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**SERMON  
SERIES**

**December 5th:  
Bring Your Gifts**

**December 12th:  
Pour Out Your  
Heart**

**December 19th:  
Bow Your Knees  
&  
Children's  
Program**

**December 24th:  
7:00 pm Worship  
the Newborn  
King!**

**December 26th &  
January 2nd  
there will be no  
Sunday School,  
Confirmation  
Class or Adult  
Connection  
Classes.  
10:00 am  
Worship will be  
held both weeks.**



# Trinity Tidings

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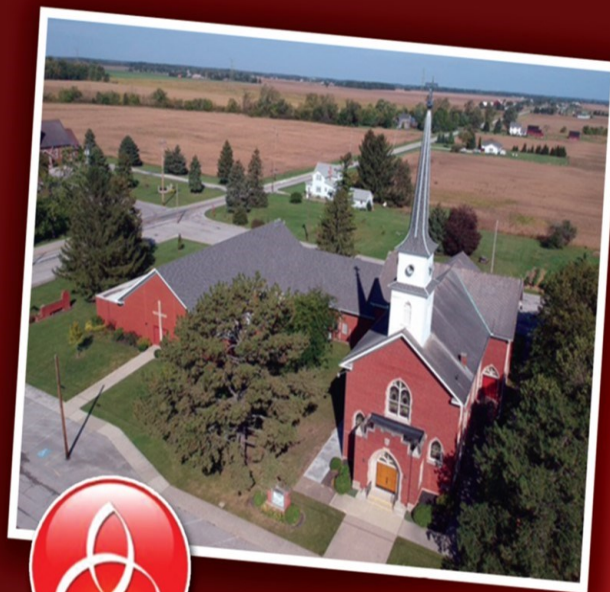
DECEMBER 2021

Merry Christmas! We hope you are enjoying time with family and friends as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, our savior, this Christmas. We hope you'll spend part of your Christmas with us, Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for our Christmas Eve service and Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for regular worship at 10:00 am.



*From Your Trinity Staff*

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**There's a place for you here!**

**Sunday School**  
**9:00 am**  
Nursery through  
Adult Classes

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



*Council meets  
at the Church  
monthly on the  
2nd Monday at  
7:00 pm*

## Council Minutes: October

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7 pm. Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Vice President Luke Sutter, Connie Gahler, Jim Laughlin, Ed Gahler, Bonnie Weaver, Troy Wittman, Brianne Perry, Secretary Mary Muntz and Pastor Ryan.

### **Reports:**

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from September meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Luke Sutter, second by Troy Wittman, MC.

### **Secretary Report:**

First round of church shirt orders have arrived. Link is active for anyone to purchase. Have called around for new florist for church related activities as well as for IT support to see what pricing/support is available if we want to switch from our current provider. Continuing to look into the bulbs for the sanctuary lights. Thank you from Rhonda and Mary for the farewell/welcome to Trinity reception.

### **Financial Report:**

Reviewed financial reports for September. Motion to approve September financial secretary report first by Luke Sutter, second by Brianne Perry, MC.

**Pastor Report:** In addition to reviewing report provided, the following items to call out Ryan and Holly are expecting baby #2!!! The baby's due date is right around Easter timeframe, so Ryan wanted to call that out to council.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Worship Team** - No updates to provide as they did not meet.

#### **EFY- Branching Out and Thrive**

Sunday school, confirmation and branching out has been running for over a month. Very well attended thus far. EFY will be meeting soon to check in to see how things are going. Renovations continue in the classroom.

**Mission** - Trunk or Treat with Potluck to be held October 24th

#### **Trustee Report**

Discussed requesting bids for snow removal for the winter months  
Discussed doors purchased for sanctuary sides  
Discussed bulbs/lighting for sanctuary chandeliers

#### **Pastoral Relations Committee**

Ryan plans to meet with them in the next month to discuss expectations, necessary conversations before yearly evaluation, re-visit call agreement, etc.

**Church and Ministry-** no update

**2030 Team** - Roger Sheahan has been contacted to begin AC project evaluation.

### **Old Business:**

Semi Annual audit (first half of year) and Budget for 2022 meetings need to occur. Connie is having Genoa Custom Interiors out to assess carpet needs space between sanctuary and gym.

### **New Business**

Slate for 2022 – we need to start recruiting to fill positions for 2022 slate. Staff evaluations will need to be completed in the October/November timeframe. Church and ministry team (Past President, Current President, VP, Deacons and Elders).

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Troy Wittman, second by Ed Gather, MC. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 by Desirae McCloskey.

Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey, Council President (in absence of Ashley Gahler)



In Our  
Prayers

Kelsey Gahler & Shane Baumert and twins Riley and Ren

For the family of Diann Gerke of Curtice who had been attending our services online and has passed away.

Those battling cancer: Sean Hall, Dustin Schmidt, Jean Tabbert, Jackie Pelton

Those with long-term health concerns: Patty Crozier, Deanna Vizi, Joel Marquart





The Mission Spotlight for December is our annual Angel Tree outreach.

The Angel Tree is set up at church outside the church office. If you are unable to shop, monetary donations are welcome. We will use monetary donations to purchase coordinating bedroom decor for the kids as well as purchase any remaining items and gift cards.

Items needed are:

- Size 4T to 5T for a 4 year old girl, favorite color is pink, she loves rainbows & unicorns
- Size 12 to 14 or O or XS for a 12 year old girl who loves tied dyed stuff
- Men's Large shirts and Large pants or 36x36 for dad who loves Ohio State items
- Woman's size Large or XLarge tops and size 12 pants for mom
- They also enjoy crafts (painting) and playing family games



## General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved 11/08/21)

Beginning Balance 10/1/2021	\$27,250.18
Offering/Income	\$14,011.03
Expenses	\$6,347.27
Transfer to other line items	\$2,000.00
Balance 10/31/2021	\$32,913.94



- ◆ We would like to thank everyone who sent us condolences during the death of Dwayne. Also all who gave to the church's memorial fund. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you for caring so much about him and our family.  
Love,  
Eva Hoefl & Family
- ◆ I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the cards, calls, concerns and prayers I received during my recent knee surgery. My healing is going very well and faster than I thought it would so thank you again and Happy Holidays!  
Pamela Wittman

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Trinity UCC will be on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. Please plan to be present. There will be no potluck lunch this year.

## Annual Reports

Those who are asked to turn in a yearly report for the Annual Report - Please have them in to the church office no later than January 5, 2022. Thank you!

## 3rd Quarter Mission Giving



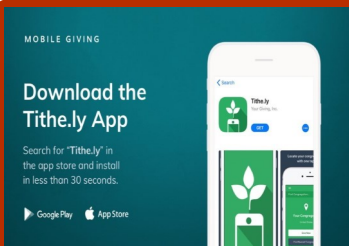
### Missions Giving Update:

**REMAINING GOALS**

**Overall Goal Exceeded**

**\$2,835 Ministry Partner Goal**

Mission Spotlight- \$750  
Local Food Pantries- \$2,085



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

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

### #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 gift!

## Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, November 21, 2021 we welcomed the following new members into the Trinity Elliston family:

Dawn Baker  
 Margie Bringe  
 Nichole Clapsaddle  
 Sarah Edwards  
 Brandon Kincaid  
 Jamie Kincaid  
 Elaine Lloyd  
 Dustin Reeder  
 Hunter Reeder  
 Jane Reeder  
 Joel Reeder  
 Allison Schroder  
 Cheri Schroeder  
 Lance Schroeder

James Shaffer  
 Susie Shaffer  
 David Stribrny  
 Sophie Trainer  
 Blake Traver  
 Brittany Traver  
 Colleen Traver  
 Keith Traver  
 Kim Traver  
 Chuck Vizi  
 Deanna Vizi  
 Pam Wittman  
 Kim Zunk

Join us in welcoming them! We are so glad to have you as part of our church family!

## Baptism

On Sunday, October 24, 2021 Sadie Ann Traver was baptized in dedication to the Lord to be brought up in Christian faith by her parents with the help of her family, godparents and the church family at Trinity. Sadie is the daughter of Blake & Brittany Traver. She was born December 27, 2020. Her grandparents are Keith & Kimberly Traver and Thomas & Carol McGeorge. Sadie's great grandparents are Margie Bringe, James Fleming and Bonnie McGeorge. Her godparents are Frederick Traver & Faith Sutter.



We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services!

If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use the link below to find the service online.

<http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

## Trinity Logo Wear Available Online!

- T-Shirts - Sweatshirts - Hats ●

Please visit our online store to place an order:

[bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist](http://bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist)



If you don't see what you would like you can call or email R&R Identification and they will print our logo on any of their blank items (smaller children's sizes, extended adult sizes, zippered sweatshirts, work shirts, polo shirts, jackets, tumblers, water bottles, cups, mugs, bags, and more! R&R Identification is located on route 590 just past route 6 west of Fremont.

These items are to signify our commitment to *CONNECT* and *SERVE* through the ministries at Trinity and in the community! We are looking forward to using these as a sign of our shared faith in Christ and to wear when serving our community!

## Table & Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder with holidays coming 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.

## Medical Lending Supplies

New supplies have been donated for our medical supply closet (Bath in a Bag, Adult size pull-ups and diapers, and more). The basement kitchen area at Trinity is home to many medical supply donations. Should you or a family member or friend have need, these items are available for **YOUR** use! There are a few wheelchairs, arm slings, compression stockings, a shower bag for a cast, a massage cushion, first aid items such as Ace warps and Band-Aids. Please feel free to use as needed!



## 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 Mary.

## Heat Reminder

Please remember to turn the heat down to 58 (or turn it off) after you are finished in the rooms and close the door. Everyone can help with this cost-saving;







## 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

## Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory of Rollie Gahler from Viola Gahler

In Memory of Mr & Mrs Duane Jess from Brad Jess

Thank you for the purchase of Poinsettias for our sanctuary



## Memorial Thank You Notes

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Marianne Schwamberger. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in her name:

Fay Bolander

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Dwayne Hoelt. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in his name:

John & Jacquelyn Bast, Dan & Connie Gahler,  
Donald Tabbert

### **Christmas Caroling & Cookies:**

Caroling will be on Sunday December 12<sup>TH</sup>.  
Meet at church at 4:00 pm.

If you would like to donate cookies, please have them to the church basement Sunday morning.

## Dartball Schedule

- December 7th: at home
- December 14th at Zion UMC Elliston
- January 4th at home
- January 11th at home
- January 18th at St. John's UCC Genoa
- January 25th at St. Paul Methodist Millbury
- February 1st at St. John Lutheran Williston
- February 8th at home
- February 15th Bye week

Home games are played in the church basement starting at 7:00 pm



## Special Music For The Christmas Season & Christmas Eve Needed

Contact the church office if you would like to share a special music selection!

# Trinity UCC

# December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kerriann Sager	2 5:45 pm Women's Ecumenical Christmas Program	3	4 Doug & Tammy Asher (A)
5 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship Service	6	7 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Anna Markley	8	9	10	11 Jackie Pelton
12 4:00 pm Christmas Caroling 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship Service Jeffrey Bast Ray & Anna David (A)	13 7:00 pm Church Council Tiffany Hernandez	14 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dale Bodnar	15 Faye Bolander Rhonda Mahaney	16 Lindsay Hansen-Jones Trent & Julie Rofherr (A)	17	18 10:00 am Hall: Hoeff
19 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship Service & Children's Christmas Program	20 Tidings information Due	21 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Carleigh Tabbert Michael Tabbert	22 Mike & Stephanie Tabbert (A)	23 Sara Zibbel	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Service	25 Christmas Mike Diekman Ron Ayotte
26 No Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service Hall: Opfer Christmas Robin Hansen	27	28 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Kristie Gallagher	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 5:00 pm Hall & Sanctuary: Turnow	



**COME**  
*to*  
**WORSHIP**  
**Christmas Eve Service at 7:00pm**



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