



“Rekindle the gift of God that is within you. For God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Trinity Friends,

Author Steven Covey, In the book “The Seven Habits of highly successful people” tells the story about two lumberjacks going out into the woods. The young man begins hacking away at the timber and as the shards of woods fly from his axe, the older man sits down in the shade of a tree and quietly runs a whetstone over the blade of his axe. The young man thinks that this is funny and he is sure that he will be more productive than the old guy who doesn’t have the same strength. Later that morning, the second man starts to chop trees and the young man is amazed that his partner is able to cut through the trees like butter and soon has cut down far more than the young man who was draining his energy. Covey calls the habit 7, “Sharpen the Saw” This is true in our life of faith as well.

Perhaps Covey was inspired by the quote from Abraham Lincoln, “Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.” Having the right tools for the job is key in anything. We try to hack through life without taking time to sharpen the saw.

Several years ago I attended the funeral for John Stratton, an Ashland University Professor and co-founder, with his wife Dorothy, of the Ashland Center for Non-violence. One of his friends spoke about the first time he met John. His first impression of him was shaped by the T-shirt that he was wearing, “Cleverly disguised as a responsible adult”! How many of you have felt the same way when forced to make significant decisions that will affect the lives of others? I have learned that there are enough uptight and angry people in the world! People hacking away at their life or society’s ills without taking time to sharpen their tools. We need real engagement in the transformation of the world. We do need to take our role as God’s stewards seriously, yet without regular spiritual food such as worship, prayer and service, we quickly become discouraged. Without sharpening our spiritual tools in community and in worship our strength fails.

When we recognize we have power, we are motivated to learn, to search, and to listen. We are responsible for the environment! We are responsible for the condition of this church! We are responsible for hunger, for war, for misunderstanding and distrust between family members and nations! Rekindle the gift of God that is within you. God did not give us a spirit of fear but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Your Partner in Christ’s Ministry,

Dr. Franklin

OCTOBER 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.

October 3rd :- World Communion Sunday Neighbors in need offering
“Practice what Jesus Parabled” ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Luke 14:15-24, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

October 10th :- “Pay Attention” ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Hebrews 2:5-12

October 17th :- “Drive” ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Mark 10:35-45

October 24th :- “Shelter” ***Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin***
Psalms 91:9-16

October 31 :- “Living in Love” ***Rev. Emily Howard***
Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34



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

See our webpage for the link.



On Sunday, October 3, 2021 we invite our congregation to renew your commitment to Neighbors in Need. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

This year's World Communion Sunday will be on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021.

**NEIGHBORS
= NEED**



FINANCIAL POSITION - August 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	\$ 20,768	\$ 31,121	\$173,415	\$174,971	\$ 137,979
Expenses	\$ 26,379	\$ 28,696	\$208,891	\$241,058	\$ 199,994
Net	(\$5,611)	\$ 2,425	\$(35,476)	\$(66,086)	\$(62,015)

Comments:

Contribution income was about half of the budgeted amount as the budget had a portion of our annual contributors in it. We have already received some of those funds in June. Our building maintenance was \$900 over budget due to the following repairs: the back door electronic connection, drinking fountain and the annual fire extinguisher checks.

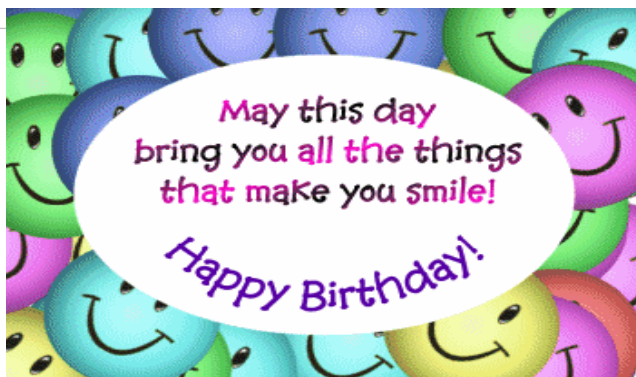
Building Repair Fund Balance: \$ -(17,362)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$22,318

Average weekly attendance: Not counted in August

Trinity Breakfast program-26 Years

Established in the summer of 1995



Youth Birthdays

4th Benji Wright
19th Braylon Wenger

Senior Birthdays

1st Jannette Miller
2nd Marilyn Meigs
8th Louie Carter
9th Roxann Long
16th Karen Hughes
17th Janet Burkhart
20th Ken Flinner
22th Patty Dickason
24th Jeff Vizzo
25th Joyce Swinehart
27th Elaine Reed
27th Judy Snyder
28th Jeff Aultz
30th Frank Hall
31st Martha Boyer

Associate Pastor's Message

Dear friends,

By the time you read this, more and more connections will be forming at Trinity UCC. This is how the kin-dom of God makes us whole: by connecting us in a beloved community. Here are some of those connections.

The “YAHOOOS,” Young Adults Have Outstanding Old Souls,” meeting for fellowship and faith.

A.C.T., Anti-Racist Coalition at Trinity, soon celebrating a whole year of working for justice together.

Just Peace Sunday connecting our church, through the power of technology, to our mission co-worker Abby Reed's prayer in Korea.

The Heartland Conference and the UCC's Health Care Ministries empowering churches to do anti-racist ministry.

These are just the tip of an iceberg that moves slowly but surely. In Jesus' lifetime, the heart of his work was love. Humans need to love and be loved. Did you know that in psychological experiments, monkeys vastly prefer to have contact with a soft terry-cloth “mom” with no food, instead of a wire “mom” that offers food? I don't think humans are so different. Love is a primal need. We are made for it, and God gave us Jesus to show us how to do it. Thanks be to God for loving us enough to let us learn how.

-Pastor Emily

After the trying past year and a half, many of us have developed a lot of tension and I think we are ready for some therapy. Therapeutic Music should do the trick! Join the Women's Guild on October 19th at 2pm in the Parlor and Lin Weirwille will help ease some of those tensions. All women are members of Guild and are welcome to attend. Hope to see you then!



It's Baaaaaack! the Rummage Sale that is. Start bringing in your donations! Oct 12th and 13th are the days we set up. Since we have not had a sale since Oct 2019, a lot of donations have accumulated. We need many people from the entire congregation to help set this up. Then more volunteers are needed on the 2 days of the sale Oct 14th and 15th. Proceeds from this sale benefit many local charities like People to People and the Salvation Army. Monies also go to the missions Trinity supports like Back Bay, Pine Ridge and our own North Street Mission. See any co-chair of the Guild to volunteer as there is a sign up sheet to fill out. Thanks to the entire congregation for all your help! Susan Muskopf

TRINITY CLIMATE CRISIS COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2021

Is Climate Change real and is it in CRISIS? Recent climate events in the United States-- drought and an even longer forest fire season involving California, Oregon & Washington; plus the devastation caused by Hurricane Ida to the Southern States and the East Coast-- as well as severe weather events around the world, should answer that question with a resounding YES! The real question is: WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT! Scientists tell us we have maybe 9-10 years to significantly reduce our fossil fuel emissions, before trends become irreversible. We know all of you, as we, want to leave our children and grandchildren a livable planet.

In an article titled: "Climate Change is Hazardous to Ohio Children's Health", it states the following: "Heatwaves degrade air quality, exacerbating symptoms of asthma, one of the most common chronic childhood illnesses. Heavy rains and flooding can contaminate public water supplies with bacteria to which children are especially susceptible. Warmer average temperatures allow insect populations to multiply, and with them the incidence of insect- borne diseases like West Nile Virus. Here in Ohio, children are already being hurt by climate change, and the harm is projected to get worse."

"In Ohio and throughout the Midwest, we will continue to experience hotter and more frequent heatwaves, heavier rains, declining air quality, increased flooding, and changes to our ecosystem that encourage the spread of disease. The results, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Midwest climate assessment, will include "substantial, yet avoidable, loss of life (and) worsened health conditions." Children are especially at risk. Negative health impacts can permanently affect their rapidly developing bodies." "This report explores the impacts already being felt here in Ohio, what we can expect in the future if we fail to fully address climate change, and policy solutions that Ohio decision-makers can implement right here and now to prevent the worst health impacts of climate change." Another incentive for us to act is: "new research published in September which found that refusal by governments to act on the climate emergency is causing a widespread sense of hopelessness and eco-anxiety in teenagers and young adults worldwide." Ten thousand young people, ages 16-25yrs. in 1-0 countries, including the U.S. were interviewed and it was discovered that "majorities of the respondents were fearful for the lives and livelihoods of their families and the future of the planet."

These young people are losing hope that we (the government) will respond in time to save the earth from catastrophe. It is up to us to reignite that hope by getting involved, contacting local, state and national leaders to make the transition to a sustainable future a reality: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions; changing our transportation to reduce air pollution; reforest our cities; put carbon to work for farmers; restore wetlands in Ohio and throughout the country. As an old expression goes--Where there is a Will, there is a Way--we can all do our part.

Ed & Carol Eberhart for the Trinity Climate Crisis Committee



Sauerkraut Supper

**Trinity
In
Mission**

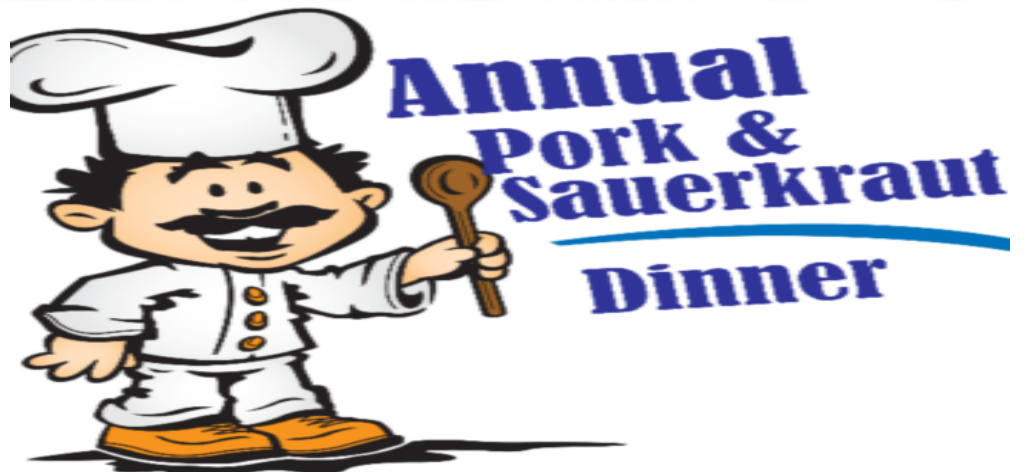


Trinity Sauerkraut Supper—CARRY-OUT ONLY

Thursday 11/4/21—5-7 pm

**Proceeds will benefit our 2022 Esperanza
Mission Trip to Tijuana, Mexico**

(Tickets can be bought in the office, during worship or at the door)



October Faith Formation Opportunities

October is one of my favorite times of year. I love the beautiful colorful leaves, the cooler weather and the chance to gather with people to continue learning about God's love in many different ways. Here are some different ways to do that:

"Lunch Bunch" 12:00 Tuesday Oct. 12th Gather in Fellowship Hall for lunch and a "Re" program.

Join me at Stoney Creek Farm at 2:00 Sunday, Oct. 17th , for a hayride and pumpkin gathering. All ages are invited!

Trinity's Wellness Program We gather on Mondays at 10:00 in the Parlor to breathe and move through Qi Gong with Rich Plant via zoom, and then at 10:30 to talk about different ways to help our spiritual, mental and physical health. On Tuesdays at 10:00 and Thursdays at 6:00 join us in the Chapel for Yoga led by Lyn Shoots.

Talk Together Tuesdays at Noon will continue for this month at Christmas Run Upper-Level Park. (Except on the 12th .) This is a time to gather for scripture and conversation. You are welcome to bring your own lunch as well.

C.A.T. (Creative Arts at Trinity) on Wednesdays, 4:30 -7:00 on Trinity's 2nd floor. This is open to preschool -8th graders and is a time for music, visual art, stories and of course a meal.

Bell Choir is Thursdays at 7:00 in Trinity's Balcony. If interested, please let me know.

Drums as Prayers on the 1st and 3rd Sundays 11:40-12:00

Bible Study groups:

7:00 YAHOOOS via zoom on Mondays with Pastor Emily

Rhythms of Renewal: Trading Stress and Anxiety for a Life of Peace and Purpose. Please contact Suzanne if interested in this for a time and day.

A.C.T. via zoom at 8:00 on Sundays

Faith Formation classes on Sundays: 9:15-10:15

"Conversation and Prayer" Gathering with the Pastors after worship on Sundays

Scripture of the month: "Show love in everything you do." 1 Corinthians 16: 14 CEV

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

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Our Worship Service is Broadcast-
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Sunday morning at 8:30AM.