

VBS is here!

Rome will be Sunday, July 16 –
Thursday, July 20 from 5:30-
8:00pm. You can register online at
bgtrinity.com or by calling the
church office at 419-353-9031.
Invite FRAN (friends, relatives,
acquaintances and neighbors) to
be a part of this great adventure.
One of the best things you can do
for a child is give them a firm
foundation in God, so invite
everyone you know!



Sign Up for the Fair!

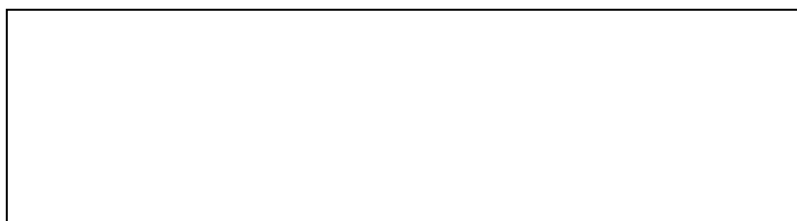
It is time again to get ready for
the Wood County Fair. As
always, our church will be
working the ticket booths as a
fundraiser. Please sign up on
the sheets in the church lobby
or on our website.

Trinity t-shirts are also
available in the office for \$5.
We appreciate your help to fill
all of the time slots!



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Friendly Center Giant Garage Sale

Please come shop, discover and find just what you need on Thursday and Friday, August 17th and 18th from 9am-5pm and Saturday, August 19th from 9am-noon.

Saturday is bag day.

Everything you can fit in a bag for \$5 (jewelry excluded). To volunteer to help or for more information, call Diana at home at 419-885-5598 or cell 419-345-6542. Please leave a message if you don't get an answer. Thanks!

The Friendly Center is at 1324 N Superior Street in Toledo.

Thankfulness Calendar

In July, we stop to reflect on all the freedoms and benefits we enjoy in this country. The Missions Committee is hoping you'll take time to give thanks in July for some of those items we often take for granted in our daily lives. Feel free to use the Calendar of Thankfulness as a guide on sharing your gratitude for everyday blessings. Place your money into an envelope or sandwich bag, mark it "Thankfulness Calendar," and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, August 6 or 13. There is a copy of the calendar in this newsletter. Thank you!

What ARE you Thankful for?

Nursing Home Ministry

There's a change in the nursing home schedule for July. We will be at Heritage Corner on Wednesday, July 5th instead of Tuesday, July 4th. The time is the same - 3pm. The remainder of the July schedule is the same. Thank you!



We are looking for people to share **special music** Sundays this summer during second service. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts with us, please sign up on the information station table in the sanctuary. Thanks!



If you have a child ready for **confirmation class** in the fall, please talk to Pastor Dana or Missy. There are preparations to be made before classes start. Any child 6th grade or older who is ready to affirm their faith and join the church is eligible for classes.



Thank you to Trinity Church for the gift card and well wishes on my high school graduation. Keep me in your prayers as I head off to the University of Cincinnati this Fall." Samuel Ward

Do you have a prayer request?

The new prayer chain coordinator is Beth Van Vorhis (810-225-9993) and assistant coordinator is Marilyn White (419-352-7624). If you have a prayer request, please call Beth or Marilyn. You must have the person/family's approval to share a request. Thank you!

Youth Group

We will be having a putt-putt outing at Perry Falls Golf on Rt. 25 on Sunday, July 9 at 3pm. Invite a friend and join us for a fun afternoon of golf!



Men's Group

The next meeting is Saturday, July 15th, at 9am at the Big Boy on Wooster. Please join us and invite a friend!



Esther Circle

Esther Circle will have its Wednesday, July 12th breakfast meeting at Big Boy on East Wooster St. at 8:45 am. Come join us for a morning of fellowship.

United Methodist Women

Faith • Hope • Love in Action



July Worship Volunteers

Ushers

Art Groff Dennis Donley
Terri Rishel Ruth Bandeen
Natalie Avery
Gary & Joan Manning

Greeters

7-2 Tom & Claudia Ehmke
7-9 JoAnn Herringshaw
7-16 Jerry & Janet Markin
7-23 Don & Phyllis Pickering
7-30 Linda Hower & Jerry Baumgardner

Liturgists

7-2 Ellen Pullins
7-9 Harald Wyndham
7-16 Betty Jones
7-23 Pat Brenneman
7-30 Bob Miner

Coffee Hour

7-2 The Swaisgood Family
7-9 Bob & Beverly Miner
7-16 The Parish Family
7-23 The Hart Family
7-30 **Need Volunteer**

Thank you for your service!



Summer Sunday

Worship Hours

June 4 - August 13

8:30am Eucharist
9:00am Sunday school
10:00am Traditional Worship



7-1 Stacey & Matthew Poppe
7-11 Rosie & David Korn
Laura & Andy Drumm
7-14 Jody & Roger Hernandez
7-16 Ellen & Frank Smith
7-20 Billie & Jerry Milnor
7-22 Linda & Lloyd Fite
7-29 Gloria & Don Snyder
Marge & Jim George



3 Nate Saygers
4 Andy Saygers
6 Jay Beardsley
8 Jeff Manning
11 John Rutter, Doug Kratzer, Rob Riker
13 James Laird, Crystal DeVore
14 Tootie Smith, Crystal Augsberger
16 Joyce Chamberlain
20 Lisa Domke
22 Beverly Cope, Amber Lewis, Michael Lewis, Bob Carlson
23 Don Pickering
25 Tamie Logston
27 Loren Phillips
28 David Avery
30 Dick Korn
31 Alice Potter

Many of our churches or groups in our churches have contributed financially to the **Freedom School**, and together we have raised over \$61,000! We have enough to sponsor 50 children and to feed them breakfast, lunch and give them some phenomenal enrichment opportunities every afternoon! Please accept this **THANK YOU** from your District!



Three Words... “When In Rome”

By Pastor Dana Ward

The phrase “When In Rome” is actually a shortened form of the saying ‘When in Rome, do as the Romans do.’ This refers to the importance of following the customs of the people we are with, in certain places or situations. It’s often used as a reminder to behave like they do so as not to offend or transgress local laws or practices.

This year, our VBS will be set in Rome and is called “Rome – Paul and the Underground Church.” Children from our church and community will learn about God’s love and about how God leads us and changes us for the better.

They will see that if they were in Rome in the days of the first century (in New Testament times), things they would have been expected to do were obey the Roman guards, have a stone idol in their home, and go to the marketplace to shop for food each day. Of course, the early Christians did not do all of these things. They worshipped God and shared their faith in Jesus.

The apostle Paul, who was a Roman citizen, was a leader and an important example for the church. Paul spent a couple of years in Rome, and encouraged many people there to learn and grow in the faith.

This is a good reminder to us as well that we should be careful not to blindly follow others and just do what everyone else is doing. Whether we are in Rome, or Bowling Green, we should bravely live out our faith.

I know you will join me in praying for this year’s VBS and for the teachers, students, and volunteers that will be a part of it, so that “When In Rome” with us, their hearts will be filled, and their time will be blessed.

Finance Report for May, 2017

The month of May brought us both good and bad news. The good news first.

With a few minor details to yet be finished by Ron, the roof project has been completed. The contractor is finished and we are waiting on an inspection of work by the materials manufacturer. When that inspection is finished, I will pay the final bill. The total cost of that roof project was slightly over \$100,000.

The real good news here is that we were able to pay for that work in its entirety from the interest money we have earned from the investment of the Euler/White endowment fund. That's certainly better than a fundraiser and most certainly better than going into debt. And we've protected the interior of the building from potential water damage. Thank the Trustees for their foresight.

Another piece of good news is that we now have a new handicapped accessible restroom—finished and paid for—I think. Bills for that work have come in sporadically, but it appears that the total cost was just pennies under \$20,000.

Now the other side of the coin.

We took a beating in the general operating fund during May. We spent \$2,443.53 more than we received, leaving a balance in the account of a whopping \$236.97. I'd guess that most of us probably have more than that in our personal checking accounts. And May was the first month this year when I was not able to send any money to the Conference toward our annual apportionments. Other than not paying apportionments, expenses for the month were rather normal. But revenue was way down.

This general operating fund is where the money comes from to keep the lights on and pay our people. So—please, as the summer heats up and attendance slips as you vacation, remember that your church continues to need your financial commitment and your prayers.

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JULY 2017- TUM CALENDAR OF THANKFULNESS [For each day put money into a container to show some of the things you are thankful for this month. Thank you from the Missions Committee]

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18</p>	<p><i>Collect your offering in a plastic sandwich bag or envelope. Be sure to label that it's for Thankfulness Calendar</i></p>		<p>PLEASE Bring your donations on Sunday, August 6. Thanks</p>			<p>1 \$.25 if you know you're free.</p>
<p>2 \$.25 if you have a safe place to worship.</p>	<p>3 \$..25 if you have a cell phone or other telephone.</p>	<p>4 \$1.00 if you're thankful to live in the U.S.A.</p>	<p>5 \$.25 for each computer/tablet you have in your home.</p>	<p>6 \$.25 if you own an umbrella.</p>	<p>7 \$.25 if your family owns 25 books or more.</p>	<p>8 \$.50 for each pet your family owns.</p>
<p>9 \$.25 for each Bible in your house.</p>	<p>10 \$.50 if you have hot & cold running water.</p>	<p>11 \$.25 if none of your family members went to bed hungry.</p>	<p>12 \$.25 if you have a savings account.</p>	<p>13 \$.25 if your family took at least a 3 day vacation in 2015</p>	<p>14 \$.25 if you felt safe all through last night.</p>	<p>15 \$.25 for each bathroom in your house.</p>
<p>16 \$.25 if you know you have a loving heavenly Father.</p>	<p>17 \$.25 if you have money for ice cream or other frozen treat.</p>	<p>18 \$.25 for each family member who own least 2 pairs of shoes.</p>	<p>19 \$.25 if you can go to the doctor when you need to go.</p>	<p>20 \$.50 for each time your family went out to eat last week.</p>	<p>21 \$.25 for each box or bag of cereal in your cupboard.</p>	<p>22 \$.50 per each vehicle your family owns.</p>
<p>23/30 \$.25 if you have a risen Savior.</p>	<p>24/31 \$.25 if you have food in your freezer.</p>	<p>25 \$.25 if you can have 3 meals tomorrow.</p>	<p>26 \$.25 for each clock or watch in your house.</p>	<p>27 \$.25 if you have a microwave</p>	<p>28 \$.25 per each bicycle/tricycle you have in your family</p>	<p>29 \$.25 if all members of your family have a bed.</p>



Annual Conference 2017

Bob Miner, Lay Delegate

The Logo for this year's conference is very meaningful. Some of us are, indeed, fearful. Many things shock us into alertness: the world-wide situation with immigration; talk of possible division of the church; the loss of key members in our own church; and the handling of government affairs, just to name a few. Yet we, who profess to be Christians, know that God is in charge. The first chapter of Joshua, verse 9 says ***"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*** This year's conference was based upon dealing with fear.

Missional Church Consultation Initiative [MCCI]

First launched in 2011, the West Ohio Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) resources



churches and their pastors with an intensive consultation and clergy coaching model designed to intervene in local churches that are currently plateaued, are in decline, or are on the way "up" but not sure what should come next -- and have the pastoral leadership and potential resources to jumpstart a new life cycle of ministry fruitfulness.

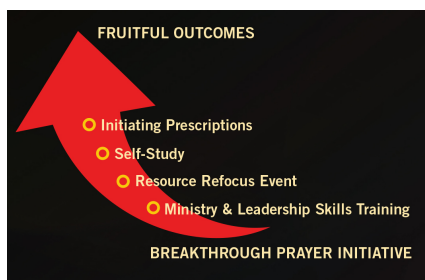
MCCI is comprised of a group of churches each year that have been recommended by the cabinet as meeting specific criteria, and then are prayerfully selected and invited by the Bishop to participate.

For congregations that sign up, there is a written agreement to subscribe to a "Prescription" of activities and procedure

Update on Recommendation #6 from 2016. [MCCI]

A lot of money was being spent on MCCI so in 2016 the Conference asked for figures that would show the effectiveness of the program. Some figures were presented but proved to be less than supportive. Further, the data was not enough to offer much insight. In fairness, the program was not actually started until 2013 and a five to seven year time frame is needed to measure effective results. In the end, the report was referred back for more understandable reporting in 2018.

Light The Way Initiative



We are anxious to build new churches and new opportunity to win souls for Christ. This involves an expenditure of money and discernment. *"I believe our next faithful step is to focus on taking a bold leap here in West Ohio in starting new churches and strategically revitalizing others so that 'more people, more young people, more diverse people' meet the Risen Christ who yearns to be in relationship with each of us."*

— Bishop Gregory Palmer

For this to succeed we must invest in existing congregations with a special vision, and in new faith communities that have high potential to offer the light of Christ to our world. We will need to recruit special leaders who have talent, carefully assess their skills, train new leaders, coach, and fund the leadership.

The "Light the Way" budget includes

- Opening at least 12 new churches [\$3.6 million]
- 310 churches strengthened [\$1.4 million]
- Total budget over 5 years [\$5 million]

At the conference, the "Light the Way" offering totaled over \$300,000. Money already given and promised could bring this to over \$380,000. Other promises bring our potential funding to \$1,200,000 in the first year. It is expected that the \$5 million goal will be met.

A new Safe Sanctuaries policy was presented at this year's Annual Conference session as well. Safe Sanctuaries is the name commonly given by the Conference and local churches to their individual efforts to make conference, district, and local church programs welcoming and safe for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.




Watch for Part 2 of this report in the next monthly **Trinity Tell**.

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2 8:30a Service 9a Sunday school 10a Trad Worship	3 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 Independence Day 	5 3p Worship at Heritage Corner	6	7	8
9 8:30a Service 9a Sunday school 10a Trad Worship 3p Youth at Perry Falls Golf	10	11 3p Worship at Brookdale	12 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy	13 6p VBS Volunteer Meeting	14	15 9a Men's Group at Big Boy 9a VBS Decorating
16 8:30a Service 9a Sunday school & New Member Class 10a Trad Worship 5:30p VBS	17 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30p VBS	18 3p Worship at BG Manor 5:30p VBS	19 5:30p VBS 6p Habitat Meeting	20 5:30p VBS	21 9a VBS Clean-up	22
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