

New Member Class

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, please contact Pastor Dana now. We will hold classes on January 15 and 22 during Sunday school time.

Welcome!



Dave Ramsey Class

Starts Tuesday, February 7 and runs 9 weeks on Tuesday nights from 6-7:30pm at Trinity.

Mark your calendars and register soon for this informative series.



**Trinity United Methodist Church
200 N. Summit St.
Bowling Green, OH 43402**

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Bowling Green, OH
Permit No. 56



Or current resident

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Deck the Halls Sale. You may have brought decorations for us to sell, help put them out before the sale, donated food for lunch on Thursday and Friday, worked in the kitchen, or helped with the sale. It was a big success and we made a little over \$2,700. This will help buy 5 lb. hams and lots of food for our 55 families. When you're putting away your Christmas decorations and you have some you don't want anymore and don't have room to store them until our next sale, bring them to the church and mark them Christmas items and we'll store them for our sale next year. We appreciate all the extra support we receive from our Trinity family.

Also, as you know, we've had several fundraisers at Bob Evans. The last three times when we had fundraisers, one month we received a check for \$129, another time was \$130, and in November, our check was for \$125. I have not heard yet for the month of December. We get 15% from everyone's check. We'll probably have another fundraiser with Bob Evans in late January or February. Thanks again.

The Missions Committee

Thank You!

Thank You to the officers of the church who have ended their terms of service in 2016,

those who have accepted new positions for 2017 and beyond, and to those who continue to serve so faithfully.

We will have an Installation of Officers as a part of the 10:30 service on January 8th.

There is also an updated list of committee chairs and committee members available in the sanctuary and church office.



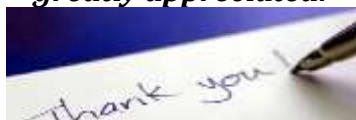
Calling All Euchre Players!

If you love playing Euchre please join us **January 21 at 6:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall to flex your skills in a Round Robin Turn-Up Euchre Tournament. Don't worry if you don't have a partner or if your skills are rusty! The tournament rules allow everyone to participate. Please invite anyone who would enjoy an evening of cards.

Questions - please ask Tim or Amanda Parish



The Ward family and the Trinity staff would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and gifts this Christmas. Your expressions of love are greatly appreciated!



TRINITY LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, January 28th

9am-noon

There will be a half day retreat for new and returning members of the Administrative council and their committees. Coffee and breakfast will be available beginning at 8:45am. We will get acquainted with each other and the work of our various teams. Please join us as we envision and prepare for the year ahead.

Youth Group

Our January meetings will be on the 15th and 29th from 3-4:30pm in the youth room, weather permitting.

Invite a friend and join the fun!



Men's Group

The next meeting is Saturday, January 21st, at 9am at the Big Boy on Wooster. Please join us and invite a friend!



Winter Weather

Now that the winter season is upon us, we urge you to use good judgment when coming to church for a service or meeting.

We always hope to hold services on Sundays, but if there is a snow emergency, or if the weather is severe, please check Channels 11 and 13 for cancellations.



Our **Trinity Library** has been blessed with many new paperbacks. We have suspense, healthy living, and stories set in the Amish country. There are also new Christmas themed "Love Inspired" paperbacks. Need to relax after Christmas? Check out our holiday selections!

January Worship Volunteers

Greeters

- 1-1 Beverly & Bob Miner
- 1-8 Marilyn White
- 1-15 Don & Phyllis Pickering
- 1-22 Bill & Nicki Kale
- 1-29 Don & Phyllis Pickering

Liturgists

- 1-1 John Laird
- 1-8 Seth Pullins
- 1-15 Pat Brenneman
- 1-22 Konnie Nicholson-George
- 1-29 Konnie Nicholson-George

Coffee Hour

- 1-1 Beverly & Bob Miner
- 1-8 Ruth Ann Kramer
- 1-15 Sue Butler
- 1-22 Bill & Nicki Kale
- 1-29 Sue Butler

Thank you for your service!



- 5 Heather & Greg Shepherd
- 7 Mary & Dave Rife
- 30 Eleanor & Fred Fether
- 30 Joyce & Floyd Chamberlain



- 1 Clara Dukes, Katie Shaner
- 2 Shirley Miller, Evie Van Vorhis
- 3 Ellen Pullins
- 5 Faye Hahn, Colleen Dunn
- 7 Vernon Fields
- 8 Katie Stoots
- 13 Janet Markin
- 21 Becky Essex
- 22 Halle Shepherd
- 24 Erick Donley
- 26 Linda Carpenter
- 28 Beverly Miner
- 30 Matt Zulch

MWD Leadership Development Day

Saturday, January 21
9am-3pm

Location: Grace UMC
601 E Boundary Street,
Perrysburg, OH

Register online at
www.westohioumc.org.

If you are a leader in our church, or would like to be, this is a day full of informative sessions.

ESTHER CIRCLE

Next meeting is on Wednesday, January 11 at 8:45am at the Big Boy Restaurant on E. Wooster St. The program will be given by Bev Bowsher. This meeting of breakfast, fellowship and friends is open to all Trinity women. As always, if BG schools are delayed or canceled due to inclement weather there is no meeting.





Three Words... "Day By Day" **Pastor Dana Ward**

Isn't it interesting how we measure time? Sometimes, as the song says, it's "Day By Day." Other times, we use a stopwatch that can measure $\frac{1}{4}$ of a second. Greeting a new year on January 1 almost seems "artificial" in some ways. Only a moment passes from one year to the next, yet we see it as a brand new start.

Many of us are eager to welcome the new year. Looking back on 2016, I know I want to move on from my mistakes and disappointments. I want to focus more on building strong relationships and managing my physical and spiritual health.

And there are many reasons to be optimistic about 2017. This is a year with 53 Sundays, one more than usual. This is a year when the church will be focused on the Gospels of Matthew and John in our times of worship.

It is also a year when a total solar eclipse with a very rare path which will cross America's Pacific coast and Atlantic coast will occur.

And, for us movie lovers, the new year promises sequels to *Despicable Me*, *Cars*, *Star Wars*, and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. There may also be some original films released (!).

A new year does always bring new hope. It is wonderful to know as you and I begin this New Year, we have God's Holy Spirit with us, "Day By Day." And that Spirit carries us, leads us and guides us with a special kind of mercy. So may we be aware of this on New Year's Day and always.

Financial Report for November, 2016

November was a tougher month. Three (3) of the four (4) Sundays brought us lower than anticipated receipts and as a result we spent \$1,987.25 more than we collected from the offering plates. The good news is that aside from the normal Sunday receipts, we did receive a sizable and welcome gift from one of our members that kept us in the black for November.

If you're curious about the expenditures: utilities started their winter increase (probably just like you experience at home), several maintenance issues needed attention, a workers' compensation payment came due and we spent more on postage than normal.

Now let's talk about our personal giving during the new year.

Certainly, I encourage you to be thoughtful in your giving to the church during 2017. And, as I've done in the past, would encourage you to consider—or better yet—start tithing. I swear—it works!

In the latest edition of **Guideposts**, Contributing Editor, John Sherrill, writes about giving and tithing far better than I can. So, I'm quoting from his recent piece. He writes about the decision he and his wife made years ago to start tithing. While they began the giving they were “wondering what—if anything—the ‘receive’ promise might turn out to be.” He said, “I did notice one small thing: an all but imperceptible shift in what I thought about while shaving, say, or while waiting at a traffic light. I noticed it was it was less and less often about money.”

“In place of preoccupation with the state of our fragile finances, I sensed an awareness of being *cared for*. A sense of security that had nothing to do with money in the bank,” he writes. He goes on to say that, “What giving provides is awareness. Awareness of the constant, lavish giving of God to us all.”

That sounds pretty good to me. In fact, you've heard me testify before that tithing has worked for me. I don't know how it works. It just does. You might like to give it a try.

Think about it.

Tim



Trinity Art Show 2017

February 19-26

All Children and Youth

Create art pieces that depict anything from the Bible including a person, place, thing, favorite story, expression of faith, etc.

Each person may submit more than one piece and we encourage creativity! You may use a variety of materials to create your artwork. If you would like to participate but do not have access to materials, please let Missy know. We want everyone to have the opportunity to be a part of the fun.

Remember to submit the artist's name and age as well as a title and/or short explanation of the art piece with each submission.

Everyone who participates will win a prize thanks to Joy Potthoff, one of our parishioners who fondly remembers being a part of this type of activity in the church where she grew up in England.

We will display the art in the church lobby for a full week and then you can take your items home after church on February 26th.

If you have questions, please contact Missy. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing your artwork soon! Be creative!

Submissions are due by February 12th!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>New Year's Day</u> 8:30a Service 10:30a Trad Service 	2 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30p Dartball	3 3p Heritage Corner 4p BGHS Drama	4	5 4p BGHS Drama 7p Chancel Choir	6	7
8 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 7p COG Practice	9 7p Finance Meeting 7:30p Dartball	10 3p Brookdale 4p BGHS Drama	11 8:45 Esther Circle	12 4p BGHS Drama 7p Chancel Choir	13	14 12p Faith & Family Day at BGSU 4p Recital
15 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group 7p COG Practice	16 Martin Luther King 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p Committee Mtg 7:30p Dartball 8:15p Ad Council Mtg	17 3p BG Manor 4p BGHS Drama 6p Confirmation class	18 6p Bell Choir Practice	19 4p BGHS Drama 7p Chancel Choir	20	21 9a Men's Group at Big Boy 9a-3p MW District Leadership Day at Grace UMC 6:30p Euchre Tournament
22 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship New Members Rec'd 7p COG Practice	23 7:30p Dartball	24 3p BG Care	25 3p Wood Haven 6p Bell Choir Practice	26 7p Chancel Choir	27	28 8:45a-noon Trinity Leadership Retreat
29 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group 7p COG Practice	30 7:30p Dartball	31	Notes: Remember to check our website for calendar updates. www.bgtrinity.com			