

Trinity Friends,

We say the words of the Lord's Prayer; "Give us this day our daily bread" whenever we gather in worship.

When we hear in the 23rd Psalm, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." This doesn't mean that I get to eat and my enemies don't! The table and sharing bread were about covenant making and equal sharing in ancient Israel.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, said "I don't preach a social gospel; I preach the Gospel, period. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person. When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, "Now is that political or social?" He said, "I feed you." Because the good news to a hungry person is bread." What are you hungry for?

The rise of Christianity-offered an alternative to the world. As Paul said in Ephesians, people were united into "One New Humanity." They broke down social barriers. There is no social climbing in the household of God. No posturing. No jockeying for position at the table by disciples of Jesus, only what was for the good of the community. They were all one in Christ. "They broke bread together at a common table with glad and generous hearts." That is the description of the disciple's fellowship in the book of Acts!

Despite living in an age of technological connection many people suffer loneliness and economic insecurity at a much greater rate than previous generations. In Jesus, we see the vision of a world of abundance. May God give us eyes to see spiritual hunger in one another as we gather around the table.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

The nature of the climate crisis could be summed up rather dramatically by saying that it's a loss of a sense of what life is. I don't mean "the meaning of life" in the normal way we use that phrase. I mean a sense of life as a web of interactions, mutual giving and receiving, that make up the world we inhabit. Seeing this more clearly helps us dismantle the strange fictions we create about ourselves as human beings. We are disconnected and we need to be reintroduced to life. —Rowan Williams, "The climate crisis: Fashioning a Christian response."

Associate Pastor's Message

Birthday Blessings

By Rev. Emily

Friends and Family in Faith -

When I first came to this church, Larry Baker's birthday felt like a national holiday to me here at Trinity. Do you know when Larry's birthday is? It is May 18. I know because I put it on my calendar. And because we remind each other. And because Larry reminds us! Dear Larry, your ability to remember others' birthdays, too, is astounding to me. I thank you for having such a beautiful gift for celebrating birthdays, both others and your own. I have to mark my calendar to remember birthdays. Do you?

In Children's moment last week, a 1.5 year old whose words are getting longer and faster all the time said, "birthday." It seemed to come out of nowhere, so it was cute and funny. But was there a deeper message? Hmm. Was that 1.5 year old remembering the day we sang the birthday song to him? It might have been so special that he still wants to hear it again.

Let's celebrate each other. I believe God made each of us special and with a purpose. When we were born, on that day, as the hymn says "God was there to hear your borning cry." God is celebrating you! To all the August babies, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Love,
Rev. Emily Howard



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| 19 | JUDY ADAMS |
| 17 | ARMIN BIZER |
| 15 | EMILY BLOUGH |
| 12 | WENDY BLOUGH |
| 04 | CARTER BOURNE |
| 08 | NANCY GOODRIGHT |
| 21 | CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN |
| 07 | JANET LANDERS |
| 29 | SALLY LENNON |
| 25 | CHRIS MAREK |
| 24 | SAMANTHA NEWMAN |
| 26 | JOANNE ORR |
| 07 | JOHN SEMAN |
| 02 | LYN SHOOT |
| 04 | PEGGY VIZZO |
| 05 | BENJAMIN WIEST |
| 31 | LUKE WIEST |
| 07 | PAULINE YUTZY |

“Mind, Body and Spirit” at Trinity UCC

Summer time is slowing down and it is time for kids, teachers, staff, bus drivers and custodians to get back to school this month. Prayers for all of them for a safe and good school year! Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks or anything they wish to bring, for **“Blessing of the Backpacks”** day. This will be part of our ***Outdoor Worship and Picnic*** on **Sunday, August 13th** at Christmas Run Lower-Level Park starting at 10:30. Hope all will join us!

C.A.T. will be happening on the **2nd and 9th** but then will take a break until September so the kids can adjust to getting back into school mode.

“Drop in and Sing” Sunday, August 27th-all are invited to join together at 10:00 in the Chapel to rehearse a piece of music to share during worship this day.

Labyrinth Field Trip Day will take place on **Monday, the 28th**. We will meet at Trinity at 11:00 then will travel to walk a labyrinth and then for lunch. All are invited. If you are interested in this type of thing but can only do on weekends, please let me know.

It is important that we continue to take care of our minds, bodies and of course spirits, if we wish to be able to serve our wonderful God. If you have any suggestions for activities we could do this Fall, please let me know. Looking forward to seeing what we come up with!

Peace.

Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts



Financial Position June, 2023

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2023 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	\$14,985	\$35,973	\$91,828	\$124,761	\$89,591
Expenses	\$29,759	\$29,289	\$179,527	\$182,217	\$168,262
Net	\$(14,774)	\$6,684	\$(87,699)	(\$57,456)	(\$78,671)

Comments:

Our income was under budget as the budget had anticipated that we would receive some of our annual contributor’s donations, which will happen later this year. Utilities were again over budget as we deal with the hot weather and increased prices. We had a duplicate payment for our copier maintenance of \$420 for an invoice that we missed earlier this year.

Building Repair Fund Balance: - (10,112)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$27,173

**Trinity Breakfast program – 28 years
Established in the summer of 1995.**



Trinity and North Street Mission welcomed a youth group from the Christ Community Reformed Church the week of June 26, 2023. They are located in Clifton Park, NY.

Trinity Creation Care Article

August , 2023

For many years my husband Dan and I have attended the annual Edith Chase Poetry Readings at Kent State University, where Dan has been one of the readers. These readings, in conjunction with the yearly Edith Chase Symposiums on the environment (whose theme this was Rewilding Ohio), bring together poets engaged with nature and environment from northeastern Ohio and beyond.

This year the poetry reading's theme was "Songs for Wild Ohio." The five sections all addressed interesting aspects of our contact with the wild, non-human world: "Where Does the Wild Begin?," "The Wild Uneasy," "Our Wild Wetlands," "Bring Out the Children!," and "The Sacred Wild." Every section contained outstanding poems that explored and celebrated the natural wonders of Ohio's landscape, wildlife, and natural resources. But the one section that seemed the most connected to our "creation care" concerns was "The Sacred Wild." There were so many poems and passages that I would like to share here, but for lack of space I can only provide a smattering of stanzas as examples from the collection to ponder.

"Wildly Grateful," Jacquie Peoples Dukes

"I am grateful for their claws, talons, scales, beaks, gills, feathers, paws, fins, and fur. I am grateful for their nests, colonies, herds, biomes, schools, packs, habitats, and flocks. . . . I am grateful for their evolving, enigmatic existence In our wild and wonderful, Ohio."

"Suburban Matins," Milenko (Miles) Budimir

"Blessed be this new day, this creamsicle light – shine down on us and over us and illuminate our wild earth and all the life that awakens and strives with each new day. . ."

"A Blessing for Unholy Things", Cathryn Essinger

". . . I, too have been tricked by things less honest- the stick that turns into a snake, the gourd that grows into the shape of a saint, the relic you keep in a little satin heart. Who is to say they are not genuine? If I lift a spider to the windowsill, carry a toad across the road, is it any more or less than a prayer? . . ."

"Wild Onion, Easter Sunday," Daniel Bourne

". . . Only the sharp scent of trampled wild onion brings us back to the weight of our bodies, to the mud smelling up our hands. Our field guide says a fen flushes and I say even more blessed is the bog stewing in its juices forever and ever amen."

If you would like to purchase a copy of this wonderful anthology published by Lost Exit Press, you can contact its editor RC Wilson at rcwilsonii@gmail.com.

OHIO/ 'Ohi-yo,' Iroquois word meaning the river of the same name, "Beautiful River."



Coming up in September

3- Communion

4- Labor Day

9-14 Wayne County Fair

20- Prayer and Communion begins

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE



10:30am

**All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube
Live services are available on our website at**

Trinity UCC.org

August 6th

Holy Communion

Genesis 32:22-31,

"Broken and Blessed"

August 13th

Outdoor worship

Christmas run park

Matthew 14:22-33

"Walking on Water"

August 20th

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

"Sibling Rivalry"

August 27th

Genesis 45:1-15

"Celebrate!"

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