



The Trinity Tell

March 2019

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

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month we begin the Lenten season, a time of grace, renewal and repentance. Lent is a time for us to examine our faith lives and recommit to our journey with God. During Lent we prepare our hearts to receive anew the Good News of the Resurrection! I remember being a little girl and going to church for Ash Wednesday. The Pastor would mark the sign of the cross on my forehead and I would do my best to push my bangs out of his way, all the while hoping that he wouldn't make my cross too big. I didn't want get laughed at by others or picked on for looking silly. Fast forward a few years to the first time I imposed ashes on the forehead of someone else. The sheriff in our town was a member at the church where I served as a youth pastor. That Ash Wednesday our lead pastor asked that I help out in imposing ashes. he said it would be "Good Practice" for me. So I went down to the front of the sanctuary with him, and armed with my bowl of ashes, I prepared to impose ashes on the first person in line, who just happened to be the sheriff.

I knew as I was making the sign of the cross on his forehead with my thumb that something wasn't right. I was making the cross too big, I had started too far to the side of his head. As bits of ash trickled down his nose he started to laugh under his breath. I finished my cross of ashes which spanned his entire forehead. After him I started making the crosses smaller, remembering my dread as a child and not wanting to impose undue laughter on others in the congregation. My friend, the sheriff, took it in good stride. At the end of the service he said, "You must think I have some things to repent for" I laughed and said "Don't we all?!"

Don't we all? Don't we all have some things to repent for this year and every year? That's the thing about Lent, it gives us a fresh start. A chance to recalculate our journey's path if we have been going off course. You know, since that day I have learned to make my ashen crosses smaller, but I will never forget that first time I got to impose ashes on someone else's forehead. It is an honor to serve the body of Christ in that way. To call us back to the path of God, to invite us to recalculate our journey's path, and to reevaluate our faith lives.

I hope as we journey through Lent together that we will find new ways to connect with God in Christ. I hope that together we will grow as a followers of Jesus, and I hope that we will truly celebrate with joy and anticipation the Resurrection on Easter morning!

In the abundance of Christ,

Pastor Andrea

Upcoming Events



Join us Saturday, March 30th for a fun-filled **Game Night/ Euchre Tournament** starting at 7pm. Please bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.

Join us for our Lenten Worship Series based on *The Divine Conspiracy* by Theologian Dallas Willard. Each week we will take a look at the sermon on the mount and see how God is calling us to grow in our faith throughout the season of Lent. If you would like to follow along pick up the book on Amazon or at Barnes and Noble.

**THE DIVINE
CONSPIRACY**
rediscovering our hidden life in God.

Join us Sunday, March 31st after 2nd Service for a **Spaghetti Dinner** sponsored by TUM's Youth Group. We will be having a **Silent Auction for Gift Baskets** as well. The highest bidder will win the basket! Proceeds from this will go to the Youth Fund. We are asking all of our Sunday School classes, small groups and committees to consider donating a basket. (Beth has all sorts of ideas if you need creative help!)



Ecclesiastes

During Lent, with the book of Ecclesiastes as our guide, we will explore why **"Life with God Matters"** in our weekly Bible study. We will begin meeting for this study on Wednesday, March 13th at 3pm in the Loyal Hearts Room.

WHY LIFE WITH GOD MATTERS



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ISAIAH 40: 31

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 2nd at 6pm—Trinity Taco Tuesday
 Sunday, April 7th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Wednesday, April 10th at 10:30am—Esther Circle
 Sunday, April 14th—Palm Sunday
 Sunday, April 14th at 11:30am—Easter Egg Hunt
 Sunday, April 14th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Tuesday, April 16th at 6pm—Trinity Taco Tuesday
 Thursday, April 18th—Maundy Thursday
 Friday, April 19th— Good Friday
 Sunday, April 21st—Easter Sunday
 Sunday, April 21st at 9:15am—Easter Breakfast
 Wednesday, April 24th at 6pm—Dinner Church
 Sunday, May 5th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Saturday, April 27th at 7pm—Game Night
 Tuesday, May 7th at 6pm—Trinity Taco Tuesday
 Wednesday, May 8th at 10:30am—Esther Circle
 Saturday, May 18th—Women's Retreat
 Sunday, May 19th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm—Trinity Taco Tuesday
 Wednesday, May 22nd at 6pm—Dinner Church
 June 12th at 10:30am—Esther Circle
 June 23rd-27th from 6-8pm—Vacation Bible School
 June 30th at 10:30am—Church Service/Summer Picnic

TRINITY
TACO TUESDAYS
 A FRESH EXPRESSION OF
 BIBLE STUDY
 FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY
 EACH MONTH
 6:00PM
 AT GUAJILLO'S
 ON WOOSTER

Fresh Expressions Update

In February we launched Trinity Taco Tuesdays a fresh expression of Bible study. This ministry will enable us to reach out into our community to share the love of God with those who might not know him yet. In our first 2 meetings we had great conversation, delicious food, and many laughs to share. This informal Bible study on the Psalms will be led by Pastor Andrea and Helen Dukes. The group will meet, catch up, eat some tasty food, and learn more about God's word together. If you haven't checked it out, come out this month on the first and third Tuesday's of the month at 6:00pm at Guajillo's Mexican Cocina.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have celebrated our very first Dinner Church gathering! Dinner Church is another way for us to share God's love with our community. This casual gathering welcomes people of all ages and places into faith conversations and communion. We are thanking God in advance for the many volunteers who helped make February's Dinner Church a success. We look forward to sharing the next Dinner Church on March 27 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to check the Tell next month for pictures of Dinner Church and more ways you can join in the Trinity Fresh Expressions Movement





During the Lenten Season we will be collecting canned soup and pasta (any variety of noodle) for the Wood Area Ministries' "Feeding the 5000" food drive. Bring your donations to church each week and place them in the basket in the lobby. All of the food that we collect will be joined with food from other area churches and then distributed to our Wood County food pantries.

Dinner Church

Join us

For a FREE meal and fun for the whole family. We will have activities for kids, good food, fun conversation, and Communion. Dinner Church is a casual gathering, a safe place for people of all ages to encounter God.

Wednesday March 27, 2019
at 6:00pm
at Trinity Church

200 N. Summit Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

THE BOWLING GREEN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS THE
2019 LENTEN LUNCH SERIES

**TOOLS FOR
THE JOURNEY**

Enjoy a free lunch as you learn about growing in faith

WEDNESDAYS 12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.

MARCH 13 PRACTICING PRAYER & FASTING
1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 20 GROWING IN BIBLE STUDY
1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 27 LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP
CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS

APRIL 3 OFFERING OUR WORSHIP
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 10 USING OUR GIFTS
1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Open to everyone.....Offering will be taken

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society – what later became the United Methodist Women. Those women (through their egg money, bazaars, suppers and pennies) raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation.

Since then, for 150 years, United Methodist Women has evolved to become the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization, underwriting programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children and youth. Hooray! for the UM Women who carry this legacy into the future.

Esther Circle March Meeting

Esther Circle will celebrate the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women on Wednesday morning, March 13th at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. Each woman is asked to bring a paragraph about a United Methodist Woman they have known over the years at Trinity. These will be arranged and kept in the historical minutes of the organization. The Bible Study, "Anointing Women", will be led by Helen Lorenzen. Optional lunch together at a local restaurant will follow the meeting.

The Friendly Center

Tom Luettker will speak on the Re-Entry Program at the March 12 Friendly Center Service Guild lunch meeting. Cost of the lunch is \$3 and begins at noon at the Center (1324 North Superior St., Toledo) Call Helen Dukes if you need a ride (419-601-1606)

The Esther Circle will be collecting supplies for the Friendly Center Emergency Food Pantry. February through March 10 will be Mac N Cheese, Canned Meat, Toilet Paper and Toothbrushes. March 13th through April 7 will be Peanut Butter, Jell-O, Deodorant and Toothpaste. Friendly Center serves the poorest neighborhood in northwestern Ohio. There is a box at the information station for your donations.

Are You Looking for a Place that Takes Empty Medicine Bottles?

Look no more. The District United Methodist Men are collecting them at Friendly Center. There is a container for the bottles at the information station and the United Methodist Women will deliver them to Friendly Center. Thanks.

Finance Report for January, 2019

Last month I reported to you that Trinity Church closed out 2018 with a positive balance of over \$9,000. It was great to have that buffer coming into the new year, but I also cautioned that we would need every penny of it because of the heavy bills that always appear in January. And they did!

January brought us higher than normal utility bills, greater than expected maintenance costs and the quarterly insurance payment on the church property that is just under \$2,000 itself. Although we pay the withholding taxes on our employees each month for Federal tax and Social Security, we also have to make a quarterly payment in January for the taxes withheld for State, City and school taxes.

To make our financial situation even more difficult, we had to cancel worship services one Sunday because of the weather. The following Sunday the weather had improved somewhat but our attendance was very low. Resultingly, our receipts were not good for the month.

The bottom line is that we received \$11,145.32 during January, had to spend \$20,671.44 and considering the \$9,428.01 we carried forward from December, we ended January \$98.11 in the hole. That's not exactly the way I'd like to start the new year. I'm hoping that we can make up for lost ground in February.

Please do your best to help our church with its ongoing financial challenges.

Tim

What Are Those Kids Up To???

In February, our young artists participated in Trinity's Youth Art Show with works of art depicting "The Love of God." In Jr. Worship all month we studied the love of God and what that means. On February 24th, Trinity Church had an Ice Skating Party. I believe all ages enjoyed themselves...just have to wonder if anyone was sore the next day.



Youth Group

Please join us for our Youth Group meetings — Sundays, March 17th & 31st from 3-5pm at the church.



Trinity has a new look!

Check out our new website www.bgtrinity.org for our latest news. Also be sure to "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook at **Trinity United Methodist Church**. Stay connected!

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS; DO NOT BE FRIGHTENED OR DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."

JOSHUA 1:9

March Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

3/3—Alexandria Parish
3/10—Ellen Pullins
3/17—Gaynelle Predmore
3/24—Bev Robie
3/31—Betty Jones

Greeters

3/3—*Need Volunteer*
3/10—Alice Brown and June Van Vorhis
3/17—Marilyn White and Kay Bell

3/24—Leona Hawker

3/31—*Need Volunteer*

Acolytes

3/3—Evie Van Vorhis
3/10—Allie and Katie Parish
3/17—Abby Oswald
3/24—*Need Volunteer*
3/31—Mathias Drumm

Coffee Hour

3/3—Tim & Anmarie Aldape
3/10—The Parish Family
3/17—Beverly Magrum and Carolyn Waltz
3/24—Bill and Nicki Kale
3/31—*Need Volunteer*

Ushers

Baffour Koduah
Jason McCune
Beverly Miner
Harold J. Nelson
Isaac Ocloo
Sandy Stoots
Denise Zephier

Happy Anniversary

7 Laura and Jean-Phillipe Laratique
10 Wanda and Jim Augsberger

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

4 Becky Eninger
5 Alice Brown
6 Janet Bowsher
8 Gary Manning
9 Carol Wickard
10 Carol Riker, Ryan Decker
14 Seth Pullins, Joanne Fields
16 Sheryl Sabo
18 Donna Snyder, Beth Van Vorhis
19 Christina Oswald, Doug Dunipace, Betty Parrish
20 Pat Brenneman, Rick Hall, Joe Sabo
21 Fleming Fallon
23 Judy VandenBroek
24 Eleanor Fether
26 Joyce Stearns, Christie Moser
27 Billie Milnor

Ash Wednesday, March 6th

"Turn away from sin and believe the Good News" this is the invitation of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is a time in the life of the church when we are invited to consider our commitment to Christ. It is a time when we are offered an opportunity at a fresh start with God. This year we will be trying something new for Ash Wednesday. Pastor Andrea will offer "Drive Thru Ashes" from 8:00am-1:00pm. As you "Drive thru" the parking lot near the door with the maroon awning, Pastor Andrea will come and pray with you, give you a Lenten devotional to use throughout the season of Lent and impose ashes on your forehead or hand.

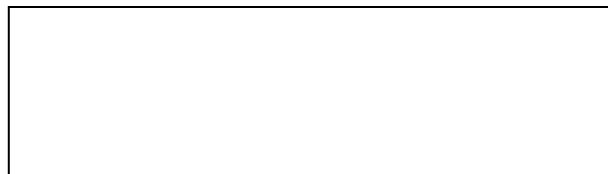
Then at 7:00pm we will have a traditional worship service in the sanctuary that will offer music, prayer, communion and the imposition of ashes.

Each of these opportunities are meant to make Ash Wednesday accessible for all people. As we live into what it means to be a church that reaches out to our community, we will find that we can make the good news of Jesus Christ available in new and exciting ways!



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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:00p CRU 10:30p UMSO Midnight Pancakes	2
3 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal	4 7:30p Dartball	5 3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner 5:00p Habitat Meeting 6:00p Trinity Taco Tuesday	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:00a Drive-Thru Service 7:00p Traditional Service	7 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal 3:00p Youth Group	11 7:00p Finance Meeting 7:30p Dartball	12 3:00p Worship at Brookdale 5:00p Habitat Meeting 6:00p Habitat Meeting 6:30p 4-H Meeting	13 8:45a Esther Circle 3:00p Bible Study	14 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 ST PATRICK'S DAY 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal 3:00p Youth Group	18 6:30p Committee Meetings 8:00p Ad Council Meeting	19 3:00p Worship at BG Manor 6:00p Habitat Meeting	20 3:00p Bible Study	21 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal	25	26 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center 6:00p Habitat Meeting	27 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven 6:00p Dinner Church	28 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 5:00p CRU	30 7:00p Game Night
31 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle						

