



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor Kyle

Stewardship: On Sunday, October 15th I preached about the Joy of Giving and discussed the current situation Trinity UCC is in, or soon will be in if we don't prayerfully consider our giving habits.

Many of you have been faithful givers for our general budget, benevolence giving, \$5 offerings, and beyond! We thank you.

At the current rate we are going we will deplete our savings account soon, and while money is still available in other accounts, we don't want to have to tap into those funds unless it is an emergency.

Our attendance has been up over the past two years. We continue to grow and we see more giving units within the church. Our budget hasn't drastically changed with the exception of payroll and insurance needs, but because of some of those changes we need to make sure we don't drain what we already have.

While looking at some giving patterns, I believe there are several ways we can solve any of our concerns without having to ask people to dig that much deeper.

1. If you miss a Sunday, or are gone for several Sundays, please consider mailing in your tithe/offering or making up for it when you do return. Missed Sundays by our people is the biggest reason we fall behind when we do.
2. Consider adding to your weekly gift. One thing I mentioned during the message was that many people are still giving the same

amount they gave 10-20 years ago. If you have been blessed in your employment/jobs by getting raises or increases due to living costs, please consider increasing your weekly/yearly giving.

3. Consider giving an extra above-and-beyond Christmas or End of Year gift. This is not in place of your regular giving, but perhaps a gift to God that reflects His goodness in your life this year. *Remember, these are good tax write-offs as well.
4. Finally, consider your future legacy. Perhaps you can leave a financial gift or property to the church at the end of your life. Many people have done this throughout the years here and at other churches. Speak to your attorney or the person who works on your will and see what you can leave as your legacy to Trinity.

In conclusion, I really get worried about talking about financial needs. I know you all have given so much over the years and do your best, but this challenge is for all of us. Consider the options above. Feel free to send us other options as well.

In Christ, we can continue to build HIS kingdom.

Pastor Kyle

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19th. Join us for this annual congregational meeting.

Save the Date: Camp Michindoh



January 19-21st. All of our friends and family of Trinity UCC are invited to join us Friday evening through Sunday morning for a weekend of faith, fellowship, food, fun and more!!! Make your plans now. More information & registration forms are available in tables at the entrance to the sanctuary and are included in this month's tidings. Deadline for registration and payment is December 10th.

Church Council Minutes

Trinity UCC Council Notes September 11, 2017
7:00 pm

Council President Ed Gahler called the meeting to order. Present were Pastor Kyle, Ed Gahler, Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, Steve Turnow, Marty Hoeft, Jim Buhro, Connie Gahler, Dan Gahler, John Bast, and Nyla Denman. Absent were Anna Diekman, and Veronica McMonigle.

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

The August council meeting notes were read and motion to accept secretarial report made by Jim; seconded by Dan M. Motion carried. Ottawa County 4H has asked to use the building on January 27th, 2018. Robin made a motion to allow them to use the building, 2nd by Connie, MC.

Financial secretary report was reviewed. Motion made by Dan G to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Dan M. Motion carried. A motion to pay for the roof repairs out of the Estate Saving Account first, then the parsonage savings account was made by Robin, 2nd by Connie. MC

Pastor's report - Has a new members group meeting on Sept. 24th with around 18 people, Dan G made a motion to accept those members if they choose, Jim B 2nd MC. Would like to welcome those potential new members into the congregation on October 8th and have a punch and cake fellowship following the service. Upcoming NWO Boundaries meeting in Tiffin on October 24th. Continuation of "Holy Hot Dogs" if people sign up to "host", there is a sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in the kitchen. The 4th Sunday \$5 offering will go to the Comerford Family in Texas as we will be supporting them in the next 6 months. There is a demo sound system in the fellowship hall, we are awaiting a price quote on the new portable system.

Committee Reports:

Worship -no report

EFY & Branching Out-Teachers still needed! 1st week went well.

Missions-Working with the Hernandez family to help sponsor and support the Comerford Family who were victims of hurricane Harvey. We will continue to support them for 6 months. Darrell brought information on the work that St. John's UCC in Genoa is doing for the Hurricane disaster relief. Mission team will need to look at what groups they would like to support for 2018.

Church & Ministry-no report, but needs to meet and complete employee evaluations. Would like to hold the Annual Congregational meeting on November 19th.

Trustees Report-concrete was poured and looks great. They will bring to next council meeting a recommendation on a shed/barn for approval. The Sanctuary entrance door repair is in the process of being scheduled.

Old Business-as previously discussed above

New Business-Christmas Eve service will be on 12/24 at 7:00pm. We will have our regular 9:30am service that day as well.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan M. , seconded by Connie. Motion carried; meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted Rhonda Mahaney

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fun

Balance as of 9/1/17	\$5,574.67
Offerings/Income	\$8,258.00
Expenses	\$9,789.97
Balance as of 9/30/17	\$4,042.70

Congregational Meeting

Trinity UCC Congregational Meeting Minutes

A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, August 20th. Ed Gahler, Council President, called the meeting to order at 10:23 am. Ed stated there were three main items that would need voted on for approval.

Ed discussed that the flat roof on the front of the church is leaking and needs to be replaced. Multiple estimates were reviewed. Damschroder Construction gave an estimate of \$5,358 for a duralast product, which is the same as the flat roof on the other part of the church.

The roof on the fellowship hall also needs replaced, three different quotes were obtained with one being steel. After reviewing the estimates, the recommendation from council is to use asphalt as it has a 50 year warranty with venting. Ace Contractors, Mike Wright, gave an estimate of \$33,700 which included gutters & flashing.

The sidewalk along the church has been removed and concrete to replace the sidewalk would be \$2,150. Sidewalk needed replaced to shed water away from building/basement.

All projects total \$41,208.

Discussion held. Council did entertain other bids. Shingles can withstand up to 150mph winds. Steel bids were approx. \$20,000 more.

Doug Avery made a motion to approve the amount of \$41,208 to cover the three projects. 2nd by Janene Lattimore.

Voted by paper. 45 Yes and 4 No. Motion passed. Votes counted by Dan Mathews, Jim Burho and Marty Hoeft.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jackie Bast, 2nd by Robin Hansen

Meeting adjourned 10:39am.

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica McMonigle, Secretary

\$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 – Christmas Program Dinner (December)
- 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.

Men's Breakfast

Calling all men of the church!!! Join us Sunday November 5th, December 3rd, January 7th, February 4th and March 4th at 7:30 am before Sunday services for a breakfast!! Come and eat and catch the adult Sunday school class that starts at 8:00 am. If you are interested in helping to prepare the meal for one of the Sundays, please let Ed Gahler know.



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

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. 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.

on Thurs. November 9th at 1:00 pm. Program – Sara Z, Hosts - Kelly, Sue, and Carol.

Meeting adjourned. Sue closed with a reading.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Sept 1 st	\$69.45
Offering	\$20.00
Withdraw from savings	\$100.00
Total Income & Balance	\$189.45
Total Expenses	\$177.40
Hurricane Relief – Commerford	\$100.00
Balance on Hand Sept 30th	\$89.45
Savings Account	\$1,237.31

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. Oct 12, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were nine present.

Sue W, 2nd Vice Pres opened with prayer and a table blessing. Hosts were Kelly, Sue and Carol. They had some cute Halloween décor and served cider, delicious apple cake, decorated Halloween cookies, candy and snacks.

Ina was in charge of the program. The topic being "Faith Is", about what faith is; sharing our faith and knowing that faith is at work.

A business meeting was held. Sue thanked Ina for the nice program and Kelly for hosting today.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasure report was given, accepted and will be filed.

There are a lot of people on our prayer list with many recuperating from falls and surgeries and the upcoming surgeries.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

The Sunshine report was given by Suzanne. New chairman will be Sara Z.

Remember to donate to the OH Food Pantry especially at this time of year. Next meeting will be

Thank You

"Thank you so much for the donations to our food pantry that blesses those with food insecurity in our community! You are a blessing to many! Thank You!

~Pastor Diana

"We want to say a special thank you to everyone for their many prayers and expressions of concerns. We surely enjoyed the phone calls, visits, and especially the delicious food. Our Trinity family is the greatest."

~Melvin & Norma

Projects Completed

Just a thank you to all involved in helping to complete the re-roofing project of the expansion and fellowship units, the roof repair to the south sanctuary entrance, and the new shed. All of these projects were paid for out of either the estate savings account or the parsonage savings account.

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!

Rejoice

We rejoice with the family of Ryan Gahler on his baptism on Sunday, October 1st, 2017. Ryan is the son of Eric & Ashley Gahler.

We rejoice with Jessica (Hemminger) & Anthony Asher as the two were joined together in marriage on Saturday, October 21st here at Trinity UCC. Jessica is the daughter of Lesa Hemminger and Anthony is the son of Doug & Tammy Asher.

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.

Coupons

“Last month I delivered 4 boxes of canned items, hamburger helper, pasta, spaghetti sauce, razors, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants, bar soap and hygiene items to Zion Church – Elliston. I also donated 30 rolls of toilet paper. Darrel I donated fresh tomatoes & cucumbers.

I also donated 3 boxes of razors, bar soap, shaving crème, toothpaste, deodorants, 30 rolls of toilet paper, and hygiene items to St. John’s UCC Genoa to be sent to the hurricane relief effort in Texas and Florida.

As always, thank you for saving me your unwanted coupon pages. I would not be able to do this without your help!!!!!!

~~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 November 9th at 7:00 PM

Holy Hot Dogs and More

Will continue through the fall. Join us Wednesday evenings at 5pm for food and fellowship. We are looking for families to “Host” each week, there is a sign-up located on the refrigerator in the kitchen.

Wellness Room

The mission team is working to put together a wellness room just for adults. This room will be a place for adults to share healthy recipes, words of encouragements, and exercise on their own.

We are looking for the following items:

- DVD Player
- Any good exercise equipment
- Any exercise DVD’s that someone may want to use.

Hurricane Relief Updates

Hurricane Relief Update (Part I) - We have decided to help a family from Houston that Memo and Tiffany know from their church for a period of six months. Our \$5 offerings on the fourth Sunday of the month (Sept, Oct, Nov, December & January) will go directly to the Comerford family. With your generosity, we were able to send \$1,200 of financial support from our August and early September gifts along with Steve and Nancy Turnow as they traveled down to Houston in late September to visit Tiffany and Memo and the Comerford family. This money came from donations given by individuals from our congregation, along with the Women's Fellowship Group and your \$5 offering from last month. You may continue to help the Comerford family with your future \$5 offerings or you may make a donation to the church and write: Hurricane Relief - Comerford family). Thank you once again for your loving support.

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"

Nov. 5th: Pre-1st (Ashley Gahler), 2nd-5th (Andrea Hayes)

Nov. 12th: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (Casi Johnson)

Nov. 19th: Pre-1st (Dan Mathews), 2nd-5th (Robin Hanson)

Nov. 26th: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

December 3rd: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (Dan Gahler)

December 10th: Pre-1st (Brittany Wittman), 2nd-5th (Dan Mathews)

December 17th: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (Dan Gahler)

December 24th: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

December 31st: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

January 7th: Pre-1st (Dan Mathews), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

January 14th: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

January 21st: **CHURCH CAMP**

January 28th: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

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.

Adult Sunday School:

Come and join us in some great discussions. Kathy Giesler leads a class that will meet on Sundays at 8:00am. All are welcome to join!

Confirmation

Confirmation at 6:00 pm on 11/15, 11/29, 12/9, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14.

November Sunday Schedules

November 5 th	
Lighting Candles	Shawn W.
Branching Out	Nick T.
Read Scripture	Pastor Kyle
Record Service	Braden H.
November 12 th	
Lighting Candles	Nick T.
Branching Out	Braden H.
Read Scripture	Timmy M.
Record Service	Seth W.
November 19 th	
Lighting Candles	Sean H.
Branching Out	Shawn W.
Read Scripture	Evan H.
Record Service	Timmy M.
November 26 th	
Lighting Candles	Timmy M.
Branching Out	Seth W.
Read Scripture	Pastor Kyle
Record Service	Nick T.

Christmas Program Rehearsals

Please join us Wednesday evenings at 6pm and also on Sunday's immediately following the church service as we practice for the December 9th Christmas Program. The Dress Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday December 8th at 5:30 pm. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ashley Z.



“Fall in LOVE” Sermon Series

Pastor Kyle will be preaching a series in November called Fall in Love. Bring a friend or someone new during each of our Sundays in November as we talk about deepening our love for God, for one another, and for our church. Also, please note November's worship schedule listed below:

Sunday, November 5th: All Saints Sunday (Communion, Welcome of New Members, Dedication of Memorial Gifts, Remembrance of those who have died during the past calendar year). "Fall in love with your church"

Sunday, November 12th: "Fall in love with one another"

Sunday, November 19th: "Fall in love with God"

Wednesday, November 22nd: Community Thanksgiving Worship at St. Boniface in Oak Harbor (7 pm).

Sunday, November 26th: "Fall in love with your calling"

Cookies & Christmas Family Style Advent Sunday school:

All are welcome to join us for a four week Christian Educational opportunity through Advent.

Each Sunday morning during Advent (Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th) at 8:00 am (we'll probably begin closer to 8:15) we will have coffee, hot chocolate, tea, water available along with Christmas cookies (See Christmas Cookie Announcement in other announcements) as we reflect on our weekly theme for that Advent season.

The class will meet in the Fireside Room; however, if we get enough people to join, we'll expand into the gym.

Christmas Cookies Needed:

Do you have a favorite Christmas cookie recipe? Do you like to bake extras? We are looking for individuals to provide a few dozen cookies for each of our Cookies N Christmas Family Style Advent Classes during December.

If you are able/willing to provide 3-4 dozen (or want to combine with someone else that week) cookies for either Dec. 3, 10, 17 or 24th, please let Pastor Kyle or the church office know. Thank you!!!

Community Events

"Make a Joyful Noise", an afternoon of keyboard music, will be held Sunday, *November 12th at 3pm at St. Paul United Church of Christ*, 165 North Toussaint Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio. St. Paul's organists and pianists will combine their musical talents to present a variety of solos, 4-hand piano duets, and organ/piano duets featuring music throughout the church year. A free will offering will be received to assist with organ maintenance and upgrades. Hope to see you there!

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service:

A Community Thanksgiving-Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm at St. Boniface Church in Oak Harbor. Everyone from all walks of life are invited to come as we give thanks to the One who gives us so much to be thankful for. Pastor Kyle will be participating in the service at St. Boniface and he encourages each of you to attend as well.

Blood Drive: November 19th from 1-6pm at Elliston Zion UMC.

BBQ Pork Chop Dinner: Sunday, November 5 from 11-12pm sold out at St. Peter Lutheran Church. 1 chop \$8.50 2 chops \$10.00 Dinner included chop, potatoes, stuffing, corn, coleslaw/applesauce, rolls, desserts.

Election Night Supper: Tuesday, November 7th from 5-7 pm at Woodville United Methodist church. Dinner choices include baked chicken, swiss steak, mashed potatoes, noodles, desserts.

Heidelberg School of Music & theatre: Presents: Come Travel with Me. Sunday, November 5th, at 3pm at The Sanctuary at St. Paul UCC Oak Harbor, OH. The concert is free and open to the public and a freewill offering will be collected.

Holiday Bureau: Will be collecting items on November 12th, 19th, and 26th. Please bring items and place them in the designated bins.

Items that they are looking for include:

Baking supplies, beverages, cake mixes, cereal, condiments, cookies, crackers, canned fruit, gelatin, pudding, macaroni & cheese, noodles/pasta/rice, peanut butter, jelly, raisins, soups, spaghetti sauce, stuffing, sugar free items, snacks, vegetables.

Hats, mittens, toys, socks, toothpaste, shampoo, kitchen supplies, laundry supplies, soap, paper towels, toilet paper.

If you would like additional information on what to donate or would like an application, additional information is placed on the tables to the entrance to the sanctuary.

If you would like to help pack the bags up or deliver them, please contact Sue L. at 419-898-6874 for additional information.

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>November 2017</u>		
5 th	North	Suzanne Buhro
	South	Ina David
12 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
19 th	North	Viola Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
26 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
<u>December 2017</u>		
3 rd	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
10 th	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanna Hellwig
17 th	North	Krista Hellwig
	South	Kelsey Gahler
24 th	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
<u>January 2018</u>		
7 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
14 th	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
21 st		Michindoh
28 th	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews

Mark your 2017 Calendars

November 12th at 6:00pm there will be a dinner, cards, and corn hole tournament.



December 9th at 4:30pm we will have our Children's Christmas Program with a dinner to follow. (We will also be looking for help to put on the dinner)

*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.

All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 5th, we will be honoring All Saint Sunday and those that passed away in the last year. During the service we will be dedicating our new oil filled candles (in memory of Doug Avery Sr., Duane Jess, Mary Kadlick Brymer, Dora Schiller, and many others). We will also be officially dedicating the completion of the Stained Glass Window (thanks to all those who donated to that project and also in memory of Lyle Hellwig and Steve Batesole and others)

Time Change

Just a reminder to turn your clocks back for the time change on Sunday November 5th.



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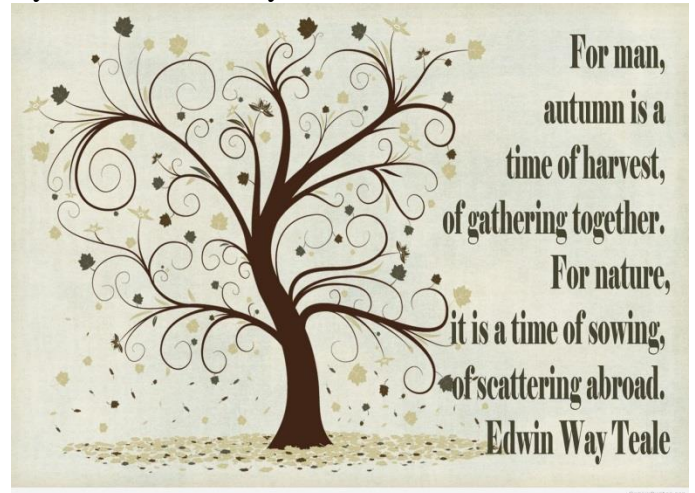
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Son, & Holy Spirit!

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney



**Office Closed: November 10th,
24th, & 25th**

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