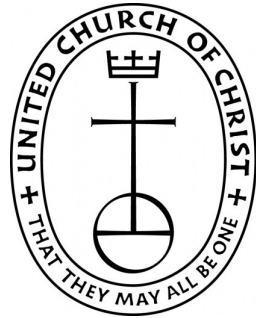


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Trinity UCC Topics

Trinity Friends!

As many of you know, the United Church of Christ allows a time of Sabbatical after each 7 years of service. Since accepting my call to Trinity in February 2004, Sabbaticals in 2011 and 2018 have created new ideas for congregational vitality. My Sabbatical begins May 14 to June 18. May 18 our guest will be Rev. Bert Ambrose who is known for his workshops for clergy on storytelling. May 25 our worship leader will be Faith Formation and Arts Director Suzanne Feltner.

The United Church of Christ Sabbatical goals include; Encourages longer pastorates, Refocuses ministry, Contributes to a Pastor's spiritual growth, Prevents burnout, establishes new patterns for work and self-care and promotes congregational self-sufficiency. I am looking forward to sharing my research with you when I return June 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Grace and Peace to you,

Dr. Franklin

Quote of the month;

"Peace begins with a smile."

-Mother Teresa



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



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## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube

Live services are available on our website at

TrinityUCC.org

**May 4**

Ascension Day Holy Communion

“People in High Places” Acts 1:6-12,  
Luke 24:50-53

**May 11**

Mother’s Day

“I was There ” John 10:1-10

**May 18**

Rev. Bret Ambrose

Guest Preacher

**May 25**

Suzanne Feltner

Leading Worship and Message

Financial Position March 2025

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

### General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	<u>**Current Month**</u>		<u>**2025 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	\$61,874	\$52,695	\$91,303	\$89,839	\$53,660
Expenses	\$32,051	\$34,045	\$91,303	\$104,689	\$86,028
Net	\$29,823	\$18,850	\$0	\$(14,850)	\$(32,368)

Comments:

At the end of the first quarter, we used \$43,989 of Endowment funds to balance out the first quarter. Effectively we ended with the \$44k deficit at the end of the first quarter compared to a deficit of #32k in 2024.

On the income side , our contribution income was \$5k under budget. Our expenses were \$13k under budget. In the Administrative area, we paid two months of our Gordon Flesh copier maintenance bringing that line over budget for the month but in line year to date.

**Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$257,667)**

Please continue to give towards the Kitchen Renovation.2025 is the second of a three year fundraising campaign. Many thanks for those who have contributed towards the project.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$30,657.**

Trinity Breakfast program – 29 year

Established in the summer of 1995.

This summer our breakfast program will be 30 years old!

Trinity United Church of Christ

*“Come join us!”*



10:30 Sunday mornings worship



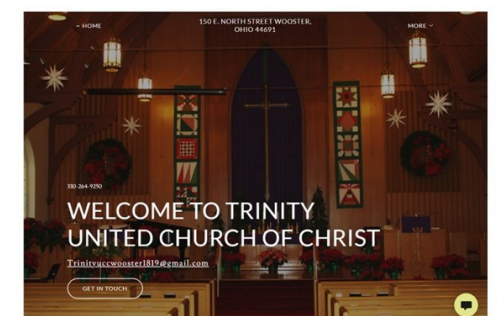
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**Faith Formation Meeting** after worship on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Study on Tuesdays at Noon** in the Parlor. You are invited to bring your lunch and join in conversations and the Bible Study.



**C.A.T is on Wednesdays** from 4:30-7:00 for children ages k-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Fun to gather together for music, art, stories and supper.



**Trinity’s Women gathering** will be on **Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30** at Mari-ola’s Restaurant.

**Ascension Day Celebration** will be on **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at Oak Hill Park at 7:00pm**. We will gather for worship, conversation and dessert.



**Fellowship Friday Game Night** on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. All are invited to come to play games, eat snacks and fellowship with each other.



# May Birthdays!

- |                     |                         |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Linda Varno 1st     | Mary Boyer 12th         | Melissa Blyth 18th   |
| Jill Henshaw 4th    | Jeremy Jewell 13th      | Matthew Lefever 19th |
| Katie Cantrell 5th  | John Muskopf 14th       | Joan Cooper 21st     |
| Hazel Starr 7th     | Xavier Kirk 14th        | Theresa Vizzo 22nd   |
| Karin Wiest 8th     | Gabriel Kirk 14th       | Donna Brown 23rd     |
| Lorene Donelson 8th | Harrison Briggs 15th    | Jon Vizzo 28th       |
| Jamie Chipka 9th    | Rev. Kevan Franklin15th | Cynthia Bricker 29th |
| Greg Moore 10th     | Harrison Briggs 15th    | Margo Stafford 29th  |
| Chole Long 11th     | Caroline Briggs 15th    |                      |
| Phoebe Long 11th    | Ella Franklin 16th      |                      |
| John Ladrach 11th   | Christine Lindeman 16th |                      |
| Chloe Landers 11th  | Larry Baker 18th        |                      |
|                     | Ray Leisy 18th          |                      |

SUNDAY,  
JUNE 8  
12:30-3:30PM  
CCHO CAMPUS • WOOSTER





The Great

GRILL OFF

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL • CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME OF OHIO

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FANTASTIC FOOD & FAMILY FUN!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8 | 12:30-3:30PM**

Make plans to come taste the delicious sliders prepared by our grill teams and vote for your favorite burger. Enjoy picnic classics like hot dogs, pasta salad, chips, ice cream, and more. Bring the entire family for carnival games, bounce houses, hayrides, plus many other fun activities. This event is open to the community. Donations of any size at the gate are appreciated and help a child feel safe and receive the trauma care they need at Christian Children's Home of Ohio.

*Our super awesome May volunteers!*

**Lay Readers**

May 4 - Lynda Varno

May 11 -

May 18 -

May 25 -

**Coffee Hour**

May 4 - Varno Family

May 11 - Miller Family

May 18 - Brigham Family

May 25 -

**Flowers**

May 4 - Chris Marek

May 11 - Rev. Dr. Kevan & Ella Franklin celebrating their May birthdays

May 18 -

May 25 -

**Ushers**

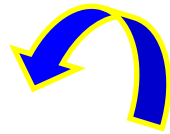
May 4 - Varno Family

May 11 -

May 18 - Jeff & Julie Vizzo

Joanne Leaman

May 25 -



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!*

Men's Breakfast 8am - May 3

Holy Communion & Faith Formation Meeting - May 4

Consistory 5:30pm - ?

Dr. Rev. Kevan Franklin begins Spring Sabbatical - May 14

Women's Lunch @Mariola's Restaurant 11:30am - May 21

Fellowship Friday 7-9pm - May 23

Ascension Day Celebration @Oak Hill Park 7pm - May 29



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. *The 2025 theme for Strengthen the Church is Great and Wide. This phrase, from Psalm 104, represents the diverse and playful nature of the multitude of ministries the offering supports. Whether the offering supports an outdoor worshipping community in Wisconsin or the National Ministries MESA team who builds systems to connect pastors and congregations, the movement of God is apparent.*

*Trinity UCC will hold this offering on Pentecost Sunday June 8, 2025*

*Please Contact Dale Angerman with any questions or concerns.*





Our new kitchen was put to use on April 20 for our first Easter Breakfast since before the covid epidemic and it was a success! At least 80 members and friends came to enjoy a delicious breakfast before our Easter worship service. About three dozen families contributed the ingredients for various breakfast casseroles, fruit cups, pastries, and table decorations. Our in-house Trinity “Quick Fry Donuts” also reappeared on the menu and were gobbled up quickly. New babies and generations of family and friends brought a hum of smiles and joy to Fellowship Hall.

The Faith Formation Team says a huge Thank you to each person who came, cooked, decorated, cleaned up, and just made Easter morning fellowship one to behold. We are looking forward to next year’s Easter Breakfast on April 5, 2026.

With sincere appreciation  
The Faith Formation Team



**Juneteenth Celebration**

June 15,2025

Christmas Run Park

Led by Our Act Team

*Juneteenth*



*Emancipation Proclamation*

**Leading Worship During Sabbatical**

May 18

Rev. Bert Ambrose

May 25

Suzanne Feltner

June 1

Janet Burkhart/ Gary Friend

Holy Communion

June 8

TBD

June 15

Juneteenth Celebration

Led by Our ACT Team



Give your Mother some memories from Trinity’s kitchen for Mother’s Day. The cookbook we put together as a fundraiser for the Renovation has been a success. There are only 9 copies of “Trinity’s Recipes and Memories” cookbook left for you to purchase. The cost is \$10 and contact Joi in the office if you are interested. Thanks for your support.

Dear Friends:

Trinity UCC’s dedication to supporting older adults is truly inspiring. Thank you for your \$500.00 gift to Chapel Hill Community.

Contributions like yours enrich the lives of those we serve at United Church Homes, helping us expand our impact and reach more people in meaningful ways.

Warm regards,



*Rev. Beth Long-Higgins*

Rev. Beth Long-Higgins  
VP of Engagement and Director, The Center for Abundant Aging  
United Church Homes

P.S. Your generosity leaves a lasting impact, fostering a legacy of care and support for older adults. We look forward to sharing the meaningful difference your gift continues to make. Visit [unitedchurchhomes.org](https://unitedchurchhomes.org) and [facebook.com/UnitedChurchHomes](https://facebook.com/UnitedChurchHomes) to see updates on the continued impact the heartfelt contributions from you and other donors.



## Strengthening the Body of Christ

A Trinity UCC Congregational Care Survey: May 2025  
For adults and youth age 13 and older

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We want to hear from you!

As part of our commitment to fostering a stronger church family, we're **seeking your feedback** on how we can **better care for and support our congregation**.

This short, **anonymous** survey will **take just a few minutes** and will help shape future programs and initiatives. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Consistory.

Please drop off the **completed survey** at the church office, in the offering plate, **or** use the QR code above or the URL below to complete an online version.

<https://tinyurl.com/4ts9pday>

### Membership Needs

1. What are the **biggest challenges** to your faith journey at Trinity UCC?
2. What types of **support** would be most meaningful to you?  
e.g., prayer groups, social gatherings/potlucks, shut-in care, grief care, pastoral visits, phone calls, etc.

### Soul Care

3. What's one thing we could do to make you feel **more connected** to the church?

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### Programming Preferences

4. What types of **programs** or **events** would you like to see?  
This may be the continuation of **current programming**, something that **you miss** and would like to see **return** or something **entirely new**, e.g. Bible studies and/or small groups, Family or youth programs; Social events and/or fellowship activities. Please be as specific as possible.

5. What days and times work best for you to **participate** in programming outside of Sunday worship? Please check all that apply.

Days:

Time of Day:

Your Age Range:

- ☐ Monday – Friday  
☐ Saturday  
☐ Sunday

- ☐ Morning  
☐ Afternoon  
☐ Evening

- ☐ 13-30  
☐ 31-61  
☐ 62+

### Accessibility

6. Are there physical areas of the church you find challenging to access independently?  
☐ Fellowship Hall ☐ Chapel/Parlor ☐ Elevator ☐ Entrance Doors ☐ Other (please list)

### General Feedback

7. Do you have any other suggestions for how we can **strengthen our Body of Christ**?  
*Please note, another survey will be conducted soon to assess your interest in participation and contributions, as well as contact preferences.*

*Thank you for sharing your thoughts! Your feedback is **invaluable** as we work together to **grow in faith and strengthen our church family**. You are loved!*