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News From Pastor Kyle

So often we refer to the church as the Body of Christ. In doing so, we are correct as all of God's children are joined together with Christ as our Head. Unfortunately, many Christians neglect the calling to "work together" as the Body of Christ.

Over the past few months I've noticed that there are three types of people in our church.

First, there are those of you who serve and do everything you can. You always answer the call to help wherever needed. Some of you don't even need to be asked. I praise God for you and want you to know that your sacrifice of service does not go unnoticed.

Secondly, there are some of you who are willing to serve, but just don't know where to serve, or you are waiting to be asked. Consider this the request. There are several places where we need people to serve, and some are immediate needs.

These places include:

1.) Being a part of the Worship Team - We meet once a quarter (that's it). You will NOT have to lead worship or fill in on a Sunday morning. We'll simply discuss how the flow of our Sunday worship services are going, discuss ideas to encourage worship participation, bring new ideas to the team, help plan Advent, Lent, Graytown Park (1st Sunday of July every other year), Turnow's Pond Sunday,

and perhaps a few other Sunday worship ideas along the way.

2.) Lead the Mission's Team - We meet every other month. Help plan mission ideas for our church and communities. Help discuss new ways of reaching out to people around us, discuss ideas for possible youth/church mission's trip each year, and a few other ideas.

3.) Being a part of the Visioning Team - Currently, we are meeting as needed to discuss a possible proposal to the congregation for an upcoming Capital Improvement Campaign. You can help with one/several/all of the proposed ideas (or come up with some of your own). Currently, we are considering replacing the front sanctuary doors, a possible new roof for the sanctuary, updating the windows on the lower half that need replaced, updating the large kitchen, and perhaps adding air conditioning to the Gym/Fellowship Hall area.

If you are willing to serve on any, both, or all of these teams (smile), please let Pastor Kyle, Robin Hansen, or Rhonda know.

Finally, there are some who just want to come and enjoy Sunday worship. This is fine and you are more than welcome to do this; however, I'd personally encourage you to get involved in something more. This is how you connect more with your church family, find ways to make yourself feel better about what we're doing, and finally

show obedience to God who calls us all to be servants.

Remember, it's not about me, it's not about us, it's about God!

~Pastor Kyle

SUMMER IS APPROACHING As summer approaches we know that many of you will be away traveling or spending time away from the church. Please remember that while you are away, the needs of the church continue to go on. Please consider mailing in your tithes and offerings or consider giving extra on the weeks that you are here. Thank you!



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.

HOLY HOT DOGS! Holy Hot Dogs are on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share while the main course and beverages will be provided. A donation box will be available if you wish to donate towards the supplies/meat/mission's team each week.

Schedule for Meat providers and set-up:

July 4th: No Holy Hot Dogs
July 11th: Jackie Pelton/Sara Zibbel

July 18th: Jennifer Laughlin
July 25th: (Still looking for someone)
August 1st: Ed & Jane Gahler
August 8th: (Still looking for someone)
August 15th: Timmons Family
August 22nd: Kelly Bourcier/Wittmans
August 29th: (Still looking for someone)
September 5th: (Still looking for someone)
September 12th: (Still looking for someone)



Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday May 14th, 2018 at 7:00pm Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Ken Gahler, Ben Sutter, Dan Gahler, Jen Laughlin, Ann Diekman, Veronica McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Ann Diekman and Brock Hansen

Reports:

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

Secretary Report: We received a thank you from the local family we helped with their electric bill. Rhonda would be taking vacation days in June. June 7th & 8th, June 15th 18th -22nd

The Church has been re-keyed. Keys will be passed out to church employees, Council President, Trustees and those on the Emergency Police call list only. All others will be instructed to use the lock box.

Financial Report:

April Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Ann Diekman. 2nd Ben Sutter. MC.

Chicken BBQ profit was approximately \$4,000. Women's Banquet, no profit made, negative balance of \$30.56

Receipts need to be turned in for any item that is reimbursed.

Dan Gahler made a motion to pay OHSN online \$750 for reimbursement of a raffle prize from the Father/Son Banquet. 2nd John Bast.

Pastor Report:

- Member of the Ottawa County Riverview Nursing Committee
- New signs for the end of the road are not the same size as previous signs, getting remade and should be up soon
- July 1st - 4th of July Service in Graytown Park with Zion at 10am
- Rummage Sale held
- Women's Banquet approx 100 in attendance, needed more help with serving and clean up
- Vacation June 11th – 17th (includes one Sunday)

Committee Reports:

Worship

- No new events coming up

EFY

- One more week of Branching out, need one more teacher for this Sunday

Mission

- June 10th 11-1pm Waterblast
 - Looking for volunteers
- May Mission Meeting cancelled, rescheduled in June 6th
- July 26th -29th Camping Adventure – Whispering Hills
- School Drive August 12th
 - Donation Boxes will be put up at each entrance starting July 1st

- April – Rummage sale made \$750
- \$5 offering this week will be for the BCS Lunch program

Church & Ministry

- Vacation time and sick time was poorly worded in contract
 - Policy is allowed 4 Sundays off per year, surgery used 2 of those Sundays
 - Church & Ministry is asking for us to allow Kyle to have one extra Sunday due to poor wording, giving him 5 Sundays off this year
- Church Secretary Job description is not to be found, will rewrite
- Church & Ministry will meet in September to go over Pastor sick time/vacation time wording and secretary job description, will do evaluations in October
- Shirley Buhro made a motion to give Kyle an additional Sunday for vacation this year. 2nd by Jen Laughlin. MC.

Trustee Report

- Doors
 - cheapest option is to install doors ourselves
 - awaiting quotes for steel and glass
- Sidewalks to be leveled this week
- Township is re-sealing blacktop soon, will need to repaint lines

Old Business:

- Capital Improvement Fund Campaign
 - Need more members
 - Ideas – get quotes – start fundraising campaign
 - Sanctuary roof
 - Kitchen update
 - New sound board
 - Air conditioning in fellowship hall

New Business:

Daryl Opfer and Robin Hansen went to the Association Meeting, had a good time Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm by Robin Hansen Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 5/1/18 | \$17,134.82 |
| Offerings/Income | \$8,445.81 |
| Expenses | \$15,815.57 |
| Balance as of 5/31/18 | \$9,765.06 |

Receipts

Just a reminder, not a change, all requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by an invoice or receipt for proper accounting. Our treasurer, financial secretary, and auditing committee will insist on it. Thanks. Robin

\$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 –
School Supply Drive
- 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.

Capital Improvement Team(s)

needed: With the approval from council, a Capital Improvement Team will be forming to discuss a possible drive to raise funds for some major capital improvement projects here at Trinity. Among the proposed items, raising funds for a future new roof over the sanctuary, updating the large kitchen, replacing the sanctuary front doors, possibly adding air conditioning to the

Gym/Fellowship Hall, and a few other small projects.

If you are interested in being a part of the CIT (Capital Improvement Team) or being a part of a sub-committee (focusing more specifically on one item i.e. the kitchen upgrades, replace of doors, etc.) please see Pastor Kyle, John Bast, or contact the church office.

Our goal is to keep our building in great shape for future generations and to maintain growth within our congregation.

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.

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.

Month Attendance & Offering

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Date | 06/03/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 86 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 3,528.50 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 58,168.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 50,297.08 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (7,870.92) |
| Date | 06/10/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 97 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 2,509.00 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 60,812.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 52,806.08 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (8,005.92) |
| Date | 06/17/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 63 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 845.00 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 63,456.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 53,651.08 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (9,804.92) |
| Date | 06/24/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 84 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 2,513.00 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 66,100.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 56,164.08 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (9,935.92) |

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met for its June meeting at Frisch's Big Boy Rest., Woodville Road at noon on Thurs. June 14, 2018. There were ten present.

Norma began the day with prayer and the table blessing. She also had some readings and a

short business meeting. This being our Annual Birthday month, we decided to give a gift to Grace Community Center. A motion was made, sec and carried to give \$100.00 plus a free will offering.

Norma gave the Sunshine Report. New Chairman will be Sue Wittman.

Remember to bring items for the OH Food Pantry.

It was decided to come back to Frisch's Big Boy Rest. Next month on Thurs. July 12 at noon, meeting at church at 11:30 and bring a couple bingo prizes.

Meeting adjourned and we played summer bingo.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

| WF Treasurer's Report | |
|--|-------------------|
| Balance on Hand as of April 1 | \$91.45 |
| Offering | \$15.00 |
| From Savings | \$115.00 |
| Total Income & Balance | \$206.45 |
| Total Expenses | \$154.68 |
| Rada Mfg | \$154.6 |
| Balance on Hand April 30th | \$51.85 |
| Savings Account | \$1,137.66 |

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

"Autism Speaks is honored to receive your support as we seek to enhance lives today and accelerate a spectrum of solutions for tomorrow. On behalf of Autism Speaks, thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 for Toledo Walk on 5/7/18."

"Thank you so much for your donation to the BCS Summer Lunch Club. We are excited to get this

program off the ground and it would not happen without your support. We look forward to providing lunch to those kids that may otherwise struggle for food during the summer. We will provide an update after this summer to let you know the successes and challenges that face this new program. Again, thank you for your support and we look forward to a wonderful summer season!”

~Connie Cornett, Executive Director

“Thank you to Pastor Kyle for coming to the funeral home for Mike Milbrodt. Lauren and I really appreciated it. Thank you.”

~Lauren & Faye Milbrodt

“Thanks for the amazing support! It’s so awesome to see another church supporting THE cause! Your prayers mean so much.”

~Marcus Hartlage

“To the good people of Trinity UCC, Thank you so much for holding us in your prayers and collecting the love offering for us. We are so moved by all off the support! Our sweetie is still in the hospital but growing, 6lbs 9oz now, and so smiley! We’re hopeful to get her home in a few more weeks! So thankful for all of you! God’s peace.”

~Bob, Sarah, Lily, Lylah Nowak

“To Trustees and Church Council, I am writing to thank all of you and to show our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and the time and work put forth to put a fix to the growing gap between sidewalk sections at the entrances to both north sets of doors”

~Susie and Carol.

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

“This month’s contribution was dropped off at Grace Evangelical Church in Elmore. They have one room all set up like a small grocery store. Everything is organized and the clients can pick out what they would like according to how many family

members they have. They “shop” with the help of a staff member so everything goes very smoothly. Five boxes of food, health items and 30 rolls of TP were donated. It’s always interesting to see how each organization runs their food pantry. As always the people running it and the minister thanks you for helping them.

~~Karen Lick

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.

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

**Effective as of September 1st, 2018 Amy M. will no longer be chairing the Mission Team. We are looking for a new chair for this committee, if you are interested, please contact the church office.

Next Meeting will be July 18th 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.

Waterblast

Thank you to everyone that helped to put on another great event here at TUCC. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Trinity Youth News

Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade)

Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

Thank you to everyone that helped to teach this year! Because of each of you, we are able to provide a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our congregation. We look forward to what the fall has to bring to Branching Out.

Mark your Calendars

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.

Welcome to our Church Family:

On Sunday, June 10th, we welcomed the following people into our church family Michael Burdge and Hope Wiseman, Lou Ann Zimmerman. Transfers into our membership were Reverend Don Corbin and his wife, Jan, Mark and Kristi Warnke and their children Daniel Warnke and Erika Warnke, and Chris and Kylene Liphart.

2018 Christmas Extravaganza

Give-Away: The youth of Trinity would love to participate once again in a Christmas Give-Away. Last year several individuals went out around the area and paid for people's meals, haircuts, groceries, gas, etc. It was such a blessing to not only the recipients, but also those of us who were able to give. We would love to do this again this December. Would you consider giving an extra love offering in July to go towards this opportunity? It can be a onetime gift, a weekly offering, etc. Please mark on your envelope (Christmas Extravaganza) or drop off your donation to the office. Thank you!

TURNOW'S POND WEEKEND – Save the date(s)!

Cinco De Agosto (August 5th) Fiesta Celebration.

The fun will begin Saturday, August 4th in the evening with our worship service held on Sunday morning at 10 am with a meal & potluck, swimming, fishing, fellowship and more during the afternoon.

Our theme will be “Fiesta” and we will have a taco bar (beef and chicken tacos, all the trimmings, and beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share along with their own place settings. Stay tuned for more details.

We will also be having a Salsa & Mexican Dip making contest. Bring your home-made salsa and dip and see what the judges think!

GRAYTOWN PARK SUNDAY – On

Sunday, July 1st, we will be worshipping at Graytown Park to celebrate our country’s freedom. Service will begin at 10 am. A potluck will be held following the service. All are welcome to attend. Pastor Kyle will be providing the message.

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>August 2018</u> | | |
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| 5 th | | Turnow’s Pond Weekend |
| 12 th | North | Timmon’s Children |
| | South | Jackie Timmons |
| 19 th | North | Don Weaver |
| | South | Bonnie Weaver |
| 26 th | North | Myron Zibbel |
| | South | Sarah Zibbel |
| | | |
| 2 nd | North | Ed Gahler |
| | South | Jane Gahler |
| 9 th | North | Dan Gahler |
| | South | Connie Gahler |
| 16 th | North | Jay Hellwig |
| | South | Joanne Hellwig |
| 23 rd | North | Kelsey Gahler |
| | South | Krista Hellwig |
| 30 th | North | Dwayne Hoeft |
| | South | Eva Hoeft |

| <u>July 2018</u> | | |
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| 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

**Office closed: July 4th,
16-23**

*"That beautiful season the Summer!
Filled was the air with a dreamy
and magical light;
And the landscape
Lay as if new created in all the
freshness of childhood."*

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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