



Trinity Tidings

Summer 2026

Quarterly Newsletter

Trinity United Church of Christ

Upper Sandusky, Ohio

Graduate Spotlight



Honors and Activities

- 9-time All-Ohioan in Swimming
- 4-time State Cross Country Qualifier
- 3-time All-League in Cross Country
- 4-time National Qualifier in Swimming
- English Award - Lexington

Swimming · Track · Cross Country · FCCLA
FFA · Young Life · 4-H (Dairy Maids and Gents)
Greater Columbus Swim Team

Next Chapter

After graduation, Brynn plans to attend St. Thomas University in Florida, major in Education, and be a member of the swim team.

June Highlights

June was a joyful month in the life of Trinity United Church of Christ.

We celebrated the accomplishments of our graduate, Brynn, and recognized her dedication, achievements, and exciting plans for the future. Following worship service on June 7th, members and friends gathered for Fellowship Time enjoying conversation, refreshments, and community together.

We also honored fathers and father figures on Father's Day, giving thanks for the many ways they provide guidance, support, and love within our families and church community. On June 25th, we joined congregations across the country in celebrating the 69th anniversary of the United Church of Christ.

A special moment in worship was the baptism of Kaden Stansbery on June 28th. We rejoice with his parents, Hannah and Nick Stansbery, and celebrate this important step in Kaden's faith journey.



JUNE AT A GLANCE

- Graduate Recognition
- Fellowship Time (June 7th)
- Father's Day Celebration
- UCC 69th Anniversary (June 25th)
- Kaden Stansbery Baptism (June 28th)
- Caring and Sharing collection of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Message from the Pastor

Welcome, my friends, to the first online version of our church newsletter! The process of moving our newsletter online has been several months in the making. A great deal of planning and thought has gone into this process. Will it be perfect? I'd like to think so, but time will tell.

We, as humans, try to hide our lack of wisdom from time to time. Like the man who bought a yacht. His wife was nervous because he had no experience sailing. But he knew he could handle it and so for weeks he practiced in the harbor before taking it out to sea. Finally, he talked his nervous wife into going on the yacht with him. Gingerly she stepped aboard. Out into the harbor they headed, and he tried to put her at ease. He said, "Honey, look, I practiced enough in this harbor to know where every rock, every reef, every sand bar is." At that very moment a huge hidden rock beneath the surface made a large crunching sound from stem to stern. "There," he said with a sheepish grin, "is one of them going by now."

We are truly excited here at Trinity United Church of Christ to be moving our newsletter online. One thing is for sure: we will do our best! And we are even more excited to welcome you to our Sunday Morning worship services at 10:00am each Sunday...we hope to see you there!

From the Consistory President

During my time as your Consistory President, we have experienced a great deal of change. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the entire Consistory. I feel truly blessed to serve alongside such a committed and caring team, and I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time and talents.

While some of the changes may look different from what we have known in the past, the mission of the Consistory and the heart of our church remain unchanged. We are steadfast in our commitment to providing an open, welcoming, and loving place where all people can grow in their faith, deepen their relationship with God, and find connections within our church family.

-Julia Lemire

Consistory Highlights

The Consistory met on May 12, 2026 and received reports from church leadership, finance, benevolent, and ministry committees. Average worship attendance for April was 57, and the church membership currently stands at 247.

Graduation recognition and fellowship were celebrated, and plans were finalized for upcoming summer events including Fellowship time, Endowment meeting, and Communion at Camp Trinity.

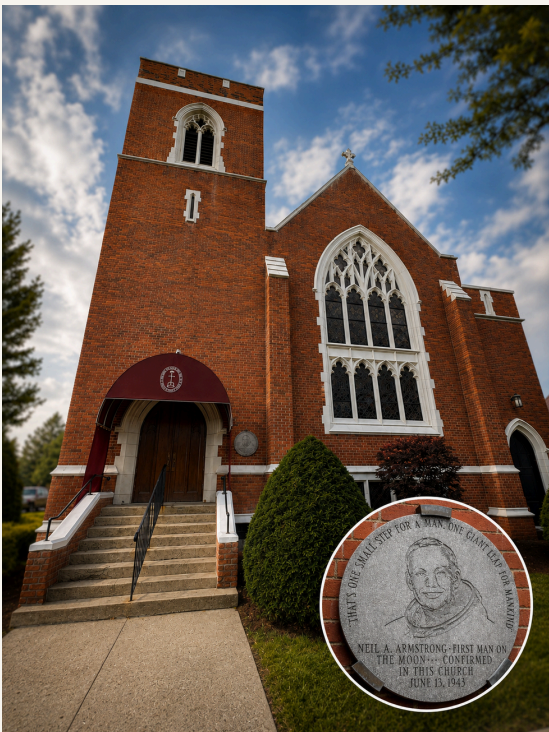
Several church and Camp Trinity improvement projects have recently been completed, with additional work planned, including exterior painting, front step repairs, and restoration efforts on westside windows. Camp Trinity improvements continue as consistory explores future replacement options for aging facilities.

The church also received a generous gift from the Reverend Anne Kear estate, which will be placed in the Endowment Fund. Consistory continues to evaluate future projects, including updated furnishings for the chapel and outdoor digital church sign. In other financial matters, Mitchell Rall was approved to serve as Church Treasurer, and Deb Amos was approved to serve as Church Auditor.

The next regular Consistory meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2026 following church service.

Members may view the complete May 2026 Consistory Minutes on the church website at upperucc.org.

Church History Corner



Many people know Neil Armstrong as the first person to walk on the moon, but fewer know of his connection to our church.

Armstrong was confirmed at Trinity United Church of Christ on June 13, 1943, during his family's years in Upper Sandusky.

As we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and the anniversary of his walk on July 20th, we give thanks for this unique piece of history and the ways faith communities help shape future generations.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

-Neil Armstrong

Summer and Fall at Trinity UCC



JULY 4

Celebrated America's 250th Anniversary



JULY 5

Fellowship Time following Worship Service



JULY 19

Endowment Meeting following Church Service



JULY 26

Worship and Communion at Camp Trinity



AUGUST 2

Fellowship Time following Worship Service



AUGUST 9

Consistory Meeting following Church Service



AUGUST 30

United in Harmony Men's Chorus leads Worship Service



SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday School Resumes



SEPTEMBER 13

Confirmation Class begins at 9:00am

Caring & Sharing



JULY

Shampoo



AUGUST

Mouthwash



SEPTEMBER

Laundry Detergent

Donations may be placed in the Caring & Sharing collection area in the back of the church

Window Project Update

WINDOW PROJECT PROGRESS
\$155,625 Raised of \$180,000 Goal



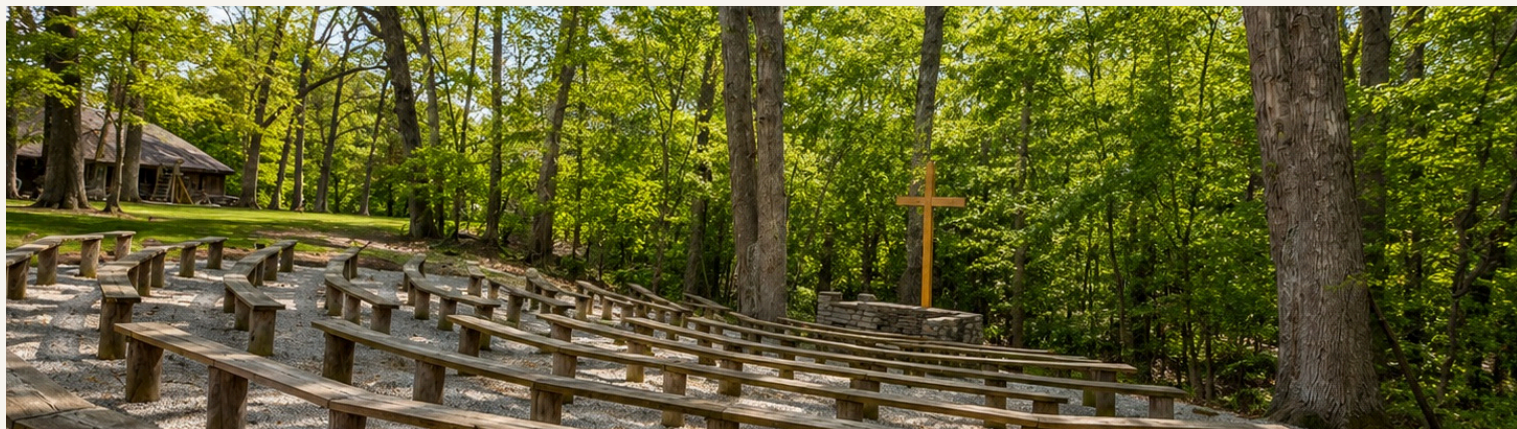
Work continues on the window project as we move closer to the next phase. Howard Ward has been hard at work caulking and preparing the windows, ensuring everything is ready for the custom storm windows. Bigelow Glass has completed final measurements and the church is now in their production and installation queue. Every donation- large or small- moves the project forward. Contributions to the Window Project can still be made online through the church website or by mailing a check to the church office.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort through gifts, prayers, and encouragement. Together, we are caring for a building that has served our congregation and community for generations.

Looking Ahead to Fall

This year we will begin a new Confirmation class. Students entering the 7th grade, as well as older students who may have missed the opportunity to participate previously, are invited to join us beginning September 13th at 9:00am. Please see Pastor Brad with any questions and details.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help teach and support our Sunday school ministry. If you are interested in helping shape the faith journey of our young people, please contact the church office or a member of the C.E. Board.



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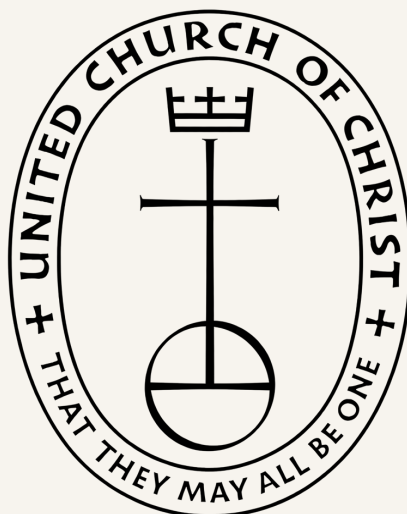
Worship With Us

Sunday Service
10:00am

Office Hours
Wednesday
12:30-2:00pm

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Church Leadership

Pastor
Rev. Bradley McKibben

Church Officers

- Julia Lemire- President
- Jeff Amos- Vice President
- Tyler McEldowny- Secretary
- Mitchell Rall- Treasurer
- Deb Amos- Auditor

Staff

- Barb Batton- Custodian
- Louise Lortz- Organist
- Kathryn Rall- Office Manager
- Pam Rowland- Music Director