



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. -Galatians 5:22

Trinity Friends,

Join us on Sunday, May 23rd at 10:30 am at Christmas Run Park to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost seems like a fitting occasion to begin gathering together again. We celebrate the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Watch for further details about our worship on May 30th as our first socially distanced worship in the Sanctuary will take place.

Acts 1:6-8 describes the day of Pentecost. 6 So when the disciples had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The UCC logo features a cross and a crown atop the circle of the earth which is divided into three parts. It means that we will be witnesses in all the world and is based on Acts 1:8. Notice that the Holy Spirit is Power. Pentecost is about empowering people. Worship empowers you to act and to speak for God's good purposes. As disciples, Pentecost helps us to recognize the power we have to do good in the world.

The most powerful things in your life remain unseen to others. We rarely talk about the things that matter most. The wind blows where it wills you can see the trees swaying but you can't see the wind.

You already have that power within you when you let your love light shine. The Spirit is an entire unseen support structure, giving power to the work of the church. As Jackie DeShannon sang, "Put a little love in your heart."

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

Dear Friends,

Helping people change direction. It's OneEighty's mission statement, but it is your response to the community's needs. Thank you for supporting OneEighty's mission with your gift of \$126.00. Our Community is facing challenges brought on by substance use disorder, homelessness, and domestic violence. Every day we see individuals seeking help and support and it's your commitment that allows us to provide the services they need at the level the community deserves.

With your help, we are able to serve over 1,000 individuals each year in six service areas. Your support has helped OneEighty continue to grow by increasing availability to our services, and accomplishing our mission to help people change direction.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

You may access our worship service on our YouTube and Website homepage listed on the back. Join us, every Wednesday for Prayer services at 6:30 PM.

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| <u>May 2nd</u> | <i>Scripture:</i> Virtually livestream Emily Howard installation at 10:30 a.m. via Prayer and Communion ZOOM Link on our website Trinityucc.org homepage. | |
| <u>May 9th</u> | <i>Scripture:</i> 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
<i>Sermon:</i> "Godly Character"
Virtual Mothers Day | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |
| <u>May 16th</u> | <i>Scripture:</i> Psalm 1, John 17:6-19
<i>Sermon:</i> "What Would Jesus Pray?" | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |
| <u>May 23rd</u> | <i>Scripture:</i> Acts 2:1-21
<i>Sermon:</i> "Hear the Spirit Call"
Pentecost at Christmas Run Park! | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |
| <u>May 30th</u> | <i>Scripture:</i> Romans 8:18-28
<i>Sermon:</i> "Hope in all things"
In person Memorial Day weekend! | Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin |

FINANCIAL POSITION - March 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	\$ 16,353	\$ 19,268	\$48,274	\$61,388	\$ 50,571
Expenses	<u>\$ 25,036</u>	<u>\$ 30,956</u>	<u>\$71,491</u>	<u>\$88,665</u>	<u>\$ 80,518</u>
Net	\$ (8,683)	\$ (11,688)	\$(23,217)	\$(27,277)	\$(29,947)

Comments: We continue to operate at both under budget with income and expenses. On the expense side we incurred \$273 in postage against a budget of \$125 as we are mailing a lot more information from the church office while we are shut down. Our software/computer line was overbudget as we posted two cable payments during March.

We continue to operate pretty close to our expectations. We thank-everyone who continues to donate to Trinity!

Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(26,955)

In March we paid for ceiling repairs in the Sanctuary for \$3,761.

Breakfast Program Balance: \$23,968

Average Weekly On-line Views: 114

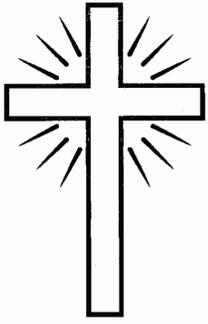


Youth Birthdays

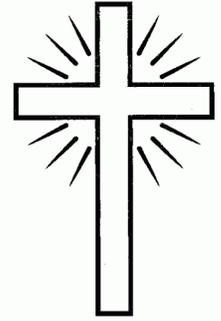
3rd Xander Kasunick
14th Gabriel Kirk
14th Xavier Kirk
15th Caroline Briggs
15th Harrison Briggs

Senior Birthdays

1st Linda Ditzler
7th Hazel Starr
8th Lorene Donelson
11th Ella Mae Ross
11th Fred Mathys
11th John Ladrach
18th Ray Leisy
21st Mary Arnold
21st Joan Cooper
23rd Donna Brown
28th Jon Vizzo
29th Margo Stafford



BIG NEWS!



Beloved friends,

Wow, spring is full of changes. Sometimes change is overwhelming - the tumult of soil turned over by new growth, reminds us that a literal upheaval creates space for life, a blessing in disguise. Other times, change can be like the spring rain. And, still others, like the sunshine. Gentle or strong, wind blown and still, all of these describe the process that makes for growing faith. How are you growing and what is being prepared in you to take life?

As my own life changes, I share the exciting news of a change in store: My ordination, held on April 18, has fully authorized me into lifelong set-apart ministry for the United Church of Christ. Now, we will install my ministry, recognizing and celebrating our covenant. Please plan to be a part of the zoom worship service by bringing your prayers, presence, and communion elements, for this special service, on May 2 at 10:30am on zoom.

I finally have one more spring change to share and celebrate. In my call to ministry, I dreamed of getting involved in spiritual care provision for hospice. I am going to begin serving Life Care Hospice, in a weekend role. So, at the end of May I will be leaving Kohl's where I was so fortunate to have a position this year.

I pray with you as we lean into change. In your ministries, may you continue to PRESS ON with the faith of the flower that grows, bending into the son of God.

Following, in faith, God's love which matures us,
Emily

Trinity Climate Crisis Committee, March 2021

Ed & Carol Eberhart and Margaret Bourne

Sometimes it is good to look back a few years when we are attempting to understand our present situation. For this purpose I went back and re-read the book, Crimes Against Nature, by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. He has devoted his life as an attorney to environmental causes.

The book was published in 2004, during the George W. Bush administration. And it could have been written this past year. Environmentally, we are at almost the same place as we were when George W. Bush was in office. He had devoted his energies to putting fossil fuel executives and lobbyists into every regulatory agency to eliminate any and all regulations over which they had control. Coal, gas and oil industries were set free to do basically whatever they wished. Power plant pollution ceased to be treated as a concern. At the top of the priority list were the money interests. Clean air, water and other regulations were not regarded as health or survival problems. And the Climate enhancement gains of previous administrations were just thrown overboard. Industrial pollutants were allowed to flow more freely into the rivers and accumulate on and in the soil.

The palms of influential people could be crossed with large piles of dollars to overcome regulatory burdens or to gain access to previously forbidden sites for mining and drilling, without regard for environmental impact. No regulation could withstand the desire to profit from a natural resource, even if it meant destroying forever valuable cultural and environmentally sensitive resources. This can be a frustrating and disturbing read. But it stands a reminder that we cannot take our attention away from the health of our very fragile environment, especially since there are those who will continually strive to turn the public good to private profit, to enable huge gain for a few at the cost of impoverishing the many and rendering the earth less capable of supporting its many forms of life.

As I said at the beginning, it can be good to look into our recent past to help understand where we stand in the present. There were a few significant advances for protection of our precious and precarious climate and general environment in the years after the W. administration. But for the past four years we have seen an all-out attack on these environmental protections once again. Now we must try to regain the lost time and the lost advantage to our personal and environmental health. We cannot afford to underestimate the impact of the word "existential." An existential threat is a threat to SURVIVAL. Let us not underestimate our potential effect on the future of life on earth. We really would like to have a better world for our children and grandchildren.

I suggest reading or re-reading of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s book: Crimes Against Nature
Ed Eberhart, for the Climate Crisis Committee



Picture taken at our 200th Anniversary Celebration taken in November 2019. It seems like years ago! All of the ministers pictured here have either served in ministry at Trinity or were ordained here!



Last month in Trinity Topics we made an appeal asking for donations to offset last year's \$8,853 deficit. We are happy to report that we have received over \$6,800 in donations! Many thanks for your continued support of Trinity!

May Faith Formation Opportunities

It is hard to believe that this is May, and summer is right around the corner! With that in mind, I find this a good season to think about making a new start toward wellness. So, I invite you to join me in a **wellness program** that will combine **faith, food, fitness, focus and friends**. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please email me at: suzannefeltner@yahoo.com

The Grace of “*les Misérables*” is a study that is held via zoom on Mondays at either 3 or 7:00pm. If you are interested, let me know so I can send you the zoom link.

Talk Together Tuesdays is happening at noon each Tuesday at Christmas Run Upper-level Park. This is a time to share scripture, prayer and conversation. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or snacks to eat during this time. (Plan to dress for the weather.)

Creative Arts at Trinity (C.A.T.) will be meeting at Oak Hill Park on Wednesday, May 12th from 5-6:30pm. I am so looking forward to seeing these young ones again!

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

The Good Book Club is continuing a **“*Journey with Matthew*”** this month. Gatherings to discuss the readings will take place on Thursdays at 2:00 at Christmas Run Upper -Level Park or at 7:00 on Trinity’s Prayer and Communion Zoom link.

A Drum Circle will be participating as part of Pentecost Sunday Worship Service on **May 23rd at Christmas Run Park starting at 10:15**. Percussion will be available, or you may bring your own. All are invited to participate in this.

Scripture of the month: *...Jesus stood up and shouted, “If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you, just as the Scriptures say.” Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone that had faith in him. John 7:37-39 (CEV)*

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

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