



Spreading the Word and living the love of Jesus

# *The Trinity Tell*

## *October, 2019*

*Worship with us in September*

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

One thing I have always loved is a good road trip. Will and I enjoy packing up the car with snacks and cooler of drinks. We get a good playlist on the radio, or nice podcast and we hit the road to destination for the weekend or just for a day trip. It's always fun to map out where we are going and find fun little stops along the way as we explore the area. Will loves to stop at antique malls... me, not so much. I will go to these dusty, smelly places because I love my husband. And occasionally I find something I like, but usually I just wander aimlessly looking around while he eagerly roams the aisles searching for treasure. If there is one thing I have found in church ministry though, it is that much like our little family road trips, the practice of stewardship is a journey. It is something that we grow in to and through.



Each year at Trinity we take a short journey through a season of stewardship. Beginning on October 6 we will journey into the Five Practices of the Fruitful Congregations by Bishop Robert Schnase. These practices will encourage us to engage with our community, connect with one another, and invest in the future of our church. The five practices are: **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.**

Now, I can confidently say that at Trinity we are already engaging in many of these practices. Yet there is always room for growth and with God there are always opportunities for a deeper commitment. I believe through this stewardship season, as a congregation, we will rejoice at the movements of God in our past. We will also celebrate, with anticipation, the opportunities that lie ahead of us!

Later this month you will receive a stewardship letter in the mail from Nicki Kale, the chairperson of our finance committee, and myself. This letter will share with you some of the amazing Kingdom building that has occurred this year at BG Trinity because of your extravagant generosity. As you prayerfully consider your giving this year, I want to encourage you to take some time with your pledge card, placing it and your finances in God's hands. How is God calling you to grow in your generosity? How is God calling you to step up in your giving to the ministries of our church so that God's kingdom can be built?

As you consider these questions and fill out your pledge card, we ask that you return your card either to the church office or during our **Consecration Sunday Worship Service on November 3 at 10:30am.** At this service we will combine our two worship services for the day in celebration with music and song to rejoice at the wonderful things God has done this year. A potluck meal will be hosted by the finance team after the worship service with the main dish provided. This service promises to be a morning of joy and celebration, one that is not to be missed. This month as we journey together in stewardship, I look forward to exploring what God has in store for us as a family of faith!

In Christ,

*Pastor Andrea*

## Financial Report for August, 2019

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The figures for August were—unexpectedly—much improved. Usually during the summer months we struggle to make ends meet. However, this August we ended the month with a positive balance of \$3,192.56.

That figure was impressive because we came into August with a deficit in our operating account of \$2,367.97. Ouch!

During August we had receipts of \$20,656.01 and expenses of only \$15,095.48. It really was unusual on both ends; better receipts and fewer expenses.

Expenses were down primarily because we paid fewer employees during August. We were without an Education Director and the Choir Director was on summer recess. Additionally, our new secretary was on board for only a few days during the month. And with fewer dollars paid for salaries, few dollars were also required for the church's share of our employees' Social Security.

But September should bring us back to normal.

Another piece of good news came to us in the form of a check from the Wood County Fair Board in the amount of \$13,101.20 for the work all of you did at the fair gates. That's the most we've ever earned! From that we paid our friends at Christ UM Church in Portage \$1,205.10 for the help they gave us at the gates. If you've been reading my reports all year you've had a taste of Trinity's touch-and-go financial situation this year. So, the income from this annual Fair Project is truly welcome.

Many, many thanks to all of you who worked at the fair. Your work is not only appreciated by the Fair Board, but also by your church treasurer as I work to make sure we continue to meet our financial obligations.

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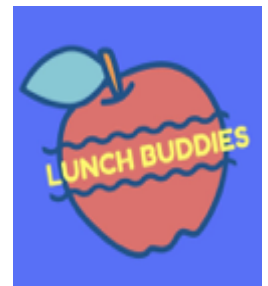
# LOOKING AT LUKE



Pastor Andrea will be teaching a **4 week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke** called **“Looking at Luke.”** Our discussion sessions will begin on *October 2 at 6:30pm*. Sign up today at the info station and pick up a study guide. If you are in need of a ride to the Bible study since it will be in the evening please indicate this on the sign up sheet and we will arrange for a car pool.

## Lunch buddies

It is time to sign up for Lunch Buddies at Kenwood Elementary School! This year we are opening up opportunities to serve as a Lunch Buddy on Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. You can sign up to serve even an hour at a time, or when your schedule permits. Visit the info station to sign up today!



**Join us for Trinity Taco Tuesday at 6pm at El Zarape Mexican Restaurant on October, 1**

## Christmas Baskets

The Missions team is starting to collect items for the 50 Christmas baskets we will give to those in need at the holidays. We wish to get the list of items needed in advance so everyone can take advantage of sales the stores may be having.

### Items being collected are below:

Large box of instant potatoes  
 Bar soap  
 Laundry detergent  
 Peanut butter  
 Cans of meat  
 Blankets  
 Canned vegetables  
 Noodles  
 Vegetable oil (48 oz.)  
 Dish soap  
 Tissues  
 Paper towels  
 Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush,

## Rummage Sale Success

The Rummage Sale has come and gone and, as always, was a huge success. The Missions Committee wishes to thank everyone for your donations and continued support. We also wish to thank the volunteers who worked numerous hours to make sure everything was in order the day of the sale, those that worked the sale, and those who helped with the clean-up.

## Deck the Halls

The missions committee just finished with the fall rummage sale and are already gearing up for the "Deck the Halls" sale that will be December 5th and 6th with lunch served on Thursday. This sale will offer new and gently used Christmas items. With this in mind, it time to go through you Christmas items and donate any reusable items you no longer need.

## Wesley's Heritage Study Trip

Helen Dukes will be hosting the Wesley's Heritage study trip in England next July 7-15, 2020. The brochures have not yet been printed, but if you are interested, contact her immediately. Those registered by Oct. 7, 2019 will receive a \$100 discount.

### DEADLINES FOR BULLETINS AND TRINITY TELL



Just a reminder; the deadline for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at 12 noon and the deadline for the monthly Trinity Tell is the 15th of the month. It would be greatly appreciated if

these deadlines are followed so I can get the printing done in a timely manner. Thanks, Mary

## FRIENDLY CENTER GUILD

Membership dues for the Friendly Center Guild are due before the end of the month. The regular dues are \$5 and there are increments up to the lifetime membership of \$100. Helen Dukes will be at the back entry after worship to collect your dues today and next Sunday.

The Friendly Center is a National Mission of United Methodist Women serving residents of the North End of Toledo for many generations, always adapting to the changing needs of the diverse neighborhood. We provide emergency food and hygiene products, tutoring, sports activities, art and music classes, nutrition and health education and provide opportunities for neighbors to participate in their community in an inclusive meaningful way. We are a place where people can explore their dreams and aspirations and strengthen the various parts of the community together. There's always something new happening. Join and become a part of it all. Guild Members are part of the financial effort and are welcome once a month to hear a variety of speakers over lunch.



**On October 18 from 6-8pm** Trinity will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot! Sign up today at the info station to decorate your car trunk and pass out candy to kiddos as they come trick or treating during the Firefly Nights Festival. You can also donate candy to be passed out by bringing in individually wrapped, nut-free, candy to the office.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC or would you like to know more about the United Methodist Church and what we believe? Then our **New Members Class** is for you! *Join us on October 6 at 11:30am.* Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Andrea via email at [revandrea.curry@gmail.com](mailto:revandrea.curry@gmail.com).





# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sponsored by the Sew/Knit/Crochet Group



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019  
9 AM - 4 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
(AFTER CHURCH)

CHURCH BASEMENT  
200 N. SUMMIT ST.,  
BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402



All hand-made items—Hats and scarves, small afghans, children's toys, soup cozies, walker bags, tote bags, fabric gift bags, quilted candle mats and table runners, ornaments, quilts, potholders, mug rugs, aprons, and much more!

PLUS A COOKIE WALK!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ASSORTMENT—\$6 PER DOZEN

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHURCH-SPONSORED  
OUTREACH PROJECTS

## Esther Circle

Esther Circle will have its' monthly meeting on Wed. October 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A "Fall Potpourri" is the program theme and all attendees are asked to participate with either a poem, reading, or remembrance of this beautiful time of year. All Trinity ladies are invited to attend this time of fellowship and lunch following at a local restaurant.



### Nursery Helpers

10/6  
10/13  
10/20  
10/27

## October Worship Volunteers

### Liturgists

10/6 Sheryl Sabo  
10/13 Sue Butler  
10/20 Bob Miner  
10/27 Beverly Miner

### Greeters

10/6 Ruth Bandeen  
10/13 Ruth Bandeen  
10/20 Marilyn White/  
Kay Bell  
10/27 Mary Rife

### Acolytes

10/6 Allie and Katie Parrish  
10/13 need coverage  
10/20 Abby Oswald  
10/27 need coverage

### Coffee Hour

10/6 need coverage  
10/13 need coverage  
10/20 need coverage  
10/27 Beverly Bowsher

### Ushers

Jeff Tipton  
Yaa Tawiah  
David Avery  
Wanda Augsberger  
Jim Augsberger

*Happy Anniversary*

### ANNIVERSARIES

4 Sandy & Alan Stoots  
18 Beth & Chris Rutter

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

### BIRTHDAYS

1 Ken Bauman,  
Kevin Lartique  
2 Twila Myles, Sam Bell  
6 Debbie Huyghe  
8 Heather Janes  
9 Chip Myles  
17 Shelby Zulch  
19 George DeMuth  
Lori Archer  
21 Ruth Hahn,  
Logan Beardsley  
23 Steve Avery  
24 Alan Potter  
25 Lucy Pullins  
26 Shirley Smith,  
Andy Drumm  
28 Jason Benschoter  
29 Marilyn White

# October

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
8:30 First Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship		3:00p Heritage Inn 6:00p Taco Tuesday	1:00pm Bible study	1:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
World Com- munion 11:30 New Member class 3:00 p.m Youth Group	7:00 p Wing Fundraiser 7:30 p Dartball St. Marks vs. Trinity	3:00 pm Brookdale	10:00 am Es- ther Circle 1:00pm Bible study	11:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	Dress rehearsal	Wedding
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6:00 p Youth Pumpkin Carv- ing	7:00 pm Finance 7:30 p Dartball Trinity Vs Salem-Grace	3:00 pm BG Manor	1:00pm Bible study	1:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	6-8:00 p Trunk or Treat	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:00p Charge Conference @ Trinity	6:30 pm Committee meet- ings 7:30 p Dartball New Rochester vs. Trinity 8:00 pm Ad Council	3:00 pm BG Car	1:00pm Bible study 3 pm Wood Haven	1:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir		9-4 Sewing Bazaar
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
6:00p Youth Game Night	7:30 p Dartball vs. Trinity vs Bethlehem #2	Rapid Fire Pizza Fund- raiser				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9



# FROM GAIL'S DESK

## Youth

We are excited to announce new dates for Trinity UMC Youth Group! Lots of fun and fellowship has been planned! Please mark your Youth Group Dates below and bring a friend! Open to ages 5th through 12th grades. Contact Gail with any ques-

tions: [gail.trinityumc@gmail.com](mailto:gail.trinityumc@gmail.com).

9/29 Youth Meet and Greet outing, 6 pm.

10/13 PUMPKIN CARVING! Meet in the Trinity basement at 6 pm. Bring pumpkin cutting patterns, pumpkin carving tools, aprons or wear old clothes, tie back hair, and plan to have a good time.

10/27 GAME NIGHT! This could get messy...plan on some messy game fun! You may want to stick around with a camera for this one . 6 pm start.

11/10 TBA will be a 6 pm start this day

12/1 Practice for Youth Christmas Program (After church service) lunch will be provided

## Sunday School Teachers needed!

Additional Sunday School teachers are needed for a rotation this fall, October through December, due to various needs. If anyone would be interested in joining the rotation in teaching Youth Sunday School, we have a great Sunday School lesson book to guide you! Please see Gail to sign up, fill in, back up, or join in the fun. She can be reached at

[gail.trinityumc@gmail.com](mailto:gail.trinityumc@gmail.com) or see her after service on Sundays. Thanks for considering this important mission!.

## Nursery Volunteers needed

Hugs and cuddling needed! Nursery times are open for you to rock some little ones and get your fix of loving on our littlest church members! You may use the Sign Up Genius link to sign up, or email Gail at [gail.trinityumc@gmail.com](mailto:gail.trinityumc@gmail.com) . Our little ones appreciate your time and your love .











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