



# TRINITY TIMES

Trinity United Church of Christ  
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JUNE, 2025

## Information:

### Worship Schedule

Sunday Service

9:00am

### Fellowship Time

10:00am

### Sunday School

10:30am

### Office Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9am - 1pm

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## You're going places!

Commencement marks the beginning of a new stage of life, with graduates heading off to discover opportunities and face challenges. Oh, the Places You'll Go! — a Dr. Seuss book that's now a popular graduation gift — whimsically explores life's ups and downs, twists and turns.

Young adults will face excitement and slumps, fun and loneliness. They'll feel a sense of purpose as well as confusion and even fear. "There are some [things], down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on," writes Dr. Seuss.

In the storybook, the life-traveler's sheer determination propels him beyond difficulties. But God's children don't need to journey alone. Our heavenly Father walks beside us on every winding path and around every corner. Life cannot take us anywhere God hasn't been first. Graduates — and all Christians — can trust in the promise of Joshua 1:9 (NRSV): "Be strong and courageous ... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



## Summer Worship, Summer Joy

Even in the relaxed pace of summer, God is at work! Our Sunday services continue to be a source of joy and encouragement—join us each week for inspiring worship and meaningful community.

## Dates to Remember



- June 8 - Pentecost (wear red)
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 15 - Trinity Sunday
- June 15 - Father's Day
- June 16-20 - Trinity VBS
- June 19 - Juneteenth
- June 20 - First day of summer
- June 29 - Confirmand led worship



*“Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them and make our home with them.”*

John 14:23 NRSVue

Greetings to All in the name of Christ,

The followers of Jesus were very worried when Jesus announced he would be leaving them. He promised not to leave them orphaned and gave the words above to help them understand that both God the Father and Jesus himself would come and make a home in the hearts of every disciple who followed Jesus' word and teachings. This is the very essence of the Holy Spirit that is of God and Christ. It establishes a home in our hearts at baptism and looks to expand that home as we follow Christ across our lives. It is a wonderful testament affirmed by the many faithful church pillars I have known, who said that the more they worship, pray, read, meditate, perform actions of charity, love, mercy and forgiveness, the closer they have felt to God. Perhaps it is because that tiny home established in our hearts at baptism has grown to become the mansion of many rooms so that the holy has a flourishing presence in their body and spirit.

This is something that most people of faith truly want. We want that kind of personal relationship with the holy that it is palpably felt, guiding us when we need help, and giving us the peace and love that re-centers us into the kind of life experience truly worth living. The monastics and ascetics who set themselves aside from the rat race of non-secular life found this great joy when they moved into special communities that focused on faith as a primary essence of life.

While most folks cannot join a monastic movement or move to the caves in Qumran like the desert fathers, we can still make quite a bit more effort to give space and time for God in our hearts and daily lives. This month's article on giving for our "Year of Giving" centers on doing just that: Giving more time and space for the holy in our lives. It can start slowly with a morning prayer asking for the Spirit's guidance across the day. Then add an evening prayer before bed-time, giving thanks for every blessing of the day. Then one could add in a few simple words of gratitude for their meals before eating, known as mealtime grace. When there is extra time, before turning on the television or grabbing the smart phone for entertainment, one might even add in a reading from a devotional and just meditate a few minutes before moving on to that television show. When out and about one might give extra time to a friend you run into, or a moment to a wordy fellow customer at the store who seems to need to talk. You may just be helping to better their day just by a few minutes of listening. I am sure you can come up with many more examples of giving your time for God or Christly things and hope you might do that as an exercise in giving a few extra minutes of time to discern the measure of God's presence in your life. Lastly, we hope you will

dedicate time for the worship of God with us at Trinity, helping to continue the growth of this family of faith in body and spirit.

The life of guidance, peace, love and contentment is just waiting for us to take ahold. So, let us be giving of our time to the holiness, spiritual practices, and missional activities. We may find that our hearts begin to grow in ways that demonstrate the Holy Ones have come and made that home in us.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Steve*



We want to thank our dedicated members and friends for your financial support of the ministries of Trinity UCC. Your giving through offerings and gifts this year have been helping to reduce the deficit we have been experiencing for so many years. It has been a blessing to see our church moving in such a positive direction. We hope to continue this positive direction and close the gap a bit further in 2025. The months following Easter through Summer historically have been our biggest challenge as we see a fall-off in giving when people are away. So we prayerfully are asking those who are able to consider making those weekly offering and gifts when you may be away for a Sunday due to vacation or illness as the financial needs of the church remain the same across the year.

In this 2025 'year of giving', please consider keeping the church as one of your benevolent priorities so we may keep Trinity as financially healthy and growing as the ministries of church and membership continue to grow. We have so much to be thankful for. Join with us in showing our gratitude to God for renewing and rebuilding our church family. Again, we thank you for your participation in the life and ministry of Trinity UCC.

Yours in Christ,

The Finance Committee

## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School, "Road Trip—On the Go With God," is June 16-20 from 9am-11:30am. Children ages 4-12 may be registered. Deadline for registration is Friday June 6th. If you have any questions, please call the office at 717-637-2233.



## A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL-YEAR OF CHILDREN'S CHURCH

With happy hearts and a few tears, we bring our Children's Church program to a close for the Summer months. We have been thrilled to have had seven participants in this fledgling program start last fall as we work to re-establish a children's Sunday School program.



Certificates of participation were handed out to our participants during worship on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Our sincere thanks to the families that brought their children and grandchildren so they may begin a foundation in faith, learning about the love God has for them and everyone through our Savior Jesus Christ.

We are ever-so-grateful to our wonderful teachers who quickly volunteered to get this program going and running so smoothly. We thank Matthew Hutton, Bill and Abby Reichart,

Kate and Barry Garland, Lorene and Vic Crooks, and Sheila Weist.

Our hearts are wide open to you all for your service to the children of Trinity and your witness of Christ to them. May God grant everyone a summer of rest, renewal, faith and fun.



## GIVING GLORY TO GOD WITH MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE

The Cool Kids Choir at Trinity is taking a break for the Summer Season. They have blessed us during worship with inspirational songs of faith that made us smile and added to our faith

Many thanks go out to the children and youth who so faithfully bring this special music to life in





our worship. We thank the families for allowing their participation and getting them to the practices and performances. Deep gratitude to Roxie Schloyer for music selection, the practices, and performances in which she leads and directs this wonderful group of young singers. Thank you for blessing us with the gift of vocal and instrumental music!

"Well done, thy good and faithful servants of the Lord".



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
2	Yvonne and John Dickert	62	14	Amy and David Lentz	28
4	Deborah and Richard Rorrer, Jr.	48	17	Georgia and Rick Foye	47
5	Jen and Daniel Leib	26	17	Gail and William Stelger	64
8	Sally and George Sepic	60	18	Susan and Ray Mummert	53
9	Darlene and James Miner	52	19	Stephanie and Thomas Werner	32
11	Peggy and Joseph Oaster	59	23	Stacy and Michael Jamison	18
12	Ellie and Scott Rebert	43	28	Valerie and Greg Wentz	22

*If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records.*

 <p>Donna Nace      June 25</p>	 <p>Robert Wilson    January, 12 1948 - May, 4 2025</p>
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## CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

The 2025 Trinity UCC Confirmation Class met for it's 3rd retreat on Saturday, May 17th where participants learned about Christian Spiritual Practices and planned a Sunday worship service the group will lead for the congregation on Sunday June 29th. They selected the theme 'Christ's call to kindness and love'. Please mark your calendars to come out to support our Confirmands at this special service.

The final Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 9:00 – 3:00 PM at Trinity UCC. A gift of Study Bibles will be officially presented to the confirmands in the worship service on June 29th. We look forward to scheduling Confirmation Sunday some time this summer. Our thanks to the folks who have provided meals for our first three retreats: Carol Wilson, Billi Hagan, and Megan Koontz. Your generosity is appreciated!



## *June Trinity Times*

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