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News From Pastor:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,
By the time you are reading this, I will be settling into my office and learning the ins and outs of our wonderful congregation at Trinity Elliston UCC! What an exciting time! A new season of life is always filled with a strange combination of excitement and nerves! I pray today that as you prepare for our time together at Trinity, you are experiencing the excitement of where God will take us!

I have been living under the motto "Honor your past but build your future" for several years now and I think that phrase will apply well at Trinity. We share almost 160 years of stories and traditions. We have seen God take us to new and unexpected places! We must honor the groundwork that has been laid, but we also must always remember God is doing something new! 2 Corinthians 5:17 boldly proclaims that *"if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"* Each new season of our faith journey gives us an opportunity to examine what is good, valuable, and worth preserving. It also gives us a chance to prune away that which might hold us back from the work God has called us to do. I pray that during this new season as Pastor and People, we all can work together to find the amazing new ways God will use us for His purpose.

There will, of course, be growing pains. When I was being interviewed, I asked for two things to be a mark of our time together. Communication and grace. As we begin our journey, I reaffirm these values. I will do my best to communicate with you as a congregation not only what we are doing but why we are doing it. I ask you, as a people, to keep me informed if I have overlooked some need or changed something that you held sacred. The only way we grow is to have these

discussions plainly and without hostility. As I begin, I know I will struggle with learning names, family connections and making sure everyone who needs pastoral care is seen. Please, in the coming days, if you know of prayer and visitation needs within the church make them known to me!

Let us share grace with each other in the days ahead. We remember that we were offered the ultimate grace from Jesus Christ to pardon us from sin. Let us extend to each other grace as we learn to be a church family together. Jesus words in Matthew are constant reminder for us, from the oldest to the youngest, *"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets"*.

I look out into our future filled with hope. God is going to do a great thing a Trinity Elliston, not because of who I am or who you are, but because God is good and faithful to us! I can't wait to get the journey started. See you in church!
Pastor Ryan Shield

Visitation

If you are in need or know someone that would like a visit, please contact the office.

Mark your Calendars

July 11-13 Rummage Sale
August 11th – Turnow Pond Service
September 1 – Mud Hen's Game



Communion Schedule

We will be having communion of the following Sundays:

July 7th

Congregational Meeting

July 7th immediately after the service to discuss the approval of proceeding ahead with the kitchen remodel project

Toledo Mud Hens Game

Toledo Mud Hens vs. the Columbus Clippers @ 6:05 PM – September 1st

Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Kids under the age of 3 are free, as long as they sit in the parents lap.

September 1st will be great for the families! We have the following during that game:

Muddy and Spikes Inflatable Theme Park in Hensville Park, Kids Run the Bases after the game, Post-game fireworks

RSVP and payment are due to the office by August 12th. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with graduation 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.

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday May 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Ben Sutter, President, called meeting to order and opened with prayer by interim Pastor Don Corbin. Those in attendance were as follows: President Ben Sutter, Vice President Nyla Denman, Faith Sutter, Shirley Buhro, Marty Hoeft, Ken Gahler, Jennifer Laughlin, Nate Diekman, Eric Gahler, and interim Pastor Don Corbin. Curt Reiff,

Jayson Hayes, Brock Hansen, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney were absent.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the April council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Nate Diekman, second by Shirley Buhro. MC.

Secretary Report:

- All work completed and taxes filed
- Rhonda sent a list of requested days off throughout the summer
 - May 27th, May 29th, June 10-11th, June 14-21st, July 8-9th, and July 12th-19th

Financial Report:

- Discussed general transactions
 - Donated \$1,000 to Shelby UCC for Tornado Relief
- Church Camp balance in the negative
 - Will discuss with Janene Gahler
 - Tempel Hills as possible new camp site
 - Don to look into
- Motion to accept financial report was made by Faith Sutter, second by Ben Sutter. MC.

Pastor Report:

- Don Interim Pastor
 - Discussed Don's work for the month of April
 - Shut-in's are requesting communion

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Met
 - Readers assigned for scripture readings
 - Working on potential special music
 - May songs picked out
 - Meeting in first week of June to discuss June songs

EFY

- Possible formation of small groups within the church
- Nursery for 2nd grade and under potentially
- Will discuss more with Ryan if he becomes our new pastor

Mission

- Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA)
 - Finding volunteers to assist

Church & Ministry

- Will work in future to establish a subgroup of individual's for new pastor
 - 3-4 people

Search Committee

- Pastor Ryan trial sermon May 19th, 2019
- Will plan to meet once per month for a year

Trustee Report

- Kitchen remodel
 - Quote from Stone Coat Countertops
 - Plan to move forward with
 - More information to come soon
 - Will need kitchen closed for 30 days
 - Kitchen Remodel Fund
 - Potential TLC Fund Balance to be used for kitchen
 - TLC group to meet
 - Jen to look at appliances and prices
- A member of the church is donating grab handles for the restroom by kitchen
- Gym, kitchen, bathroom, and coat room floors to be redone
 - Scott Schimming still needs to complete
- Plan to seed the garden
- Light at corner of church needs to be replaced
 - Volunteer with lift, just need to purchase light
- Furniture and computer for new pastor
 - TBD with new pastor
- New lot
 - Will be mowed by Don Corbin

Old Business:

- Nothing else at this time

New Business:

- June 30th service in park
 - Elliston in charge of service, and we take care of fellowship after
 - Invite Graytown Church
- Bible school in graytown last weekend in June
- Don to honor graduates
 - Date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm by Ben Sutter.
Respectfully submitted, Faith Sutter, Recording Secretary.
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Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund

Balance as of 5/1/19	\$39,145.88
Offerings/Income	\$12,404.99
Expenses	\$6,395.96
Balance as of 5/31/19	\$45,154.91

Full Financial reports are available upon request in the office and are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. This decision was made by council due to technology issues, not because of any other difficulty. If you have questions, please contact the office.

Benevolence

If anyone knows of an organization or individual that is in need of giving's, please let us know. Quarterly we disperse the benevolence money and are always looking for worthy causes to donate to.

\$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 – Mission Team Event
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 the office 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. Ideas 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
 Just to name a few

Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. June 13, 2019 at Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant, Woodville Road for lunch at noon. There were twelve present.

Norma had an opening prayer and table blessing. We had a short business meeting and then played our summer bingo. For the business meeting, the Mother/Daughter Banquet went well with the clown program. Norma sent thank-yous to the Clown Ministry and participants, Anne Diekman as her family gave the welcome and "toasts" and to Ava Bodnar was in charge of the awards and prizes. There was a profit of \$229.73 from the banquet. A motion was made, sec and carried to give \$50 each to the Cherry Street Mission, Sparrow's Nest, Grace Community Center and The Salvation Army, a total of \$200.

The new Prayer Chain list was given to each member.

Correspondence – a thank you note and letter from Sue W. and Carol C. was read about their hospitalizations and move to Genoa Care Center.

Norma gave the Sunshine report. New Chairman will be Jackie P.

Next month on Thursday July 11th we decided to come back to Frisch's Big Boy again for lunch at noon. Meet at church at 11:30 am to car pool. Bring a couple prizes for bingo.

Meeting adjourned and we played our summer bingo.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Ap 1	\$257.95
Offering	25
Total Income & Balance	\$282.95
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand April 30	\$257.95
Savings Account	\$1,888.25

Knife (Rada) Sale

Did you know that the women's Fellowship sells wonderful knives and spatulas? My favorite is the "tomato knife". I have five of them and use them every day (sometimes all 5 are sitting by the sink to be washed as I use them so much). As the old commercial goes----"try it, you'll like it!!! Eloise Hellwig is the person to see if you are interested in purchasing a knife.

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 Rhonda.

Book Lending Library

The book lending library has some new books. My favorite is "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum. There are other books from him also on the shelves. Also there are copies of Bend of the River Magazine and Reminisce Magazines. Check it out, I guarantee you'll find something that will interest you. (Contributions are also welcome)

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!

Service Coordinators

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that has assisted in making our Worship Services wonderful. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office. For the past month, we would especially like to thank the Worship Committee and Rev. Corbin for ALL the work they have been doing!

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.

Coupons

"Thank you for the coupon pages! This month's contribution (4 boxes of food and personal items plus 30 rolls of toilet paper and 12 rolls of paper towels) is going to the food pantry in Oak Harbor."

~~Karen & Doug Lick

Rummage Sale

The room across from the office is filling up with donations for the upcoming rummage sale. Spring time is a great time to get rid of things cluttering your house!

We are having a rummage sale July 11th 9am-5pm, 12th 9am-5pm, and 13th 9am-noon,

We have coordinated with St. Mark's church in Graytown & Zion church in Elliston to have a rummage sale at each church on July 11-13. Each church will conduct their own sales.

St. Marks & Zion are also doing a bake sale. Thie girl at St. Marks said they do really well with their bake sale. Anyone at Trinity interested in doing a bake sale???? Or a lunch??? If so, please let Karen know as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please put any items that you would like to donate in the room across from the office. Any questions, please contact Karen Lick. Thank you for all of your donations!!!!

Turnow Pond Service

Will be held on August 11th this year. Mark your calendars now for a fun worship time. More details to come.



Thank You

"I wish to thank those that sent me get well cards and the prayers said for me. May you all be blessed for your thoughtfulness."

~Evelyn Schimming

"Thank you so much for your gift to the Benton Carroll Salem Lunch Club! This work is so important to help kids maintain their nutrition during the summer months. The group of volunteers works very hard to make the children feel welcome and to nourish them with love, friendship and food! Thanks again for your support of this work!"

~Connie Cornett, Executive Director

"Thank you for the friendship, support, prayers, cards and texts after the loss of my son Andy. This truly is the most difficult thing I have ever experienced, however, the love and support I feel from our church family has helped me stay strong."

~Sincerely, Dorothy Clarke and Curt Rieff

"The BCS Food Pantry wishes to express their thanks for your generous gift of food. Thank you."

~BCS Volunteers



2019 Graduates

We would like to congratulate all of our graduates for 2019. Congratulations to the following:

2019 Preschool Graduates:

- Logan McCloskey
- Lorraina Reif
- Sam Mathews
- Maddie Liphart

2019 High School Graduate:

Sean Hoeft is graduating from Genoa High School. Sean has participated in FFA, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and has been an honor student all four years at Genoa. Sean Also participated in Soccer with multiple league and district awards, Cross Country where he was league champion 2 years in a row, and Track where he was a three time NBC Champion in the 1600 meter run, and Regional and State qualifier in the 800 meter Run. Sean is excited to continue both his academic and athletic career at Hillsdale College. Sean will be studying accounting and will be on the Cross country and Track teams at Hillsdale.

2019 College Graduate:

Kendra Blevins finished her Masters of Business Administration in March of 2019 from the University of Northwestern Ohio with Magna Cum Laude honors. She also has an Associate of Science in Veterinary Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration. She plans to continue working at Westview Veterinary Hospital utilizing her eight years of experience as a Veterinary Technician to help her as she becomes a Training and Development Manager and a Financial Manager.

Ben David graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Arts in Japanese with a minor in History. He plans to move home this summer and work locally as he works on his application for the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.

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

We are in the process of planning for the fall kick off! If you are interesting in helping out with Branching Out, please contact the office.

Month Attendance & Offering

	Date	06/02/2019
# in Attendance		72
Last Week's Current Offering	\$	2,500.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$	2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$	59,730.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$	51,601.40
Ahead/Behind	\$	(8,128.60)

	Date	06/09/2019
# in Attendance		97
Last Week's Current Offering	\$	3,183.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$	2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$	62,445.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$	54,784.40
Ahead/Behind	\$	(7,660.60)

	Date	06/16/2019
# in Attendance		76
Last Week's Current Offering	\$	1,288.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$	2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$	65,160.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$	56,072.40
Ahead/Behind	\$	(9,087.60)

	Date	06/23/2019
# in Attendance		68
Last Week's Current Offering	\$	3,527.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$	2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$	67,875.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$	59,599.40
Ahead/Behind	\$	(8,275.60)

Greeters

If you would like to be a greeter, please contact the office and we will add you to our list of greeters. Thank you.

Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Dorothy Tabbert.

Dorothy I. Tabbert, 96, of Genoa and formerly of Graytown, Ohio, died Tuesday June 25, 2019 in Mercy-St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, after a brief illness. Dorothy was born in Martin, Ohio on December 12, 1922 to Edward & Elsie (Hoeft) Lorenzen. She married Willard H. Tabbert in Elliston, Ohio on May 20, 1943 and he preceded her in death on April 20, 1990.

Dorothy was a bus driver for the Benton-Carroll-Salem School District for 25 years, retiring in 1994. She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston. In her younger years she enjoyed square dancing and helping on the farm and was always an avid card player.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Gary L. (Judy) Tabbert, and Danny L. "Dewey" (Jean) Tabbert, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother, Herb Lorenzen.

A funeral service for Dorothy will be conducted at 11 A.M., Saturday, June 29, 2019 at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio.

Visitation will be held from 9 A.M. until the time of service. Interment will take place in the Elliston Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to Trinity United Church of Christ, 17955 W. Third St., Elliston, OH 43432. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.



<u>July 2019</u>		
7 th	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Veronica McMongile
14 th	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
21 st	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michele Avery
28 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
<u>August 2019</u>		
4 th	North	Ava Bodnar
	South	Dale Bodnar
11 th		Turnow Pond
18 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
25 th	North	Suzanne Buhro
	South	Ina David
<u>September 2019</u>		
1 st	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
8 th	North	Vi Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
15 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
22 nd	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
29 th	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Nyla Denman

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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

**Office closed: July 3rd, 8th,
 9th, 12th, & 15th-19th**

*"That beautiful season the Summer!
 Filled was the air with a dreamy
 and magical light;
 And the landscape
 Lay as if new created in all the
 freshness of childhood."
 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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