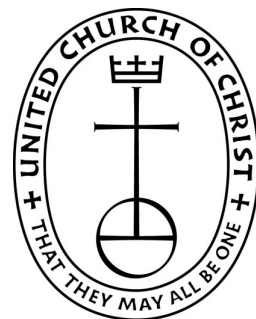


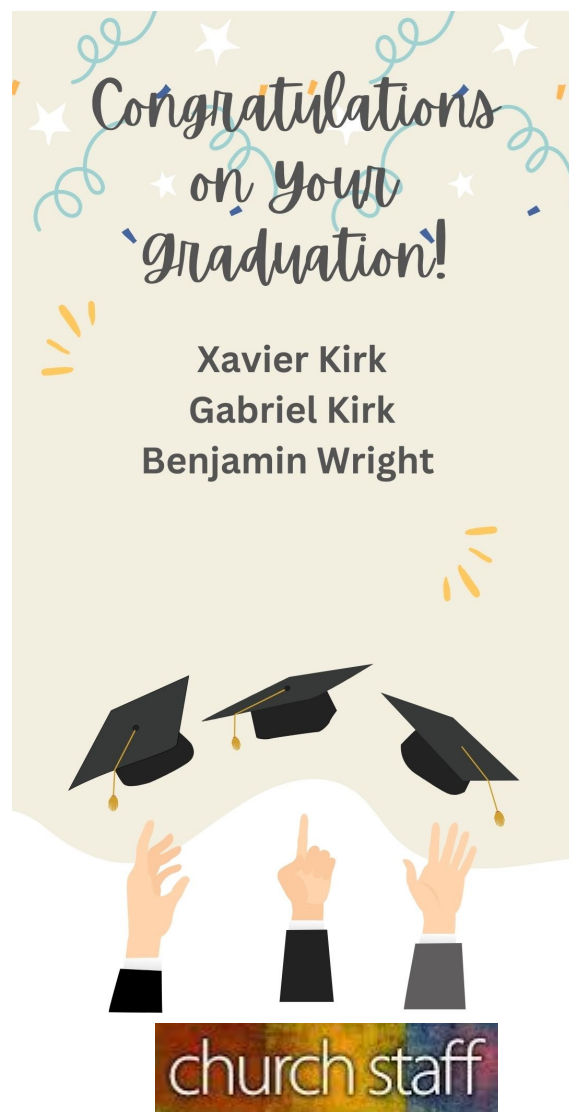
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Trinity Friends,

Daniel Hilty a Church consultant from a Lutheran "think tank" in Grand Rapids Michigan says that any large-scale facility renovation requires a congregation to tolerate a tremendous amount of change and disruption. It's critical to share information, listen to concerns, and acknowledge grief and loss. **But perhaps the most important task is reminding the congregation of the "why" behind all of the changes.** Structural renovation of a building no matter how needed and important as it is, **is not renewal of a church.**

To hear some church growth coaches tell it, all you need is a Praise band and a coffee bar to grow a church. People may come to the rock band coffee bar, but that does not qualify as discipleship as Jesus lived and taught it.

On Ash Wednesday we recite a wonderful example of discipleship; It reads: "As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, prayer, study and works of love help us return to that love."

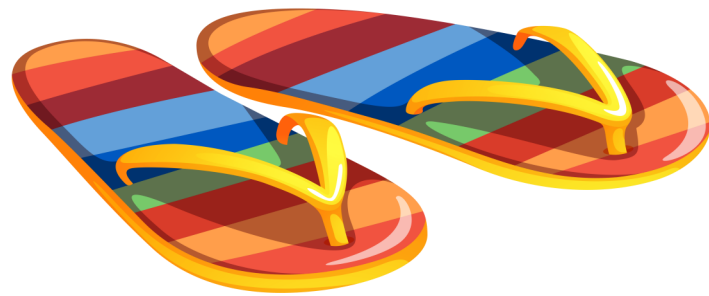
Your Partner in Christ's Ministry,
Dr. Franklin

Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians; "We show we are servants of God by the integrity of our lives, our understanding, patience, and kindness, by the power of the Holy Spirit, by genuine love, by speaking the truth, and by God's power."



JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30am



All Services are available online on Facebook and YouTube

Live services are available on website at
Trinity UCC.org

July 7th

Holy Communion
Mark 6:1-13
“Living with Ability”

July 14th

Mark 6:14-29
“Inspiration”

July 21st

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
“Orientation”

July 28th

Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21
“Abundance”

August 4th

Holy Communion

August 18th

Outdoor Worship At Christmas Run Park

Financial Position May 2024

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General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot

| | **Current Month** | | **2024 Year to date** | | **Last year actual** |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | YTD |
| Income | \$11,816 | \$17,255 | \$77,273 | \$86,935 | \$76,843 |
| Expenses | \$23,118 | \$26,671 | \$132,092 | \$150,048 | \$149,768 |
| Net | (\$11,302) | (\$9,416) | (\$54,818) | (\$63,113) | (\$72,925) |

Comments:

During May, we Paid for our website building and address causing our computer costs to be \$261 over budget. We paid almost \$400 for Roto Rooter to clean out a clogged toilet in the Narthex, causing our building maintenance to be over- budget. Other expenses were in line. Our contribution income was \$5100 under-budget..

Building Repair Fund/Kitchen Renovation Balance: - (\$69,415)

During may we paid Tri-Mark for most of the remaining balance for our Kitchen equipment and Vince Mariola for a total paid of \$69,104 .

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
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 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 July, 2024

Taking care of our minds, bodies, and spirits continues to be a very important thing. I pray you are all finding ways to do this, not just by yourself, but also by spending time with other people. It is good to connect with others.

Bible Study at the Park will be each **Tuesday at noon**. You are invited to join us at Christmas Run Upper-Level park for conversation, fellowship and learning.



C.A.T. (Children's Arts at Trinity) will be each Wednesday except on the 10th. We gather from 4:30-7:00 and do art, music, story time, and supper together. A wonderful way to create friendship and love of God.



Trinity Women's Lunch Gathering will be on Wednesday, July 17th at 11:30. We will be at Des Dutch Essenhaus in Shreve for this month's gathering. Hope to see you there!

National Day of Ice Cream is Sunday, July 21st and we will be celebrating with an ice cream party after Worship!



I am looking forward to learning ideas for music at Trinity by attending the **United Church of Christ Musicians Association Conference** the second week of July. Will be



fun to share thoughts and ideas with you when I get back!

Peace to all! Suzanne Feltner, Faith Formation and Arts Director

July Birthdays!

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Elaine Volz | 1st | Rebecca Schmidt | 16th | Patrick Hoffman | 30th |
| Meg Vrotney | 2nd | Paul Gunn | 18th | Daniel Myers | 30th |
| Carol Ladrach | 2nd | Justin Hart | 18th | Tom Montelione | 31st |
| Courtney Franks | 3rd | Allyson Leisy | 18th | | |
| Debra Baney | 4th | Doris Sigg | 18th | | |
| Richard Brigham | 4th | Jeremy Wandall | 18th | | |
| Donna Albright | 6th | Keri Vizzo | 19th | | |
| Tammy Hoffman | 6th | Carol Bucher | 20th | | |
| Dianne Hange | 7th | Ginny Gunn | 20th | | |
| Sally Griffitn-Strader | 8th | Zachary Sarbach | 20th | | |
| Joi Griffith | 8th | Jackie Smith | 21st | | |
| Morgan Wenger | 8th | Greg Tisher | 21st | | |
| Sam Franklin | 9th | Misha Brigham | 22nd | | |
| David Kwon Lilburn | 9th | David Muskopf | 26th | | |
| Emily Lowe | 9th | Ann Brammer | 27th | | |
| Janet Broda | 11th | Parker Schantz | 29th | | |
| Dale Angerman | 14th | Madison Blough | 30th | | |

Trinity United Church of Christ



Trinity is having a busy summer so far. Above is the Youth Group from First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove, IL who visited North Street Mission the week of June 10, 2024. During our outdoor worship service on Sunday June 16, Dr. Beatrice Adams shared a message of Love during our Juneteenth service. We also had a church picnic after the service.

We ask our church members and friends to continue to support the general operations of the church. Through five months we are operating better than 2023, but are still in a deficit position. Your continued support of our Mission at the corner of North and Buckeye Streets is needed!

Have a great summer!



Our super awesome July volunteers!

Lay Readers

July 7th - Jennifer Faust
July 14th - Janet Burkhart
July 21st - Youth
July 28th - Daniel Kirk

Coffee Hour

July 7th -
July 14th -
July 21st -
July 28th - The Lilburns

Flowers

July 7th -
July 14th -
July 21st -
July 28th -

Ushers

July 7th -
July 14th -
July 21st -
July 28th -



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!



Services and materials:

| | |
|---|----------|
| 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 |

Services and materials con't

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| 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 contractors 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 asking 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!

Rev. Dr. Franklin will be on vacation **July 1st-6th**
Independence Day **July 4th**-Office will be closed
Holy Communion **July 7th**
Consistory **July 9th** at 7pm
Suzanne will be attending UCC Musicians Association Conference **July 10th-14th**
National Ice Cream Day **Sunday, July 21st!** Join us after worship to celebrate.
Fellowship Friday: Game Night **July 26th** from 7-9pm.
Holy Communion **August 4th**

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;

| | |
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| 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’s Recipes and Memories Cookbook will soon be ready for distribution from the church office.. Please sign the Renovation catalogue to reserve your copy or call the church office. They cost \$10 and you can make your check out to Trinity with “cookbook” in the memo line.

Now that you will have recipes to cook, you need an apron! We salvaged 25 aprons from the drawers of the kitchen and maybe one was made by your mother or grandmother. These colorful aprons served our cooks well for many years as they prepared delicious food for the community. Maybe get one as a memory of these wonderful people. They will be displayed in the sanctuary June 30th and July 7th and will be for sale for a donation. Please give your money or check (made out to Trinity with Apron written in the memo line) to Dee Carter, Susan Muskopf or Elaine Reed.

Thanks for the memories!



The Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Renovation project was coming along nicely until the last 2 weeks of May when we experienced some “damp issues”. First a first floor toilet overflowed due to a clog and the water ran into the ceiling in the basement. The clog continued to the drain pipe by the kitchen where it caused sewer water to back up into the kitchen. As a drain company was clearing this clog, a piece of their equipment fell through a crack and thin area of pipe so it became stuck. To recover this equipment the Fellowship Hall floor had to be dug up. Upon further inspection, it was discovered that drain pipe was in poor shape. So to prevent more tearing up of the new Fellowship Hall floor in the future, a solution has been found to repair the drainpipe all the way from the kitchen to the street.

More “damp issues”- the large PVC pipe buried under the sidewalk by the back entrance that drains downspout water to the street had a large crack in it. The downspout water had been flowing into Trinity’s foundation and not to the street! During the week of June 3, the sidewalk was dug up and the pipe was replaced. The rusted, leaking downspout is also being replaced.

Until all the “damp issues “ are resolved, the project will be on delay as of June 4. We want to make sure everything is dry before we finish placing the flooring in the rest of the hallway and the kitchen.

Thank you for your patience and your monetary generosity.

Susan Muskopf
Renovation Project Chairperson



Renovation Update

The progress on the renovation has slowed down by a month due to the repair work that needs done on the pipe beneath the church. This work includes descaling the pipe, pressure flushing and then vacuuming out the debris. It will then need to dry before the liquid sealant is injected and a ballooning technique spreads it to where it will seal the interior of the pipe. This repair began June 21st and should be complete by the time this Topics gets to you. The projected project completion date is now late July-early August. There will be quite a flurry of activity as we move the new chairs from Gilmore’s garage to Trinity, take old chairs to Habitat ReStore (if they will accept such a large number) and the final move back into the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. There will be ample opportunity for you to help, just keep looking to the ebulletins on Fridays and the Sunday bulletins to keep you informed as to when these events will happen.

Again, *Thank You* for your patience and financial support
The Renovation Team