

Worship with us in July

8:30am Communion Service and 10:00am Traditional Worship

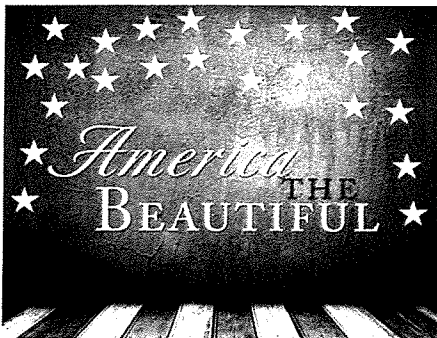
Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter the month of July, we begin with the bang of fireworks and celebration as we remember the birthday of our nation. I am reminded of one of my favorite patriotic songs, America the Beautiful. Did you know that this song was based on the poem by poet, and writer, Katharine Lee Bates. Bates took a trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1893 and when she reached the top of Pike's Peak she was inspired to write of the beauty of God's creation. The first verse of the poem reads:

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountains majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

We probably all know that verse quite well. But did you know that the original poem also includes this verse:

O beautiful for glory-tale Of liberating strife, When once or twice, for man's avail, Men lavished precious life! America! America! God shed His grace on thee Till selfish gain no longer stain, The banner of the free! This verse from Bates' original pen, tells of the intent of our founding fathers who sought to make a great nation rooted in freedom. The poem highlights the beauty of the country and the freedom that our constitution is based in.



Of course any time that we talk about freedom, as a pastor, I can't help but remember that we are truly never free until we find our freedom in Christ. And so this month as we celebrate the great freedoms we enjoy here in the United States of America, I call us to be mindful of our siblings in Christ around the world who do not enjoy the same freedom of religion and assembly. For me this is personal because I have visited parts of the world where Christianity is illegal. I have met pastors who have been jailed for distributing Bibles and preaching the gospel.

These men and women who have the same job that I have, have spent time in a prison cell for doing what I do every day. It's a strange reality to think that one's job is illegal in another part of the world. So friends, as we celebrate this year, the wonderful blessings that we enjoy in this country, let us also remember those around the world who risk their lives to follow Jesus. As we live in gratitude for the joys we experience in this life that we've been gifted, then we will also be able to pour out that gratitude into the world around us. Sharing the freedom we've found in the forgiveness of Christ.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Andrea



Laity Discernment Retreat

Do you feel God's call on your life but are uncertain how to discern that call or what to do next?

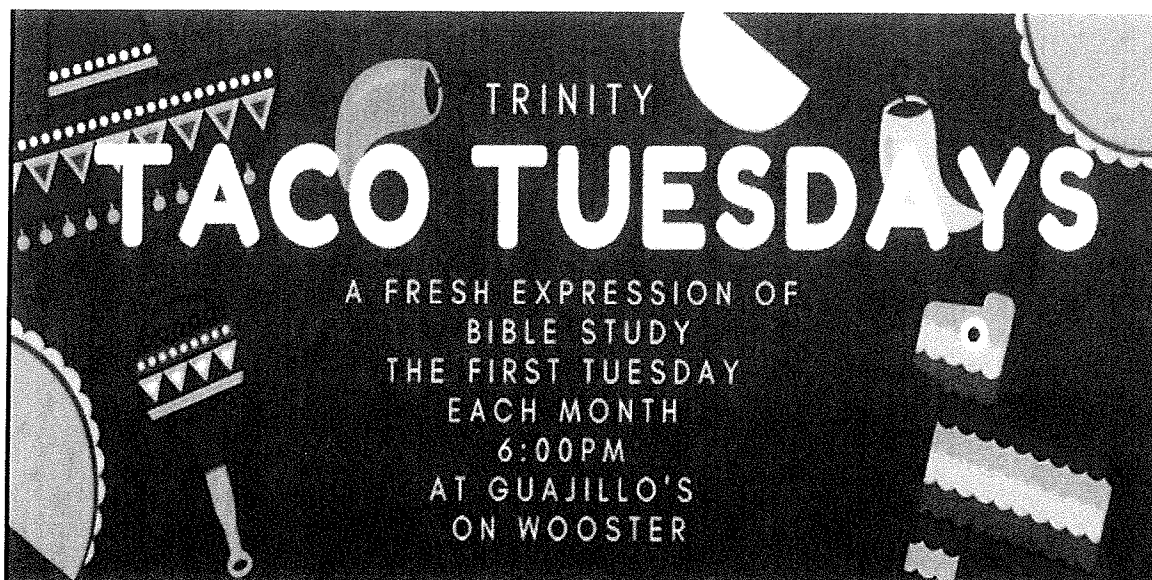
If so, then this is the Retreat for you! At the Laity Discernment Retreats, we will talk about call, discernment and what it means to be "called by our baptism". We will learn ways to intentionally enter into a time of prayer about discernment and we will discover Spiritual Rhythms that can help guide our journey. We will also discuss the variety of ways Laity can serve both in our churches and in our communities.

Each retreat kicks off with an 8 hour Saturday session followed by a 3-hour session approximately six weeks later. In between the two sessions, there will opportunities to read, reflect, and practice Spiritual Rhythms that will lead you to a better understanding of your own call.



Note: You are welcome to attend any session in any location and you do not need to attend both sessions in the same region. However, you need to attend the all-day Saturday retreat prior to attending the 3-hour follow up session.

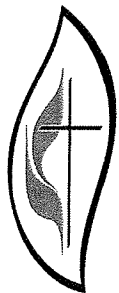
The Northwest Plains & Maumee Watershed Session will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 and Thursday March 12, 2020 at Bowling Green First UMC. For more information contact Kris Shoaf at kshoaf@wocumc.org.



**Join us for
Trinity
Taco
Tuesday at
6pm at
Guajillo's on
July 2nd and
August 6th.**

Esther Circle

Esther Circle will have its, Wednesday, July 10 meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. The program will be given by Pastor Andrea. Lunch at a Bowling Green restaurant will follow the meeting for those wishing to continue the UMW fellowship--**it's a good thing.**

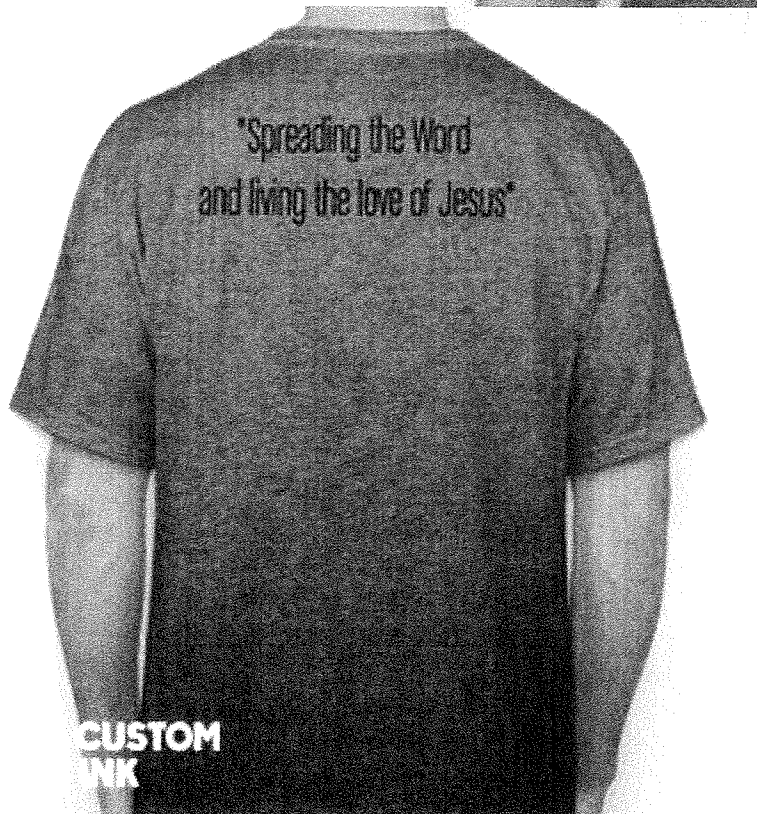
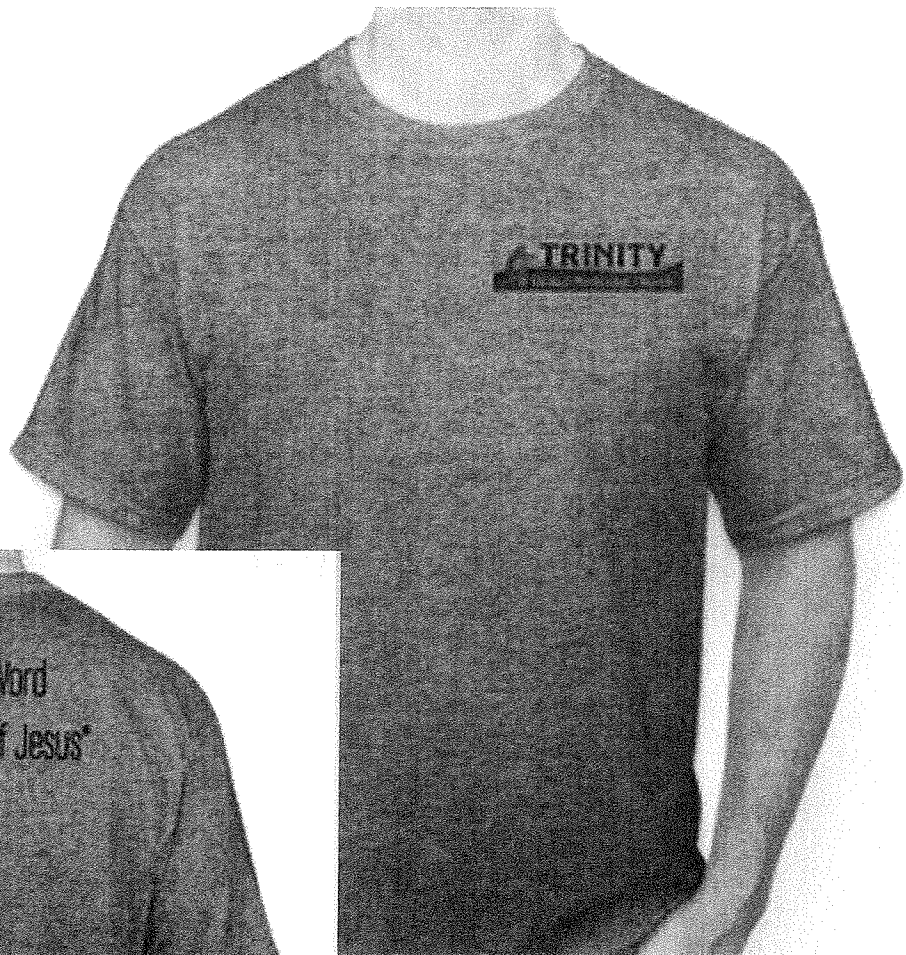


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Trinity Shirts Available

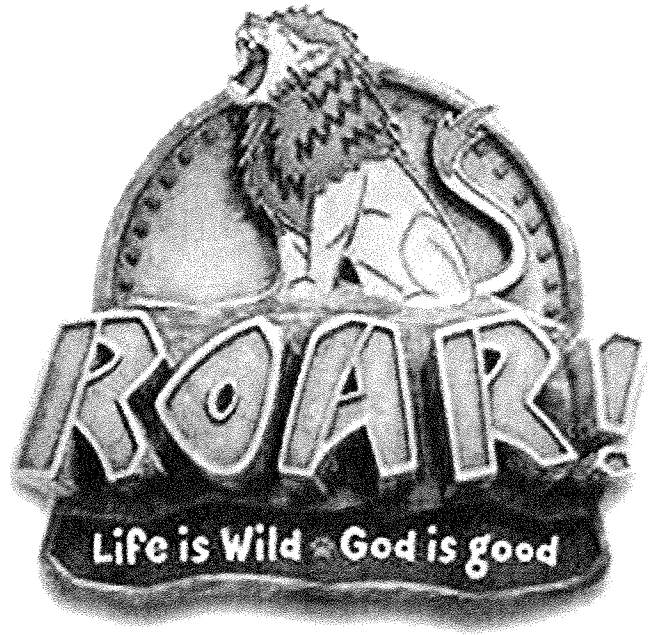
Do you need a new shirt to sport at the Wood County Fair? You can order a new Trinity UMC shirt online through Custom Ink by clicking the link below. The order form will be open until July 10. (If you would like to order at the church you can do that too, Pastor Andrea or Beth will be able to help in placing an order) <https://www.customink.com/g/tmg0-00bu-ussa>



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What a ROARin' Good Time at VBS!

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with VBS! The children had fun learning and exploring in new ways that God is good no matter what is going on in their lives, He is always there for them. We are still collecting school supplies for our partner in education, Kenwood Elementary School. This is our VBS Mission project this summer. For a list of suggested school supplies, go to our website: bgtrinity.org or pick up a list off the Information Station. Please return your school supply donations to the Info Station Drop Box by July 14th.



At VBS we discussed how we can see God's hand in everything. We asked the children nightly to share **God Sightings**. Here are few of them:

"God helped me do stuff today"

"When I was with my friends at VBS."

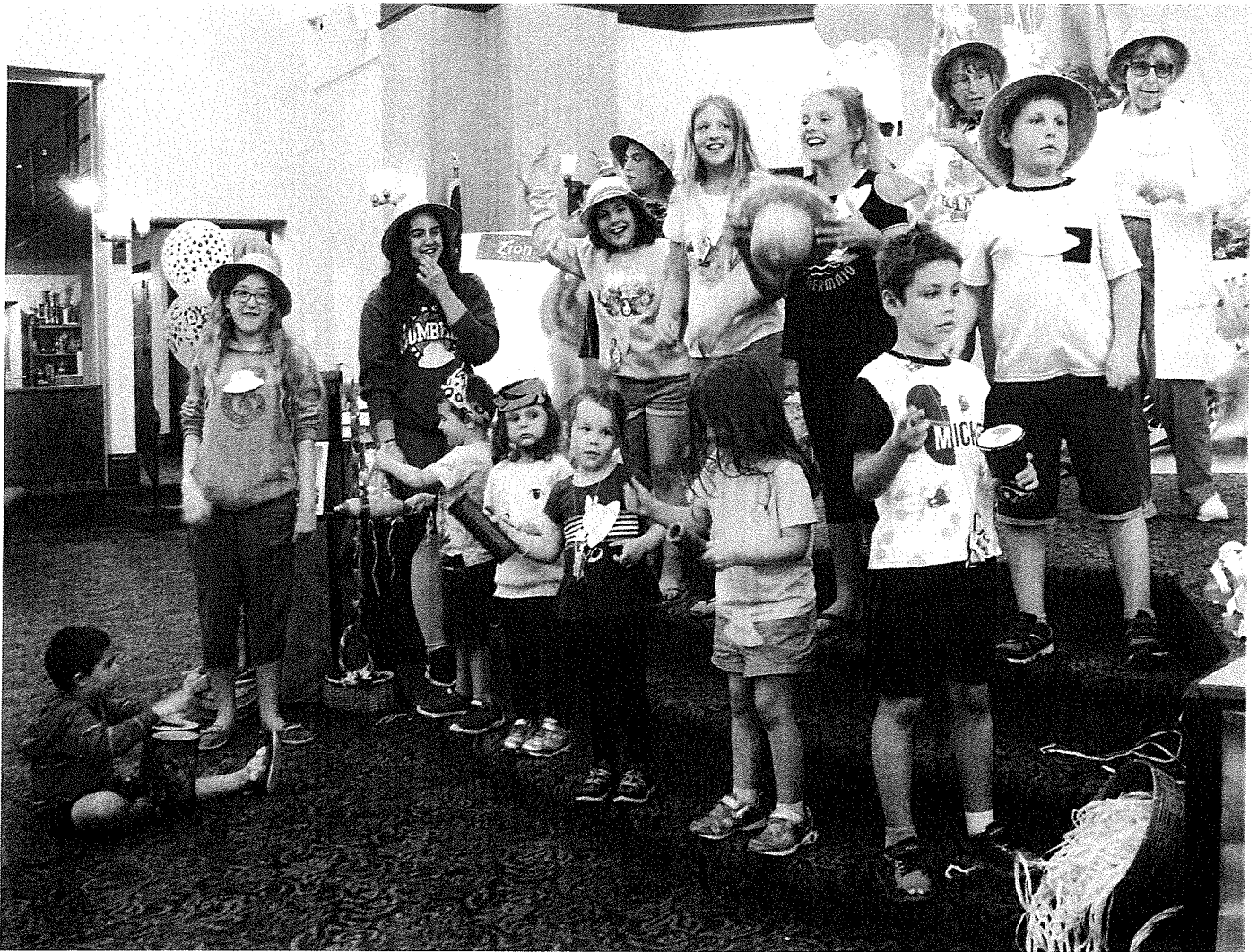
"Grandma and Grandpa"

"In flowers"

"I love playing outside in the sun."

"I see God in babies because he created them."

"I saw God when me and my friend were having a fight and we ended our fight and forgave each other"



Financial Report for May, 2019

Although April ended with positive numbers, \$1,734.57 to the good, May did not treat us so well at all. May's expenses were nothing unusual—just the normal expenses we see each month. Church utilities continue to be high. I might have told you before, but the monthly gas bill is \$1,150.00. Combine that with the charges for the phone and internet of \$141.57 and our electric, water and sewer costs of \$573.36 and you can see why I get out of sorts when I'm paying these bills. But these kinds of things we can't escape.

The even larger problem in May was the revenue side of the equation. Our income was way down. We only received offerings of \$13,308.24, a significant drop from receipts in April. Compare that figure with our May expenses and we ran a deficit of \$1,843.62. Hopefully, June will turn us around into a positive position again.

One Special Account we seem to depend on to shore us up, especially later in the year, is the Fair Fund. We always use money from the Fair Fund to pay for scholarships for our college students and summer camp costs for our children. We've also used its money for special projects from time to time and for shoring up other accounts that fall in the hole. Our Hospitality Fund is a good example of a fund that has benefited from the Fair Fund. And we have occasionally needed to use some of its money at the end of the calendar year to finish paying our Conference Apportionments.

That said—it's County Fair time again. Tending the Fair gates has been a wonderful tradition for our congregation. I think it brings some of us together with others at Trinity who we don't already know so well until we work with them at the gates. It also gives us the opportunity to twist the arms of our neighbors, family members and friends to work along side us. And yearly, I know I get to see people step up to my gate who I haven't seen in quite some time. The excitement of the children is the best. It's followed closely by the seniors on Senior Day who are anxious to show you proof that they're old enough to gain free admission. (Any other day these senior women would never admit their age!) I might be tired when I get home, but I'm smiling because of the experience I've enjoyed with people I meet or meet again at the Fair.

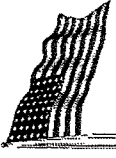
And all that said—please SIGN UP for a shift or two or three at the Fair. Do it NOW that I've drawn it to your attention, NOW! You can do it easily by going to our Trinity website at www.bgtrinity.org and clicking the "Fair Gate Signup" button. Or you can sign up on the tables just inside the door at the church. So please grab your calendar and do it NOW!

Our work at the Fair gates earned Trinity Church \$12,000 last summer—and we needed it. However, we had to then pay Christ Church in Portage almost \$1,500 of that money because we needed their help to fill the slots we could not. I'm glad that the Portage folks agree to help us but I'd prefer to have that money available to us. Together, all of us can make it happen and have some fun doing it. Thank you for your consideration and your commitment.

Tim

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11am TUM at Freedom School	2 3:00p Worship at Heritage 6:00p Taco Tuesday 6:00p Habitat Meeting	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 	5	6 2:00p Annabel's Art Show
7 8:30a Service 10:00a Trad Worship	8 11am TUM at Freedom School 7:00p Finance Mtg	9 3:00p Worship at Brookdale 5:00p Habitat Meeting	10 10:00a Esther Circle	11 1:00p Sewing Group 4:30p Youth Group Outing	12	13
14 8:30a Service 10:00a Trad Worship	15 11am TUM at Freedom School 6:30p 4-H Meeting 6:30p Committee Mtgs 8:00p Ad Council Mtg	16 3:00p Worship at BG Manor 5:00p Habitat Mtg	17	18 1:00p Sewing Group	19	20
21 8:30a Service 10:00a Trad Worship	22 10am Youth Group at Freedom School	23 10am Youth Group at Freedom School 3:00p Worship at BG Care Center 5:30p Habitat Mtg 6:30p 4-H Meeting	24 10am Youth Group at Freedom School 3:00p Worship at Woodhaven	25 1:00p Sewing Group	26 4:00p Martha's Kitchen	27
28 8:30a Service 10:00a Trad Worship 1:00p Hagemeyer Anniversary Party	29 -----WOOD COUNTY	30 FAIR WEEK -----	31 -----			

Please join us for
Annabel's
ART~TASTIC

@

Trinity United
Methodist Church

BG

July 6, 2019

2:00pm

All proceeds will go to
the

Aniridia Foundation.

www.make-a-miracle.org



My name is Annabel and when I grow up I want to be an artist. I'm 6 years old and going into the 1st grade this fall. I love drawing, painting and I really love learning about the solar system. I was born with Aniridia and glaucoma, but that doesn't stop me from pursuing my dreams!

Be sure to come to the

FRIENDLY CENTER GARAGE SALE

Over 25 churches participating



August 8th, 9th and 10th 2019

Thursday and Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – Noon

Saturday \$5.00 to fill a bag

MAUMEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

405 Sackett Street – Maumee, OH

For more details contact

Diana @ 419-345-6542

Barb @ 419-304-0723

The Friendly Center is a Methodist Urban Community Center located in North Toledo and supported by Trinity United Methodist Women and others in our church.

The Center is a nonprofit 501C3

Donations of clothing, toys, household items (if sizes could be attached to sheets and linens that would be greatly appreciated), kitchen items and knick knacks, sporting goods and outdoor items etc. will be accepted Monday, August 5th and Tuesday, August 6th from 9:00am until 5:00pm at Maumee UMC.

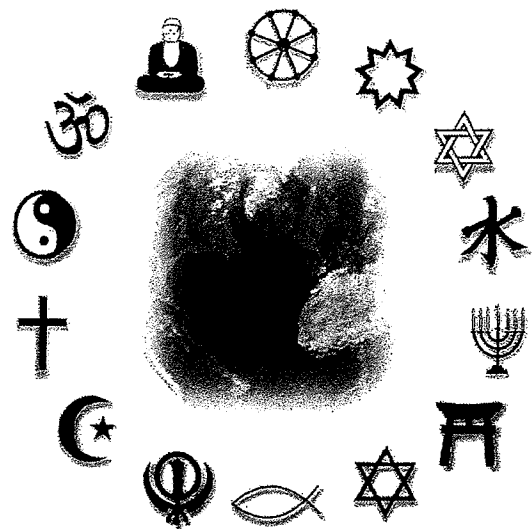
Sorry we cannot accept large pieces of furniture, computers, sets of encyclopedias, mattresses, child car seats or televisions. If you have an item that you have a question about, please call Diana @ (419) 345-6542.

We are in need of volunteers to help sort, organize and price these items on Monday August 5th, Tuesday August 6th and Wednesday August 7th from 9:00am - 5:00pm. We also need volunteers to work on Thursday, August 8th and Friday August 9th from 9:00am until 5:00pm and Saturday, August 10th 9:00am until everything is packed up and cleaned up. Table set up will be on Sunday, August 4th starting at 1:00pm. until approx 3:00pm

Tear down will begin at noon on Saturday, August 10th.

We could use some strong arms and muscle on these days !!

If you can volunteer, call Helen Dukes, 419-601-1606



Multifaith Summer Celebration

Sunday, August 4, 2019 (Rain or Shine)

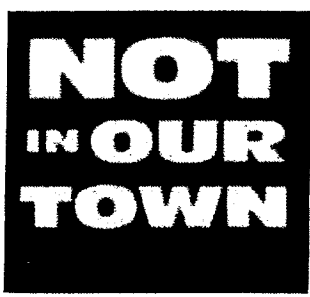
4:00-6:00 pm

BG City Park Kiwanis Shelter House

Join us for a Summer Celebration! Bring your family and your friends and meet new people too!

This is a FREE event. NIOT will provide grilled hot dogs, chips, and water. If you prefer, you are welcome to bring your own food. Celebrity Grillers: Tom Klein and Chris Dunn

There will be interactive games and activities for all ages! So we can plan accordingly, please RSVP by July 29 by emailing rsvp@bgfcc.org



Annual Conference

2019

First Report

Bob Miner, Lay Delegate



We gathered for the 50th session of the West Ohio Conference with the “elephant” of policy disagreement. Would our church be torn apart? What could we do to maintain it? We recognized clearly we are a part of a global body and other views must be considered if we are to grow and flourish. This was a time for fear, yet our theme, inspired by Romans 15:13, encouraged hope, in spite of fear. We reaffirmed in every way possible that God was in charge and would lead us through any human misunderstanding

Lean on God Trust him to Help Us!

Opening Worship

The opening worship focused on remembering those who had gone before us, in particular former Bishop Judith Craig.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The Chair of the West Ohio Conference Nominating Committee, Rev. Laura Bensman, shared the evening message entitled “Gifts,” taken from Ephesians 2:8-10. Rev. Bensman asked the congregation to reflect upon the gifts we were given by those we were remembering, the gifts clergy receive from laity and that laity receive from their clergy. Recalling how flaws fade in the background allowing faithfulness to rise to the top of remembrances. Rev. Bensman shared her personal struggles with grief and reminded the congregation that God is with us even into deep valleys of sorrow. “We need to be reminded, that as Christ’s followers we don’t

always have to hold it together.” She encouraged those in the congregation to not simply respond to grieving people with the words alone, “Let me know if you need something;” rather, Rev. Bensman encouraged

us to offer tangible signs of God’s love. Rev. Bensman went on to say that in her season of grief, the words that brought her great solace were the simple lyrics from the hymn “Jesus Loves Me,” especially the sentiments “we are weak, but He is strong,” an underlying theme for the conference.

The Solution is love. God’s Love. Be in God’s Work

Episcopal Address

Bishop Palmer’s theme was “How firm a Foundation,” that foundation being the Grace of God which can work through our infirmities to get the job done. He stressed that God’s power can work through us to bring the “kingdom on earth.” Further, both sides of an issue have a tough time existing if we stop to realize and we should be sure we are comfortable with our position before trying to influence others. It’s not about us, but about Jesus. He reminded us the institutional church is only temporary, but the foundation is God’s. We can tear down the institution



and rebuild it even more strongly because of God’s foundation. He challenged us to not be so narrow we cannot hear the ideas of others, and have brave conversations. We must be brave enough to judge fairly, and brave enough to discuss openly, not trying to catch each other’s faults but to live and build on each other’s love.

Faith is an active love of God

Bishop Mande Muyombo

Mande Muyombo is the Resident Bishop of the North Katanga Conference (which we support) in the Congo. He affirmed church mission is difficult because of money, different standards, and differing



mores, but we must keep the faith. The Faith is in Christ—not the church as an institution. He declared, “Faith is an active love of God,” conversely, faith

pleases God. The mission field extends not only to Africa but to the United States as well.

The Bishop Reported much progress has been made in their mission field including:

- A hanger for the medical plane
- A continuing improvement in the children’s home challenge.
- Raising pastor’s salaries, some as low as \$30.00 a month.
- Mutual teaching and learning between his conference and us.
- Improvement in two hospitals.

This progress is due in large measure by funds from the “**Light the Way**” campaign which has produced over \$2.6 millions of our \$3 millions goal. This year we will add over \$100,000 to that support.

Let’s Live in the Hope God has Given Us

Some West Ohio Conference Facts

- Budget**---19.6 Million
- Uncollected Apportionments**__ \$2.9 millions
- Apportionment Cuts**—3% next year
- Conference Budget cuts**--10% this year
- Amount invested**--\$50 million
- Given to UMCOR**--\$550,000
- Children saved** as result of pharmacy program— .503,000

What Are You Thankful For?

During the month of July we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy in this country. We hope you'll take time to show your thankfulness for all the gifts you have received. Please use the Calendar to help remind you of different things you may take for granted daily but for which you are no less thankful. If you & your family choose to participate in this project, please bring the container you're using to collect and place it in the offering on either Sunday, August 4 or 11 (make sure your offering is marked as part of the Thankfulness Calendar). The Missions Committee will utilize your offering in the different projects we're supporting.

Freedom School Volunteers Reminder

Thank you to those who volunteered to help prepare and serve lunch at the Toledo Freedom School on July 1, 8 and 15 at Monroe Street UMC. The time slot for serving is 11:00am-1:15pm. Our Youth Group will be volunteering at the Freedom School as well from July 22-24 where we will prepare lunch and read one-on-one with the children. Youth Group members should plan to meet at Trinity Church at 10am each of those days and Beth will provide transportation.

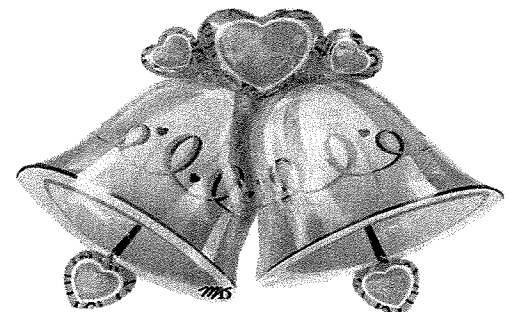
Summer Special Music

This Summer we are looking for special music opportunities during our 10am Sunday Service. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts from us, please sign up on the Information Station.

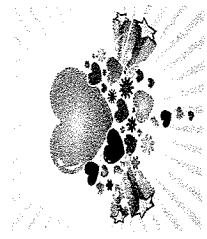


Wedding Wishes

Congratulations and blessings to Mr. Mason and Mrs. Emma Wright (Avery) who were married on May 23rd in Logan, Ohio. May they enjoy a lifetime of love together.



It's time again to start signing up to work at the **fair gates!** Our church will be working the ticket booths as a fundraiser. Please sign up on the sheets in the church lobby or on our website: bgtrinity.org We appreciate your help to fill all of the time slots.



JULY 2019 TUM CALENDAR OF THANKFULNESS [For each day put money into a container to show some of the things you are thankful for this month. Thank you from the Missions Committee]

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Collect your offering in a plastic sandwich bag or envelope. Be sure to label that it's for Thankfulness Calendar	2 \$.50 if you are able to read & write.	3 \$.25 if you know you're free	4 \$1.00 if you're thankful to live in the U.S.A.	5 \$.25 per each bicycle/tricycle you have in your family	6 \$.25 if all members of your family have a bed	7 \$.25 if you have a safe place to worship.
8 \$.25 if you have a cell phone or other telephone.	9 \$.25 for each clock or watch in your house.	10 \$.25 for each computer/tablet you have in your home.	11 \$.25 if you own an umbrella.	12 \$.25 if your family owns 25 books or more.	13 \$.50 for each pet your family owns.	14 \$.25 for each Bible in your house.
15 \$.50 if you have hot & cold running water.	16 \$.25 if none of your family members went to bed hungry.	17 \$.25 if you have a savings account.	18 \$.25 if your family took at least a 3 day vacation in 2017.	19 \$.25 if you felt safe all through last night.	20 \$.25 for each bathroom in your house.	21 \$.25 if you know God is good.
22 \$.25 if you have money for ice cream or other frozen treat.	23 \$.25 for each family member who own least 2 pairs of shoes.	24 \$.25 if you can go to the doctor when you need to go.	25 \$.50 for each time your family went out to eat last week.	26 \$.25 for each box or bag of cereal in your cupboard.	27 \$.50 per each vehicle your family owns.	28 \$.25 if you have a risen Savior.
29 \$.25 if you have food in your freezer.	30 \$.25 if you can have 3 meals tomorrow.	31 \$.25 for each toothbrush in your house.				PLEASE Bring your donations on Sunday, August 4 or 11. Thanks
						"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Rummage Sale Update

Our next Rummage Sale is scheduled for **September 19-21**. Please hold off bringing items in to the Rummage Room until **August 1st**, if possible. We just don't have room to store items.

A couple of tips when considering donations that will help the small group of folks who set up the sales:

1st: Please make sure items are clean. Clean items sell better & we often don't have enough help to wash things.

2nd: When donating sheets, tablecloths, curtains, etc. could you please attach a note on how large the item is (a note safety pinned on item would really help).

3rd: Please do not bring in large console TV's, large appliances, mattresses, cribs/baby furniture, or air conditioners units, etc. some items we cannot sell legally nor lift safely.

Your donations and your helping the rummage sale workers are greatly appreciated.

July Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

7/7—Pat Brenneman
7/14—**Need Volunteer**
7/21—Betty Jones
7/28—**Need Volunteer**

Greeters

7/7—Linda Hower and Jerry Baumgardner
7/14—Kay Bell and Marilyn White
7/21—Beverly Magrum and Carolyn Waltz
7/28—**Need Volunteer**

Acolytes

7/7—Katie and Allie Parish
7/14—Mathias Drumm
7/21—Abby Oswald
7/28—Mathias Drumm

Coffee Hour

7/7—Shelly Warman
7/14—Jerry Baumgardner and Linda Hower
7/21—Jeff and Jerri Tipton
7/28—Ruth Ann Kramer

Ushers

Art Groff
Ruth Bandeen
Dennis Donley
Mary Rife
Becky Essex

Happy Anniversary

11 Rosie & David Korn
Laura & Andy Drumm
14 Jody & Roger Hernandez
16 Ellen & Frank Smith
20 Billie & Jerry Milnor
22 Linda & Lloyd Fite
28 Michael & Barbara Markin
29 Gloria & Don Snyder
Marge & Jim George

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

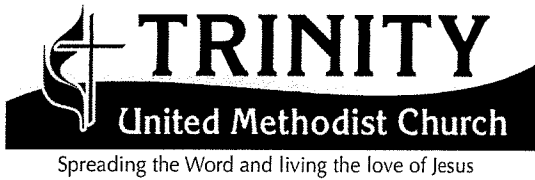
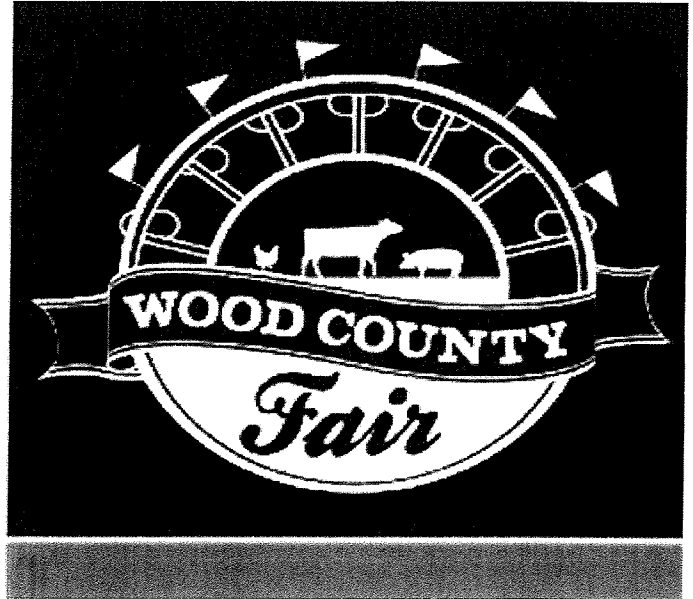
6 Jay Beardsley
8 Jeff Manning
11 John Rutter
Doug Kratzer
Rob Riker
12 Bill Kale
14 Crystal Augsberger
16 Joyce Chamberlain
20 Lisa Domke
22 Bob Carlson
Beverly Cope
23 Don Pickering
25 Tamie Logston
26 Barbara Markin
27 Loren Phillips
28 David Avery
30 Dick Korn
31 Alice Potter

Nursery Helpers

7/7—Beverly Miner
7/14—Annie Aldape
7/21—Amanda Parish
7/28—Heather Janes

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