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Trinity UCC Topics

"Anyone can be great because anyone can serve."-
Martin Luther King

Trinity friends,

Helen Sherck received one of the best tributes I've ever heard at a Memorial service. Helen's teary-eyed daughter-in-law, came up to the pulpit mic and gave this tribute; "I didn't even know that there were women like Helen."

They say that businesses have to send a letter three times before people respond. "Knock three times" became a popular theme song. Sometimes God has to call our name three times before we'll listen. Sometimes we only come to God with our needs...but God wants us to come with our gifts...for service...and every need is either met or isn't important anymore. Paul wrote, "God has given us this calling and this is why we do not give up."

It wasn't MLK's intelligence or his ability to speak that helped to create change, without a doubt it was his sense of calling. God called him to lead a movement and he believed strongly in the cause. If you will come alive to your dreams and visions everything else in your life will fall in line. Helen Sherck and many others like her live purpose driven lives.

When God calls. Say "Speak for your servant is listening."

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin



Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin, Senior Minister
Suzanne Feltner, Faith Formation and
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Isaiah 58:6-7

*"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: **to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?***

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube

Live services are available on website at

Trinity UCC.org

September 1st

TBD Labor day weekend

September 8th

“Do the right thing!”

James 2:1-17

September 15th

“Lost”

Luke 15:1-10

September 22nd

“On the way”

James 3:13-4:3

September 29th

“The wilderness is not a straight line!”

James 5:13-20/Numbers 11

Financial Position July 2024

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2024 Year to date**		**Last year actual**
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$20,744	\$23,644	\$114,870	\$126,709	\$110,481
Expenses	\$23,638	\$26,948	\$183,851	\$206,738	\$207,609
Net	(\$2,894)	(\$3,304)	\$68,980	(\$80,029)	(\$97,128)

Comments:

During July, our contribution income was \$2600 under expectations. On the expense side we continue to run under budget. There were no unusual expenses during the month.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$219,791)

During July we paid Vince Mariola \$140,363. This includes \$74,563 that was paid to repair all the drains and pipes under fellowship hall the showroom floors.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$25,000

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 years

Established in the summer of 1995.

Trinity Kitchen / Fellowship Hall

Renovation Project 2024



Vanco electronic
giving



Venmo
@trinityuccwooster1819



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 nearing the end of our 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!

September is here and fall will soon be arriving. This creates a good time to start to get back to gathering with small groups in a variety of different ways. A church friend and I have started to study the book of Acts together. In Acts 2:42, we read that **“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”** The person who wrote the reflection about this reading (Acts 2:37-47), stated “that even two thousand years after this time, we still need to live in community with one another, we need to study the Word of God, we need to break bread with one another and pray for one another.” I totally love this!!! And, I truly understand that this is what Faith Formation is about. We also need to know the “Church is the community where we can bear one another’s burdens and grow into the full stature of Christ.” So.... In the coming year, we will be offering several opportunities to gather together, eat together, pray together and worship our wonderful God and Savior together in a variety of different ways and times. Please, stay tuned in and watch for these coming activities; pray if God wants you to participate in them, and also pray about how you can connect with others.

Here are a few activities you can join:

Choir rehearsals will be starting on Thursday, September 5th at 5:30. If you would like to participate in choir, but this time doesn’t work well for you, please let me know. We are trying to determine when works best for more people.

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 5th at 7:00. Would love to have a couple more players join us!

C.A.T. will start up again on Wednesday, September 18th. This is for kids who are 5 years old and up through 6th grade. We are looking into organizing a gathering for younger children on that day too. If you know of any 3- and 4-year-olds who might want to be a part of C.A.T., please let me know!

Several other activities will be starting up soon, so will keep you posted.



September Birthdays!

Amanda Stermer 2nd
Tony Heard 3rd
Don Hange 5th
Gene Detttra 7th
Jamie Gilmore 7th
Cindy Henshaw 9th
Dru Ely 10th
John Johnson 11th
Daniel Darling 11th
Elijah Franklin 12th
Jacqueline Duncan 13th
Pat Mairs 14th

Mark Neil 15th
Katy Shaver 16th
Scott Griffin 17th
Kim Cantrell 18th
Lynn Taylor 18th
Melinda Thomas 19th
David Hradek 21st
Samantha Timbs 22nd
Bruce Slater 22nd
Kayla Murray 23rd
Doug Anderson 24th
Terry Snyder 25th

Katy Reynolds 25th
Dan Vizzo 27th
Heidi Derflinger 27th
Jillian Perry 28th
Mary Cornelius 29th
Doug Henshaw 29th
Chuck Vizzo 29th

HYMN SINGS

Beginning September 15th during worship and each month thereafter, A new hymn from *The New Century Hymnal* will be selected that has as its roots African/Enslaved and/or Indigenous Populations. We invite you to join in with Trinitarians in learning new hymns and singing familiar spirituals. Our first selection will be “My Eyes Have Seen the Glory”. Julia Ward Howe, An Early leader in the movement for women’s suffrage and an abolitionist, wrote this text specifically for a familiar camp meeting tune one night after reviewing union troops near Washington DC. It was published on the front page of the Atlantic monthly, which added the title “Battle Hymn Of The Republic”.

Please contact Lin Wierwille with any questions or concerns.

Our super awesome July volunteers!

Lay Readers

September 1st- Janet Burkhart
September 8th- John Schantz
September 15th- Youth
September 22nd - Lilburn's
September 29th -

Coffee Hour

September 1st - Brigham's
September 8th-
September 15th -
September 22nd -Lilburn's
September 29th -

Flowers

September 1st -
September 8th -
September 15th -
September 22nd -
September 29th -

Ushers

September 1st -
September 8th -
September 15th -
September 22nd -
September 29th -



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!

Communion **September 1st**

Trinity 's Renovation Celebration Breakfast and Grand Reopening **September 15th**

Volunteer Mentoring **September 19th**

Back Bay Mission Trip In Biloxi **October 5th-12th**

Neighbor In Need Offering **October 6**

World Communion Abigail Reed will be speaking about her mission **October 6th**

(Meal To Follow)

Trinity Mission Team Meeting **October 13th**

Volunteer Mentoring **October 17th**

MISSION TEAM NEWS

HOLD THE DATE: OCTOBER 13

The Trinity Mission Team and Suzanne Feltner will be hosting our first fundraising and informational session for the fall. This venture will be held in our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall following church services on Sunday October 13. Following Fellowship and a meal Doug and Wyn Jones will give us the latest Update on the Severe weather shelter now embracing a new location and name. Join the informational luncheon to learn ways in which you too will be able to support the severe weather shelter's mission. We look forward to answering any questions you may bring.

Volunteer Mentoring

Volunteer mentoring will begin informational sessions again in September from 12-1 and will meet every third Thursday of the month from September to May. A mentor is a person or a friend who guides by building trust and modeling positive behaviors. The mentoring program asks for a commitment to aid the unsheltered and provide moral support. Training sessions will assist the volunteer by providing training from various professionals and caregivers. Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin has agreed to be our first guest speaker on September 19 at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The informational sessions are intended to introduce and share wayne county providers and resources with those in attendance. You are invited to join other volunteers to walk with our most vulnerable population. If you need more information please call Lin Wierwille: 440-574-1296. Since we are recommencing for the year, this would be a great time to invite a friend who may have voiced an interest in our project. The following are our regularly scheduled meeting dates:

SEPTEMBER 19

OCTOBER 17

NOVEMBER 21

JANUARY 16

FEBUARY 20

MARCH 20

APRIL 17

We are on track again!

The renovation is nearing completion with the installation of plumbing and electrical in the kitchen. The Fellowship Hall tile is Replaced and soon we will be moving all items back in. Be Ready to lend a hand to get everything back in order.

Thanks,
The Renovation Team

For any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Susan Muskopf samnjohn@sssnet.com



In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is **“Mental Health Justice For All!”** This year’s focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s mental health journey.

One-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds are used by [Justice and Witness Ministries](#) to provide [grants](#) to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Trinity UCC will collect this special offering on October 6, 2024, as part of World Communion Sunday. We thank you for your support and generosity.

Changes, Challenges and Choices

September is the month we begin to move into a new season. There are different weather patterns about to happen, we feel it and celebrate the coming autumn. Autumn gives us an opportunity to **change** our outlook, our activities, and our focus. Sometimes we feel **challenged** to move in a different direction or to switch our interests, adding something or taking a break from something. It all comes down to **choices** moving forward. At Trinity, our spiritual home, we are offered many opportunities to make challenging choices in our season of change. The Creation Care Team is looking forward to seeing the changes we can make when we are challenged to make choices for the good of the Earth and all living things. Here are two offerings to put on your calendar.

October 12th is the Heartland Climate Action Seminar at Templed Hills. You will enjoy an informative hands-on day of worship, comradery, community, and inspiration to work towards Environmental Care and Environmental Justice. Please take the challenge to be there! All are welcome whether it is your first time or 100th. It is time for a change of direction for the health of our planet, humanity, and all living beings.

**SAVE
the
DATE**

**REVIVING HOPE:
A CLIMATE ACTION SEMINAR
FOR ALL GENERATIONS**

INSPIRING • CONNECTING • EQUIPPING • SUPPORTING FAITH IN ACTION

Saturday, October 12, 2024

TEMPLED HILLS
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
5724 DURBIN RD
BELLVILLE, OHIO 44813




Here is an opportunity to learn about making changes in your own home!

SAVE \$ ON HOME IMPROVEMENTS, REPAIRS, AND APPLIANCES!

Hear Hallie Bowie, a New Leaf Design Ltd. Architect and LEED Green Associate, talk about:
MOVING TO CLEAN ENERGY and HOW THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT CAN HELP

On Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on 3186 Burbank Road, Wooster

Learn about rebates for new appliances, home repairs and improvements for low and moderate income households and tax credits for solar panels and battery storage systems, home improvements and heating and cooling equipment upgrades with no income limits.

Sponsored by the Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network and the Wooster Interfaith Justice Committee Climate Change Group

*I am excited to take the **challenge** of attending these two events. I know learning more about what I can do to help make our Earth sustainable will **change** the actions I take to make a difference. I hope many of our congregation will make the **choice** of taking a new direction by joining in on these opportunities.*

Margaret Bourne
Earth Care and Justice Team