



The Trinity Tell

December, 2019

Worship with us in November at 8:30am Communion Service and 10:30am Traditional Worship

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the Advent season begins this year I am mindful of the many gifts that God has given us at Trinity this year. Together we, as a church, have celebrated 8 baptisms and welcomed 6 new members into our congregation. We have seen growth in our attendance and our financial stability as a congregation. God has blessed our church with many new faces this year as well as new opportunities to make many new relationships in the community through our school partnership with Kenwood Elementary school and our Fresh Expressions ministries. We also have new faces on the staff this year and we are thankful for the new life that they bring to our leadership team. It truly has been a year of new beginnings.

Yet it has also been a year of transitions. Earlier in the year my health was challenged as I was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease. We asked all of you to pray for me as I was experiencing chronic migraines and was briefly hospitalized. I wanted to share with you that I am thankful that with the care of my doctors and the grace of God my migraines are under control. Will and I are so thankful for your prayers and support throughout this past year. You have been so wonderful. We couldn't ask for a better church family.



You know Advent offers us a time to reflect on what this season is really about. This year, we have the opportunity to share the true story of Christmas with the Bowling Green community through our **Live Nativity on December 22nd from 4:00pm-8:00pm**. We are really excited about this ministry! It will be a way for us to show the boundless love of Jesus to the world around us.

There are lots of ways to help so look for sign up sheets at the info station throughout the month of December. We also will be looking for hope in all the right places throughout the season of Advent. You know, I think, the birth of Jesus in that stable so long ago brought the world so much hope and I want to invite you to come and hear all about it each Sunday of December as we explore a weekly series called "A Thrill of Hope." You might remember that line from a lovely Christmas song *O Holy Night*- It's one of my favorites. The lyrics sing "A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn..." Friends, Jesus is the reason for the season, he is our Thrill of Hope! The reason our weary world can rejoice and I look forward to sharing with you another year of Christmas joy! May your holiday season be filled with hope and blessings! And may you and yours have a very Merry Christmas!



Blessings and Grace,

Pastor Andrea

Financial Report for October, 2019

As I anticipated, the month of October stretched the church financially, even putting us in the red at the end of the month by \$1,319.90.

Expenditures out-paced receipts by \$7,596.92. Not good! You might remember that we fortunately ended September with a substantial carryover going into October. But we're back to full staff and having them on board is expensive. Each month our staff costs us over \$7,500. Add the minister to that and the number approaches \$15,000.

October also brought us the final insurance bill on the church for 2019 and it totaled just under \$2,000. Our utility bills are starting to creep up as winter nears (\$1,337.73 in October) and we had to purchase more educational and office supplies than usual. It all chews up money.

I tell you these things (facts) not to scare you but to give you a better idea of what it costs to staff and operate Trinity Church. Obviously, the church needs your contributions, but it also needs your prayers and your service.

Thank you for doing what you can.

Tim

Habitat for Humanity News:

In mid November, Mark Ohashi, the director of Habitat for Humanity shared with our church leadership that Habitat for Humanity of Wood County will be "spreading their wings and venturing into a new office space" effective January 31, 2020. Mark noted that Habitat is thankful for the many years that their organization has been welcomed in the building at Trinity UMC. He also noted that Trinity will always be an important part of the organization's history and growth.

As a church we are excited for this new opportunity for Habitat for Humanity of Wood County. Their new space will offer them new opportunities for the future and will give them more room for their growing staff. We are thankful for the partnership that we have shared over the last 10 years and we look forward to seeing the work of God continue in the ministries that they offer to the families of Wood County!

Trinity United Methodist Church
200 N. Summit St. BG

DECK THE HALLS SALE

December 5 & 6, 2019

Hours 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday & Friday
Lunch Served only on Thursday
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Note: No lunch served on Friday

Sale Includes:

- ***New & Gently Used Holiday Decorations
- ***Crafts Supplies & Kits
- ***Holiday Clothing
- ***Gently Used Games & Toys
- ***Holiday Bazaar – Handcrafted Items
- ***Baked Sale - Homemade Goodies





This Advent we are gearing up to reach out to our BG community in BIG way! With a Live Nativity on December 22nd from 4:00pm-8:00pm! This will be an all hands on deck event for Trinity UMC! We are really excited for the opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with our community and we are looking for willing servants to help make this event an overwhelming success! If you want to help serve in any of the following roles please contact Gail Houtz our director of education and outreach for more information!

Nativity Cast Member (No acting required)
Hot Chocolate Server
Greeter
Traffic Director
Singers

HIPPA reminder:

As we approach Cold and Flu Season Pastor Andrea would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one are hospitalized the hospital will no longer inform the church of your hospitalization because of the HIPPA privacy laws. If you would like a pastoral visit from Pastor Andrea while you are in the hospital or a local care center, please contact the church office or Pastor Andrea's cell phone.

FROM GAIL'S DESK

Youth Group Updates

JOIN OUR TRINITY YOUTH ON THIS CHRISTMAS OUTING

We are planning a trip to see the Christmas lights at the Toledo Zoo, Sunday December 1st in the evening. Anyone may join us! Please sign up in the overflow area, or let Gail know if you would like to join the group and how many would be attending. We can get a group admission rate if 20 people agree to go.

Group Ticket Prices are:

- > Adults ages 12-59 are \$17
- > Children 2-11 are \$14
- > Seniors 60+ are \$14
- > children under 2 are free

(Youth Group members may have their ticket prices supplemented or possibly paid for.)

Parking is \$8 (per vehicle) unless someone has a season pass.

Those with season passes do have one visit to the lights included with their pass, but would probably not be included in our count of 20 people needed for group price.

Hours for the lights that Sunday are 3pm -8 pm but you can stay in the zoo until 9 p.m. We hope you will join us to enjoy the lights of Christmas at the Toledo Zoo!



A CHRISTMAS TO BELIEVE IN!

Trinity UMC 2019 Youth Christmas Program will be presented on Sunday December 15th during 10:30 a.m. worship service. This program will warm your hearts and tickle your funny bone, and will hopefully give you an inspiring outlook on the season. Join us for fun, frolics and music!

Any Youth or children age 4 and up who wish to participate in the program may contact Gail, or you may join us for rehearsals on December 1st during Sunday School, as well as after Church that morning combined with Children of God rehearsal and on Sunday December 8th during Sunday School hour. If needed, a run-through practice with costume fitting will be held on Saturday Dec 14 in the morning. Join us for the telling of the Christmas story in a new and fun way!

Live Nativity

Husbands, wives, children, aunts, uncles, grandparents....here's your chance YOU can be the holy family for one night...or even an hour :) We need you :)

Help is surely needed! Mary, Joseph, the Angel, Wisemen and Sheperds are needed to make this event come to LIFE! If you would like to participate as a family, you may sign up all together for the same time slot on the sign up sheet at the info station. Invite friends to help and enjoy the evening together! See Gail or sign up at the info station....we really want Trinity to shine in this event, for the community to enjoy a glimpse of what Christmas is really all about.

Greeters, cookie bakers, cocoa servers and hospitality guides are also needed. Sign up today!

Christmas Baskets

The Missions team has been collecting items for the 50 Christmas baskets we will give to those in need at the holidays. We are still in need of several items. Our prayer is to give each family enough items to sustain them as long as possible. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Items being collected are below:

Sugar	Hot chocolate Packets	(8-10 pack-ets)
Vegetable oil (48 oz.)	Dish soap	
Cake mixes/frosting	Tissues	
Cereal (12-18 oz. box)	Paper towels	
Large box of instant potatoes	Toilet Paper	
Peanut butter	Bar soap	
Cans of meat	Laundry detergent	
Canned vegetables	Blankets	
Noodles/stuffing/mac & cheese	Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, Floss	



**Join us for Trinity
Taco
Tuesday at 6pm at El Zarape
Mexican Restaurant, East
Wooster St. on
December 3
All are welcome**

December Worship Volunteers

Liturgists

12/1 Allie Parish
12/8 Yaa Tawiah
12/15 Youth
12/22 Bev. Robie
12/29 Helen Dukes

Greeters

12/1 Ruth Ann Kramer
12/8 Marilyn White/Kay Bell
12/15 Alice Brown/Betty Parrish
12/22 Joanne Fields/JoAnn Herringshaw
12/29 Barb/Michael Markin

Acolytes

12/1 Allie/Katie Parish
12/8 Abby/Christina Oswald
12/15
12/22 Abby/Christina Oswald
12/29

Coffee Hour

12/1 Parish Family
12/8 Ruth Ann Kramer
12/15 Leona Hawker/Becky Eninger
12/22 Sue Butler
12/29 Jeff & Jerri Tipton

Ushers

Andy Drumm	Mathias Drumm
Gary Manning	Joan Manning
Bill Kale	Nicki Kale

THANK YOU

I just wanted to thank everyone for the prayers and well wishes and everything else throughout my surgery and recovery process. May God bless you.

Drew Oswald

Happy Anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

19 Sandy & Tony Aspacher
20 Lesley & George Riker

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS

7 Sandy Aspacher
8 Chris Rutter
9 Helen Dukes,
Christiania Nietz
13 Marlyn Bender
17 Fred Fether
18 Jerry Milnor
19 Carrol Allison,
Phyllis Pickering
20 Sandy Stoots
23 Doug Stoots
27 Stuart Sockrider
28 Buzz Benschoter

December

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30 First Worship 10:30a Traditional Worship 11:30a Play rehearsal 3-8 pm Toledo Zoo Outing	7:30 p Dartball	3:00p Heritage Inn 6:00p Taco Tuesday		1:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30a Play rehearsal	7:30 p Dartball 7:00 pm Finance 7:30 p Dartball	3:00 pm Brookdale	10:00 am Esther Circle	1:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Children's Play during Worship	6:30 pm Committee meetings 7:30 p Dartball 8:00 pm Ad Council	3:00 pm BG Manor 6pm Pack Christmas baskets	9-am-12 pm Christmas Basket distribution	1:00p Sewing 6:00 Handbells 7:00 pm Chancel Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4-8 pm Live Nativity @ Trinity	6:30 pm Committee meetings 7:30 p Dartball 8:00 pm Ad Council	6:30 pm Music 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship	CHRISTMAS DAY Office closed			
29	30	31				
	7:30 p Dartball					



Christmas Lunch Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

Noon



The Esther Circle will have their annual potluck Christmas lunch with a program on the oils of the Bible. They will then send Christmas cards to our shut-ins. All women in the church are welcome to join us.

The Reading Circle

If you like to read, join the **United Methodist Women Reading Circle**. It's easy.

No meetings. Simply read one book from each category in the next year:



Education for Mission
Leadership Development
Social Action
Spiritual Growth
Nurturing for Community
and the *response* magazine

Fill out a Reading Program Brochure in the church library and you will be on the rolls of the United Methodist Women, locally and internationally.

We have acquired some new books for 2020. They are located in the UMW section of the church library.

For almost 150 years, United Methodist Women have been involved in mission that includes prayer, study and action. The Reading Program is a study opportunity, but it should also lead to action.

Thank You

- To those who brought hygiene kits for victims of natural disasters to the West Ohio UMWomen Annual Celebration. We may have brought the most of any single church.
- To those who crafted items for the Friendly Center Christmas sale.

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**FRIENDLY CENTER
ANNUAL
CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
1324 Superior Street, Toledo
1:30—5:00 p.m.

Guild members can shop at the
Dinner Meeting 12:00 Noon

*All proceeds will go to support the ministry
of the Friendly Center
serving children and adults in their
neighborhood in North Toledo*

United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Faith • Hope • Love in Action



Join us at Trinity United Methodist church for our Christmas Eve worship. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. with our celebration of Jesus' birth at 7:00 p.m.



Spreading the Word and living the love of Jesus

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