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**LENTEN
SERMON
SERIES**



Trinity Tidings

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Everything New

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth, "for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
-Revelation 21:1-5

Greetings Church,

Spring brings a newness of life. We see the return of birds, the grass returns lush and green, the trees begin to bud, and we all marvel at the restoration of creation. That which was old is new again.

It's appropriate in the Christian faith that as this seasonal transition takes place we are also celebrating our Spiritual restoration as well. Soon we will gather to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and share in the promise of the new covenant. We remember that Jesus in His sacrifice conquered sin and by His resurrection conquered death, flinging wide the gates of heaven so that all who know Him could enter. It's interesting too that in the Book of Revelation when we see a glimpse of heaven the theme of newness repeats. We aren't just promised some different place to live with God. It's deeper than that. The newness that comes from the presence of God doesn't just replace what was lost, it restores it. The first heaven and the first Earth pass away, but only to be replaced with a new heaven and a new Earth that will carry on with God at the center. The wrongs made right, the rough edges made smooth, and the dirty made clean. "Behold! I am making EVERYTHING new"

And that includes us. As I meditate on Easter, I ask myself...have I really left the empty tomb? Think about it. What good is Resurrection if we keep ourselves locked in the safety of the tomb. Holding on to all the old ways, holding on to all the old grudges, the old lies...the old order of things. Or do I genuinely believe that by the power of Jesus Christ something NEW is happening. When Jesus walks out of the grave there's a new order. Is your life still bound to the old way? Or have you joined the resurrection? Are you ready to walk in the newness of life?

Easter is a wonderful time to let the old ways die, put them in the tomb and let them stay there. Only the things that belong to God's kingdom join the new way. So, we celebrate the newness of our lives in Christ with love, hope, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. We celebrate the newness of Christ by loving our neighbor. We celebrate the newness of Christ by walking in grace and experiencing salvation.

[Behold! Everything is made new! Because the grave is empty our lives are full!](#)

-Pastor Ryan

April 3rd
The Dirty Hands
of Jesus

April 10th
Palm Sunday
The Triumph
of Jesus

April 17th
Easter
The Resurrection
of Jesus

Note from Pastor
Ryan, Holly & Skylie:

Pastor Ryan, Holly, and Skylie appreciate all your love, support, and prayers as they prepare for the arrival of Riley David Shields in the coming weeks. A team of ministry partners has been assembled to supply coverage to Trinity when the Shields family welcome their new baby boy. Pastor Ryan will be taking a leave of four weeks after Riley's birth to enjoy his new son. Questions or Pastoral needs can be directed to the church office during that time.

Council Minutes: February

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7 pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Luke Sutter, Vice President Rebecca Reif, Pastor Ryan Shields, Ashley Gahler, Brice Gahler, Connie Gahler, Jim Laughlin, Janene, Lattimore, Nate Diekman, Sam Sutter, and Church Secretary Mary Muntz were present. Jordan Moore was in attendance briefly.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from January meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Brice Gahler, second by Nate Diekman, MC.

Secretary Report:

Mary reviewed her duties and tasks that were completed in January
Tax reports were submitted
Elevator and boiler inspection certificates were renewed

Financial Report:

Luke reviewed balance sheets.
Motion to approve financial secretary report first by Nate, second by Jim Laughlin, MC.
Jordan Moore, of Genoa Bank, reviewed investments we have with Genoa Bank.
There are no liquidity needs at this time
Jordan will continue managing these investments
Motion to allow Jordan to adjust funds as he sees most beneficial first by
Janene Lattimore, second by Rebecca Reif, MC.

Pastor Report:

Plans and arrangements being made for Lent
Ash Wednesday service is March 2, at 6:00pm, Maundy Thursday is April 14, Easter is April 17
Lenten community events include: Worship concert, crafting night, EFY retreat, Walleye game
Pastor Ryan worked with a sub-team on the Youth and Children Coordinator job posting
Teaching confirmation class of 9 students

Committee Reports:

Worship Team ~ Working on Lenten services with Pastor Ryan

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

At home church camp will be March 19-20 beginning at 2:00pm
Men's/women's sessions Saturday afternoon, relaxed dinner and gathering time for games and fellowship to follow
Sunday service followed by lunch and worship/fellowship time
Plan to return to Camp Michendoh in 2023
VBS committee will schedule a meeting soon to discuss ideas and set a date
Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday
Stuff eggs the week before Easter after church
EFY committee formally formed
Sub-team met to discuss Leader of Youth and Children's Ministries job description and create a posting for the job
Motion to approve public job posting for Youth Leader first by Connie Gahler, second by Sam Sutter, MC.

Missions

Confirmation class is doing a Food Pantry food drive for BCS and Genoa Pantries

Trustee Report

Doors will be installed by Dave Heintz as long as panic hardware can be installed on the new doors
Jim Laughlin is in communication to ensure panic hardware can be used on the new doors before they are installed
Water in basement is being investigated. Brice looking into tile routes to find out where blockage could be

Pastoral Relations Committee

Met to discuss paternity leave agreement for Pastor Ryan when baby Shields arrives
Motion to give Pastor Ryan two additional weeks of time off above his two-week vacation time as well as use flexible time as needed to help care for wife, Holly, Skylic, and new baby after the birth of baby first by Janene Lattimore, second by Rebecca Reif, MC.

Church and Ministry ~ no update

2030 Team

AC proposals were received from two companies by Roger Sheehan
Meeting will be scheduled with Roger to present the two proposals to 2030 team and decide on which proposal best fits the church
Pastor Ryan has met with donor and discussed how the church will receive the donation

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



Children and Youth Ministries Leader

Apply on our Facebook page
or submit resume to the church office

Trinity Elliston UCC is looking to hire an exemplary youth and children's leader to help guide our church's students. The youth and children's leader will strive to help all students understand the journey of faith in Jesus Christ, train students in the knowledge of the Christian faith, and support them as they develop their love for God and others. They will be asked to attend student functions, grow relationships within the community, and provide students and their families with loving Christian support. The ideal candidate should have a proficient understanding of the challenges young people face and be a voice of compassion, as well as having a deep understanding and commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Youth & Children's Leader Responsibilities:

- Oversee, grow, and coordinate the church's youth & children's ministries
- Assist with, oversee, and examine curriculum for programs, events, and classes.
- Lead students to encourage their spiritual growth.
- Interact with students during Sunday services, Sunday School, and Children's Church.
- Develop positive relationships with students and their parents.
- Develop and lead a teen youth program.
- Be in good communication with Church leadership.
- Communicate effectively with the church and community through available avenues (social media, email, text, phone calls, newsletters, etc).
- Display a Christ-like approach and lifestyle, and praying regularly for young people in the church and community.
- Actively engage in seasonal church programming (Christmas program, Easter activities, VBS, etc)

COMPENSATION (Negotiable based on experience and performance):

- Salaried position in the range of \$10-15,000 annually based on a 10-15 hours weekly or 40-60 hours monthly.
- Mileage compensation
- 10-15 hours paid time off after evaluation period

Council Minutes, continued from previous page

Old Business:

New signers approved for banking purposes. Motion to accept new signers first by Janene Lattimore, second by Nate Diekman, MC.
Budget/Audit Committee will continue as Nyla Denman and Desirae McCloskey with the addition of Luke Sutter and Nate Diekman

New Business:

Amy would like to purchase new rugs for north entrance doors and kitchen entrance doors
Mary will investigate previous rug purchases to determine sizes and pricing

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Nate Diekman and second by Jim Laughlin, MC.
Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm by Luke Sutter.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

Lent 2022



Lent

April 3 @ 5:00 pm

Family Craft Time

Empty Tomb Planter



10:00 am

PALM

SUNDAY

hosanna to the king

April 10th

Sunday School at 9:00 am

April 3rd at 5:00 pm ~ Family Craft Night

Come make an empty tomb planter and fellowship together!

April 10th ~ Palm Sunday!

Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am for all ages!

Our 10:00 am Worship Service will feature our children singing carrying palm branches. Come imagine a little of what it was like to welcome Jesus as he rode into the city on a donkey and the crowd laid palms and waved them at His presence.

April 14th ~ Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm

This will be our traditional Maundy Thursday Worship service

April 17th ~ Easter Sunday! Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Come rejoice as the body of Christ celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

7:00 am Sunrise Worship

8:00 am Breakfast for all

9:00 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am Worship together

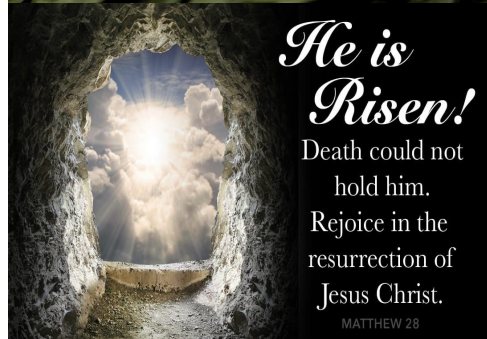


Maundy Thursday

Service

7:00 pm

April 14th



He is Risen!

Death could not hold him.

Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28

Christ is Risen!

7:00 am
Sunrise
Worship

8:00 am
Breakfast
for
everyone



9:00 am
Children's
Easter
Egg Hunt

10:00 am
Easter
Worship

April 10th

Save the Date

**Oak Harbor
High School Choir**
singing during worship @ 10:00

&

Our Annual
Chicken BBQ
11:30 until sold out
Drive thru only

April 24th



Chicken Dinners!

Sunday, April 24th • 11:30 am until sold out

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Mission
SPOTLIGHT
VBS 2022

The Mission Spotlight for April is VBS 2022 "Monumental".

To give toward their support in April mark your donation "Mission Spotlight".

General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved
03/14/22)

Beginning Balance 02/01/2022	\$22,697.25
Offering/Income	\$12,982.44
Expenses	\$14,740.01
Transfers	\$4,000.00
Balance 02/28/2022	\$16,939.68



Melvin W. Reif
September 29, 1926 - March 31, 2022

Melvin W. Reif, 95 of Graytown, OH died Thursday, March 31, 2022 at his home under Hospice Care. Melvin was born September 29, 1926 in Elliston, OH to the late William and Minnie (Ninke) Reif. He was a 1945 graduate of Salem-Oak Harbor High School. On August 23, 1952 he married Norma Klickman at St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, OH.

Melvin was truly a man who loved and walked with God. He was a lifelong member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston, where he belonged to the former Men's Fellowship, Sunday School class, and was a past Trustee of the Church. He was also a lifelong farmer and was a school bus driver for 32 years for the BCS Schools. He supported the school where he videoed sports games for years.

Melvin certainly enjoyed his family; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling and woodworking, giving away many items like crosses by the many hundreds. He also held memberships in S.C.R.A.P., Farm Bureau Council, and NFU. He treasured his Minneapolis Moline tractor collection, playing cards, and in the 60's he and his wife were charter members of the Buckeye Squares Western Dance Club.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years Norma of Graytown; sons: Daniel Reif of Port Clinton, OH, Thomas (Kim) Reif of Clayton, MI, William (Luann) Reif of Graytown; 5 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brother Willis Reif, sister Janet Buhrow, and grandson Benjamin Reif.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-8pm at the Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Oak Harbor with the family present from 2-4 & 6-8pm. Funeral Services will begin at 10am on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Trinity United Church of Christ with the family to receive friends beginning at 9am, Elliston with Pastor Ryan Shields officiating. Burial will be in Elliston Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be given to Trinity United Church of Christ. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.crosserpriesmanfuneralhome.com.



In Our
Prayers

In Our Prayers:

Jen Laughlin is dealing with a knee injury that may be a torn meniscus. Further testing coming soon.

Continue to pray for Jim Laughlin and his family as they mourn the loss of his sister, Jadie, and his cousin, Janet.

Melvin Reif went home to heaven on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Service arrangements are listed in the obituary. Please keep Norma and family in your prayers in the days to come.

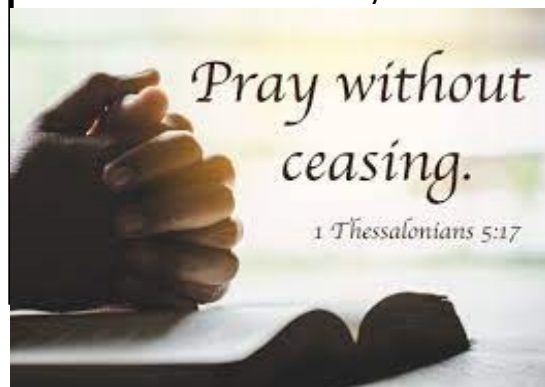
Those with long-term health concerns:

Donald Tabbert Sr. was recently hospitalized for continuing health issues

Deanna Vizi, Riley & Ren Baumert, Patty Crozier, Joel Marquart, Samantha Muntz, Holly Shields

Those battling cancer:

Sean Hall, Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton
Logan Murphy (2 year old - Leukemia)
Emily Burcin is receiving recommendations for her continued cancer treatment after successful removal of thyroid cancer.



Pray without
ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter ?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?
Drop them off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

Use of the Church Hall or Basement

The church calendar of events is hanging on the wall outside the main office door. You can also view scheduled events on the church website calendar (www.trinityelliston.org). If you would like to reserve the hall or basement take a form from the pouch under the calendar outside the main office, complete it and return it to the office to be scheduled. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover events from year to year for holiday parties). Please do not just write on the calendar - we ask you complete the form first. Once the form is reviewed we will add it 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. We ask everyone to help with this cost saving measure. Thank you!

Trinity Logo Wear

You can now order items directly from bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist. If the item you would like is not listed simply call R&R Identification at 419-355-8206 or visit their shop at 160 S OH 590 Fremont, OH 43420 and tell them what you would like with the Trinity Elliston logo on it and they will be happy to make it to your specifications.

Table & Chair Sign Out

Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden style tables. The only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden chairs. Both tables and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.

Medical Lending Supplies

Many new supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. These supplies include: Bath in a Bag wipes, Adult size Pull-Ups and Diapers, Wheel-chairs, Canes, Walkers, Arm Slings, Compression Stockings, Shower Bag for use with a cast, Massage Cushion, First Aid items (Ace Wraps, Band-aids, Ointment, etc), and more. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need!

Watch the Service Online

We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services!
If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use this link to find the service online: <http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

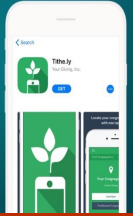


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#1 - Give on your Church Website

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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.tithe.ly) App from the [App Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app,

Trinity UCC

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gary D. Tabbert Mark Warnke	2 10:00 am - Hall: Town & Country 4-H Beth Gahler
3 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Lent Activity: 5:00 pm Family Craft (Empty Tomb Planter)	4	5 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Anthony Asher Ron & Elizabeth Ayotte	6 Nathan Denman	7	8	9 12:00 pm - Hall: Shields
10 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship w/ kids singing Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Brice Gahler	11 7:00 pm Church Council Julie Rotheft	12 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	13 12:30 pm Coffee Room: Garden Club Dick & Nyla Denman	14 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Trustee: Jim Laughlin Skylie Shields Nathan & Robin Denman	15 Good Friday	16 Heidi Gahler Tracy Dresser
17 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Sunrise Worship 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Michael Sager Ray David	18	19 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Krista Hellwig Randy Schimming	20 Tidings Information Due	21 Nicole Tabbert	22	23 Jane Gahler
24 Chicken BBQ 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am OHHS Choir & Kids Church Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Brice Gahler	25	26 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Brad & Connie Witt	27 Erica Hall	28 Ayden Grieger	29	30 1:00 pm Hall: Hellwig

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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