



Celebrating Three Years of Ministry Together:
Trinity United Church of Christ, Akron and
Rev. Dr. Carl P. Wallace
September 11, 2011

Trinity United Church of Christ, Akron Ohio

2010-2011 Accomplishments

Within the Church

- ⊕ Restarted Youth Fellowship in summer 2010. (Advisors: Jeffrey & Susan Durr, Janice Brown)
 - Youth hosted a successful fundraiser: Under the Tuscan Moon dinner & auction.
 - Youth Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY: built a wheelchair ramp for an elderly woman.
 - Youth led the worship service when they returned. They made a tithe to the church from the money they raised.
- ⊕ Started a Youth Guitar Choir led by Jeffrey Durr
- ⊕ Starting a Percussion Team, "The Upbeats," using bongo and conga drums
- ⊕ Confirmation of five students
- ⊕ Revitalizing our Prayer Shawl ministry. Shawls will be made at our annual Women's Retreat.
- ⊕ Instituted a Ladies' Night Out once per month.
- ⊕ Church council consulted with Debra Sherman, owner of Classic Event Services, an expert at fundraising. Planning a community event.
- ⊕ Established a Safe Sanctuary policy; Staff and volunteers who work with children completed paperwork per the policy.
- ⊕ Revised financial practices regarding how money is counted and deposited; centralizing information about all church bank accounts.
- ⊕ 3 church members attended a Webinar on Stewardship for Vital Congregations by Anthony Robinson. Established a Stewardship Ministry and ordered UCC Stewardship materials.
 - Working with our Budget & Finance Ministry on stewardship & funding ministry.
- ⊕ Launch of 11:59 worship service
 - walked the neighborhood, distributed flyers; put up yard signs & banner, printed t-shirts and service materials; songbooks (with several original songs by Rev. Sharon Alberson)
 - Invited honored guests, hosted a reception following the first two 11:59 services.
 - Our service was featured on the UCC's Congregational Vitality webpage
- ⊕ Changed from committees to ministries. This change is not just in name, but in focus.
- ⊕ Church Council Retreat 8/6/11 led by Rev. Jim Oates of the Ohio Conference. Focused on Ministry and how the structure of the church council can be modified to best meet ministry needs & goals. Council voted to suspend parts of the church constitution & work with Rev. Oates on new structure. Congregational vote scheduled for 9/24/11.
- ⊕ Health Initiative: Trinity Trimmers was a venture with our church and Summa Western Reserve Hospital. Teams of members lost weight (total was over 220 lbs). The hospital provided a scale, printed information, 3 health seminars, and access to Zumba and Weight Watchers classes.

Wider Church Involvement

- ⊕ Rev. Wallace & delegate attended historic joint EOA/WRA Fall Gathering, led a workshop at the EOA Spring Gathering, attended Ohio Conference gathering.
- ⊕ Rev. Wallace serves on the EOA's Church & Ministry committee and the UCC Health Task Force.
- ⊕ Hosted the Partners in Ministry Fall Gathering & luncheon.
- ⊕ Choirs of Trinity UCC Akron and Trinity UCC Canton joined together for a Gospel Celebration concert, held at our church.
- ⊕ Your youth attended the EOA's Fall Youth Event in 2010 and plan to attend in 2011.
- ⊕ A group of young people from First Congregational Church of Hudson worked at our facility, helping with cleaning, painting and landscaping. First Congregational funded their work.
- ⊕ Urban Ministries: continued involvement with 3 other Akron urban churches. Members attended work days at 3 of the churches.
- ⊕ Faith Musical: ***A Star for Freedom***, an original musical by Rev. Sharon Alberson based on the book of Esther – performed at our church to benefit Akron Urban Ministries
 - Each church received over \$2000
 - ***Found & Forgiven***, a musical based on the Prodigal Son is scheduled in November 2011
 - We will collect canned goods and food items at this Musical to support Mission:1
- ⊕ A TUCC member was called to be on the Search Committee for the combined EOA/WRA Association Minister.
- ⊕ Rev. Wallace and Rev. David Zerby of New Vision UCC, Canton had a pulpit exchange.
- ⊕ Rev. Wallace served as Mentor to two UCC ministers, Rev. Vaughn Foster and Rev. Courtney Clayton-Jenkins. Spoke at the Ordination Service for Rev. Clayton-Jenkins.

Ecumenical Activities

- ⊕ TUCC's choir sang & Rev. Wallace preached at Christ is the Answer Ministries in June 2011.
- ⊕ Rev. Wallace and Rev. Alberson are involved with Love Akron, an ecumenical clergy group. Trinity hosted a meeting and luncheon for Love Akron.
- ⊕ Helped establish a Clergy Health Program emphasizing exercise and nutrition for clergy. Participated in the trial run of the program.
- ⊕ Rev. Wallace worked with the Summit County Sheriff to revise policies for clergy visitation at the Summit County Jail.

Community Activities

- ⊕ Evangelism Ministry walked the neighborhood 4 times, distributed flyers with invitations to specific events as well as info about the church.
- ⊕ Booth at North Hill Night Out Against Crime.
- ⊕ Collaborate with Summa Western Reserve Hospital's Community Initiatives.
- ⊕ Participated in Akron Community's Talking in the Garden program.
- ⊕ Community garden space was created; Thom Durr built planters for those in wheelchairs and for folks who can't bend over to garden (design may be used by other community garden sites!)
- ⊕ Hosted Holy Saturday event for 150 women & children from homeless shelters; volunteers from 8 churches, U of Akron & Akron School System helped.

- ⊕ Sharon Alberson & staff of volunteers hosted Grace Notes Music Camp – 2nd year.
- ⊕ Continued providing food, clothing and emergency bill assistance through our Trinity in the Community program, which has been operating for more than 40 years.
- ⊕ Continued our partnership with Project RISE of the Akron Public Schools, which supports students in homeless shelters and transitional housing:
 - Maintain a clothing room that supplies school uniforms, shoes and underwear to the students and clothes for their younger siblings.
 - We host the Project RISE Doll Project: make handmade dolls, quilts and tote bags.
- ⊕ We host a weekly Yoga class that is open to the public.
- ⊕ Open Gym is available most weeknights.
- ⊕ Hosted a jazz piano concert by Bill Dobbins, professor of music at the Eastman School of Music. Proceeds were used to support Grace Notes Music Camp and to buy drums for our percussion team.
- ⊕ Rev. Wallace serves on Akron's Minority Health Roundtable
- ⊕ Involved with Habitat for Humanity.