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# Trinity Tidings

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## Vacation Bible School

**July 31 - August 4, 2022**

**6:00 to 8:15 pm**

It's been a busy time at Trinity with Lent and Easter activities and services, Father Son Banquet at the end of March, the visiting Choir from Oak Harbor High School and the famous Chicken BBQ last Sunday! You all have represented the love of Jesus well through your service at these events and participation in the services! Now Pastor Ryan is away getting to know his newborn son Riley. His regular column will return next month in this spot.

In the mean time, let's talk Vacation Bible School!

This year the theme will be MONUMENTAL! Celebrating God's Greatness!

A fun week for boys and girls of all ages!

Stop at the Information table by the north and south doors to pick up flyer or log on to our website ([trinityelliston.org](http://trinityelliston.org)) and click the VBS button on the homepage for online registration.

If you would like to help with the set or decorations before Bible School week, or in some way during the event contact Janene Lattimore or Mary in the church office. There are many positions and tasks to make a successful week! Be in prayer as we look ahead and invite your friends and neighbors to come Celebrate God's Greatness with us!

## Council Minutes: March

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7 pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Rebecca Rife, Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Brianne Perry, Nate Diekman, Connie Gahler, Steve Turnow, Michael Sager, Brice Gahler, Jim Laughlin, Janene Lattimore, Pastor Ryan and Church Secretary, Mary Muntz were present.

### **Reports:**

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from February meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Brice, second by Michael Sager, MC.

### **Secretary Report:**

Mary reviewed administrative and treasurer tasks completed in February  
Replacement mats for kitchen and north entry will be ordered  
2<sup>nd</sup> Half of 2021 audit was completed

### **Financial Report:**

Mary reviewed balance sheets. Motion to approve financial secretary report first by Michael, second by Brianne, MC.

### **Pastor Report:**

Lenten activities have moved to Sunday evenings with good attendance. Improved from previous years done on Wednesday evenings  
Ash Wednesday service will be at 6pm, Maundy Thursday at 7pm  
Easter Service is Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> beginning with 7am service, followed by breakfast, egg hunt, and 10am service

### **Committee Reports:**

**Worship Team:** Will be meeting soon to discuss arrangement and fill ins for Pastor Ryan's paternity leave

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

Family weekend planned for March 19-20  
VBS planning committee will meet soon to set a date and begin plans  
Need search committee to review applicants for Youth Leader position  
Motion to elect Janene Lattimore, Robin Hansen, Rebecca Rife, Brittany Wittman, Pastor Ryan, and Brice Gahler as members of Youth Leader search committee first by Steve Turnow, second by Jim Laughlin

**Mission:** Canned food drive organized by confirmation class  
Sending cards and gift cards

### **Trustee Report**

Purchased doors are not equipped for panic hardware  
Panic hardware can installed if bolted on, so this is still a possibility  
Tabled until a FINAL quote is received to install, paint, and apply panic hardware on doors we currently have  
Brad Jess made an offer to mow all 3 properties as well as do trimming and hedging as needed for \$80.00/month  
Motion to accept offer first by Janene, second by Brice, MC.  
Handrails in balcony will be tightened  
Will research and get quotes on replacing hand rails from offices leading up stairs due to shape of the hand rails  
Getting quote repainting parking lot

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** No update

**Church and Ministry:** no update

### **2030 Team**

met with Roger Sheehan and received 3 proposals for AC. Proposals received from IPS, Dunbar, and Dymec  
IPS is recommended at this time considering price and system meeting our needs well

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

Getting quote for concrete pad that system will sit on  
 Getting quote for canned lights in sanctuary as work on AC will be done in attic, now is a good time to look into canned lights as  
 Getting quote from Laibe Electric to install can lights and maintenance contract for AC system after installation

**Old Business:** none at this time

**New Business:** tech team would like to begin process of getting quotes to remodel the tech area including framing in the area with walls

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brice and second by Jim, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm by Luke Sutter.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

## Special Congregational Meeting: April 16th

9:05am

Moderator: Luke Sutter

Present: a quorum of the congregation was present

Purpose:

Propose maintenance update plan including air conditioning installation, electrical updates with new lighting in sanctuary, and replacement of boiler system in hall

Call to order: Luke Sutter called meeting to order at 9:05am

Business:

Luke reviewed, in detail, the scope of project

Consultant, Roger Sheehan, has overseen and directed project

IPS Service from Rossford was chosen as best company to complete project based on our scope and needs with a subcontract made with Laibe Electric for all electrical work

Air conditioning includes AC installation in the sanctuary, hall, and kitchen

2 five-ton cooling units in attic

Condensing units outside on north side of building

Electrical work done by Laibe electric

Upgrade electric to be able handle new AC requirements

New panel in basement for sanctuary units

Use current panels for hall and kitchen

Install new can lights in sanctuary

Boiler system would be replaced with removal and disposal of old boiler system

Large discount given by IPS to do in conjunction with AC

An anonymous donor has specifically made donation to be used for air conditioning

| Where Funds are coming from | Amount of funds |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
|-----------------------------|-----------------|

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Donation from member      | \$189,500         |
| AC fund (prior donations) | \$15,540          |
| General Church Funds      | \$67,334          |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <b>\$272, 374</b> |

\*\$67,334= total amount needed to complete project

(includes \$15,000 contingency fund that is not expected to be needed)

Motion by Mike Diekman to approve proposal for AC installation, electrical updates, and boiler system replacement, second by Michael Sager. MC.

Pastor Ryan closed the meeting in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Gahler, recording secretary.

*Air  
 Conditioning,  
 Boiler,  
 Lighting  
 Update:  
 Supplies have  
 been ordered  
 and work is  
 scheduled to  
 begin Monday,  
 May 9th!  
 Look for  
 further  
 updates as  
 they are  
 available.*



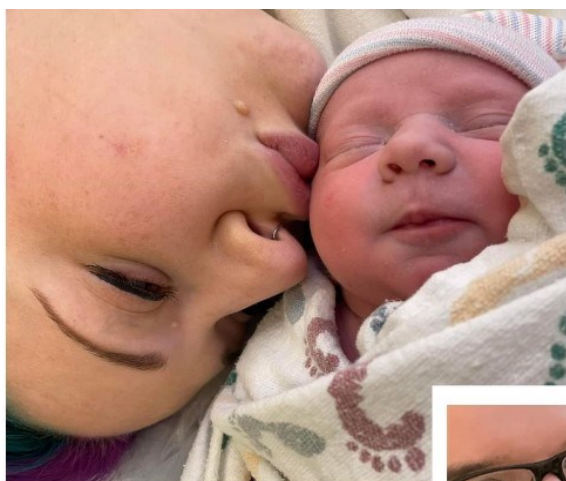


## Mission SPOTLIGHT

The Mission Spotlight for May is Let's Build Beds, For more information on this ministry visit [letsbuild.org](http://letsbuild.org)  
To give toward their support in May mark your donation "Mission Spotlight".

### General Operating Fund Report (Council approved 4/11/22)

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance 03/01/2022 | \$17,039.44 |
| Offering/Income              | \$10,817.91 |
| Expenses                     | \$13,490.99 |
| Transfers                    | \$0.00      |
| Balance 03/31/2022           | \$14,366.36 |



**Welcome!**  
Riley David Shields

Born: 04/20/2022  
Weight: 7lb 5 oz  
Length: 20 ½ inches

Mama & Baby are doing well!



In Our Prayers

**Note from Pastor Ryan, Holly & Skylië:**

The Shields family has been blessed to welcome Riley David to the family at 1:25 pm on Wednesday, April 20th. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Both mother and child are doing well and in good health.

Pastor Ryan is taking a leave of four weeks to enjoy his new son. Questions or Pastoral needs can be directed to the church office during this time.

**Continue in prayer for the following:**

Don Weaver having hip replacement surgery on May 16.

Jen Laughlin who had knee surgery last week and is at home recovering.

The Reif, Tabbert and Laughlin Families

**Those with long-term health concerns:**

Deanna Vizi,  
Riley & Ren Baumert,  
Patty Crozier,  
Joel Marquart,  
Samantha Muntz,  
Holly Shields

**Those battling cancer:**

Sean Hall,  
Dustin Schmidt,  
Jackie Pelton  
Logan Murphy (2 year old battling Leukemia)  
Emily Burcin

## Memorial Thank You

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Melvin Reif. We would like to thank the following for their memorial given in his name:

Dale & Ava Bodnar  
Eva Hoeft  
Doug & Karen Lick  
Eloise Hellwig & family  
Trinity UCC Women's Fellowship  
Dick & Nyla Denman  
Don & Jan Corbin  
Donna M Schell  
Danny & Kathy Appelhans  
Viola Gahler  
Paul & Robin Hansen  
John & Jackie Bast  
Jim & Shirley Buhro  
Don & Bonnie Weaver  
Jackie Pelton  
Dan & Connie Gahler  
Ed & Jane Gahler  
Jared & Janene Lattimore  
Donna Witt  
Lauren & Faye Milbrodt  
Myron & Sara Zibbel  
Suzanne Buhro  
Fay Bolander  
Don Bittner  
Doyle & Helen Sommer

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Donald Tabbert. We would like to thank the following for their memorial given in his name:

Dale & Ava Bodnar  
Eva Hoeft  
Norma Reif  
Suzanne Buhro  
Don & Jan Corbin  
Dan & Kathy Appelhans  
Myron & Sara Zibbel  
Jared & Janene Lattimore  
Fay Bolander  
Lauren & Faye Milbrodt  
Eloise Hellwig & Family  
Trinity UCC Women's Fellowship  
Doug & Karen Lick  
Doyle & Helen Sommer  
Jim & Shirley Buhro  
Viola Gahler

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

Doug & Karen Lick

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Eloise Schober. We would like to thank the following for their memorial given in her name:

Fay Bolander

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Jackie Bolander. We would like to thank the following for their memorial given in her name:

Fay Bolander

*Thoughts of Sympathy*



## Donald R Tabbert

Donald R. Tabbert, 96, of Graytown, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022 under Hospice care. He was born near Graytown on July 27, 1925, a son of the late Rudolph & Hilda (Otten) Tabbert.

Don was a truck driver for many years as an owner/operator and also farmed. He was an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston, Ohio, where he served in many capacities. Don was also a member of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau and enjoyed boating and woodworking.

On August 12, 1944, he married the former Hazel J. Schwamberger, and she preceded him in death on November 24, 2018 after over 74 years of marriage. Don is survived by his children, Gary (Diana) Tabbert, Huntington Beach, CA, Patricia (Joseph) Curtis, Monclova, OH, Michael Tabbert, Rocky Ridge, OH, Dr. William (Susan) Tabbert, Marion, OH, James (Mary) Tabbert, Oak Harbor, OH, and Donald (Michelle) Tabbert, Graytown, OH; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Kathryn Bruns, Heath, OH, Sharon LeVay, Florida, and Susan Rothert, Elmore, OH. Don is also survived by his faithful dog, Lucas. He was preceded in death by his great granddaughter, Hope, and a brother, Marvin.

Those planning on making a memorial contribution are asked to please consider Trinity United Church of Christ, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or the Humane Society of Ottawa County. Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home, Elmore-Genoa Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements and online condolences may be shared at [www.crosserfuneralhome.com](http://www.crosserfuneralhome.com).



Thank you 

- Thank you for your donation to the Elmore Food Pantry. The generosity of people like you is what feeds our hungry neighbors. Your donation is appreciated by all of us who volunteer at the pantry, and by those whom we serve. May you be blessed in your giving.  
Sincerely, Joan Weng on behalf of the Elmore Food Pantry
- On behalf of the Grace Community Center’s Board of Trustees, Staff and volunteers, than you for your gift of \$500. We appreciate your continued support throughout the years. It is the giving spirit you have displayed as a church community that helps to keep the doors of Grace open to the families in our community. Your example and dedication reflects the heart of the Christian principals of giving to your brothers and sister in need. With much gratitude, Elaine Page, Executive Director

- To Trinity Women’s Fellowship,  
Thank you so much for the memorial gift given in Melvin’s name. It is much appreciated!  
From Norma & Family
- Thank you to Michele Avery, Ava Bodnar, Shirley Buhro, Dorothy Clark, Don & Jan Corbin, The Diekman Family, Sara Dresser, Kathleen Giesler, Robin Hansen, Eva Hoeft, Janene Lattimore, Rhonda Mahaney, Faye Milbrodt, Mary Muntz, Darrell Opfer & Ginny, Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif, Deb Widmer, Brittany Wittman, Sara Zibble. Your thoughtfulness made a difference. God bless you all. Thank you, Donald R. Tabbert family

### Chicken BBQ

April 24, 2022 we held our 50th annual Chicken BBQ. Thanks to each one who spent time setting up, preparing, serving, cleaning up and to those who purchased meals! Thanks also to some of our newest members and confirmands who jumped in to help out as well! Over \$7,000 was brought in to help with our missions projects this year!



## Graduate Info for Next Tidings

Is someone in your family graduating from High School or College this year?

Send their information in for our next Tidings by May 20th!

We'd love to include their name, school, degree or program, accomplishments, future plans, celebration details (if open to church family), picture, parents names, etc. Drop info off in the church office or send to [tucc1862@gmail.com](mailto:tucc1862@gmail.com)

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

### Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter ?

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

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

### 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](http://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.

### 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. We ask everyone to help with this cost saving measure. Thank you!

### Trinity Logo Wear

You can now order items directly from [bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist](http://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.

### Medical Lending Supplies

Many new supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. These supplies include: Bath in a Bag wipes, Adult size Pull-Ups and Diapers, Wheelchairs, Canes, Walkers, Arm Slings, Compression Stockings, Shower Bag for use with a cast, Massage Cushion, First Aid items (Ace Wraps, Band-aids, Ointment, etc), and more. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need!

### Watch the Service Online

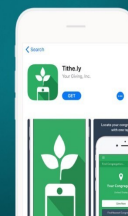
We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services! If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use this link to find the service online: <http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

MOBILE GIVING

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the app store and install  
in less than 30 seconds.

Google Play App Store



Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.tithe.ly) App from the [App Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

# Trinity UCC

# MAY 2022

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                 | Thursday                    | Friday   | Saturday                 |
|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b><br><b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church</b><br>Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Steve Turnow<br>Ashley Zimmerman, Kristen Haynes, Seth Witt | <b>2</b><br>Ben David<br>Trent Rothert                    | <b>3</b><br><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b>                                     | <b>4</b>                                  | <b>5</b>                    | <b>6</b><br>Calya Janae Clemons<br>Doug & Karen Lick | <b>7</b><br>Dawn Grieger |
| <b>8</b><br>Mother's Day<br><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b><br><b>10:00 am Worship</b><br>Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Jim Laughlin  | <b>9</b><br><b>7:00 pm Church Council</b><br>Doyle Sommer | <b>10</b><br><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b><br>Ryan & Holly Shields            | <b>11</b><br>Don Tabbert<br>Nic Appelhans | <b>12</b><br>Cohen Gahler   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b>                |
| <b>15</b><br><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b><br><b>10:00 am Worship</b><br>Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Michael Sager<br>Brock Hansen<br>Matt & Casi Johnson                         | <b>16</b><br>Dan Mathews<br>Sam Mathews                   | <b>17</b><br><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b><br>Rebecca Reif                    | <b>18</b><br>Diana Tabbert                | <b>19</b><br>Memo Hernandez | <b>20</b><br>Tidings<br>Information Due in Office    | <b>21</b>                |
| <b>22</b><br>Last Day for Sunday School<br><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b><br><b>10:00 am Worship</b><br>Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Brice Gahler                                   | <b>23</b><br>Jay Hellwig                                  | <b>24</b><br><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b><br>Erika Warnke<br>Michael Tabbert | <b>25</b><br>Kristen Asher                | <b>26</b><br>Bryce Rubie    | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>Dan Gahler  |
| <b>29</b><br><b>10:00 am Worship</b><br>Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Steve Turnow<br>Kimberly Mathews, Veronica McMonigle   | <b>30</b><br>Memorial Day                                 | <b>31</b><br><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b>                                    |   |                             |  |                          |



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

**May 22nd will be last day  
until September**



**419-862-3417**  
**TrinityElliston.org**

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

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



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