



Trinity Friends,

Ella and I finally finished planting our garden. She claims that it is the first garden that she has ever had. As a country boy, my childhood chores included “weeding” the garden before I could play baseball. Yes: My parents knew how to motivate me. I learned a lot in the process. There is an old saying, Grandfather had a farm, father had a garden and the son had a can opener. Actually a can opener and fast food. This year, we planted egg-plant, pumpkins, Brussel sprouts, several variety of Tomato and Green beans.

As I write this on the first day of summer, I hope that you are also in the midst of enjoying your garden. Many Trinity members are fond of gardening and are very skilled at it. (You know who you are!) They also share liberally from their harvest! Glenn Royer grew up on a tree farm and had a lifelong love of watching things grow! He may have even given you advice about how to plant and tend your garden! I remember him saying, “The best time to water a plant is the moment it needs it.”

The Bible was written in an agrarian culture. The parables of Jesus are full of agricultural examples. Several lessons; You can’t control the outcome of your garden, but you can use best practices. A fair measure of work needs to go into your garden if you hope to reap a harvest. You reap what you sow. Be generous with the good things that God has given to you. The seed doesn’t look anything like the final product. It’s hard to tell what seeds will bear fruit and which will not!

Why did Jesus like garden images so much? He wanted people to learn that life needs maintenance. Our Wednesday Night Prayer and Communion Zoom service is in the middle of a series on Paul’s fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Jesus wants you to grow and to “be fruitful” in spiritual ways. Best wishes for a harvest as you tend the gardens in your life. See you in God’s garden.

Your Partner in Christ’s Service,

Dr. Franklin

JULY 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.

- July 4th** *Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10,
Mark 6:1-13* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Sermon;- "Who would Jesus Welcome"
Holy communion
- July 11th** *Scripture;- Amos 7:4-14* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Sermon;- "The Nature of Prophetic Visions"
- July 18th** *Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22* ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Sermon: "We were really far off"
- July 25th** *Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 23* ***Rev. Emily Howard***
Sermon: God's House"



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

See our webpage for the link.

FINANCIAL POSITION - May 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	\$ 16,480	\$ 19,499	\$80,061	\$102,535	\$ 85,029
Expenses	<u>\$ 23,018</u>	<u>\$ 28,162</u>	<u>\$126,100</u>	<u>\$153,969</u>	<u>\$ 132,922</u>
Net	\$ (6,537)	\$ (8,663)	\$(46,039)	\$(51,433)	\$(47,893)

Comments:

For May, our contribution income was close to budget while our total income was \$3k under budget. This was mainly because we had budgeted \$2,000 in North Street Mission NSM) income. So far we have no NSM groups scheduled this summer. On the expense side we were \$5k under budget. There no expense issues during May.

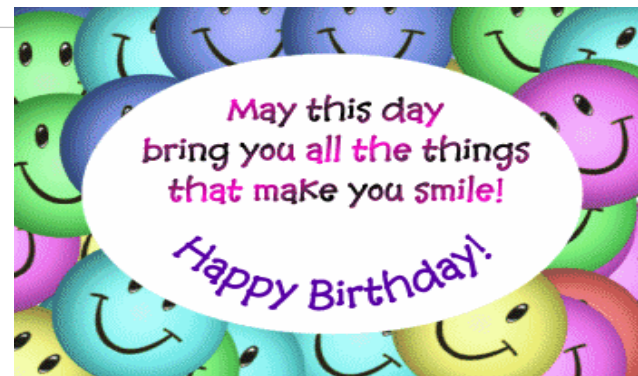
Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(23,757)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$25,193

Average weekly on-line worship views: 125.

Trinity Breakfast program-26 Years

Established in the summer of 1995



Youth Birthdays

18th Paul Gunn
29th Parker Schantz
30th Madison Blough

Senior Birthdays

2nd Meg Vrotney
2nd Carol Ladrach
4th Richard Brigham
7th Dianne Hange
8th Sally Griffin Strader
11th Janet Broda
14th Dale Angerman
18th Allyson Leisy
20th Ginny Gunn
20th Carol Bucher
21st Jackie Smith
21st Roger Reed
22nd Joan Brinkerhoff
28th Mary Louise Schopfer
31st Tom Montelione



What kind of Kingdom? -

Thoughts on Juneteenth, Hawaii, and General Synod 2021

by Pastor Emily Howard

“The kingdom of God seems so far off,” I said to Daniel Kirk, as we discussed racism in the U.S.A. The Kingdom of God represents justice and peace, all things made right, restored and repaired relationships, wholeness, and so much more. He replied, “that’s why I think we have to make those spaces here and now.” Well, I’m still thinking on this “Daniel Kirk theology,” after Juneteenth. How are Trinity UCC members called to create spaces for justice, peace, belonging, restoration, and repentance now?

Did you know there is an example of a real-life Kingdom in the Church today - the Hawaiian Kingdom! As General Synod 2021, the largest gathering of the United Church of Christ, meets this month, Hawaiian Christian delegates wrote a resolution that piqued my interest. They ask the United Church of Christ to support the sovereignty of the Hawaiian Kingdom, which was overturned by U.S. occupation in 1893. Did you know that the UCC church initiated an apology to the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1993 for our part in this occupation, and that the national government of the U.S.A. followed our lead? Wow! What would it mean to support a just world for all through Hawaiian sovereignty? Read more of, “A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM,” at www.generalsynod.org.

We don’t have to wait for Heaven to taste the kingdom of God - it is near (Luke 17:21). And, unlike the nation-states of this world, God’s kingdom will include ALL nations. And, though we haven’t reached it yet, we can imagine it and make it more real today. Let’s do it!

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 AA group 8pm	3
4 10:30am worship in the sanctuary Holy Communion Independence Day	5 Our office will be closed Observed holiday AA group 8pm	6 11am WHTM via zoom T.T.T noon	7 6:30pm prayer & communion via zoom AA group 7pm	8 Bible study 2pm Upper level park	9 AA group 8pm	10
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Dear Trinity United Church of Christ Congregation,

I wanted to take some time to thank you as a congregation for the role you played in helping me on my way in seminary.

On June, 17, 2021, I graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary. It was during my time at this church that I first officially served a church as a licensed minister. It is here that I got my first opportunity to be a true leader within the church. You helped me with so many assignments which I had to do within the congregation, such as teach classes, lead prayers and preach. Your words of encouragement helped me gain confidence and grow. I learned so much during my time as your assistant pastor, and I cannot imagine I would have been a successful if I hadn't spent two wonderful years surrounded by such a loving and caring congregation.

As I celebrate my graduation, I am really celebrating all the many people in church that help me along the way. So I give thanks for you, and celebrate you today for all the support and encouragement you have provided. This church holds a special place in my heart.

Thank you!!
Leila Jindra



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a Rural
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Trinity Climate Crisis Committee July

The climate crisis and beyond : Lin Wierwille: Review of Randy Woodley in Sojourner

I invite each of you to reflect on the May 2021 Sojourner magazine article, “White Supremacy and The fate of the Earth” by Randy Woodley. The opening premise, that change is difficult, is likely one that most of us can agree upon. But his next challenge, “how can we reverse course from the thoughtless and unnatural manner in which humans have continued to interfere with nature” may cause us to turn away or avoid our role in the demise. And next, how does the current climate crisis intersect with our own current health crisis? Is it then, not just exploitation and degradation of families and children. Woodley guides and challenges us to realize that every part of our creation is related and in some measure seeks balance. The closing paragraph of Woodley’s article asserts that systemic racism and a world view that whiteness is our most important value can only be tamed by true humility. He asserts that “embracing difference builds both character and community” and that our future “depends on treating the whole community of creation as our relatives”. Woodley’s article is not just an easy read but challenges all Christians to move to higher ground. Can we accept the challenge not just to face change, but to become “good relatives”?

July Faith Formation Opportunities

Summer is a good time to take a break and to sit quietly, meditate and pray to our great God. Try to find a few minutes each day when you can step outside and enjoy nature and do this.

Trinity's Wellness Group Taking care of the minds and bodies God has given us is very important. You are invited to gather in Trinity's Parlor on **Mondays** at **10:30** as we have guest speakers join us to help us learn more ways to understand how to do better in the areas of **Faith; Food; Fitness; Focus** and **Friends**. Michael Lilburn will be helping us in areas of nutrition and we will soon be offering Yoga and Meditation classes and even a time for massage! We have a Facebook group if you would like to join that as well. If an evening gathering time works better for you, please let Suzanne know.

Trinity's Bell Choir will be taking a "vacation" for the month of July.

Talk Together Tuesdays at Noon is a time to gather and reflect on scripture passages, have good conversations and fellowship. This takes place at Christmas Run Upper- Level Park. You are welcome to bring a lunch, snack or beverage to enjoy while we study scripture and enjoy God's world. (We will not meet on the 27th.)

Trinity's Youth will be attending **North Street Mission** Sunday, July 25th through the 28th. They will be working with Trinity's Breakfast Program and other places in the Wooster area. Looking forward to them sharing reflections about their "trip" with you during a Sunday morning worship in August.

Looking ahead- Sunday, August 15th we will be having "**Blessing of the Backpacks**" as part of our 10:30 Outdoor Worship and picnic at Christmas Run Park by the playground.

- Sunday, August 22nd Please plan on joining us for **Confirmation** and "**Re- Day**" during our 10:30 worship service and luncheon afterwards. More information about this will be coming.

Scripture of the month: "*When I felt my feet slipping, you came with your love and kept me steady. And when I was burdened with worries, you comforted me and made me feel secure.*" Psalm 94: 18-19 (Contemporary English Version)

Peace. Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

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