

Game Night

Saturday, March 4th
7pm at Trinity

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



Time Change

Remember that the time
change is coming up on
Sunday, March 12th.
Make sure to spring
forward and we will see
you for church!



Lenten Study

Sundays at 7pm
March 5 – April 19

Join Pastor Dana for a
study of the Gospel of
John throughout Lent.
Be a part of this time of
preparation for Easter.



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40 Days of Light

Messages of Hope for the 2017 Lenten Season from the Gospel according to John.

March 5 Lent #1 Jesus Is the Light - John 1:1-5, 3:16-21
(Communion Services)

March 12 Lent #2 The Signs of Jesus – John 2:1-11, 9:1-5

March 19 Lent #3 The Sayings of Jesus – John 6:35-38

March 26 Lent #4 Jesus Brings New Life – John 13:3-15

Join us as the series unfolds and moves us into April and the celebration of Easter.

Trinity will host the **United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio** for their annual convocation the 21st and 22nd of April. Beverly Miner, the current president, is proud Trinity is hosting in our beautiful sanctuary. Jane and Harald Wyndham will be preparing meals and will need servers for noon on Saturday. Please consider this service and contact the office or Beverly at 419 352-3014.



Got Yarn?

Jane Wyndham will be teaching a class at the Toledo Freedom School. She needs our help. If you have variegated yarn that you could donate for her class, she would greatly appreciate it. Please bring any yarn donations to the church office or the information station table and mark it with Jane's name. Thank you for your generosity!



Feed My Starving Children Meal Pack

We need volunteers to help pack the over 100,000 meals we are helping purchase through our children's mission. The pack will be Saturday, April 22, at First UMC in BG. There will be 2-hour sessions and we need to start signing up online on March 13. The first to sign up get the times they want. Please sign up on the sheet in the sanctuary and Missy will sign you up online. Our last collection will be in March. Thank you for your support!



Youth Group

Meetings will be on
March 12 & 26 from
3-4:30pm in the youth
room.

Invite a friend and join the
fun!



Men's Group

The next meeting is
Saturday, March 18th, at
9am at the Big Boy on
Wooster. Please join us and
invite a friend!



Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will
be held on Palm Sunday after the
second service. We hope all
Trinity children will attend and
invite a friend. Bring your basket
and join the fun! **We will be
filling the eggs on Saturday,
April 8th at 11am. All help would
be appreciated!**

Easter Breakfast

Join us for our annual Easter
Breakfast on Easter morning at
9:15am during Sunday school
time. This is always a great time
of fellowship for our Trinity
family, so come enjoy a delicious
breakfast. We will be accepting
donations for Vacation Bible
School. Also, watch for the food
donation cards coming in the
weeks to come.



March Worship Volunteers

Ushers

Mary Rife Jason McCune
Ken Robie Beverly Miner
Chris Sabo Sandy Stoots
Denise Zephier David Avery

Greeters

3/5 Herb & Norma Hoover
3/12 Fleming & Becky Fallon
3/19 Marilyn White
3/26 Jerry & Janet Markin

Liturgists

3/5 Gaynelle Predmore
3/12 Betty Jones
3/19 Harald Wyndham
3/26 Mary Rife

Coffee Hour

3/5 The Hart Family
3/12 Bob & Beverly Miner
3/19 Stan & Konnie
Nicholson-George

Acolytes

3/5 Luke Hart & Abby Oswald
3/12 Mathias Drumm &
Evie Van Vorhis
3/19 - Allie & Katie Parish
3/26 - Marah & Aliyah Flores

Thank you!



5 Angela & John Beardsley
7 Laura & Jean-Phillipe Laratique
10 Wanda & Jim Augsberger



4 Becky Eninger
5 Alice Brown, John Laird
6 Janet Bowsher
8 Gary Manning
9 Carol Wickard, Harold Avery
10 Carol Riker, Ryan Decker
14 Seth Pullins, Joanne Fields
16 Sheryl Sabo
18 Donna Snyder, Beth Van Vorhis
19 Christina Oswald, Alice
Dunipace, Doug Dunipace,
Betty Sidell Parrish
20 Pat Brenneman, Rick Hall,
Joe Sabo
23 Judy VendenBroek
24 Eleanor Fether
25 Susan McManus
26 Joyce Stearns
27 Billie Milnor

VBS Volunteers

Our VBS this year is
Rome and will be held
July 16-20. **Preparation
is beginning now!
We need your help!**
If you can help plan,
paint, prepare crafts,
etc., please let Missy
know. You don't need
experience to be a big
help! Thank you!



Thank you!

A big thank you to Dave Korn for
his hard work in building new
shelving for the resource room in
the education wing. They are
incredibly strong and will serve
Trinity well for many years to
come. Thank you, Dave, for
sharing your talents with us!

Thank you, also, to Joy Potthoff
for sponsoring the prizes for the
art show and judging the entries.
We appreciate your care for our
children and youth!

Thank You!

Friendly Center Guild

March 14, 2017

Noon luncheon at Friendly Center

1324 North Superior, Toledo

The program will be "Promise House" by Lillian Ann Briggs. Cost of lunch is \$3, tableware is 25¢. Make a reservation by calling Helen Dukes at (419) 601-1606 by March 9 or Avis Snyder at (419) 666-2490 by March 10.

There are nearly 100 National Mission Institutions supported by United Methodist Women. These institutions empower adults, care for children, educate youth, look after the neglected, advocate for social justice issues, create economic opportunities and improve neighborhoods. The Toledo Friendly Center, in North Toledo, is one of their missions. The Center is always adapting to meet the changing needs of its diverse population while remaining a stable cornerstone and steadfast beacon of hope for the community.

Challenged with the effects of high unemployment and the social ills associate with poverty (i.e. high crime rates, human and drug trafficking), the businesses, the neighbors and organizations still choose to remain in the neighborhood determined to not only "survive but strive" towards a better tomorrow. Friendly Center has been plagued with financial troubles but is determined to continue in serving their neighborhood.

Among their many program offered are The Healthy Client Choice Food Pantry*, The Closet* offering cleaning and personal health items, Health by Choice offering meals and cooking workshops, Parent University, The Study Table (one on one adult education) and many opportunities for children and youth.

*You are invited to bring canned meat, mac and cheese and filled plastic eggs for the Food Pantry as well as toilet paper and toothbrushes for the Closet to the March meeting. Thank you.

Esther Circle

United Methodist Women Faith • Hope • Love in Action

Esther Circle will meet for breakfast at the East Wooster Street Big Boy at 8:45am on Wednesday, March 8. The program will be presented by Leader Helen Dukes. All Trinity women are invited to attend this time of fellowship.



UM WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE

Check out this book!!

I Love Growing Older But I'll Never Grow Old

By J. Ellsworth Kalas

Growing *older* is a process. Growing *old* is a conclusion. If you're growing *older* you see some hope because you have perspective and you keep learning. It's about growing—personally, spiritually, and in our relationships with God and with others.

Have you checked out any of the Reading Circle books yet? Anyone can borrow them from the church library at the end of the hall in the education wing.

The purpose of the Reading Circle is to encourage women to:

- Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission



Three Words... "Signs Of Life" **Pastor Dana Ward**

As we enter Lent this month, I hope we will see the "Signs Of Life" that are around us. Springtime will soon arrive. And in the church, growth in our ongoing groups, and some new, special events will keep things refreshing.

As you may know, during Lent this year we are using Adam Hamilton's book, *The Gospel of Light and Life*, to look at St. John's view of how Jesus is the Light of the World. In the liner notes of the book, it says, "The Gospel of John is the most spiritual of the gospels. The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they'll "have life in his name."

This Lent, as we follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through John, and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament, I am sure we will experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal.

I hope all of us will take the time to read or re-read the entire Gospel of John in March and April, and that we will plan to join together in worship on Sunday mornings, and on Sunday evenings for a time of sharing from Hamilton's six-week, DVD series on John.

Remember to always be looking for "Signs Of Life," and that as believers we are to see beyond the signs to the things signified - to see beyond the here and now and glimpse the divine mysteries that are all around us.

[Author's Note: This is the thirty-third "Three Words" article. Over the years, I hope these words have been inspiring. I continue to enjoy sharing them with you and invite you to watch for upcoming articles "The Risen King" and "Pomp And Circumstance."]

Finance Report for January, 2017

As I've written before, Trinity Church finished 2016 in the black with enough cushion to give us a good start with the new year. Last year we had to "borrow" money from the trustees' revolving loan fund that I've maintained for many years. We used that money to shore up our payroll account because the weekly offering was insufficient to cover the monthly payroll. In January I was able to pay that money back, in full, to the fund.

We also had enough money in January to be able to make a decent payment toward this year's Conference Apportionments. The total of this year's obligation is \$32,243 and already we've paid 22% of them. Good for us! That gave us a good start and if we can nibble away at the balance each month, we should (I hope) be able to pay 100% of that budget line item by the end of the year.

For many years now we have wisely salted money away to help us meet the inevitable unexpected projects that come along. Some people don't like that, but it has saved us from having to have periodic fundraisers, or seek commercial financing to fix the need or problem. And that has bode well for us.

Very soon you will see much more hot water in the bathrooms and small kitchen as a result of a new hot water heater. The really big project, however, will be a new roof over the entire building. It's about to leak in spots and we don't want leaks to damage the interior of the building. Have you priced a new roof for your own home lately and were shocked? If so, then think about the cost of a new roof for the church. The bottom line for us is that we will have enough money to pay for it as a result of our investing and saving. No fundraiser!

In a later newsletter, I'll talk about our investments in greater detail and the need to enhance them even further for the future security of the church.

In the meantime, please know that your financial commitment to Trinity Church really matters!

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5th Annual
**COMMUNITY
LENTEN
LUNCHESES**

EACH WEEK:

- ~ a well prepared lunch
- ~ a different speaker and conversation on loving in various situations
- ~ a time for inspiration and prayer
- ~ a space to connect with other churches in our common life

Every Wednesday

March 8 to April 12

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

at

Trinity United Methodist Church

200 N. Summit St., Bowling Green

No reservations needed. Freewill Offering

**LOVING
OUR
NEIGHBORS**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12p Ash Wednesday Service 6p Bell Choir Practice 7p Ash Wednesday Service	2 7p Chancel Choir	3	4 7p Game Night
5 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 7p Lenten Study 7p COG Practice	6 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30p Dartball	7 3p Heritage Corner 6p Dave Ramsey Class	8 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy 12p Lenten Lunch 6p Bell Choir Practice	9 7p Chancel Choir	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Begins 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group 7p COG Practice 7p Lenten Study	13 7p Finance Meeting 7:30p Dartball	14 3p Brookdale 5:30p Habitat Mtg 6p Chi Beta Phi Dinner 6p Confirmation Class 6p Dave Ramsey Class	15 12p Lenten Lunch 6p Bell Choir Practice	16 7p Chancel Choir	17 Saint Patrick's Day 4p Wedding Rehearsal	18 9a Men's Group at Big Boy 3p Wedding
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