



Brief Church Profile

**Trinity United Church of Christ
47345 Lewisville-Northern Rd
Lewisville, OH 43793**

1. WHO ARE WE TODAY – *description of who you are as a church, and your vision and mission statement*

In 1930, three Evangelical and Reformed Churches: St. Peter's (Miltonsburg), St. John's (Middle Church), and St. Peter's (Lewisville) were united as the Lewisville Charge with one minister to serve them. In 1955, these churches, combining resources, built Fellowship Hall where social activities were held. On Sept. 2, 1962, the three churches voted to unite into one congregation under the name Trinity United Church of Christ. Fellowship Hall became the church now known as Trinity UCC.

We believe in the triune God: Creator resurrected Christ, the sole Head of the church, and the Holy Spirit, who guides and brings about the creative and redemptive work of God in the world. We believe that each person is unique and valuable. It is the will of God that every person belongs to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved. We believe all are welcome and united by God's love. For the United Church of Christ, Justice and Jesus are inseparable. Our daily worship is anchored by the belief that "God is still speaking."

The purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to realize Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church Universal, to render loving service toward mankind and to strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

2. WE LIVE OUT OUR VISION AND MISSION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING – *worship, faith formation, care and fellowship, mission and outreach opportunities:*

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:30 am

- Open Communion
- Children's Church
- Handicapped Accessible
- Free conference call (audio conferencing) Cal ONE #phone church 1-351-999-3202, @9:25 to connect with our 9:30 Sunday Worship Service. (Tol Free #with a cell phone)

COMMUNITYSERVICE

- Manna Food Pantry
- Switzerland of Ohio Ministerial Association
- Our Church's Wider Mission
- Neighbors In Need
- SOMA Thrift Shop
- Community Lenten services
- Lewisville Community Vacation Bible School

OUR ACTIVITIES

- Youth Outreach Ministry (YOM)
- Bible Study
- Christmas Caroling & Cheer Boxes
- Spring & Fall PLP Events
- Community Thanksgiving Service
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Mother's & Father's Day Breakfasts
- Ice Cream Social (July)
- Provide Family Funeral dinners

3. STATISTICAL DATA

- Active Membership: 35
- Total Reported Membership: 71
- Sunday Worship average attendance: 24
- Average Church School/youth Attendance :5
- Members serving on Boards and Committees (DO NOT include small groups): 5 on Council
- Mission outreach giving, annual: 20% of the budget
- Our church's annual plan for resourcing the ministry (budget): \$34,000
- Number of staff persons serving the church: Pastor only

List staff positions: __n/a_____

4. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS IN THE CHURCH FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS?

- Losing members through death, young people moving away for jobs, conflict outside the community
- Stronger lay leadership among the women
- Reaching out to help others

5. WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME TRENDS in the larger community/town in which the church is located?

- Drop in population
- Churches don't seem to be the focal point anymore
- Younger generation not as involved
- Volunteering
- Losing cultural identity
- Our relationship with God
- Less church attendance nationwide

6. THE SPECIFIC MINISTRIES/ISSUES YOU EXPECT YOUR NEXT PASTOR to address during their tenure -including the gifts, talents, and skills and leadership style you are looking for in your next pastor

- Collaborating with our strong lay leadership
- Engaging actively with the youth in the area
- Visiting the new people in the community, the homebound and church members
- Preaching biblically and theologically to help us grow in living the Christian faith

- Developing a closer bond with members of the church community
- Good listening and team building skills who is engaging and down to earth.

7. **PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED COMPENSATION RANGE you are offering in dollar amounts. If less than full-time, specify the hours of work.**

Do you follow Conference Compensation guidelines? __Yes _____

_____ Teresa Cook _____
Council/Search Committee Chairperson

__April 9, 2024_____
Date

8. COMMENTS FROM THE ASSOCIATION



Signature of Association Staff

__May 10, 2024_____
Date

Association Staff member assisting:

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