



trinity
united church of Christ

**Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week**

**Sunday School
& Branching Out**
Sunday School for all
ages @ 9:00 am &
Branching Out Kids
Church during Worship

Tidings

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WE ARE THE CHURCH

Church Family,

As we move from a season of celebrating Christ's resurrection to a season looking at the development of the early church, I am reminded of the profound privilege we share in being members of the body of Christ. Our journey as a community of believers mirrors the spirit of the early church as depicted in the book of Acts, where unity, prayer, and mutual support were foundational to their faith.

In Acts 2:42, we read:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

This verse encapsulates the essence of what it means to be part of a church community. Just as the early believers committed themselves to these vital aspects of faith, so too are we called to do the same.

Membership in our church family is not merely a formality but a profound calling to actively engage in the life of the community. It's about more than just attending services; it's about participating wholeheartedly, serving one another with love and humility, and sharing our gifts generously. In our confirmation class, we teach the importance of these five areas of church membership

Sharing our Presence:

Being in each other's presence is another essential aspect of our membership. In a world that often feels disconnected and isolated, the fellowship we find within the church provides a sanctuary of love, acceptance, and belonging. As we gather together, we find strength, encouragement, and joy in each other's company.

Prayer:

Just as the early church devoted themselves to prayer, we are called to lift each other up in prayer continually. Our prayers have the power to uplift, heal, and strengthen one another, forging bonds of unity and support that sustain us through life's trials.

Service:

We are called to follow the example set by Jesus Himself who came not to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Whether through acts of kindness, acts of service, or acts of generosity, we demonstrate our love for each other and fulfill our calling as disciples of Christ.

Sharing of Gifts:

We are urged to share the gifts bestowed upon us by God—our time, talents, and treasures—with one another. Each of us has been uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit, and by sharing these gifts, we enrich the entire body of believers and glorify God.

Being a Witness: Finally, our membership in the body of Christ empowers us to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ in our lives and in the world around us. Through our words and actions, we proclaim the love and grace of our Savior, inviting others to experience the transformative power of His gospel.

Let us embrace our role as members of the body of Christ with joy and gratitude, following the example of the early church in devotion to prayer, service, fellowship, and witness. Especially in this season where we will be adding new members through both confession and confirmation! Together, let us continue to grow in faith and love, drawing ever closer to God and to one another.

Pastor Ryan Shields

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, April 7:

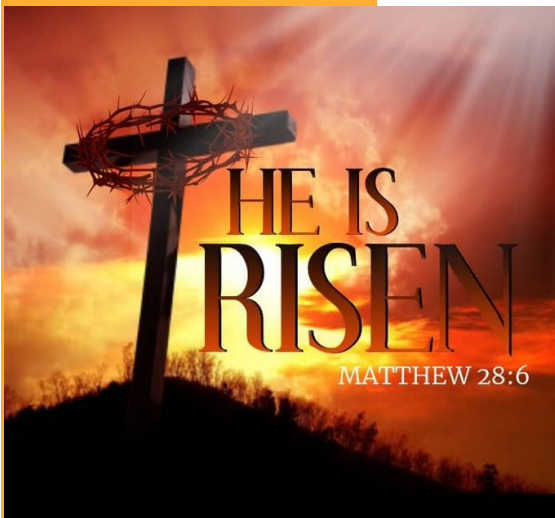
After Church
New Member Class
w/Lunch Provided.
Meet in Coffee Room
next to Kitchen
Contact: Pastor Ryan

Sunday, April 14:

VBS Volunteer Meeting
After Church
Meet in the Basement
Contact: Janene Lattimore

Sunday, April 21:

Chicken BBQ Sunday
Serving after Church until
Sold Out - Sign up to
help, donate pie/cookies



Council Minutes: February 2024

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, February 12 at 7:04pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Eric Gahler, Kim Traver, Blake Traver, Susie Shaffer, Janene Lattimore, Connie Gahler, Veronica McMonigle, Ben Sutter, Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Marty Hoeft, Pastor Ryan and Brad Jess.

Recording Secretary Report:

Ben moved to approve minutes. Brad 2nd. MC.

Administrative Assistant + Financial Report:

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports made by first Blake, second by Ben, MC

Eric to schedule with Jordan Moore of Genoa Financial to come to next council meeting to review our investment accounts.

Pastoral Report:

5 Confirmation students are preparing for the Rite of Confirmation on May 5th

Small group launching end of the month.

Discussion regarding Easter services. Council agreed one traditional and one contemporary are preferred.

Children’s Director Report:

Church camp had smaller turnout but enjoyed by all.

Branching out getting into a flow and going well.

VBS scheduled for 7/28-8/1

Missions & Outreach Committee Report:

Meeting 2/21. Excited about the new team formed

3/8 – Vision Kitchen

3/16 – Genoa Food Pantry with a packing day prior to that

2030 Team Report:

Met 1/24 and discussed Church Culture, Firm Foundation, Basement + Sanctuary

Concrete items they are proposing be acted upon include:

Push forward with ceiling repair in the basement

Establish Trustee workshop in the basement

Install proper multimedia in basement for children’s worship service

Invite IT consultant to create a single network across the church for streaming purposes.

Ben motioned to approve up to \$1,000 for IT improvement specific to the WiFi. Kim 2nd. MC.

Marty to handle purchasing and installation.

Connie motioned to approve up to \$1500 for IT improvements for Children’s Ministries – specifically

Branching Out in the basement. Ben 2nd. MC.

Eric to check on lifts for steeple repair.

Trustees/Pastor Ryan to be in touch with Keaston Reif regarding quote for basement ceiling repair.

Trustees Report:

IPS continuing to work through issues. Having difficulty with their amount of staff turnover

Marty motioned to make it a policy to have the tiled floors and carpet professionally cleaned in alternating years. Kim 2nd. MC.

Old Business

Workday Report – items cleared out and placed in gym. Items not claimed are going to be discarded.

Eric is working on repairing Chicken BBQ grates. Will need some assistance with some parts if anyone interested in helping. Chicken BBQ to be 4/21/24.

New Business

Discussed paying Rhonda Mahaney for the time she covered for Mary while she was out on emergency medical leave.

Susie brought to attention that we may want to consider going paperless with writing checks. She has seen recent fraud happening in other small community churches.

Next meeting March 11 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Kim, second by Brad. MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm by Eric.

General Operating Fund
(Council approved 03/11/24)

Beginning Balance 02/01/2024	\$45,649.66
Offering/Income	\$10,983.13
Expenses	\$9,284.97
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 01/31/2024	\$47,347.82



Council regularly meets at the Church monthly on the 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm in the Coffee Room next to the Kitchen

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday April 7

FOLLOWING CHURCH

Firm Foundation Update on Basement Ceiling Project and Cost



Card Shower: Eloise Hellwig celebrates her 96th birthday on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. Eloise is currently at The Lakes of Monclova in Maumee for rehab from hip surgery and a compressed rib due to a fall. Let's shower her with cards to lift her spirits - you may send them to her home and her family will make sure she receives them. Her address is:
Eloise Hellwig, 2659 N First St., Martin, OH 43445



Congratulations to Brice & Emily (Burcin) Gahler, who were united in marriage on Friday, March 15, 2024. Pastor Ryan Shields officiated.



Thank you for being a blessing! Thank you so much for all of your help this past holiday season. I am so blessed to have you all as my church family.



In Our Prayers

- Janet Clapsaddle (Nicole's mom), hospitalized for cellulitis
- Doug Avery, recovering from shoulder surgery
- Don Weaver, now at Toledo Hospital with pneumonia. He will be having upcoming additional surgery
- Jackie Pelton recovering from a head injury due to a fall
- Nichole Clapsaddle being treated for a benign tumor on her thyroid.
- Paul Stribrny (brother of Dave, Uncle of Holly Shields) is being tested to heart valve related issues

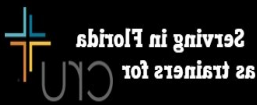
At Genoa Retirement Village: Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

Those with long-term health concerns: Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

Those battling cancer
Logan Murphy, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt



Ben & Mandi Wood
Elliana, Jonathan & Noah



Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo



—CHURCH— MEMBERSHIP CLASS

April 7th
after church
lunch provided

Let the
Church Office know
if you
plan to attend

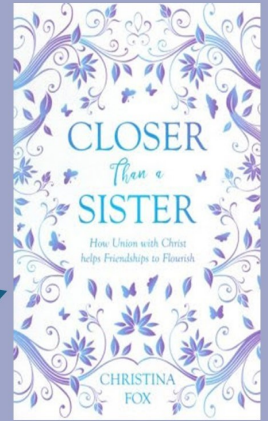
Coming
Soon

TRINITY
WOMEN'S BOOK
CLUB

Date: TBD

Contact Veronica McMonigle to participate

This will be our first book
Copies will be available to borrow
or you may bring your own.



VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Sunday, April 14th

after church in the basement

Point of Contact: Janene Lattimore



MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

April 14th @ 7:30 am



CHICKEN DINNERS



SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

11:30 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT
DRIVE THRU ONLY

DINNERS INCLUDE:
1/2 A CHICKEN & SIDES
CHOICE OF PIE OR COOKIES



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PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT LET'S BUILD BEDS

Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

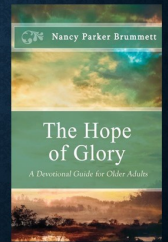
April 16th & May 7th

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hosted by Nancy Turnow & Nyla Denman
at the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living
300 Cherry Street - Genoa

Residents of the Care Center/Assisted Living
&
Older Adults residing in their own homes are invited

If a ride is needed, please let Nyla or Nancy know
& they will make arrangements to pick you up.



Enter the Assisted Living #1 doorway and the room we will use is directly across from the door.



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SOCIAL GROUP

Saturday, April 20th

6:00 pm

@ Porky's (Oak Harbor)

Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly



Pickleball has
come to Trinity!

Equipment and
net are stored in
the gym closets.

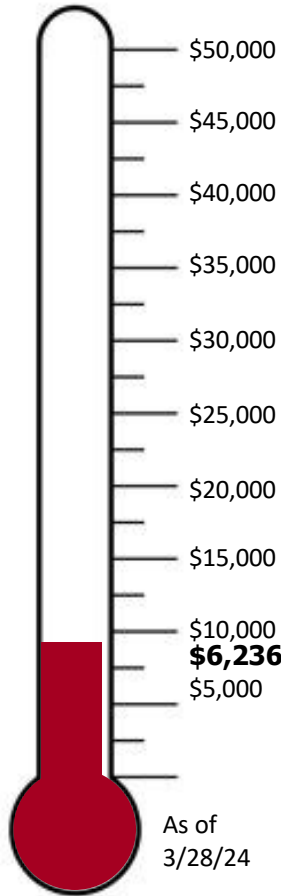
Come and play
anytime the gym is free or contact Michele Avery or
Nyla Denman for more information.



Firm Foundation Campaign

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry use
- Launching at least two smaller groups meeting monthly to improve church community and connection (one group for individuals/couples with children, one group for individuals/couples without children). Training and equipping leaders to see these through.

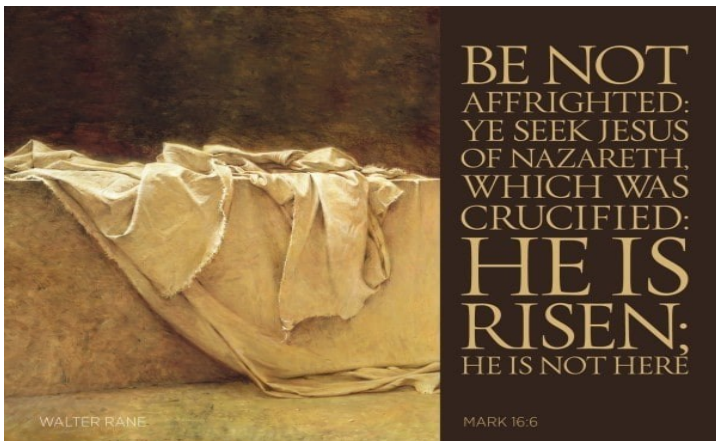
Due to the dangerous degrading of the basement ceiling, our first project was expedited and has been completed. We will have a special Congregational meeting on April 7th after church to review this project.



April's Mission Spotlight focus will be the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center.

This Center provide compassionate support to children and families of Ottawa County through programs such as GrandLove, Ticket to Success, TNT Mentoring, Konnections and Summer Lunch/Weekend Bags. For more information visit ocfamilyadvocacy.org

To give toward the Genoa Food Pantry, simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

Giving to your local church using Tithe.ly is super easy!

We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website at www.trinityelliston.org

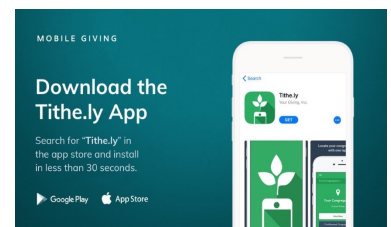
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

#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. 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 App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution!



Do you feel called to visit with some of our older congregation members? Handbooks are available to help you with conversation starters as you get to know some of our older congregation members. Contact Nancy Turnow for more information.



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

Drop Box Available

Need to leave a note or drop off offering when no one is in the office? There is a locked drop box available for you to use in the connecting unit hallway next to the water fountain (outside the coat room). The box is checked at least once each week.

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?

Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen for your use. There is also some first aid equipment in the kitchen pantry off the gym and an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms. We also are blessed to have many members in the health field who can assist as needed (and they've been needed!) at times.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. There is no need for additional donations at this time. Let me know if we can help in any way.

Thanks for all the support and understanding!

Robin Hansen

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 in the office.

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.

Trinity UCC

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Gary Tabbert (B) Mark Warnke (B)	2 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Beth Gahler (B)	3	4	5 Anthony Asher (B) Ron & Elizabeth Ayotte (A)	6 Nathan Denman (B)
7 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Kids Church 11:00 am Congregational Meeting 11:00 am New Member Class Trustee: Marty Hoeft	8 7:00 pm Church Council	9 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	10	11	12 Julie Rotherth (B)	13 Dick & Nyla Denman (A) Hall: Shields
14 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 11:00 am VBS Volunteer Meeting Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Nathan & Robin Denman (A) Skylie Shields (B)	15	16 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:00 pm Genoa Care Center Assisted Living Devotional & Fellowship Heidi Ankney (B) Tracy Dresser (B)	17 Ray David (B)	18 Chicken BBQ Set Up	19 Chicken BBQ Set Up Krista Hellwig (B) Randy Schimming (B)	20 6:00 pm Trinity Social Group @ Porky's Chicken BBQ Set Up Tidings Info Due
Chicken BBQ 21 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 11:30 am Chicken BBQ (until sold out) Trustee: Doug Avery Nicole Tabbert (B)	22	23 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jane Gahler (B)	24	25	26 Brad & Connie Witt (A)	27 5:00 pm Wittman Small Group Erica Hall (B)
28 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/Baptism & Kids Church Hall: Blevins 11:30 am 5:00 pm Confirmation Paper Reading & Reception Trustee: Brad Jess Ayden Grieger (B)	29	30 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship				

There's a place for you here!

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Join us in person or via livestream on Sunday mornings

Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Nursery & Kids'
Church Available

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available
from the
Tech Booth
Upon Request



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