

Thank you

A big thank you to all who helped with the Christmas baskets this year. Whether you donated items, time or supported Deck the Halls, you helped provide Christmas joy to 51 families. We couldn't do it without you, so thank you!



Game Night

Saturday, January 27 at 7pm

This game night is a little different. You can come and be part of a Round Robin Turn-Up Euchre Tournament or you can bring your favorite game and snack and play board games. We hope you will join us for the fun!



**Trinity United Methodist Church
200 N Summit Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402**

Non-Profit
US Postage PAID
Bowling Green, OH
Permit No 56



Or current resident

The Ward family and the Trinity staff would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and gifts this Christmas. Your expressions of love are greatly appreciated!



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy on Wooster at 9am on Saturday, January 20th. Invite a friend and join us for this time of good food and fellowship.



Esther Circle

Esther Circle UMW will hold its January meeting at Wooster Street Big Boy on Wednesday the 10th at 8:45 a.m. Helen Lorenzen will give the program. As usual, if B.G. Schools are delayed, or canceled, the meeting is automatically canceled. All Trinity women are invited to attend and enjoy breakfast and fellowship. Start off the New Year right!



January Worship Volunteers

Ushers

Becky Essex
Jerry Baumgardner
Mary Rife
Harold J Nelson
Yaa Tawiah Wonkye

Liturgists

1-7 Alexandra Parish
1-14 Jim George
1-21 Ellen Pullins
1-28 Laura Drumm

Greeters

1-7 Parish Family
1-14 **Need Volunteer**
1-21 Marilyn White & Kay Bell
1-28 **Need Volunteer**

Acolytes

1-7 Luke Hart
1-14 Katie & Allie Parish
1-21 Grace Swaisgood
1-28 Mathias Drumm

Coffee Hour

1-7 Shelly Warman
1-14 Swaisgood Family
1-21 Pullins Family
1-28 Ruth Ann Kramer

Thank you for your service!



Check out our website www.bgtrinity.com for our latest news and friend us on Facebook at Trinity Methodist. Stay connected!



5 Heather & Greg Shepherd
7 Mary & Dave Rife
30 Eleanor & Fred Fether
30 Joyce & Floyd Chamberlain



1 Katie Shaner
2 Evie Van Vorhis, Shirley Miller
3 Ellen Pullins
5 Colleen Dunn
7 Vernon Fields
8 Katie Stoots Ems
13 Janet Markin
21 Becky Essex
24 Erick Donley
26 Linda Carpenter
28 Beverly Miner
30 Matt Zulch, Nicki Kale

Trinity Leadership Retreat Saturday, January 13 9am-11am

There will be a half day retreat for new and returning members of the administrative council and their committees. Coffee and breakfast will be served beginning at 8:45am. We will get acquainted with each other and the work of our various teams. Please join us as we envision and prepare for the year ahead.





Three Words... “The Way Forward” **By Pastor Dana Ward**

This year marks 50 years for the UMC, and a year of determining “The Way Forward” for us as we pray, worship, and serve in the future. In a few months, we will all receive a report from the Bishops’ commission on a Way Forward, based on their work throughout 2017, that will offer a blueprint for the future.

Our own West Ohio Bishop, Gregory Palmer, is a commission member and noted that “part of our productive work is naming our challenges moving forward.”

David N. Field, a commission member and coordinator of the Methodist Academy in Switzerland, said “Differences were honestly dealt with,” at one of the first meetings. “People made an effort to have relationships with each other. We left with both a deep sense of the responsibility laid upon us but also with faith and hope.”

And Florida’s Bishop Ken Carter – one of three people who are helping to guide the discussion, but who do not have a vote on the commission’s work – said, “In a time of any divisions in the church, we want people to come to know each other and share deeply with each other.”

Bishop Carter went on to say, “as the Commission does its work, I would encourage those who love The United Methodist Church and seek a future with hope to: consider the [benefits] of a new and global reality in our future; place ourselves firmly under the Lordship of Jesus Christ as we seek to become more holy; and to take life, and the life of our denomination, one day at a time, trusting in the presence of Christ.”

I would echo these words, and invite us to be prayerful and hopeful as we actively take part in the life of the church, in all of its diversity, in 2018 and beyond. And may we embrace the opportunity we have to experience “The Way Forward” with Christ.

Winter Weather

Now that the winter season is upon us, we urge you to use good judgment when coming to church for a service or meeting. We always hope to hold service on Sundays, but if there is a now emergency or if the weather is severe, please check Channels 11 and 13 for cancellations. Thank you!



Maumee Watershed District Leadership Development Day

Saturday, January 27 from 8:30am to 2:30pm

This informational day will be held at Maumee UMC, 405 Sackett St in Maumee. The cost is \$10 for 2 workshops, a keynote address and lunch. If you are a leader in our church, or would like to be, this is a day full of great information and fellowship. You can register at www.westohioumc.org.



**NEW SERMON SERIES
JANUARY OF 2018**

Youth Group

Please join us for our meetings in January – Sundays, January 14 and 28 from 3-4:30pm at the church. We will also have some special events, so stay tuned for those dates and times. See you soon!



Greeting Card Recycling - Now that holidays are behind, are you wondering what to do with all those lovely greeting cards you received from friends & family? Why not let the Missions Committee recycle them into projects instead of just recycling them with your paper recycling? We ask that you please remove all photos & letters before leaving them in the “marked” box in the lobby. Any questions, see Gaynelle. Thank you for recycling with us!

Trinity Art Show 2018 *February 18-25*

All children and youth are invited to participate in our art show. Create art pieces that depict anything from the Bible. Each person may submit more than one piece and you may use any type of materials for your artwork. If you would like to participate, but do not have materials, please let Missy know. Remember to submit the artist's name, age and the title of the art piece. We will display the artwork in the lobby for a full week and then you can take your work home after church on Sunday, February 25th. Everyone receives a prize for participating, so be creative and join the fun! **Submissions are due by Sunday, February 11th. Thank you!**



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas and to those who will help remove the decorations after Epiphany. The decorations add so much to our celebrations!



FINANCIAL REPORT for November, 2017

It pleases me to report to you that we ended the month of November in the black—not by much, but still in the black. We had no significant expenditures during the month and we were able to make a payment toward the Conference Apportionments. Hopefully, December will also prove to be a positive month.

The Finance Committee adopted the church budget for 2018. It has a general operating budget totaling \$259,393 or \$558 more than that of 2017. The new budget is based primarily on, 1) items over which we have no control such as conference and district apportionments, pastor's health insurance and pension; 2) an historical overview of our spending patterns during the past several years in areas such as maintenance and insurance on the church building, office supplies and copier expenses, and 3) my best estimation of what will happen to such things as utility costs, postage and education expenses.

If we were to fully fund that budget during the new year we need to receive \$4988.33 each week. During November Pastor Dana talked with us about considering “stepping up” our personal financial commitment during 2018. I hope you will join me in praying about that and support Trinity Church as best as you can.

You have my best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Tim

◀ Dec 2017		January 2018					Feb 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 	2 3p Worship at Heritage Corner	3 6p Bell Choir	4 7p Chancel Choir	5	6	
7 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship Conference Praying Forward Week	8 Conference Praying Forward Week 7p Finance Meeting 7:30p Dartball Away	9 Conference Praying Forward Week 3p Worship at Brookdale	10 8:45a Esther Circle at Big Boy Con. Praying Fwd 6p Bell Choir	11 Conference Praying Forward Week 7p Chancel Choir	12 Conference Praying Forward Week	13 8:45a Leadership Retreat at Trinity Conference Praying Forward Week	
14 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group	15 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 9a Prayer Shawl 6:30p Committees 7:30p Dartball Here 8p Ad Council Mtg	16 3p Worship at BG Manor 5:30p Habitat Mtg	17 6p Bell Choir	18 7p Chancel Choir	19	20 9a Men's Group at Big Boy	
21 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship	22 6p Worship Meeting 7:30p Dartball Away	23 3p Worship at BG Care 5:30p Habitat Mtg	24 3p Worship at Wood Haven 6p Bell Choir	25 7p Chancel Choir	26	27 8:30a MWD Leader Retreat at Maumee 7p Game Night	
28 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday school 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group	29 7:30p Dartball Here	30	31 6p Bell Choir	Remember to check the e-calendar on our website, www.bgtrinity.com, for updates.			