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Trinity UCC Topics

"Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." -Luke 5:11

Trinity friends,

Frederich Buechner wrote that;" **The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.**"

Everyone who is a member of "the" church should have a "Christian" vocation. I emphasize the word "the" because your calling is also your joy. A decision to "The" universal work of the church.

Some people don't catch fish because they don't go to the deep water, and some people don't catch fish because they weren't asked to. But some people don't catch fish because they know more about fish than God.

Simon tells Jesus in an exasperated tone, "Hey, we've been fishing all night. We know fish. The fish don't run in the day."

We hear God's instructions: Forgive a whole bunch. Bless those who curse you. Give abundantly. Visit the jails. Lose yourself in service. Remember the Sabbath day, is for finding your deep gladness and considering the parts of your life that matter most.

In the early 1800's Rev. Henry Sonnedecker from PA got on a horse and made a circuit through the Ohio wilderness looking for German settlers. Communion that first Sunday was 25. The rest is history.

Think about your "Christian Vocation". You may be a parent, you may be a bus driver, you may be in business, you may be a teacher. While you're sitting in the boat, Jesus wants to know; "What is your "Christian" vocation". Where does your deep gladness meet the world's deep hunger?" I don't know too many churches that offer people so many ways to serve than Trinity. When you serve you exercise your faith. You get more than you give. Consider your call.

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
Connie Plant Custodian



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February WORSHIP SCHEDULE
10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube
Live services are available on our website at
TrinityUCC.org

February 2

Fourth Sunday in Epiphany Holy Communion
Luke 4:21-30
“Been There, Done That”

February 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
“I am who I am”

February 16

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany with Lunch Worship
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
“Do you rage against the dying light?”

February 23

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Luke 46:27-38
“Be Merciful”

Financial Position December 2024

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

General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

	Current Month		**2024 Year to date**		**Last year actual**
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD
Income	\$143,674	\$134,782	\$339,899	\$367,402	\$355,276
Expenses	\$53,956	\$42,753	\$339,899	\$367,402	\$355,276
Net	\$89,718	\$92,029	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Comments:

We want to Thank the congregation for the additional gifts during December to help our deficit. We ended up having an \$80, 100 deficit for the year, which was slightly better than last year.

Income was high due to annual donors plus additional gifts. On the expense side we owed Pastor Kevan back medical premiums plus OCWM was high due to higher income.

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$263,062)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM BALANCE: \$26,828

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



Trinity is the place where we come together to celebrate gifts of each other. We come together in our brightest and darkest hours, we also come together to dream about a bright tomorrow. In all of the craziness today, Trinity is the place to come to be a ray of sunshine for each other.

Faith Formation and Arts at Trinity February, 2025



“Make a joyful noise to God!” This always is in my mind, especially as I keep finding so many books and articles to read about ways to study and learn more about faith; ways to share different music in worship services; and the use of arts in churches. It is a bit overwhelming to choose where to begin and also how to reach out to more people. With the season of Lent coming in March, I will be sharing several ways to gather together to study about Lent and of course our Savior, Jesus Christ. Some of these will be offered on zoom and others will be offered in person. Hope to reach out to a lot of you!

It is good to look at the calendar in the Topics to see what all is happening. But here is also a reminder:

Bible and Book Study happens at noon on Tuesdays in the Parlor.

Trinity Women, you are invited to gather with us at Dutch Kitchen, 14278 E. Lincoln Way, Dalton on Wednesday, February 19th at 11:30. It is fun to gather together, share in conversations and of course eat!

C.A.T. (Creative Arts at Trinity) is on Wednesdays, from 4:30-7:00pm. This is for kids ages 5 years old up through 6th grade.

Mind, Body and Spirit Wellness gatherings are on Thursdays at 9:00am in the Parlor.

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 5:30pm and **Bell Choir** rehearsals are at 7:00pm. All are welcome to come and join us!

“**Knit, Pray and Crochet**” is offered in the Parlor on Wednesdays at 7:00pm (come in through the Back Door) and on Fridays at 11:00am (come in through the Front Doors).

Fellowship Friday Game Night is on February 28th 7:00-9:00pm in Fellowship Hall. It is so fun to gather together to play games, eat snacks and have conversations!



February Birthdays!



Rick Lowe 1st
James Shoots 1st
Kaylynn Gunn 1st
Ayden Varno 1st
Nicholas Lupole 2nd
John Uher 2nd
James Wright 3rd
Gary McCollum 3rd
Caren Starr 6th
Karen Saurer 6th
Ryan Bertsch 8th
James Ditzler 8th

Lois Gardner 9th
Greg Cooper 9th
Jeff Hradek 10th
Sandy Amstutz 11th
Kenneth Feltner 13th
Bill Bostancic 17th
Geof Briggs 20th
Rik Goodright 23rd
Kaley Jo Vizzo 24th
Annette Slater 25th
Scott Slater 25th
Larry Snoddy 25th

Phil Starr 25th
Kylie McMichael 26th
Greg Cantrell 27th

Mission Team News

Mission committee is having an after church lunch on Sunday Feb 16, 2025. There is a free will offering for the lunch. The free will offering will go to People to People Ministries

Mission Team News
Following worship on February 16, you are invited to join Trinity’s mission team and Suzanne Feltner for a light luncheon and an informational session with Joe , the Director of People to People Ministries. Joe will share highlights and donations will be accepted for this important Wayne County Ministry.

Our super awesome January volunteers!

Lay Readers

February 2 - Janet Burkhart

February 9 -

February 16 -

February 23 -

Coffee Hour

February 2 -

February 9 - Brighams

February 16 -Shoots

February 23 -

Flowers

February 2 -

February 9 -

February 16 - Pat & Doug Anderson

February 23 -

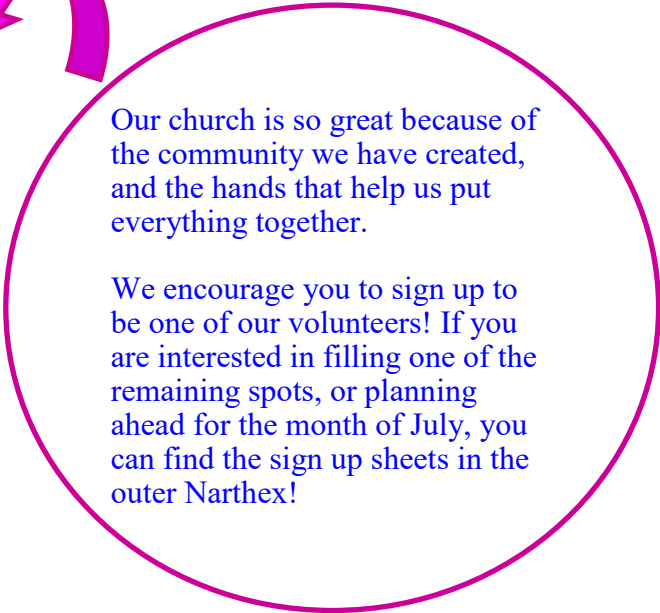
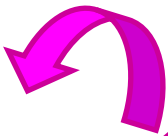
Ushers

February 2 -

February 9 -

February 16 -

February 23 -



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– February 1

Worship with Holy Communion– February 2

Lunch after Worship by Mission Team - February 16

Fellowship Friday - February 28

- 06-21 Concrete removal at Buckeye Street steps to access entry to City sewer.
- 06-24 Trail Plumbing set up and are advised to open 6 more holes (4in FH and 2 in Head Start) for a total of 7 and additional costs.
- 06-25 thru 06-27 Turned off water to entire building so The Trenchless Guys could flush, vacuum and dry the lines. Began pipe lining procedure.

- July 07-01 Trail Plumbing had equipment stolen from FH worksite. Thieves seen on camera and caught.
- 07-08 Pipe lining complete
(Total cost from Mariola invoice #1304 dated 08-22-24 \$74,562.90)
- 07-15 New downspouts by back door installed
- 07-15 Matt Kilbourne (Pine Tree Barn) moved chairs from Gilmore’s garage to Trinity 3rd floor NSM
- 07-16 to 07-17 Kitchen cabinets installed. Templates made for counters.
- 07-18 to? Kitchen floor prepped and sheet vinyl installed.
- 07-21 (week of) Appliances delivered and set in place
Martins patching Fellowship Hall floor where holes were made for pipe lining
- 07-28 (week of) Cabinets that were made wrong are returned to manufacturer

- August (Muskopfs on vacation)
Correctly made cabinets brought in.
Counters installed

- September
Final cleaning of FH floor needed a scrubber that was rented by Vince’s crew
Cleaning and returning items to kitchen
Cookbooks ready to be picked up
- 09-17 Vince does (almost final) walkthrough
- 09-18? Matt Kilbourne moved chairs to FH from 3rd floor. Found minor defects (tears, scratches, missing leg knobs) in 17 chairs. BizChair notified and will replace at no charge.

- October
Continued cleaning and returning items to kitchen.
Found scratches in the paint on the metal roll down doors. Magic Garage Door will replace them.
- 10-11 After Breakfast Program was over-cleaned all tables and moved Narthex tables to FH
Habitat for Humanity ReStore picked up remaining old black chairs- they have taken approximately 80. Earlier 40 chairs were taken to Janet Burkhart’s to be used in the new homeless shelter.
- 10-13 Dedication Sunday
- 10-22 Appreciation dinner

- November
11-04 New refrigerator from Commercial Kitchens LLC delivered to replace old one that shorted out.
Cost (\$5268) to be included as part of renovation.
- 11-06 BizChair brand Fellowship Hall chairs to replace 17 damaged chairs, arrived and stored in Head Start room

\$403,379 Total payments made for Renovation Project (as of 10/29/24)

Submitted by
Susan Muskopf
Renovation Team chairperson

November 11-17-23 Vince provided a tentative timeline, with work to be completed in approximately 3 months.
 11-27-23 Consistory and Renovation Team agreed that Trinity would stop programming the months of April, May and June of 2024 so project could be done.
 Vince agreed to begin April 2024.
 Vince provided laminate samples for cabinet colors

December Ordered 158 chairs from Belnick Retail Paid \$5684. These were delivered in January to Justin Gilmore residence until Trinity was ready for them.

2024

January Gave Vince and Martins our final choices for cabinet laminate, counter tops, wall coverings, floor vinyl and paint colors.
 Vince drew up plans for cabinets and submitted them to Mock Woodworking.

February Negotiated quote (\$275,172) and got a list of costs from Vince. Cut costs- Deleted laminate on all walls (Use frp), no stainless on walls by dishwasher, deleted hall cabinet by pantry, no cabinet to left of stove, Trinity will final clean. Savings of \$8523

March 03-12-24 Consistory approved quote for \$242,544
 03-26-24 Signed contract and paid Vince \$20,000.
 Have been moving things out of kitchen and Fellowship Hall for the entire month.
 Will be prepping Breakfast items in Parlor, serve at base of steps to Narthex and patrons have choice of taking brown bag with them or eating at tables that have been set up in back Narthex.

April 04-02-24 Demolition of kitchen began. Completed by 04-04
 04-08-24 Began French drain Completed 04-12
 04-09 to 04-11-24 Found clogged dishwasher vent pipe to roof, leaking in NSM ceiling. Cleared clog, rerouted vent pipe. HLH engineering relocated grease trap to under movable island.

May 05-07 Installed Fellowship Hall flooring. Martins mismeasured (forgot area in front of serving windows) and need to order more.
 By 05-17 Installed back hallway flooring
 By 05-17 Painted Fellowship Hall

 05-13 to 05-17 Sewer back up in kitchen. D&L Drain Service cleared clog but got tool stuck in old 1930's cast iron pipe.
 05-22 Cut hole in Fellowship Hall floor to retrieve tool. Ran a camera thru all basement and back sidewalk pipes and found bad, thin, rusted pipes under Fellowship Hall and old Head Start room all the way to Buckeye Street.
 05-29 Cabinets arrived and are stored in Fellowship Hall

June 06-03 Traced more hallway water leaks to an improperly installed PVC pipe under sidewalk in the back. Began digging up sidewalk to repair PVC and install new downspouts. PVC repair competed same day. Downspouts in July
 06-04 Met with Vince, Trail Plumbing. and The Trenchless Guys for an explanation of how they will line pipes to seal all possible thin spots. Verbal quote=\$30,000 given to Phil and Melinda.
 06-21 A NSM group was scheduled anyway and we will be without water. St James has agreed to allow NSM and office staff use of their rest rooms while Trinity water is turned off.
 NSM group of 10 will relocate to Best Western for a few nights.

Friends -

As many of you know, Homeward Bound continues to work to meet the needs of the unsheltered, while anticipating completion of the new facility at 981 Grosjean Road. Here is a recent post from their Facebook page, highlighting their current needs:

"On this [#ThankfulThursday](#), we just wanted to say “THANK YOU” to anyone who has gone out of their way to help us get ready for our facility to open! We really appreciate everyone who has purchased items off of our wish lists. It all will be put to good use soon, if it hasn’t already!

Check out our wish lists below - all of them can be found at <https://linktr.ee/homewardboundwwc> along with more information!

Tech Needs- https://www.amazon.com/.../ls/3BXZ3ZDQEBIPT/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Health and Hygiene- https://www.amazon.com/.../ls/10Y8UYIV09YZV/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Emergency Clothing- <https://tr.ee/UPpRdey4I9>

Stock the Kitchen- <https://tr.ee/7z7OIN-SYn>

Bathroom- <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/URF169FQI7QG...>

Also, if you haven’t already, please consider joining the Homeward Bound email group and following their Facebook page - here’s how:

1. Opt-in to become a member of the new Homeward Bound email group to receive future updates by sending an email to contactus@homewardboundwwc.org with “I’m In!” in the subject line.

2. Follow the Homeward Bound Facebook page at [Homeward Bound](#).

We hope that you will join us in this exciting journey toward providing year-round services to our unsheltered neighbors. Please feel free to forward this email to others you know who may also be interested.

With our thanks for your continued interest and support,

***The Wooster Homelessness Task Force
Community Relations Committee***

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DAY CENTER & SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

HOMeward BOUND



<https://linko.page/shpztopc49y>



Our Services

- Laundry Attendant
- Day Center Attendant
- Kitchen Server
- Severe Weather Shelter Attendant
- Weekend Maintenance

For more information
or to sign up:



Day Center
Volunteer



Severe Weather Shelter
Volunteer
<https://qrcc.io/sjkhf41gbcfv>

<https://qrcc.io/shxm62mvpkcp>



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volunteer@homewardboundwwc.org

2023-2024 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Renovation Project Timeline

Renovation Team Members

Susan Muskopf Team Chairperson

Elaine Reed secretary/advisor

Mark Wiest finance/grants

Keith Theobaud procurement of appliances

Joan Cooper Breakfast Program

Sally Griffin Breakfast Program

Vince Mariola contractor

Vince Mariola Construction 757 Spruce St. Wooster Ohio 44691

H. Lewis Hinkel engineering consultant

HLH Engineering Consulting, LLC 1248 Sunnyview Lane Wooster Ohio 44691

Timeline (unofficial)

2023

May-June Team was created and held first meetings to determine what must be done to renovate kitchen and Fellowship Hall

June Consistory, Endowment and Team discussed a 3 year plan. Endowment to allot \$380,000 to start. 1/3 to be raised by congregational giving, 1/3 to be raised in grants and, if \$380,000 not achieved, balance to be paid off by Endowment at the end of 3 years

June-July-August Team discussed/interviewed possible candidates for contractor. Bogner, Campbell, Imhoff were eliminated. Clazak Kitchen and Bath, Riggerbach Kitchen Design, Weaver Commercial, and Vince Mariola Construction did visits and gave estimates.

Mariola was chosen for these reasons- responded quickly and enthusiastically, superior recommendations, drew up initial ideas that were in line with our thinking, easy to work with, willing to work within the budget, handles all permits required, has \$2million liability insurance and can be bonded per job if required, will use his own subcontractors and coordinate work among all of them.

He uses HLH Engineering Consultants (H. Lewis Hinkel) to plan appliance and plumbing configurations.

He uses Eco Seal in Holmes county for French drain work.

He uses Martin Interiors for all flooring.

June-July-August Evaluated appliance vendors that have Hobart brand dishwasher. Vince uses TriMark from Columbus/Cleveland. We also got estimates Skelton's Inc, Mansfield (too much) and Commercial Kitchens LLC Millersburg. Commercial Kitchens visited but was eliminated due to high cost to build new hood and stack to roof for gas convection ovens (>\$25,000).

September HLH Engineering consultants, Lewis Hinkel, began plans for kitchen plumbing. Approved by City of Wooster.

September- December Worked with Tri Mark's Matt Hendrix on choices and prices of appliances. 12-12-23 Signed Tri Mark contract with 50% down (\$30000) to guarantee prices before they were going to be raised at end of the year.

October-thru ? Began process of choosing luxury vinyl tile flooring for Fellowship Hall, back hallway, bathrooms and sheet vinyl for kitchen. Paint samples were obtained. Martins provided samples for our consideration.