



Tidings

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FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday School
for kids & adults &
Confirmation classes
@ 9:00 am each week
Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Sermon Series:

**MAJORING
ON
THE MINORS**
A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

February 5th:
Micah

February 12th:
Zechariah

February 19th:
Malachi



February 26th:
The Greatest Show
on Earth

March 5th:
In the Middle

March 12th:
Peace in the Presence

March 19th:
I've Seen Enough

March 26th:
What Happened?

April 2nd:
Palm Sunday
Everything Changes

All In The Family

What must it have been like to walk with Jesus during his ministry? I find myself thinking about this a lot. We often forget that the disciples were much younger than we depicted them. They were teenagers, most likely. The first youth group! But over the course of a couple years, Jesus, the disciples, and many of his followers became a traveling family. They did everything together. They ate, they worked, they traveled, and formed deep bonds as brothers and sisters in Christ.

In many ways, this becomes the model for the early church. In Acts 2 the church is described liked this:

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." – Acts 2:46-47

For Lent this year we will continue our new tradition of community events to mark the journey to Jesus' death and resurrection, just like the disciples did. We'll gather for food, we'll play games, we'll have fun together, we'll make things together, we'll talk, laugh, and share. This is how the church lives in discipleship. By not just being "friendly" on Sunday morning, but becoming the Family of God.

Family takes care of each other differently then just friends or associates. Family means loving people even when they don't feel very worthy of love, family means having difficult conversations, family means that even when we disagree we care for each other deeply.

Trinity is often described as a family church. Usually that means we have several large interconnected families. But how much better will we be when people describe Trinity as a family church because everyone who enters here is treated like they are part of the same large family.

-Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: December 2022

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Jim Laughlin, Brice Gahler, Brianne Perry, Connie Gahler, Sam Sutter, Janene Lattimore, Steve Turnow, Nate Diekman, Rebecca Rief, and Pastor Ryan Shields, Administrative Assistant/Treasurer Mary Muntz were present. Guest Darrell Opfer was in attendance for part of the meeting.

Darrell presented at council to suggest a member of church be a board member of Camp Sabroske. Darrell proposed that he would take the role of board member at this time and serve for one year, and then another Tucc member to take his place to serve as board member of Camp Sabroske. He spoke in detail of the goals and motives Camp Sabroske has for their future.

Recording Secretary Report:

Meeting minutes from November meeting and were read prior to the meeting by members.
Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Jim, second by Brianne, MC

Secretary Report: Member directory was updated. Digital format or printed version available at request

Financial Report:

Luke reviewed monthly and year-end balance sheets.
Motion to approve financial secretary report first Nate, second by Janene, MC.

Pastor Report:

Preparing for Christmas
"You've Been Gifted" was successful
Christmas Eve service at 7pm on 12/24/22

Committee Reports:

Worship Team

Planning for Christmas service. Ava Bodner will be playing
Praise band playing when available
Confirmation class participated in Advent services

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Children's Christmas program during service on December 18th
Will be searching for a Sunday school teacher for high school aged group next year

Mission

Angel tree family will receive gifts
Members of the church worked the Elmore Community Thanksgiving
Date at Genoa Food pantry is December 17 from 9-11:30
"You've Been Gifted" \$6,000 in donations gifted to local and surrounding community members in various ways

Trustee Report

New parking lot signs were put in place
Light bulbs replaced where needed

Pastoral Relations Committee

Met for 2022 year in review on 12/11
Revisited town hall meeting ideas and discussed vision for future of church

Church and Ministry

Mary, Amy, and Pastor Ryan's 2022 year end reviews have been done

2030 Team • No report

Old Business: All council positions for 2023 have been filled

New Business: Budget committee discussed and developed 2023 budget

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Sam, second by Brianne, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm by Luke.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund (Council approved 01/22/23)

Beginning Balance 12/01/2022	\$25,869.89
Offering/Income	\$16,011.87
Expenses	\$13,150.35
Transfers	\$(382.72)
Balance 10/31/2022	\$28,348.69

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



Be in prayer for the following:

Phil Anderson (Keriann Sager’s father, stroke)
Rev. Don Corbin

At Genoa Retirement Village:

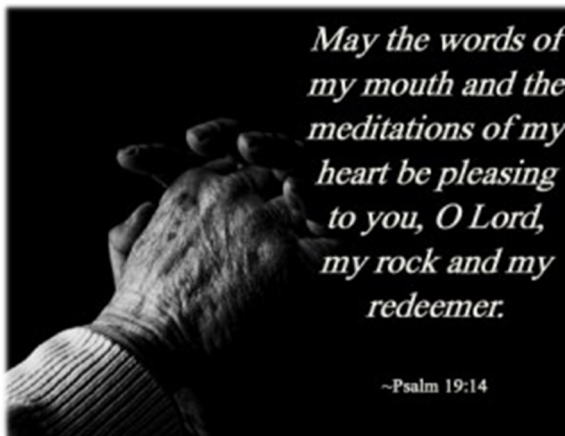
Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif

Those with long-term health concerns:

Rayna Perry (juvenile diabetes),
Steve (community member battling ALS),
Don Weaver, Don Hoeft, Joel Marquart,
Riley & Ren Baumert,

Those battling cancer:

Dustin Schmidt,
Jackie Pelton,
Logan Murphy



February =
Bethany House

During February our Mission Spotlight will be put toward Bethany House.

Bethany House is a long-term shelter in Northwest Ohio for victims and their children who are escaping domestic violence. Many survivors are onsite for more than a year. Bethany House provides the services, tools and resources survivors need to rebuild their lives. All free of charge.

Since 1984, Bethany House has served more than 2,000 individuals and provided more than 300,000 nights of safe shelter for victims and their children escaping domestic abuse in our area. Annually, they serve an average of 30 families.

Bethany House is a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio and a member of Sylvania Franciscan Ministries and Northwest Ohio Community Shares.

To give toward Bethany House simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.

Annual Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2023

Congregational meeting 2023 of Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston, Ohio
January 9, 2022, 11:05am

Moderator: Luke Sutter

Present: a quorum of the congregation was present

Purpose:

- review of 2022
- proposal for Youth Leader candidate
- 2023 slate for council

Call to order: Luke called the meeting to order at 11:05am

Business:

- Luke reviewed the annual budget
AC and boiler projects were completed
Project total cost \$252,286.08
Amount given by donor and gifts \$193,172.98
Church paid \$59,113.10
Motion to accept budget was made by first Michael Sager, second by Nate Diekman, MC.
- Youth Leader Candidate proposal
Janene Lattimore has accepted offer of 40 hours per month at \$12,000 per year as Youth Leader for grades K-5. Role is expected to begin in June
Motion to approve proposal by first Nate Diekman, second by Michael Sager, MC.
- 2022 and oncoming 2023 council were recognized
Motion by first Jane Gahler, second by Dan Gahler to accept 2023 council, MC.
- Pastor Ryan reviewed the 2022 Benevolence fund recipients and joyfully discussed that in 2022 we exceeded our budgeted benevolence giving's. He also outlined Benevolence givings for 2023

Pastor Ryan closed meeting in prayer.

Adjournment: Unanimous motion to adjourn meeting, MC. Meeting adjourned at 11:37am.

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Gahler, recording secretary.

—CHURCH— MEMBERSHIP CLASS

February 5th
after church

Let the
Church Office
know if you
plan to attend

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

February 12 @ 7:30 am

Confirmation

Information 2023

April 23rd, 5:00 pm Special Event:
Reading of Confirmation Papers
April 29th, 11:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal
and Pictures
April 30th, 10:00 am: Confirmation Sunday

Church Dartball: Tuesday Nights

February 7th @ Millbury St. Peter UCC
February 14th @ home vs Elliston Zion UMC
February 21st @ Rocky Ridge Lutheran
February 28th @ Elmore St. Paul Methodist
March 7th @ home vs Genoa St. John's UCC
March 11th All Day Tournament @ Graytown School
March 14th Make Up Games
April 4th Banquet @ Ole Zims, 6:30 pm

February 22

7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY

We will gather for a traditional Ash Wednesday service including the imposition of Ashes

Lent 2023

Last year we had lots of success and fellowship moving away from Wednesday night services for lent and instead having a variety of community activities. This year we will do the same, the schedule for Lenten community activities is as follows:

February 26th 11:00 am	All Church Pot-Luck with Reception for New Members
March 5th Beginning @ 3:00 pm	Faith & Family Night at the Walleyes
March 12th	Family Weekend Details coming
March 19th 5:00 pm	Church Dinner Party
March 26th Time TBD	Easter Crafting

Coffee Fellowship

Tuesdays 8:00 am

Everyone Welcome!

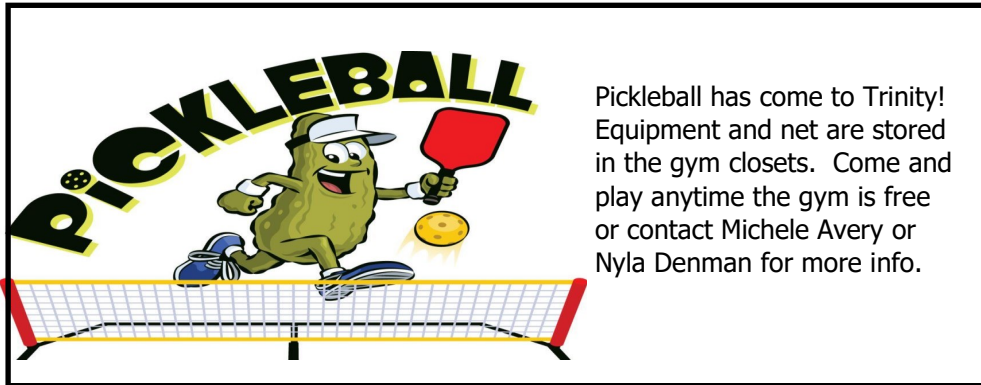


Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity

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



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 a note 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). 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.

Medical Lending Supplies

Many supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. 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! Supplies range from bandages, slings and braces to surgical shoes, canes, walkers and wheel chairs and everything in between. There are also some packages of "bath in a bag" and adult diapers and pull ups.



THANK
you.

Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity UCC Family,
Happy New Year! Thank you so much for your generous gifts at the end of last year. They are a huge blessing and help to us in time of need. We are finally feeling more settled and are thankful to be able to equip and care for many others who are going to campuses and the nations with the Good News. May the Lord bless, guide and equip His church in Elliston. Miss you all back home.
Love in Christ, Ben & Mandi Wood & kids

Thank you to the Christmas Carolers for coming to visit. It was great to hear so many enthusiastic singers. And also thank you for the big plate of cookies. Such a nice variety and so delicious. It didn't last long. Thanks again. I really enjoyed it all and hope you all have a wonderful New Year. ~Suzanne Buhro

To our church family,
Thank you to all of the Christmas carolers for coming to our home. It was great to see so many smiling faces. We have a wonderful group of children that really can sing well! We really enjoyed all of the Christmas goodies. We feel truly blessed by all of your love!
Thank you again, Don & Bonnie Weaver

I want to thank the carolers who came to my house on a very cold night. I enjoyed it very much and especially seeing all the little ones. Also, thanks for the delicious cookies which I really enjoyed.
God bless all of you, Vi Gahler

Thank you to the Congregation, council members and individuals that remembered me at Christmas.
Love to you all, Amy Mathews

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, Elmore Food Pantry

Trinity UCC,
Wow! Thank you so much for your support! We are grateful for our wonderful neighbors in mission! Thank you so much for your most generous donation to the Light Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC. We strive to share the Light of Christ with all who enter our doors and to serve our neighbors with love, dignity, compassion and respect. Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated.
In His service,
Pastor Lisa Anne Gregg

Thank you so much for your continued support of the BCS Food Pantry. Without the support from you and others like you we could not continue to help those in need.
God bless you and keep you healthy and happy.
~The BCS Food Pantry

Baby Dedication:

Emma Rose Williams was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, December 25, 2022. Emma's parents are Scott & Analisa Williams. Her Grandparents are Steve & Nancy Turnow and Scott & Robin Williams. Emma's great-grandparents are Helen Turnow & Doyle Sommers and John & Dianne McLennan.

Baby Baptism:

Clifton Thomas Reeder was baptized on Monday, January 16, 2023. His parents are Dustin & Hunter Reeder. Louise is his big sister. Clifton's grandparents are Joel & Jane Reeder and Tom & Kelly Giles. His great-grandparents are Paul & Karen Summers, Virginia Giles and Jim & Jeanie Murtaugh. His God-parents are Tommy Giles and Rebecca Reeder.



Faith

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

9am-2:30pm

COST: \$15

(Lunch included)

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT ANDREA SMITH AT (419) 463-4841
(tickets must be purchased in advance)

LINDSEY TRINITY CHURCH
231 SOUTH MAPLE ST
LINDSEY, OH 43442

www.lindseytrinity.org



TOLEDO WALLEYE FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

March 5th

Game time @ 5:00 PM

Doors @ 2:00 PM

Faith Program @ 3:00 PM

\$20 per person includes ticket to pre-game program, seats for the game and a catered dinner for Trinity UCC members!

Hear from Walleye players and coaches as they discuss their faith and experiences as pro athletes. Faith based band "The Quiet Things" will be performing during the program.



Contact the church office to reserve tickets

Beautifully Redeemed

MY PAST DOESN'T DEFINE MY FUTURE

02.25.23

A ONE DAY WOMENS RETREAT







Begins 8:30am	Registration Fee \$15 including lunch	Shirts \$15
Gracepointe Church / 4035 Williston Rd, Northwood, OH 43619		

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Souper Bowl of Caring
Chili and Soup Lunch and
Annual Ping-Pong Tournament!

Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship...and a great way to support the

LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry!

We will be accepting financial donations and donations of non perishable food items, laundry soap and bathroom tissue.

Sunday, February 12, 2023 11:30 AM
Elliston Zion United Methodist Church
18045 W William St. (Off Elliston Trowbridge Rd.)

Graytown, Ohio 419-862-3166

www.ellistonzion.com

Children's Ministry Volunteers

2022-2023

Sunday School | 9:00 AM

PreK	Janene Lattimore
K-2nd	Kylene Liphart
Thrive (3rd-5th Grade)	Jan Corbin
Confirmation	Pastor Ryan (6th-8th Grade)
Adult Classes	Sarah Edwards Rev. Don Corbin

Branching Out Children's Church | 10:00 AM

(Rotating Teachers Each week of the month)

Nursery (2's & 3's):

- week 1 - Ashley Gahler / Nancy Turnow
- week 2 - Jennifer Laughlin / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**
- week 3 - Faith Sutter / Elishia Sutter / Sophie Sutter / Amy Sutter
- week 4 - Rebecca Reif / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**

PreK-2nd Grade:

- Week 1 Veronica McMonigle / Ashley Zimmerman
- Week 2 - Casi Johnson / Emily Burcin
- Week 3 - **TEACHER & ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR THIS WEEK**
- Week 4 - Kim Drummond / Dawn Kovac

Let the church office know if you'd like to fill an open spot!



Greeter Schedule

Team A:

(1st Sunday every month & July 30, 2023)

- Dan Mathews
- Brad Jess
- Ed and Jane Gahler
- Nate Diekman
- Nyla Denman

Team B:

(2nd Sunday every month)

- Matt and Casi Johnson
- Eric and Ashley Gahler
- Doug & Tammy Asher
- Blair Drummond
- Bella Hall

Team C:

(3rd Sunday every month)

- Mike and Ann Diekman
- Troy & Brittany Wittman Family
- Brianne Perry

Team D:

(4th Sunday every month & April 30, 2023)

- Jay & Joanne Hellwig
- Jim and Jen Laughlin
- Keaston & Rebecca Reif Family

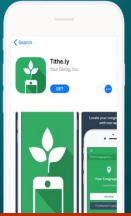
**There is still room on some of our greeter teams for you! Contact the church office and we will assign you to a team/

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

Coming Soon to Trinity

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Contact the Church Office
if you are interested in participating
or would like more information

WORSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Contact the church office if you would like to serve as a worship host for one of our upcoming Sunday Services.

Duties would include keeping the service moving along by introducing our speaker while Pastor Ryan is away, calling for the offering to be collected, and saying a prayer.

Trinity UCC

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic	2 Izzy Briff (B) Elsie Sutter (B)	3	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 11:00 am New Member's Class Greeters: Team A Trustee: Marty Hoelt Dick Denman (B)	6 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ Millbury St. Peter	7 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ Millbury St. Peter	8 12:30 pm Coffee Room: Garden Club 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic	9 Allie Dresser (B) Michelle Tabbert (B) Ron Giesler (B)	10	11 Hall: McMonigle Anna Diekman (B)
12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team B Trustee: Brandon Kincaid	13 7:00 pm Church Council	14 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ home vs Elliston Zion UMC	15 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic	16 Eric Gahler (B)	17	18 10:00 am Hall: Town & Country 4-H Tom Tabbert (B)
19 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Tidings Information Due Greeters: Team C Trustee: Brice Gahler Dean Ayoitte (B)	20 Turner Hayes (B) Kolton Zimmerman (B) Dean Ayoitte (B)	21 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ Rocky Ridge Lutheran Bryan Buhiro (B) Don & Bonnie Weaver (A)	22 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic Emmaly Liphart (B)	23	24 Marty Hoelt (B)	25 Hall: Sutter
26 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 11:00 am Pot-Luck Lunch for All & Welcome to New Members Greeters: Team D Trustee: Steve Turnow Dave & Tracy Dresser (A)	27 Doug Avery (B)	28 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ Elmore St. Paul Methodist Reese Wittman (B) (29 th)	<p style="text-align: center;">Watch the Service Online http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html</p>			

There's a place for you here!

CONNECT

GROW

SERVE



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TrinityElliston.org

Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
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Church Available

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Available
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Tech Booth
Upon Request



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