Trinity United Church of Christ
Consistory Minutes
November 8, 2026

The Consistory of Trinity UCC met at the church on Sunday November 8, 2026, immediately following the morning worship service. Members and church committee members present included: Pastor Brad McKibben, Julie Lemire, Jason Lemire, Tyler McEldowny, Fran Brodman, Jeff Amos, Mitch Rall, Kathryn Rall, Howard Ward, Danielle Pagnard, Eric Pagnard, Kevin Ward, and Jim McEldowny. 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 October 11, 2026, meeting was reviewed. Mitch Rall then reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October 2026. Jason Lemire moved that one third of the proceeds that the church received from the closure of the Eagle Strategies/Baker Financial investment account be placed in the church's Edward Jones money market account with the remaining two thirds of these proceeds being invested through the church's account with First Citizens Financial Group, and Jim McEldowny seconded the motion. Motion carried. No benevolent report was available for review. In his report, Pastor Brad highlighted the following dates and events:

- October 14th the Endowment Committee met at the church at 6 PM
- October 18th the CE Board met, and the annual harvest party was held at Camp Trinity from 3-6 PM
- October 22nd Pastor Brad had required support training with the Northwest Ohio Association
- October 25th was Heritage Sunday; later in the day Pastor Brad attended the installation of his sister, Reverend Becky Sunday in Dublin, Ohio
- October 29th was the local Halloween parade, and the church handed out some treats
- November 1st was All Saints Day and there was fellowship time following the worship service
- November 8th the Faith Formation Station will be held following the morning worship service; the Finance Committee will meet following the Consistory meeting to work on the 2027 church budget
- November 15th the CE Board will meet
- November 22nd the church will be decorated for the Christmas season following the morning worship service
- November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent, and communion will be served during the worship service
- December 5th will be the local Home for the Holidays event, and the church will again set up a hot chocolate stand outside the church
- December 6th there will be fellowship time following the worship service
- December 13th the youth Christmas program will take place during the worship service; there will be a special congregational meeting to elect 2027 church committee members; there will then be a Consistory meeting, and the Faith Formation Station will convene following the special congregational meeting
- December 20th the CE Board meets and the Christmas Fund special mission offering will be collected
- December 24th the Christmas Eve service will be held at the church at 7 PM

The average attendance for the month of October was 49. Fran Brodman moved to approve all reports as presented, and Jim McEldowny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under Music and Worship, the worship service will be held in the fellowship hall in the church basement on Sunday January 17, 2027, due to cleaning of the sanctuary.

Under property, Service Master will be performing the deep cleaning of the church sanctuary in the first half of January 2027. Howard Ward completed concrete repairs of the exterior steps leading into the sanctuary, and he also trimmed the folding doors of the chapel to allow for carpeting to be installed in that room. Bigelow Glass has begun working on the exterior window cover replacement project. Mitch Rall reported that $177,000 of the $180,000 goal for the window project has been raised which is an impressive milestone.

Under Camp Trinity, Jim McEldowny reported that the furnace and fireplace are ready for the heating season. The children's playset has been dissembled and removed. Howard Ward reported that tree harvesting in the woods at the camp will be happening when all the crops around the property have been taken off. The fence at the camp is looking really bad and will be taken down soon. The plan is to replace it with a similar fence next year.

The church membership now stands at 245.

Under Endowment, Mitch Rall passed around proposed revisions to the Administrative Guidelines of the Endowment Fund Committee. The Endowment Committee voted to approve the proposed revisions from October 14, 2026. After review and discussion, Eric Pagnard moved to approve the proposed revisions submitted by the Endowment Committee and to send the proposed revisions to the congregation for a vote at the annual congregational meeting in January 2027. Howard Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under old business, Original Signs Ohio has provided an updated estimate including a larger size sign. Jeff Amos motioned to move forward with the Watchfire sign option through Original Signs Ohio, and to request up to $25,000 from the Endowment Committee to fund the project. Jason Lemire seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new carpeting will be laid in the chapel later this month. Some of the new furniture has been delivered and is ready for assembly. The Nativity scene needs to be put up between November 22 and November 29, 2026. There is no current update on the bathroom remodel project at Camp Trinity at this time.

Under new business, Kevin Ward moved that Office Manager Kathryn Rall be given advance authority to pay the church's bills/obligations based on the 2027 proposed church budget, and Danielle Pagnard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No further business was addressed. Kathrn Rall moved to adjourn the meeting, and Fran Brodman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.