



Trinity Friends,

In a recent sermon about how we learn through what we suffer, I mentioned the eulogy that I delivered at David Briggs memorial service shortly after the pandemic began. We all need people in our lives to guide us through the hard times and David appreciated the influence of his Mother, Francis Shoolroy. They enjoyed a very close bond. Dave's care for her was amazing.

At Francis' memorial service in January of 2015, Dave felt compelled to offer a tribute to his mother. As he was reading her eulogy, I realized that he was using a repeating literary technique so I wrote down what he shared that day. After sharing each story about a struggle in his life, he said the words; "Lesson Learned". Someone asked if I would share his list of "lessons Learned" from his mother.

Fortunately, I found my notes from that day and these are the lessons that Dave learned from his Mother;

1. Be Generous. Be Prepared. Work hard.
2. Be Responsible. Support and care for those who are vulnerable.
3. Provide for your family. Save, Invest; have fun.
4. Before committing to a cause be sure to examine its values; never compromise your integrity.
5. Always keep learning.
6. Life can deal tough blows. Stay positive. Never complain.

Throughout our lives we learn lessons and sometimes we learn the "hard way". We learn from one another. November begins our holiday season. Totenfest (Memorial Sunday), Stewardship Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent fill the church calendar. It is so important for us to give thanks and to lead grateful lives. We all owe a great debt to those people who taught us important life lessons. We sow seeds of humanities future in the way we share our "lessons learned". This is truly the joyful feast of the people of God.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

NOVEMBER 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.

November 7th: *“Fully Alive”*

Holy Communion/ Totenfest Celebration
“John 6:6-14, 1 Kings 17:8-16

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

November 14th: *“The Greatest Treasure”*

Stewardship Sunday/Confirmation
1 Timothy 6: 17-21

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

November 21st: *“Looking back at Life”*

Thanksgiving Sunday
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Daniel 7:9-14

Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin

November 28th: *First Sunday of Advent: HOPE*

Rev. Emily Howard



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

See our webpage for the link.

Men's Breakfast! Yes!! We're back. Join us for breakfast and random conversation at Greenleaf Restaurant Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 8 am.



FINANCIAL POSITION - September 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	\$ 18,351	\$ 45,144	\$191,766	\$220,115	\$ 152,679
Expenses	\$ 28,249	\$ 32,181	\$237,140	\$273,239	\$ 225,330
Net	(\$9,898)	\$ 12,963	\$(45,374)	\$(53,124)	\$(72,651)

Comments:

Our income was under expectations for September as we had budgeted for some of our annual contributors who had donated earlier in the year. On the expense side there were no extra-ordinary expenses

Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(15,852)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$21,792

Average weekly attendance: Not counted in September

Trinity Breakfast program-26 Years

Established in the summer of 1995

Senior Birthdays



1st Annabelle Ogden
5th Sharen Brigham
6th David Boyer
6th Rozella Stinebirg
10th Bob Chizmadia
12th Brenda Leist
14th Joyce Schroer
14th Chris Gehring
15th Pat Gerber
17th Irene Winner
17th Steve Schroer
21st Margie Wilson
22nd Joan Buehler
27th Shirley Snoddy

Associate Pastor's Message

Dear friends,

I remember how good it felt to hear my former mentor say, as I was learning our UCC traditions, "There is only one thing you have to believe to be ordained in the UCC: Jesus Christ is the head of the church."

I look back on that moment, daily, weekly, or in moments and situations when this question comes up: Who's in control here? I am not. Surely, though, one is - God. The leader in any congregation is not one of the line of dozens of ministers who have shepherded this church, it is not any one person or personality. The only One in charge ultimately is God, known in Jesus Christ.

How does Jesus manifest leadership in our church? Well, one way is by giving us visions and dreams. Another way is by teaching us through relationships with one another and the world. There are so many more. We are a congregation that put in its bulletin, in decades past, Who are the ministers of Trinity UCC? And the answer: All our members. (And friends!)

In Christ's love,

Rev. Emily Howard

Christmas Wishes:- Make a wish come true for a special child... once again Trinity will help to provide gifts for children who might not otherwise have something to look forward to on Christmas morning. If you wish to sponsor a child, please sign your name in the book in the narthex the Sunday before thanksgiving. Your wrapped gift should be brought to the church or office. The deadline is December 6th.

Labeling Instructions: On the outside of the package should be the child's first name, last initial and number along with the caseworker's name. Gift receipts and tags are especially helpful with clothing items in case of duplication or improper fit and can be placed in a separate envelope for the caseworker's eyes only. Let's make this Christmas one that each child can remember.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandy Wenger at sandywenger@zoominternet.net



TRINITY CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 2021

"IT IS SO THIN !" This may be the quote of the month. These are the words spoken by 90 year old William Shattner (Captain Kirk of the Star Trek Series) immediately upon his return from his brief launch into space on October 1-3, 2021.

What he was referring to was the thinness of the atmosphere supporting LIFE on Earth.

It is so thin that it is comparable in scale to the thickness of the peel on an apple.

Ed, reflecting on his high school Freshman (1952) General Science Class, when they were studying the water and combustion cycles and the atmosphere, questioned his teacher about the atmosphere filling with the industrial waste and the teacher laughed, saying that the atmosphere is too vast to fill up. Within a few years, alarms were being raised and largely ignored concerning the air pollution and it's harm to people and the environment.

Now we know how thin and fragile that atmosphere is and the question remains--are we going to do anything about it. Or will we simply ignore and deny the reality and continue to allow pollution to destroy the planet, by making only a token response to a HUGE CRISIS!

As we approach THANKSGIVING, we are grateful for this Earth that we have been given stewardship over and the opportunity to decide how to preserve it for our children and grandchildren. As we were thinking about this, we both thought of the lines from the hymn, "Once to Every Man and Nation":

Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide
In the strife of truth with false-hood, For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new messiah, Offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever 'Twixt that darkness and that light.

Global Warming and its impacts are happening more rapidly, than scientists predicted, making it clear that we URGENTLY need to move away from the "darkness" of fossil fuels and toward the "light" of renewable energy and sustainability. We need to let our United States Congress and the President, know that we DO NOT want the U.S. to continue subsidizing (515 billion/year) the fossil fuel industry and the fossil fuel driven plastics industry.

If enough of us contact Congress, we can have an impact beyond the fossil fuel lobbyists.

Remind them that they were elected by the people to work for the betterment of society.

We can let our State Legislature and Governor know that we do not want any more licenses granted for hydraulic fracturing waste deposit wells--which can leak into ground water systems (note concern in The Daily Record August 22,2A21). I believe there are some in the Wooster area. Locally, we can urge the City of Wooster to become part of the Sierra Club's challenge to be "Ready for 100!" campaign--pledging to be 100% renewable. Already, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Lakewood and South Euclid have made the pledge.

As "Captain Kirk, of the Starship Enterprise" might say: WE NEED TO GO BRAVELY ON-WARD

TO MEET THIS CRISIS HEAD ON AND OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES!

Carol and Ed Eberhart for the Trinity Climate Crisis Committee

Stewardship 2022

“One Moment in Time”

“When I’m more than I thought I could be – when all of my dreams are a heartbeat away”

Let’s dream dreams together for Trinity



Here is a picture from our 200th Anniversary dinner from November 2019 which seems like a lifetime ago.

We are kicking off our 2022 Stewardship campaign which will end on Stewardship Sunday November 14, 2021.

Please take time to reflect on what Trinity means to all of our lives as we submit our pledges of time, talent and treasure.

Totenfest 2021 will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021. We will remember our loved ones who are no longer with us on that day.



November Faith Formation Opportunities

November is actually one of my favorite months, mostly because Thanksgiving is this month. A time to gather with people, enjoy food and give thanks to our great God for the beauty of the earth and sky, friends, family and of course, our church family. I pray that during this month, you allow yourself time to spend with God and just breathe.

Speaking of breathing, please join us on Mondays in the Parlor at 10:00 for Qi Gong, led via zoom by Richard Plant and then meet with a small group to study “Rhythms of Renewal: Trading Stress and Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose”. Breathing and stretching our bodies God gave us is an extremely good thing. So please join us in the chapel on Tuesdays at 10:00 and/or Thursdays at 6:00 for Yoga led by Lyn Shoots.

Tuesdays at noon, you are welcome to join me in the Parlor for soup, scripture, and conversation. Hope to see you there!

On Tuesday, November 2nd, you are invited to join people from other counties to come and learn more about North Street Mission. This will take place from 9:00 until 2:00 and includes lunch. If you are interested, please let me know and I will give you more details.

If you know children ages 5-14 who may be interested in joining us on Wednesdays for C.A.T. (Creative Arts at Trinity) please invite them. We meet any time after 4:30 until 7:00. After school snacks and a meal are provided.

“Re-gathering of Adult Faith Formation classes” will begin on Sunday, November 7th at 9:15 in the Parlor. Looking forward to a time of prayer, conversation, snacks and discussion about future classes on that day. Please plan to attend.

I hope you will join me on Sunday, November 21 after church for a “Messy Church Thanksgiving Party”. This is open to all ages and a light lunch will be part of our activities.

Scripture of the month: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9: 1

Peace. Suzanne Feltner, Director of Christian Education and Arts

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