



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

What legacy will you leave behind?

One of the most common questions or concerns I receive while visiting people in nursing homes and in hospitals is "how will I be remembered?"

That's a deep question as most of us want to be remembered for something.

First, leaving a legacy of Christian faith should be our number one priority. Be committed to Christ so much that when people think about you and remember you, they remember your faith.

Secondly, live a life of peace and love (which are Christian virtues). One of the greatest things I hear about someone who has deceased is how much they loved others and how they worked to bring peace to family situations and in the world.

Finally, a legacy can be left by setting aside a portion of your estate to something special in your life.

Many say that pastors don't do enough encouraging of their parishioners in this area of estate planning towards the church, so here I am reminding you that you can set up your estate not only to leave something behind for your family, but also for your church family.

Over the years many people have left their estates to churches and those gifts have gone a long way to keep some churches afloat during rough

times. Other gifts have graced a church building by allowing the church to purchase or fix something that may never have been affordable without a large contribution.

If you have any questions about how you can leave a gift behind for your church family, please contact the church office or speak to your investor or lawyer that handles your estate.

Pastor Kyle

## Hot Beverages

Starting at 9:00am, the Mission's Team will be providing hot beverages before church.

## Mother Daughter Banquet

Mark your calendars for Friday May 6th for the Mother Daughter Banquet. Get your reservations into the office as soon as possible.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for you to sign your reservation up. There is a sign-up sheet posted for kitchen and serving crew as well.

Adults are \$10.00 Children 3-12 \$5.00 and Children 2 and under are free.



## Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday March 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Ed Gahler, President called meeting to order and Steve Turnow opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, John Bast, Ann Diekman, Dan Mathews, Nyla Denman, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Steve Turnow, Veronica McMonigle, Marty Hoeft, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney.

### Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the February council meeting were read prior to the meeting by all members present & revisions made. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Ann Diekman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Connie Gahler. MC.

**Secretary Report:** Father/Son Banquet scheduled for Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> only 22 people have signed up. Dan Gahler will make an announcement in church on Sunday.

Rhonda request to have one church checking account, as it would make things easier for balancing and maintaining the books. Marty moves to eliminate the memorial fund checking account and combine with the General Fund checking account, although the funds will remain separate. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bast. MC

Amy Mathews has suggested turning one of the classrooms into a "Wellness Room" and members can donate items. Concerns are liability for people using equipment as well as others dropping off junk. Ed Gahler will discuss with Amy for clarification prior to moving forward with the idea.

**Financial Report:** Financial Report was reviewed. Contingent fund remains in the negative. Ellis House Mission Fund Balance discussed, Steve states Analisa and her group is working on plans to use the donations. Motion to accept the February financial report was made by Robin Hansen. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Mathews MC.

**Pastor Report:** Willet Hauser still needs to come back to add screens, \$1000 still owed after completion. They made tracks in the yard for the project, the foreman and Marty Hoeft agreed that Marty would fix the yard in the spring and the foreman will reimburse Marty. Running the screens on the current laptop is hard on the laptop as the video card is internal and it doesn't

have its own cooling mechanism. Marty's recommendation is that we can get a desktop with an external video card with its own cooling mechanism. Last laptop only lasted a year, not sure if it was the way the laptop was handled or if it is related to the cooling mechanism.

### Committee Reports:

#### **Worship**

- Recent meeting regarding the three weekends in March that Kyle would be out of town, planning complete
  - Last minute fill in on Sunday 3/12/17 by Keith Norwalk, he declined payment, will send thank you
- List of pastoral care available for contact while Kyle is out of the office has been given to Rhonda
- Next meeting not currently scheduled

#### **EFY**

- Still looking for volunteers for the nursery
- Youth Missions Trip planned for June 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> at Camp Washington UCC in Cincinnati, at this time there are 10 youth and 3 chaperones

#### **Mission**

- April will need help with Chicken BBQ and Rummage Sale

#### **Church & Ministry**

- Need to set a meeting
- Need to have a 30 day evaluation on new employee, Amy Mathews, custodian

#### **Trustee Report**

- Trustees are working on the basement stairs, project is almost complete
- Outside kitchen door is latching, new key in the lockbox
- Doug Avery planning to work on the video screens in the sanctuary soon
- Township is re-black topping the road around the church, would like to know if we would like our parking lot black topped at the same time, unsure on the price
- Area in the back stairwell of the sanctuary needs cleaned of cobwebs, Amy unable to reach, trustees to use ladder to clean

**Old Business:**

- Father/Son Banquet scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>, JD Bergman is speaker
- Chicken BBQ scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Rummage Sale April 27<sup>th</sup> –April 29<sup>th</sup>, Jackie Timmons will need volunteers
- Discussion held regarding the Carroll property across the street. The house is in foreclosure currently at Huntington Bank, unsure of timeline for sale. Discussion held. Dan Gahler moves to seek input from the congregation regarding interest in purchasing the Carroll property. John Bast 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC. Plan to set congregational meeting for April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

1. Nathaniel Diekman motions council moves forward on the property and has authority to look further into the possible purchase of the property. Faye Bolander 2nds. Approved
2. Nathaniel Diekman motions that council also examines the cost of a suitable building on church property that could be used to store items we need kept. Sara Zibbel 2nds. Approved

Darrel Opfer moved to adjourn meeting  
Nathaniel Diekman seconds.

**New Business:**

- There are old books scattered all over the church, can we put in rummage sale or donate to Easter Seals? Will plan to go thru the books and keep some and then offer others to congregation prior to donating or selling books
- Amy Mathews would like a new, hand held vacuum to clean the pews. Ann Diekman makes a motion to allow Amy to purchase a new vacuum. Robin Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.
- Discussion held on what to do with old trophies from dartball etc.
- Quote on air conditioning reviewed from Mauder,, discussion held, will pursue getting more estimates and information. Quote from Radiant Windows reviewed for replacing windows in Fireside Room, Nursery, offices and classroom across from the office. Need to discuss what are priorities are for future projects such as steeple etc.

Nyla Denman moved and Veronica McMonigle 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm by Ed Gahler  
Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,  
Recording Secretary

**Special Congregational Meeting**

Date: April 2nd, 2017

Topic: Discuss possible interest in Carol property next to the church.

**Treasurer's Report (approved)**  
**General Operating Fun**

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 3/1/17  | \$13,391.45 |
| Offerings/Income      | \$8,862.36  |
| Expenses              | \$15,029.92 |
| Balance as of 3/31/17 | \$7,223.89  |

**\$5 Offerings** - The Missions' Team has generated a new schedule of \$5 offerings for the year. They include:

- 1st Sunday of Month - Supporting Church Camp
- 2nd Sunday of Month - Supporting Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9)
- 3rd Sunday of Month - Supporting a local mission/need
- 4th Sunday of Month - Supporting an outward mission/need
- 5th Sunday of Month - As needed

If you have suggestions for where our 3rd or 4th week offerings could go, please let Pastor Kyle or Amy Mathews know.

## Contingent Fund

Do you know what the Contingent Fund is used for? This is the fund that ALL building and maintenance items are paid out of. So when something breaks, we pay for it out of this fund. An idea of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

- Maintenance work on the boilers
- Light bulbs and new lights
- Batteries
- Paint
- Parts to fix & repair things in the church
- Carpet Cleaning
- Snow Removal
- Elevator Repair

Just to name a few

Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund. We are still in a negative balance from the Elevator repair from last year, and as you see this is an important fund to maintain funds in.

## Contingent Fund

As we ended the year, we are still running a negative balance of -\$1,800.00 from the elevator repair. If you are looking for a place to make a donation, please consider our Contingent Fund.

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. April 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the church hall. There were eight present.

Since Norma is at Riverview for Therapy following back surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.Pres. Sue W. was in charge. She began with prayer and a table blessing. Eloise H. was hostess with an Easter theme, serving snacks, candies and a broken glass dessert, all very delicious.

The devotions and program were led by Ina D. who so graciously took over in place of Norma. This was another program on "The Special Loves of Women" and today about sharing our love.

A business meeting was held. Sue thanked Ina for the nice program & taking over for Norma and Eloise for the delicious lunch & beautiful decorations for Easter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted, and will be filed.

Thank you – Sue thanked everyone for the birthday cards. On behalf of Carl, Sue thanked all for her get-well cards. Eloise thanked everyone for birthday cards.

We thought the Father/son banquet was very well attended and went well.

The mother/daughter banquet will be on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Get your reservations in to the church office.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Evelyn S. gave the Sunshine report. New chairman will be Ina D.

Remember to bring in your items for the Food Pantry.

Next month we will meet on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Program – Suzanne B, Host – Ina D.

Meeting Adjourned.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

| WF Treasurer's Report                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance on Hand as of March 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$222.15          |
| Offering                                    | \$10.00           |
| <b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>           | <b>\$232.15</b>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <b>\$0.00</b>     |
| <b>Balance on Hand March 31st</b>           | <b>\$232.15</b>   |
| <b>Savings Account</b>                      | <b>\$1,316.98</b> |

## Community Markets

Please bring in your receipts and place them in the box located on the table between the North glass doors. Every little bit helps!

## Thank You

"Thank you to the Lick's for the flower for my office"

~Rhonda



## Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Table (located in the coat room by the north entrance) will be emptied at the end of each month. It will be donated or put in garbage." Thanks Amy

## Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that the sign out sheet for the tables and chairs is located in the *closet across from the office*. Please contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like the tables and chairs. The ONLY tables that are to leave the building are the older wooden style tables. The ONLY chairs that are to leave the building are the wooden chairs.

## Coupons

Thank you to everyone for collecting the coupon pages. I was able to donate toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, hand lotion, spaghetti, cans of chili, tuna, chicken & tomatoes. This was donated to the Genoa food pantry. April's will be donated to the food pantry at Zion-Elliston.

Thank you so much with helping me with this project. The food pantries are so appreciative for anything that they receive.

Thank you so much! ~~Karen Lick

**Adult Sunday School:** Come and join us in some great discussions. Kathy Giesler leads a class that will meet on Sundays at 8:00am. All are welcome to join!

## Special Workshop Opportunity: "Staying a Friend to Someone with Dementia"

Trinity UCC in Elliston cordially invites you to attend this one-time workshop on Tuesday, May 16th @ 6 pm. Lynn Ritter of the Alzheimer's association will be our guest speaker and provides a humorous, yet serious interactive presentation on how to live and cope with loved ones who have, or may develop dementia.

The workshop is FREE of charge and light refreshments will be provided.

Please call 419-862-3417 or email [pastorkyletimmons@live.com](mailto:pastorkyletimmons@live.com) if you plan on attending so that we can plan accordingly.

## Community Events

Ottawa County Board of Elections is looking for men and women to work at the polls on election days. To be a precinct election official, you must be a registered voter in Ottawa County and be in good health, as some lifting and standing is required and the work day is 14 plus hours. You will be trained prior to working and can choose specific precincts to work in or be open to assignments countywide, to work in any of our 36 precincts from Genoa to Marblehead. The day is long and the pay is \$125 for the day, but the work is vitally important to our elections. If interested, please contact Karen McTague ant (419) 898-3092. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## Heartbeat of Ottawa County

The Baby Bottle Campaign is back! The campaign runs from Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup> through Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up your baby bottle at church on Mother's day, fill it and bring it back prior to Father's day. Heartbeat of Ottawa County has been standing firm for the sanctity of human life for over 25 years. The funds we collect stay in our area helping young women and men to more fully embrace the life God has given them, and to help them embrace the roles they hold in their families.

## Mark your 2017 Calendars

Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9)  
Water Blast & Picnic (July)  
Turnow's Pond Weekend (August)  
Fall Festival & Boo Festival (October 29<sup>th</sup>)



\*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.



## Trinity Youth News

### Children's Choir at Trinity

The choir will no longer be meeting the first Sunday at 9am to practice.

Please come prepared knowing the music the first Sunday of the month so we can continue to enjoy the little ones sharing their musical talents with us. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 419 898 2045 or text at 567 249 5141.

### Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

We are looking for a few teachers (men and women) to rotate teaching our Branching Out classes. Material and training will be available. Our children our vital to health of this congregation, both presently and in the future. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help Branching Out grow.

Several people have already stepped up to teach this fall, but we could still use 2 or 3 more individuals. This will allow teachers to attend worship the other three Sundays. If you are willing to teach, please let Pastor Kyle, Amy Mathews, or Janene Lattimore know as soon as possible.

**Youth Mission's Trip** (June 4-9) - Several students will be traveling to Cincinnati to participate in our summer mission's trip in June. If you have a student interested in going and haven't said anything yet to PK, please let him know right away.

While we will be receiving \$5 offerings to help pay for our students to attend, if you would like to help sponsor our youth to go, please see PK or Rhonda in the church office. Each student costs \$200 and we have around 12 youth to cover the costs for (including chaperones).

### Copies

If you would like color copies made, you don't need to travel all the way to the store anymore! With the new copier we have, we can print very nice color copies for you! We will charge \$0.50 per color copy, which is less than you would spend at the store, and \$0.05 per black & white copy. Just stop during office hours and we will help you out.

## Greeters

| <u>May 2017</u>  |       |                  |
|------------------|-------|------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | North | Jim Buhro        |
|                  | South | Shirley Buhro    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | North | Mike Diekman     |
|                  | South | Nate Diekman     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | North | Fay Bolander     |
|                  | South | Suzanne Buhro    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | North | Viola Gahler     |
|                  | South | Ken Gahler       |
| <u>June 2017</u> |       |                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | North | Darrell Opfer    |
|                  | South | Jackie Pelton    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | North | Ed Gahler        |
|                  | South | Jane Gahler      |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | North | Dan Gahler       |
|                  | South | Connie Gahler    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | North | Kelsey Gahler    |
|                  | South | Krista Hellwig   |
| <u>July 2017</u> |       |                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | North | Jay Hellwig      |
|                  | South | Joanne Hellwig   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | North | Dwayne Hoeft     |
|                  | South | Eva Hoeft        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | North | Marty Hoeft      |
|                  | South | Kristi Hoeft     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | North | Doug Lick        |
|                  | South | Karen Lick       |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | North | Jared Lattimore  |
|                  | South | Janene Lattimore |

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### Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,  
Son, & Holy Spirit!

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

As the school year is quickly coming to a close, we are looking to gather information about our graduates. Those individuals if you could please write up a little description about where you are graduating from and what your future plans are. Send them to the office. Thank you for your help.

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