

Hello JUNE

June
Topics 2021

Trinity Friends,

March 15, 2020 marked a transition in our history. Fresh off the 2019 200th Celebration of Trinity Church, we held the last in-person worship service for 63 Sundays. It was a hard stop! Everything stopped or was transitioned. We asked a lot of questions. How do we continue to be the church without worship?

Would we remain financially viable and able to continue with the budget that was set forth at our annual meeting? How will staff responsibilities change to continue to serve the needs of the congregation? We discovered that the church is not the building. The church is people. You stayed connected through changes in technology and innovative worship and education. We kept the Ark in the water.

The first Wednesday night virtual service featured the story of Noah's Ark.

We talked about how we were all on an uncertain journey and we didn't know what the future would look like. At our final virtual Wednesday evening service we will recall the story of Noah sending out a dove in hopes of finding dry land. The Dove is back with a green twig in its beak!

We have the summer months to unpack the Ark before the fall program season is upon us. We will experiment to see what works and what doesn't work. There are many who will not feel comfortable enough to come out of the Ark just yet. Worship in-person will be socially distanced following COVID19 guidelines. Worship will continue hybrid. "Hybrid worship" is a new way of saying that we will offer in-person worship, Livestream worship and virtual recorded worship to reach as many as we can beginning Sunday May30th. Each Sunday in June will be in the Sanctuary. . We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations.

The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Trinity UCC will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, but you can send donations to the church anytime.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are back to in person worship service. You may also access our worship service on our YouTube and Website homepage listed on the back. Join us, every Wednesday for Prayer

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| <u>June 6th</u> | Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Sermon;- "Familiar places"
Holy communion | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |
| <u>June 13th</u> | Scripture;- Ezekiel 1:1, 4-6, 15-20, 27-28
2 Corinthians 3:17-18
Sermon;- "The Juneteenth Spirit of Freedom" | Pastor Emily Howard |
| <u>June 20th</u> | Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Sermon: "Transitions" | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |
| <u>June 27th</u> | Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Sermon: "Do you know what's good for you? " | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |

FINANCIAL POSITION - April 2021

Trinity UCC Wooster - "Embracing & Celebrating God's Love"

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2020 Year to Date**		**Last Year Actual**
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 15,306	\$ 21,649	\$63,581	\$83,037	\$ 69,567
Expenses	<u>\$ 31,592</u>	<u>\$ 37,141</u>	<u>\$103,082</u>	<u>\$125,806</u>	<u>\$ 104,351</u>
Net	\$ (16,285)	\$ (15,492)	\$(39,502)	\$(42,770)	\$(34,784)

Comments:

During April the only significant issue was that the month was a three pay period month which caused our deficit to be larger than normal. On the inside side, contributions were \$6k under budget but were within our normal range of fluctuation.

We continue to operate as we have been since we have been closed. Many thanks for those who continue to donate to our mission!

Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(25,428)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$23,968

Average weekly on-line worship views: 140.

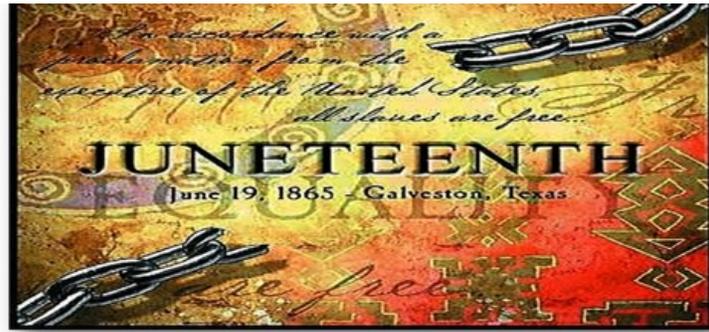


Youth Birthdays

8th Morghan Wenger
26th Kenzo Griffin
30th Jalen Wenger

Senior Birthdays

4th Edward Eberhart
6th Judith Amstutz
7th Diane Bostancic
7th Ken Richard
8th Vicki Butler
10th Janice Blackwood
10th Karen Howard
13th Mary Lee Lowe
14th Sandi Keim
24th Linda Houmard
24th Jim Pearce
26th Marvin Smith



Hello, friends,

Your garden - like mine - might not look like much yet, but even now is beginning to see green shoots bursting through fertile soil. Emerging plants make a great metaphor for the reopening of our community and the ministries it brings. Two new ministry seeds have been planted - I invite you to tend them with us.

First, let's bless and send Abby Reed. Abby's stint in the Peace Corps sadly ended because of COVID, and upon her return to the U.S., she discerned a call to the United Church of Christ Global Ministries Intern program. She looks forward to serving in South Korea where she will teach English. Congrats, Abby! As Abby lived in the U.S. during COVID 19, her ministries bore fruit with us as she helped create the Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity. Thank you, Abby, and bless you.

Next, Daniel Kirk and the Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity invite us into a new mission and worship initiative: Daniel writes, "During the summer of 2020 we saw a renewed determination for the cause of social and racial justice. This came to a boiling point as many people took to the streets to protest for the rights of others. The importance has not been lost as we enter the summer of 2021. This summer the Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity or A.C.T has started a summer offering campaign called Social Justice Summer. Beginning on June 19th or Juneteenth, a holiday to celebrate word of emancipation finally coming to a group of enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, A.C.T will be taking a special offering designed to raise money for the Wooster-Orrville NAACP Freedom Fund, supporting Black youth. This offering will take place over the course of 28 days to represent the percent that black people make up police murders despite being only 13% of the population. We hope that you will give in this campaign and that it may inspire you to advocate for justice in your sphere of influence. Please contact an A.C.T member if you have any questions about the group or the charitable offering."

Finally, in my ordination and installation last month, I felt so blessed to serve you. In my installation, I was reminded by my former pastor, Rev. Christina Kukuk, to remember my baptism. Perhaps the water of baptism, becomes the water of prayer, which allows us to grow. Let's open our Trinity garden to receive it.

In Christ,

Rev. Emily Howard

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		1 11am WHTM via zoom T.T.T noon	2 7:30pm Bell choir 6:30pm	3 Bible study 2pm	4	5
6 10:30am worship in the sanctuary Holy Communion	7 Trinity's Wellness program 10:30am Chapel	8 11am WHTM via zoom 6pm con-	9 7:30pm Bell choir 6:30pm prayer &	10 Bible study 2pm Upper	11 Youth group 6pm	12
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NOTES:- June 21- July 4 Pastor Emily will be on a vacation.

- **T.T.T= Talk Together Tuesday**
- **W.H.T.M= Wooster Homelessness Task Meeting**
- **Community Breakfast Program Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 9:30 am**

Trinity Climate Crisis Committee,
June 2021"

Ed & Carol Eberhart and Margaret
Bourne

I, perhaps like many of you, grew
up during the World War II Era. I
was 5 years old when my 7 year
old brother went to Germany to
serve in the Occupation Army
(The Big Red One). Before, and



during that time, we and every wider family member plus everyone else we knew, had a Victory Garden. Living in the City of Cleveland, we had a small yard, but we were able to plant all around the perimeter, a 3-4 feet wide section of garden. This gave us fresh vegetables for the Summer Season and home canned ones for the rest of the year (Thank you Mom). During those early years, I learned a lot about where our food comes from and the need to respect and care for the land---it reinforced my church lessons of what it means to be a caretaker of the earth. Today, that need to be a "Caretaker of the Earth" is even greater. As the Interfaith Power & Light film, "Kiss the Ground", we were able to watch during Earth Week in April, illustrated, we are losing our topsoil and the Corporate Farming Methods that came into play since World War II, are not sustainable. But there is hope and our farms and gardens can be a source of carbon capture, reviving the earth by using ground cover plants and no till planting. In my Spring Green America publication "Green American", there is an article entitled: "5 STEPS TO START YOUR FIRST VICTORY GARDEN"--your CLIMATE VICTORY GARDEN! The garden helps the climate by pulling the powerful greenhouse gas carbon dioxide out of the air and storing it underground where it feeds our plants and soil microbes. Avoiding tilling and keeping soils covered are examples of protecting the soil. Choose climate-conscious products. For example, instead of using synthetic chemical fertilizers--and their associated pollution and emissions from production and transportation--fertilize your garden with compost that supports soil life and keeps food and other organic waste out of the landfill where they produce the potent greenhouse gas, methane. Here are the suggestions in the article to Protect Your Soil: Avoid chemicals that reduce biodiversity Add compost to support soil life Mulch to protect soils from the elements Allow weeds to cover uncultivated soils Minimize digging to reduce disturbance of fungi and earthworms Keep old plants in the ground over the Winter for pollinator habitat and to anchor soils When removing old plants to plant more, cut at the soil level, leaving the root underground Whether you're a beginner or seasoned gardener, it's all an experiment. There will be ups and downs. "Soils are rich with life that supports nutritious crops and carbon capture. There are many ways to protect & build soil health, and these are a lifelong part of the gardening process." Looking for more information, check out: greenamerica.org/beginner-gardeners.

Carol Eberhart for the Climate Crisis Committee



This is the architect's drawing of our sanctuary from the 1950's renovation. I'm sure that members at the time felt excitement about coming into a new sanctuary. I think we are all having that same feeling as we prepare to open back up after the pandemic!

June Faith Formation Opportunities

Summer time is here! Okay, not officially until the 20th, but still, it feels great to have a new season upon us and the opportunity to gather together more often in person. With that in mind, here are some faith formation groups.

Trinity's Wellness Group will meet on Mondays at 10:30 am in Trinity's Chapel. This is a chance to work together to learn more about: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends as we try to become healthier. (If you are interested in an evening gathering in-person or on zoom, please contact me.)

"Talk Together Tuesdays" at noon at the Christmas Run Upper- Level Park. Please join us in a time of discussing scripture, prayer and conversation. Feel free to bring your own lunch or snack, if you wish.

Confirmation Class will resume on Wednesdays, beginning June 9th.

Trinity Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Thursday's Bible Study Group will meet at 2:00pm at the Christmas Run Upper- Level Park.

Trinity's Youth Group High School students are invited to join me on Friday, the 11th and 25th at 6:00pm. Place will be determined.

C.A.T. (Creative Arts at Trinity) is invited to meet with me on Monday, the 14th at 5:00- 6:30 at Christmas Run Park (lower level)

Summer Solstice Bonfire on Saturday, June 19th at 7:00pm at the Feltner residence at 11434 Friendsville Rd. Creston. Feel free to bring a snack to share, chair (some will be available) and join us for an evening of conversation and country life☺

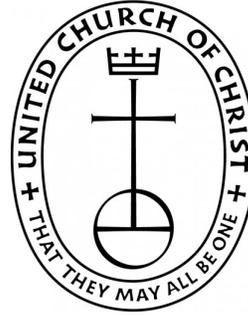
Scripture of the month: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

Peace.

Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

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Sunday morning at 8:30AM.