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News From Pastor:

A message from the Pastor:

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

It is hard to believe we are coming up on one month as Pastor and People! Time has already flown by! I am so thankful for the warm greeting myself, Holly, and Skylie have received from our Trinity family! (And a couple Sundays it was very WARM greeting!)

As we head into August and already think about football games, back to school events, and the coming fall...my mind is still on baseball! This is the time of the year where I find myself more and more connected to the game! It seems like this is the time when I watch more games or head out to the field myself! My grandfather was a lifelong baseball fan who loved to take in all levels of the game. He was a fixture and local softball games in his later years. My mother is a die-hard Atlanta Braves fan and will change her whole schedule to insure she sees each game! I love going out with big groups to see the Toledo Mud Hens play, just like we'll be doing on September 1st as a church family! Please RSVP by August 12th so we can all be a part of the action!

As you get later and later into the baseball season, you sometimes see the teams that just run out of gas. A young team can be doing great going into the All-Star break, but as late August and early September come around the corner, the once vibrant and exciting players look worn down and tired. The long baseball season has a way of separating out the real deal from the flashes in the pan.

In our Christian life, we are playing a very long season! Our faith in the early days might seem

energetic, dynamic, and lively as we see things through the lens of a new life in Christ! But as time wears on we might find ourselves no longer singing worship songs with zeal, no longer praying fervently for the needs of others, or no longer doing acts of love and service for our neighbors. Just as many of us may feel when we reach the dog days of summer, our faith has gone from tireless to TIRED!

“So then, with endurance, let’s also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let’s throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith’s pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God’s throne. Think about the one who endured such opposition from sinners so that you won’t be discouraged, and you won’t give up.”

Hebrews 12:1-3

When we find ourselves feeling tired in our faith, we must reconnect with the Good News of Jesus who took all of the burden on the cross! We remember the amazing love that was shown for us! We must remember to return to Him who first loved us. The love of Jesus does not grow weary. He loves us in our youth, into adulthood, and into old age. Often, we carry the baggage of years of sin, pain or sorrow, but Jesus calls us to lay our burden down at the foot of the cross! We find refreshing in His Spirit! My prayer for you is that as we reach this long, tiring days of summer you will feel a refreshing in your soul! Like a cold drink of water, let the power of God renew your Spirit and pray for the strength to

worship with a strong spirit and do His work this day!

Be Blessed,
Pastor Ryan

Mark your Calendars

August 11th – Turnow Pond Service
 August 18th – Packer Creek Quintet during our service
 September 1 – Mud Hen’s Game



Turnow Pond Service

Will be held on August 11th this year. Turnow Pond (10534 Brown Rd. Curtice, Ohio) is now at 10:30 AM with a hog roast. Turnow’s will provide Meat, Drinks and Table service. Please plan to bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and life jackets if needed.



Worship Service Information

Coming Sermon Titles

August 4 th	Living Discipleship
August 11 th	Turnow Pond – Refresh Your Soul
August 18 th	Make a Joyful Noise!
August 25 th	When Did We See You?
September 1 st	Give it a Rest!

We are also looking for Greeters, Liturgists, and Musicians for Sunday morning. We are looking for a more community feel to our Worship Services. If you are interested, please let the office

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 June 10th, 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 Hoefl, Ken Gahler, Jennifer Laughlin, Eric Gahler, Curt Reiff, Brock Hansen, Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney, and interim Pastor Don Corbin. Nate Diekman and Jayson Hayes were absent.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the May council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Marty Hoefl, second by Jennifer Laughlin. MC.

Secretary Report:

- Anna Markley and Brice Rubie request to transfer to St. Paul’s UCC in Oak Harbor
 - Motion made first by Ben Sutter, second by Eric Gahler, MC.
- Will need new operating system for the office in the future
- Floors will be done June 24th by Scott Schimming
- Spoke with Pastor Ryan

- August 18th we will have the Packer Creek Brass Quartet
 - Will do love offering
- Possible Mud Hens Game on September 1st

Financial Report:

- Purchased furniture for Pastor's office
 - Love seat and chairs
- Motion to accept financial report was made by Nyla Denman, second by Marty Hoeft. MC.

Pastor Report:

- Don Interim Pastor
 - Discussed Don's work for the month of May

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Met
 - Service to honor graduates on Father's Day
 - June 23rd Ava to play
 - June 30th Service in Park
 - July 7th Ryan's first service
 - Ava to play last 3 Sunday's in July
 - Worship team to meet with Ryan when he starts

EFY

- Branching out will continue

Mission

- Boo Fest and Back to School Drive have tentative dates
- GOBA- Desirae McCloskey

Church & Ministry

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

Search Committee

- Nothing new at this time
- Will possibly meet with Pastor Ryan before he starts in July

Trustee Report

- Sink Smell
 - Will talked to Ron since he has worked on it in the past
 - Potential professional to come and look at
- Pastor's office

- Fix ceiling tile
- Take down maple tree and possibly 2 pine trees
 - Potential options
 - Jimmy Lowe- Lake Erie Tree Service
 - Steve Turnow
- Garden will be cleaned out this summer
 - Will speak to Darryl about wire and straw
- Light in the sanctuary needs to be changed

Old Business:

- Church Camp
 - Last weekend in January (24th-26th)
 - Negative balance still
 - Will ask Missions if we can pay off
 - Memorial Lodge is an option
 - 10 to a room (40 to a floor)
 - Half the price of Camp Michindoh
 - Take bedding and towels
 - Don notified Janene of information

New Business:

- Donny Ray
 - Will pay for playing the piano like we would Ava
 - Motion by first Shirley Buhro, and second by Faith Sutter, MC.
- Pastor Ryan's Computer
 - Discussed with Frank on requirements for video editing
 - Will also get Pastor Ryan's input
- Sign Out Front
 - Placing Pastor Ryan's name on it
- Kitchen Remodel
 - \$5,000 donation from Women's Group
 - About \$11,600 for the first stage
 - Countertops
 - Stoves
 - Faucets and one big sink
 - Repair
 - Sherwin Williams can give a potential discount
 - Motion to move forward by first Faith Sutter, second by Marty Hoeft, MC.
 - Will hold congregational meeting to approve

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm by Ben Sutter.
Respectfully submitted, Faith Sutter, Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund	
Balance as of 6/1/19	\$45,154.91
Offerings/Income	\$10,913.00
Expenses	\$7,091.26
Balance as of 6/30/19	\$48,976.65

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 for another summer outing at Frisches Big Boy Restaurant, Woodville Road at noon on Thursday July 11, 2019. It is convenient with "our room" there to have lunch and then play our summer bingo.

Norma opened with prayer and a table blessing. She had several readings.

Jackie P. gave the Sunshine report. Ina D. is the new chairman.

We did discuss the suggestion presented to us, of getting rid of some of the dishes in kitchen cupboards not being used (plates and cups). We think we should keep a minimal amount for small gatherings.

We decided to go to Frisches again next month, on Thursday August 8th. Bring a couple prizes for bingo. Same time, meet at church at 11:30am, eat at noon.

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

I just read a fabulous book called "The Things I would have said. The chance to say what you always wanted them to know" by Jackie Cooper. Hope you enjoy this book as much as I did!

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!

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

"I am sorry to report that I did not have time to get items together for a food pantry donation this month since I was concentrating on the rummage sale. I will be "back in action" next month as always. I appreciate all the coupon pages that you save for me. Thank you."

~~Karen & Doug Lick

Rummage Sales

"Thank you to everyone who donated items for our sale! We moved a great amount of stuff with our three day sale! Having the sale at the same time as Zion & St. Marks seemed to benefit everyone. Thank you also to our wonderful bakers. We had a great selection of baked goods! A special thank you to everyone who helped sort and organize a mountain of stuff. We got many compliments on how organized our tables were!

We were happy to make a little over \$1,000.00 which has been donated to our new kitchen fund. Any items left over were picked up by the Salvation Army.

Thank you to the people who worked so hard the 3 days of our sale! Everything went so smoothly as we had many hands.

Thank you again to everyone!"

Thank You

"We would like to thank our wonderful neighbors at Trinity UCC for the recent donation to the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion.

Working with our neighbors is what makes this pantry a success and a blessing to those in need. We will continue to support those in our community struggling with food or financial insecurity with the generous donations from people like you! Currently, we are serving approximately 30 families a month. Several of these families are seniors who are raising their grandchildren, large families struggling to make ends meet, or seniors who struggle to pay both medical and grocery bills with a small monthly allowance.

We are always looking for helpers and welcome you to come on the 2nd Weds. of each month from 5-7 PM. Thank you for helping us be the LIGHT of Christ to those in need."

~In HIS service, Elliston Zion UMC

"Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer. Thank you to all the ladies that prepared the food!"

~The family of Dorothy Tabbert



Trinity Youth News

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.

Back To School Drive

It's that time of the year! Time to collect supplies to give out during the drive. We are also looking for help during the drive to assist our guests. There is a sign-up

School Supply List Needs:

- Notebooks - Wide Ruled and College Ruled
- Notebook Paper - Wide Ruled and College Ruled
- Folders
- Pencils - No. 2 Pencils AND Mechanical Pencils
- Crayons - 24 pack or bigger is fine
- Markers
- Ziploc Bags - Quart Size and Gallon Size
- Paper Plates
- Tissue Boxes
- Baby Wipes
- Glue - Sticks and bottles
- School Supply Boxes
- Scissors - Safety Scissors included
- Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Towels
- Headphones
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Dry Erase Markers
- Rulers
- Pens
- 3-ring Binders

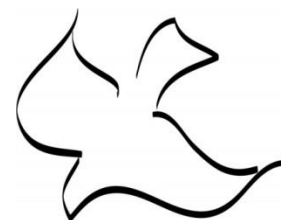
Month Attendance & Offering

Date	07/07/2019
# in Attendance	115
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 5,036.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 73,305.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 65,220.40
Ahead/Behind	\$ (8,084.60)
Date	07/14/2019
# in Attendance	85
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,319.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 76,020.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 67,539.40
Ahead/Behind	\$ (8,480.60)
Date	07/21/2019
# in Attendance	62
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,331.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 78,735.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 68,870.40
Ahead/Behind	\$ (9,864.60)

Memorial Thank You

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Dorothy Tabbert. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in Dorothy's name.

Fay Bolander, TUCC Women's Fellowship, Nyla & Richard Denman, Lauren & Faye Milbrodt, Karen & Doug Lick, Dan & Kathy Appelhans, Melvin & Norma Reif, Myron & Sara Zibbel, Suzanne Buhro, Paul & Robin Hansen, Jackie Pelton, Lucille Gackstetter,



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.

<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
<u>October 2019</u>		
6 th	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanna Hellwig
13 th	North	Krista Hellwig
	South	Casi Johnson
20 th	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
27 th	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft

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**We
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WORSHIP!**

Email Prayer Chain

We are working to build up the email prayer chain so that we can send out weekly prayer requests and thoughtful messages.

If you are interested in receiving this email, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, or contact the office.



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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:
August 5th**

"Back 2 School Prayer"

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friend. Open my ears to hear my teacher. Open my mind to learn new things. Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid. Help me to love others like you do. I want to shine your light so bright in my school." Amen.

-- Courtney Defeco

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