



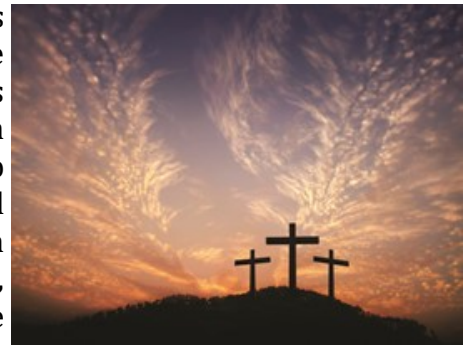
The Trinity Tell

April 2019

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

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we finish up our Lenten journey we come to the cross of Jesus, the empty tomb, and the upper room. You know, I think all three of these locations in the life of Jesus give us insight into the love of God. As we arrive at the cross of Jesus we see God's loving sacrifice poured out for each of us. A love so great that even his own son wasn't too much to give. And yet, there's more... as we come to the empty tomb we see the glory of God made known to the world through the resurrection of Jesus. It is God's spirit that brings God's great love for the world into full view. Death wasn't too much for our God, sin didn't hold him back, a tomb couldn't keep him in. That's the vast and overwhelming love of God that consumes us each Easter as we celebrate the resurrection. Then as we turn to the upper room and see the disciples riddled with fear, frustration, and doubt. We also see Jesus come to be among them. He offers them peace, forgiveness, and of course, love. He breathes the spirit of God upon them and invites them into service as he gives them the great commission.



These three vignettes into the life of Christ give us a greater understanding of the Trinity and the love that flows between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And friends, it's that love that empowers our actions in this life. As we care for others, as we share the good news of the Resurrection - we become conduits of God's love for the world. That's what the Easter season is all about. The 50 days after Easter when we celebrate the Resurrection (The Great 50 days) give us time to rejoice and experience what it truly means to say "Christ is risen!" As "Easter people," we celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ. Easter isn't just a one day celebration. It's a way of life. Living our lives as Easter People takes intentionality and discipline. After all, we know it's easy to rejoice for one day and then settle into a routine of faith practice. But truly living out the Resurrection each moment of each day takes a deeply rooted faith in Jesus Christ. As we move through the great 50 days of Eastertide, I invite you to notice the evidence of the Resurrection in your midst. From the new blooms of spring flowers, to the refreshment that each rain drop brings, new life is springing up all around us. How then shall we, the people of God, respond? Isaiah 43:19 calls to us ***"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."***

In what areas of your life is God doing a new thing? Perhaps it is in your family as you welcome new members, and celebrate new additions. Maybe it is in your lifestyle as you embrace a new stage of life, or maybe it is in our community as new faces move in across the street. Wherever God is moving in your midst, I know he is calling you to come and meet him there! Our Lord delights in the moments when we perceive his movements and join in his mighty acts of salvation in this life. As we invite others into the grace of God by extending Christ's love, mercy, and forgiveness to others, we are rejuvenated and redeemed. So my sisters and brothers, consider this your invitation to look for the new thing God is doing and then go and join him in that thing. Our lives must proclaim the old Easter hymn, "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives, within my heart!"

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Andrea

Upcoming Events



Join us Saturday, April 27th for a fun-filled **Game Night** starting at 7pm. Please bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.



The District United Methodist Men's group is again selling **Easter Flowers**. This year the cost for the Lilies, Hyacinths, and Tulips is \$ 9 each. We will display them on the altar for Easter Service and then you can take them home. Order Forms are on the Information Station and are due on Sunday, April 7th.

Its time again for our **Spring Clean-Up** at Trinity. We will be rolling up our sleeves and doing some cleaning projects here on Saturday, April 6th from 9am-Noon. We hope you can join us.



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.

We are having our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Palm Sunday, April 14th. You can help with the fun by filling a bag of empty plastic Easter eggs. We have bags of empty eggs in the Sanctuary. Please fill the Easter eggs with wrapped candy (no peanuts) and/or trinkets and return the filled Easter eggs by Sunday, April 7th.



Esther Circle

Esther Circle will meet at a new time of 10 am for its' monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 10th in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter cards will be addressed for Trinity shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Joanne Fields will present the program.

Members are reminded to bring a paragraph about an United Methodist Woman they have known over the years at Trinity. Optional lunch together at a local restaurant will follow the meeting. We hope all members can attend this Easter season meeting, and, as always, all Trinity ladies are welcome to come enjoy this time of fellowship.



Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 4th from 10am-3pm—Women's Retreat
 Sunday, May 5th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Tuesday, May 7th at 6pm—Trinity Taco Tuesday
 Wednesday, May 8th at 10:00am—Esther Circle
 Friday, May 10th from 4pm-6pm—Martha's Kitchen
 Sunday, May 19th from 3-5pm—Youth Group
 Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm—Trinity Taco Tuesday
 Wednesday, May 22nd at 6pm—Dinner Church
 Thursday, May 28th—Blood Drive at Trinity Church
 June 12th at 10:00am—Esther Circle
 June 9th-13th from 6-8pm—Vacation Bible School
 June 23rd at 10:30am—Church Service/Summer Picnic

Women's Retreat Registration Now Open!

Join us on Saturday, May 4th for a women's retreat at the church from 10:00am -3:00pm. In the morning we will hear from a faith filled speaker who will remind us of how God has created each of us uniquely for a purpose only we can accomplish. Then in the afternoon we will be joined by the gals from Art-a-Site for a painting project that will engage creativity from artists to amateurs! No prior painting experience is necessary. You will be able to take home your very own masterpiece the day of the retreat. Space will be limited to 30 participants, so sign up early. The cost for this event will be \$30 and will include lunch and the cost of materials for the art project. *(If the cost is a deterrent for you please see Pastor Andrea as scholarships are available.)*



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Fresh Expressions Update

In February we launched our Dinner Church Fresh Expression. It joins Trinity Taco Tuesdays, UMSO, and Trinity Connections as one of the many ways that Trinity UMC is working to bring church to the people of Bowling Green. Dinner Church was a casual gathering with delicious food, laid back music and conversation about faith matters. People who came commented that they really enjoyed the evening. One person even remarked that it was a “balm for their weary soul in the middle of a difficult week.” At each of these ministries we are connecting with people who have no other connection to our church. They are coming and meeting Jesus in places where they are comfortable and we are offering space for them to move at their own pace in learning more about God and community in faith. This Fresh Expressions journey has been an exciting ride thus far and we are looking forward to see what God will do in these ministries, who we will meet, and what opportunities God will provide for us to spread the Word of the Lord and share the love of Jesus!

If you are interested in joining the Fresh Expressions team, or if you have idea for a way to connect the church to our community please see Pastor Andrea or a member of the Fresh Expressions team today!

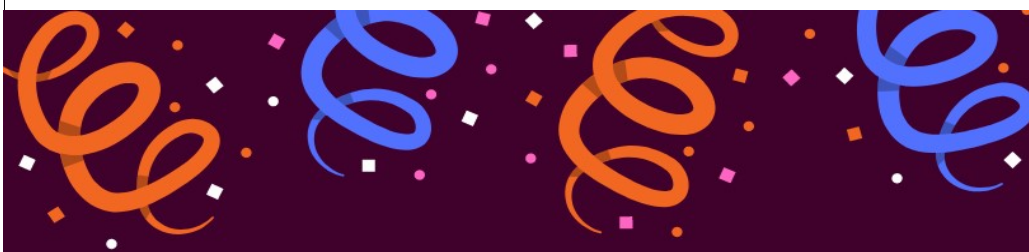




TRINITY

TACO TUESDAYS

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



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 April 24, 2019
at 6:00pm
at Trinity Church

200 N. Summit Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Thank You

+Dear Trinity Friends, thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and rides during my trials with my eyes and heart these last few months. I praise God for my friends and my ongoing healing as I go through one more eye surgery and cardio "rehab." I love you all!
- Suzanne Avery

+Trinity's Youth Group wishes to thank all those who donated to our Gift Basket Silent Auction. The money raised will help fund our mission trip.

Thank You



for your Kindness

Finance Report for February, 2019

Not much to report this month—although—the news is much better. We ended the month of February with a positive balance of \$3199.44.

You will remember that we ended January \$98.11 in the red. Then our receipts in February totaled \$19,186.22. Fortunately, our expenses during the same time period were considerably less, only \$15,888.67 leaving us in the black by the amount above. If we have another good month, I'll be able to start paying on our Conference Apportionments payable to the West Ohio Conference. This year those apportionments total \$29,431—no small piece of change. With your help and commitment we'll make it again this year.

Thank you for all you do.

Tim

College Gift Baskets

We will be preparing gift baskets for the college students again this year. If you would like to help us by donating food or items of encouragement for them to enjoy as they go through their exams, please bring them to the church by April 28th. We will need 17 of each item. If you would like to help create the baskets, please talk to Beth to volunteer.



Graduations

Please let us know if you or a member of your family is graduating high school or college this year. We like to recognize our graduates each year to celebrate.



Higher Education Grants

Trinity is pleased to announce the availability of grants to all church members pursuing higher education. The purpose of this grant is to help members of Trinity UMC who need funding to be able to pursue non-seminary related, accredited higher education including undergraduate, part time or full time, campus or off campus.

These funds are earmarked so that they do not affect the general budget of the church. The amount of award is based on the number of applicants and the funds available. Individuals can complete an application form and submit it to the church office by June 1st for approval. Applications are available on the Information Station table in the sanctuary.

Youth Group

Please join us for our Youth Group meetings — Sundays, April 7th and 14th from 3-5pm at the church.



Relay for Life

Relay for Life will be Saturday, May 18th, at the Wood County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Bev and Ken Robie, Joanie and Gary Manning, or Gretchen and Dave Avery or you can sign up for our team at relayforlife.org/woodco. All are welcome. Thanks again for all your support.



**April
Worship Volunteers**

Liturgists

- 4/7—***Need Volunteer***
- 4/14—Becky Fallon
- 4/21—Betty Jones
- 4/28—Jackie Burns

Greeters

- 4/7—June Van Vorhis and Alice Brown
- 4/14—***Need Volunteer***
- 4/21—***Need Volunteer***
- 4/28—Joanne Fields

Acolytes

- 4/7—Abby Oswald
- 4/14—Allie and Katie Parish
- 4/21—Abby Oswald
- 4/28—Evie Van Vorhis

Coffee Hour

- 4/7—Linda Hower and Jerry Baumgardner
- 4/14—***Need Volunteer***
- 4/21—Terry Rishel
- 4/28—***Need Volunteer***

Ushers

- Jim Augsberger
- Wanda Augsberger
- Gary Manning
- Joan Manning
- Andrew Janes
- Heather Janes



- 5 Amanda & Tim Parish
- 13 Kathy & Scott Murray
- 21 Allison & Patrick Bittner



- 1 Jack Miller
- 2 Jane Wyndham
- 6 Sue Maurer, Doug Walter
- 7 Greg Shepherd
- 8 Lloyd Fite
- 12 Sue Potter
- 13 Joy Domke, Dean Smith, Alex Augsberger
- 14 George Riker, Glenne Zephier
- 16 Ellen Smith Blair Eberly
- 17 Amanda Parish, Beverly Robie
- 18 Frank Smith
- 20 Carol Jones
- 22 Beverly Magrum, Alexandra Parish
- 23 Kathy Benschoter
- 26 Brad Gibson
- 27 Brian Stoots
- 29 Don Snyder
- 30 Sara Zulch-Smith

Holy Week Schedule

APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP 8:30AM AND 10:30AM, CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP

APRIL 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM UNITED METHODIST COMBINED SERVICE WITH SPECIAL DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE LAST SUPPER AND A COMBINED CHOIR WITH VOCALISTS FROM FIRST UMC, PORTAGE CHRIST UMC, AND TRINITY UMC. TO BE HELD AT TRINITY UMC

APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY

(TIME TBA) BGMA WORSHIP SERVICE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BOWLING GREEN

APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30AM SUNRISE SERVICE (IN THE COURTYARD, WEATHER PERMITTING)

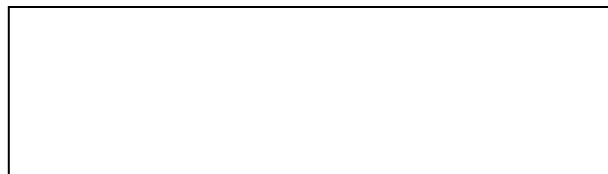
9:00AM EASTER BREAKFAST

10:30AM EASTER WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY



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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner 5:00p Habitat Meeting 6:00p Trinity Taco Tuesday	3 12:00p Lenten Lunch at Trinity 3:00p Bible Study	4 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5	6 9:00a Spring Clean-Up
7 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a Younger Families Meeting 11:30a COG Rehearsal	8 7:00p Finance Meeting	9 3:00p Worship at Brookdale 5:30p Habitat Meeting	10 10:00a Esther Circle 3:00p Bible Study	11 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 4:00p Swing Dancing	13
14 PALM SUNDAY 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a Egg Hunt 3:00p Youth Group	15 6:30p Committee Meetings 8:00p Ad Council Meeting	16 3:00p Worship at BG Manor 5:00p Habitat Meeting 6:00p Trinity Taco Tuesday	17	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	19 GOOD FRIDAY TBA Good Friday Service	20
21 EASTER 8:30a Service 9:15a Easter Breakfast 10:30a Trad Worship	22	23 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center	24 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven 6:00p Dinner Church	25 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 5:30p Wedding Rehearsal	27 3:30p Van Vorhis/ Instone Wedding
28 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal	29	30				

