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#StuffJesusNeverSaid

**JESUS
NEVER
SAID
THAT**

Greetings friends,

You ever fall down an information rabbit hole? I'm sure you have. We live in an information age and every year information seems to come faster and faster. Additionally, the collective research of the world is at our fingertips. You ever Google who won the Cy Young award in 1964 and only three clicks later you're somehow on the Wikipedia page for the George Forman grill? (This may have actually happened to me). You're looking for a recipe online and you realize you lost an hour looking up ten different dishes that caught your eye. You tried to take a quiz to tell you your Harry Potter house and now it's 1 AM and you're scrolling BuzzFeed.

It's dizzying the information we have access to, and in the social media age it's even becoming more rapidly digestible. We think of Instagram and TikTok as vanity tools for young people. Did you know people with doctorates in Near Eastern Culture, Hebrew, Greek, Biblical Studies, Jewish Studies, Classical Greek are using these platforms to create short and easily understood classes in the history and culture of the Bible? The ability to access some of the brightest minds in modern Christianity is literally in our hands.

This unprecedented access can also lead many of us to finding out one of the dirty little secrets of the church. Here it is...a lot of the things that we associate with Jesus or Scripture are actually man-made traditions or man-made ideas. I shared with the congregation that I fell down a research hole during Christmas as I started analyzing all the Christmas imagery that has no basis in historical fact or Scriptural testimony.

In the spirit of the New Year, I want to take some time to separate out some thoughts that come from us, not from Jesus. I pray you'll join us in church as we look at #StuffJesusNeverSaid.

Everyone knows "God helps those who help themselves", right? But who came up with that idea (Hint: it wasn't Jesus)? I've heard preachers say: "If you had more faith, you wouldn't be depressed". Is that real? Is that in the Bible? I mean, God won't give you more than you can handle! (I'm pretty sure that's in there....or... is it?)

We could make a whole list of idioms that Christians believe that don't come from Scripture. So, let's take a look at the things that Jesus DIDN'T say so that we remember the importance of the things Jesus DID say.

I pray you have a wonderful 2022 and hope to see you in church! God is doing great things at Trinity and I can't wait to see what He does next!

Pastor Ryan

January 9th:
Jesus Never Said
That: God Helps
Those Who Help
Themselves

January 16th:
Jesus Never Said
That: If You Had
More Faith You
Wouldn't Be
Depressed

January 23rd:
***Guest Speaker**

January 30th:
Jesus Never Said
That: God Won't
Give You More
Than You Can
Handle

February 6th:
Jesus Never Said
That: You're Too
Far Gone

***Pastor Ryan will**
be on vacation from
January 18th thru
January 24th..
Please watch for
information on
emergency Pasotral
Care coverage
during this time-

Council meets
at the Church
monthly on the
2nd Monday at
7:00 pm

Council Minutes: November

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, December 13 at 7:00pm. Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Sheilds opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Ashley Gahler, Bonnie Weaver, Ed Gahler, Brianne Perry, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Jim Buhro, Janene Lattimore, Steve Turnow, Sam Sutter, and Church Secretary Mary Muntz

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from November meeting and were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Brad Jess, second by Brianne Perry, MC

Secretary Report:

Motherboard replaced in audio-visual computer in the sound booth
Designed and sent out flyer for Women's Ecumenical service
Outdoor sign was updated
Letters of transfer sent on behalf on new members

Financial Report:

Desirea reviewed monthly and year-end balance sheets. Motion to approve financial secretary report first Brad Jess, second by Brianne Perry, MC

Pastor Report:

27 new members received on 11/21/21
Children's Christmas program will be on 12/19/21- met with Jan to organize
Many members and confirmation class participants went caroling on 12/12/21
Attendance has crossed the 100 threshold since fall!!
Continuing check ins through phone, text, and in person visits
Confirmation class has 9 students currently

Committee Reports:

Worship Team: Women's ecumenical service was very successful

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive: In need of substitutes and extra helping hands
Paint and floors are complete in classrooms
TVs and white boards need hung in classrooms
Sub team to develop youth leader job description will be meeting early in new year
Camp Michendoh contacted us about returning to visit. Planning to return early 2023
Considering a gathering at church for this winter

Mission: Angel tree- one family will receive gifts. Other families will receive gift cards

Trustee Report: Jim Laughlin received two quotes to install doors. Quote from Dave Heintz construction at \$1600. Verbal quote from Robert Boss at \$2000 for installation. Table for January until we have a written quote from Robert Boss
Doors will still need rekeyed by Northwood Doors

Salt for winter is in the shed
Snow removal contract was signed

Pastoral Relations Committee

Proposed amendment to the call agreement regarding the ordination clause
Motion to accept changes to the call agreement made by Jim Buhro, second by Brad Jess, MC.

Moving milage allowance to phone/tech allowance as milage was not being met

Church and Ministry

Mary and Pastor Ryan's review have been done. Amy's to be done soon

2030 Team: Roger Sheehan was in again and we are waiting on design completion

Old Business:

2022 budget will be present at annual meeting. Youth pastor added to 2022 budget
Electric increased to plan for AC
AC consultant and carpet/flooring replacement added to property and building section
Portion of last years surplus could possibly be used for youth pastor allowance
Slate for 2022: VP slot still open at this time, All other lots have been filled

New Business:

Budget committee: Currently Nyla Denman and Desirae
Conducts audit 2x per year to review financials
New council will appoint a financial committee
Nyla and Desirae are willing to stay on or step down

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brad Jess, second by Jim Buhro, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm by Desirae McCloskey.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.



In Our
Prayers

Kelsey Gahler &
Shane Baumert
and twins
Riley and Ren

Those battling cancer:

Sean Hall,
Dustin Schmidt,
Jean Tabbert,
Jackie Pelton
Logan Murphy

Those with long-term health concerns:

Patty Crozier,
Deanna Vizi,
Joel Marquart

Thank you



- A special “thank you” to the many joyous carolers who sang to us. We certainly enjoyed the Christmas songs and delicious plate of cookies.

With Love, Melvin & Norma Reif

- I would like to thank the large group of singers that took time to stop at my house and sing the seasonal songs for me. And also thank you for the delicious plate of goodies they left.

~Don Bittner

- Thank you to the carolers! What a great group of carolers this year! Thanks so much for coming here and for the nice singing. And thanks also for the plate of cookies, enjoyed them too!

Blessings to you all! ~Suzanne Buhro

- Thank you to the Church Family and Friends at Trinity from your staff for your kind and generous love gift at Christmas time. We are blessed to serve the Lord here and appreciative of your kindness.

With love, Pastor Ryan, Mary & Amy



Mission
SPOTLIGHT

The Mission Spotlight for January is The Elmore Food Pantry

Sunday, January 9th

after the 10:00 am service



Annual Reports

Those who are asked to turn in a yearly report for the Annual Report - Please have them in to the church office no later than January 5, 2022. Thank you!

Please plan to be present. There will be no potluck lunch this year.

Memorial Thank You

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Dwayne Hoeft. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in his name:

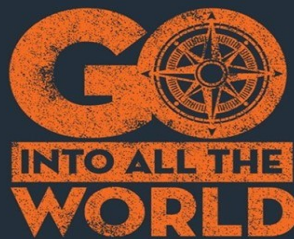
Don & Bonnie Weaver

General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved 12/13/21)

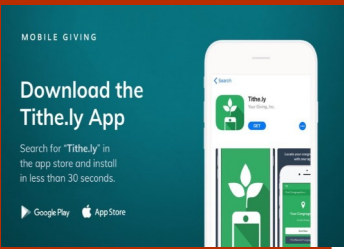
Beginning Balance 11/1/2021	\$32,554.40
Offering/Income	\$17,237.83
Expenses	\$10,497.32
Balance 11/30/2021	\$39,294.91

4th Quarter Mission Giving



Missions Giving Update:

REMAINING GOALS
Overall Goal Exceeded
Ministry Partner Goals Exceeded



Giving to your local church using Tithe.ly is super easy! We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

#2 - Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by heading to Tithe.ly/Give. Once there, search for your church, and fill in the giving form.

#3 - Give in App

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!



Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity

Ottawa County Level 1:

Worship and church activities will be held as usual - please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 2:

All non-worship activities before and after worship are cancelled - this means no Sunday School/Branching Out, church dinners or meeting that may be scheduled, etc. The worship service will be held for those who choose to attend and feel they can travel safely. Please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 3:

No worship service or church-related activities

Dartball Schedule

- January 4th at home
- January 11th at home
- January 18th at St. John's UCC Genoa
- January 25th at St. Paul Methodist Millbury
- February 1st at St. John Lutheran Williston
- February 8th at home
- February 15th Bye week

Home games are played in the church basement starting at 7:00 pm



We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services!

If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use the link below to find the service online.

<http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

Trinity Logo Wear Available Online!

- T-Shirts - Sweatshirts - Hats ●

Please visit our online store to place an order:

bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist



If you don't see what you would like you can call or email R&R Identification and they will print our logo on any of their blank items (smaller children's sizes, extended adult sizes, zippered sweatshirts, work shirts, polo shirts, jackets, tumblers, water bottles, cups, mugs, bags, and more! R&R Identification is located on route 590 just past route 6 west of Fremont.

These items are to signify our commitment to *CONNECT* and *SERVE* through the ministries at Trinity and in the community! We are looking forward to using these as a sign of our shared faith in Christ and to wear when serving our community!

Table & Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder with holidays coming and family gathering season upon us, 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. The tables and chairs that can be taken out, are all located in the shed.

Medical Lending Supplies

New supplies have been donated for our medical supply closet (Bath in a Bag, Adult size pull-ups and diapers, and more). The basement kitchen area at Trinity is home to many medical supply donations. Should you or a family member or friend have need, these items are available for **YOUR** use! There are a few wheelchairs, arm slings, compression stockings, a shower bag for a cast, a massage cushion, first aid items such as Ace warps and Band-Aids. Please feel free to use as needed!



Hall Use Reservations

There are forms on the wall next to the calendar. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover event for holiday parties - rollover dates will be allowed, but we would like the forms filled out as well). Please do not just write it on the calendar any more. Once it is reviewed, it will be added to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Mary.

Heat Reminder

Please remember to turn the heat down to 58 (or turn it off) after you are finished in the rooms and close the door. Everyone can help with this cost-saving;



Trinity UCC

JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Hall & Sanctuary: Reserved New Year's Day Mile Decker
2 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church	3 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball at home	4 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball at home	5 Doug Lick	6 Doug Lick	7	8
9 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Baptism & Kids Church & Annual Meeting Hall & Basement: Reserved	10 7:00 pm Church Council Don Corbin Emma Roth	11 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball at home	12	13	14 Hall: Reserved	15 Hall: Reserved Don Weaver Hannah Mathews
16 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Hall: Reserved	17 Evan Hoeft	18 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball at Genoa St. John's	19	20 Tidings Information Due Hall: Reserved Logan	21	22
23 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Christopher Liphart Randy & Ann Schimming (A)	24 Jeanene Lattimore Marty & Kristi Hoeft (A)	25 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball at Millbury St. Paul Jamey Tabbert	26 Casi Johnson	27 Isabella Hall	28	29
30 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Bennett Gahler	31	1 Jamey Tabbert	2	3	4	5

There's a place for you here!



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Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Nursery & Kids'
Church Available



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