

Trinity Friends,

My father received two weeks' vacation in August each year from his job as a "set-up" "man" at General Motors, Fisher Body plant in Elyria. He carefully planned those two weeks of vacation for us to get the most out traveling with camping gear and a tent. He liked National Parks and we almost always camped there during his two week vacation spree. His environmentalism and love for nature rubbed off on me.

"Defender of Wildlife"! Of all of the things that people have called me over the years, this one is near the top. I began taking generosity seriously after reading some books on the topic. During the time when many environmental regulations that preserved and protected wildlife and National Parks were eliminated, I began giving to a number of environmental groups, Audubon, Sierra etc...

The first year that I gave to the organization, I received an embossed certificate declaring that "Kevan Franklin is a "Defender of Wildlife". The next year I received a full page embossed certificate which said, "Kevan Franklin is a defender of wildlife and has taken action to protect both wildlife and wildlands and shows a true appreciation for our nations natural heritage." I joked with my sons about it, "Hey! Did you know that I am defender of wildlife and that I have taken action!?!?" I was proud to be a defender of wildlife. My Father would be proud. Driving home from Trinity last week on West Old Lincolnway just past the Fairgrounds, I saw a large object in the road ahead of me. I swerved over to the right hand curb and avoided the object and pulled into the Mobil gas station where my son works. I went out see what was in the road and discovered a large gnarly snapping turtle very slowly making his way toward the creek on the south side of the road. I flagged away a couple of pickup trucks speeding into town and pointed out the turtle. The grass is pretty long by that creek so I looked for a big stick to see if I could get the turtle off the road. At the same time, one of the trucks stopped and a guy jumped out and tried to grab the turtle by the tail. It snapped at him while turning around a lot faster than I thought possible. He jumped away and the turtle turned back toward the creek. After another try to grab his tail, and another hiss and snap from the turtle, he kicked the turtle in the rear end and sent the snapper skidding into the grass. By the time I got over

there with the stick the turtle was well on his/her way to water. I wonder what kind of a story he/she told the Turtle family back home! I am truly a defender of wildlife in word and deed now! What goes into our decision making processes? How do we talk about our convictions? Is our identity formed by what people say about us? Do we become what we think and believe about ourselves? Do the labels we wear affect our behavior? Surely they do. What might our lives be like if we reminded ourselves that we are Disciples of Christ? I have handed out many certificates to all of you affirming your membership and confirming that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. I hope that you own your discipleship and allow it to inspire you to live differently because of it.

Remember after all, you are my Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

August 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.

August 1st *Scripture: John 6:24-35,
Exodus 16:9-21
Sermon;- "Bread of Life"
Holy communion* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***

August 8th *Scripture;- Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Sermon;- "Civility"* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***

August 15th *Outdoor worship at Christmas Run Park
Scripture: Proverbs 9:1-6,
Ephesians 5:15
Sermon: "Feel the breeze"* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***

August 22 *Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2, 6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Sermon: "Pledges, Oaths and intentions"* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***

August 29 *Scripture;- Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 15
Sermon" Camelot, Kingdoms, and Beloved Community)* ***Rev. Emily Howard***



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

See our webpage for the link.

FINANCIAL POSITION - June 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	\$ 53,727	\$ 21,006	\$133,788	\$123,541	\$ 102,196
Expenses	\$ 28,714	\$ 29,978	\$154,814	\$183,947	\$ 156,947
Net	\$ 25,013	\$ (8,972)	\$(21,026)	\$(60,406)	\$(54,751)

Comments:

June was the first full month that we have been back worshipping together! During the month, we received some of our annual contributor's donations which boosted June income. Trinity for the seven remaining months in 2021- June through December.

On the expense side we ran about \$1k under budget. There were no expense issues to report.

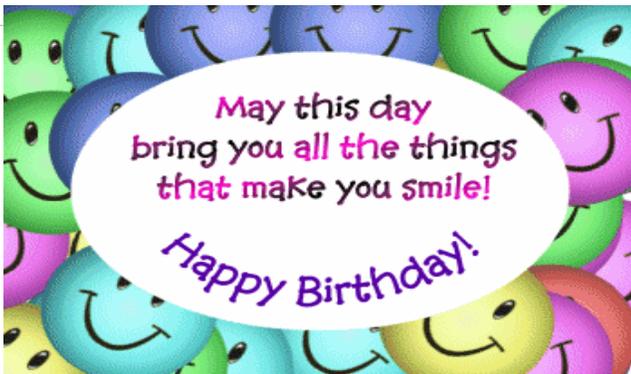
Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(20,658)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$23,759

Average weekly attendance: 79.

Trinity Breakfast program-26 Years

Established in the summer of 1995



Youth Birthdays

20th Dani(Danielle) Nebergall

Senior Birthdays

- 4th Peggy Vizzo
- 7th Janet Landers
- 7th Pauline Yutzy
- 8th Nancy Goodright
- 14th Toni Molter
- 17th Armin Bizer
- 18th Karen Mathys
- 19th Bobbie Earl
- 19th Judy Adams
- 19th Pat Ogden
- 25th Chris Maarek
- 26th JoAnne Orr
- 29th Sally Lennon

Associate Pastor's Message

I went to visit our members and friends in many senior living communities last month. It shocked my system. We are overcoming the isolation of the past year and becoming connected in person again. As the pandemic changes, we change with it. We are concerned about the future.

We are concerned about the past. But, God is ready to meet us NOW, today. How cool is that? My nephew, Luke, is ten months old. I met him for the first time on my vacation trip to San Diego. He is just now old enough to see how if mom is gone, she isn't gone forever. This is when the game peek-a-boo is so fun! Luke knows that mom is out of sight but she isn't gone.

Wow. Just the knowledge that a ten month old has teaches me something about God. Well, when we can't *see* God... it isn't because God isn't there. God was there in the physically distant times of 2020. God is here now. God will be there tomorrow. Life sometimes feels like a peek-a-boo with God. Maybe one reason is, just like Luke finds such joy in the discovery of mom, we do too when God surprises us with joyful presence.

-Rev. Emily Howard, Associate Pastor

Marge Cliffe, Trinity member, stands with her front door where our Care Committee's caterpillar card hangs.

July 14, 2021



Quote of the month: We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and gladly as thou blessest us to thee our first fruits give. To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe, to tend the lone and fatherless, is angels' work below.

This hymn, used in our Prayer service recently, is a traditional offering blessing. Did you know it actually has five verses? And, it is a historic hymn written by William Walsham How. He was known as the "poor man's bishop," and "the children's bishop," as he worked in the slums and factories of England.

TRINITY CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE AUGUST 2021.

We recently received an Emergency Forest Replanting Appeal from the Arbor Day Foundation. They say that "the U.S. Forest Service already has a backlog of more than 1.3 million acres of forestland in need of replanting. Also, that wildfires have already burned 791,960 acres in the U.S. this year and the hottest days of summer are still ahead of us."

Did you know that "180 million Americans rely on drinking water that originates in our nation's forests? That 29% of the country's land surface is forested land. But that 29% supplies more than half of America's fresh water! Forest trees, in short, are essential. To us, to life, to the Earth, to the future."

During the recent visit of our middle daughter and her family from San Antonio, Texas---our 18 year old grand daughter was found enjoying the freedom of being able to walk barefooted in our backyard, taking in the feel of the untreated lawn, free of Fire Ants, as she slowly moved about the yard looking over the various garden plants, trees and flowers. One day, she managed to get a picture (Smart Phone Generation) of a member of our backyard chipmunks, who was sitting up on a pine tree branch, as if to say--'look at me, I'm so cute and I enjoyed the raspberry leaves.' They all enjoy spending time walking in our various parks during their visits. This time, our grand daughter had Ed take her informal Senior Pictures, with Oak Hill Park Scenes as the back ground.

We are so fortunate to have so many public parks in the City of Wooster. Time spent among these beautiful natural settings (including trees) is beneficial to the physical and mental health of us humans and it refreshes our spirits!

"Trees we plant in our yards, neighborhoods and in forests across America and around the globe provide immeasurable benefits. Trees change people's lives. Trees provide the necessities of life itself: clean air, clean drinking water, cooler temperatures, and habitat for countless wildlife."

Trees are one of Ed's favorite photographic subjects!

Preserving the environment for our grandchildren is not only important to us, it is **IMPERATIVE** to them. Young people, especially, realize what Climate Change is going to mean for the world they will be living in. Let us do whatever **WE** can to preserve this precious environment for them!

Use reusable grocery bags, reduce the use of plastic, plant a tree or have a group like The Arbor Day Foundation plant trees in your name, contact your legislators (State & Federal) to get moving on Climate issues!

Carol Eberhart for the Trinity Climate Crisis Committee

Going through some of the old church photos we ran across this 1950's Church Baseball team photo submitted by Karen Hughes. Her dad, Alvin Yutzy was one of the team members. Certainly, if Kevan Franklin had been pastor then, he would have been part of the team!



Christ E. & R. Church 1950 [↑]DAD

FRONT (starting at left) — Howie Duell, Paul Schmidt, Rich Arnold, Alvin Yutzy. BACK — Walt Munshower, Vince Lawrence, Jim Daly, Don Ackerman, Harlan Kestner. ABSENT — Manager W. S. Ackerman, Jim Lawrence, Larry Boebel, Clyde Purdy. Photo by George Walmer Studio.

August Faith Formation Opportunities

Hard to believe that August is already here! I always forget how fast summers go. But the good news is that more opportunities to gather with other church members and friends begin during this time of the year. Here are some for you to think about: Drums as Prayers: You are invited to join me for 20 minutes after worship on August 1st, 15th, and 29th for a time of worship through drumming. You do not need to know how to play a percussion instrument to participate, just feel free to sit and feel God's presence through the sound of the drums and feel the spirit through the drums themselves. Trinity's Wellness Program: A new opportunity for participating in this program will be happening from 10-10:30 on Mondays in the Chapel, as we gather to move in "Flowing Movement for Health and Vitality" led by Rev. Rich Plant via zoom. At 10:30 those who are interested will gather in the Parlor to discuss other ways to take better care of the bodies God has given us, through learning more about "Faith; Food; Fitness; Focus and Friends". On Monday, August 9th, join us as Mike Lilburn teaches us more about nutrition. Talk Together Tuesdays at Noon: This takes place in the Upper-Level Christmas Run Park and is a time to gather to read and discuss four different versions of a chosen scripture, and to talk and catch up on what God is doing in our lives. Feel free to bring your lunch if you wish. Bell Choir Rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Balcony of the Sanctuary. If you are interested in learning to play handbells and joining the group, please let Suzanne know. Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during our Outdoor Worship Service in Christmas Run Park at 10:30 on Sunday, August 15th. C.A.T. (Children's Arts at Trinity) will be gathering at my home for a bonfire and back to school party on Monday, August 16th starting at 5:00 and ending at 7:00. Sunday, August 22nd We welcome EVERYONE to our "RE" day where we take time to reflect on the past 15 months acknowledging not only the things that we have lost but the many lessons that we have learned along the way. It is a time to reaffirm God's love and promise to all and recommit to our faith community at Trinity. It is a time of transition for the world, for our greater community in Wooster, for the church and for many of us personally. It is a day- a year- of "RE". As we all emerge from COVID, let us all Re-joyce, Re-imagine, Re-connect and Re-build what was into what can be. End of Summer Bonfire- You are invited to gather with us at the Feltner residence (hopefully it won't rain) on Saturday, August 28th starting at 7:00pm for a time of fellowship, s'mores and roasted hotdogs. Please bring your own chair, if you have one. Our address is: 11434 Friendsville Road, Creston.

Scripture of the month: The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living.

Hebrews 11:1-2 (Message)

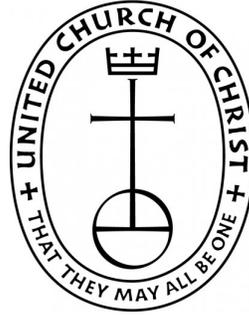
Peace. Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

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