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### **TUMC Statement on the 2019 National Day of Prayer Event**

In recent years Trinity United Methodist Church has served as a rain location for the National Day of Prayer event held at the Wood County Courthouse in Bowling Green. We have valued this community event and certainly value prayer for our nation's leaders. We believe the National Day of Prayer is a vital event that promotes unity and freedom.

However, as more information has come to light about the theological beliefs of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, and the theological beliefs recently articulated by the chairperson of the event in an article in the Bowling Green Independent News, Trinity United Methodist Church regrettably will not participate in the 2019 event. As currently planned, the event is not inline with United Methodist Theology. In good conscience, our church will not offer our space to host an event that does not fully include people of differing faith streams. At Trinity, we are a church of open hearts, open doors and open minds.