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Below is a list of contact numbers for members of our congregation to call if they are in need of *EMERGENCY* pastoral support.

Call list for emergency pastoral support:

St Paul UCC Oak Harbor 419-898-0852
St John UCC Genoa 419-855-3906

Visitation

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

Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity

Ottawa County Level 1: Worship and church activities will be held as usual - please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 2: All non-worship activities before and after worship are cancelled - this means no Sunday School/Branching Out, church dinners or meeting that may be scheduled, etc. The worship service will be held for those who choose to attend and feel they can travel safely. Please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 3: No worship service or church-related activities

Mark your Calendars

February 3rd – Annual Meeting
March 3rd – Men’s Breakfast
March 10th – Youth Progressive Dinner
March 22nd – Dinner & Game Show



Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with holiday party 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.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Trinity UCC will be on Sunday February 3rd 2019 at 10:30 am with a potluck lunch to follow.

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday December 10th 2018 at 7:02 pm Robin Hansen, President called the meeting to order opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Robin Hansen, Ben Sutter, Curt Reiff, Ken Gahler, Dan Mathews, Ann Diekman, Dan Gahler, Jen Laughlin, Shirley Buhro, John Bast, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Brock Hansen and Veronica McMonigle. Also present as part of 2019 council were Faith Sutter, Marty Hoeft, Nate Diekman, Nylan Denman.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the November council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Dan Gahler. MC.

Secretary Report:

- Rhonda is working on Annual & end of year reporting, needs committees to send in their year-end summaries.
- Office will be closed on December 25th
- Annual meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, January 20th, 2019 with a pot luck to follow
- Reports and taxes filed.
- Copier estimate for a new company was discussed. Additional information will be brought to the January Meeting.

Financial Report:

Financial report reviewed. A motion was made to accept the November financial report made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Dan Gahler. MC.

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Need someone to step up to lead worship team and new members, needs to have a meeting set

EFY

- Average of around 20 youth per Sunday for Branching Out.
- Clipboard needs to be sent around again for teachers for the upcoming months; most slots have been filled starting the beginning of 2019.

Mission

- New ideas are being thrown around for next year activities. Always looking for new help, if interested, let the office know.
- Looking to get the TLC group active again.

Church & Ministry

- Haven't met recently.

Search Committee

- A few responses have been received off of the job posting on Winebrenner. We have listed the opening on several other seminary schools. Letters of intention were sent to a few people. The completed profile was submitted to the Association office.

Trustee Report

- Dan Gahler reported that the deposit was taken for the new south glass doors. They are estimating maybe January to install them. We are going to offer up the Wooden doors that are

there for a silent auction after they are removed. More details on that to come at a later date.

- The door company will look at the north glass doors to see if they can help fix them at all.
- A new salt spreader and sidewalk salt are in the shed for use on the sidewalks.
- Curt Reiff had someone come out and gave a roof estimate of around \$60,000. There is no major issue with the roof right now, we are gathering information.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Discussed Doors more

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm by Robin Hansen
Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Mahaney,
Administrative Assistant

Treasurer's Report (approved)
General Operating Fund

Balance as of 12/1/18	\$13,947.82
Offerings/Income	\$15,069.80
Expenses	\$4,284.23
Balance as of 12/31/18	\$24,733.39

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

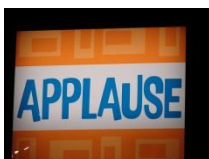
Do you know what the Contingent Fund is used for? This is the fund that ALL building and maintenance items are paid out of. So when something breaks, we pay for it out of this fund. Ideas of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

- 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.

Coat Room Clean Up: Please check the shelves in the North Door Coat Room for lost items that may be yours. We will be throwing left items away soon.

Dinner & Game Show Night: Join us for an evening of fun entertainment! Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00. RSVP by March 17th to the office. There will be babysitting provided and the dinner will be served by the youth. All profits from the evening will towards to the Youth account.



Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. Jan 10th, 2019 at 1:0 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were seven present. Jackie P. was hostess and she served her delicious apple pie dessert with ice cream, snacks and candy.

Norma began with opening prayer and table blessing Suzanne B. was in charge of the program. The topic was "Some Helpful Advice to Wish You Success in the New Year". It made for a good discussion on our past year (good or bad) and how we learn from our mistakes. If you must make resolutions, why not decide to be kinder to other people, share with them and pray for them and be sure to give thanks for all that you have received.

We were very happy to have Pastor Don Corbin stop by and he joined us for part of the program.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Jackie for serving today and Suzanne for the program.

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

A Thank you from Blanche Batesole for the carolers and cookies and all the cards she has received. Also, from Evelyn S. for cards received for her birthday and after her accident.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

The Sunshine report was given by Norma. New chairman will be Sue Wittman.

Remember to bring donations for the OH Food Pantry.

Next month we will meet on Thurs. Feb . 14. Program – Ina D. Host. Vi G.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Dec 1	\$202.95
Offering	25.00
Total Income & Balance	\$227.95
Total Expenses	\$00.00
Balance on Hand Dec 31st	\$202.95
Savings Account	\$1,163.06

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.

Men's Breakfast

Calling all men of the church!!! Join us Sunday March 3rd at 7:30 am before Sunday services for a breakfast!! If you are interested in helping to prepare the meal for one of the Sundays, please let Ed Gahler know.



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!

Coupons

"Thank you so much for saving your coupon pages for me! January's distribution will be delivered to the St. Paul's Church in Oregon, OH."

~~Karen & Doug Lick



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.

Lending Library

Check out our lending library. We are getting new books and magazines all the time. We have a wide variety of topics, there is something for everyone!!!!

~~~ Karen Lick

## Memorial Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Hazel Tabbert Memorial Fund.

Women's Fellowship & Donna Schell



## Month Attendance & Offering

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Date                                | 01/06/2019    |
| # in Attendance                     | 84            |
| Last Week's Current Offering        | \$ 3,378.00   |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,715.00   |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i>            | \$ 2,715.00   |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD        | \$ 3,378.00   |
| Ahead/Behind                        | \$ 663.00     |
| Date                                | 01/13/2019    |
| # in Attendance                     | 48            |
| Last Week's Current Offering        | \$ 1,322.00   |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,715.00   |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i>            | \$ 5,430.00   |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD        | \$ 4,700.00   |
| Ahead/Behind                        | \$ (730.00)   |
| Date                                | 01/20/2019    |
| # in Attendance                     | 0             |
| Last Week's Current Offering        | \$ -          |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,715.00   |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i>            | \$ 8,145.00   |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD        | \$ 3,378.00   |
| Ahead/Behind                        | \$ (4,767.00) |
| Date                                | 01/27/2019    |
| # in Attendance                     | 38            |
| Last Week's Current Offering        | \$ 2,252.00   |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,715.00   |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i>            | \$ 10,860.00  |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD        | \$ 6,952.00   |
| Ahead/Behind                        | \$ (3,908.00) |

### Thank You

“Thank you so much to the carolers for bringin me the Christmas Spirit with your wonderful voices. It was so nice to see the younger ones too. I enjoyed the delicious goodies as well. May God bless you.”

~Blanche Batesole

“I want to thank you for your kindness. The last few months have been very rough and even though we have had so many family and friends help, Christmas has made it even harder. With your gracious donation, I went to the grocery store and actually stocked up for the first time in 3 months. It is so nice to actually see food in the fridge and cabinets and not wonder what we will do for the next week. We can never thank you and your church enough for your kindness. With loads of love and graciousness.”

~Anonymous \$5 offering family

“I would like to thank the carolers who sang so nicely to me. Thanks also to all the bakers who shared their talents with others. The plate of goodies was greatly appreciated. Happy New Year to all.”

God Bless... Ina David

“I would like to thank all the people and children that sang Christmas Carols and visited me on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Also I enjoyed the good cookies.”

~Vi Gahler

“Thank you for your generous contribution to the NW Ohio Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Your contribution help continue our vision to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.”

~Blessings, Josh



# Trinity Youth News

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

The year has started out great and we have had lots of happy youth.

We are in need of teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let the office know.

### Teacher Sign-ups

#### February 2019

February 3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup> Eric Gahler  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Gahler

February 10<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Corbin

February 17<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

February 24<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

#### March 2019

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

March 17<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Steve/Nancy Turnow

March 24<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Susie Wittman

**Progressive Dinner:** Dan M. will be taking the youth around for a progressive dinner on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will need 3 people (that don't have youth at home) to host. We need 1 for appetizers, 1 for dinner and 1 for desserts. Please let the office know if you are able to help out. Meet at the church at 4:30pm.

**Dinner & Game Night:** March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are in need of 2 youth to provide babysitting for the evening and around 6 youth to help serve for the evening. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.

## 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>February 2019</u> |       |                  |
|----------------------|-------|------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | North | Doug Avery       |
|                      | South | Michelle Avery   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>     | North | John Bast        |
|                      | South | Jackie Bast      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Dale Bodnar      |
|                      | South | Ava Bodnar       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Jim Buhro        |
|                      | South | Shirley Buhro    |
| <u>March 2019</u>    |       |                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | North | Fay Bolander     |
|                      | South | Suzanne Buhro    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Ina David        |
|                      | South | Nyla Denman      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Ann Diekman      |
|                      | South | Mike Diekman     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Vi Gahler        |
|                      | South | Ken Gahler       |
| 31 <sup>st</sup>     | N & S | Ed & Jane Gahler |
| <u>April 2019</u>    |       |                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | North | Dan Gahler       |
|                      | South | Connie Gahler    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Kelsey Gahler    |
|                      | South | Krista Hellwig   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>     | North | Dwayne Hoeft     |
|                      | South | Eva Hoeft        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Marti Hoeft      |
|                      | South | Kristi Hoeft     |

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### Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,  
Son, & Holy Spirit!

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*Check out our website at:*

[www.trinityelliston.org](http://www.trinityelliston.org)

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Thank you to all you gave  
towards my bonus, cards, and  
Holiday Greetings! What a  
blessed place to work!

**Office Closed: February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**(please check office door for up-to-**  
**date hours)**

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