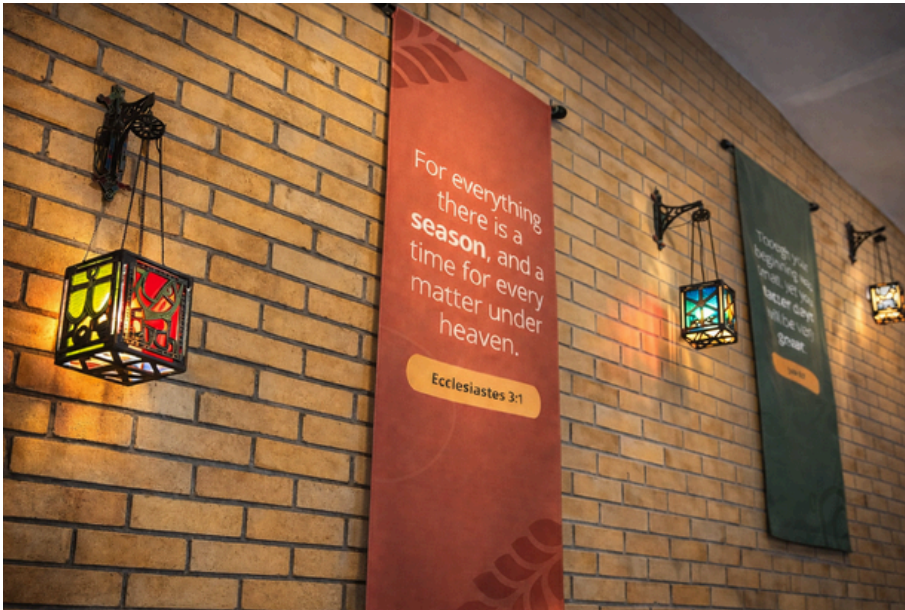


TRINITY TIDINGS



Sunday Service

Sunday worship 10:00

Sunday School 10:00

Caring and Sharing

Jars of Jelly or Jam
Please no grape flavor

A message from consistory...

Printed Newsletter Update- Last Chance!

We are updating our mailing list for the church's printed newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, please contact the church by phone or email, or return the bottom portion of the preference form to the church's address listed below the form. ***If we do not hear from you,*** we will assume you no longer wish to receive a printed copy, and your name will be removed from the mailing list. If you prefer, the newsletter can be emailed to you instead. Simply send us an email at office@upperucc.org so we can add your email address to our records. This change will begin with the July quarterly newsletter issue. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

----- Please Detach & Return -----

Newsletter Delivery Preference

Please indicate how you would like to receive the church newsletter beginning with the June newsletter.

Print Name: _____

Please check ONE option:

- Continue to receive the printed newsletter by mail
- Receive the newsletter by email

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

You can also call us at 419-294-4244 or email us your preference at office@upperucc.org
Mailing address: 300 N. Sandusky Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

A message from your pastor...

I remember years ago, as we were traveling out west, that the closer that we got to a hill that looked so very steep when we saw it from many miles away, the less steep it seemed to become as we approached it. When we arrived at the hill itself, it didn't really seem that steep at all.

We may have noticed this a bit more because we were pulling a large camper through the mountains at the time, so naturally the truck would slow down as it climbed the hills. Even though the truck labored a bit, we never came to a hill that we could not make. The hills seemed to shrink the closer we got to them.

I have noticed that trouble seems to be the same way. When I look at trouble which I expect to come soon, I get a little worried wondering if I will be able to handle it and "make the grade." But when the trouble finally arrives, it seems to have shrunk. Just like the hills out west, the closer you get to trouble, the smaller it seems to be. If this is the case, then there isn't much sense worrying about things that "might" happen.

There is a saying that goes "if you look trouble in the face, it will either go away, or it will stick around and be friendly like everything else."

So don't be afraid you won't make the grade. Mountains shrink to mole hills, and hills shrink to inclines when you meet them head on, unafraid, with faith in God, our Creator and Sustainer.

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow – let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

– Matthew 6:34.



LOOKING AHEAD... SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

May 3, 2026

Acts 7: 55-60
 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 2: 2-10
 John 14: 1-14

May 17, 2026

Acts 1: 6-14
 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35
 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11
 John 17: 1-11

May 31, 2026

Genesis 1: 1-2: 4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
 Matthew 28: 16-20

May 10, 2026

Acts 17: 22-31
 Psalm 66: 8-20
 1 Peter 3: 13-22
 John 14: 15-21

May 24, 2026

Acts 2: 1-21
 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
 John 7: 37-39

With Continued Prayers

Larry Swihart
 Beth Thomas
 Betty Jo Shoup
 Betty Bennett
 Helen Sipe
 Carol Booth
 Carol Grubel
 Louise Lortz
 Barb Reinhard
 Liz Grubel

Our Upper Sandusky
 community...our state...and our
 country...

Wyandot County Rehabilitation
 Center: Becky Myers, Laura
 Harrell, and Larry Swihart

Vancrest: Tom Young

As we continue to strengthen the way we communicate with our church family, this May issue will be our final monthly newsletter. Beginning in July, our newsletter will transition to a quarterly schedule. Consistory minutes will be posted on our website at upperucc.org. For the most current announcements and real-time updates, we invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Easy to scan QR code posters are available on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary, making it simple to connect directly to our website, Instagram, and Facebook pages.



This Month's Events...

May 3... Last Sunday for Jr. High and High School Christian Education until the Fall

May 10... Mother's Day

May 10... Fellowship Time and Graduation Recognition following church service

May 12... Consistory meeting at 5:30pm at the church

May 17... Christian Education Board meeting at 9:00am

May 17... Last Sunday for Sunday School until the Fall

May 24... Pentecost Sunday with Communion and the Strengthen the Church Special Offering



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Richard Booth
- 3 Mary Jo Roeder
- 4 Jesse Bair
- 5 Hudson Moses
- 9 Joey Woodruff
Jackie Firestone
- 10 James Lawrence
- 11 Cy Hall
- 12 Aaron Smith
Sam Molnar
- 14 Jeff Eier
- 16 Freda Beamer
- 17 Brenda Burks
- 19 Nolan McKibben
Damon Ward
- 20 Pam Pagnard
Harold Tuttle
Adam Bils
Wanda Ward
- 22 Tom Veith
- 25 Betty Jo Shoup
- 27 David Larcomb
Brian Bils
- 30 Gary Veith
- 31 Danny McGrew

- 3 Patrick & Becky Quinn
- 10 Mason & Trudy Sprang
- 13 Tom & Carole Young
- 14 Tyler & Cassondra McEldowny
- 23 Jake & Kerri Thiel
- 25 Ken & Freda Beamer
- 31 Brad & Krista McKibben



Consistory Minutes

April 12, 2026

The Consistory of Trinity UCC met at the church on Sunday April 12, 2026, immediately following the morning worship service. Members and church committee members present included: Pastor Brad McKibben, Julie Lemire, Jason Lemire, Tyler McEldowny, Jim McEldowny, Ryan Bair, Kathryn Rall, Eric Pagnard, Jeff Amos, and Nate Bair. Pastor Brad gave the blessing, and President Julie Lemire called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report from the March 8, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Nate Bair then reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Ryan Bair reviewed the Benevolent Report. In his report, Pastor Brad highlighted the following dates and events:

March 14th Pastor Brad officiated the funeral of member Marilyn Baughman

March 15th the One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering was collected, and the CE Board met

March 29th the Palm Sunday breakfast was held before the Palm Sunday worship service

April 5th was Easter Sunday with communion served

April 12th there was fellowship time following the worship service

April 17th is the newsletter deadline

April 19th the CE Board and the Endowment Committee will meet; Pastor Brad will be attending the installation of his sister, Reverend Elizabeth Nee, at the First United Church of Christ in Marblehead, OH

April 25th there is a Northwest Ohio Association meeting at Trinity UCC in Tiffin, OH

May 3rd there will be fellowship time following the morning worship service

May 10th is Mother's Day

May 17th the CE Board meets; this will be the last Sunday School session of the season; graduation recognition will take place during the morning worship service

May 24th is Pentecost with communion served and the Strengthen the Church special mission will be collected during the morning worship service

The average attendance for the month of March was 49. Jason Lemire moved to approve all reports as presented, and Jeff Amos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under Finance, the balance to keep in the church's checking account was discussed. Jim McEldowny moved that a \$5,000 minimum be kept in the church's checking account and excess over and above this amount should be transferred to the interest-bearing money market account at Edward Jones. Eric Pagnard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under Music & Worship, Pastor Brad reported that Louise Lortz will hopefully be able to play piano at some point in May. The group, United in Harmony, will be performing at the church on August 30, 2026.

Under property, the church received correspondence about locking in electric pricing options from different companies. Julie Lemire will find out the rate through the City of Upper Sandusky so we can compare it to the other rate options. Pastor Brad was able to get an insurance rate figure for if the church raised its deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The premium savings were so small that it does not make sense to raise the deductible.

Tyler McEldowny is in charge of looking after Camp Trinity for the month of April. Jim McEldowny mentioned that the fence along the front of the property is getting to be in rough condition. The church has a \$14 monthly advertisement that has been running in the Daily Chief Union. It was decided that it probably does not make sense to continue running it.

The Endowment Committee will be convening after the morning worship service on April 19. Jason Lemire moved that a request be made to the Endowment Committee for \$855.32: \$355.32 to reimburse the church for boiler system repairs and up to \$500 to go towards recent roof repairs at the church following the windstorm in March.

The church membership now stands at 247. Rachel Meyers McCain requested a transfer of her church membership to Trinity Evangelical in Upper Sandusky. Julie Lemire moved to approve this membership transfer request, and Kathryn Rall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under old business, there are no current updates on when Bigelow Glass is planning to start work on the church windows. There were a couple of donations to the project that were just received.

Under new business, April will be the last time the traditional church newsletter will be sent out bulk mail. There was some discussion about the ongoing format and frequency of the newsletter. It was decided to try a quarterly newsletter which would go out in the first month of each quarter. Julie Lemire thanked Larry and Barb Nigh and the CE Board for cleaning out and organizing the basement cupboards. Also, she thanked Tom and Pam Pagnard for cleaning and polishing they did in the church sanctuary. A permanent church treasurer is still needed. The Consistory will be looking into ideas for the possible replacement of furniture in the church chapel. Pastor Brad mentioned that a few members have commented on the rough condition of the sign outside the church. One member expressed interest in helping to fund a replacement for the sign. Options and pricing will be explored. Pastor Brad reported that the Anne Kear Estate will be giving the church \$10,000. The church sincerely thanks the estate for this generous gift. Ryan Bair moved that the \$10,000 be placed with the Trinity UCC Endowment Fund, and Jeff Amos seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was decided that in light of Mother's Day, the next Consistory meeting will be moved to Tuesday May 12th at 5:30 PM at the church.

Jeff Amos moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jason Lemire seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.
