



August Topics Newsletter

Trinity Friends,

"Essential." Thanks to the last two-and-a-half years, we each have our own stories connected to this word. In churches around the world, conversations have had to be held around staff, programs, online services and videos, care of property and how to safely worship together in-person. Because many people haven't returned - and those who have are giving their time, treasures, and talents differently - leaders have had to ask, "*What is **essential** in Christ's call to mission?*"

Virtual ministry is here to stay. Yet, just like you, we've experienced how being together in person and responsibilities to carry out the Mission of the church in the world carry the most impact face-to-face. And, we've experienced how *other* roles and responsibilities don't necessarily need to happen in-person. Our worship, our Wednesday night prayer group, and Service to the community never skipped a beat. Faith is about gathering in community as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our hearts and our hands were meant to work together. We are the "essential" workers in God's transformation of the world.

Your Partner in Christ's Mission,

Dr. Franklin

Grief Group

A Grief Recovery group is forming this Fall as a Spiritual Growth opportunity. Each Group will meet 8 times from the last week of September to the first week of November at various times of day as needed. The recovery process depends upon reading along in the book; "The Grief Recovery Handbook" and completion of 6 Homework assignments.

This process is for anyone who wants to feel better about a major life change. What is grief recovery? Recovery means feeling better as we walk through our grief together. Grief takes many forms; illness, moving, graduation, major health changes, retirement, financial changes, family issues and many more. If you are interested in the process contact Dr. Franklin for more information.

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2022

10:30am

August 7 Outdoor Worship and Communion

“In tune with nature” Luke 12:32-40

August 14 Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

“Where are you going?” Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

August 21 “Pioneers and Protectors” Hebrews 12:1-3, 18-29

August 28 “Outrageous Love” Jeremiah 2:4-13 Rev. Emily Howard

We will be taking a break from Wednesday Prayer and Communion Service during the month of August. We will return in September.



Please consider helping us fill in the open spots for this month by visiting the sign up sheet in the outer narthex to serve on Sunday mornings. If you sign up for altar flowers, please let the office know if the flowers are given for a special celebration or in honor or in memory of someone so that it may be included in the bulletin.

Financial Position June, 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	\$15,990	\$38,434	\$89,591	\$132,981	\$133,788
Expenses	\$27,675	\$32,640	\$168,262	\$188,815	\$154,814
Net	(\$11,685)	\$5,794	(\$78,671)	(\$55,834)	(\$21,026)

Comments:

Our income continues to run under expectations. We did receive \$1500 from the Hope Reformed Church for their visit to North Street Mission. They were the first group of 2022. Note that last year, in June, we had received some of our annual contributor’s donations, which we have not received yet in 2022. On the expense side, there were no extraordinary expenses.

Building Repair Fund Balance: - (10,419)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,611

**Trinity Breakfast program – 27 years
Established in the summer of 1995.**

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for your donation to Chapel Hill Community. Your continued kindness celebrates the spirit of older adults and helps them enjoy life abundantly as they age. Your support allows residents to live with purpose so they can engage wholeheartedly in the possibilities of life. It provides important social connections and helps to create a safe and sound living community where health and wellbeing are put first. Your gift provides a warm welcome for all. No matter the individual, United Church Homes offers inclusive communities for all people including LGBT older adults, minorities, military veterans, low-income individuals and people of all faiths or no faith. Thank you for partnering with us in our service to older adults.

With Gratitude,
Rev. Beth Long- Higgins
VP of Engagement and Director, Parker Center for Abundant Aging

Associate Pastor's Message

Re-creation: Food, fellowship, friends and family are important to God

Dear beloveds,

It's so easy to believe that our value in God's eyes comes from our work. It is easy to believe it when our whole culture and community is set up to value what we achieve, produce, and how much "busy"ness we can tolerate in our life. God has another value for us. It is simply that we exist. And it is enough.



Here, in the Trinity UCC community, we provide care for each other by simply being together - and that is more than enough. The YAHOOS (Young Adults Have Outstanding Old Souls) are a group that meets for a lot of reasons, but, most lately, for simply fellowship. I need to admit, my achievement oriented brain had big plans, like "oh, what should we study or learn, who should we do a service project for, etc. etc." And that might happen. But for now, in these summer months of sweet relaxation, it is time for fun. And that is more than enough.

It reminds me of the true purpose of "recreation." Re-creating who we are in God. God needs us to sit down and rest long enough to be re-created for fulfilling a purpose again. Enjoy your summer, enjoy your R & R - rest and be re-created.

The 988 Lifeline

988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. (Please note, the previous 1-800-273-TALK (8255) number will continue to function indefinitely.) Go to 988lifeline.org to learn more about 988.



Donna and Roy Brown would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers during Roy's illness. They really appreciate it and feel very comforted by the support from the church community.

Climate Crisis Committee Report

TRINITY CLIMATE CRISIS ARTICLE FOR AUGUST 2022 Once again, as I write this article, climate is in the local and national news. Temperatures over 100 degrees have affected most of Europe, with resulting drought, fires and deaths due to the heat. Our son & daughter-in-law can attest to these conditions in Portugal. The Rhine River water level has dropped so low, that it may not be able to be used for transporting goods. Here, in the United States, similar conditions currently exist in our Western states, including Texas, where our daughter & her family have had 100 degrees plus, for much of the summer. Our granddaughter said it was 107 degrees on her 19th birthday and even going to the swimming pool was not a relief from the heat. Our daughter gave up on a garden this summer, as the extreme temperatures just killed whatever she tried to plant. Many ranchers are having to sell their cattle, as they have been unable to grow grain to feed them, due to the drought. Perhaps, due to limited rain in Wooster, you were able, as we were, to skip mowing your lawn for 2 weeks and you noted browning areas. Our daughter, in Mentor, OH., said their ground was so dry that it was cracking in places. As President Biden said on the news today (7/20/22) **WE ARE IN A CLIMATE CRISIS!** He needs our help to put pressure on the Senate to pass the urgently needed measures to start to counter this crisis. Though these changes are happening even faster, around the globe than the scientists predicted, it is an urgent matter, but not a hopeless one, **IF WE GET SERIOUS** about making the necessary changes. This Crisis will affect us all, no matter where we live, in one way or another. The conditions out West will ultimately affect their water supply and everyone's food supply. If conditions become intolerable, there will be a migration to other parts of our country to find relief. There is a bright side, if we do what is necessary, our air and water will be cleaner, we will have less heart & lung conditions, fewer cancers, our food quality will be better, more jobs will be created, just to name a few advantages. And **THE BIG PLUS**, we will be leaving the planet in better shape for our children & grandchildren, so once again their gardens will flourish and they can enjoy a birthday celebration at the pool, or wherever, in comfort!

TO CONTACT: Senator Rob Portman, 1.-202-224-3353 and Senator Sherrod Brown, 1.-202-224-2315.

Carol Eberhart for the Climate Crisis Committee July 20,2022.

Please join us on Sunday, August 7th at Christmas Run Park lower pavilion for worship at 10:30 am. Special music and activities. Picnic to follow; plates and utensils, beverages, and sandwiches provided. Bring a dish to share. You may also bring a lawn chair for extra comfort.



Sunday August 14th we will have a Back to School Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 am Worship Service.



Senior Birthdays

- 2nd Lyn Shoots
- 3rd Debra Ullom
- 4th Carol Smith
- 4th Peggy Vizzo
- 7th Janet Landers
- 7th Pauline Yutzy 90!!
- 8th Carolyn Jackson
- 8th Nancy Goodright
- 12th Peggy Franks
- 15th Marjean Clapper
- 17th Armin Bizer
- 18th Karen Mathys
- 19th Bobbie Earl
- 19th Judy Adams
- 19th Pat Ogden
- 25th Chris Marek
- 26th Joanne Orr
- 29th Sally Lennon



The 12th Annual **Break the Cycle Event** will be held on Saturday August 27th at Wayne County Fairgrounds and Holmes County Trail depending on the event the individual chooses. You have the option to Ride a Bicycle or Walk for the event to Break the Cycle of Addiction.

The proceeds from the event will fund critical services of education, treatment, and support provided by the staff at One-Eighty. Break the Cycle is centered around reducing the stigma associated with substance use disorder and addiction and to support the treatment and prevention services offered at OneEighty. Providing a team for this event is an opportunity for your congregation to learn more about the disease of addiction, understand that addiction is treatable, and with the right treatment and support, people do recover.

For more information about the Break the Cycle Event go to www.btcbenefit.org



We want to thank two groups that visited North Street Mission in July: Standale Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, MI and Willoughby United Methodist Church. Both groups are pictured together out front with their North Street Mission T-shirts on.

Dear Trinity UCC Congregation,

What an amazing surprise to receive a \$5,000 check from your congregation. It is with the continued support of long time groups like yours that is allowing us to restart our programs. We are excited to be returning to Mexico and get back to work with our friends and neighbors across the border.

With gratitude from the Esperanza Board.
Laurie Bryson
Secretary
Esperanza International Board of Directors



We have many options available to make donations to Trinity. One option is to make a donation online by reading this QR code. Then choose donation via Trinity's Vanco payment solution or PayPal . Many thanks for your support of Trinity UCC.

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Sunday morning at 8:30AM.