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News From Pastor Kyle

Recently, a member of Trinity forwarded me some inspirational emails. This was the first time I've heard of the Parable of the Nails and I wanted to pass it along.

Parable Of The Nails

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a

knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

The little boy then understood how powerful his words were. He looked up at his father and said "I hope you can forgive me father for the holes I put in you."

"Of course I can," said the father.

~ Pastor Kyle

New Members Class - Pastor Kyle will be hosting a new membership class in late May. It will be a one hour class to inform individuals about Trinity UCC's history, current ministries, and answer any questions you may have about the congregation. At the meeting we will determine a date to welcome new members into the church. If you're interested in becoming a member of Trinity, please let Pastor Kyle know or call the office at 419-862-3417. This class is also open to individuals who may have been gone for a while but would like to affirm their membership here at Trinity.



Open Door Policy

Entering a new year allows for fresh starts and renewed commitments. As your pastor, I want you to know that my door is always open (or my cell phone is always on) if you need to talk to me about anything. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, complaints, please don't hesitate to come directly to me. I promise we'll either solve the issue or work together to make things work the Biblical way. Or, if you just need to come in and talk about life, let me know and we'll schedule an appointment. In Christ, Pastor Kyle

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, March 12th, 2018 at 6:33 pm. Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Robin Hansen, Vice President Ben Sutter, Dan Mathews, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Dan Gahler, Ken Gahler, Brock Hansen, Jen Laughlin, Veronica McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Ann Diekman Special guest Jordan Moore from Genoa Financial to give a presentation in regards to investments.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the January council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Kurt Reiff MC.

Secretary Report: Boiler inspection complete. Easter flower order complete. Rhonda would like to take vacation March 26th-28th.

Sheriff Office has contacted us to give a list of people to contact in the event there was an issue at the church.

Financial Report: March Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Dan Gahler 2nd Kurt Reiff. MC. Discussion held regarding church employee logging hours. Will have Church & Ministry meet to discuss further

Pastor Report:

- One hospital visit & two home communion visits
- Attended Excellence in Ministry monthly meeting

- Two memorial services & two baptisms this month
- Northwest Ohio Association Meeting April 28th at St. Johns UCC in Genoa
 - Open for members to attend, we should attend two delegates. Robin Hansen will attend
- Would like to have a service of Blessing of the Farmers/Fields for the spring season on April 8
- Couple recently attending would like to be members
- Discussion held about reaching out to people who haven't attended church recently as well as families who have recently moved to the area

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Lenton Meals & Melodies
 - 55-60 present recently
 - Kyle has been making meals, would like help with dinner on 3/28

EFY

- Still looking for teachers to sign up, number of kids attending increasing
- Youth event – 7 kids went to see a movie and out to eat
- High School class – small class size but feedback has been positive

Mission

- April – Rummage sale planned for April 26th-28th
 - Sign up sheet for set up, working, teardown
 - Flyers to pass around
 - Women's Fellowship will have a bake sale

Church & Ministry

- Need to have a meeting to discuss evaluation
- Pastor family liaison, still working on starting/ideas

Trustee Report

- Classroom flooring complete and looks good
- Lawn mower fixed; elevator light fixed
- Lighting issue outside the shed
- Kurt meeting someone this week to look at door locks
- Tuesday April 17th a company to come and give quote for new sanctuary doors
- Kurt built a partition wall in the shed, will move items into shed

Old Business:

- Electronic pay – will revisit next month
- Capital Improvement Fund Campaign
 - Need a committee John Bast & Kyle to get started
 - Ideas
 - Kitchen update
 - Entry doors
 - Air conditioning
- Upcoming Event Dates
 - Father/Son Banquet March 23rd
 - 181 tickets out of 200 sold
 - In need for desserts & women to serve
 - Chicken BBQ April 15th
 - Mother/Daughter Banquet Wednesday May 9th

New Business:

Discussion held regarding the investment proposal presented tonight
 John Bast makes a motion to invest \$25,000 into the funds as proposed by Jordan Moore, Genoa Financial. 2nd Kurt Reiff MC.

Shirley Buhro moved and Jen Laughlin 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm by Robin Hansen
 Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
 Recording Secretary

Treasurer’s Report (approved)

General Operating Fund

Balance as of 3/1/18	\$15,922.22
Offerings/Income	\$10,317.06
Expenses	\$11,499.28
Balance as of 3/31/18	\$14,740.00



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. For the 1st quarter of 2018, some of the places we donated to were: Erika Warnke, Autism Speaks, Zion Food Pantry, Marcos Hartlidge, Abby Paskavan, OHHS Choir, Community Member Electric Bill help, and NWO Association.

\$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 – Youth Mission Trip
- 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 Continent 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

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.

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	04/01/2018
# in Attendance	267
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,114.12
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 34,372.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 29,162.52
Ahead/Behind	\$ (5,209.48)

Date	04/08/2018
# in Attendance	102
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,183.04
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 37,016.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 31,345.56
Ahead/Behind	\$ (5,670.44)

Date	04/15/2018
# in Attendance	88
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,763.71
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 39,660.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 34,109.27
Ahead/Behind	\$ (5,550.73)

Date	04/22/2018
# in Attendance	109
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,874.00
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 42,304.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 35,983.27
Ahead/Behind	\$ (6,320.73)

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday April 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm. There were ten present. Norma began with the opening prayer and table blessing. Eloise H. was hostess for today, serving a delicious lemon lush dessert with snacks and candy.

Norma was in charge of the program, Part 2 of "You are Important". To be important as Christ wants us to be, we must have a firm faith to live by.

To become the best we can be, we need a faith to live with and a high purpose to work and live for.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Eloise for hosting today and we thanked Norma for the program. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted and will be filed.

We have a table at the Rummage Sale for a Bake Sale. Sue W. and Kelly B. to be in charge of the table.

The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be on Wed. May 9, 6:30 pm with the "Hot Flashes" as the program.

Jackie P. thanked everyone for cards received when she had shoulder surgery.

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

Remember to bring in items for the Oak Harbor Food Pantry.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Next month we will meet on Thursday May 10th at 1:00 pm. Program by Suzanne B. and host will be Ina D.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of March 1	\$76.45
Offering	\$15.00
Total Income & Balance	\$91.45
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand March 31st	\$76.45
Savings Account	\$1,237.56

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

Thank You

“Thank you so much for your support of the BCS Food bank. Without your continued support we could not continue to help those in need. Thanks again.”

~BCS Food Bank

“What a blessing my family, friends, and church family are. Thank you for all the cards, greetings, and gifts. All are greatly appreciated. The party on Saturday was wonderful. Some family gatherings as well as high school reunions and especially to the great grands that kept the “bad guys” out of the hall. Love to all”

~Eloise

“I want to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers. May you all be blessed for your kindness. God Bless.”

~Jackie Pelton

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 for all your efforts of turning in receipts, because of your help, we received a check for \$37.72.

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.

Hall Use Reservations

There is a new policy for reserving any room in the church.

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.

Coupons

“This month’s food pantry contribution went to St. Paul’s Episcopal church in Oregon. We were able to give them canned chicken, chili beef stew, hamburger helper, knoors packages, diapers, wipers, shampoo, deodorants, razors, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hand lotion, tea bags, max and mini pads, etc along with 30 rolls of toilet paper. Your coupon pages are greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!”

~~Karen Lick

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.

Mission Team

Next Meeting will be May 2nd at 7:00 pm. Come on out and see what 2018 will bring for our Mission Team. We are always looking for new ideas and help.

Rummage Sale

Just a reminder of the Rummage sale on April 26th from 9-8, April 27th from 9-4 and April 28th from 9-noon. Come on out and see what all treasures we will have here.

Chicken BBQ

Thank you to everyone that helped in any way for our annual chicken BBQ. Without everyone's effort, we wouldn't be able to put together such a great event here at Trinity.



Blessing of the Farmers Sunday:

What a great event we had on our first annual Blessing of the Farmers. Thank you to those that drove out in some very cool weather. We look forward to continuing this tradition here at Trinity.



Women's Banquet

Women of all ages are invited to Trinity's Annual Mother/Daughter Women's Banquet. The banquet will be on Wednesday, May 9th. Doors open at 6, program and dinner will begin around 6:20 with special entertainment from the 1950s and 1960s Doo-op group "The Hot Flashes" performing after dinner. Tickets are \$10 an adult or \$8 (12 & under). Dinner will include a chicken breast & leg, potato wedges, cole slaw, dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Please sign up no later than May 6th.

To register, please include your name and who all is in your group (or at least number of people). Payment is preferred upon registration. Call 419-862-3417 or email tucc1862@gmail.com for questions or reservations.

Mark your Calendars

May 9th Women's Banquet
 June 10th 11:30-1:30 Waterblast
 July 26-29th Family Camping Weekend
 August 4th Turnow Pond
 August 12th Back to School Drive
 September 9th Ladies Night Out
 October 13th & 14th Boo Fest
 November 4th Corn Hole & Euchre
 December 8th Christmas Program



*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

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 or Janene Lattimore know as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those who have signed up to help teach this Fall. We can still use YOU! Even if you'd sign up for just one Sunday. Young, old, male, female, member, non-member! Let us know if you can take one of the slots listed below as "Open"

May 6 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th
May 13 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th
May 20 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th
May 27 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th

We are also in need of snacks and drinks for Branching Out. If you would like to donate, please drop off the donation in the Branching Out Room.

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>May 2018</u>		
6 th	North	Vi Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
13 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
20 th	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
27 th	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Krista Hellwig
<u>June 2018</u>		
3 rd	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
10 th	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
17 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
24 th	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
<u>July 2018</u>		
1 st	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
8 th	North	Darrell Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
15 th	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
22 nd	North	Vera Sager
	South	Evelyn Schimming
29 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer

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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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