

Bob Evans Fundraisers

The Missions team has two Bob Evans fundraisers scheduled for May 22 and June 19. Mark your calendars! Remember to bring a flyer or show the one from our website on your phone or tablet when you pay your bill so we get credit for your purchase. Flyers will be on the information station table. Thank you!



Graduation

Congratulations to our graduates this year –
Shelby Roberts
Sebastian Ty Gibson
Samuel Ward

We wish you all the very best with your future plans and pray God's blessings on you as you enter a new chapter in your lives!



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- click "sign in"
- put in your e-mail address and password you used to enroll
- click on participant's name at the top right and scroll to community rewards at the bottom
- put in the group number or partial name of the organization
- choose the correct organization
- click "enroll"

Thanks for your support!

Do you make a great pie?

The Relay for Life team needs pie donations to sell at the event this year. If you can help, please call or text Joan Manning at 419-308-5867 or Bev Robie at 419-409-0207. You may also bring the pies to the church on the Friday or Saturday morning before Relay. The event will be held Saturday, May 20th at the Wood County Fairgrounds. The team hopes everyone will come and visit them that day. There are a wide variety of foods and fun activities to enjoy while supporting a great cause.



Higher Education Grants

Trinity is pleased to announce the availability of grants to all church members pursuing higher education. The purpose of this grant is to help members of Trinity UMC who need funding to be able to pursue non-seminary related, accredited higher education including undergraduate, part time or full time, campus or off campus. The amount of awards will be based on the number of applicants and the funds available. Individuals may fill out an application form to be submitted to the church office **by June 1st** for the fall semester of the following year. Applicants will be asked to write an essay as outlined on the application form. Evidence of need of scholarship is not part of the form or necessary for approval. Applications are available on the information station table in the sanctuary.



The spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for May 18-20. The hours will be 9am-5pm on Thursday and Friday and 9am-noon on Saturday. You can bring items to the church to donate. The missions room is on the far back wall of the basement. We ask that no TVs, beds or mattresses be donated. We will start setting up on May 1 and work in the mornings. If you have time to help, we would love to have you join us. We have fun! We will need workers for the sale. A sign-up sheet will be on the information station table. If you need any additional information, please contact Sheryl at 419-353-2053.

**Rummage
SALE**

The Missions committee has always sold plants for Mother's Day. We are sorry to say we are not selling this year. We appreciate all your business the past several years and we may sell them again next year. If you would like to buy flowers this year, please support the park system in their flower sale.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4th at noon
at the Wood County Courthouse



Youth Group

Due to Missy's vacation, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, we will have just one meeting this month on Sunday, May 21st at 3pm. We will be Putt-Putt Golfing at Perry Falls Mini Golf on Rt. 25 in Perrysburg. The cost is \$6. Invite a friend and join the fun!



Men's Group

The next meeting is Saturday, May 20th, at 9am at the Big Boy on Wooster. Please join us and invite a friend!



Esther Circle

Honoring Mothers' Day will be the program topic for Esther Circle's May 10th breakfast meeting at the E. Wooster St. Big Boy at 8:45am. Each member is asked to share a memory about their own Mother, or, another woman in their lives who is very dear to them. A great way to begin a beautiful Spring day which the Lord has given us. Please join us in this special fellowship and bring a friend!

United Methodist Women

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May Worship Volunteers

Ushers

Tom Ehmke
Andy Drumm
Laura Drumm
Yaa Tawiah
Becky Gibson
Tim Smith
Bill Kale
Nicki Kale

Greeters

5-7 Betty Parish & Alice Brown
5-14 Joanne Fields
5-21 Tony & Sandy Aspacher
5-28 Marilyn White

Liturgists

5-7 Pat Brenneman
5-14 Lori Stewart
5-21 Betty Jones
5-28 Jim George

Coffee Hour

5-7 The Swaisgood Family
5-14 The Hart Family
5-21 Bill & Nicki Kale
5-28 Jim & Marge George

Thank you for your service!



May 22 Deb & Dan Saygers



- 5 Steve Shaner
- 6 John Beardsley, Stacey Poppe
- 7 Justus Smith
- 8 Deb Saygers
- 9 Emma Avery, Abby Oswald
- 10 Ruthann Kramer, Kayleigh George
- 12 Ken Robie
- 13 Allie Smith, Nick Bauman, Suzanne Avery
- 15 Bev Rutter
- 17 Judy Hoffer, Autumn Meyer
- 18 Wanda Augsburg
- 26 Tony Donaldson, Braydon Shepherd
- 28 Doug Reider
- 29 John Riker
- 30 Saralynn George
- 31 DeeDee Tibor

Pastor Dana will be out of town May 18-22. In case of emergency please contact Aldersgate UMC 419-473-1294



Sunday, May 21st we welcome Rev. Larry Swaisgood back to Trinity to share the message in our morning worship.



Three Words... "Use The Force" **Pastor Dana Ward**

A long time ago... well, forty years ago actually... the phrase "Use The Force" was first spoken in a galaxy far, far away and has been heard around the world ever since. In May of 1977, the first of the *Star Wars* films was released and introduced us to the Empire, Rebellion, and the Jedi Knights who served as guardians of peace and justice.

In these films, the Jedi study and utilize the Force - an energy field created by all living things. According to character Ben Kenobi, "It surrounds us and penetrates us; binding the galaxy together." In other scenes, we learn that the Force has a light side and a dark side, and that only when those sides are in balance will the galaxy know peace.

In the climactic scene of *Star Wars*, the hero Luke must fire a small proton torpedo into an extremely small, unprotected vent to destroy the Empire's most powerful weapon. At Ben Kenobi's urging, to "Use The Force," Luke turns off his navigational and targeting devices. Only then is he able to focus on targeting the vent manually, his eyes and hands guided by the Force. Of course, he hits his target and saves the day.

"This is the best demonstration of how to practice faith that I have ever seen," says author Caleb Grimes. He says, "No matter how much technology we have, or how much we learn, we come to moments when we understand that what must be done we can't accomplish on our own. So, we ask for help from a higher power whom we believe is there to somehow come to our aid in these moments. Then, finally we win, reach a goal, or do the impossible."

I'm not sure how closely the Force equates with all of our Christian beliefs and the work of the Holy Spirit, but I think any encouragement for us to work for light and peace is a good thing. So, as we celebrate this *Star Wars* anniversary, and unselfishly live out our faith this month, let's not be afraid to "Use The Force."

Financial Report for March, 2017

The end of March is also the closing of 25% of our fiscal year—already! Watch your mailbox. The Christmas catalogues will be arriving soon.

With a quarter of the year expired you would expect that we should have expended around 25% of our budget by now. And that's about what's happened in most of the budgeted line items. A few items are over expended, but in each case it's not a problem.

For instance, we have already paid 32% of our conference apportionments. That's a good thing. We've also paid 50% of the insurance on our buildings and property and that's simply because of when the payments are due. 48% of our postage budget is already spent, but here we establish an account with the post office early in the year and we should only see small draws from that account during the remainder of the year.

On the other hand, some line items remain under 25%. We have only spent 19% of our building maintenance budget, 17% of the worship and 9% of the education appropriations.

The bottom line is that our expenditures, over all, are right on target.

We are entering the time of year, however, when I get quite concerned about the monthly revenue—the weekly offerings. They usually slow during the warmer months while people vacation. But the expenditures of the church don't stop or even slow up during the summer season. Staff still gets paid, maintenance continues, utilities keep running, etc. During March we spent \$2,774 more than we received and we need to turn that around.

As the year continues, please consider that the viability of Trinity Church depends on ALL of us.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Reading at the Courthouse 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 Election Day 3p Worship at Heritage Corner	3 6p Bell Choir Practice	4 12p National Day of Prayer at Courthouse 7p Chancel Choir	5 Cinco De Mayo Martha's Kitchen	6
7 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 7p COG Practice	8 7p Finance Meeting	9 3p Worship at Brookdale	10 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy 6p Habitat Meeting 6p Bell Choir Practice	11 7p Chancel Choir	12	13
14 Mother's Day 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 7p COG Practice	15 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p Committee Mtg 8p Ad Council Mtg	16 3p Worship at BG Manor 7p 4-H Meeting	17 6p Bell Choir Practice	18 9a-5p Rummage Sale 7p Chancel Choir	19 9a-5p Rummage Sale	20 9a Men's Group at Big Boy 9a-12p Rummage Sale 11a-11p Relay for Life
21 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group at Perry Falls Golf 7p COG Practice	22 6a-9p Bob Evans Fundraiser	23 3p Worship at BG Care 5:30p Habitat Mtg	24 3p Worship at Wood Haven 6p Habitat Meeting 6p Bell Choir Practice	25 7p Chancel Choir	26	27 Virginia Meister Memorial – 10a Visitation 11a Service
28 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30	31	Notes:		