

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us and invite a friend on Sunday, August 20, at the 10:30am service for our Blessing of the Backpacks. Students of all ages, teachers, professors and school staff are all invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases and satchels for a time of prayer to begin the 2017-18 school year.



Sundae Sunday

Coming up on **Sunday, August 27**, brought to you by the Missions Committee. It will take place following the second service with sandwiches, beverages and ice cream with an assortment of toppings to design your favorite sundaes all for a donation to help with Mission projects. Please plan to stay to enjoy the food, the time of fellowship and the fun.



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Sunday School

If you are not yet part of a Sunday school class, we would love to have you join a class.

We have a variety of adult classes as well as classes for all ages of children and youth. Fall is a great time to start. If you have questions, Missy will be happy to help you.



Can you help?

We need some Sunday school teachers for the fall. Please take time to think and pray about helping out with this ministry. Teaching Sunday school is a fun and rewarding way to serve God while serving others. If you can help, please talk to Missy.



Be sure to check out our website, www.bgtrinity.com for our latest news and information!

Thankfulness Calendar

Remember to 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. If you need another copy of the calendar, there are copies on the information station table in the sanctuary. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. We couldn't do this program without our volunteers, donors, participants and prayer partners. Special thanks to Sue Butler who gave a great deal of her time and talents to VBS this year.

Thank you also to those who participated in our VBS Mission, collecting school supplies. Children in need will be ready for school thanks to you.



Vernice Ringer is turning 95 on 8/29!
Please send her birthday well wishes to:
Brookdale Medina South
100 High Point Drive
Medina, OH 44256



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.



Youth Group
 We will meet on Sundays,
 August 13 and 27 from 3-
 4:30pm in the youth room.
 All youth 6th grade and up are
 invited to join us.
 Bring a friend!



Men's Group
 The next meeting is
 Saturday, August 19th, at
 9am at the Big Boy on
 Wooster. Please join us and
 invite a friend!



Esther Circle
 Esther Circle will have its' August
 9 breakfast meeting at Big Boy
 on East Wooster St. at 8:45a.m.
 We will be enjoying a program
 given by Ruth Bandeen. Think
 about asking a friend to come
 with you to enjoy some great
 fellowship!

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August Worship Volunteers

Ushers

Bob & Beverly Miner
 Jerry Baumgardner
 Pat Brenneman
 Tony Aspacher
 Jack & Shirley Miller

Greeters

8-6 **Need Volunteer**
 8-13 Tom & Claudia Ehmke
 8-20 Beth & Evie Van Vorhis
 8-27 Tim & Amanda Parish

Liturgists

8-6 Harald Wyndham
 8-13 Bev Robie
 8-20 Claudia Lance
 8-27 Andy Swaisgood

Coffee Hour

8-6 **Need Volunteer**
 8-13 **Need Volunteer**
 8-20 Kathy Wittman &
 Carol Fox
 8-27 The Swaisgood Family

Acolytes

8-6 Abby Oswald
 8-13 Luke Hart
 8-20 Evie Van Vorhis
 8-27 Allie & Katie Parish

**Thank you for your
 service!**

Fall Hours Begin August 20th!

8:30a Eucharist
 9:15a Sunday School
 10:30a Traditional
 Worship

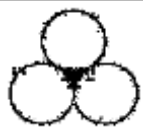


1 Konnie & Stan George
 4 Jerry & Janet Markin
 7 Laurie & Dave Nutter
 14 Judy & Dean VandenBroek
 14 Jessica & Andy Swaisgood
 16 Virginia & Herb Kratzer
 19 Gretchen & David Avery
 21 Donna & John Laird
 24 Renda & Jim Swaidner
 24 DeeDee & Jon Tibor



5 Mathias Drumm
 6 Jerry Markin
 7 Marge George
 9 Ty Gibson
 11 Scott Carpenter
 13 Mercene Wood-Hanneman
 14 Sandy Stacklin
 14 Heather Terry
 15 Anita Donley
 17 Bill King
 23 Harriet Dimick
 24 June Launder
 25 Dennis Donley
 27 Steve Wilder

*i run
 in the path of
 your commands
 for you have set
 my heart free.*
 PSALM 119:32



Three Words... “Crash Of Rhinos”

By Pastor Dana Ward

In his book, *The Barbarian Way*, Christian author Edwin Ralph Mcmanus takes a revealing look at the names given to different groups of animals. There is a “school of fish” or “herd of cattle.” But he writes that his favorite is a “Crash Of Rhinos.”

Yes, a group of 3 or more rhinos, whether standing still or charging at full speed (which is 30 mph by the way), is called a “crash.”

Edwin invites us in the church to become like a “crash.” He suggests that we should charge ahead in faith wherever the Holy Spirit is leading us. He reminds us that rhinos have thick skin and broad chests that allow them to charge through almost anything.

So, as we move into the Fall, let’s “crash” ahead here at Trinity in strength and courage.

Let’s charge ahead by praying for more opportunities to share the Gospel and meet the needs of God’s people. Let’s charge ahead by inviting F.R.A.N. (our Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors) to worship and special events. Let’s charge ahead by expanding the missions we do to feed the hungry.

This can be hard. For example, if we invite someone to church, they may say no. But, let’s invite them now, and if they decline, invite them again in a month. Recent studies note that, due to changing circumstances in a person’s life, it may take 3 or more invitations to church, even by the same person, for some to accept.

However, the Holy Spirit, that has empowered the church for 2,000 years, leads us as well. So, as you and I share in all of these upcoming ministries at church may it be so we can be like a “Crash Of Rhinos” heading into our future with faith!

Financial Report for June, 2017

I don't have too much news to share with you this month. June was rather quiet.

We did end the month in the black, thankfully, with a balance in the current operating fund of \$852.03—not the greatest for a church of our size, but at least a positive balance. For the first time in several months, we actually spent less than we received by \$618.06. However, we were not able to send anything to the Conference toward our Apportionments.

We did transfer \$3,000 from the Fair Fund into Scholarships and granted a \$1,500 scholarship to each of two (2) of our young members who will be attending college this fall semester.

As you are certainly aware, for many, many years members of our church and our friends have tended the admission gates at the annual Wood County Fair. And we get paid for doing that. That money goes into what has become known as our “Fair Fund”. From that fund we support college scholarships for our members, camping experiences for our youth, and fund other projects and causes deemed appropriate from time to time by the Administrative Council. Some years we've used it to polish off our Apportionments shortfall at the end of a year and in leaner times I've even borrowed against it to meet payroll.

All that said, the Fair Fund is an important backstop.

And here we are at Fair season again. It's so important that all of us answer the call to support Trinity's effort to tend those gates. When we can't fill the time slots, we have to offer them to the church in Portage, and that cuts into our income. You are an important part of helping us to maintain a healthy Fair Fund.

As a veteran gate tender, I can attest that the job can be somewhat hectic at times, but also a lot of fun. You meet some very nice and interesting people. If you haven't already signed up, please do it NOW!

Tim



Annual Conference 2017

Bob Miner, Lay Delegate

Part 2 of 2

Episcopal Address



The Bishop's address Monday evening stressed overcoming fear, human sexuality, global partnerships [welcoming others], global health, gun control, and hope. He stressed living as a world community, making our churches welcoming places for all and welcoming the oppressed into our country.

The disagreement within our church on human sexuality may not be easily settled. First, we must examine the issues, seeking the essentials of the problem. There are ideas with which we may compromise, so we must seek them out and work from them.

The key is to not stop loving one another, and do not stop discussing. Then, the list of "deal-breakers" will be smaller. To continue to argue rather than discuss openly leads to meanness; and we must keep hearts of peace.

The Bishop also said we should treat gun violence as a public health crisis. We are charged to live like health is key to life. In that respect, wellness must be fostered in all people, especially the clergy who give so much for us. Seeing us healthy and happy becomes a light to others with whom we share our faith.

He closed by saying remember to glorify God in Jesus Christ — make disciples — and in all ways, trust Him.

The Laity Session on Sunday evening appointed a Conference Lay Leader/advocate, Tracy Chambers. It was noted that we, the members of the church, are not "just" lay persons but have special calls, just as do our clergy / ministers.

Finances. Conference finances were strong in 2016, however some churches did not give as expected. Apportionments were returned at a rate of 75%. A normal return is 80%, and

Trinity has, for many years, given our full share of 100%. We are among 574 (57%) of the churches that share fully, some at over 100%. Seventy-five percent giving will not sustain programs on a long-term basis. At this time, health care finances (the conference is self-insured) are doing well.

Recommendations. The first of these are standard conference requirements and were changed very little from previous years. All were passed with minimal debate.

#1 Council on Finances & Administration

#2 Commission on Equitable Compensation

#3 Board of Pension & Health Benefits

#4—"We Are All God's Children." We passed a recommendation that calls upon us to ally our fears of other peoples, and instead, welcome them into our communities. This is particularly important if they are from a nation in which they might be in danger, even if they enter the country under less than normal circumstances. So, the West Ohio Conference will, as a body, call on government leaders not to place restrictions on immigration based solely on a religious test within our borders.

Teaching Moments: Finally, Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath gave talks on her book "God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church" which said that the church has a vivid future.

August 2017						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wood County Fair 3p Worship at Heritage Corner	2 Wood County Fair	3 Wood County Fair	4 Wood County Fair	5 Wood County Fair
6 Wood County Fair 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday school 10:00a Trad Worship	7 Wood County Fair	8 3p Worship at Brookdale	9 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy	10	11	12
13 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday school 10:00a Trad Worship 3:00p Youth Group 7:00p Evensong at First Presbyterian	14 7p Finance Meeting	15 3p Worship at BG Manor	16	17	18	19 9a Men's Group at Big Boy
20 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship Backpack Blessing	21 6:30p Committee Mtg 8p Ad Council Mtg	22 3p Worship at BG Care	23 3p Worship at Wood Haven	24	25	26
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