



The Trinity Tell *January 2019*

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

Happy New Year Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

This past month as I was thinking about what we might discover together in this new year, I kept coming back to the idea of a new year symbolizing a new beginning. Another chance. A fresh start. You know when we think about the new year I think most of us think New year's resolutions. Perhaps that is because of all those weight watchers commercials that are all over TV. They remind us to set new resolutions each year. In fact each new year gives us a built in opportunity to set our intentions and goals for the year ahead. It is a natural time to reset and refocus after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.



Now I would like to tell you that I am quite successful in keeping my new years resolutions. I would like to tell you that every year I lose ten lbs, stop biting my nails, and organize my closets. But friends, frankly, that's not true. I'm terrible at keeping resolutions. And statistically I'm in good company because the third week of January is when most resolutions fail. Most people throw in the towel and go back to their bad habit. After years of setting resolutions and failing at them I finally decided to stop making resolutions. Instead I would just try to live with intentionality and integrity each and every day. For me that is my yearly goal. To be true to myself and true to who God has called me to be. So far, I've been able to stick to that one pretty well.

So this year I want to invite our church into that resolution as well. This year let's be true to who we are as Trinity United Methodist Church. We are a loving, welcoming community of Jesus followers who are seeking to make this world a better place. And let's be true to who God has called us to be, a community of believers who exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I think we can do that if we focus on Jesus as the center of our faith lives through prayer, Bible study, worship, and faithfulness.

Friends, as we begin this new year together we are going to encounter a lot of opportunities to live into these visions of who we are. It's my hope and prayer that we will end 2019 together, stronger, more vibrant, and filled to the brim with love of Jesus Christ!

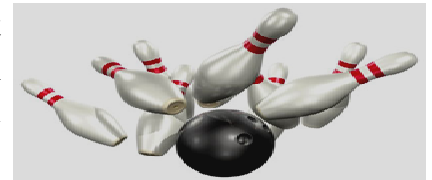
In the abundance of Christ,
Pastor Andrea

Upcoming Events



In a world that, at times, seems dark; what does it mean to follow **Jesus: The Light of the World**? Join us in January to hear more about how Jesus calls us to partner in the lighting of our world. Each week, Pastor Andrea will share an opportunity for us to join in making this world a better place through prayer, service, and faithfulness. Come and begin the New Year with a renewed sense of purpose and vigor for life!

Do you have time to “spare?” Well then “bowling will be right up your alley!” Trinity Church is having a **Bowling Party** from 1-4pm on Saturday, January 12th at Almar Lanes. Please sign up at the Information Station so we know how many to expect.



Join us Saturday, January 19th for a fun-filled **Game Night** starting at 7pm. Please bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.

Trinity is starting back up helping out **Martha's Kitchen**. Our first dinner will be on Friday, January 25th. If you would like to donate a fruit salad, cottage cheese, side dish, or volunteer your time to serve our guests, please contact Beth Van Vorhis. Dinner is served between 4:30-6:00pm. More information will be forthcoming.




Join us after church on Sunday, January 27th for a **Chili Cook-Off**! Sign up at the Information Station to bring in a pot of your **BEST** chili. We will all vote for our favorites and the 1st place winner will take home the Golden Spoon Award!

All children and youth are invited to participate in **Trinity's Art Show**. Create art pieces that depict "*The love of God is for everyone.*". Each person may submit more than one piece and you may use any type of materials for your artwork. If you would like to participate, but do not have materials, please let Beth know. Remember to submit the artist's name, age and the title of the art piece. We will display the artwork in the Fellowship Hall for a full week (starting with our Sweetheart Dinner) and then you can take your work home after church on Sunday, February 17th. Everyone receives a prize for participating, so be creative and join the fun! Submissions are due by Sunday, February 6th.



**MAY THE GOD OF
HOPE FILL YOU
WITH ALL JOY AND
PEACE AS YOU
TRUST IN HIM, SO
THAT YOU MAY
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HOLY SPIRIT. –
ROMANS 15: 13**



Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 3rd from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Sunday, February 10th-17th—Trinity’s Art Show Exhibit
 Sunday, February 10th at 11:30am (after 2nd service) —
 Sweetheart Dinner (Jesus is EVERYONE’S Valentine!)
 Saturday, February 23rd at 7pm — Game Night
 Sunday, March 17th from 3-5pm — Youth Group
 Saturday, March 23rd from 6:30-9:00pm — Date Night
 (Kid Movie) (Open to the Community)
 Sunday, March 31 at 11:30am (after 2nd service) —
 Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle
 (Youth Group Sponsored)
 Sunday, March 31st from 3-5pm — Youth Group
 Sunday, April 7th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Saturday, April 13th at 10am—Easter Egg Hunt
 (Open to the Community)
 Sunday, April 14th from 3-5pm—Youth Group

Maumee Watershed District (MWD) Leadership Training—January 26th

This will be our district’s next leadership training. It will be held at Perrysburg Grace UMC, this year will be offering the following courses:

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| -Children's Ministry: You want it, You need it | -Fresh Expressions |
| -Holy Trio | -Lay Servant Ministry |
| -Relevant Worship in a Small Church Setting | -Mission Fulfillment |
| -The Stranger Among Us | -A Way Forward Presentation |

MWD Commission on a Way Forward Update

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. For more information about the special session of the General Conference please visit: <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>

What Are Those Kids Up To???

On December 1st, Trinity hosted a community event called “Drop and Shop.” We offered to watch folks’ children while they took some time for themselves whether it was a date night, quiet time or getting some Christmas shopping done. The children watched the movie, “Incredibles 2,” and decorated Christmas cookies. This month, our Youth Group decorated their room in Christmas cheer and then we held our Christmas Party on December 9th. On December 16th, children participated in the Christmas Program. From the cutest bah-ing lambs to our teen narrators, a fun time was had by all! In January, our Youth Group will start a Bible Study using Bible Journaling and our Jr. Worship will be studying “Shine Bright, Little Light!” which pairs up with Pastor Andrea’s sermon series, “Jesus: the Light of the World.”

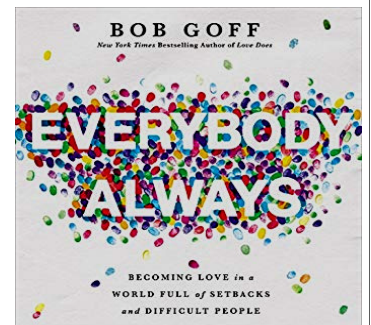


- Beth Van Vorhis,

Director of Christian Education/Outreach

The Young and the Rest of Us Start a New Bible Study

On January 13th, The Young and the Rest of Us Sunday school class will be beginning a five session video-based study by Bob Goff titled 'Everybody Always'. Through the video, Bible exploration, and group discussion, we will be learning how to love everybody, the way Jesus loved them, even if it means loving "the difficult ones". Join us in the library at 9:15 every Sunday for this informal time of learning and growing as followers of Christ.



Esther Circle Update

Esther Circle UMW has a New Plan for the New Year! At least for the Winter months of January, February and March, instead of meeting for breakfast, we will meet in Fellowship Hall for our business meeting at 10:30 am followed by a program. Those attending may opt to follow the meeting with lunch, as a group, at a Bowling Green restaurant. Wednesday, January 9, 2019, is the date of our next meeting. The program will be presented by Suzanne Avery. We look forward to trying this new plan and invite all Trinity women to join us in this special time of fellowship.



January Calendar HERE

Finance Report for November, 2018

I'm pleased to say that November was a much better financial month for Trinity Church. We ended the month in a positive position—not by much--\$225.98—but the numbers were black.

We started the month with a large negative balance of \$3,368.16. And then November's disbursements were also higher than expected at \$28,001.92. However, our receipts were much greater than usual, coming in at a total of \$31,596.06, leaving us with that balance of \$225.98.

Because of our better than expected receipts for the month, I was able to make a \$9,000 payment toward our annual Conference Apportionments. However, going into December we still had a \$13,000 payment due to the West Ohio Conference for those apportionments. We just might get that thing paid off yet.

There's good news when considering apportionments. While our total apportionments (conference and district combined) during 2018 totaled \$40,057, the total levied on our church for 2019 will be \$36,045 or a reduction of \$4,012. It's finally going in the right direction.

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**-PHILIPPIANS
4: 19**

I've worked up the new budget for 2019 and overall the general operating fund has been reduced by \$8,077 for the year. What that means is that to meet the 2019 budget, we need to receive an offering of **\$4,833 per week** in the general fund. Sadly, we did not hit that mark in 2018, but I'm optimistic that we will be able to step it up and realize that figure throughout the new year.

As I write this report next month, I'll be giving you a December report along with a recap of 2018.

And as you include Trinity Church in your daily prayers, please ask for its financial viability. That's what allows the church to provide the various ministries we all desire and deserve.

Happy New Year!

Tim

Thank You

The Curry Family and the Trinity staff would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and gifts this Christmas. Your expressions of love are greatly appreciated!



Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. The decorations add so much to our celebrations!

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet at Big Boy at 9am on Saturday, January 19th.



Please join us for our Youth Group meetings in January—Sundays, January 6 and 13 from 3-5pm at the church. We will be starting Bible Journaling.

December Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

- 1/6—Laura Drumm
- 1/13—*Need Volunteer*
- 1/20—*Need Volunteer*
- 1/27—Betty Jones

Greeters

- 1/6—Jerry Baumgardner and Linda Hower
- 1/13— Alice Brown and June Van Vorhis
- 1/20— Bill and Nicki Kale
- 1/27—Michael and Barbara Markin

Acolytes

- 1/6—Allie and Katie Parish
- 1/13—Mathias Drumm
- 1/20— Abby Oswald
- 1/27—*Need Volunteer*

Coffee Hour

- 1/6—Ruth Ann Kramer
- 1/13—*Need Volunteer*
- 1/20— Bill and Nicki Kale
- 1/27—Jim and Marge George

Ushers

- Jerry Baumgardner
- Mary Rife
- Harold J. Nelson
- Yaa Tawiah Wonkye



- 5 Heather & Greg Shepherd
- 7 Mary & Dave Rife
- 30 Eleanor & Fred Fether
- 30 Joyce & Floyd Chamberlain



- 2 Evie Van Vorhis
- Shirley Miller
- 3 Ellen Pullins
- 5 Colleen Dunn
- 7 Vernon Fields
- 8 Katie Stoots Ems
- 13 Janet Markin
- 21 Becky Essex
- 24 Erick Donley
- 26 Linda Carpenter
- 28 Beverly Miner
- 30 Matt Zulch
- Nicki Kale



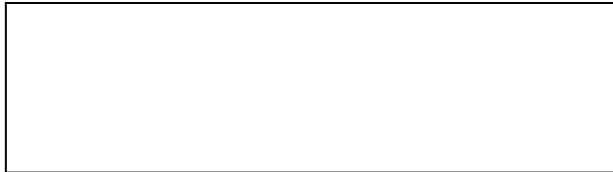
Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Baskets this year. Whether you donated items, time or supported Deck the Halls, you helped provide Christmas joy to 50 families. We couldn't do it without you, so thank you!



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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:00a – Helen Dukes (Fellowship Hall)	2	3 1:00p Sewing Committee 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 3:00p Youth Group	7 6:30p Vision Team Meeting	8 3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner 5:00p Habitat (Library)	9 8:45a Esther Circle 3:00p Bible Study	10 1:00p Sewing Committee 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11	12 1:00p Bowling Party
13 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal 3:00p Youth Group	14 6:00p Fresh Expressions Meeting 7:00p Finance Meeting	15 3:00p Worship at Brookdale 5:00p Habitat (Library)	16 3:00p Bible Study 9:00p UMSO Bible Study	17 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18	19 9:00a Men's Group 7:00p Game Night
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27 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal 11:30a Chili Cook-Off 3:00p 4-H Meeting	28 7:00p SPRC Meeting	29 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center	30 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven	31 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal		