



Trinity Friends

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus quoted from Isaiah 58 and 61;

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me!” God has anointed me to preach Good News to the poor, and sent ME to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me” Repeat it.

These are the first words out of Jesus’ mouth in the Gospels. How does that feel to you? Could you own those words in your life? If “God is still speaking!!” what has God said to you? What a great thing it is when people become filled and fulfilled by the power of the Spirit. The story you just read was Jesus’ “I have a dream speech”. Just like others after him, who share their dream, it was not popular with everyone!

Martin Luther King told us about his mission, when he said, “I have decided to stick with love; Hate is too great a burden to bear.”

A few years ago we focused on Karen Armstrong’s “Charter of Compassion”.

The First Step is to Learn about Compassion. Pay attention for research, poems, words, thoughts and actions that demonstrate Compassion. What you pay attention to changes you. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to...”

I have a dream today. You have a dream today. Find it, write it and plan it.

Your Partner in Christ’s Mission,

Dr. Franklin

Trinity’s YAHOOOS (Young Adults Have Outstanding Old Souls”, got together for a bonfire and cookout at the Gilmore’s house on June 5th.



July WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2022

10:30am

- 3 Holy Communion
“What **should** we be embarrassed about?”
2 Kings 5:1-14
- 10 “A Just Road for all” Rev. Emily Howard
Luke 10:25-37
- 17 “We should never be too busy to care”
Luke 10:38-42, Amos 8:1-12
- 24 “So Many Choices!”
Luke 11:1-13, Genesis 18:20-32
- 31 “Why Jesus called a man a fool.”
Luke 12:13-21, Colossians 3:1-11



August 7
10:30 am Outdoor Worship
Christmas Run Park Lower
level Pavilion

Please consider helping us by volunteering as an usher/greeter, reader, coffee hour host or to provide altar flowers, 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 May, 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	\$15,688	\$18,898	\$73,600	\$94,547	\$80,061
Expenses	\$25,527	\$28,683	\$140,587	\$156,176	\$126,100
Net	(\$9,839)	(\$9,785)	(\$66,987)	(\$61,628)	(\$46,039)

Comments:

Our income continues to track short of our expectations. On the expense side we continue to run under budget. The only expense that runs over budget is our electric bill.

Building Repair Fund Balance: - (11,598)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,667

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



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.

Senior Birthdays

2nd Carol Ladrach	14th Dale Angerman
2nd Meg Vrotney	18th Allison Leisy
4th Debra Baney	20th Carol Bucher
4th Richard Brigham	20th Ginny Gunn
7th Dianne Hange	21st Roger Reed
8th Sally Griffin-Strader	22nd Joan Brinkerhoff
11th Janet Broda	31st Tom Montelione



Associate Pastor's Message



Beloved community,

I captured this photo on my recent Peace and Justice Pilgrimage to Alabama, the birthplace of the civil rights movement, with the Living Water Association. We found this mural in Selma, Alabama, just steps away from the Edmund Pettus Bridge where, on March 7, 1965, “Bloody Sunday,” John Lewis and hundreds of freedom fighters faced brutal state violence in their pursuit of voting rights. A second march by ministers began, but turned back at Rev. King’s instruction, on March 9. While in Selma for the march, white Unitarian minister, Rev. James Reeb, was brutally murdered. Finally, on March 21, Martin Luther King, with thousands of others under the protection of the federal government, completed a fifty-mile march from Selma to Montgomery for voting rights. In the months afterward, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was passed for national voter reform.

The pilgrims noticed many butterflies in artwork and in person on this trip. What is the butterfly doing in Alabama? Well, on one level, it really is because butterflies DO come through Alabama on their own pilgrimage of migration down south! We actually saw butterflies on the Edmund Pettus Bridge! The symbolism was not lost on us - that the God we know through Jesus Christ never stops transforming our world. Jesus brings new life out of death, freedom and safety out of oppression and bondage, and a hopeful future out of a tortured past. Jesus-followers trust this process. The butterfly spreading its wings shows us the wisdom of resurrection hope.

During the worship service on July 10, I plan to share more details and reflections from my journey. We are so blessed to belong to Trinity UCC, a fellowship of hope.

Transformed by Jesus,
Pastor Emily



Climate Crisis Committee Report for July, 2022

It has been nearly four years since we installed a solar electric system on our house. So it is time for a review of the performance of the system. Some people have wondered whether we are too far north for solar to be effective. That is not true.

Ours is a total electric house. There is no gas line into the house. We have two electric water heaters, two refrigerators, a dehumidifier, all the usual appliances and a high efficiency heat pump for our heating and cooling, summer and winter. We have no chimney or fireplace. In 2021, we had absolutely no electric bills for seven months and an eighth month with a bill for about 15.00. Bills are higher in the winter months, when less sunshine and at times snow cover on the panels reduce power yield. But there is still useful yield in winter.

Our system consists of 43 solar panels on our roof, with an inverter to link us to the electric grid. During much of the year, we generate considerably more electricity in the daytime than we use. Surplus power is fed to the power company, from which we receive credit which is applied to night time usage. Any overgeneration during sunny parts of the year is then applied toward early winter needs.

To date, our total energy generated is 56.05 Megawatt Hours (that's a lot). The monitoring system says we have saved 86,785.43 pounds of Carbon Dioxide. The calculated equivalent of planting 655.74 trees. It is true that the cost of installation is significant, and that you need significant exposure to the sky. Estimates were that simple payback would take between 9 and 10 years. And that seems to be bearing out. And, of course, as electric rates rise, the payout time shortens. So far, we have had no maintenance costs, and expect little or none to come. While we need large scale solar and wind generation, we heartily endorse rooftop solar.

Ed Eberhart, for the Climate Crisis Committee



Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Trinity Breakfast is served in the fellowship hall. Please contact the church office to speak with Suzanne Feltner or Rev. Franklin if you would like more information, to work the program, or to serve as a substitute.



Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 PM - for our Zoom Prayer service.

Visit our website and click on the **“Prayer and Communion”** link to go directly into the service.

Faith Formation Opportunities at Trinity

During the month of July, we have the opportunity to strengthen our faith through listening to beautiful music shared by Ohio Light Opera musicians during our worship services. They are: Emily Grissing, cellist on July 3rd; Elaina Palada, flutist on July 10th; Thomas Kim, clarinetist, on July 17th; Joelle Lachance, vocalist, on July 24th and Abril Nunez, violinist, on July 31st. God is so good!

Speaking of good, please join us on Sunday, July 17th after worship for a light lunch and ICE CREAM! It is National Ice Cream Day, so I thought it would be a great time to gather for a time of Fellowship, food, and ICE CREAM! ☐



Another wonderful way God is so good, is because God sent Trinity two wonderful College of Wooster Interns and they are putting together TAM Camp. This is a Theatre, Arts and Music camp for kids in kindergarten through 8th Grade. It will be held here at Trinity July 11th -15th, and is free to the participants. For more information, check out our website or we also have printed information available in the church. If you know of neighbors, grandkids or your own children who are interested, please let them know!

Yoga is still a very important thing for our bodies, minds and spirits. Please feel free to join us on Tuesdays at 10 or Thursdays at 6 in Trinity's chapel for a time of fellowship, stretching and breathing!

You are invited to come to Christmas Run Upper-level Park for "Talk Together Tuesday" at Noon. This is a time for scripture, discussion, conversation and enjoying God's beautiful nature. Feel free to bring your lunch and or a drink.

C.A.T. is held on Wednesdays any time after 4:30 until 7:00pm. This is a time of art, music, drums, food and fellowship for kids ages 5 through 8th grade. We will be at Christmas Run Park on the 6th and 20th and at Trinity on the 27th. There will not be CAT on the 13th.

Scripture of the Month: 1 John 1: 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

Wishing joy to all. Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

The **Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity (A.C.T.)** is holding another book discussion. The discussions will start on July 10th and be held every two weeks on Sunday at 8am on Zoom using the prayer and communion link on the church's website. The book we will be reading is called "Read Until You Understand" by Farah Jasmine Griffin. You do not need to have read the book before the first meeting. All are welcome.

Here is a bit about the book: Farah Jasmine Griffin has taken to her heart the phrase "read until you understand," a line her father, who died when she was nine, wrote in a note to her. She has made it central to this book about love of the majestic power of words and love of the magnificence of Black life. Griffin has spent years rooted in the culture of Black genius and the legacy of books that her father left her. A beloved professor, she has devoted herself to passing these works and their wisdom on to generations of students. Here, she shares a lifetime of discoveries: the ideas that inspired the stunning oratory of Frederick Douglass and Malcolm X, the soulful music of Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, the daring literature of Phillis Wheatley and Toni Morrison, the inventive artistry of Romare Bearden, and many more. Exploring these works through such themes as justice, rage, self-determination, beauty, joy, and mercy allows her to move from her aunt's love of yellow roses to Gil Scott-Heron's "Winter in America." Griffin entwines memoir, history, and art while she keeps her finger on the pulse of the present, asking us to grapple with the continuing struggle for Black freedom and the ongoing project that is American democracy. She challenges us to reckon with our commitment to all the nation's inhabitants and our responsibilities to all humanity.



We want to thank the group from Hope Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, MI for visiting North Street Mission the week of June 19, 2022. The group is pictured here with Lin Wierwille, as they discussed the Wooster Homelessness Task Force.

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Sunday morning at 8:30AM.