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Grace, Peace, and a happy Summer to you!

Throughout the year, as a spiritual community, we live within a certain rhythm. For all of the music nerds in our congregation (and those who tolerate them!☺), we could say we live our lives in a 7/4 time signature with Sunday being the first beat of every measure. Instead of a note like the rest of the week, however, there is a rest.

Every week we come together to take a break from our schedules, open ourselves up to God's Spirit, share our stories and experiences, and learn together how we can follow Christ in our own time and place. Then, we go back out into the world with renewed vision, strengthened by God's Love, ready to put our faith into practice. It's a rhythm of coming together and going out (and coming together and going out...).

This Summer I hope you get a chance to go out and experience all that this season has to offer. I hope you take some time to experience God as God presents Godself in the world around us. And after you've gone out, I hope you come back and tell us what you've experienced. I'm looking forward to hearing how God's grace, peace, comfort, joy etc. appeared to you on the highway, on the lake, in the woods, by the grill, at the game etc.

Also, throughout the month of July, our Contemporary service will be different from our usual service. To give the Praise Band some time off, we will worship in a style I have been calling "Doughnut Shop Church". This style of worship is similar to The Brief but includes breakfast! We'll gather around a table, sing, pray, and take some time to talk about our faith and how we see God at work in the world, in our church, and in our scriptures.

Mission Emphasis for July
Clifford Farmer Scholarship Fund
for the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center

Trinity has a unique opportunity this July to help children from Tiffin and Seneca County who would benefit from attending one of the summer camps sponsored by the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center. The FELC, located right here in Tiffin, is an environmental education center and demonstration facility designed to promote an appreciation of nature and encourage sustainable living practices.



The FELC was founded in 1994 as an outreach mission of the Sisters of St. Francis. The center is where indoor and outdoor learning experiences offer children “firsthand” activities so that learning becomes meaningful. Students work together learning how all can live well on the earth if we take care of our natural surroundings.

As Christians, one of our most important tasks is to serve as good stewards of God’s creation. This charge is even more meaningful as we face issues involving our environment. The youth of today need opportunities to experience working with the earth and learning how together we can sustain God’s creation. The FELC works with thousands of children annually throughout Northwest Ohio. Summer Day Camps will see two hundred youth attend annually for week-long day camps. Recently an area elementary school spent the day at FELC where students enjoyed meeting Foxy the snake, playing Native American games and challenging themselves with teambuilding activities. They were also able to go on a hike in the woods and explore the wetlands on the campus.

In 2004, the FELC started Seeds of Hope Farm. The farm is a chemical free operation, raising vegetables, fruit, herbs for the public, farmer’s markets, and wholesale customers in a sustainable agriculture system. Sr. Shirley said the center received a grant to provide jobs for disabled people. The new employees are assisting with the market by picking vegetables, stocking the tables, cleaning, weeding, watering, and doing other tasks.

This Trinity Farmer scholarship fund was established in memory of Cliff Farmer, a UCC pastor, administrator and faithful member of Trinity Church who worked to establish the FELC scholarship so young people could learn more about God’s creation. The Mission Committee is proud to continue the work Cliff started so area students can attend the FELC summer camps. Help by donating to this fund during July!



Music Fund

Martha Forrest by Vicki Ohl
Martha Forrest by Bruce and Pat Powers
Nancy Laux by Bruce and Pat Powers
Martha Forrest by Randy and Sue Halen
Nancy Laux by Randy and Sue Halen

General Memorial

Joan Gray by Randy and Sue Halen
Virginia Wise by Randy and Sue Halen
Marilyn Wilson by Randy and Sue Halen



Dear Trinity,
Many thanks to Carol Roush for sharing the beautiful altar flowers to celebrate our 58th wedding anniversary. We shared with our family as we celebrated together.

Ron and Phyllis Bosler

Dear Trinity Friends,
We would like to thank Bill and Jackie Borgen for the flowers and Carol Roush for delivering them to mark our 50th wedding anniversary. They were much appreciated!

Steve and Sharlene Houk

Dear Trinity Women Together,
Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in making a donation to OCWM in honor of my birthday,

Pat Lutz

Council News

Information from the last Council meeting.

Christian Education is planning Graduation Sunday with Pastor Karsten. There will be cake and gifts. They are also looking ahead to determine Confirmation age members.

Bishops plumbing has installed 4 new toilets in the building; 3 in women's bathroom on the second floor and 1 in the bathroom on the first level.

Carl and Tom continue to work with company repairing/replacing pipes for the fire system. After damage was done to the ceiling on third floor, replacement pipes will be installed there first and costs to fix ceiling damage will be sought after.

Mission Committee has continued to get updates on the Seneca County Council on Homelessness and recently toured the new Transformational Life Center. Relief donations for the Ukraine fund currently are at \$2625.

The Property Committee is getting estimates for the sealing of the parking lot will be done soon. Shooting for a day in September.

Worship and Music reported that Vicki Ohl has agreed to serve as temporary Choir director for summer months until September.

Church & Ministry has been busy with staff reviews and will conduct an exit interview with Lynsey as choir director. They also are planning meetings to will take place with church treasurer Karen, Lee Martin, who is the chair of Trustees of Endowment Fund, and their members. Church & Ministry will host coffee hour in August.

Pastor reported his activities for the month have included meeting elderly members who cannot attend church and getting acquainted with area pastors. Pastor will be setting a schedule for office/meeting/visitor time. Monday and Tuesday he will be in office working and will be available for questions or short talks. Wednesday and Thursday, he will be available for longer meetings.

On Wednesdays, 1-1:30 will be set aside for holding an informal prayer service that is open for anyone. Contemporary Service will be held as a "Doughnut Shop" church. It will be a more relaxed atmosphere with of course, donuts and coffee. He informed Council of planned use of Continuing Education Funds available to him. Handed out several informational pamphlets for Council to see.

**. Council Secretary
Shari Beidelschies**

BLESS THIS NEST

Doesn't our church property look wonderful?! There was an amazing crew people who made this happen. Volunteers pulled weeds, raked, gathered debris, and trimmed bushes. Then on a second day of work, more trimming and raking and putting down mulch and spreading it out. Lots of work!



Both work days were very warm and their only reward besides seeing a job well done, was a couple slices of pizza, sloppy joe and some water. I'd like to list their names and I hope you thank them when you see them. It was a labor of love, but still we want to appreciate our church family! Our working crews were Matt Miller, Carol Roush, Diane Smith, Barbara Zinn, Sue Shultz, Roy Zinn, Lynsey Hord, Katie Snitker, Carl Rainey, Dick Beidelschies, Steve Houk, Tom Bishop, Wilma Farmer, Dale Schwochow, Pat Powers, Bruce Powers and Dian Ewald. I hope I didn't forget anyone because it was so greatly appreciated!! Also, there will be pictures on the bulletin board you can look at while you enjoy coffee hour!

On another note, we'd like to acknowledge our graduates! Congratulations! Trinity UCC family was very happy to celebrate with the parents and grandparents and graduates of our local schools and colleges. As in the past we celebrated with a reception so everyone could meet and greet our graduates and wish them well!

Do you have a student in the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade that has not previously been in a confirmation class? Pastor Karsten would like to begin planning for a fall confirmation class. Due to the unplanned break we had during the virus, it will include students that were the right age but not able to get a class. Please let the office know if you have a student that wishes to be in the fall class! Lunches!!! Don't forget the scheduled lunches for July and August.

Here is the info - Everyone is invited. More fun and fellowship!

- July 7 at Fort Ball Pizza at noon
- July 12 – 2nd Tuesday Lunch. It will be at Clover Club at 11:30.
- August 4 at Fort Ball Pizza at noon
- August 9. 2nd Tuesday Lunch. Benchwarmers at 11:30

**Have a blessed July!
Shari Beidelschies**

Bulletin and Sunday announcements:

This month's mission emphasis is the Trinity Cliff Farmer Franciscan Earth Literacy Center scholarship fund for area needy students to attend the different summer day camps provided by the FELC.

Bulletin and Sunday announcements

Our mission emphasis this month is Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. It's mission is to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives.