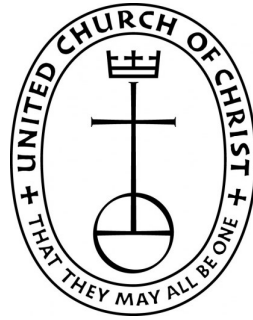


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Pastor's Letter

"Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew you. Before you saw the light of day, I had Holy plans for you; to be a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5

Trinity Friends,

Jeremiah received a call from God to speak a difficult word to his people Israel. Jeremiah, known as the suffering servant, was a model for Jesus' ministry. If you read the Gospels, you will see many cross references to the book of Jeremiah in the words of Jesus. They were both called by God to bring a hard word to their own people. Jeremiah lived during the time of the fall of Jerusalem. He warned them about the coming days of hardship and encouraged them to remain faithful to God, who would bring them through to a new day. Jeremiah was very young when he began his ministry. In fact, he protests that he is too young and people will not listen to him because of it. Jeremiah, because of his youth, is able to recognize that there is something wrong. Change is hard. People who call us to change are not often accepted. And we look for reasons not to listen to them.

There was a time when you were just like Jeremiah. You had a vision for the world. You believed that your life could make a difference. When Jesus said that you have to become like a child to enter the Kingdom of God, he meant that you cannot be cynical. You have to be open to God's call. When you hear the call you naturally ask questions. Am I able to do this thing? Will I have the courage to follow through on my beliefs even though it may mean I have to suffer for them? Jeremiah didn't have a choice; God called. Jeremiah answered.

I identify with Jeremiah. I was eighteen when I started preaching. I preached my first sermon on the Sunday after I graduated from High School. Our country church was yoked with another church in a small town nearby. On the first occasion that I preached at the yoked town church, I was sitting in the Pastor's office getting ready for worship, when I overheard a conversation in the Narthex. A woman came in and asked the greeter if Rev. Kelly was there. The greeter explained that Rev. Kelly was taking a vacation Sunday, but that I was filling in that day. In an exasperated tone, I heard the woman say, "I knew I should have stayed home in the garden today!"

"You should try to create a church that you would want to go to." That philosophy may demand that things change. What happened to us on the way to our calling to be suffering servants? For what purpose has God formed you? May God give you ears to hear when your name is called and may we be found faithful to guide the people of God into a new era, no matter what obstacles we might encounter.

Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,

Dr. Franklin



Rev. Dr. Kevan Franklin, *Senior Minister*
Suzanne Feltner, *Faith Formation and*
Arts Director
Joi Griffith, *Administrative Assistant*
Luke Tegtmeier, *Organist*
Phil Starr, *Business Manager*
Yulia Allison, *Nursery Staff*
Custodian, Connie Plant



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AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE
10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube
Live services are available on website at
Trinity UCC.org

August 4th

Holy Communion
John 6:24-35

“What are you hungry for?”

August 11th

Ephesians 4:25-5:2
“Live in Love”

August 18th

Outdoor Worship at Christmas Run Park
2 Timothy 1:6-14
“You are a powerful spiritual being”

August 25th

John 6:58-69
“You know all the words!”

September 1st

Holy Communion

Financial Position June 2024

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2024 Year to date**</u>		<u>**Last year actual**</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$16,853	\$16,129	\$94,126	\$103,065	\$91,828
Expenses	\$28,121	\$29,742	\$160,213	\$179,790	\$179,527
Net	(\$11,268)	(\$13,613)	(\$66,087)	(\$76,725)	(\$87,699)

Comments:

During June our income included donations from two groups who visited North Street Mission. Unfortunately, we had to put the second group up in a hotel for part of the week due to the renovations. We also paid to our organ tuned. No other extra ordinary expenses.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$93,575)

During June we paid Vince Mariola \$45,379. .

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$25,000

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 years
Established in the summer of 1995.

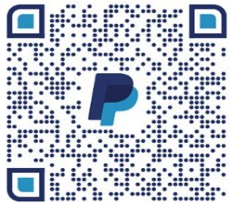
Trinity Kitchen / Fellowship Hall
Renovation Project 2024



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giving



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Venmo



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 in the midst of a renovation project to upgrade our equipment and facilities for our daily Breakfast Program and Church functions. We have been delayed two months while our drain pipes under the church are repaired. We are near the end of repairing the pipes! 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!

Mind, Body and Spirit at Trinity August, 2024

Wow! How fast the summer is going by! I hope you all are taking care of your minds, bodies and spirits in a variety of different ways.



The **UCC Musicians Association Conference** during July in Connecticut, was wonderful and very energizing. Looking forward to being able to use the ideas I learned for our congregation in the coming year!



Coming up this month- **“Blessing of the Backpacks”** for students and for teachers will be held on Sunday, August 18th during our Outdoor Worship Service at Christmas Run Park. Hope all the kids will be able to attend and teachers as well.

C.A.T. will be on the 7th and the 14th and then we will take a couple weeks off so the kids can get oriented to being back to school.



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Trinity Women are invited to join together for lunch at 11:30 on Wednesday, August 21st. This month we will meet at Brick Street Kitchen, 226 W Market St, Orrville.

Knitters and Crocheters are invited to gather in the Parlor on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 or Friday mornings at 11:00.

Bible Study continues to be at Christmas Run Upper-level park at noon on Tuesdays.

Peace to all.

August Birthdays!

Lyn Shoots 2nd	Wendy Blough 12th	Sam Newman 24th
Audra Smith 3rd	Jessica Griffin 13th	Chris Marek 25th
Debra Ullom 3rd	Jordan Perry 14th	JoAnne Orr 26th
Carter Bourne 4th	Emily Blough 15th	Sally Lennon 29th
Carol Smith 4th	Armin Bizer 17th	Linsey Aultz 30th
Peggy Vizzo 4th	Rachel Tizzano 17th	Luke Weist 31st
Benjamin West 5th	Karen Mathys 18th	
Janet Landers 7th	Judy Adams 19th	
John Seman 7th	Pat Ogden 19th	
Andrew Arko 8th	Chris Hoffman 21st	
Nancy Goodright 8th	Corrine Landers 22nd	
Gina Vizzo 10th	Grant Ely 23rd	

Come join the Trinity Congregation and the Anti- Racist Coalition at Trinity for singing and, in some instances, the learning of hymns that reflect a connection to early spirituals, gospels, and antebellum movement themes. Commencing in September, we will embark on a monthly exploration of hymns, beginning with “My Eyes Have Seen the Glory” in honor of Julia Ward Howe, an early suffrage abolitionist.

Our super awesome July volunteers!

Lay Readers
 August 4th– Carol Thompson
 August 11th - Jennifer Faust
 August 18th- Youth
 August 25th - Mike Lilburn

Coffee Hour
 August 4th - Mike & Nancy Lilburn
 August 11th -
 August 18th -
 August 25th -Mike & Nancy Lilburn

Flowers
 August 4th - Varno Family
 August 11th - Greg & Terry Moore
 August 18th -
 August 25th - Chris Marek

Ushers
 August 4th -
 August 11th -
 August 18th -
 August 25th -

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!

<u>Services and materials;</u>		
General Conditions i.e. permits, dumpster, misc. small expenses		\$6,750
Demolition and framing/Carpentry	\$14,458	
Ceiling grid work	\$2,700	
Concrete	\$3,500	
Electrical	\$11,745	
Plumbing	\$21,877	
French drain	\$12,880	
Downspouts by back door	\$1,500	
<u>Services and materials con't</u>		
Paint	\$2,500	
Koorsen-remove and re-install fire suppression system		\$3,574
Corian countertops including installation		\$8,800
FRP and Stainless materials for walls and installation		\$15,057
Allowance for decorative plastic laminate on walls		\$1,000
Cabinets, including installation		\$41,244
Stainless steel countertops, including sublayer and installation		\$6,163
Remove/reinstall toilets and partitions		\$1,600
Remove/reinstall door and jamb		\$1,600
Roll down brown steel doors for serving windows		\$5,060
Chairs for Fellowship Hall		\$6,052.94

The cost of the renovation will be spread out over a 3year campaign fund drive. One third to funded by congregational giving and fundraisers, one third to be funded by grants from outside entities and the last third to be covered by Trinity’s endowment fund.

The Renovation Team has spent many hours meeting together or with the various contrac-tors and suppliers. We have discussed, debated and decided upon plans and materials that we think will make Trinity the best community place.

As you can see from the above lists, there are many items, services and people that will make this renovation complete. Please answer the question “What can I do for you?” by ask-ing more specifically “*What can I do for Trinity?*” and consider making a donation. Possibly one large enough to pay for a certain item or service listed above.

The renovation Team is very grateful for your donation.

Susan Muskopf
 Chair of the Renovation Team



Looking Ahead!

- Communion **August 4th**
- Outdoor Worship at Christmas Run Park **August 18th**
- Rev. Dr. Franklin will be on vacation **August 26th– September 2nd**
- World Communion Abigial Reed will be speaking about her mission **October 6th**
- Trinity ‘s Renovation Celebration Breakfast and Grand Reopening **9a September 15th**

What can I do for you?

This phrase “What can I do for you?” is expressed many times throughout the day. Whether you are looking to buy a new pair of shoes or trying to find a certain item on a grocery store shelf, someone will ask you this question.

People ask each other “What can I do for you?” when there is a problem they would like to help with. In circumstances like a funeral, illness, emotional stress or financial need, concerned people ask this. They truly want to help but sometimes do not know how to help.

In the early 1990s, when Trinity was evaluating whether to stay as a downtown church or move out of the City, we asked the downtown “What can I do for you?”. The answer was to remain downtown to provide a place for the community to gather for celebrations, meetings, educational events, meals, etc. This led to the major renovations that were done in the early 1990s. Now in 2024, Trinity needs to renovate our facilities so we can continue to be a place of community.

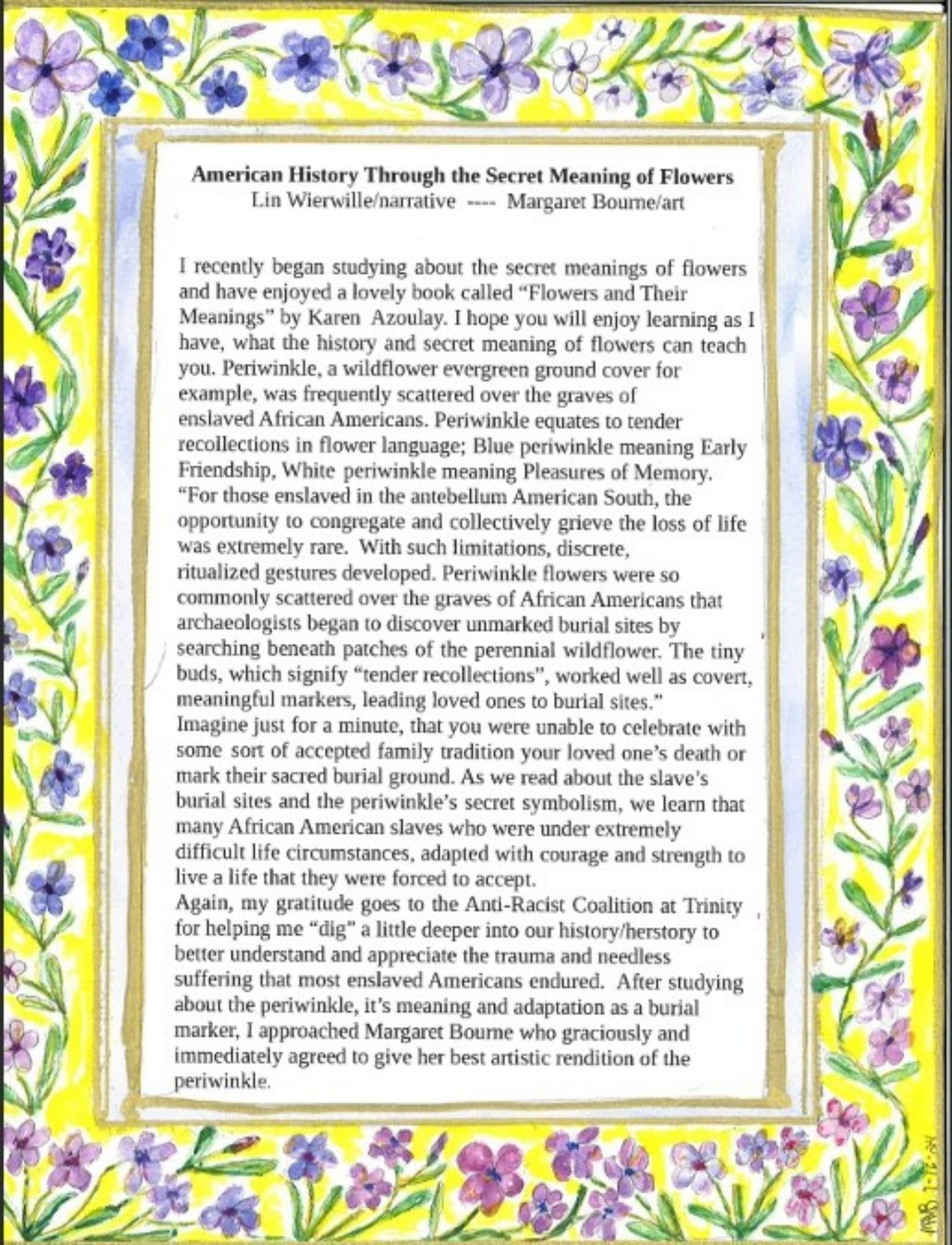
The same question should be asked by the congregation in regards to the renovation project Trinity is currently undertaking- “What can I do for you?”. Members and friends may want to help financially but do not know to what extent they can help. It was suggested this info of financial needs for the renovation be given to you so you can decide how you want to help financially. You can see what the items or services cost and donate accordingly.

This first list contains the contractors and suppliers who have worked with the project thus far: Vince Mariola Construction Ltd, HLH Engineering Consulting LLC, EcoSeal, Tri Mark appliances, Martin Interiors, Koorsen Fire and Security and numerous sub-contractors used by Vince Mariola Construction. Everyone of these has asked the Renovation Team “What can I do for you?” and we have been working with them to do the best that we can for Trinity.

This second list contains items or services that are needed to complete the project and the cost of each item listed. Some of these are in the Renovation Catalogue in the narthex and are included here so you can see the project’s costs in its entirety. NOTE: this list does not include change orders or situations that need repaired/relocated in the process of construction.

Appliances;

Dishwasher and attachments	\$22,450.46
Soiled dishtable and disposal into dishwasher	\$3769.57
Clean dishtable out of dishwasher	\$1425.08
Hand wash sink	\$325.44
One compartment sink with drain board	\$984.26
Triple sink (with faucets and needed attachments)	\$3,861.82
Double stack electric convection ovens with built in filter	\$19,672.38
Hot food well unit, triple wells, waterless	\$3007.27





The Trinity Creation Care team hopes you have all been having a wonderful summer. The CC team has been taking a break to renew and revitalize in preparation for upcoming events and projects. I hope you are getting out to enjoy the beauty and abundance of this season. Here in Ohio when winter days seem endless, we all dream of summertime, of gardens, walking, bird watching, swimming and family get togethers. So, Enjoy it all and relax.

The 2nd Annual Heartland Conference Environmental Care & Justice Seminar at Tempel Hills is Saturday, October 19th!!!

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 19th

We would like to assemble an environmental ministry team of reps from teens to elders to attend this year's seminar. So, mark your calendar and watch for upcoming details!

Help expand a collective effort to mobilize environmental ministries across the Heartland! All are welcome.

We Look forward to seeing everyone in August.

All Best,

Margaret Bourne
Creation Care Team

We are on track again!

After a 2 month delay while the pipe issues were fixed, we are back to renovating. All of the following activities have taken place in the first few weeks of July.

We had the water restored to Trinity on July 8th. Thank you St James Episcopal for the use of your facilities while our pipe repair was completed.

Matthew Kilbourne and his crew moved the new Fellowship Hall chairs from the Gilmores' home to the North Street Mission bunk room on Monday July 15th. Thank you Gilmores and all the movers!

The new downspouts by the back door have been installed.

All the holes in the Fellowship Hall floor and former Head Start room are filled and ready to be prepped for floor covering replacement. Paint touch up will also be done.

The cabinets are to be installed in the kitchen beginning July 16th. Then prepping the kitchen floor for the new vinyl and installation will take several days.

The week of July 22nd, the kitchen equipment is to arrive and be set in place. Then the templates for the countertops will be drawn up so they can be made to fit. This last process for the countertops will determine the rest of the schedule for completion.

After this work is completed to our satisfaction, all the things removed from the kitchen and Fellowship Hall will need to be cleaned, or run through the dishwasher and put back into place. Many hands will make light work of this task! (Hint- we will be asking for your help! Look to weekly bulletins for how and when you can help.)

The Renovation Team greatly appreciates your patience and financial support.

Susan Muskopf

