



**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
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**Or current resident**

Thank you to those who supported our Crop Hunger Walk. We were able to contribute \$222 to the cause. From now through April, we will be collecting for UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. If you want to help, bring your change on the fourth Sunday of each month. Thank you!



### Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy on Wooster at 9am on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend and join us for this time of good food and fellowship.



### Esther Circle

Esther Circle will hold its monthly breakfast meeting at Big Boy on Wednesday, November 8 at 8:45am. The program will be Thanksgiving potpourri and each member is asked to participate. Looking ahead to December, mark your calendar now for the Christmas meeting and potluck lunch on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us for these times of fellowship and thankfulness.



### November Worship Volunteers

#### Ushers

Becky Eninger	Tom Ehmke
Jim George	Sheryl Sabo
Andy Swaisgood	
Beth Van Vorhis	

#### Liturgists

11-5 Sheryl Sabo  
 11-12 Harald Wyndham  
 11-19 Brynna Gaines  
 11-26 Tom Ehmke

#### Greeters

11-5 Marilyn White  
 11-12 Jerry & Janet Markin  
 11-19 Beverly Magrum & Carolyn Waltz  
 11-26 Beth Van Vorhis

#### Acolytes

11-5 Mathias Drumm & Abby Oswald  
 11-12 Grace Swaisgood & Evie Van Vorhis  
 11-19 Allie & Katie Parish  
 11-26 Evie Van Vorhis & Luke Hart

#### Coffee Hour

11-5 **Need Volunteer**  
 11-12 Beverly & Bob Miner  
 11-19 Joy Potthoff & Kathy Wittman  
 11-26 Bill & Nicki Kale

**Thank you for your service!**



4 Carol & John Riker  
 15 Joanne & Vernon Fields  
 16 Becky & Fleming Fallon  
 19 Bill & Nicki Kale



1 Jim Swaidner  
 4 Heather Kramer  
 5 Hal Huber  
 6 Ruth Bandeen  
 7 Nolan & Tayler Shaner  
 9 Stan George, Julie Johnson  
 11 Matt Lewis  
 14 Eric Swaidner  
 15 Becky Fallon  
 19 Tim Parish, Lillian Donley  
 22 Marjorie Wilder  
 23 Gretchen Avery  
 25 Denise Zephier  
 27 Lois Clouse  
 29 Andy Swaisgood, Tom Ehmke  
 30 Maroe Decker

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

We want to celebrate you! If you are not currently on our newsletter birthday and anniversary list, please write your information on the list in the sanctuary or call the church office at 419-353-9031. Thanks!





**Have you ever thought of volunteering for liturgist, greeter or coffee hour duties but are just not sure what to do? Here are some brief descriptions of these volunteer positions. Anyone can be a part of these ministries, so if you have never tried them, please consider volunteering. If you have additional questions, Pastor Dana and Missy are available to help. Sign up today!**



**Liturgists** – Read the Call to Worship and scriptures for the day in second service. You will receive the bulletin via e-mail, or you can pick it up at the church, on the Friday before so you can prepare the readings ahead of time.



**Greeters** – Be in the lobby starting at 10am to welcome people to church. Shake hands and offer words of welcome to people who come through the door. If people are new, answer questions about where to go for service, Sunday school, nursery, etc. Walk them to an area if they need additional guidance. Let them know there are coffee and snacks in the coffee hour area.



**Coffee Hour** – This is a hospitality service where people provide drinks and treats for the congregation and display them in the lobby area next to the courtyard. It is mostly up to the person what he or she brings, but in general, this is what it entails. Coffee is provided by the church, but the coffee hour person makes sure it is made and that there are cups and creamer/sugar available. The extra cups, creamer and sugar are in the Fellowship Hall kitchen if the coffee hour area runs out. The coffee hour person usually provides a half gallon of some kind of juice and/or milk. Sometimes there is some left from the week before, so that can also be used if it is still fresh. The treats are up to you. Some people bake treats like cupcakes, quick breads, cookies, coffee cake, etc. Some people buy treats like packages of cookies or doughnuts. Some people like to mix it up and bring some fruit, vegetables, nuts, cheeses or other items that are not sweets. It is really up to you. The coffee hour items should be in place between 8:45-9:00am so that the first service people can enjoy them after service and Sunday school folks can get snacks before class. The items stay out until after second service when the person is responsible for picking up remaining items, cleaning out the coffee pot and making sure the area is clean. There are dishes and bowls in the kitchenette area that can be used to serve the treats. If used, just be sure to clean them after. Sometimes, coffee is made by another volunteer who is at church early, so the person just needs to make sure it is made when he or she gets to church.



## **Three Words... “Thanks for Everything”**

**By Pastor Dana Ward**

One good way to show gratitude and thankfulness is with our words. Often we may say “Thanks For Everything” as a way to sum up the emotion of thankfulness that we experience toward another.

Gratitude plays a significant role in mental health. People who frequently feel and express gratitude tend to be happier than others, even if their life circumstances are objectively more challenging than others.

Gratitude is also important in our faith life. Taking time to thank God for the many gifts and blessings we have is key. Whether it is the air we breathe, the new day’s sunrise or the smile of a friend, we should thank God every day.

Jason Fischer notes that it’s easy to thank God when everything is “as it should be.” But what do we do when we just don’t feel like saying thanks?

In Psalm 116, David is rescued from death. Then in verse 17, David tells God he will offer a “sacrifice of thanksgiving.” Sometimes saying thanks to God in hard times is really difficult. But, we can acknowledge this difficulty to God, and then say thanks.

And when all else fails, we can be thankful for the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.

So, with the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, let’s consider all of our blessings, and then be sure to pray and say “Thanks For Everything.”

## **Financial Report for September, 2017**

There is both good and bad financial news from the past two (2) months.

The good news is the Wood County Fair Board cut us a check for \$9,440.76 for our work at the gates during the County Fair. From that we had to send \$969.56 to Christ United Methodist Church in Portage for the assistance of their members. Therefore, we netted \$8,471.20 credited to our Fair Fund account. Many thanks to all of you who worked at the Fair and brought your friends and neighbors to help as well. Sometimes working those gates can be a little chaotic, but I still think that it's mostly fun. And sometimes we even get to know our own church members somewhat better than we did before.

Now for the bad news –

For the past two months we have run the operating monies in the RED! We ended August with a deficit of \$1,307.567 and we were again in the hole by \$1,213.28 in September. That just can't continue! And we still have an outstanding balance due the West Ohio Conference of \$19,945 for conference apportionments with less than two (2) months to go. I thought we would see somewhat of an increase in the offerings during September as vacations end, but that has not happened.

Thankfully, the Administrative Council has authorized me to dip into the Fair Fund as needed to keep us afloat. I don't like doing that, but the bills have to be paid and the payroll met. If the present trend keeps up, we will have to make some tough decisions for the new year.

At any rate, I do appreciate you doing what you do and hope that you will think about the importance of your church and whether or not you have the capacity to do even a little more.

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## Community Thanksgiving Service

Join us for a community celebration of this special holiday and take the opportunity to give God thanks for his many blessings every day. The service will be held at First Christian Church at 7pm on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The church is located at 875 Haskins Road in Bowling Green. We hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Service

## Deck the Halls Sale

Trinity UMC will be holding its annual Deck the Halls Christmas Sale on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 4pm. A soup, salad and sandwich lunch will be offered from 11am to 1:30pm both days. We are taking donations of gently used Christmas items, so think of us if you have things you no longer use. Also, be thinking of what soup you might want to bring to our lunch. We know that crockpots and pans can get heavy, so if you need help getting your soup to the church, please let us know ahead and we will come pick it up. We will also be having a bake sale, so plan what delicious treats you can bring to help us with the sale. Thank you!



## Youth Group

Below are our activities for November. Invite a friend and join the fun!

November 11 – 5p - Youth movie and game night at Trinity  
November 12 – 3p - Meeting at Trinity  
November 19 – 3p – Meeting at Trinity



Remember to check us out on our website

[www.bgtrinity.com](http://www.bgtrinity.com)

and friend us on Facebook

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## Christmas Baskets

The Missions team is continuing to collect items for the 50 Christmas baskets we will give to those in need at the holidays. They are asking for a different item each week of November.

**Week of: November 5 – Toilet paper (at least 12 rolls)**  
**November 12 – Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce (cans, not jars)**

**November 19 – Canned fruit**

**November 26 – Cake mix and frosting**

Other items being collected before December are listed below, so if you see a sale, feel free to shop for these, too.

Large box of instant potatoes	Canned vegetables
Cereal (12-18oz box or more)	Cans of meat
Soup	Blankets
Hot chocolate packets (8-10pk)	Bar soap
Vegetable oil	Tissues
Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush	Dish soap
Paper towels	Noodles

Please drop the items in the basket next to the lobby entrance and mark the items "Christmas baskets." Thank you!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 5:30p Habitat Mtg 6p Bell Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 7p Chancel Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship	<b>6</b> 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:30p Dartball Away	<b>7 Election Day</b> 3p Worship at Heritage Corner	<b>8</b> 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy 6p Bell Choir Practice	<b>9</b> 7p Chancel Choir	<b>10</b> 6p Voice Recital	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 5p Youth Group movie & game night
<b>12</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a Potluck 3p Youth Group	<b>13</b> 7p Finance Meeting 7:30p Dartball at Trinity	<b>14</b> 3p Worship at Brookdale 5:30p Habitat Mtg	<b>15</b> 6p Bell Choir Practice	<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 3p Youth Group 7p Community Thanksgiving Service	<b>20</b> 9a Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30p Committees 7:30p Dartball Away 8p Ad Council Mtg	<b>21</b> 3p Worship at BG Manor	<b>22</b>	<b>23 Thanksgiving</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>

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