

MARCH

Trinity Friends,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. We turn our attention toward the center of our faith practices. Lent calls us to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, study and works of love help us return to that love.

This week, I officiated Ella Mae Ross' memorial service. Assertive and forthright about everything in life but especially about her faith, Ella Mae was never shy about talking about her spiritual experiences. She always held a deep conviction about her faith. Ella Mae and Raymond were the kind of people who used to randomly stop in at Trinity, "just to say "Hi" and "How is everything going?". It feels good when people do things like that because it shows that they sincerely feel at home here.

Ella Mae was the foundation of our Tuesday morning Bible Study. She was a great person of faith who never doubted the reality of spiritual things. Rev. Glenn Royer and I used to take turns leading that group on Tuesday mornings; Lloyd Cornelius, Joe Miller, Ida Mae Holland, Evelyn Duell, Mary Soliday, Ken Rhode, were all regulars. Every one of them are gone now. Perhaps you remember many of these people too! We came to know one other well because we shared our faith, our lives and our convictions about the things that matter most each Tuesday. I like to imagine that Pastor Glenn Royer will start up another Bible Study in Heaven now that Ella Mae has joined them! Each Tuesday morning at 10, I will be thinking about them!

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,
Dr. Franklin

Finally, my friends, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. -Philippians 4:8-9

March WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am

March 2nd:- Ash Wednesday at noon and 6:30pm FH hall

March 6th:- Sermon: "Cash is King"

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

Holy Communion

February 13th:- Sermon: "Keeping Sabbath"
Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

February 20th:- Sermon: "Well + Good"
Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Emily Howard

February 27th:- Sermon: "They were Silent"
Luke 9:28-36

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin



Ed & I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers, offered help, or phoned since Ed's incapacity. A special thank you to Margaret Bourne for taking on extra Climate Crisis Articles, Doug Anderson for lawn mowing help in the Fall and John Schantz for the recent snow removals. What a Blessing each and everyone of you have been for us!

Ed and Carol Eberhart

The Annual Mission Trip to Esperanza in Tijuana Mexico will take place this spring.

Dates: March 12 -19, 2022 Cost: \$550.00 plus your airfare We will travel on our own and meet at the San Diego Airport. Once we arrive ground transportation, lodging, and meals are included in the cost. Passports and Covid vaccinations are required. Masks need to be worn. The College of Wooster will not be joining us so the group will be quite small. If you have never been to Esperanza or if it has been a few years, we hope you might give this opportunity some serious thought. They need our help. If you have further questions or want more details, contact Steve Schroer at steven.schroer@yahoo.com or 419.271.4361.



FINANCIAL POSITION - January , 2022
Trinity UCC Wooster - "Embracing & Celebrating God's Love"

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2022 Year to Date**		**Last Year Actual**
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 15,249	\$ 18,360	\$15,249	\$18,360	\$14,314
Expenses	\$ 26,208	\$ 29,886	\$26,208	\$29,886	\$ 22,870
Net	(\$10,959)	(\$11,526)	(\$10,959)	(\$11,526)	(\$8,556)

Comments:

We start off 2022 with a typical January, where income is lower than expectations. On the expense side there were no extra ordinary expenses.

As we discussed in the annual report we encourage our members and friends to think about Electronic Giving. Please see the Stewardship page on our website (www.trinityucc.org) or contact Phil Starr in the church office!

Building Repair Fund Balance: - (18,468)

During January, we paid \$2,859 for Elevator testing and repairs to our boilers.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$29,558

Trinity Breakfast program-26 Years
 Established in the summer of 1995



Senior Birthdays

Please join us on Ash
 Wednesday (**March 2nd**) for
 Soup, Salad and Prayer at Noon
 in Fellowship Hall.

Traditional Ash Wednesday
 evening worship service will be
 held at **6:30 on March 2nd** in
 Fellowship Hall with our Cen-
 tral Christian neigh-
 bors. We will observe
 Holy Communion and
 imposition of Ashes.



- 5th Elisabeth Stauffer
- 8th Lois Wagner
- 11th Chuck Vrotney
- 14th Byron Ernsberger
- 14th Joyce Blanchard
- 14th Jean Garver
- 15th Doug Patton
- 17th Herb Broda
- 18th Tom Ogden
- 25th Bob Eicholtz
- 26th Tim Zuercher
- 28th Dan Eagle
- 28th Vera Zuercher **102!!!!!!**
- 30th Carol Briggs
- 30th Janet Snoddy

Associate Pastor's Message

Beloved Community,

I first want to shout out to the young adults at Trinity, some of whom are receiving this newsletter for the first time. Hi. You are beloved. I am so proud to serve these young adults because they are leading our congregation to think in new ways, challenge ourselves to live our commitments, and celebrate that Jesus loves all. Go, YAHOOOS! (That's our young adult group name because we did not want to be stigmatized as "young" but chose to stand for Young Adults Have Outstanding Old Souls.)

This month marks the beginning of Lent, and a special time of renewal of faith. In Lent, we get to express a part of our faith that we often don't: confession of sin. Most UCC churches don't practice regular confession, one reason being the harm that sin language has done to many of us. So, we lift up our strengths and remember our capacities rather than feel beaten down by the language of sin. In many UCC churches, however, we add a confessional prayer every Sunday in Lent as an acknowledgement of the return to God that Lent represents.

What is it about confession that I love so deeply? Confession means truth-telling. In lives that want to present only the best and never the worst, always the joys and never the challenges, always the "I can do it" and never the "I need help" - truth-telling can mean a breath of fresh air! Yes, humanity is sinful - meaning, we miss the mark. And, yet, we are capable of repentance - meaning, change. Even in our brokenness, we remain utterly beautiful to God, who sees all of us and loves us still. When we get close to God, the beauty of the journey remains the powerful resurrections we will look forward to.

In Christian love,

Rev. Emily Howard

Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity

"Marshall" Movie Discussion

Monday, 3/7/22, at 7pm

This is an online only event:

www.trinityucc.org Prayer and Communion Zoom Link Watch the movie before the event and come to discuss! Join the Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity for our first movie discussion night. In connection with the newest discussion of who will be nominated to the Supreme Court, hear the story of the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall. "Before he won Brown v. Board of Education, the case that desegregated schools, Thurgood Marshall was just a man with a mission." Learn about a young Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases.

Watch the movie with Trinitarians on **Sunday, 3/6/22 after church**, or watch it on your own. Copies available on DVD at Wayne County Public Library and for rent on Amazon Prime. Then, join **ACT's discussion on 3/7/22 at 7pm** on zoom, at www.trinityucc.org Prayer and Communion Zoom Link.



Environmental Film and lecture opportunities for March 2022

One Earth Film Festival, 2022

What are you doing March 4-13? Attending the 11th annual One Earth Film Fest, of course, held in Chicago, but available throughout the U.S. through streaming. Here are the steps to get involved:

1. **Check out the festival schedule of virtual watch parties** you can watch and participate in all the environmental screenings and discussions with expert panelists and filmmakers.
2. **Reserve your tickets now.** All film events are free and open to the public. The virtual schedule is open now, while in the Chicago-area event tickets are being added in coming days and weeks. Spots are limited; advance registration is highly recommended.
3. **Please consider donating \$8 per event** to keep their programs free for everyone.
4. **Popcorn is optional**, but paying attention to how you can get involved in climate change and environmental justice efforts is not.
5. **Contact info:** ana@oneearthfilmfest.org
<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/films-by-date>

Great Decisions Series, The College of Wooster, 2022

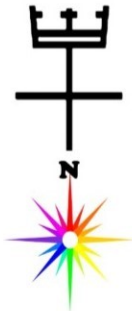
The theme of this year's Great Decision series is "Global Sustainable Development." Below, you will find the schedule of speakers. (You don't have to go all the way to Chicago.) All of the following events begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gault Recital Hall of the Scheide Music Center.

March 2 (Wed.) – Vijay Vaitheeswaran, "**Energy in Today's World**"

March 8 (Tuesday) – Colin Mangham, "**Nature's Global Design Challenge: Biomimicry and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**"

March 31 (Thursday) – Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, "**What Happens Upstream Doesn't Stay Upstream: Land Use, Stormwater Management and Water Quality in Northeast Ohio**"

Later, throughout the month of April, there will be many fun and interesting events being held in Wooster to celebrate Earth Day 2022. Watch for event dates and times in the April newsletter.



NORTH STREET MISSION
Wooster OH
www.northstreetmission.org



We want to remind our Trinity members and friends about “North Street Mission.” We encourage you to help us to spread the word with your family and friends who live out of the area. We can house both youth and adult mission groups at anytime during the year. For more information, you can refer them to our website: www.northstreetmission.org or contact a church staff member.

The month of March has been described as “**coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb**”. The speaker Women’s Guild will have at 2pm on **March 15th** handles wild mustangs in this same manner! Come and hear Kelsey Spencer tell about her lifelong love of horses that has led to her amazing job as a wild mustang trainer. And she does this just down the road in Dalton! A special offering may be taken to support her project. So giddy up and hit the trail to Trinity’s Women’s Guild meeting! See ya there pardner!



MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR



March Faith Formation Opportunities

A few years ago, the Heartland Conference UCC Faith Formation leaders came up with the theme of “Learn it. Live it. Share it.” The season of Lent often gives me a time to explore different ways to learn more about Jesus, how I am to live the way he wants me to, and to share that with others. I hope that as we begin the season of Lent, you will find time to join us in Faith Formation groups to do this too.

Sundays from 9:15-10:15 Youth and Adults can join Janet Burkhart in the Parlor for the “**The Sermon on the Mount**”. This study includes learning more about: The Beatitudes; The Extensions; Practicing Piety; Our Father; Finding Your Treasures; and Living the Kingdom. This will also be a Lenten study offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:45 via zoom. If you are interested, please let me know so I can get you the book.

Children of all ages can join me and Yulia on Sundays for lessons titled “**A Connected Easter Experience**”. This takes place in the Sunshine Room and Rainbow Art Room on the 2nd floor.

Tuesdays at 12:00 in the Parlor, you are invited to join me for soup and studying the book, “**Witness at the Cross**”. In this study, we will learn more about: The Bystanders and Scoffers; The Other Victims; The Soldiers; The Beloved Disciple; The Women; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus and God and Nature. Please let me know if you are interested so I can get the book

for you.

On **Sunday, March 20th** after worship until 2:00, you are invited to join us in a “**Trinity Wellness Fair**”. Sessions being offered during this will be: Chair Massage with Jamie Gilmore; Meditation with Janet Burkhart; Yoga with Lyn Shoots; Praying through Color with Pat Anderson; and a Healthy light meal. We hope you will join us!

We continue to offer **Qi Gong and Wellness Conversations** on Mondays starting at 10:00 in the Parlor. **Yoga** at 10:00 on Tuesdays and 6:00 on Thursdays in the Chapel.

Creative Arts at Trinity (C.A.T.) is on **Wednesdays** anytime after 4:30 until 7:00. This is open to 5-year-olds through 8th graders. This is time of music, drumming, visual arts, stories and supper together.

Bell Choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays** at 7:00 in the Balcony. If you are interested in joining this, please let Suzanne know.

Lantern Fellowship Women’s Retreat will be held April 29- May 1st at Temple Hills. If you wish more information for registration, please ask.

Practice saying this daily during Lent: I am a delight to God my Creator. I am embraced by Christ Jesus the Son. I am a masterpiece in the making of God’s creative Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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Our Worship Service is Broadcast-
ed on WKVX 960 AM every
Sunday morning at 8:30AM.