

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend their celebration last Sunday! Thanks also to those that sent cards. We would like to thank those who helped with the party in any way!

-Herb and Norma Hoover and Family

Thanks to EVERYONE that showed up for the spring cleaning on June 9th. We had a GREAT turn out of both youth & adults. Thank you for making your church look good again, and want to especially thank Claudia and Beverly for making lunch for everyone!!

Hope to see everyone next year!!
- Trustees

Thank you all for the wonderful reception on June 17th. The cakes, cards, gifts and well-wishes are greatly appreciated. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will be remembered.

- Pastor Dana, Lilanthi and Samuel Ward



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Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I wanted to write and share that Will and I are looking forward to joining you in ministry on July 1, 2018. We have been busy packing and preparing to move to Bowling Green for the last few weeks. However, even in the middle of all this "busy-ness" I have still had time to dream of our future together. Over the last few weeks I've been in prayer for you as we enter into this new season together. I am hopeful for the ways that God will work in our midst, calling us into new ministries and strengthening us for the journey ahead. As I think of the journey we will embark upon together, I am reminded of Abraham and Sarah as they began their Genesis journey. God called them out of their status quo into a new season of life that included the birth of children, settling in new lands, and experience new possibilities. I'm sure they were anxious through it all, yet they trusted the leading of God and followed. Because of their trust, Abraham and Sarah were able to experience a new and deeper faith in God as they grew as disciples.



In seasons of change one thing that Christ calls us to lean into is our trust in the Lord as our savior and provider. There is no doubt that over the next weeks and months we will undoubtedly experience some change. As pastoral transitions take place we, the people of God, must have faith that Jesus is in the mix during the appointive process. He leads and guides the Bishop and his cabinet as well as our SPRC committees. New pastors bring new opportunities for the families of God throughout our conference. I will bring my gifts and skills for ministry to Trinity and you will bring your welcoming hearts and excitement for the future. With those gifts, I have faith that God will do something amazing.

Sisters and Brothers, I want you to know just how excited I am to be your pastor. I look forward to meeting each of you, learning your stories, and sharing life with you! As we prepare to move (tomorrow as I'm writing this), I am prayerful that we will find our life together, a fruitful partnership. I am hopeful that we will see the face of God in new ministries and through our passionate worship. I am anticipating the sacraments that we will share together and the songs of praise that we will sing.

I pray that you will join me in praying for our future together. I'd like you to include in your daily prayer time a time where you sit in prayer for our church. Pray for our leadership, our community, our future, and for me as your pastor. I believe in the power of prayer to not only change the world around us but to change the world inside of us. I have faith that if we lean into prayer throughout this season of change, God will show up in powerful ways. I hope you'll join me. See you all soon!

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Andrea

Women's Group

Esther Circle UMW will meet at the Wooster Street Big Boy for the July 11 breakfast meeting. Breakfast starts at 8:45am with a business meeting and program to follow. All Trinity women are welcome — we look forward to seeing new faces for this enjoyable time of fellowship.



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy on Wooster at 9am on Saturday, July 21.



Youth Group

Trinity Youth Group will meet on July 15th from 3:00-4:30pm at Dairy Queen. We will also meet July 29th at 3:00pm.



July Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

- 7/1—Pat Brenneman
- 7/8—Gaynelle Predmore
- 7/15—Bob Miner
- 7/22—Drew Oswald
- 7/29—Betty Jones

Greeters

- 7/1—Tom and Claudia Lance
- 7/8—Leona Hawker and Becky Eninger
- 7/15—Bob and Beverly Miner
- 7/22—Rebecca Essex
- 7/29—Marilyn White and Kay Bell

Acolytes

- 7/1—Evie Van Vorhis
- 7/8—Allie and Katie Parish
- 7/15—**Need Volunteer**
- 7/22—Abby Oswald
- 7/29—Mathias Drumm

Coffee Hour

- 7/1—Tom and Claudia Lance
- 7/8—**Need Volunteer**
- 7/15—Bob and Beverly Miner
- 7/22—**Need Volunteer**
- 7/29—Bill and Nicki Kale

Ushers

Art Groff, Mary Rife, Dennis Donley, and Ruth Bandeen



- 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



- 6 Jay Beardsley
- 8 Jeff Manning
- 11 John Rutter,
Doug Kratzer
Rob Riker
- 12 Bill Kale
- 14 Crystal Augsberger
- 16 Joyce Chamberlain
- 20 Lisa Domke
- 22 Bob Carlson,
Beverly Cope,
Amber Lewis
Michael Lewis
- 23 Don Pickering
- 25 Tamie Logston
- 27 Loren Phillips
- 28 David Avery
- 30 Dick Korn
- 31 Alice Potter

Finance Report for May, 2018

Halleluiah!!

We were still in the black at the close of May. The church received \$20,312.24 during the month and had disbursements of \$20,333.23. As you can see we only overspent by \$20.99. When's the last time that happened?

If you remember we had a carryover balance from April and we continue to enjoy a carryover into June of \$2,694.63. While that's a positive position, for a church of our size it's really not much. We just never know when something unexpected will happen. For instance, earlier this month our community experienced a very heavy rainfall. It came down so hard and fast it penetrated the flashing above the windows in the office and streamed down the walls. I haven't seen the bills for that repair and clean-up yet. But it will come.

The disbursements in May also included a significant payment toward our conference apportionments. To date this year we have paid \$10,000 toward those apportionments or 31% of the \$32,547 the West Ohio Conference asks of Trinity Church for 2018.

For some years I have been able to use money in our Fair Fund to shore up accounts and pay some unexpected bills. The Fair Fund also supports the scholarships for our college students and pays half of the expenses of our young people who attend summer camps. It also supplies many of our kitchen expenses as needed. Obviously, the Fair Fund receives its money from the Wood County Fair Board for the work that we do in staffing the gates during the County Fair. It's extremely important that we fill as many of the time slots as we can during Fair week. What we can't fill we turn over to the church in Portage. And that cuts into our total proceeds.

Personally, I enjoy selling the tickets at the Fair. It's an interesting collection of people who step up to buy tickets. Some I know and haven't seen in a long time and others I've never seen before. Most are very friendly and the children are really excited for the rides and the food. The Veterans are rightly proud to display their service IDs or caps and the senior citizens are eager to let you know they've reached that status.

If you've never worked the gates—try it. Grab one of your church friends, neighbors or other friends and do it. Sign up right now before it escapes your mind. My bet is you'll be glad you did. And you'll know that you've helped our church.

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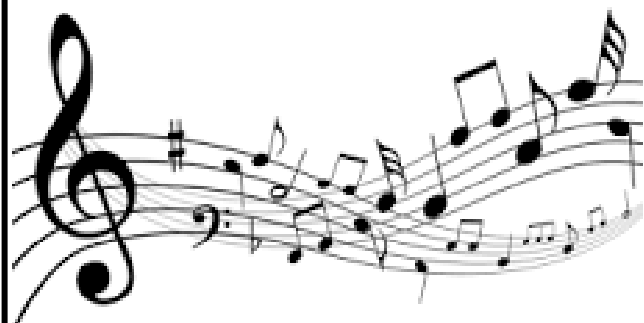


Sign Up for the Fair!

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

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 5 or 12. There is a copy of the calendar in this newsletter.

What **ARE** You Thankful for?




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

July Thankfulness Calendar will go here.

July Activity Calendar will be next page with Annual Conference Report on other side.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship	2	3 3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner	4 Independence Day 	5 1:00p Sewing Committee	6	7
8 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship	9 7:00p Finance Meeting	10 3:00p Worship at Brookdale	11 8:45a Esther Circle	12 1:00p Sewing Committee	13	14
15 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship 3:00p Youth Group	16 5:00p 4-H Meeting 6:30p Committee Meetings 8:00p Ad Council Meeting	17 12:00p District 1-on-1 Meetings 3:00p Worship at BG Manor	18	19 1:00p Sewing Committee	20	21 9:00a Men's Group
22 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship	23	24 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center 7:00p 4-H Meeting	25 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven	26 1:00p Sewing Committee	27 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal	28 1:30p Markin Wedding
29 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship 3:00p Youth Group	30 WOOD COUNTY	31 FAIR WEEK -----				



JULY 2018 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
1 \$.25 if you have a safe place to worship	2 \$.25 if you have a microwave	3 \$.25 if you know you're free.	4 \$1.00 if you're thankful to live in the U.S.A.	5 \$.25 for each toothbrush in your house.	6 \$.25 per each bicycle/tricycle you have in your family	7 \$.25 if all members of your family have a bed
8 \$.25 if you have a safe place to worship.	9 \$.25 if you have a cell phone or other telephone.	10 \$.25 for each clock or watch in your house.	11 \$.25 for each computer/tablet you have in your home.	12 \$.25 if you own an umbrella.	13 \$.25 if your family owns 25 books or more.	14 \$.50 for each pet your family owns.
15 \$.25 for each Bible in your house.	16 \$.50 if you have hot & cold running water.	17 \$.25 if none of your family members went to bed hungry.	18 \$.25 if you have a savings account.	19 \$.25 if your family took at least a 3 day vacation in 2017.	20 \$.25 if you felt safe all through last night.	21 \$.25 for each bathroom in your house.
22 \$.25 if you know you have a loving heavenly Father.	23 \$.25 if you have money for ice cream or other frozen treat.	24 \$.25 for each family member who own least 2 pairs of shoes.	25 \$.25 if you can go to the doctor when you need to go.	26 \$.50 for each time your family went out to eat last week.	27 \$.25 for each box or bag of cereal in your cupboard.	28 \$.50 per each vehicle your family owns.
29 \$.25 if you have a risen Savior.	30 \$.25 if you have food in your freezer.	31 \$.25 if you can have 3 meals tomorrow.		"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18	<i>Collect your offering in a plastic sandwich bag or envelope. Be sure to label that it's for Thankfulness Calendar</i>	PLEASE Bring your donations on Sunday, August 5 or 12. Thanks



Annual Conference 2018

Bob Miner, Lay Delegate

First Report

The 49th Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference began with prayers, worship, and an underlying concern for our future. That concern lies with the positioning on human sexuality by the church. The General Conference will meet in February next year to try to form specific legislation on the matter. Many seem to be losing patience and so we are charged to “Be Not Afraid—There is enough.” Enough wisdom, enough patience, enough understanding, and most of all enough faith to see through what could be a major division in Methodism in the United States.

In conjunction with this concern several meaningful presentations were made by individuals highlighting their experiences with racism, gun violence, and disaster response. These segments provoked thought and fresh perspective on the subjects.



Rev. Zan Holmes, Jr. was a guest

speaker with an adjunct professorship at Perkins School of Theology, experience as a former member of the Texas House of Representatives, and many other significant credits, he provided several stimulating presentations with deep and significant meaning.

Dr. Holmes—Opening Worship

Dr. Holmes reminded us that we constantly reap the fruits of the labors of others, but this is as it

should be. We are charged to plant our own seeds for the future. He favored going out to the people because, we should “meet people where they are [and] treat them as if they are where they should be.” He reminded us that the church is where there is need, not necessarily in a specific place. We are to give God our hearts—it’s the best we can do for Him. Dr. Holmes admonished us to keep a “loose screw” as it will allow God to more easily make modifications to us. We are to stay out of positions where we cannot grow, as God would not have us in those places. Last but not least, he charged us “Don’t die before you are dead” as we can be useful to Him regardless of age.



Financial Report

Each segment of the Conference staff was asked to reduce its budget

this year. The net result was a 10% reduction in the overall budget. This represents \$2.25 million less than in 2018. Local churches, on average, paid only 70+% of their recommended apportionments (Trinity paid 100%). Despite this the Conference paid 100% of their apportionment to the General Conference. In summary the Conference is operating more efficiently than ever, but could do better with more of our support.



Episcopal Address

Bishop Palmer provided inspiring words of

confidence concerning finding our way forward on the denomination’s homosexuality issues. He is confident that we can overcome the differences and expand to the frontier beyond. He asked us to move forward to examine our motives. “Do we just need someone to hate . . .” “Are we uncomfortable with “non-similar” occupying our space?” We must seek strength in dissimilarities because, after all, we are one people and belong to each other. History has shown us that every 500 years or so religion has a major shake-up. It has been almost 500 years and if there is to be a new way, we should throw out the old, and examine the new. The Lord’s Goodness will prevail—there is enough!

“Light the Way”

“Light the Way” is a plan to develop new faith communities and increase the number of vital congregations. These congregations are composed of persons actively seeking to find Jesus and to learn his ways. They do not necessarily take place in a church building, but can be just as effective in a bar, a bowling alley, a tattoo parlor, or other place where people gather and are willing to talk seriously about faith. To support this movement most money comes from special gifts [not apportionments] and a goal of \$5 million over a 5-year period has been set. Of this amount over \$2.2 million has been pledged. The offering taken at this conference was over \$100,000 toward the goal.

