

# Trinity Topics



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*“The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page.”  
-Saint Augustine*

Trinity Friends,

This is a Sabbatical year for me and I am taking several small trips instead of taking time all at once. I traveled to Chicago in May for a workshop on Mental Health Issues and the church which was designed to find support for individuals and families. It is part of the “Widening the Welcome” process in the National church and is included in our Statement of Inclusion. Trinity is an Open and Affirming church.

During the week of May 21st, a group of Pastors from Germany will be in Atlanta attending a Conference at the King Center. I am going with a group of Pastors from Ohio who are attending the Conference on Race. This September we are attending a conference in Germany and will spend some time with our hosts at our sister church, St. Stephanus, in Borchon. Trinity is a Global Mission Church.

Each day is an exercise in stretching our hearts and minds to become more conscious of the world around us. In a few weeks, summer will soon be here and by the time you read this, Ella and I will be on our way to Alaska. Grab hold of the opportunities that become available to you. Watch for gratuitous Sabbatical photos in future sermons!

Your Partner in Christ’s Ministry,

Dr. Franklin



**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30A**

**June 3rd**

*Holy Communion  
Youth Sunday*

LAYREADER & ANNOUNCER: Trinity Youth

USHERS & GREETERS: Head Usher: Jerome Cruey, Jackie Soliday

ALTAR FLOWERS: Trinity Youth

COFFEE HOUR: Louie & Dee Carter

**June 10th** - Asst. Pastor Leila Jindra

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15 Sermon: "Our Own Worst Enemies"

LAYREADER: Jodi Kirk

ANNOUNCER: David Thompson

USHERS & GREETERS: Head Usher: Jerome Cruey

ALTAR FLOWERS:

COFFEE HOUR: Mark & Karin Wiest

**June 17th** - Asst. Pastor Leila Jindra

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13 Sermon: "Seeing With God's Eyes"

LAYREADER: Nancy Lueschen

ANNOUNCER: Max Fischer

USHERS & GREETERS: Head Usher: Jerome Cruey

ALTAR FLOWERS:

COFFEE HOUR: Jerome Cruey & Johanna Holbert

**June 24th** - Special Guest Rev. Gary Friend

Scripture: Psalm 38 Sermon: "A Cry For Help"

LAYREADER: Joan Cooper

ANNOUNCER: Jerome Cruey

USHERS & GREETERS: Head Usher: Jerome Cruey

ALTAR FLOWERS:

COFFEE HOUR: Fellowship Committee

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***PLEASE PRAY FOR:*** *Home:* Evergreen Bishop, Issac Hinkel, Jacqueline Duncan, Andy Seman, *Brookdale:* JoAnne Spitler, Kaye Hess *Magnolia Care Center:* Ruth Tisher *Orrville Pointe:* Roger Cruey *West View Healthy Living:* Dick & Mary Arnold, Evelyn Duell, Vi Fuller, Nancy Rittenhouse, Ruth Hines, Pauline Campbell *Wayne County Care Center:* Bob Chizmadia, Marybelle Rudd *Smithville Western:* Kelly Earl, Alice Keen, Jackie Myers, Helen Yeagley, Donna Wagner *The Avenue:* Richard Goodright

**FINANCIAL POSITION - April 2018**

*Trinity UCC Wooster - "Embracing & Celebrating God's Love"*

**Attendance**  
 April 2018 = 143  
 April 2017 = 146

**General Operating Fund Financial Snapshot**

	<b>**Current Month**</b>		<b>**2018 Year to Date**</b>		<b>**Last Year Actual**</b>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 22,986	\$20,709	\$ 74,479	\$ 72,742	\$ 76,598
Expenses	\$ 27,219	\$26,107	\$113,736	\$114,736	\$113,886
Net	\$ ( 4,233)	\$( 5,398)	\$( 39,257)	\$( 41,994)	\$(37,288)

Comments: Our April income was over expectations by \$2,300. Our expenses were over budget by \$1,000. Our expenses were over due to the switch from DSL to Cable internet/phone and our new Realm church software. This is a one time occurrence as our expenses for both net out to be the same.

**Building Repair Fund Balance: -(\$2,609)**

Comments: Donations during the month were \$1,617

**Breakfast Program Balance: \$12,311**

(The Breakfast Program was established in the summer of 1995)

**Blessed bequest for Trinity**

Trinity recently received a bequest from Ken & Marlene O'Brien. Marlene served as our Church Treasurer for over 20 years. Generous with their talents and time in many ways, Ken and Marlene also invested in an IRA and an annuity in which they named Trinity as a beneficiary. Trinity is truly blessed to have such thoughtful friends like Ken and Marlene who continue to make a difference for our Church through their estate planning.



As Trinity Prepares for our 200th anniversary in 2019, here is the 1949 confirmation class. Note that Marlene O'Brien is the second from the right in the front row. Trinity has a long history in downtown Wooster.

- June 4th - Ed Eberhart
- June 6th - Judy Amstutz
- June 7th - Ken Richard, Diane Bostancic
- June 10th - Karen Howard
- June 14th - Sandi Keim
- June 17th - Nancy Rittenhouse
- June 18th - Bill Sparr
- June 20th - Terry Lennon
- June 22nd - Helen Questel
- June 23rd - Donley Swinehart
- June 24th - Linda Houmard
- June 26th - Marvin Smith



- June 8th - Morghan Kyrie Wenger
- June 26th - Kenzo Griffin
- June 30th - Jalen Wenger

**Blood Pressure** - The blood pressure reading will be held on Sunday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 17th from 10:30a - 10:45a in the church office by our Parish Nurses.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Upcoming Events: July 6th - 6:00p Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary July 7th - Clark/Carroll Wedding @ 4:30p in Sanctuary July 2nd - 5th - Rev. Franklin - Sabbatical - New York City July 21st - Arvay Reservation - F. Hall July 22nd - Ice Cream Social July 26th - July 30th - NSM - Christ Church from Cleveland Heights OH July 29th - August 4th - Youth Mission Trip to St. Louis, MO					1 8:00p AA in FH	2
3 Youth Sunday Holy Communion - Asst. Pastor Leila Jindra 9:30a Worship  6:00p Warrior Journey Home Meeting in F. Hall	4 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 8:00p AA in FH	5 12:00p Mission Committee Meeting 6:30p NA in FH 7:00p Worship Committee Meeting	6 7:30p Men's AA in FH	7 10:30a Fellowship Meeting in Parlor NSM Group in Fellowship Hall during afternoon & evening hours	8 8:00p AA in FH	9 NSM Group using kitchen all day 9:00a Archive Diving
				Rev. Kevan Franklin ~ Sabbatical/Alaska Sugarcreek UCC visiting North Street Mission		
10 Asst. Pastor Leila Jindra 9:30a Worship  	11 10:00a Trinity Quilters 8:00p AA in FH	12 6:30p NA in FH	13 7:30p Men's AA in FH	14 6:30p Stamp Club in Parlor	15 8:00p AA in FH	16
17 Asst. Pastor Leila Jindra Father's Day 9:30a Worship  6:00p Warrior Journey Home Meeting in F. Hall	18 10:00a Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor 8:00p AA in FH	19 6:30p NA in FH	20 7:30p Men's AA in FH	21 6:30p Stamp Club in Parlor	22 8:00p AA in FH	23
				Vacation Bible School @ First Presbyterian 6:00p - 8:00p		
24 Rev. Gary Friend 9:30a Worship  	25 8:00p AA in FH	26 6:30p NA in FH	27 6:00p 200th Celebration Planning 7:30p Men's AA in FH	28 7:00p Coin Club in Fellowship. Hall	29	30
				Richfield UCC visiting North Street Mission		

## Faithwalkers in Service *(Downtown Vacation Bible School)*

As you may have read or heard, this year's Vacation Bible School is taking a new form. VBS will be FAITHWALKERS IN SERVICE, and will be held on Monday, June 18th-Wednesday, June 20th from 6:00-8:00pm. First Presbyterian Church will once again host all of us.

This change was brought about for a few reasons but mostly due to the lack of adult volunteers. Most parents work during the day and we have been short on volunteers for the past few years.

I am very excited about the new format! We will spend our time together learning Micah 6:8 and BEING in mission!

Each night will consist of an Opening, two sessions, 1. Music, Movement and More, 2. Story, Snack and Service, and a Closing.

Monday's mission partner is Wayne County's First Responders. All the churches will be collecting items to make goodie bag for these fine servants (all 184 of them!). **TRINITY IS COLLECTING COFFEE GIFT CARDS. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP DONATE A COFFEE CARD, PLEASE SEE MELISSA.**

**WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE AND SERVE A SNACK ON WEDNESDAY. THIS SNACK IS PROVIDED BY DOWNTOWN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE SEE MELISSA.**

To sign up to participate or volunteer, you can go to our website at:  
<https://vbsmate.com/events/DowntownFaithwalkers/15958>



## Support the Sr High Summer Mission Trip To St. Louis!

Help support the mission trip by having your name, the name of your company or a corporate name added to our Mission T-shirts. We will wear these t-shirts as we travel to St. Louis, Missouri. Sponsorship is \$25 for individual or family names, \$50 for businesses, *\$35 for businesses in their first year.*

If you wish to add your name or your business name to our t-shirts, fill out the information below and place it in the offering plate with your check or drop it off in the church office. Thank You! ***The deadline for contribution is June 11th!***

Name as you want it to appear on the t-shirt

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Family or Individual \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Business \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ First Year Business \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Trinity UCC  
with Sr. High Mission Trip t-shirt on the memo line.*



**Jennifer Faust** moved to Wooster in 2017 to start a new job as a chemistry professor at the College. She grew up in St. Louis MO, studied at Illinois Wesleyan University as an undergraduate, obtained her PhD in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and most recently trained as an atmospheric chemist at the University of Toronto in Canada. In Wooster, she can frequently be found teaching first year college students in the classroom or collecting rainwater for her research students to analyze. She occasionally tweets about science and education from the handle @JFaustDoesChem. Her interests outside of chemistry include reading, travel, art museums, and listening to NPR podcasts.

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**Steve Bailey and Ashley (Scoggins) Bailey** live in the Little Italy/East section of Wooster with their infant daughter Mallory. Ashley works as a Deli Clerk and enjoys being a new full time Mommy. Steve is a former Automotive Transmission Mechanic, a Recovery Advocate and stay at home Dad these days.. They have expressed their gratitude for Trinity's outreach through the breakfast program and welcoming use of the fellowship hall to the 12 step recovery programs a Blessing to our community.

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**Mandy Parkinson** was born in Wooster and raised in Wayne County, and attended Triway High School. I'm employed as a medical coder, and I live in Wooster with four cats and a sweet little dog. I have a twenty-five year-old son, Will Parkinson, who is a student at Akron University, and husband to Megan Duffy.

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**Tony Heard** is a regular worship participant who also helps out in our Breakfast Program. He enjoys spending time with his sister and her family who live in Akron and are very active in a Baptist Church. Tony recently began working for McDonald's and enjoys his job because he is a people person and appreciates the warm welcome that he has received at Trinity.

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We would like to invite you to join us for our  
**60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**  
on Saturday, July 21st from 2:00p to 4:00p  
in the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

We will also be renewing our vows at 2:30p.

We look forward to spending our special day with you.  
No gifts please!!

- Art & Lyn Arvay



**Trinity is celebrating 200 years of ministry in 2019.** Our Celebration planning team is making preparations for yearlong events. The original charter and first worship took place in November 1819.

We will hold four major events:

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| Nov. 3, 2018      | Kickoff celebration and musical program and a catered meal. |
| Post- Easter 2019 | (Mission focus)   |
| Summer 2019       | Public event at a Park with food and games.                 |
| Nov. 2019         | 200 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Reunion and catered meal      |

The Celebration team has divided into three working groups; Events, History and Promotions.

We recently created a logo for the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Watch for it in future church promotions!

Scott Griffin has begun videotaping members for special memories of Trinity. There are many people in the congregation as well as in Nursing Homes who have memories that we want to be sure to preserve. Herb Broda plans to put together Trinity historical fun facts for the weekly bulletin and newsletter beginning in November. At 9 am on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Mark Wiest is inviting anyone who is interested to help look over items in the Archives.

In preparation for the November 2019 Reunion Event; We need to assemble a list of members from Trinity that have been ordained; So far, we have Eugene Keil, Ray Deuring, Don Jones, Lori Tisher, Gary Friend, Nancy Lueschen, Joyce Schroer, Diane Windorf, Mel Humes, ... help us out. Do you know of others?

Please contact the church office if you are interesting in participating in our 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration Planning.



Do you have any older photos of Trinity or folks/functions that happened at Trinity that you would like to share for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? If so, please email them to me in the church office at [trinityuccwooster1819@gmail.com](mailto:trinityuccwooster1819@gmail.com) or if you need them scanned you can bring them in and I will scan them for you.

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