



Spreading the Word and living the love of Jesus

## *The Trinity Tell* *May 2019*

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

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ,

I am excited to share the news of our congregational vision statement recently rolled out on Easter by the Trinity Vision Team. At Trinity, God has called us to be a church that is ***“Spreading the Word and living the love of Jesus.”***

Beginning on May 5th, we will journey together into what living into this vision will look like for our church. For the month of May I will introduce the implementation plan that the vision team has worked hard to pray through and discern. We are excited to share the ways that God has been speaking to our hearts about how our church can connect more deeply with our Bowling Green Community to share the Word of God and the Love of Jesus Christ as we are empowered by the Spirit.



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Some of the aspects of the implementation plan include a partnership with Kenwood Elementary School, continued investment in the Fresh Expressions movement, continued outreach, and mission ministries. Together we will grow in our discipleship as we seek to share God’s grace and love with new generations through college ministries, youth ministries, and children’s ministries. Our church will continue its intentional focus on intergenerational ministry and relationship as we develop intergenerational friendships and partnerships in the community and in the congregation through prayer ministries and service opportunities. I hope you’ll join us each Sunday in May to hear more about the Vision Implementation Plan. Stay tuned to the June newsletter when the plan will be shared in greater detail. If you have questions about the congregational vision, vision team, or the implementation plan, please contact Pastor Andrea or any of the vision team members (Sandy Stoots, Tim Smith, Ellen Pullins, Ruth Ann Kramer, Nicki Kale, Bob Miner, Joan Manning, and Beth Van Vorhis). Friends, this is an exciting chapter in the life of Trinity United Methodist Church. God is at work in our midst, I look forward to see what God has in store for our future as we journey together in faith and fellowship!

In the abundance of Christ,  
***Pastor Andrea***

## Upcoming Events

### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Will be May 9 & 10, 2019



HOURS -- 10 am - 5 pm

**Thursday & Friday**

(NOTE days changed from original announcement.)

All proceeds go to TUM Missions Projects.

### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

May 16, 17, & 18

HOURS:

Thursday & Friday:

9 am - 5 pm

Saturday:

9 am – 12 noon



(All proceeds go to TUM Missions Projects.)

*If you have items to donate for the Spring Rummage Sale, please bring them to the Church Fellowship Hall **now through 12**. Please be sure items donated are clean & in usable condition. We ask you **not to donate**: large console TV's, large appliances, mattresses, baby cribs, air conditioner units or old computers.*



Trinity Taco Tuesday will meet at 6pm at Guajillo's on May 7th.

## Esther Circle

We are praying for good health for all our members and that all will be able to attend our Wednesday morning, May 8 meeting at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. After the meeting, and a program, fellowship will be continued with lunch in Bowling Green by those who wish to join in. New members are always welcome. Give us a try! We'll be happy to see you! Esther Circle UMW



## Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events

June 1st—Wood County Fair Gate Sign-Ups Begin  
 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  
 July 29-August 4—Wood County Fair

### Relay News...

The Trinity Relay For Life Team is continuing to raise funds for the American Cancer Society with the following fundraisers:

**Luminaria** – The TUMC team is selling luminaria to honor those who have won or lost their battle with cancer. The cost per luminaria is \$10. The luminaria will be set up at the Wood County Fairground the night of Relay. They will be lit, and the name of the person honored will be read during the Luminaria Ceremony at 9:30 p.m. Our team receives full fundraising credit if our team name is noted on the order form. Forms are available at the Information Station.

**Website:** Donations can be made to our team at [www.main.acsevents.org/goto/bgtrinity](http://www.main.acsevents.org/goto/bgtrinity). Select the Donate button to donate to our team or Dedicate a Luminaria to purchase a luminaria.

**Pie:** Our team will be selling pie by the slice at campsite #3.

**The Opening Ceremony is at 11:00am on Saturday, May 18th and the event runs until 11:00pm.** Highlights include a Survivor/Caregiver Reception at 1:00pm, a Live Auction at 2:00pm (Led by Jerry Anderson), the Kids Power Hours, Silent Auction, and a Raffle until 6:00pm.

In addition to the Relay, there will be a Car Show to benefit the Relay. If you would like to enter a car, registration forms for the show are at the Information Station.

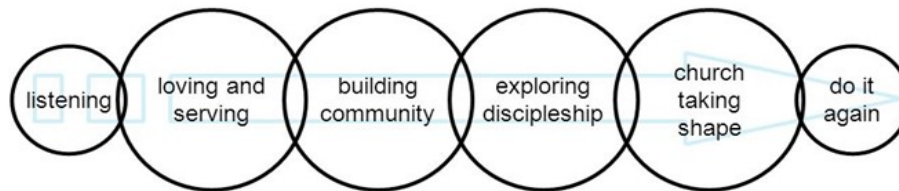
As this is a family event, the Kids Power Hours are from 2pm to 5pm. For a \$5 donation to Relay, your child/grandchild will receive a wristband that allows them to participate in all children's activities including carnival games, an Easter Egg Hunt, Bounce Houses, Balloon Animals, Kids Fingerprinting & more.



## Fresh Expressions Update



### A process of discernment



underpinned by prayer, ongoing listening and relationship with the wider church

Friends I want to share that our Fresh Expressions team set a goal this year to launch two new fresh expressions in 2019. So far in the first quarter of 2019 we launched Taco Tuesday and dinner church. These join the fresh expressions already present in the DNA of our church (Trinity Connections Nursing Home Ministry and UMSO on Campus). These two new expressions of worship and community have enabled us

as a church to connect with new people who don't regularly attend worship on Sunday mornings. They have also enabled us to connect with people who don't regularly participate in Sunday School or Bible Study what are often called 'disciple making activities' in the church world.

As your pastor, I am excited about the movement of Fresh Expressions at Trinity and the ways that these ministries are enabling us to connect with new people and engage existing members in new ways. I want to encourage our congregation to step out in faith to ask God how He might be calling you start a Fresh Expression of your own. All it takes is an idea for sharing the Word of God with your friends and neighbors.

Over the summer we would like to experiment with new fresh expressions that occur outside and are based around fellowship and activity - *think walking groups, cycling groups, and running groups*. If that sounds like something God has been calling you get involved in give me a call to talk about how you can be a part of the **fresh move** of God at Trinity UMC.

Each Fresh Expression that we launch moves through the stages that I've shared in the diagram above. No Fresh Expression begins as a fully functioning community. After all it takes time to build relationships and trust. So I want to continue to encourage us to keep praying our 2:00pm Fresh Expressions prayer and to keep praying for the leaders of the Fresh Expressions team as well as the church leadership as a whole. It is an exciting time at Trinity. I am in awe to see the movement of God in our midst every Sunday. I look forward to see where God is leading us as we move forward together in faith!

Moving in grace,  
Pastor Andrea



**TRINITY UMC**

**DINNER CHURCH**

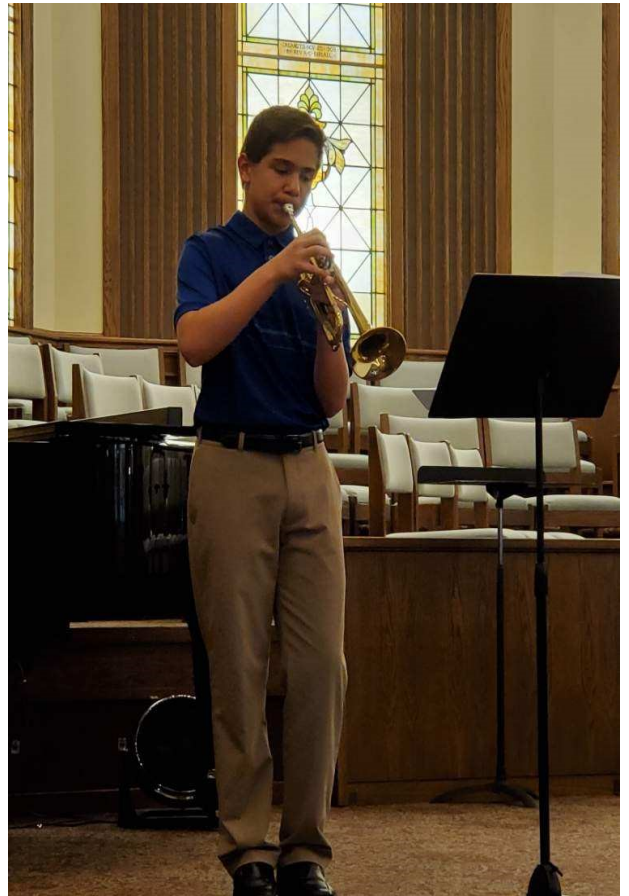
**MAY 22, 2019**

**6:00PM**

**A FREE BBQ MEAL  
WITH CASUAL  
CONVERSATION AND  
COMMUNION**

**GAMES AND FUN FOR  
THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**200 N Summit St. BG,  
Ohio 43402**





Sunday, April 14th was Palm Sunday. The children had a Palm Parade while Mathias Drumm played "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Our Children of God Choir performed and the kids shared their artwork from Sunday School and Junior Worship showing Jesus coming into Jerusalem on a donkey as people celebrated his arrival. After church, the children had an Easter Egg Hunt in the Sanctuary (thanks to the rain).





Children's Moment of Ministry is always a fun and interesting time of Sunday's service.





May calendar here

## Finance Report for March, 2019

God bless months with five (5) Sundays in them. Such a month was March. The fifth Sunday always helps to swing our finances in a positive direction. Although our expenses did exceed revenues during March, we entered the month with a positive balance and it remained that way throughout the month.

Revenues totaled \$20,012.79 and while our expenses were \$20,993.56 or a difference of \$980.77. However, those expenses included a payment of just over \$3,000 for conference apportionments. Additionally, our natural gas bill (the "budget" plan) rose from \$730 to \$1,150 each month. OUCH! That's a 37% increase and I'm told it will most likely stay at that level until August or September when a new "budget" figure is estimated.

All that said, the bottom line for March was still in the black by \$2,218.67.

I am concerned about April, however. Our next insurance payment of nearly \$2,000 will be due and I have to pay the State of Ohio for the income and school taxes that have been withheld from our employees. And I never know what "surprises" are hiding around the corner.

Thank you for keeping the needs of our church in your thoughts and prayers. It all helps.

*Tim*

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> for approval. Applications are available on the Information Station table in the sanctuary.

### Graduations

Plan to join us at Trinity on Sunday morning, May 12th as we celebrate our college and high school graduates.

Please join us on

Saturday,

June 1 from 1-4 to celebrate Mitchell's high school graduation. We will be having an open house at 625 Rosewood home of grandparents Harold and Mary Ellen Nelson.

-Laura, Andy & Mitchell

Drumm



**Martha's Kitchen**

We will be hosting Martha's Kitchen dinner on Friday, May 10th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Station if you would like to volunteer your time to serve our guests. Dinner is served between 4:30-6:00pm.



**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our Easter Egg Hunt and/or brought food in for our Easter Breakfast. We served 75 people Easter morning!

The Youth Group wishes to thank everyone who donated to our basket raffle and spaghetti dinner. We raised over \$1000 for our Youth Fund!

We also wish to thank everyone who donated to our college students' gift baskets. We provided snacks and Bible verses of encouragement during exam week.

**April  
Worship Volunteers**

**Liturgists**

- 5/5—Bev Robie
- 5/12—Tom Ehmke
- 5/19—Gaynelle Predmore
- 5/26—**Need Volunteer**

**Greeters**

- 5/5—June Van Vorhis and Alice Brown
- 5/12—**Need Volunteer**
- 5/19—Marilyn White and Kay Bell
- 5/26—Michael and Barbara Markin

**Acolytes**

- 5/5—Mathias Drumm
- 5/12—Aliyah and Marah Flores
- 5/19—Allie and Katie Parish
- 5/26—Abby Oswald

**Coffee Hour**

- 5/5—Janes Family
- 5/12—Sue Butler
- 5/19—Jeff & Jerri Tipton
- 5/26—Sue Butler

**Ushers**

- Jim George
- Mathias Drumm
- Andy Drumm
- Tom Ehmke
- Becky Essex
- Dennis Donley



- 5 Steve Shaner
- 6 John Beardsley  
Stacey Poppe
- 7 Justus Smith
- 8 Will Curry
- 9 Emma Avery  
Abby Oswald
- 10 Ruth Ann Kramer
- 12 Ken Robie
- 13 Allie Smith  
Nick Bauman  
Suzanne Avery
- 17 Judy Hoffer  
Autumn Meyer
- 18 Wanda Augsburg
- 26 Braydon Shepherd
- 29 John Riker

**Nursery Helpers**

- 5/5—Sandy Stoots
- 5/12—Heather Janes
- 5/19—Amanda Parish
- 5/26—Beverly Miner



**Vacation Bible School...Are you ready to ROAR!!!!**

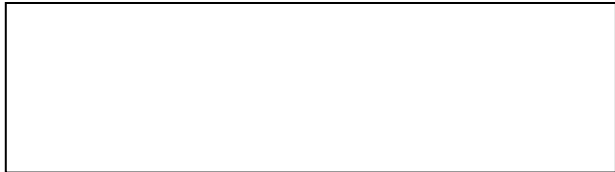
**Mark your calendars for  
Vacation Bible School  
June 9-13  
6-8pm**

Registration is now open at [bgtrinity.org](http://bgtrinity.org) or you can pick up a Registration Form from the Information Station. Also, we will be looking for volunteers to help with crafts, snacks, activities and teaching our children of VBS. See Beth if you want to help.



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# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 12:00p Habitat Meeting	<b>4</b> 10:00a Women's Retreat 12:00p Habitat Meeting 4:30p Habitat Meeting
<b>5</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal 3:00p Youth Group	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 3:00p Worship at Heritage Corner 5:00p Habitat Meeting 6:00p Trinity Taco Tuesday	<b>8</b> 10:00a Esther Circle	<b>9</b> ----- <b>FLOWER SALE</b> ----- 1:00p Sewing Committee 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>SALE</b> 12:00p Habitat Meeting 4:30pm Martha's Kitchen	<b>11</b> 4:30p Habitat Meeting
<b>12</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship 11:30a COG Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 6:00P Recital Rehearsal 7:00p Finance Meeting	<b>14</b> 3:00p Worship at Brookdale 5:00p Habitat Meeting 6:00p Recital	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> ----- <b>RUM</b> ----- 1:00p Sewing Committee 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	<b>17</b> <b>MAGE SALE</b> 12:00p Habitat Meeting	<b>18</b> ----- <b>RELAY FOR LIFE</b> 4:30p Habitat Meeting
<b>19</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship	<b>20</b> 6:30p Committee Meetings 8:00p Ad Council Meeting	<b>21</b> 3:00p Worship at BG Manor 6:00p Habitat Meeting	<b>22</b> 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven 6:00p Dinner Church	<b>23</b> <b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE</b> 1:00p Sewing Committee 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 12:00p Habitat Meeting	<b>25</b> 4:30p Habitat Meeting
<b>26</b> 8:30a Service 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Trad Worship	<b>27</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>28</b> 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center 5:30p Habitat Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:00p Sewing Committee	<b>31</b> 12:00p Habitat Meeting	