

Trinity United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes
May 12, 2026

The Consistory of Trinity UCC met at the church on Tuesday May 12, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Members and church committee members present included: Pastor Brad McKibben, Julie Lemire, Jason Lemire, Tyler McEldowny, Jim McEldowny, Ryan Bair, Fran Brodman, Kathryn Rall, Danielle Pagnard, Jeff Amos, and Nate Bair. A quorum of members was present. Pastor Brad gave the blessing, and President Julie Lemire called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report from the meeting held on April 12, 2026, 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:

- April 19th the CE Board and the Endowment Committee met; Pastor Brad attended the installation of his sister, Reverend Elizabeth Nee, at the First United Church of Christ in Marblehead, OH
- April 25th Pastor Brad and Krista McKibben attended the annual Northwest Ohio Association meeting at Trinity UCC in Tiffin, OH
- May 3rd Barb Nigh led the morning worship service
- May 10th was Mother's Day, graduation recognition, and fellowship time following the morning worship service
- May 17th the CE Board meets; this will be the last Sunday School session of the season
- May 24th is Pentecost with communion served and the Strengthen the Church special mission will be collected during the morning worship service
- May 27th Pastor Brad will be having a medical procedure done
- June 7th there will be fellowship time following the morning worship service
- June 21st is Father's Day
- July 26th will be the Camp Trinity service with communion by intinction

The average attendance for the month of April was 57. Ryan Bair moved to approve all reports as presented, and Danielle Pagnard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under Finance, Nate Bair reported that to date, just under \$155,000 has been donated towards the recent church improvement projects.

Under Music & Worship, Pastor Brad reported that Louise Lortz will be playing piano during the worship service on May 17, 2026. The group, United in Harmony, will be performing at the church on August 30, 2026.

Under property, all plumbing issues associated with the water main break have been addressed except for one urinal in the men's restroom which still has the water shut off. The Finley Street door is working better. Howard Ward has received two estimates from companies for cleaning the sanctuary. He needs to reconnect with one of the companies to get a more complete estimate. Jim McEldowny and his crew completed landscaping around the church. Upcoming projects include painting on the outside of the church, repairs to the front steps, and repairs to glazing and broken window panes on west windows. Julie Lemire reported that Bigelow Glass was recently at the church taking measurements.

Tom Pagnard is in charge of looking after Camp Trinity for the month of May. There is spouting on the backside of the lodge that needs repaired or replaced from a falling limb. Howard Ward removed the door on the front of the lodge that had never been used and framed it up. The old door was so warped that it would not close properly anymore. Howard is looking into possible fence replacement options. A

timber company representative will be looking at the woods at the camp to see if there are trees that could be harvested. Jim McEldowny and crew will be landscaping out at the camp this week.

The gift from the Kear Estate arrived at the church, and the funds will be placed with the Endowment Fund in the near future.

The church membership now stands at 247.

Under old business, Jeff Amos has been in contact with American Sign & Banner in Crestline regarding a possible digital sign at the church. Danielle Pagnard will check to see what company handled the digital sign for Wyandot Memorial's Urgent Care Center. Kathryn Rall passed around some samples she found online of possible furniture replacements for the chapel and the back of the sanctuary. More sample ideas will be gathered on this topic. Regarding the church's electric service, Jason Lemire moved that the church enroll in the City of Upper Sandusky's aggregate program, and Jeff Amos seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under new business, Julie Lemire was asked if the church has a program for visiting church shut-ins that are unable to attend church services/functions. Consistory members were encouraged to think about ideas on the subject. Church member Mitch Rall has expressed interest in serving as the Church Treasurer as Nate Bair is stepping down from the position. A discussion followed centered around the fact that Mitch is the spouse of the church office manager. To mitigate this situation, Deb Amos has offered to be the church auditor who will do bank reconciliations, assist with payroll, and have access to review all financial files. Fran Brodman moved that Mitch Rall be hired as Church Treasurer at a pay grade of \$150/month, and Deb Amos be hired as Church Auditor at a pay grade of \$50/month. Jason Lemire seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kathryn Rall abstained from voting on the measure. It was decided that the Consistory would not hold regular meetings in June or July, and the next regular meeting will be August 9, 2026. Jeff Amos thanked Jim McEldowny for landscaping at the church and Camp Trinity. Nate Bair was thanked for his service to the church as Treasurer.

Jason Lemire moved to adjourn the meeting, and Fran Brodman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.