

Trinity Friends,

The United Church of Christ has been using a popular campaign for the last few years called “Be the Church.” Trinity placed a rainbow banner on the front of the church after voting to be an Open and Affirming church in 2016.

The banner contains a series of United Church of Christ values: care for the poor, forgive often, and embrace diversity are among them. The very last one on the list reads simply: enjoy this life. Yeah, enjoy this life. Many people have told me that “Enjoy This Life” is their favorite virtue on the list. Often we leave that part of our creeds. Maybe it fits into the balanced statement of faith; the cost and joy of discipleship.

One of my favorite scriptures is found in Luke 12:32. “So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.” Do not live in fear. Enjoy this life. Those are words to live by. What brings you joy? What makes you light up? What made you smile?

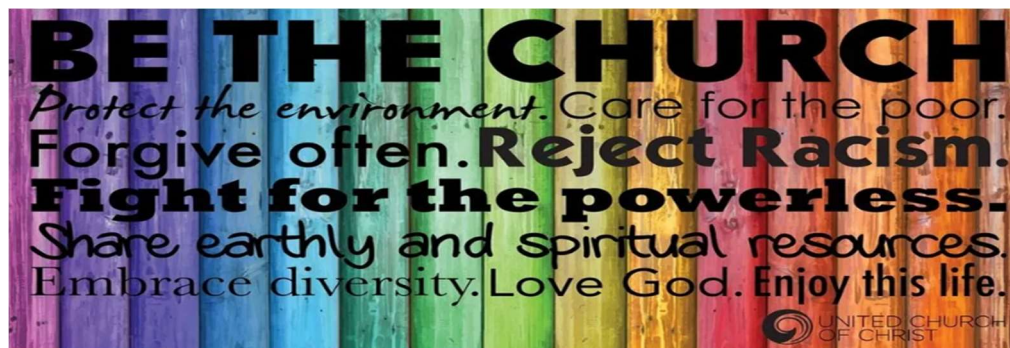
In the beginning of Genesis, the first time a human answers to God, Adam explains; “I was afraid and so I hid.” How often could we use this same excuse for not grabbing ahold of a joyful life? For avoiding people? Enjoy this life.

This summer, count your Sunrises, sunsets, flowers, trees, mountains, rivers, streams, waterfalls, rainbows, gentle rains, an eagle in flight, and ocean waves all these and more witness to God’s care for you and instills within us a sense of awe and wonder: so... Enjoy This Life it is God’s good will and good pleasure.

Can I get an Amen!!??

Your partner in Christ’s ministry,

Dr. Franklin



# **JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**10:30am**



**All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube**

**Live services are available on website at**

**Trinity UCC.org**

## **June 2nd**

Holy Communion

Mark 2:23-3:6

Sermon “Raise Your Hands”

## **June 9th**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Gary Friend

## **June 16th**

Juneteenth Celebration and Potluck Picnic at Christmas Run Park

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Beatrice Adams

## **June 23rd**

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: “Boats and Spirituality”

## **June 30th**

Youth Sunday: Recognition for Graduation Trinitarians

Mark 5:21-43

Sermon “How to Heal”

# Trinity United Church of Christ

Money earned from this sale will be used for operational costs that support the mission and programs of the church. We will earn 35% - 40% profit on every item we sell.

**Sale Dates:** May 12 - June 9

**Delivery:** June 29 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

For every 15 items a participant sells, you will receive one FREE Butter Braid pastry, cinnamon rolls or caramel rolls of your choicel My FREE item(s) selection is \_\_\_\_\_ (funded by Stoller).

**Be sure to check out the ONLINE-ONLY products!**

Thank you for your part in making this a success!

**STEP 1: SELLER REGISTRATION**

Link to register to use Online Store:

[Bit.ly/trinityuc](http://bit.ly/trinityuc)

You will get your shareable link after you register to share with family & friends so they can order under your name or share the QR Code below.

**STEP 2: SUPPORTERS: Scan QR Code below to find seller's name to place orders!**



Safe, Simple & Successful Fundraising!



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## June BIRTHDAY'S!!!

Edward Eberhart	4th
Judith Amstutz	6th
Kiah Ackerman	7th
Diane Bostancic	7th
Rena Ann Starr	7th
Don Baney	8th
David Browning	8th
Vicki Butler	8th
Morghan Wenger	8th
Janice Blackwood	10th
Mary Lee Lowe	13th
Sandi Keim	14th
Brianna Schmidt	24th
Amy Brown	25th
Kenzo Griffin	26th
Michael Hoffman	27th
Mike Lupole	28th
William Vizzo	30th
Jalen Wenger	30th



We have two groups visiting North Street Mission in June: A returning youth group from Downers Grove First United Methodist Church, near Chicago the week of June 10. This is the same church that their choir visited us during Holy Week.

In addition, we have an adult group from St Paul's UCC Church the week of June 23. Please help us to welcome them to Trinity and the Wooster Community!



*Our super awesome June volunteers!*

**Lay Readers**

June 2 - Carol Thompson  
June 9th - Nancy Lilburn  
June 16th - A.C.T. members  
June 23rd -  
June 30th -

**Coffee Hour**

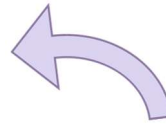
June 2nd - Matt & Tamera Bucklew  
June 9th - Mike & Nancy Lilburn  
June 16th - Outdoor Worship / Potluck Meal  
June 23rd - Rich & Sharon Brigham  
June 30th -

**Flowers**

June 2nd - the Lilburns  
June 9th - the Lilburns  
June 16th - Outdoor Worship!  
June 23rd -  
June 30th -

**Ushers**

June 2nd -  
June 9th -  
June 16th - Members of A.C.T.  
June 23rd -  
June 30th -



Our church is so great because of the community we have created, and the hands that help us put everything together.

We encourage you to sign up to be one of our volunteers! If you are interested in filling one of the remaining spots, or planning ahead for the month of July, you can find the sign up sheets in the outer Narthex!



## Looking Ahead!

**Graduation Sunday - June 30th @ 10:30**

Congratulations to our Graduates: Gabriel Kirk, Xavier Kirk, and Benjamin Wright!

We have two outdoor worship services this summer: **Sunday, June 16th** and **Sunday, August 18th** at Christmas Run Park

National Ice Cream day is **Sunday, July 21st!** Join us after church to celebrate.

Fellowship Friday: Game Night will be **June 28th** and **July 26th** from 7-9pm.

# The Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity

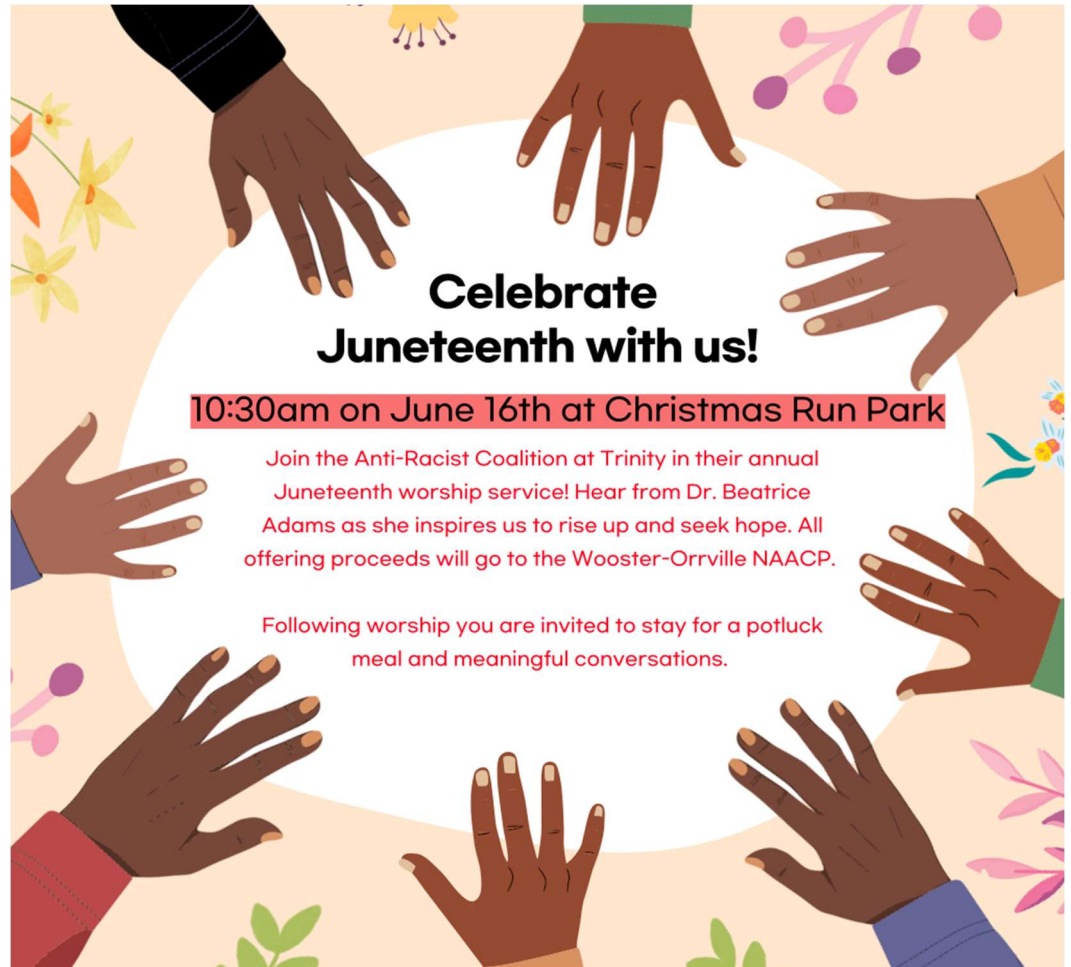
*It's almost that time again!!!*

*All are invited to attend A.C.T.'s 3rd annual Juneteenth Sunday worship service.*

*Following the service we will have a potluck meal. Members of ACT will be providing pulled pork sandwiches... YUM!*

*Pease bring one of your favorite dishes as well to share with everyone.*

*As our co-chair, Daniel Kirk said, "As long as you are outside and it's cooked... it qualifies as a cookout food."*



Beatrice J. Adams is an Assistant Professor of History at the College of Wooster. She received her Ph.D. in African American and African Diaspora History from Rutgers-New Brunswick in the spring of 2021. While at Rutgers, she served as a researcher for the Scarlet and Black Project and contributed to three volumes of the project's award-winning book series. She also served as a researcher for the Rise Up Newark Digital History Project—a public history project that explores the dynamics of the Modern Black Freedom Movement in the urban North. Her book in progress, "We Might as Well Fight at Home: African Americans Claiming the American South," examines the experiences of African Americans who remained in and returned to the American South during the Great Migration and the emergence of the New Great Migration. Her research has been supported by the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, the John Hope Franklin Center at Duke University, the Andrew Mellon Foundation, and the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University. She received her BA in History and Religion & Philosophical Studies from Fisk University in 2012 and her MA in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago in 2013.



*Special Guest Speaker:  
Dr. Beatrice Adams*



Abigail Reed;  
Returned GMI

In July of 2021, I began working as a Global Missions Intern through Global Ministries, a joint witness in mission between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. This internship aims to allow young adults a chance to learn more about themselves, their relationship with God, and their place in God's world. Over the course of two and a half years, I had the opportunity to work in English ministry programs at two different placements. The world we live in is becoming more interconnected with a global mission towards compassion and understanding. By embracing the language and culture of our global neighbors, these programs set the foundations for future English language education and experiences. As a strong believer that children are the future of the church, and the world itself, witnessing the work done in these programs provided me reassurance and a sense of hope.

Since returning home, I have had the immense honor of speaking to many churches about my experiences and sharing the importance of Global Ministries' work around the world. Throughout all of these engagements, I have witnessed how powerful the love and commitment to Christ' teachings is amongst various churches within the DOC and UCC. It is this love that has made these visits both eye opening and fulfilling. It has brought me a constant reminder that God's love is strong and at work. That even when I look around me and see a world filled with anger and hate, that love and joy still exist. They exist right here in our church, they exist in this state, and they exist in this world. Being a GMI isn't always easy, it requires one to look deep inside themselves and assess not only what they need from God, but what they need from God's beloved community. The insight, passion, and beauty of this internship and the work of Global Ministries, is that we get to see all of God's world and view it with fresh eyes and a full heart.

For the past month, I have had the opportunity to work as our church's secretary. This time has provided me with a clearer understanding of the work our church is doing out in the community, and strengthened the immense respect I have for our church staff and volunteers. Trinity is a place where people feel safe to come in their times of need, and where the members and staff are able to both provide support and affirm the dignity of others; a few of the things Jesus himself stood for. Next week, I will be starting a new role at the UCC National Offices within the Global Ministries team as the program assistant for their Child and Elder Sponsorship program, as well as United Nations program. These two programs have similar goals to that of our church: affirm the dignity of others, and spark change out in the world beyond the walls of the church.

I am ecstatic for this new role I will be taking on and look forward to sharing more about it, as well as my time in Korea with all of you on **World Communion Sunday, October 6th!**





# COOKBOOK

There is only 1 month left to get your memories of Trinity's kitchen sent to Sandi Keim ([ajskkeim@aol.com](mailto:ajskkeim@aol.com)), Deb Baney ([mrbaney@sssnet.com](mailto:mrbaney@sssnet.com)) or Linda Baney ([ljbaney@aol.com](mailto:ljbaney@aol.com)) so they can be included in the fundraiser cookbook.

The recipes used by Trinity cooks over the years were stored in 2 recipe boxes in the cupboard. They fed Quota Club, the Cancer Society, the County Commissioners and many more through the years. The recipes have been salvaged from the demolition and are also included in this cookbook. Recipes that you'd like to share are also being collected especially any that reflect your time spent as a member of youth fellowship or any church group or on a mission trip or any function you attended here at Trinity.

The deadline is June 30th!

If you want to purchase a cookbook for \$10, please sign the "Renovation Catalogue" sheet so we know how many as a minimum to print. The catalogue is on the table in the back narthex. Or call the church office and let them know how many you want.

This will be a great way to remember those who prepared all the good food eaten over the years here at Trinity, so dig into your memories and into your recipe file and share them with us.



Susan Muskopf

# What can I do for you?

This phrase “What can I do for you?” is expressed many times throughout the day. Whether you are looking to buy a new pair of shoes or trying to find a certain item on a grocery store shelf, someone will ask you this question.

People ask each other “What can I do for you?” when there is a problem they would like to help with. In circumstances like a funeral, illness, emotional stress or financial need, concerned people ask this. They truly want to help but sometimes do not know how to help.

In the early 1990s, when Trinity was evaluating whether to stay as a downtown church or move out of the City, we asked the downtown “What can I do for you?”. The answer was to remain downtown to provide a place for the community to gather for celebrations, meetings, educational events, meals, etc. This led to the major renovations that were done in the early 1990s. Now in 2024, Trinity needs to renovate our facilities so we can continue to be a place of community.

The same question should be asked by the congregation in regards to the renovation project Trinity is currently undertaking- “What can I do for you?”. Members and friends may want to help financially but do not know to what extent they can help. It was suggested this info of financial needs for the renovation be given to you so you can decide how you want to help financially. You can see what the items or services cost and donate accordingly.

This first list contains the contractors and suppliers who have worked with the project thus far: Vince Mariola Construction Ltd, HLH Engineering Consulting LLC, EcoSeal, Tri Mark appliances, Martin Interiors, Koorsen Fire and Security and numerous sub-contractors used by Vince Mariola Construction. Everyone of these has asked the Renovation Team “What can I do for you?” and we have been working with them to do the best that we can for Trinity.

This second list contains items or services that are needed to complete the project and the cost of each item listed. Some of these are in the Renovation Catalogue in the narthex and are included here so you can see the project’s costs in its entirety. NOTE: this list does not include change orders or situations that need repaired/relocated in the process of construction.

## **Appliances;**

Dishwasher and attachments	\$22,450.46
Soiled dishtable and disposal into dishwasher	\$3769.57
Clean dishtable out of dishwasher	\$1425.08
Hand wash sink	\$325.44
One compartment sink with drain board	\$984.26
Triple sink (with faucets and needed attachments)	\$3,861.82
Double stack electric convection ovens with built in filter	\$19,672.38
Hot food well unit, triple wells, waterless	\$3007.27



### Services and materials;

General Conditions i.e. permits, dumpster, misc. small expenses	\$6,750
Demolition and framing/Carpentry	\$14,458
Ceiling grid work	\$2,700
Concrete	\$3,500
Electrical	\$11,745
Plumbing	\$21,877
French drain	\$12,880
Downspouts by back door	\$1,500

### Services and materials con't

Paint	\$2,500
Koorsen-remove and re-install fire suppression system	\$3,574
Corian countertops including installation	\$8,800
FRP and Stainless materials for walls and installation	\$15,057
Allowance for decorative plastic laminate on walls	\$1,000
Cabinets, including installation	\$41,244
Stainless steel countertops, including sublayer and installation	\$6,163
Remove/reinstall toilets and partitions	\$1,600
Remove/reinstall door and jamb	\$1,600
Roll down brown steel doors for serving windows	\$5,060
Chairs for Fellowship Hall	\$6,052.94

The cost of the renovation will be spread out over a 3year campaign fund drive. One third to funded by congregational giving and fundraisers, one third to be funded by grants from outside entities and the last third to be covered by Trinity's endowment fund.

The Renovation Team has spent many hours meeting together or with the various contractors and suppliers. We have discussed, debated and decided upon plans and materials that we think will make Trinity the best community place.

As you can see from the above lists, there are many items, services and people that will make this renovation complete. Please answer the question "What can I do for you?" by asking more specifically "*What can I do for Trinity?*" and consider making a donation. Possibly one large enough to pay for a certain item or service listed above.

The renovation Team is very grateful for your donation.

Susan Muskopf  
Chair of the Renovation Team



# *Mind, Body and Spirit at Trinity*

*June, 2024*



Please join us for **Bible Study at the Park**- Tuesdays at Noon. This takes place at the Upper-Level Christmas Run Park.

**C.A.T. (Children's Arts at Trinity)** is on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:00. This is a time for art, music, story time, food and fellowship for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders. On Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June we will be at Christmas Run Park. The other days we will be at Trinity.



**Yoga Classes**, taught by Lyn Shoots, will now be held at West View Wellness Center, 1038 Country Club Dr., Wooster. The classes will be at 10:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Chair Yoga 10:00 Wednesdays. Contact Lyn to learn more.

If you are interested in **sharing ideas for Worship**, please meet with Lynda Varno and me on **Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** after worship.



**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated on **June 30<sup>th</sup>** during Worship at Trinity. Please come to celebrate the High School graduations of Gabriel Kirk, Xavier Kirk and Benjamin Wright.

Peace to all!

Suzanne Feltner, Director of Faith Formation and Arts

**Financial Position April, 2024**

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

**General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot**

	<b>**Current Month**</b>		<b>**2024 Year to date**</b>		<b>**Last year actual**</b>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$11,798	\$17,999	\$65,457	\$69,680	\$63,039
Expenses	\$22,946	\$27,375	\$108,974	\$123,377	\$122,456
Net	(\$11,148)	(\$9,376)	(\$43,517)	(\$53,697)	(\$59,417)

Comments:

During April our income was roughly \$6k under budget which generated a \$11k deficit which was slightly above our budgeted deficit of \$9.4k. On the expense side, utilities combined were right on budget with our electric being \$400 over and our gas \$400 under budget. Our other expenses were in line with projections.

**Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$25,085)**

We didn't have any renovation expenses during April. We did receive our first draw of \$75,000 from our Line of Credit on our Stifel Endowment fund.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$25,702**

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

**Trinity Kitchen / Fellowship Hall  
Renovation Project 2024**



Vanco electronic giving



Venmo—@trinityuccwooster1819

Venmo



Paypal

Email that your donation is for the kitchen to:  
tucc44691finance@gmail.com

Place check or cash in the collection plate or mail to the church office.

**We are in the midst of a renovation project to upgrade our equipment and facilities for our daily Breakfast Program and Church functions. We are still raising funds and would appreciate it if you'd consider donating to our project. When making donations mention Kitchen renovation or building. Thank-you for your continued support of our mission in downtown Wooster!**