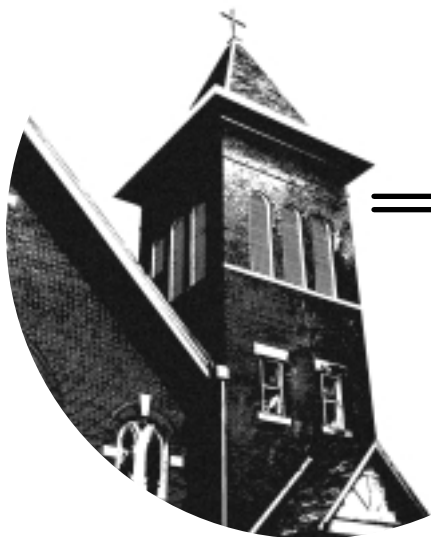


Trinity Tidings



Members Asked to Attend Church Meeting on July 14, 2002

Your Search Committee is proposing, that beginning in January of 2003, Pastor Leslie Taylor is to become our Designated Minister and her hours are to be increased to 3/4 time along with commensurate salary for a three year transitional period. During this time your Search Committee will be looking for qualified candidates to fill the full time position. Pastor Leslie may also apply. It is hoped that during this time, Pastor Leslie and the congregation can expand our services and membership and thereby help accomplish our goal of obtaining the funds necessary for the full time position.

On July 14, 2002. The Search Committee will be leading a meeting to discuss this information and make a motion to move Pastor Leslie into the position of our Designated Pastor. We ask that you please plan to be with us on July 14 so the church family can decide on this together and discuss the future of Trinity.

Taylor's TUCC-Points

July is the one month of the year when we tend to celebrate the freedom we enjoy in this country. We have the right to vote for the candidate and party of our choice. Most of us can work at our chosen profession and make a living. Most of us have places to live that are heated in the winter and cooled in the summer. Many of us have a car, truck, or other means of transportation to take us safely from one place to another. Many of us can take that vehicle and travel with ease to any village, city, or state that we choose. We can freely cross the borders into Canada or Mexico without much difficulty. Many of us enjoy a free press—radio, newspaper, television and the Internet as sources of information. Most of us do not have to fear being arrested or killed for our points of view. Disagreeing with the government is not necessarily a crime. We can come to church (or other religious institution) wherever we want to and worship in the style with which we feel most comfortable. We have choices that most people in other countries find frivolous. We live in a free country, but not everyone who lives here has that experience or shares that sentiment. Unfortunately, we still live in a country where sexism, racism, ageism, ableism, homophobia, economic and educational disparities prevent

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Birthdays:

- July 2nd - Mark Ortman
- July 6th - Criss Clum
- July 7th - Janine Holekamp
- July 9th - Bryan Clatty
- July 11th - Chris Ridenour
- July 11th - Karen Factor
- July 12th - Robert Reed
- July 12th - Crystal Wilson
- July 16th - Jane Kenney
- July 20th - Jeannie Abram
- July 20th - Christopher Gutridge
- July 21st - Art Abram
- July 21st - Sue Robison

Events Calendar:

- July 4th - Independence Day
- July 17th - Guild Meeting
- July 21st - Youth Group Pool Party
- July 24th - Full Moon
- July 28th - Field Trip
- Aug. 10th - Ice Cream Social
- Sept. 6, 7th - All Church Retreat
- Oct. 20th - CUE Challenge



everyone in the United States from living life to the fullest.

This July is different from any other that we have experienced in recent years. We are at war in Afghanistan against Terrorism. September 11, 2001 changed all of our lives. Our freedom is not free. It cost a lot. People have given their lives in the past and are giving their lives now to provide and protect the freedom we have and value. Our country has become more multi-cultural, multi-racial, and multi-ethnic. We are learning to celebrate the wonderful diversity of our planet and now of our country. We are having a national debate on the Pledge of Allegiance. We are one nation whose citizens worship one God who is called by different names and some citizens worship only the god of their own devising. We are one nation united in some areas, but still divided in other important ways. We seek to be a country with liberty and justice for all.



During the month of July, when we celebrate our Independence, let us also remember our interdependence upon one another, upon people from other countries, and upon people of other faiths. During this month of Independence, let us remember our dependence upon the Triune God—Creator, Christ and Holy

Spirit. Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is through our faith in God that we find true freedom. Let us worship together and realize that we need one another. Let us build on our love and friendship to help make the world a better place.

See you in church,

Pastor Leslie

What is CUE?

In our budget report every month you will see a special mission offering that is designated for CUE, but you may not be aware of what that actually means. CUE stands for Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries and they are 3 of the 7 closely related seminaries of the United Church of Christ. (There are 8 historically related seminaries of the UCC, for a total of 15 seminaries related to the UCC in the United States and Puerto Rico.) These are the three seminaries in the Midwest (Chicago, Illinois; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and St. Louis, Missouri, respectively) and are supported by local congregations, institutions and church leaders in sixteen Conferences of the UCC. The money we contribute helps support the 600-plus students studying for ministry at the three seminaries.

As the CUE Annual report states, "through our support of CUE, we express our commitment

to quality leadership in the church; leadership that seeks to serve a living and true God."

"Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy." – Abraham Joshua Heschel

I attended Chicago Theological Seminary and I serve on the CUE committee for the Central Southeast Association of the Ohio Conference. More than



July Readings

July 7: Community Worship

Service at Shaner Park
Rev. Patti Morlock, Preaching

July 14: "Sowing the Seeds of Faith"

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalter: Psalm 65:9-13
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

July 21: "Lookin' Good"

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19a
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Psalter: Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24*

July 28: "A Statement of Faith"

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Epistle: Romans 8:26-39*

*Sermon Text

52% of the churches in the CUE region support CUE on an annual basis and I am pleased to inform you that we are one of those contributing churches. As of our financial report in June, we have raised approximately \$60 for CUE. Let us work together to send an increased gift to our seminaries this year. If we want qualified pastors, we must support their education. I give \$10 each month to CUE. Please consider giving generously to CUE.

Seminary Sunday is October 20 this year and we will take up a special offering on that day to support CUE. I want to challenge each of us to give at least \$5.00 toward supporting our seminaries. Together, we can make a difference. Will you join me in this effort?

Vacation Notice:

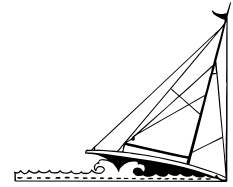
Pastor Leslie will be on vacation from Monday July 29 through August 5. She will be in Columbus, so if there is an emergency, call her at home (614) 236 1985. We will have a guest speaker on August 5.

Christian Education Opportunities with Pastor Leslie...

Pastor Leslie will begin another Confirmation class in September. She will lead a six-week Bible Study on Overcoming Violence, in recognition of the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Decade to Overcome Violence 2001-2010 in October. She will offer Membership Interest classes in

June Treasurer's Report:

	June Income
Offerings (avg. \$726.60)	\$3,633.00
Other Income	1,595.24
Total Income	<u>\$5,228.24</u>
Expenses (Budget)	\$5,148.21



Six Month Summary (2002):

	YTD Income	Projected (12 mths)
Offerings	\$21,829.61	\$50,000.00
Other income	6,139.22	<u>15,850.00</u>
Total	<u>\$27,968.83</u>	<u>\$65,850.00</u>
	YTD Expenses	Projected (12 mths)
	\$27,144.51	\$62,283.00

The above expenses are "line item" budget expenses. The following capital improvements have been made this year: pre-owned copier, \$4,000.00; update electric, \$1,658.00; fire alarm system update, \$2,179.00. Last year the difference between our income and expenses was an average of \$11,000.00 - these capital improvements have been paid for with that money. Foundation repair this spring cost \$12,600.00; payment for that project was made by using \$1,000.00 that was donated to the building fund by various members and by using \$11,600.00 of our money invested with American Express.

Dorothy M. Lyle Scholarship Fund:

The Scholarship Committee will meet in August to consider the applications that have been received for the 2002-2003 school year.

Benevolent Giving (as of June 2002):

	YTD	Goal
OCWM	\$763.14	\$2,350.00
OGHS	404.00	450.00
Bib Brother/Big Sister	690.00	500.00

We have also received \$80.00 for the CUE Seminary Fund and \$20 for SARA.

Trinity Youth Group Pool Party!



Trinity youth group will host a pool party for other area youth groups on Sunday, July 21 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Plans for the evening include swimming, relays, devotions, food and fun abounding.

Sunday, July 21, 2002 from 8 to 10 p.m.

November. She will offer an Advent Sunday School Class in December.
Cornerstone Foundation Fund

The Stewardship & Finance Committee met with a representative from the Cornerstone Foundation Fund to explore the possibilities of borrowing money for the repairs needed for the church. We discussed investing money with, & borrowing from, the Fund for roof repairs.

The Cornerstone Foundation Fund is a non-profit organization that lends money to the U.C.C. churches and individuals for building, repairs, remodels, additions & new construction loans. Churches and individuals may invest with the Cornerstone Foundation Fund in a variety of ways that give creditors discounts in borrowing from them.

Find out more information online at, <http://www.ucc.org/finance/cornerstone/index.html>

Vacation Bible School

This year's Thornville Community Vacation Bible School was a great success. Trinity United Church of Christ joined together with South Shore Ministries, Grace Lutheran, and Thornville United Methodist churches for a wonderful week of bible learning and fun. It took place at the Grace Lutheran Church June 17th thru June 21st.

The theme this year was Faith Mountain. Clifford, a mountain goat puppet, was this year's mascot. His goal was to reach the top of the Faith Mountain by learning how to believe. The children learned along with Clifford thru activities including Bible studies, music, songs gym, and crafts. Every morning a collection was taken and by the end of the week \$360 total was raised. It was decided to buy and donate, in honor of Clifford, 3 goats at \$120 each to the Heifer International Organization. "Heifer International combats hunger, alleviates poverty, and restores the environment by providing appropriate livestock, training, and related services to small-scale farmers worldwide."

The attendance was wonderful our daily average attendance was 110 children with approximately 60 volunteers.

This year Trinity UCC was responsible to provide volunteers. The planning committee was taken care of by Lisa Wells. Publicity was handled by Sheila Vermillion. Wednesday was our day for snacks and it was the best day of the week. The Guild made S'mores for us with the donations of gram crackers, chocolate bars, and marshmallows from church members. Other volunteers included Jodi Kelly who taught 1st & 2nd graders with the help of Casey Factor. Crystal Wilson taught

5th & 6th graders and Mary Renner spent her time in the nursery with the little ones. We give our thanks to everyone who donated time, money, and/or food.

Greetings from the UCC Ohio Conference,



Pastor Leslie, Crystal and I attended the Ohio Conference Annual Gathering 2002 at Heidelberg College located in Tiffin, Ohio. The campus was beautiful, the meals and accommodations were great.

While there we attended workshops on different topics. Crystal and I attended a workshop on alternative worship services, given by Bradley Sowash. Bradley is a jazz pianist who is also a UCC member from Worthington, Ohio. Not only is he a very talented

"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." – Matthew 19: 14

musician, but his music is centered around Christianity and his workshop was really informative. We are hoping to have Bradley visit us sometime this year.

Every year at the Ohio Conference Annual Gathering, there is a subject for discussion. Last year (2001), there was a discernment process over the School Funding Issue. This year the subject was a resolution against the death penalty. In the future, we as a congregation need to have a congregational meeting where we open for debate and discussion, the topic to be discussed at the

Annual Gathering. Then vote as a congregation, so the delegates that we send to the Gathering can vote properly what the congregation, as a whole, would like to vote. The results of the vote on the resolution on the death penalty were 78% of the vote were for or somewhat for the abolishing of the death penalty. There were different ways you could vote (totally against, somewhat against, undecided, somewhat for, or totally for.) If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact me.

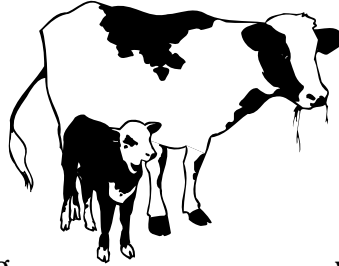
On a personal note, I would like to apologize to the congregation for not having met before the Annual Gathering this year so that our delegation could vote the conscience of the congregation, especially when there are definitely strong and conflicting views on the death penalty. I would also like to encourage all members to attend the Association & Conference Meetings.

Thank You,
Scott Wilson



Field Trip: How to Milk a Cow...

The second trip in our series involves an early evening trip to the Ortman Farm where participants will have a hands on lesson demonstrating the subtle art of milking a cow. Interested parties should meet at the church



before 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join us for this fun, informative trip, please contact Crystal Wilson at (740) 246 4869 or we'll see you at the church on the 28th.

Sunday, July 28th, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.



All Church Retreat!

More details coming in the next few months. Stay tuned for details!

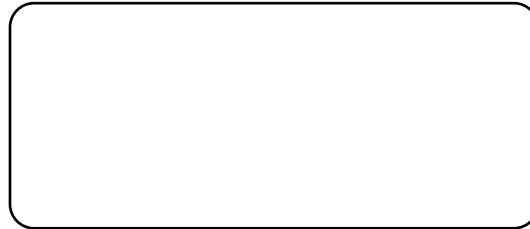


September 6th and 7th, 2002 at Templed Hills.

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**Have an idea or item of interest
for the next newsletter?**

Please contact Mary Renner at (740) 246 5987 for more information. The newsletter is published the first week of every month. Deadlines for submissions are the last day of the preceding month. All entries are preferred in a computer text format such as Microsoft Word.

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**I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream
Ice Cream Social!**

The Annual Trinity
UCC Ice Cream
Social will be held
August 10 from
4 to 7 p.m. In
addition to
plenty of ice
cream and
refreshments,
homemade noodles



will be sold. Guild
members will be
displaying their
hand crafted
quilts during the
event. For more
information call
Paul for more
information.

Saturday, August 10, 2002 from 4 to 7 p.m.