“Karen’s Kares” “…and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

“There may be no greater need today than the need to love –
love of neighbors, love of children, love of creation.”

In our recent Cottage Meetings, we’ve been asking 3 basic questions: 1) What makes you proud to be associated with the United Church of Christ, either as the denomination and/or as our congregation? 2) How would this community be different, if the Church was not here? 3) What have you always wished (dreamed about) our congregation would do, that has not yet happened?

Every Cottage Meeting (so far) has been filled with honesty, insight, hope and positive expressions of who we are, and what we want to be/become and do. It has been rich and rewarding to have listened and to have heard your responses to these questions and others as our conversations have developed around tables in various homes. We are so thankful for your willingness to share and consider what our future may hold. One way we can begin to try to catch a glimpse of our potential future, is to begin to talk about a New Vision for our congregation’s future.

As a denomination, the United Church of Christ, considers a new vision every few years. The most recent vision was first shared at the 2017 General Synod in Baltimore. It calls all of us to work for

“A Just World for All.”

It would be so exciting if our congregation chose to be a partner in the UCC’s “3 Great Loves” Campaign – which focuses on Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation. This effort begins with the Love of Neighbor Campaign, as part of a denomination wide effort to engage our congregations to take action, and show the impact of working together as One
Church, with One Voice and One Vision – the Vision of “A Just World for All.”

The “Love of Neighbor Campaign” extends beginning now until and into the Spring of 2018 – Love of Neighbor: Whether it’s a neighbor in need who lives next door or on the other side of the world, many are faced with hunger, homelessness, and basic health needs. As part of the Love of Neighbor Campaign, as a congregation, we can participate in the denomination-wide collection of food, clothing and personal hygiene products from October 15, 2017 to December 31, 2017 to help the hungry, the homeless and those with basic health and hygiene needs.

We already know, Love of Neighbor can be expressed in many ways. By visiting the web site, http://3greatloves.uccpages.org/, we will be able to see many easy and important ways to show Love of Neighbor. As a congregation, we are the Hands and Feet of the Church. What if our congregation decided to be a model in our community, to live out the Purpose of the United Church of Christ: “to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves?” (Mt. 22)

The Love of Children Campaign will begin in the Spring of 2018 and extend into the Spring of 2019. Children in many families and neighborhoods need school supplies to overcome inequalities in our education systems.

The Love of Creation Campaign will begin in the Spring of 2019 and extend until the 2019 General Synod. Taking care of our environment is one of the most important responsibilities we have as the Church.

Without even realizing it, Trinity United Church of Christ has already begun to vision our future, a future God envisions. When it comes to Love of Neighbor, we have some systems in place to help folks with a variety of needs. However, the question of the year is, are there other ways we can become involved with and show Love of our neighbors?

The Evangelism Committee is working on how we can learn about the greatest needs facing folks in our community on a day to day basis. Yet, perhaps you have some other ideas, which would be important for us to hear. Please let us know what your hopes and dreams are regarding how we can express Love of Neighbor.

Of course, the most exciting piece of the 3 Loves Campaign for me personally is the one which begins in the Spring of 2018 – the Love of Children Campaign. If we begin now to consider all the ways we could build up and increase our outreach efforts to attract children from across Wyandot and Seneca Counties to experience God’s Love while in our midst, we will be well on our way once 2018 arrives.

Knowing our congregation has “Caught the Vision of the 3 Great Loves” Campaign and the Vision of “A Just World for All” would be the most exciting, rewarding, and fulfilling experience I could ever imagine. What do you imagine?

With Love and Kare,

Pastor Karen
Pastor Paul’s Ponderings

Hearing God’s Own Language

...how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ...
in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’
~ Acts 2: 8, 11b

Dear Members and Friends of Trinity,

When the Day of Pentecost came for the first time, people of many races, clans and nations who had gathered together all heard God speaking to each in their own native language. God filled each one with energy and power to ignite change in hardened hearts and to guide new communities of believers to invite, include, encourage and sustain one another.

In our gathering of churches known as the Northwest Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ, we who have inherited the Pentecost faith of the first Spirit-filled Disciples take time in the autumn of the year together to celebrate what God is doing to breathe life and vitality into tired bodies. This month alone, there are four Installations of ministers into new pastoral leadership positions, in our congregation and in three of our neighbors:

October 8 - Union UCC, Bascom 3:00 pm
October 15 - Trinity UCC, Tiffin 3:00 pm
October 22 - Trinity UCC, McCutchenville 3:00 pm
October 29 - Sycamore UCC, Sycamore 3:00 pm

What we do here in “Scutch” matters. Not only to our neighbors in our own village and the surrounding fields, timber and river valleys, but also to those in the wider church, beyond our familiar boundaries. As a reminder of those relationships that extend across the miles, Karen and I have invited two of our most valued colleagues to be with us for our Installation weekends. On October 22, The Reverend Tom Norwalk, Associate Conference Minister for the Eastern and Western Associations of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ, will preach at the Installation Service here at 3 PM. The following Sunday, October 29, The Reverend Don Hiscox, former Associate Regional Minister of the Upper Midwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will preach here at Trinity during the 10 AM morning worship service before he will be the preacher for the Installation at Sycamore at 3 PM. We truly want you to meet these men of faith who have played important roles in our ministry for several years. (They have asked us to help them meet you!) Without their guidance, support, good humor and encouragement, we would not be where we are today: embarking on our new ministries in McCutchenville and in Sycamore with faith, hope and courage.

When our turn comes to welcome our neighbors, both near and far, I pray we will be ready to also expect God’s Holy Spirit to breathe new life into us again.

Grace and Peace!
Pastor Paul
Dear Members of Trinity,
Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, kindness and support during my Parkinson’s process and recent surgery. My church family means so much to me. My prayer shawl has been a constant reminder.
Dan McClain

Dear Trinity Friends,
Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and cards. We both appreciate them so very much. I’m improving every day and continuing with outpatient therapy.
Love,
Rick & Donna Dorsch

Dear Trinity,
The Seneca County Fair is enjoyed by all. Thank you for your support of helping with the fair gates. $600 went to the Small Church Cluster treasury. Thank you!
Seneca County Fair Board and
Sue Rainey, Gate Chairman

Dear Christian Friends,
Thank you so much for the opportunity to share God’s word with you on September 24, 2017. A special “thank-you” to Bob Plott for serving as liturgist!
With Best Regards,
Garland John Gates

To ... our liturgists, Dan Cleland, Judy Gucker, Linda Clark, and Bob Plott.

To ... our Greeters Char Carrick, Betty Fogel, Joan Davidson, Jan Snyder, and Bob Gucker

To... everyone for their help, food and/or monetary donations, support, and hard work of our end-of-summer Lawn Fete. Your efforts, delicious food and a beautiful night resulted in a profit of $1092.02

To ... the newly formed New Generation committee for providing the snacks and outdoor movie The Shack, on the church lawn following our Lawn Fete. Heads up: Watch for additional fun activities this committee will be sponsoring.

To ... the Christian Ed Committee for providing a delicious Rally Day celebration meal following worship. It was a great way to kick off our fall programing.

To ... those who worked at the gates of the Wyandot County Fair. What a successful undertaking this was and hats off for a job well done! And let’s not forget to thank Sharon and Roger McGuire too for their wonderful organizational skills of this big undertaking.

To ... the Plott/Clifton families, Susan Parker, Robin Tong and Dan Cleland for all their efforts making the Spaghetti Benefit Luncheon for Hurricane Relief such a huge success! We collected $1075 and could not have done this without EVERYONE’s donations, help and support! Thank you to all!!

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To ... Patti Palmer for organizing the Red Cross Blood Drive refreshments Trinity was responsible for providing on September 7. Many thanks to Barb McClain, Joan Davidson, Connie Heimrick and Ruth Weininger for providing the cookies, grapes and cubed cheese for this ministry.

To ... Joan Davidson and Char Carrick for hosting the September Cottage Meetings.

Prayer Requests

Recovering: Dan McClain, Kaden McClain, Bill Daniel, Bob Schmitz, Julie Ridenour, and those known and those known only to God who are homebound... hospitalized... those who are undergoing treatments... surgeries... and those with illnesses... and hurting spirits... and to all others who struggle and suffer in our world.

With Sympathy ... 

Trinity extends its Christian love and sympathy

To the Dunlap Family and friends on the tragic loss of 21-year-old Blain Dunlap, son of Brian and Beth Dunlap, grandson of Don and Sue Dunlap, nephew of Brenda and Ed Thomas and first cousin of Jaclyn and Garrick Kutscher.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult days ahead as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

Kinsley Rose Fatzinger was baptized into God’s family during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on August 27, 2017. Rev. Karen Fraser Moore, with the help of Elyse Everhart, performed the Sacrament of Baptism. Kinsley is the daughter of Brittany and Eric Fatzinger. Maternal grandparents are Patti and Ken Palmer and maternal great grandmother is Florence Palmer. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Linda Fatzinger. Please offer your love and support to Kinsley and her family as she begins her faith journey.

Marriages

~ Kristen Weininger and Brandon Copley were married on September 2, 2017 in Gahanna, Ohio. The newlyweds reside in Canal Winchester. Kristen is an RN at Children’s Hospital in Columbus. Brandon works at Ricart Auto. Kristen is the daughter of Larry and Mary Jane (Weininger) Klohn and the granddaughter of Warren Weininger.

~ Stacy Beidelschies and Drew Meadows were married on September 23, 2017 at the Via Vechia Winery in Columbus. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. Stacy is a project manager for Tenfold, an interior design advertising company, and Drew is an independent financial advisor for Sheikh Investments. Parents of the bride are Leigh and Jim Beidelschies.

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Also married on September 23, 2017, was Pastor Paul’s daughter, Julianne Fraser, to Justin Butterfield. Julianne and Justin were married on Whiteface Mountain in Wilmington, New York. Pastor Karen officiated the outdoor ceremony.

Keeping in Prayer those Serving our Country and Their Families
SFC Chad Acton, LTC Jason Affolder, SGT Beck, Nathan, SRA Chandler Heavrin, SSG Andrew W. Lust, Major Blake M. Price, LS2 Michael Tanner, CPT Kevin Tippens, WO2 Blair Gosche, TSGT Jeremy Vonada

Altar flowers
The September 3rd altar flowers were given by Nira Beaschler in celebration of Anna Carr and Connie Heimrick’s birthdays.

Linda Clark provided altar flowers for the September 10 worship service given in honor of her mother, Clarabelle Clark’s, birthday.

Nira Beaschler provided beautiful gladiolas flowers from her garden for the September 17 worship service.

Trinity Shirts
We still have a few adult Trinity t-shirts and polo shirts available. See sizing below. If interested, please talk to Jan.

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HALLOWEEN CANDY NEEDED

Trick or Treat in McCutchenville has been set for Sunday, October 29, 2017 beginning at 5:00 p.m. As in past years, Trinity will once again pass out candy to the Trick or Treaters in addition to offering hotdogs and hot chocolate. If you can provide individually wrapped bags of Trick or Treat candy (no hard candy please), for this festivity, please drop it off to the church by October 22. A collection box is in the back hallway across from the offices.

Baked Steak Dinner - Pre-Sale Event Saturday, October 14th
Get ready for our fall fundraiser’s Baked Steak Dinner on Saturday, October 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Like always, many helping hands are needed so please take a look at the trophy case for the committee and soliciting lists to see how you may help. On the menu is baked steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, cole slaw, roll, butter and a drink. Delicious homemade pie is available for an additional amount. There will also be a cookie bake sale offered as well. Tickets may be purchased from either the pastors, or Joan Davidson, Dave Rice, Dave Keller, Kathy Russell, Char Carrick, Bob Plott, or the office. Adult tickets are $9 and children under 8 years old, $4. This is a PRE-SALE ticket event and ticket deadline is Wednesday, October 11th.

Don’t forget the Cookie Bake Sale too!
Church Decorating Opportunity
It’s hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner and it will be time to decorate the church for Christmas by the beginning of Advent, which begins December 3, 2017. We know what needs to be done, but now we just need someone, a chairperson, to organize it. It would not be the chairperson’s responsibility to do the entire decorating, but to organize it, gather the people and decorate the sanctuary for the various seasons such as fall and Christmas. The decorating can be as simple or as festive as you would like and we have many decorations stored here to help you. If this is something that sparks your interest, please let either Sharon McGuire or the office know.

Add-A-Bow Hospice Tree Fundraiser
Community Hospice Care, serving Seneca County, has again invited Trinity to help staff the Community Hospice Care Add-A-Bow Christmas Tree, something our church has done for many years. Our day is Monday, December 4 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Tiffin Hardware store. Would you be willing to volunteer an hour or more of your time to sell bows for this caring organization? For those wanting community service hours, this makes a great project. A sign-up sheet will be posted next month, but in the meantime, please consider helping this ministry by volunteering your time on Monday, December 4, 2017.

Church Nursery
Don’t forget to take advantage of our nursery located down and around the corner from the pastor’s office. It is supplied with a Koala Kare Baby changing station, a variety of different diaper sizes, powder, wipes, as well as a bottle warmer, and of course, a variety of toys to help entertain the children. There is also a speaker installed in the nursery so you can still listen to the worship service while keeping an eye on your little one.

If you have other suggestions to improve the nursery and/or as needs change, please let the office or any consistory member know.

Sunday, October 8 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. It is a day set aside to show our appreciation, love and support of our co-pastors, Karen and Paul. October is Pastor Karen’s month to be with us at Trinity. Following worship on October 8, everyone is invited to stay for cookies and punch, and a few other items, and to take a moment to express your gratitude and encouragement to not only Pastor Karen, but to Pastor Paul as well, even though he will not physically be with us that day.

Don’t forget to include our Co-Pastors
Co-Pastors Karen and Paul would still like to be involved with the planning of events and all happenings of the congregation. In an effort to collaborate, please notify Co-Pastors Karen and Paul of all committee meetings and special events of the congregation, as well as youth involvement in the community, so that they can put these dates on their calendars, help plan them, and contribute ideas. Thanks!
Soup & Sandwich Meal
October 19, 2017
Serving from noon – 5:00 p.m.
- Carry out is available –
Donations accepted, but certainly not required.
All are invited to come and enjoy delicious homemade soups and fellowship too!

News & Notes
~ Please join us for worship each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Karen Fraser Moore will fill the pulpit during October, and Pastor Paul Fraser will fill the pulpit during November.

Co-Pastors’ Contact Information:
Pastor Karen Fraser Moore
618-920-3592 (Cell)
419-927-9701 Sycamore Parsonage

Pastor Paul S. Fraser
217-549-8823 (Cell)
419-927-9701 Sycamore Parsonage

Coffee Hour
Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.
Do you enjoy having sweets available during Coffee Hour? If so, please be sure to offer to provide some type of sweets so we may continue having sweets available each Sunday morning. There is a snack calendar located on the coffee table to sign up for a Sunday of your choice. There is also money available to purchase the sweets each week, or be reimbursed, because of everyone’s generous donations received during the coffee hour. Just talk to Jan to be sure you receive the funds needed for the sweets. Thank you!

~ Adult Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.
~ Children’s Sunday School is held during the worship hour for preschool – 6th grades.

* Please remember to keep the office updated with your current contact information.

~ Remember, you have the option of donating to the church using your debit or credit card through the PayPal link on our website, www.thetrinityucc.com. Just click on the “Donate” tab and complete the requested information for your online giving. It’s safe, it’s easy and it’s convenient!

~ We continue to collect Box Tops and Labels for Education year around to help support Mohawk Local Schools. Collection envelopes are posted on the back-hallway bulletin board.

~ Small Church Music Fest - November 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Sycamore UCC Church. Several choirs will bring special music and the Findlay Millstream Singers will also perform. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music! If you would like to share special music, please let the pastors know.

~ Pastor Karen and Pastor Paul will be installed as our Co-Pastors and teachers of Trinity on Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m. A reception will follow the Installation. All are invited to this special service. (See related story on page 3)
Acolytes
October 1 Aiden Plott
October 8 A. Russell
October 15 Mylie Clifton
October 22 Makenzi Clifton
October 29 Jordy Sherwood

Liturgists
October 1 Ruth Weininger
October 8 Dan Cleland
October 15 Judy Gucker
October 22 Linda Clark
October 29 Pastor Karen

Greeters
October 1 Linda Clark
October 8 Connie Heimrick
October 15 Elaine Kern
October 22 Jan Snyder
October 29 Open
(If you would like to serve as a Greeter, please contact Jan Snyder, or let the office know)

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers
October 1 Barb McClain (T)/Robin Tong (H)
October 8 Elyse Everhart (T)/Kathy Russell (H)
October 15 Jan Pennington (T)/Cathy Lucius (H)
October 22 Lynda Weininger (T)/Elyse Everhart (H)
October 29 Barb McClain (T)/Erin Sherwood (H)

October Ushers
Char Carrick and Joan Davidson

Stewardship Projects
October 1 Neighbors in Need (NIN)
October 8 Scutch Community Center
October 15 Open Sunday
October 22 UNICEF
October 29 Chicago, United & Eden Seminaries (CUE)

Worship & Music Committee
Meeting Highlights
August 20, 2017
The committee approved the co-pastors’ request for the welcoming and the announcements each Sunday morning be led by them instead of the liturgist. This will allow the co-pastors more interaction with the congregation.

Also approved was to discontinue using the printed bulletins purchased from Anchor Hocking and make our own bulletins using 11 x 14 legal size paper. We will use images from the internet for the front picture of the bulletin. This change will save the church several hundred dollars a year. The new format will begin December 3, 2017.

August 2017 Consistory Meeting Highlights
Co-Pastors’ Report:
They have been busy attending meetings and getting to know the congregation/members better. They have plans to also attend several workshops and the Ohio Conference Annual Meeting and some continuing education events as well.
They would like to meet with the chairs of each committee prior to the scheduled meeting time of the committee.
They would like to discontinue the use of purchasing printed bulletins and make own bulletins as a savings to the church.
Co-Pastors’ Installation service is October 22 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Committee Reports:
- Caring Community – Helped 3 families
- Christian Ed – Gave books to newborn families and the youth, Rally Day and VBS were both successful.

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- Evangelism – Putting door hangers in the community for our Lawn Fete, and looking for ways to do more in the community.
- Maintenance – Frey's will look into roof repairs, organ repairs
- Pastor Parish- considering providing additional cottage meetings
- Stewardship – considering the possibility of doing monthly projects instead of weekly projects
- New Generation – Movie, The Shack, to be shown after Lawn Fete. Canvas painting a possible project.

Old Business:
Waiting for quotes on stained glass windows. Discussed church secretary’s workload and what may be done to help lighten it. Those interested in attending a cottage meeting should contact Char Carrick. Joint VBS with Sycamore UCC was well received. Trinity UCC will be the host for VBS 2018.
Installation for Pastors Paul and Karen is October 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

New Business:
Addendum to the Call agreement. Pastors Paul and Karen were received into membership during the Consistory meeting lead by Joan Davidson. Considering offering a Confirmation Class for the 2018-2019 year. Vacation days approved for Pastor Paul to attend his daughter’s wedding in New York in September. Discussion held how long someone should serve on a committee.

Next meeting is September 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Kathy Russell,
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

August 2017 Treasurer’s Report

Income:
Tithes/Offerings $ 5,526.15
Other types of income 118.00
Special events paid out - 62.96
Special events contributions 1,112.02
Total Income/Gross Profit $ 6,693.21

Pastoral Expenses:
Paul Fraser Salary $ 1,265.00
Karen Fraser Moore Salary $ 1,265.00
Total Salary $ 2,530.00

Social Security
Paul Fraser $ 96.78
Karen Fraser Moore $ 96.78
Total Social Security $ 193.56

Total Pastoral Expenses $ 2,723.56

Administration:
Secretary $ 903.50
Custodian $ 304.75
Financial Secretary $ 121.07
Organist $ 61.43
Columbia Gas $ 119.03
Electric AEP $ 276.40
Telephone $ 85.86
Worker’s Comp $ 50.64
Copier/Duplicator $ 152.87
Supplies/Postage $ 7.98
Worship Supplies $ 16.06
Miscellaneous $ 96.51
Total Administration $ 2,196.10

Total Expenses $ 4,919.66

Net Ordinary Income $ 1,773.55

Check book balance: $ 31,949.46

Average Sunday Worship Attendance for August was 56
Happy Anniversary to ...

October
3 Mario and Kim Amesquita 21 years
4 Mandi and Andrew Clifton 15 years
6 Joseph and Jaime Thornton 16 years
10 Garrick and Jaclyn Kutscher 8 years
15 Tim and Karen Draper 12 years
18 Jack and Susan Bour 25 years
19 Cris and Kristie Theis 21 years
20 David and Lynda Weininger 45 years
22 Leslie and Linda Heimrick 34 years
26 Dave and Kathy Hoerig 32 years
27 John and Kara Stansbery 10 years
27 Josh and Robin Hough 10 years
28 Brian and Colleen Halm 14 years

Happy Birthday to ...

October
1 Kathy Hoerig, Fred Lust, Adam Geary
2 Tim Davidson, Daniel McGrew
3 Kylee Swartz
8 Jennifer Russell, Kim Davidson
9 Makenzie Weininger
10 Warren Weininger, Annabelle Noblit, Matt Everhart, Jeremy Wilkins, Grant Theis, Carleigh Beidelschies
13 Elaine Kern, Kristie Theis
14 Bret Geary, Jennifer Troha, Kylie Russell
16 Chris Beidelschies, Katie Fitch
17 Tom Beaschler
20 Brandt Weininger
21 Rachel Pennington, Carl Shinn
22 Noah Raber
23 Greg Watson, Danielle Beidelschies, Bob Beis
24 Tricia Hannam
26 Barb Gurney, Melissa Carrick
27 John Palmer, Austin Harper, Kaedyn Harper
28 Gary Plouck
29 Sylvia Bishop
30 Hailey Parker, Eli Kutscher

THE SKIT GUYS are coming to Bucyrus OH! They will perform at the Bucyrus Nazarene Church located at 2165 OH-4 on the evening of Friday, November 10. More information will be forthcoming, including the exact time of the performance. Advance Tickets are $15.00 per person. We currently have reserved a block of 20 tickets and are hoping we will be able to take several car-loads of youth and adults to this performance.

If you would like to be part of this amazing opportunity, please let Elyse Everhart, Pastor Karen, Pastor Paul, or Jan Pennington know as soon as possible. We will finalize our plans by Wednesday, October 25th.

Tommy Woodard and Eddie James are The Skit Guys. They have been best friends since high school. Think of them as the wise guys in class who had everyone laughing and then managed to make a career out of it. They've been teaching God's Word using comedy, drama and whatever category talking action figures fit into for over twenty years.