

**Game Night**

Saturday, February 4th  
7pm at Trinity

Bring a friend, bring a game,  
bring a snack!  
Any questions, please see  
Beverly Cope.  
Hope to see you there!



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

**Dave Ramsey Class**

Starts Tuesday, February 14 and runs 9 weeks on Tuesday nights from 6-7:30pm at Trinity. Mark your calendars and register soon for this informative series.



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**200 N. Summit St.**  
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## **\*\*RECYCLING\*\***

Trinity church does recycle! We have numerous royal/dark blue bins located around the church (education wing, office, kitchen, kitchenette, lobby, overflow room, etc.) Although the bins may look like a traditional trash can, **they are not**. The recycling crew is requesting that you only put recyclables in these bins, not trash such as Styrofoam cups, Kleenex or food scraps/gum. Some recyclable items are paper (bulletins, inserts, most office paper,) boxes (such as cereal/cracker/cookie boxes,) cans, plastic bottles, pop cans, newspaper and cardboard. Items that are **not recyclable are** the plastic trays/containers that cookies/crackers/goodies come in, Styrofoam, copy paper wrapping, any plastic container that does not have an opening smaller than the base of the container and general "garbage/trash" items.

Our crew works hard to pick up & empty the recycling bins on a weekly basis and sometimes we might miss a week. We ask that if you have excessive recyclable items, such as large pieces of cardboard/packing materials, that you either take the materials with you (take home) or let the office know so we can come & pick it up and clear the area (s.)

Thank you for your recycling efforts, we appreciate it and so will our future generations!  
Recycling crew members: Konnie Nicholson-George, Stan George & Terry Rishel

### **Communion Stewards Needed**

Looking for a service opportunity without a long term commitment? The worship committee is looking for volunteers to prepare communion elements for the second service on the first Sunday of each month. Directions are in the basement with the communion elements and are available in the office as well. Sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary or contact Joan Manning with questions. Call 419-354-1695 or 419-308-5867.



### **Volunteers Needed**

We need some help in cleaning up the History/Counting Room upstairs in the education wing and arranging the History Room behind the overflow room in the sanctuary. Both projects need to be completed before the United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio Annual Convocation in April. If you can help, please talk to Beverly Miner. Thank you for your consideration!



### *A Thank You...*

*Thank you, Trinity, for the food basket at Christmas!*

*Kathy Wittman*



### **\*\*Trustee Tidbits\*\***

The Trustees have many projects brewing in the upcoming months. In addition to the gradual progress of the new bathroom, we are moving forward with a new roof for the sanctuary/overflow area. We just picked out shingles and downspouts and hope to have the project scheduled very soon. In addition, Ron will be working on many projects for us. In conjunction with the roof, he will paint the dome (outside) and he will also be working on residing the little building above the overflow area (on the roof.) We are also looking to update the electrical panel in the education wing. More details to follow. If you see any projects/work/cleaning that needs down, please make sure to put a note in the job jar or pass a note/email to one of the Trustee members. Thank you and Happy Winter!

## Youth Group

Our February meetings will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm in the youth room. Invite a friend and join the fun!

## Men's Group

The next meeting is Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



## Art Show 2017

Children and Youth ~ Remember to submit your artwork by February 12<sup>th</sup> for the show that will be in the lobby February 19-26. If you need help or additional information, please contact Missy. Thanks!

## February Worship Volunteers

### Ushers

Tony Aspacher      Bev Robie  
Gretchen Avery    Natalie Avery  
Crystal DeVore    Drew DeVore  
Konnie Nicholson-George  
Stan George

### Greeters

2-5 The Parish Family  
2-12 Jerry & Janet Markin  
2-19 Don & Phyllis Pickering  
2-26 Linda Hower & Jerry Baumgardner

### Liturgists

2-5 Harald Wyndham  
2-12 Becky Fallon  
2-19 Betty Jones  
2-26 Konnie Nicholson-George

### Coffee Hour

2-5 The Janes Family  
2-12 Beverly Magrum & Carolyn Waltz  
2-19 Beth Van Vorhis  
2-26 Linda Hower

**Thank you!**



14 Beverly & Ken Robie  
14 Sharon & George DeMuth  
14 Claudia and Tom Ehmke



1 Marge Terry, Kaitlin Riker  
3 Lois Mills  
4 Al Wilder  
5 Tim Smith  
6 Lynne Hall  
7 Deb Dunipace  
9 Chris Sabo, Rose Sorg  
10 JoAnn Herringshaw  
11 Angela Beardsley  
13 Andy Van Vorhis  
15 Donna Laird  
16 Dick Strickland  
19 Mary Rife, Lori Stewart  
20 Sandy Bauman, Karlyn Riker  
23 Jim Augsberger  
25 Sharon DeMuth, Rosie Korn  
26 Alan Kramer



## Children's Mission

**Next Collection-Feb 26**  
Please plan to join us for the meal pack in April. We will need as many volunteers as possible to pack the over 100,000 meals!

For more info:  
[www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)

## ESTHER CIRCLE

Esther Circle will hold its Wednesday, Feb. 8, meeting at the Wooster St. Big Boy at 8:45am. Alice Brown will lead a program about Valentines. Members are asked to bring along a Valentine to share that has special meaning to them. Come and enjoy the LOVE!





## **Three Words... "True Love Waits"** **Pastor Dana Ward**

As a pastor and a parent, I have heard and even spoken the phrase, "True Love Waits." Some people wear a purity ring that says that very thing. Others use these words to speak about the need for patience or understanding in difficult situations with loved ones.

For the past few decades, as we come to the observance of Valentine's Day, this message is shared by many people of faith as a counterpoint to the message of our culture to carelessly give in to our base desires. And this message has led many persons to be patient and prayerful when it comes to love.

The big question, however, for youth, those who are single, or those already in relationships that need genuine love expressed within them, is, "How do we wait?"

As with many things, the more we seek God, the more we get to know God, and the more we discover God's plans for us the easier our experience is. Of course, God is the best example of love because, as 1 John 4: 7 - 8 reminds us, "God is love."

Also, waiting is easier when we guard our hearts. Our hearts lead us to our actions. So, we should try keeping them pure for the sake of those who need true love from us. We should always check to see if what we wish to do will build others up and make us more faithful.

So, as we see all the hearts and flowers around us this month, may we remember that "True Love Waits." This is because true, genuine love is expectant, ready, and looking forward to what God has planned for us to do in our lives, and to the person who will be by our side as we live into God's plans and purposes.

## Financial Report for December, 2016

As I write this in January of 2017, I realize you won't read it until the first of February. But, I'll wish you the best of the New Year anyway.

Thanks to you Trinity Church finished 2016 in the black—and with enough slack to be able to pay the year end bills that always arrive in January.

Much of our fiscal success is due to your generosity and the value you place on our church. The other component of our stability is the people who routinely spend money for various church operations—such people as our secretary, sexton and education director who were very cautious in the way they spent the money appropriated to them. Plus, such line items as utilities, pastor's expenses, and workers' compensation all came in under expectations. As a result we spent \$10,862.50 less than anticipated.

For 2017 I developed a budget totaling \$258,574 that is projected to be only \$9 (that's right, nine dollars) above the 2016 budget. So I'm counting on your continued support and the frugality of our employees and committees as we move through this new year.

Considering that there are 53 Sundays in 2017, we will need to see a weekly offering of \$4,878.75 to fund our budget. Even if we are lucky enough to end the year again \$10,000 below budget, we would still need to see \$4,690.08 in the plate each Sunday.

I bring all this to your attention not only make you aware, but also to encourage you to be prayerfully concerned and considerate as you plan your giving to Trinity Church during 2017.

You make it happen. Thanks again.

Tim

*Trinity UMC February Calendar*

◀ January 2017		<b>February 2017</b>					March 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			<b>1</b>  6p Worship Team Meeting 6p Bell Choir	<b>2</b>  7p Chancel Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7p Game Night	
<b>5</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship  7p COG Practice	<b>6</b> 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry  7:30p Dartball	<b>7</b>  3p Worship at Heritage Corner	<b>8</b> 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy 3:30p CAP Task Force 6p Bell Choir	<b>9</b>  7 Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group 7p COG Practice	<b>13</b>  7:30p Dartball	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b>  3p Worship at Brookdale 6p Dave Ramsey Class	<b>15</b>  6p Bell Choir	<b>16</b>  7p Chancel Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9a Men's Group at Big Boy	
<b>19</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship  7p COG Practice	<b>20</b> 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p Committee Mtg 7:30p Dartball 8p Ad Council Mtg	<b>21</b>  3p Worship at BG Manor 6p Dave Ramsey Class	<b>22</b>  6p Bell Choir	<b>23</b>  7p Chancel Choir	<b>24</b>  3:30p CRU	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group 7p COG Practice	<b>27</b>  7:30p Dartball	<b>28</b> 3p Worship at BG Care Center 6p Dave Ramsey Class 6p Confirmation Class	<b>Notes: Remember to check for calendar updates on our website, <a href="http://www.bgtrinity.com">www.bgtrinity.com</a>.</b>				