



The Trinity Tell *November 2018*

***Worship with us: 9:15am Sunday School
8:30am Communion Service and 10:30am Traditional Worship***

Greetings in the name of Christ!

The holiday season is upon us with to-do lists and busy schedules. Yet, Thanksgiving is a time of year that offers us an opportunity to slow down and ponder that for which we are grateful. I have found this to be a wonderful discipline as we approach the season of Advent.



The practice of praying for and knowing the many ways that God works in our lives helps us to be more mindful of the small things in life that we often take for granted. Earlier this summer I began keeping a weekly gratitude journal. It's a simple list that I try to keep each day of at least 3 things I am thankful for that day. Some days I am thankful for things like coffee and to-do lists. Other days I am thankful for my husband Will, our dog Franklin, and the beauty of God's earth. Each day is different with its tests and workload but each day I am thankful.

This simple practice has really enlivened my faith life. So I want to invite you to join me in this practice during the month of November. Each day take some time and think and/or write down at least three things for which you are thankful. I know that God will use this simple practice to open our hearts and minds to gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

I trust that this practice of gratitude will prepare our hearts to welcome Christ in our world and our hearts this Advent season. I truly am looking forward to our first Christmas together. I am what you call a "Christmas person." I love all things Christmas from the lights on the tree, to the stockings on the mantel, to the Christmas music in the car, I indulge in it all!

But you know, one of my favorite ways to spend my Christmas season is to curl up on the couch with a cup of coffee and a good Christmas movie. I have found that Christmas movies so often speak of a life of faith in covert and overt ways. These movies makes us laugh, and make us cry, as they introduce us to the concepts of sacrificial love, family, and prayer. They bring joy to our hearts and smiles to our faces. So this year we will embark upon a Christmas movie marathon together! Every Sunday throughout Advent we will examine a Christmas movie and what that movie has to say about a life of faith in Jesus Christ. While this may be a different way to approach the Advent season, I believe it will be an opportunity for us to laugh and grow closer together. I hope you'll enjoy our "Christmas at the Movies" and that it will encourage you to seek Christ in the seemingly mundane aspects of life.



In the abundance of Christ,
Pastor Andrea

Upcoming Events

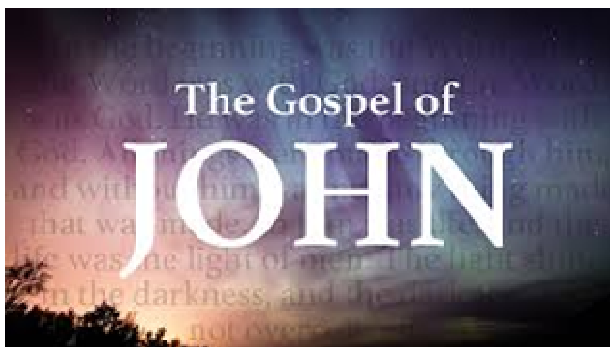
On Sunday, November 4th we will be celebrating **Consecration Sunday** with a combined 10:30am worship service. All of Trinity's choirs will be performing...Handbells, Children of God and Chancel Choir. It will be a service of celebration and praise. A potluck dinner will follow. We will be having chicken and cake. Please bring a side dish to share.



Rake and Run! On Sundays, November 4th and 11th, our Youth Group (and anyone else from Trinity who wishes to join in on the fun!) will be raking yards...the more, the merrier! Please let Beth Van Vorhis know if you wish to help OR if you need your yard raked OR know of someone who does. We will be accepting donations for our Youth Group Fund.



Join us for a Bible Study on the ***Gospel of John***: An Introduction to who Jesus is and what he accomplished to give us eternal life, the Gospel of John tells the amazing story of God's great love for all people and the power we have in Christ. Our study will begin on November 7th at 3:00pm in the Loyal Hearts Room. Sign up at the Info Station today!



Marjorie Wilder's 90th birthday is November 22nd (yes, Thanksgiving Day!). Her daughter, Jodi Bruno, has asked that we send birthday wishes as a **card shower** to Marjorie. Even though Al and Marjorie have made a lovely adjustment in Pittsburgh, they often share fond memories of all their years at Trinity and the dear friendships they made here. Please know that despite the normal complaints of aging, they are both doing very well. Your birthday cards and well wishes will bring great joy to Marjorie. You can send them to: 5900 Murray Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102.



DO YOU NOT KNOW? HAVE YOU NOT HEARD? THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. HE WILL NOT GROW TIRED OR WEARY, AND HIS UNDERSTANDING NO ONE CAN FATHOM. HE GIVES STRENGTH TO THE WEARY AND INCREASES THE POWER OF THE WEAK. EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY, AND YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL; BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RE-NEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

ISAISH 40: 28-31

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events

- Sunday, November 4th from 2-5pm — Rake and Run
 - Saturday, November 10th at 7pm — Family Movie Night
(Open to the community)
 - Sunday, November 11th from 2-5pm — Rake and Run
 - Saturday, December 1st from 6:30-8:30pm — Drop & Shop
(Kid Movie) (Open to the community)
 - Sunday, December 9th at our 10:30am Service —
Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
 - Sunday, December 16th at our 10:30am Service —
Children’s Christmas Program
 - Monday, December 24th at 7:30pm (Music to start at 7pm) —
Christmas Eve Service
 - Saturday, January 12th from 1-4pm — Church Bowling Party
at Al-Mar Lanes
 - Saturday, January 19th at 7pm — Game Night
 - Sunday, January 27th at 11:30am (after 2nd service) —
Chili Cook-Off
 - Sunday, February 10th at 11:30am (after 2nd service) —
Sweetheart Dinner (Jesus is EVERYONE’S Valentine!)
- AND THAT’S NOT ALL...STAY TUNED!*

Friendly Center memberships are being taken or renewed this month. Friendly Center is our United Methodist Mission in Toledo. It provides activities for children and help for impoverished families. Our church and our district have made this mission a local priority for many years. Please see Helen Dukes for more information.

We wish to thank everyone who helped us **clean the church** last Saturday. Many hands make light work. What a breeze!

We also wish to thank everyone who donated and/or helped with **Trunk or Treat** this weekend. We had a lot of kids come through and they seemed to really enjoy themselves!



Upcoming Events

The Way Forward—Bishop Palmer will be visiting several sites to discuss the called General Conference scheduled for February 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis, MO. These gatherings will include an opportunity to hear about the key proposals to the General Conference from the Commission on a Way Forward. There will be time for Q&A and sharing your thoughts about the options verbally or in writing. If you'd like to attend any of the gatherings, please register here. The dates Bishop Palmer will be in the Maumee Watershed District are:

- +Monday, November 26, 7- 8:30pm
at Grace UMC, Perrysburg
- +Tuesday, November 27, 7- 8:30pm
at St. Marks UMC, Findlay

Love to sing but can't commit every week to the choir? Join the Chancel Choir in their **Christmas Cantata, "Nativity Suites"** by Benjamin Harlan. Director Jerry Smith said anyone and everyone is welcome to join for the cantata. He just asks that you do so by Thursday, November 8th. The Chancel Choir will perform "Nativity Suites" on Sunday, December 9th at the 10:30am service.



A **Family Movie Night** is planned for Saturday, November 10th at 7pm. Our church family and community members are invited to watch, "The Greatest Showman" (rated PG). We will serve cider and popcorn. We are looking for a few volunteers to help with the event. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Station if you could help that evening.



We will be having a **Drop & Shop** event on Saturday, December 1st from 6:30-8:30pm. This event will be open to the community giving parents a chance to have a date night or go Christmas shopping minus their children. We will have a movie and snacks for the kids. (Look for more information to come .)



Hey kids! We're having a traditional **Children's Christmas Program** here at Trinity Church on Sunday, December 16th at the 10:30am service. Please let Beth Van Vorhis know if you are interested in participating. We need narrators, actors and singers.

"BUT BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD, WHOSE CONFIDENCE IS IN HIM. THEY WILL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATER THAT SENDS OUT ITS ROOTS BY THE STREAM. IT DOES NOT FEAR WHEN HEAT COMES; ITS LEAVES ARE ALWAYS GREEN. IT HAS NO WORRIES IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT AND NEVER FAILS TO BEAR FRUIT."

- JEREMIAH 17: 7-8

Fresh Expressions

Trinity has the exciting opportunity to create **Fresh Expressions** of church in the Bowling Green community. Our team has been hard at work going to trainings, brainstorming ways to connect with new people, and planning for the future. Each Fresh Expression is an adventure in bringing the power of the Gospel to people who might never experience Christian community and the transformational and self-giving love of Jesus. Four guiding principles tie fresh expressions together. Each one is:

- * **Missional** – Joining God's mission by going to those not currently served by any church
- * **Contextual** – Grounded in the language and culture of the people in and for their particular context
- * **Formational** – Focused on discipling people in the way of Jesus
- * **Ecclesial** – Forming local, tangible Christian communities that are able to step out as church in their own right

We are planning to launch two Fresh Expressions in the new year and would like to invite you to join us in prayer for these new ministries. Each day at 2pm you are invited to pray the Fresh Expressions prayer written by our team. You can pick up a prayer card at the church office or use the text below:

Almighty God, Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They will be like a tree planted by water that sends its roots by the stream. May our roots stretch deeply into our community so that we may bring refreshment to your weary world. Use our church as holy ground that enables the growth of new disciples through the ministries of our Fresh Expressions team. Amen.

Members of the Fresh Expressions Team are: Pastor Andrea, Sue Butler, Beth Van Vorhis, Bob Miner, Beverly Miner, Susan Montgomery, Gaynelle Predmore, and Helen Dukes.



What's Going On In Missions You Ask?

- **Fudge Sale** – Looking for sweet treats to give as holiday gifts or to enjoy yourself? We're planning a new fund raiser that will continue during the Deck the Hall Sale and then until December 7th to offer an assortment of fudges (made in Michigan) for sale. Watch for samples of the 6 varieties we'll have for sale coming your way soon so you can order ones you like (I hear they're all good).
- **Deck the Halls Sale** – This year's sale will be held November 29 and 30. We will be serving lunch only on Thursday, the 29th, with leftovers on sale the 30th for carry out. We will be taking donations of new and/or gently used Christmas items starting November 5 (please do not bring in rummage items at this time as space is limited due to the collection of food & Christmas items). Watch for sign-up sheets on the Information Station for lunch donations, bake sale items, and work times. Sorting & setting up will begin Monday, November 12 – watch bulletin for announcement of times.
- **Christmas Food Baskets** - Once again we will be accepting donations both of food and of funding to purchase food for the Christmas Food Basket project. We will be providing 50 baskets again this year. Watch the weekly bulletin for specific items we are in need of, but also feel free to take advantage of sales you find to purchase other items to include in the baskets. *Packing of Food baskets will take place on Tuesday, December 18 starting at 6:30 p.m. Basket pick-up will be the following day, December 19 from 9 a.m. – noon.* If you're available to help with the packing and/or the picking up of baskets, we'd appreciate the assistance.
- **Christmas Gifts for Food Baskets** – This year we have decided to make our food baskets robust. Please drop the items in the basket next to the lobby entrance and mark the items "Christmas baskets." Our list of needed items for the Christmas Baskets are:

Toilet paper (at least 12 rolls)	Paper towels
Hot Chocolate packets (8-10 pk)	Bar soap
Noodles & pasta	Spaghetti sauce
Canned fruit	Vegetable oil
Cake mix and frosting	Tissues
Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush	Dish soap
Blankets	Canned vegetables
Cans of Meat	Soup
Large box of instant potatoes	Cereal

This year we will focus solely on making up our food baskets and not on gifts. If you wish to purchase gifts for those in need, there are other opportunities around Bowling Green & Wood County where you could do this. Again this year Missions will be supporting the local Shop with a Cop program that is sponsored by the Wood County Fraternal Order of Police. If you'd like to support this program, too, call the FOP at 419-353-9728, or send a check to the Wood County Fraternal Order of Police, P.O. Box 122, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Checks may be made out to the organization.

November Calendar

Financial Report for September, 2018

Finance Report for September, 2018

It pleases me to report that ending September the bottom line on the finances of Trinity Church were back in positive territory.

If you remember, last month we ended August in the red by \$2,317.14. Not good! But we finished September in the black with a balance of \$1,310.17. Much better!

Two factors contributed to this ending balance. 1) Revenue was up \$5,321.88 from the previous month while 2) expenses were down by \$2,105.26. Had we not had that negative carryover from August, we would have been in even better shape. Let's hope—and pray—that this positive direction continues.

**FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE
LORD, "PLANS TO
PROSPER YOU
AND NOT TO HARM
YOU, PLANS TO GIVE
YOU HOPE AND A FU-
TURE.**

- JEREMIAH 29:11

Another wonderful check appeared in September—our payment from the Wood County Fair Board for our/your work tending the gates at the annual Fair. This year we earned \$12,134.24. Outstanding!! Of course, we needed to pay Christ Church in Portage for the assistance we received from its members. I sent them a check for \$1,429.15. That gave us a net earning of \$10,705.09. While that money goes into our Fair Fund account and not into the general operating money, it will provide funding for scholarships, camping experiences, baseball teams and other projects that crop up throughout the year.

Again, many thanks to all of you who worked the gates and brought your friends and neighbors to help you as well. This makes a big difference in our ability to engage in many projects each year.

As Pastor Andrea instructed us in her message recently, we should work as if we are doing it with and for Jesus. And when we work with that in mind, Jesus provides the rewards.

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Women's Group

Esther Circle will have its November breakfast meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 14, at 8:45 am. Assistant District Superintendent Lynn Schleif will be our guest speaker.

Hostesses will be Vera Moore, Helen Lorenzen, and Marilyn White. All Trinity women are invited to enjoy this time of fellowship.



Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy at 9am on Saturday, November 17th.



Youth Group

Check out our Rake and Run article in this month's Tell.



November Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

- 11/4 – Tom Ehmke
- 11/11 – Gaynelle Predmore
- 11/18 – Laura Drumm
- 11/25 – Betty Jones

Greeters

- 11/4 – Marilyn White and Kay Bell
- 11/11 – The Parish Family
- 11/18 – Beverly Magrum and Carolyn Waltz
- 11/25 – Linda Hower and Jerry Baumgardner

Acolytes

- 11/4 – Abby Oswald
- 11/11 – Allie and Katie Parish
- 11/18 – Mathias Drumm
- 11/25 – Evie Van Vorhis

Coffee Hour

- 11/4 – The Oswald Family
- 11/11 – Claudia Lance and Tom Ehmke
- 11/18 – Jeff and Jerri Tipton
- 11/25 – Linda Hower and Jerry Baumgardner



- 4 Carol & John Riker
- 15 Joanne & Vernon Fields
- 16 Becky & Fleming Fallon
- 19 Nicki & Bill Kale
- 20 Andrea & Will Curry



- 4 Heather Kramer
- 5 Hal Huber
- 6 Ruth Bandeen
- 7 Nolan and Tyler Shaner
- 15 Becky Fallon
- 17 Laura Drumm
- 19 Tim Parish
- 22 Marjorie Wilder
- 23 Gretchen Avery
- 25 Denise Zephier
- 27 Lois Clouse
- 29 Andy Swaisgood
- Tom Ehmke



Community Thanksgiving Service

Join us for a community celebration of this special holiday and take the opportunity to give God thanks for his many blessings every day. The service will be held at First Christian Church at 7pm on Sunday, November 18th and Pastor Andrea Curry will be preaching. The church is located 875 Haskins Road. We hope to see you there!



**Give
Thanks**

*Remember to check us out at our website: bgtrinity.org
and friend us on Facebook at Trinity United Methodist Church*



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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 10:00P UMSO Pancakes	3
4 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS/ CONSECRATION SUNDAY 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Combined Service 11:30a Potluck Dinner 2:00p Rake & Run	5	6 ELECTION DAY  3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner	7 3:00p Bible Study 9:00p UMSO Bible Study	8 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9	10 7:00p Family Movie Night
11 VETERANS DAY 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal 2:00p Rake & Run	12 7:00p Finance Meeting	13 3:00p Worship at Brookdale	14 8:45a Esther Circle 3:00p Bible Study 9:00p UMSO Bible Study	15 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16 4:00p CRU	17 9:00a Men's Group
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