

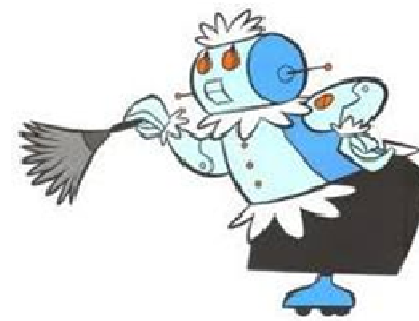
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The date for the **Feed My Starving Children** meal pack is Saturday, April 21st at the BGSU Stroh Center. For more information or to sign up, go to the FMSC BGSU Mobile Pack website: fmscbgsu.wix-site.com/fmsc/get_involved



Spring Cleaning
Spring Cleaning here at Trinity will be on Saturday, May 19th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Information Station for those wishing to help.



Three Little Words... "Famous Last Words"
By Pastor Dana Ward

A number of books and articles recount the "Famous Last Words" of politicians, celebrities, and others. The words heard or recorded in a person's final moment can be poignant ("I can see the fog rising."), or downright tragic ("The gun's not loaded."). We also may remember last words as declarations made at other times in a person's life that may or may not be true such as "I shall return," or "I'll never drink again."

Jesus' last words from the cross are often revisited during the week leading up to Easter. His words conveyed forgiveness and provision. He also uttered the triumphant declaration in John 19:30 "It is finished!" These words signified the completion of God's great plan of salvation; thus redeeming the broken and fallen world.

Of course, Jesus uttered other words, later, after His resurrection. Matthew 28: 20 quotes Him as saying, "I am with you always even to the end of the age." This is also a powerful declaration, and one that should strengthen our faith even today.

Now, these are not my "Famous Last Words" to you. There are still a few more sermons and newsletter articles to be written. And I will speak to and tweet many of you over the next few months as we continue to celebrate the Easter season together.

But, I do believe words are powerful, and can be memorable. And Jesus' words - from His first to His last - reminding us of His presence, power, and love should be the most famous words of all.



We have a new **Facebook** page. Join us at **TrinityUnitedMethodistChurch@bgtrinityumc** We will be keeping the page updated with our latest information, so please be sure to "like" our page.

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Women's Group

Esther Circle will hold its' April breakfast meeting at Big Boy Restaurant on Wednesday, April 11th at 8:45am. The program will be presented by Bev Bowsher. All Trinity women are welcome. If you have questions about this fun time of fellowship and food, feel free to ask Bev, or one of our other officers: Helen Dukes, Helen Lorenzen, or Vera Moore.



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy on Wooster at 9am on Saturday, April 21st. Invite a friend and join us.



Youth Group

The dates for youth group in April will be the 8th and 22nd from 3:00 to 4:30pm.



April Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

- 4/1 Betty Jones
- 4/8 Shelby Janes
- 4/15 Gaynelle Predmore
- 4/22 Bev Robie
- 4/29 **Need Volunteer**

Greeters

- 4/1 Bob & Beverly Miner
- 4/8 Beth & Evie Van Vorhis
- 4/15 Jerry & Janet Markin
- 4/22 **Need Volunteer**
- 4/29 Linda Hower & Jerry Baumgardner

Acolytes

- 4/1 Mathias Drumm
- 4/8 Katie Parish
- 4/15 Allie Parish
- 4/22 Abby Oswald
- 4/29 Evie Van Vorhis

Jr. Worship

- 4/1 Heather Janes
- 4/8 Beth Van Vorhis
- 4/15 **Need Volunteer**
- 4/22 Christie Moser
- 4/29 Beth Van Vorhis

Coffee Hour

We need volunteers for ALL weeks except April 1st. Please sign up at the Information Station.

Thank you for your service!



- 5 Amanda & Tim Parish
- 13 Kathy & Scott Murray



- 1 Joanne Hoiles, Jack Miller
- 2 Jane Wyndham
- 6 Sue Maurer, Doug Walter
- 7 Greg Shepherd
- 8 Lloyd Fite
- 12 Sue Potter
- 13 Joy Domke, Dean Smith, Alex Augsberger
- 14 George Riker, Glenne Zephier
- 16 Ellen Smith, Blair Eberly
- 17 Amanda Parish, Beverly Robie
- 18 Frank Smith
- 20 Carol Jones
- 22 Beverly Magrum, Alexandra Parish
- 23 Kathy Benschoter
- 26 Brad Gibson
- 27 Brian Stoots
- 29 Don Snyder
- 30 Sara Zulch-Smith



Finance Report for February, 2018

If you read last month's Financial Report you noted that we ended January \$507.68 in the RED. Well, we didn't solve that problem in February. During the month we received \$15,214.08 but had to spend \$17,466.48 to operate the church. That increased our red ink by the end of February to \$2,760.08.

I wish I could tell you that something unusual happened to cause this deficit, but that's not the case. In fact, most of our expenditures were rather normal. The other side of the *disbursements* ledger, of course, is *receipts*. That's the problem. To be able to meet monthly budget we need to receive at least \$19,953 each month. Compare that figure to the \$15,214 received. And that's the situation we have.

Such news is not pleasant for me to deliver to you. I wish it were better — and I'm confident that you do, too.

We don't spend money lavishly at Trinity Church. There is no cushion in the budget. The leadership of the church will need to address this problem soon. In the meantime, if you can please dig a little deeper and invite your friends to join you in church each Sunday. According to Luke 6:38 Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return." I believe that and hope you do as well.

Tim

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.

These funds are earmarked so that they do not affect the general budget of the church. The amount of award is 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 approval. Applications are available on the Information Station table in the sanctuary.

College Gift Baskets

We will be preparing gift baskets for the college students again this year. If you would like to help us by donating food or items of encouragement for them to enjoy as they go through their exams, please bring them to the church by Sunday, April 23rd. We will need 25 of each item. If you would like to help create the baskets, please talk to Beth to volunteer. Thanks for your help in showing our college students appreciation.



Graduations

Please let us know if you or a member of your family is graduating high school or college this year. We like to recognize our graduates each year, so please contact Beth or Pastor Dana if you have a graduation to celebrate.



We need you! Volunteers are needed to **teach Jr. Worship on Sundays** during second service. You can use your own lesson or we can provide one for you. Teaching the children is a great blessing. You don't have to be a trained teacher to do it. You just need a heart for helping our children learn about God. You can help for one week or several, it's up to you. There is a sign-up sheet on the information station table in the sanctuary. We hope you will consider being a part of this fun and important ministry!



We need a volunteer to **teach our 3rd-7th grade Sunday school class** on Sunday mornings. The lessons are provided for you. We will need someone through May 27th. If you can help, please let Pastor Dana know as soon as possible. We want to be sure our children have a strong foundation in the Bible, faith and God's love, and Sunday school is an important opportunity for the children to learn and grow. You will find it is a blessing to you as well.

Bible Reading Marathon at the Wood County Courthouse

Trinity has once again been requested to fill a two-hour spot at the Wood County Courthouse for the Bible Reading Marathon. Our time is Monday, April 30th, from 8:45 - 11:00am. Each person will read for 15 minutes on a preassigned Bible reading. Please contact Beverly Miner 419-352-3014 or sign up on the sheet at the back of the overflow room. Thank you for your help!

OVERCOMERS

Beginning April 15th join us in worship for our new sermon series based on the First Letter of John which shows us how we can be overcomers as we follow Christ.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 8:30a Sunrise Service 9:15a Easter Breakfast 10:30a Festival Worship Service	2	3 BG Interfaith Breakfast 3p Worship at Heritage Corner 5:30p Habitat Meeting	4	5 6p Handbells 7p Chancel Choir Pastor Dana on Vacation -----	6	7 7p Emily Morin and Ben Ganger Recital -----
8 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group	9 7p Finance Meeting	10 3p Worship at Brookdale 5:30p Habitat Meeting 7p 4-H Meeting	11 8:45a Esther Circle	12 6p Handbells 7p Chancel Choir	13	14 1p Harald Wyndham Memorial Service
15 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship	16 6:30p Committees 8p Ad Council Mtg	17 3p Worship at BG Manor 5:30p Habitat Meeting	18	19 6p Handbells 7p Chancel Choir	20 5p Augsberger Wedding Rehearsal	21 9a Men's Group 3p Augsberger Wedding
22 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 3p Youth Group	23 7p SPRC Meeting	24 3p Worship at BG Care Center	25 3p Worship at Woodhaven	26 6p Handbells 7p Chancel Choir	27 5:30p CRU	28
29 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship	30 8:45-11a Bible Reading Marathon					

