

Trinity United Methodist Church

August 2018

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us and invite a friend on Sunday, August 19, at the 10:00am 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 2018-19 school year.

**Fall Hours Begin
Sunday, September 9**
8:30a Communion Service
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Traditional Worship
(Sunday School classes begin 9/9)



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Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A few years ago a friend of mine gave me a book as a gift. It was entitled “Facing Your Giants” by the Christian author Max Lucado. Based on the biblical story of David and Goliath, Lucado offers the reader encouragement in overcoming obstacles within our world and within ourselves. After I read the book I began to think about all the people throughout the Bible who overcome great obstacles in their lives by the grace of God. In fact, many of the biblical stories that we’ve grown up with tell the story of underdogs overcoming great odds by the grace of God. It seems that God often chooses to use flawed people to show His glory to the world.

Beginning on August 5 we will take a look at some of the obstacles we may face in our day to day lives. How can we, like David, overcome our giants by the grace of God? We will tackle giants like self-doubt, fear, and pride. We will take a look at the stories of David, Jonah, Esther, and Jesus as each week we encounter another way to allow God into our lives to transform them for the better. I hope you’ll join us as we look to the scriptures for encouragement and hope in facing down some of the obstacles we experience in this life. And if you haven’t read the book “Facing Your Giants,” I recommend it. Max Lucado is an author who is easy to read and easy to relate to. I hope you’ll enjoy diving deeper with me into the depth of our faith this summer!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Andrea



Women's Group

Esther Circle UMW will hold its next meeting at East Wooster Big Boy on Wednesday, August 8. Breakfast begins at 8:45am followed by a short business meeting and a program which will be given by Bev Bowsher. All Trinity women are invited to attend this time of fellowship.



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy on Wooster at 9am on Saturday, Aug. 18.



Youth Group

Trinity Youth Group will meet on August 19th and August 26th at 3:00pm.



June Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

8/5—*Need Volunteer*
8/12—*Need Volunteer*
8/19— Ellen Pullins
8/26—*Need Volunteer*

Greeters

8/5—*Need Volunteer*
8/12—*Need Volunteer*
8/19—*Need Volunteer*
8/26—*Need Volunteer*

Acolytes

8/5— Abby Oswald
8/12—Abby Oswald
8/19—Evie Van Vorhis
8/26—Evie Van Vorhis

Coffee Hour

8/5—Ruth Ann Kramer
8/12—*Need Volunteer*
8/19—*Need Volunteer*
8/26—*Need Volunteer*

Ushers

Dave Avery
Jerry Baumgardner
Pat Brenneman
Terry Rishel
Tony Aspacher
Sandy Stoots



4 Jerry & Janet Markin
7 Laurie & Dave Nutter
14 Judy & Dean
VandenBroek
16 Virginia & Herb Kratzer
19 Gretchen & David Avery



2 Katharine Parish
5 Mathias Drumm
6 Jerry Markin
7 Marge George
9 Ty Gibson
11 Scott Carpenter
Andrew Janes
14 Heather Terry
17 Bill King
25 Dennis Donley
26 Leona Hawker
27 Steve Wilder
28 Joan Manning



Finance Report for June, 2018

Third time's the charm—I hope!

June was the third month in a row that we ended in the black. Not by a whole lot, but still in the black; by \$622.18.

We still had disbursements that exceeded receipts by \$2,072.45. Fortunately, we exited May with a carryover that we chewed up in June but it, at least, allowed us to end the month of June on the positive side. However, there was not enough left to make any payment toward our Conference Apportionments. I'm hoping that July will be better yet.

By the end of the first six (6) months of 2018 we were very close to what we projected to spend. In other words, most of the line items in the budget still had 50% or better remaining in them for the second half of the year. While that sounds good, the problem with the budget is that most of the line items are things that cannot be reduced or modified, and the weekly Sunday collections are not keeping up with our needs.

I will also need to make some adjustments in the budget that always occur when a new pastor is assigned to Trinity Church. I'm yet to do that because, believe it or not, I still have not received the figures I need from the West Ohio Conference. All in all, I doubt that the bottom line will be much different than we started with in January.

Here's hoping—and praying—that the third month in the black will lead into the forth month of positive figures and on and on.

Tim

Tell Deadline

Got news you want to share with our church? Please submit it to Beth Van Vorhis by the 15th of the month for our Tell.

Love History?

Beverly Miner would like to have a couple people help her in the archives room. She would like to sort through things, organize things, and maybe get rid of some things too. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact her to let her know. Thank you!





Thank you for the prayers, kind thoughts, visits and cards during my recent recovery from hip surgery. I appreciated each and everyone.

—Linda Hower

UPPER ROOM

Please help yourselves to the Upper Room devotionals out in our lobby. The Upper Room is dedicated to helping people grow in their relationship with God.



"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.
 Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.
 Open my mind to *learn* new things.
 Let my heart *remember* YOU are near when I'm afraid.
 Help me to *love* others like you do.
 I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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Ministry Connection

There are many ways to connect to Christ and we at Trinity Church are committed to helping you find the place of service that fits your passion and your giftedness. Our goal is not to just fill slots; our goal is to have every person be able to say, "I know I'm right where God wants me to be!" Please know we are here to assist you as you seek God's will in the area of service. Please ask yourself where you will be able to find how your gifts and the church's needs connect. Below are just some of the areas of service offered here at Trinity UM Church.

Homebound Visitation Ministry

Some of our members are unable to make it to church, so the church goes to meet them in their home or those who reside in managed care. Visits include bringing bulletins and reading material to the homebound, along with providing fellowship.

Sunday Morning Greeters

Welcome all members and visitors as they come in. Greeters need to be able to answer questions, direct people to different services, areas and classes.

Usher

Volunteers are asked to help for a month of Sundays. Responsibilities include handing out bulletins, collecting the offering and distributing communion.

Liturgist

Read Scripture during service.

Communion Steward

Cut bread, set up communion stations with chalices/cups, bread containers, and napkins.

Chancel Choir (Adult)

Singers always welcome: High School and older. Rehearsal Thursdays at 7:00.

Children of God Choir (Children)

Singers always welcome. Rehearsal schedule TBA.

Handbell Choir (Adult)

Adult hand bell choir. Rehearsal on Thursdays at 6:00.

Early Elementary Sunday School Teacher (Ages 4-8) and Older Elementary Sunday School Teacher (Ages 9-12) and Youth Sunday School Teacher (Middle and High School Ages)

Guide children with curriculum provided as they grow in their love and understanding of themselves, of God, of God's love through Jesus Christ and of how we can share the love of Jesus with others. Will have a rotation schedule for the teachers so will not be needed every Sunday. Must be Safe Sanctuary certified.

Children's Church Helper

Using provided, age-appropriate curriculum, help lead lessons during worship. For ages 4 years through 12. Must be Safe Sanctuary certified.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 FAIR WEEK -----	2 ----- 1:00p Sewing Committee	3 -----	4 -----
5 FAIR WEEK----- 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship	6 -----	7 3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner	8 8:45a Esther Circle	9 1:00p Sewing Committee	10	11
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26 8:30a Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Trad Worship 3:00p Youth Group 7:00p Evensong	27	28 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center	29 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven	30 1:00p Sewing Committee		



Annual Conference 2018

Bob Miner, Lay Delegate **Second Report**

Dr. Holmes—Tuesday Worship

Dr. Holmes calls us to “Get it Together.” If you have enough energy to find fault, then use it to get under and lift a faultless person, Jesus. If you are troubled seek more encounters with Jesus. Talk about Jesus to anyone who will listen—you will make disciples and maybe influence the world. If you are lost and someone calls your name you can soon be back on the path. Could that call be coming from Jesus? Find the world where it is, just as Jesus found us.



“Way Forward”—Proposals

In an effort to deal with the Homosexuality debate, the bishops were asked to help with a solution. They have three recommendations:

1. **The Traditionalist Plan**, which would affirm the current language in the denomination’s Book of Discipline, the denomination’s governing document, and seek to strengthen enforcement.
2. **The Connectional-Conference Plan**, which would align based on the theology or perspective on LGBTQ ministry—be it traditionalist, progressive, or allowing for a variety of approaches. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination’s constitution.
3. **The One Church Plan**, with which decisions

about whether to ordain LGBTQ clergy or to officiate at same-gender unions would be made closer to the congregational level. The plan would remove the restrictive language against the practice of homosexuality in the Book of Discipline. The plan also adds assurances to pastors and conferences who in good conscience cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy that they don’t have to do so.

The One Church plan seems to be favored at this time because it encourages a generous unity by giving members the ability to address different Missional contexts in ways that reflect their convictions. All three plans will be submitted to the General Conference on 23-26 February 2019.

Business of the Conference



1. **Passed** the 2019 Budget with 10% reduction over last year.
2. **Passed** a Conference Board of Pension & Health benefits which is largely unchanged
3. **Passed** an increase of 2% for minimum salaries of pastors, deacons, and elders.
4. **Approved**, after much debate, a vacation policy for pastors, deacons, and elders.
5. **Approved** removing investment restrictions placed by the 2011 Conference. Investments are now better defined making restrictions unnecessary.
6. **Passed** the recommendation calling for clergy and congregations of West Ohio to sup-

port United Methodists and churches within the conference that provide material, legal and spiritual services to refugees and immigrants and to support congregations who, abiding by legal decisions of the court, provide temporary sanctuary to individuals or families

Bishop Palmer to Host Gatherings

Bishop Palmer will hold several gatherings throughout the conference this autumn. Entitled “I Believe in the church: A Time of Inspirational Worship, Teaching and testifying.” The sessions are open to all West Ohio United Methodists. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Bishop Palmer states, he “believes in the church, not because it is perfect, but because it is of God. Tell the pallbearers to stand down. God is not done with the church.”



Some United Methodist Statistics

- Membership--- Down 4%
- Worship Attendance--- 62% of members Down 3%
- Sunday School Attendance--- Up 7%
- Professions or reaffirmations of faith--- Down 6%
- Adults & young adults in small groups--- Down 3%
- Worshippers engaged in mission--- Up 12%
- WOC people served by ministries of outreach, and justice & mercy--- Up 26%

