FINANCIAL POSITION - July 2021

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2021 Year to Date**		**Last Year Actual**
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 18,860	\$ 20,310	\$152,648	\$143,851	\$ 118,603
Expenses	\$ 27,699	\$ 28,415	\$182,512	\$212,362	\$ 178,666
Net	(\$8,839)	\$ (8,105)	\$(29,864)	\$(68,511)	\$(60,063)

Comments:

Member contribution income was almost \$5k under budget for July. On the expense side we ran \$716 under budget. Our OCWM expenses were higher for July by \$2,500 as in June we received a number of our annual contributors after we wrote the OCWM check knowing that we'd catch up our donation in July. Our building equipment maintenance was over budget as we had MW Robinson in for a plumbing issue \$388 and Speer Mechanical in to repair the air conditioning in the kitchen \$420.

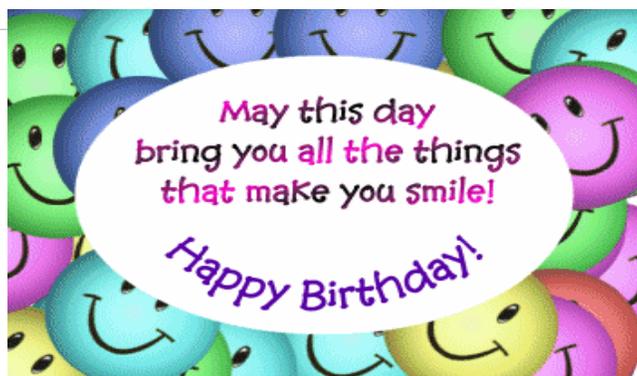
Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(19,197)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$22,156

Average weekly attendance: Not counted in July

Trinity Breakfast program-26 Years

Established in the summer of 1995



Youth Birthdays

- 19th- Carson Nebergall
- 19th- Cooper Nebergall

Senior Birthdays

- 2nd Dee Dee Carlisle
- 4th Brian Questel
- 5th Don Hange
- 6th Bill Wertenberger
- 7th Gene Dettra
- 9th Cindy Henshaw
- 22nd Bruce Slater
- 24th Doug Anderson
- 25th Terry Snyder
- 29th Chuck Vizzo
- 29th Margery Cliffe
- 29th Mary Cornelius
- 29th Doug Henshaw
- 30th Gary Arnold

Associate Pastor's Message

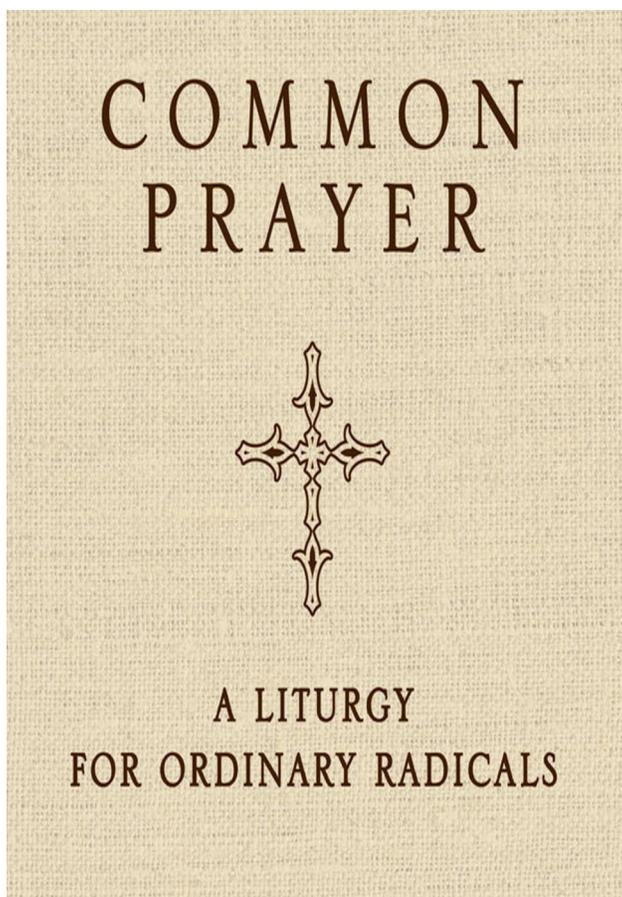
Dear friends,

When I was ordained, I chose this Scripture to represent my ministry. In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes, "God said, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." But, how often are we comfortable being "weak"? That's why I am writing about a topic that may have a common area of vulnerability for many of us - mental health.

According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), 20% of adults in the U.S.A. experienced some kind of mental illness in 2019. 1 in 5 adults have some kind of mental health experience in their life. So, we can imagine, mental health impacts all of us indirectly or directly. But, shame and stigma often prevent us from either asking for help or sharing our stories.

My depression and anxiety have shaped my life, and I don't want to hide those parts of my life experience. Because God showed up through my life. And as Paul wrote, it is not in the times when we're "strong" or "in control," it is when we are weak. I believe that by talking about our lives, we see God's handiwork more clearly. I am so glad we have one another to walk through our vulnerabilities, hand in hand.

Love, Pastor Emily



Bible Study with Pastor Emily

YAHOOOS: Young Adults Have Old, Old Souls

Please join 20s & 30s fellowship for spiritual practice, at 7-8pm Mondays via zoom.

We'll meet via zoom at the www.trinityucc.org Prayer and Communion Link

Pastor Emily leading. We will practice spiritual life together including different forms of prayer to sustain a life committed to social justice. We'll start with liturgical prayer using a book called "Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals" by Shane Claiborne. See you then.

TRINITY CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 2021

While looking for material to share with you this month, I happened across a copy of an article about Robert Fulghum's "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten". Having a copy on our bookshelf, I flipped through it and came across his short story on the dandelion. In the 2t/2 page article, he expounds over the positive attributes of the dandelion as a partially edible plant & flower, versus his neighbor who regards it only as a weed. One of the things he lists among "What I Learned in Kindergarten" is: Be aware of wonder. Perhaps you remember as a young child, gathering a bouquet of blooming dandelions to give to your mother, I know I do. Funny, isn't it, how our perceptions can change as we become an adult! Another item on his list of learned kindergarten behaviors is: "Clean up your own mess". We could apply this to our need to take care of our environment. We have all heard how desperate the need is for action on Climate Change and we wonder what can I do that will make any difference. There are many things that we as individuals can do and here are just a few more (in addition to previously mentioned ones) from my Recycle Ohio Pamphlet: Reduce the amount and toxicity of the trash you produce: Stop Junk mail! You can go on line to Direct Marketing Association at: wwwTheDMA.org or DMAchoice.org, Questions? call 212-768-7277 ext.1888 for consumer affairs, you can print a form off online or write them at: DMA choice, Consumer Preferences, P.O. Box 900, Cos Cob, CT 06807. The form asks for your name and address, plus you can include 2 other names at that address, which you send with a check for \$g.00 processing fee. The service lasts for L0 years. I plan to renew my order now & have printed my form. Buy products in minimal or reusable packaging Reduce the use of hazardous chemicals and solvents Buy durable, repairable products that have a longer useful life Use less paper by utilizing e-mail, where possible Reuse Durable items: Use rechargeable batteries and tools Use erasable whiteboards to leave notes for each other After you have read a magazine, pass it along Donate unwanted household items &/or clothing to Trinity's Rummage Sale 10/14 & 15. Recycle In addition to what our Wooster curb side pick up will take: Staples still takes ink cartridges and Lowes takes the mercury containing twisty light bulbs. Finally, another learned item on Robert Fulghum's list is: "When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together". We can accomplish a great deal if each one of us does our part, we "hold hands and stick together" to help save our planet for our children and grandchildren!

Carol Eberhart for the Trinity Climate
Crisis Committee





In August, we welcomed the intergenerational mission group from Immanuel Reformed Church of Grand Rapids. They were the first North Street Mission group to visit since the pandemic hit.

September Faith Formation Opportunities

September is an exciting time to try new ways to develop our faith in our great God! Even while facing another unusual year of health issues, we still need to be growing spiritually and helping each other. So here are some ways to do this:

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesday	Thursday
8am:- <u>Anti Racist Coalition (A.C.T)</u> via zoom	10 am:- " <u>Flowing Movement for Health and Vitality</u> " via zoom with Rev. Rich Plant	10am:- <u>Yoga in the Chapel</u> led by Lyn Shoots	5-6:45 pm <u>C.A.T.</u> for September we will meet at Christmas Run Upper-Level Park. this is open to Preschoolers through 8th graders., A light meal is included	11am or 3pm:- <u>Rhythms of Renewal</u> : Trading Stress and Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose- This is a 5 week study. Contact me if interested in participating.
9:30-10:15am <u>Kids Faith Formation-</u> Pre-schoolers through High Schoolers	10:30 <u>Trinity's Wellness program in the Parlor</u> . We gather to learn how to take better care of ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually.	12pm:- <u>Talk to-gether Tuesdays</u> at Christmas run upper- level park. Please join us as we discuss scripture and how it relates to our lives.		
After Worship;- <u>Adult Faith Formation</u> with the pastors	1pm:- <u>Bible Study with the Pastors</u> via zoom and in person. More information soon.		6:30 <u>prayer and communion</u> via zoom	6pm:- <u>Yoga with Lyn Shoots</u> in Trinity's Chapel
<u>Drums as Prayers</u> on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for 20 Minutes	7pm;- <u>Young Adult Bible Study</u> with Pastor Emily. More info soon.			7pm <u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u> in Trinity's Balcony

Other opportunities:

Breakfast Program- Helpers are always needed. If interested in helping with this, please contact Reverend Franklin or Suzanne Feltner at the church.

Women's Guild program- Tuesday, September 21 at 2:00pm

Musicians- If you are a brass player and interested in playing, please let me know. I am interested in beginning a brass choir. If you would like to sing solo or small group, or play an instrumental solo during worship, please let me know!

Visual Artists- please contact me if you are willing to help out with altar displays, art work throughout the church or gatherings for creating art together.

Scripture of the month: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 NRSV Peace to all.

Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

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