



**Fall Hours begin at
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,

I have had the joy of being your pastor two months! I wanted to say **thank you** for coming out for the “Getting to Know You” events that we held in late July. I was impressed by all of the wonderful feedback I received during those events and look forward to learning more about Trinity UMC and its long history of sharing the love of God in the community of Bowling Green. During our time together I have learned about the love you have for your church, met many of our long time members personally, and been able to celebrate the lives of our beloved saints as they have passed on to glory.



I also know that we as a congregation are in a time of discernment as we look to the future for what God has in store for us and our community. During the “Getting to Know You” events many folks expressed the desire to see our church grow and reach out to younger generations. Together, we discussed the ways we can connect with students at BGSU and younger families throughout our community. I am looking forward to working with all of you to begin to discern how we might best share the love of God with new folks around Bowling Green.

One of the ways we are anticipating reaching out to our community is through the Fresh Expressions movement. Fresh Expressions is a movement of the church that is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church. Trinity has been able to send a team to two Fresh Expressions trainings over the last few months. At those trainings we have learned more about the changing landscape of Christianity in America as well as how to share the love of God with people who may not know about Jesus. I want to invite you to pray for our Fresh Expressions team as we begin looking for ways to connect with people outside the walls of our church.

I look forward to learning more about God with each of you as we continue on this road of faith together. I am excited for things God is already doing in our community of faith and I look forward to see what God has in store for us in the coming months!

In the peace of Christ,

Pastor Andrea

Sunday School Classes to Begin September 9th from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

The Young and the Rest of Us

In this class we have robust discussions surrounding Scripture and topics relevant for today's Christian that strengthen our faith and awaken our spirit. We are currently studying "Follow", a video sermon series by Andy Stanley that is showing us what it means to be a follower of Jesus. On September 23rd we will begin reading and discussing the popular books "The Circle Maker" and "Draw the Circle" which will show us how we can transform our prayer life and experience prayer like we never have before. Join us in the library next to the main office for this exciting time of learning and growing!

Loyal Hearts

The Loyal Hearts Class meets in the Sunday School Room on the east side of the church building, third level, north of the sanctuary. The class will be studying the current Cokesbury Methodist material which in the past has included both Old and New Testament scripture. The class prays together, discusses scripture and enjoys the gift of laughter. An offering is taken each Sunday that is used to support both local and global mission. The class is facilitated by Sue Butler and members who are willing to substitute. Come join us and see what you think!

Royal Builders

The Royal Builders Class is the oldest class at Trinity, dating to the mid 1940's. It is located on the Summit St side of the sanctuary overflow room and is also the prayer room. The curriculum is the United Methodist Version of the International Sunday School Lesson which looks at both the historical/biblical context of the scripture and it's meaning for the church in today's world. Much of the time is spent in discussion. It is taught by Helen Dukes, retired teacher and clergywoman, who enjoys the wisdom and insights of the older generation. The class is very small, informal, friendly and welcoming to everyone.

The Summit

The Summit (formerly known as The Perfect Blend) is an informal class for adults. Psalm 18:2 states: "My God is my rocky summit where I take shelter, my shield, the horn that saves me, and my refuge." This class has no age limit, spouse requirement, or child requirement. You can wear shorts or a tux and bring your coffee! The goal is to grow in community and in Christ. Class meets in the room at the top of the stairs off the over flow room. To begin the year, members will be looking at "Everybody Always" by Bob Goff. Come join us!

Missions Committee

Looking for a fun and worthwhile experience? Consider joining our Missions Committee. Put your planning, organizing, cooking, sorting, creative thinking, crafting, and etc. skills to good use. Opportunities to help include: Christmas basket project, Sundae Sunday, Deck the Halls Sale, Rummage Sales, and ideas we have yet to try. Please join us either for meetings or just special events. One benefit of being part of Missions is the ability to have fun and make a difference at the same time. Please join us. Make a difference by using your time and talent to be a volunteer. See Sheryl Sabo or one of the current members for details.

Sew, Knit and Crochet Group

The newly-formed sewing group has been busy! The group's mission is to provide needed items for local nursing homes as well as for our own church membership. To date, we have distributed at least 29 bibs/shirt savers, 18 walker bags, 35 wheelchair bags, 13 eyeglass cases, 24 chair pads/lap quilts, and two afghans. Many thanks to those who provided donation of fabric and supplies to make those projects.



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In addition, several mending projects have been completed for the church. We are now available to perform small personal mending projects for our membership (no alternations, please!) for a voluntary fee which will be used to fund future projects and to supplement the church treasury for operating expenses. Leave a message at the church or contact one of the Sewing Group members if you have a need for such a service.

We plan to have a small fundraiser on Sunday, October 21st that will offer for sale to our membership some useful items that will make ideal Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas gifts!

We have recently merged with the Prayer Shawl Group, so anyone who can knit, crochet, sew, iron, pin and/or cut fabric, or just wishes to enjoy Christian fellowship is welcome to join us! We meet every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the church library.

New Member Class

Would you like to know more about Trinity UMC and the United Methodist Church? Pastor Andrea will be offering a new member class on Sunday, September 30th from 12:00pm-1:30pm in the conference room. Lunch will be provided. Come to learn more about our church and the ways you can connect in service and faith through membership in the United Methodist Church. Please RSVP via email at bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com

Children's Library

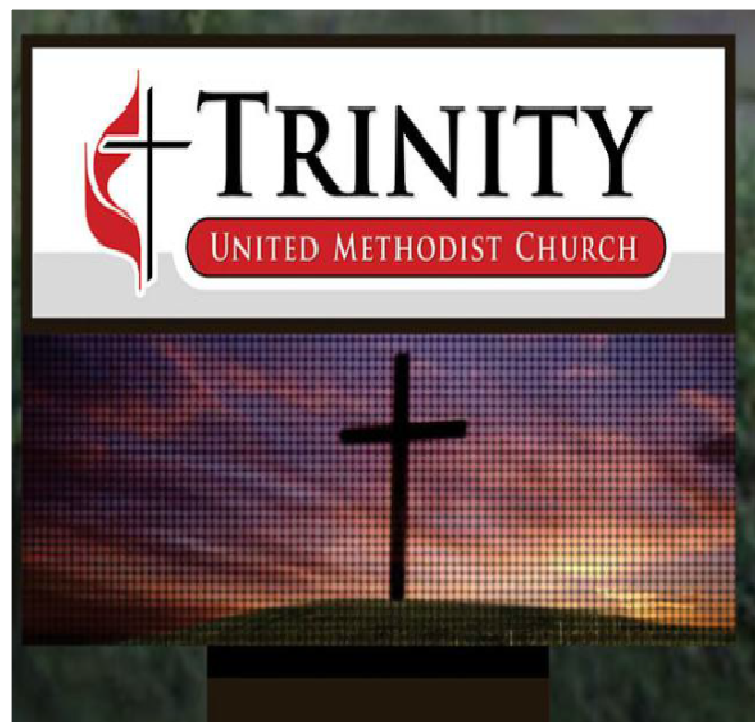
We are excited to announce our new Children's Library located in the Education Wing. The kids will have an opportunity each week during Sunday School and Jr. Worship to select books to take home. What a fun way to learn about God's Word! We wish to thank the Youth Group for decorating the Bulletin Board and we wish to thank our Sew, Knit and Crochet Group for making library bags for the children to take their books home in.



Trinity's New Digital Sign

(pictured here)

Our new digital sign should be here by the end of the month. If anyone wants to donate to it still, please have your donation and your name into the church office by October 1st. If you have already given, please submit your name to the church office for recognition on the sign.



Interested in Joining Our Music Ministry?

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir is open to high school students and older who enjoy choral singing. The choir sings for the 10:30 a.m. service most Sundays from Labor Day through Memorial Day. We practice every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Contact Jerry Smith at (419) 260-5905 for more information.

Children of God Choir

The Children of God is our choir for school-age children. The Children of God will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service six to eight times during the school year. A weekly practice time will be determined based on the participants' availability. Contact Jerry Smith at (419) 260-5905 to learn more.

Handbell Choir (Adult)

The Chancel Handbell Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 on the third floor in the bell room. We rehearse each week for one hour beginning September 6th to the middle of May and ring as a part of the second worship service about once a month. We have a short rehearsal before the service when we ring. Have you ever thought of ringing but had questions? Let me answer the most common ones.

1. Do I need to be able to read music? NO, all you need to be able to do is to count to 4 and to distinguish your right hand from your left.
2. Do I need to be able to stand for the entire hour rehearsal? NO, we have a few stools for ringers who need to sit.
3. Do I need to wear gloves? Yes, to protect your hands from the bell handles and the bells from your hands.
4. Do I need to attend all rehearsals? Yes, if you are not in attendance, your bells will be silent. Imagine trying to sing a hymn on Sunday with missing notes!
5. Do angels play heavenly harps? NO, they ring handbells!



Ministry Connection

There are many ways to connect to Christ and we at Trinity UM 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 consider joining one (or many) of our ministries as we give a brief description on the next few pages.

Homebound Visitation Ministry

This group makes weekly visits to our shut-ins, nursing home residents, hospice patients, or those who are only temporarily in rehab after surgery. A church bulletin along with a written copy of the sermon are delivered to let them know they are not forgotten members of Trinity and that they still mean a lot to our church. It's an important ministry to maintain and valuable to the giver as well as the recipient. If anyone knows of such a person who is currently not receiving these visits, we would appreciate such notification to the church office!

Connections Ministry

The name Trinity Connection denotes the connection between our Nursing Home Team members, Trinity Church and residents of care facilities here in Bowling Green. Team members visit five homes every month on a regular schedule. We make sure the members of our church as well as friends and faithful attendees are invited. We bring a service with scriptures, hymns, poetry and prayers. A message written by one of the team members is delivered. It is a wonderful and gratifying experience to worship with our friends. Questions? Call Suzanne Avery or the church office. Join us! You will be blessed. All services begin at 3:00 p.m. and last about 40 minutes. Services for September are:

September 4—Heritage Corner
11—Brookdale
18—B.G. Manor
25—B. G. Care Center
26—Wood Haven



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Esther Circle (United Methodist Women's Group)

Esther Circle was organized in November of 1965 pioneering the first breakfast meeting of the UMW Circles at Trinity. Although there have been several other Circles, we are presently the only Circle and still have our meetings to include breakfast on the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at the Big Boy Restaurant on East Wooster Street in Bowling Green at 8:45 am. This time of fellowship starts with a short business meeting after breakfast and concludes with a program given by one of our members, or sometimes a guest speaker. We presently have about 23 members but would love to have more. All Trinity women are welcome to attend and become part of this mission-oriented group. Many of our members are involved in other Trinity projects. Within the Circle, we have a Secret Prayer Partner group going, and this past year, we have sent Easter and Christmas cards to our nursing home residents and home shut-ins, supported the Brown Bag Program with a food drive, collected several baskets of personal-care items for Women's care shelters, and support Friendly Center when able. It would be exciting to have an evening Circle formed for those women who cannot attend in the daytime. Look for our monthly meeting announcements in the Sunday Bulletins and The Tell. We are happy to be part of the 800,000 women who make up the United Methodist Women. We are FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION!



United Methodist Men's Group

Hey all you guys! Here's an opportunity to for the men of Trinity to enjoy some great fellowship and conversation on just about everything, while trading ideas on how we can better serve the Lord. The Men of Trinity group meets at 9:00 a.m. every 3rd Saturday, at the Wooster Street Big Boy. Our next meeting is the morning of September 15. Please come.....and bring a friend!

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee meets with Pastor Andrea to coordinate the separate parts of the worship services, plan special services and oversee Communion and altar preparation. We are always looking for help with Communion preparation. Please consider being part of the Altar guild.

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Welcome Team

Do you remember the first time you came to worship at Trinity Church? Maybe you were an infant carried in by your parents, or maybe you were older and came looking for connection and a place to belong. Think for a moment about why you stayed here at Trinity? Why did you decide to call this church your home? Was it the warm smiles that greeted you at the door, or the friendships you made in Sunday School class? Maybe you've stayed because this church just feels like home to you. Whatever reason you are here, I am so glad that we get to join together in worship of Jesus our Lord.

Now a question: What if everyone who visited our church felt like this church was home?

Pastor Andrea is looking for a few people to serve on the new Welcoming Team. This team will assist new visitors with connecting to our church and work to ensure that visitors feel at home at Trinity. Team members will work to identify new visitors on Sunday mornings, help with guest follow-up after the worship service, and assist in offering hospitality to all of our visitors. Please contact Pastor Andrea if you would like to participate in this vital ministry that will enable us to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Bereavement Group (formerly Hospitality Group)

What does it mean to be hospitable? Here are four clues: 1 Peter 4:9, Romans 12:13, Titus 1:8, and Hebrews 13:2. Once you've read these, consider this: We joined TUMC to be part of a family. To be a family member means to lovingly serve others. What better way to serve than to be part of the hospitality group. Our task is to put on memorial luncheons. It involves donating food for the luncheon and helping set up and clean up. Easy! You just need to make a dish, and maybe help with the set up and clean up. We invite you to consider lovingly serving the members in our family.

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Children's Classes

Children's Sunday School

This class is for ages 4 and up. Our teachers are enthusiastic to lead our children and youth in faith. (Our Youth Group kids are helping with the class.) This fall we have an exciting opportunity to share God's love with our children through The Deep Blue Bible Curriculum. Deep Blue is a United Methodist resource that invites kids on Bible adventures through the lens of discovery and excitement. This weekly adventure teaches kids to be Jesus' disciples with engaging animated videos, new music and worship, science experiments, active games and more.



For Children during our Second Worship Service, we offer:

Nursery Care

Our free, clean and secure nursery is for little ones from birth through 4 years old.

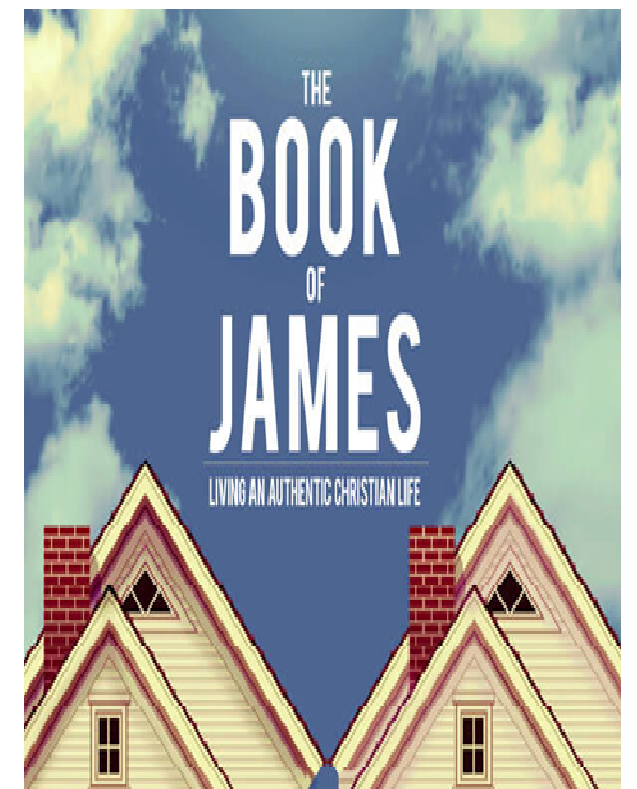
Children's Moment/Jr. Worship

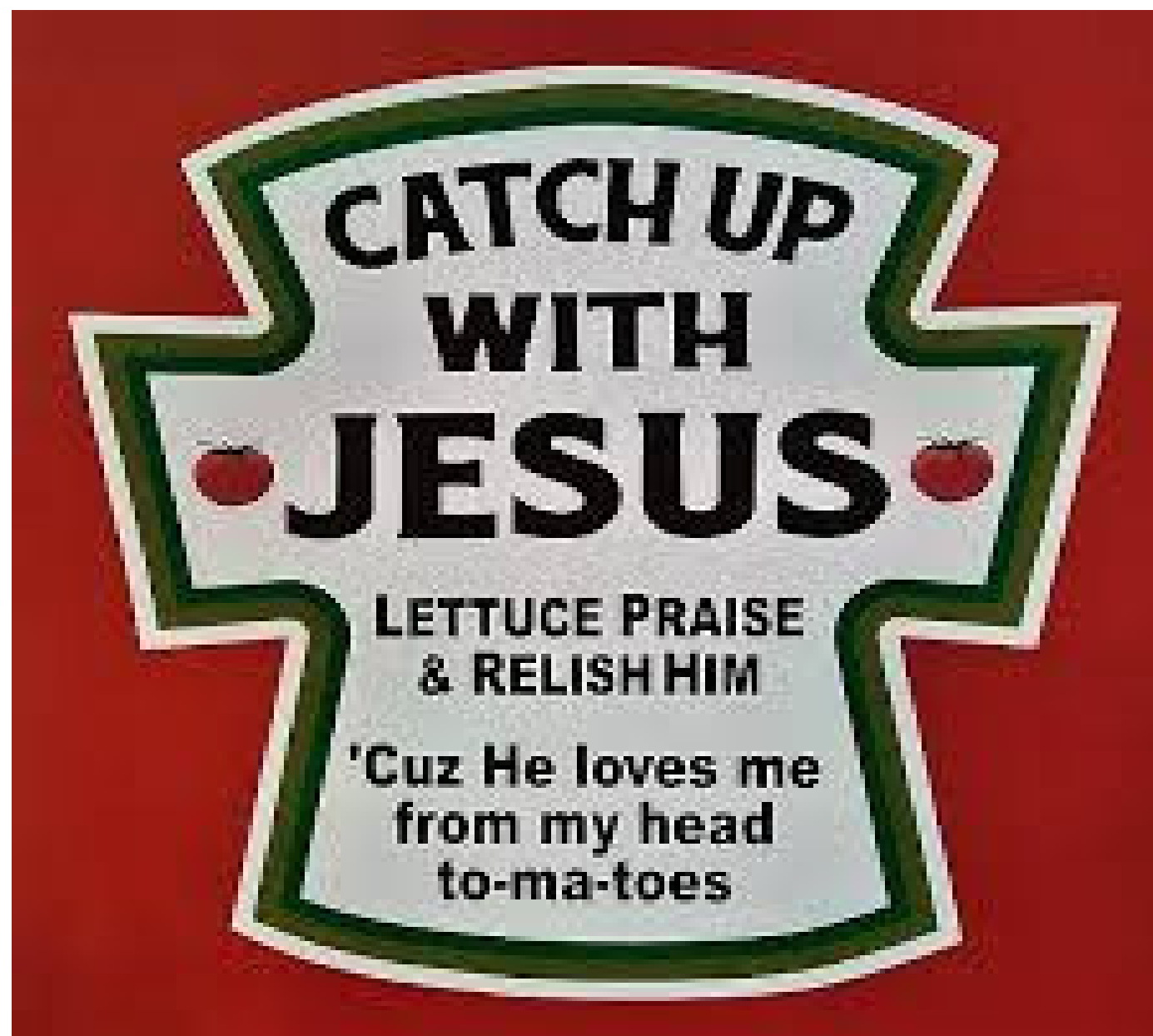
This uplifting children's ministry helps bring the children together to learn more about God's Word. It is for ages 4 and up. Each Sunday, Pastor Andrea Curry will share a "Children's Moment" during the 10:30 a.m. service. The children are then welcome to go with Beth Van Vorhis to learn further about that biblical teaching with exploring through crafts and activities.

Bible Study

This month we will begin our journey into the Book of James. You will have opportunities to connect with the scripture through the weekly sermon as well as a Wednesday night Bible Study that I will be leading. The study will begin on September 5th, at 6:30pm in the conference room at church. You'll only need to bring your Bible as we dive deeper into what it looks like to live an authentic Christian life. If you'd like to join in please sign up at the info stations after worship.

In Christ,
Pastor Andrea





[September Calendar will go here](#)

Was that too “CHEESEY????”

All TEENS are invited to
Trinity United Methodist Church’s
YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF!!!!

On Sunday, September 9th at 3:00pm
At Janes’ Home, 138 West Merry Street
Please bring a friend for this fun afternoon!

We will be having hotdogs and smores, devotionals and games!

Finance Report for July, 2018

A week ago at church someone asked me if we'd be in the black for a fourth month in a row. At that time I wasn't sure but I thought we'd be close. Well, we did it! The fourth month with no red ink. We ended July with a cushion of \$1,482.69.

And that's after paying the insurance on the church building of almost \$2,000. However, again in July there wasn't enough to whittle down the amount we owe to the West Ohio Conference for our apportionments.

One thing that really helped us during July was Workers' Compensation, of all things. We received a check from Workers' Comp for \$1,143. The accompanying letter said that it represented 85% of the premium that we paid to Worker's Comp the preceding year. It seems that the investments that it has been making were doing so well that the Bureau was able to return such substantial amounts. God provides in totally unexpected ways! Had it not been for that reimbursement our month-end balance would have only been \$339.69.

We still have some work to do! It's too soon to report on the earnings from our annual Fair Gate project. I'm told that the Fair admissions may have been down slightly, but the cost of admission was increased so overall it was a good season for the Fair. When you see them, offer special thanks to Dennis Donley and Andrew Janes. They both worked tirelessly all week—and prior to—coordinating all of us who worked at the gates.

I have faith in you and our church overall. I've seen many good things happening just in the last month and I'm confident our future will brighten. Thank you for all that you do.

Tim

Fair Thank You Pizza Party

Trinity United Methodist Church would like to thank those who helped work the gates at the 2018 Wood County Fair. Your help was much appreciated! As a gesture of thanks, the church will be hosting a post-fair get-together. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 23rd at 7:00p.m. All who volunteered their time are welcome. Please RSVP by email at bgtrinityumc@yahoo.com or by phone (419) 353-9031.



Women's Group
Esther Circle UMW will have its monthly meeting at Big Boy, East Wooster Street, on Wednesday, September 12th, with breakfast beginning at 8:45am. Helen Dukes is arranging for a program with a guest speaker. All Trinity women are welcome to attend this time of fellowship.



Men's Group
The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy on Wooster at 9am on Saturday, September 15th.



Youth Group
Trinity Youth Group will meet on September 9th (see party invitation) and September 23rd at 3:00pm.



September Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

9/2—Betty Jones
9/9—Shelby Janes
9/16—Jeannie Housholder
9/23—Gaynelle Predmore
9/30—Betty Jones

Greeters

9/2—Marilyn White and Kay Bell
9/9—Evie Van Vorhis
9/16—Alice Brown
9/23—June Van Vorhis
9/30—Phyllis and Don Pickering

Acolytes

9/2—Evie Van Vorhis
9/9—Mathias Drumm
9/16—Abby Oswald
9/23—Mathias Drumm
9/30—Allie and Katie Parish

Coffee Hour

9/2—Joy Pothoff
9/9—Janes Family
9/16—Leona Hawker and Becky Eninger
9/23—Jeff and Jerri Tipton
9/30—Terry Rishel

Ushers

Sue Butler
Claudia Lance
David Avery
Harold J. Nelson
Bob Miner
Beverly Miner



1 Missy & John Hart
7 Ruth Ann & Alan Kramer
9 Phyllis & Don Pickering
20 Annemarie & Daniel Altman
27 Sandy & Ken Bauman
29 Joan & Gary Manning



1 Luke Hart
2 Claudia Lance, Natalie Avery
3 Kathy Wittman
5 Heather VandenBroek
6 Jim George
8 Dan Reider, Mike Avery, Jerry Baumgardner
10 Gloria Snyder
12 Vera Moore, Helen Lorenzen
13 Kathy HannemanMurray
14 Betsy Riker
15 Herb Kratzer
16 Norman Hoover, Alan Stoots
17 Julia Poppe
18 Dan Altman
22 Alan Pullins, Amelia Pullins
28 Pastor Andrea Curry
30 Beth Baldesar

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