

Trinity UCC

Church Chatter

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“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” — Matthew 5:4

There are some goodbyes that are harder than others. Saying goodbye to someone we love can leave us with a mixture of sadness, gratitude, and memories that stay with us long after the words have been spoken.

Yet, even in saying goodbye, there can be joy.

When we gather together to remember someone, we are reminded that their life touched ours in ways both big and small. We share stories, laughter, tears, and the moments that made them special. In those gatherings, we discover that remembering doesn't only make us look backward—it reminds us of the love and community we still share today.

Jesus reminds us that we are never meant to walk through life alone. We gather, we support one another, we grieve together, and we celebrate together. And through it all, God is present.

As we say goodbye to those who have been part of our lives, may we give thanks for the time we were blessed to share with them. May our memories bring smiles amid the tears, and may our gatherings remind us that love continues even when someone is no longer with us.

Let us cherish the memories, hold one another close, and give thanks for the joy of gathering together.

– Julie

In Loving Memory



Ruth Shafer
August 11, 2026

Judy Rastatter
September 2, 2026

Barbara Stamm
September 2, 2026

Upcoming Choir Anthems

October 11, 2026: #559- Here I Am, Lord

October 25, 2026: #603- In Christ There Is No East or West





Save Our Steeple

The balance of this fund at the end of August was \$65,662! Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to this fund! We are now over halfway to our goal! Let's keep going!

Noisy Offering



Noisy offering was \$98 for September. Total collected so far this year is \$ 1,377.37. Funds raised through the Noisy Offering each month go towards our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Initiative. The next Noisy Offering will take place on October 4th.

Upcoming Consistory and Committee Meetings

Building and Grounds Committee – Wednesday, September 30th

The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 PM. All committee members are encouraged to attend as we discuss current needs and upcoming projects around the church.

October Consistory Meeting– Wednesday, October 21st

The Consistory will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM. All Consistory members are encouraged to attend as we discuss upcoming church business, events, and plans. Please let Julie or John know if you are unable to attend.

Notes of Thanks

From Craig and Ronni Showalter:

Dear Congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you for all your blessings and gifts as I departed my ministry with you there. They, and all your well wishes, are greatly appreciated and help carry us back to our home and to our awaited grandson.

All the best to you and thank you!

–Craig and Ronni

Baby Showalter Update

We will share an update with the congregation once we receive news of Baby Showalter's arrival. If you would like to send a congratulatory card to the new grandparents after his arrival, their home address is listed below:

Rev. and Mrs. Craig E. Showalter
115 Allison Ct,
Englewood, OH 45322

Church Activities and Gatherings

World Communion Sunday- October 4th

Join us as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, gathering with Christians around the world at Christ's table. Though we come from many places and traditions, we are united through God's love and the bread and cup we share. All are welcome at the table!



Sewing Circle: October 6th and 20th at 9:30 AM

The Sewing Committee will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month as they continue their ministry of care. All are welcome to join as items are made for patients and families in hospice care.

Breakfast Club: Each Wednesday at 9:30 AM

The Breakfast Club will continue to meet each Wednesday. There is always room around our table of fellowship for all. We hope you will join us!



Shoebox Packing Party- October 25th

Join us after worship on Sunday, October 25 for our Shoebox Packing Party! Come lend a hand as we pack shoeboxes together and enjoy a time of fellowship. Lunch will be provided, so bring yourself and a helping heart!

Trick or Treat at Trinity- October 29th- 5:30-7:30 PM

Come join us for Trick-or-Treat! Anyone is welcome to sit at the church and help pass out treats to our community. The Fellowship Committee will also be preparing special treat bags from Trinity to hand out to our trick-or-treaters. We'd love to have you join in the fun!



Holiday Auction and Basket Raffle- November 13th

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Our Soup & Sandwich Dinner will be served from 4:00-6:00 PM, with basket raffle tickets available during that time. The raffle drawing and Holiday Auction begin at 6:30 PM. Come enjoy a delicious meal, try your luck on some great baskets, and stay for the auction! If you are interested in donating an item or basket, please let Jamie or Julie know by November 8th.

Christmas Card Chaos - November 15th

Join Patricia for an afternoon of Christmas Card Chaos on Sunday, November 15th at 3:00 PM at the Trinity UCC Parsonage! Come create your own Christmas cards while enjoying light snacks and fellowship. All supplies are provided, and there is no cost to participate. Any donations received will benefit the SOS Fund. Sign up on the metal wall in the Fellowship Hall and come get creative!



Save the Date

November 1st- All Saints Sunday

November 7th- 9 AM- 2 PM- Rise Up Daughter Women's Retreat

November 22nd - Hanging of the Greens- After Worship

November 24th- 7 PM- Community Thanksgiving Service- Hosted by Christ United Methodist

December 6th- Ladies Holiday Luncheon