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Trinity Tidings

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Below is a list of contact numbers for members of our congregation to call if they are in need of *EMERGENCY* pastoral support.

Call list for emergency pastoral support:

St Paul UCC Oak Harbor 419-898-0852
St John UCC Genoa 419-855-3906

Visitation

If you are in need or know someone that would like a visit, please contact the office.

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

Mark your Calendars

March 3rd – Men's Breakfast
March 10th – Youth Progressive Dinner
March 15th – Father/Son Banquet
March 22nd – Dinner & Game Show



Lent Schedule

Wednesday Evenings During Lent "Meals & Melodies"

- Musical Entertainment arranged by the hosting church
- **Soup & Salad Potluck → Yay!**
 - 6:00 – 6:30pm **FOOD**
 - 6:30 – 7:00pm **MUSIC**
- March 6th @ Zion
- March 13th @ TUCC
- March 20th @ Zion
- March 27th @TUCC
- April 3rd @Zion
- April 10th @ TUCC

Sunday, April 14th – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 18th – Maundy Thursday
• 7:00 pm at TUCC

Friday, March 19th – Good Friday
• 7:00 PM Worship
• At Elliston Zion UMC

Sunday, April 21st – Easter!

- **Sunrise Service @ Zion**
- Potluck breakfast @ Zion
- 9:30 am Worship Service and Branching Out @ TUCC

Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with holiday party 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.

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday January 14th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Ben Sutter, President, called meeting to order and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Ben Sutter, Vice President Nyla Denman, Faith Sutter, Shirley Buhro, Jennifer Laughlin, Curt Reiff, Marty Hoef, , Nate Diekman, Ken Gahler, Jayson Hayes, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Brock Hansen, and Eric Gahler.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the December council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Jennifer Laughlin, second by Shirley Buhro. MC.

Secretary Report:

- Rhonda has completed insurance renewal as well as quarterly and year end taxes. She is working on our annual report.
- Rhonda would like Monday January 21st and February 18th off and will work on the Thursday's of those weeks instead.
- Amy Mathews will be on vacation January 18th-27th and Kim Wholley will be filling in.
 - Kim is requesting to be paid \$50 (equates to 2- 3 hour shifts).
- Dan and Amy Mathews to host progressive dinner for youth February 3rd
 - Rhonda is trying to find three families to host.
- The Mathews looking to host dinner and game show on March 10th
 - Rhonda to talk to Amy about contacting the missions group.
- No further word on copier will most likely stay with old copier. Will insure copier through church insurance, and will drop bank insurance.

Financial Report:

- Church received property taxes of \$1,300 for new property.
 - Rhonda to call and clarify.
- Church was reimbursed for 1 month of pay from Pastor Kyle's new church.
- Woman's group concerned about negative balance of \$51.34.

- Shirley Buhro motion to cover negative balance. Motion to accept by Marty Hoef, and second by Jennifer Laughlin. MC.

- Motion to accept financial report was made by Nathan Diekman second by Nyla Denman. MC.

Pastor Report:

- Eloise Hellwig in hospital, Don Corbin to visit.

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Committee met and has services planned thru March 1st.
- In the process of downloading songs.
- Searching for more members to join.
- Discussed Eileen Bast as possible substitute pastor.

EFY

- Still need to meet this year. Rhonda to speak with Janene.

Mission

- No new information

Church & Ministry

- Rhonda working on updated list of members in each committee.

Search Committee

- In searching process with potential leads being set up.
- The idea of leaving the association was discussed for various reasons.
 - It was decided that if this were to take place we would need to discuss it at a congregational meeting.

Trustee Report

- Light is pantry will be finished getting fixed this week.
- Radiators may need cleaned.
- Discussed that box underneath sink is starting to smell again.
- A silent bid for the old wood doors will be conducted.
 - Individuals to call the office.
- New roof is still a potential possibility.
 - Still gathering information.
- Unsure of who plowed the snow on Sunday (1/13).
 - Rhonda has contact information on the service we have a contract with if needed.

- It was decided to have the trustee's discuss and prioritize projects.
 - Trustee's to also work with budget committee on what we can afford.

Old Business:

- New doors to be installed the end of January.
- Will ask company for quote on handicap door openers on old glass doors.
- Church Properties
 - Will find someone in March to mow grass.

New Business:

- Don Corbin asking for Kristi's daughter's choir group
 - Asking to use church for a concert on a Wednesday or Friday in May to raise money for mission's trip.
 - Plan to do on a Wednesday and tie into holy hotdogs.
 - Will coordinate with Rhonda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm by Ben Sutter.
Respectfully submitted, Faith Sutter, Recording Secretary.

2019 Trinity UCC Annual Meeting Minutes

A call to order was made by President Ben Sutter on February 3, 2019 with various members of the church present. Ben then opened up with a word of prayer.

Discussed financial highlights

- Donations of over \$13,000
- Invested \$25,000 with Genoa Financial
- Discussed church's total assets

EFY

- Camp Michinoh
- Increase in new members

Missions

- Holy Hot Dogs
- School Supply Drive

Church & Ministry

- Goal is to revamp
 - Group for pastor to address ideas and concerns
- Committees
 - Need them to arrange to meet, and meet regularly, in order for the church to run smoothly

Search Committee

- 9 applicants total
 - 3 we have reached out to
 - Looking forward toward the future

Women's Fellowship

- Prayer chains, donations, pot lucks, etc.

Ben motioned to accept these topics of discussion, 1st by Robin Hanson, 2nd by Ed Gahler. MC.

Legacy Gifts

- Something to think about for members of the church

Upcoming Events

- Men's breakfast 2/3
 - Tuesday's coffee, fellowship, darts
- Church Council to meet 2/11
- Father and Son banquet March 15th
- Progressive Dinner March 10th

Open up the floor to the congregation

Update on Doors

- This week the glass was etched
- Sometime in February was the rough estimate for installation

Copy of financial statement on bulletin board

Thank you to Don Corbin for all of his work and time

December council approved part time interim pastor

- Motioned by Ben Sutter, 1st Darrell Opfer, 2nd Jennifer Laughlin, M.C.

Potential silent auction for old doors

- Council to finalize in February meeting

Property to south in churches name

- Nonprofit exempt filed

At 1059 Ben Sutter motioned to adjourn the meeting 1st by Ann Diekman 2nd by Eric Ghaler. MC

Treasurer's Report (approved) General Operating Fund

Balance as of 1/1/19	\$24,883.39
Offerings/Income	\$7,096.00
Expenses	\$6,469.93
Balance as of 1/31/19	\$25,809.46

Full Financial reports are available upon request in the office and are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. This decision was made by council due to technology issues, not because of any other difficulty. If you have questions, please contact the office.

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.

\$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
- 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 the office know.

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. Ideas 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.

Coat Room Clean Up: Please check the shelves in the North Door Coat Room for lost items that may be yours. We will be throwing left items away soon.

Dinner & Game Show Night: Join us for an evening of fun entertainment! Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00. RSVP by March 17th to the office. There will be babysitting provided and the dinner will be served by the youth. All profits from the evening will towards to the Youth account.



Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs., Feb 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship hall. There were eight present, including Pastor Don Corbin. In the absence of Pres. Norma, V. Pres Sue W. presided. She gave the opening prayer and table blessing.

Hostess was Vi Gahler, serving a delicious strawberry de3ssert with snacks and candy.

Ina D. was in charge of the program “We Need Love, Hope & Activity” – to be loved, to love others, to show kindness and have a hobby. Also, another interesting topic was “Christ Is Among Us, Even In The Golden Years.”

A business meeting was held. Sue thanked Vi for being hostess, the nice Valentine decorations and delicious food and Ina for the nice program. Then minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

We had discussion on making up a revised prayer chain list, some ways we could be of help to some of our shut-ins and the banquets coming up.

Jackie Pelton thanked everyone for the prayers and the cards she received when her sister passed away recently.

Sue W. was the Sunshine Chairman. New Chairman will be Sara Z.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Remember the OH Food Pantry and bring in your donations.

Next month we will meet on Thurs. Mar 14 at 1:00 pm. Program – Sue W. Host Eva H.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

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 Rhonda.

Men’s Breakfast

Calling all men of the church!!! Join us Sunday March 3rd at 7:30 am before Sunday services for a breakfast!! If you are interested in helping to prepare the meal for one of the Sundays, please let Ed Gahler know.



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

“Thank you so much for saving your coupon pages for me!”

~~Karen & Doug Lick

Service Coordinators

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that has assisted in making our Worship Services wonderful. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office. For the past month, we would especially like to thank the Worship Committee and Rev. Corbin for ALL the work they have been doing!

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

WF Treasurer’s Report

Balance on Hand as of Jan 1	\$202.95
Offering	20.00
Total Income & Balance	\$222.95
Total Expenses	\$10.00
TUCC Memorial	10.00
Balance on Hand Jan 31st	\$212.95
Savings Account	\$1,163.11

Knife (Rada) Sale

Did you know that the women’s Fellowship sells wonderful knives and spatulas? My favorite is the “tomato knife”. I have five of them and use them every day (sometimes all 5 are sitting by the sink to be washed as I use them so much). As the old commercial goes----“try it, you’ll like it!!! Eloise Hellwig is the person to see if you are interested in purchasing a knife.

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.

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	02/03/2019
# in Attendance	87
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,435.05
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,715.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 13,575.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 10,387.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (3,187.95)
Date	02/10/2019
# in Attendance	81
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,120.00
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,715.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 16,290.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 13,507.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (2,782.95)
Date	02/17/2019
# in Attendance	61
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,071.00
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,715.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 19,005.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 15,578.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (3,426.95)
Date	02/24/2019
# in Attendance	85
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,295.00
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,715.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 21,720.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 16,873.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (4,846.95)

Thank You

“Thank you for being so generous with your financial gift to help us love and serve the women who God brings to us at The Daughter Project. Your trust and support of our ministry is a true

encouragement to our entire TDP family. To God be the glory!”

~Director of The Daughter Project

“Thank you so much for your generous donation to Ruth Ann’s House. Ruth Ann’s House is a home for women who are homeless due to domestic violence situations. They spend their time there working on becoming self-sufficient, so they can leave and maintain productive lives.”

~Director of Finance, Ruth Ann’s House

“Thank you for your congregation’s gift. Churches like yours enable World Vision to provide essential care, encouragement, and hope to hurting children and families.”

~World Vision (Ben Wood Mission)

“The International Boxing club would like to thank you, for the donation in the amount of \$150. This donation will help benefit many people within our programs. Your generosity to help others is commendable, which inspires me to reach out and do more. On behalf of the participants, coaches, families, and friends whose lives are touched because you care enough to help, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.”

~Harry Cummins, Executive Director



Trinity Youth News

Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

The year has started out great and we have had lots of happy youth.

We are in need of teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let the office know.

Teacher Sign-ups

March 2019

March 3 rd	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Ashley Zimmerman
March 10 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Eric Gahler
March 17 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Steve/Nancy Turnow
March 24 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Brittany Wittman Susie W. & LouAnn J.

April 2019

April 7 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
April 14 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Susie W. & LouAnn J.
April 21 st	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
April 28 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	

Progressive Dinner: Dan M. will be taking the youth around for a progressive dinner on March 10th. We will need 3 people (that don't have youth at home) to host. We need 1 for appetizers, 1 for dinner and 1 for desserts. Please let the office know if you are able to help out. Meet at the church at 4:30pm.

Dinner & Game Night: March 22nd. We are in need of 2 youth to provide babysitting for the evening and around 6 youth to help serve for the evening. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office.

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>March 2019</u>		
3 rd	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
10 th	North	Ina David
	South	Nyla Denman
17 th	North	Ann Diekman
	South	Mike Diekman
24 th	North	Vi Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
31 st	N & S	Ed & Jane Gahler
<u>April 2019</u>		
7 th	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
14 th	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Krista Hellwig
21 st	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
28 th	North	Marti Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
<u>May 2019</u>		
5 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
12 th	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
19 th	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
26 th	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanne Hellwig

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Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,
Son, & Holy Spirit!

Check out our website at:

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Daylight savings time ends on
Sunday March 10th. Don't
forget to "spring" forward your
clocks one hour.



Office Closed: March 15th
(please check office door for up-to-
date hours as a few days the hours
are switched around)

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