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News From Pastor Ryan:

WELCOME BACK

This summer has been full of exciting events and new developments in the life of the church! Honestly, it's been hard for me to keep track of everything going on! We had need meetings for Young Adults, we had Vacation Bible School, we have a new office administrator, and we're changing our service times and bringing back Sunday School and Adult Connection Communities!

For some, I'm sure this rush of activity can make you feel overwhelmed! But we are prayerful as we follow God's lead into the future. Where God calls us can lead us to feeling scared, uneasy, or confused! But, we remember each day that God is not a God of fear and confusion. Instead, He is a God of peace. Even when the steps we make are bold and we aren't sure what comes next, we can live in the assurance that God is with us guiding every movement.

I'm reminder of a story from the book of Joshua Chapter 3. The Israelites had already come through the Exodus from Egypt and were now working their way to the Promised Land. When they came to the Jordan River it was rushing. Joshua knew God would provide a way across. But unlike Moses leading the crossing of the Red Sea, this time something was different.

Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. —Joshua 3:15-16

Do you see the subtle difference? The priests who carried the ark of the Covenant had to walk right into the chaos and the rushing water before God showed them the miracle! They had to be willing to take the first step and have faith that God would provide the answer!

In the same way church, we have been making bold new steps for the future of this church! We pray with each step that God will reveal himself more and more! Celebrate the good things God has done for you yesterday, and now be ready to move confidently into what God is doing next!

I would like to extend a thank you to all of our VBS leaders who put in an enormous amount of work to make our VBS successful. We averaged over 50 students per night and had 70 on the roster. It was a true blessing to our community and our church. Thank you to all of our great volunteers!

-Pastor Ryan



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VACATION

Pastor Ryan will be on vacation from August 10th through August 17th.



**WORSHIP @ Turnow Pond
August 8th @ 10:30 AM
Potluck and Swimming After!**

Hello Trinity!

SERMON SERIES



- 8/8 Turnow Pond Service
- 8/15 Guest Speaker:
Emily Hemminger
- 8/22 Summer Playlist 2021
- 8/29 Summer Playlist 2021
- 9/5 Summer Playlist 2021



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.

[http://
www.trinityvliston.org/
livestream.html](http://www.trinityvliston.org/livestream.html)

Hello! My name is Mary Muntz and I am excited to be joining the staff here at Trinity as your new Administrative Assistant!

My husband, Matt, and I both grew up in rural southwestern Medina County (about an hour and a half Southeast of here). We were lifelong dairy farmers at that time. I was raised the sixth generation on a Holstein dairy where we also farmed 900 acres in crops. My husband's family managed a neighboring Holstein dairy/crop farm where we lived and worked for our first 12 years of marriage. I also worked as the secretary for the little country church my family had always attended. My husband was also in the Army National Guard Reserves.

After 9/11 we decided to make a big change and my husband was hired full-time on Active Duty for the Army National Guard. In the fall of 2003 our family of four relocated to our current home just East of Genoa.

Matt and I have two adult children. Our daughter Samantha lives in Atlanta, Georgia. She has a masters degree in Marriage & Family Therapy. Recently she made a change from adolescent/family addictions counseling to an administrative role within the same agency. She continues doing art therapy with a few clients. She also creates jewelry and enjoys going to various art/craft festivals with her business. Our son Doug lives in the Cuyahoga Valley near Akron. He has a show production degree and works as a Lighting Specialist for an entertainment group in Cleveland. They offer a full spectrum of interactive entertainment services for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, school, corporate and non-profit events and other occasions. He has taken up rock climbing in his free time.

My husband and I enjoy trying different recipes and cooking together. In between traveling for work and updating things around our home, Matt enjoys hunting and fishing. I enjoy creating cards, working with essential oils and researching family history. I also spend time serving as I am able at Gracepointe, my home church on Williston Road in Northwood.

After relocating to Genoa, I worked for Curves for Women until they closed. The summer of 2005 I ran a home based office in Elmore for an aircraft accident insurance adjuster. From August 2005 to July 2021 I worked for St. John's UCC in Genoa as the Office/Administrative Secretary. With my husband's upcoming retirement late next year and increased needs for my mom's care (she is in advanced Alzheimer's/dementia stages and lives back in Medina county with my older sister) I was praying for an opportunity that would allow for more family time while still working. God is good and answered with this opening at Trinity!

It has been a pleasure to already have met some of you and I look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you as we serve the Lord together!

Thank you for making me feel so welcome already!
Mary Muntz

Christian Education



Vacation Bible School ~ July 2021



Missions Giving Update:

2021 Goal: \$13,000 YTD: \$11,000

Jay & Zina Herman - \$1,600 FULLY FUNDED
 Toledo Partners (GCC & TNC) - \$1,500 FULLY FUNDED
 World Missions- \$500 FULLY FUNDED
 NWOA- \$1,300 Given
 Mission Spotlight- \$4,500 Given
 Local Food Pantries- \$1,700 Given



Missions Giving Update:

REMAINING GOALS

\$2,000 Overall Goal

\$5,500 Ministry Partner Goal

NWOA-\$1,700
 Mission Spotlight- \$1,500
 Local Food Pantries- \$2,300

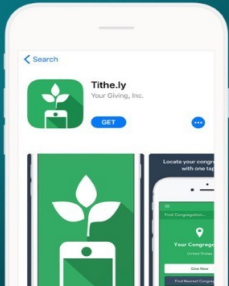


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In the month of August our mission spotlight is the VBS 2022 fund. Our 2021 VBS was a spectacular success and children from all around our community learned of JESUS POWER TO PULL US THROUGH! We are looking forward to bringing that same excitement and energy next year! Would you please consider giving to VBS 2022 so that we can reach the next generation of young people with the message of Jesus' love for them? Thank you!



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!

*Thank
you*



“Pastor Ryan,
Much thanks for the kind and caring memorial service for my friend
Carol Cheatham. Your prayers and hospital visits were appreciated.
Sincerely,
~Kelly Bourcier & the family of Carol S. Wittman-Cheatham”

Dear Parishioners of Trinity UCC,
Thank you for all your prayers and the help with Carol Cheathams wake. It was a wonderful life celebration for Carol.
Sincerely,
Kelly Bourcier & the family of Carol S. Wittman-Cheatham”

“We are extremely grateful for your continued love and support.
~Brienne, Jolie & Rayna Perry”

“Trinity Family & Pastor Ryan,
Thank you so much for all of the thoughts and prayers for me as I battle breast cancer. Your support has meant so much as I continue my journey. Thank you again!
Kristen Haynes
(Doug & Karen Lick’s daughter)”

“Dear Trinity Friends,
I wish to thank everyone for tributes to my son, Ted, during this very sad time. He was a fine person and I feel proud that he was my son. He battled to live but he lost to cancer. I am so grateful to all who gave me comfort and strength.
Thank you,
Fay Bolander & family”

“To the Congregation of Trinity UCC,
Thank you so much for your continued support of the BCS Food Pantry. Without your tremendous generosity we could not continue to help those in our community who are in need. Thanks again and may God keep you healthy and happy.
The BCS Food Pantry”

“Thank you for your \$300.00 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,
Jean Weng & The Elmore Food Pantry”

“Trinity UCC,
Thank you for your generous donation to the Genoa Area Community Food Pantry of \$300.00. It is greatly appreciated to help serve those in need. Your kindness and love offering is wonderful.
~Robin Miller, Treasurer
Genoa Area Community Food Pantry”

Council Minutes ~ May 10, 2021

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7 pm. Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order, and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Vice President Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Michael Sager, Jim Laughlin, Ed Gahler, Bonnie Weaver, Jim Buhro, and Troy Wittman

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from March meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Luke Sutter, second by Bonne Weaver, MC.

Secretary Report:

Rhonda will still be working approximately 5 hours per week when she is available until secretary position is filled. Desirae, Luke, and Pastor Ryan are filling in where needed for now, Currently looking to fill secretary position. Two people have shown interest to the church secretary position. Resumes will be reviewed and considered

Financial Report:

reviewed balance sheets.

Motion to approve financial secretary report first by Brad Jess, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Pastor Report:

No report at this time

Committee Reports:

Worship Team

Planning end of summer water blast for August 29th

Considering park service in July. Park shelter is available for renting

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Progress being made in classrooms. Painting has started and floors will be worked on soon

Mission

Planning for a service day on 5/23/21 to help elderly with yard clean up or other clean up service projects

Trustee Report

New doors were ordered and should arrive in approximately 2 weeks. Doors were purchased from Carter Lumber , Looking for additional quote on painting walls in gymnasium

Estimate for new tree to be planted on east side of church. Estimate for 7ft tree and installation is \$510

Motion by Troy Wittman to purchase and plant new tree. Second by Bonnie Weaver, MC.

Trustees will be planting flowers around church

Pastoral Relations Committee: No update

Church and Ministry: no update

2030 Team

phase 1 is moving forward in classrooms (painting and floors)

considering a more “welcoming feel” to both entrances. As families and new members return to in-person church, we would like revamp the entry ways to give a more welcoming feel

proposal for phase 2 by Luke Sutter, looking forward to possibility of a youth director within the next several years. Current idea is for starting position at 10-15 hours/week with pay between \$8-10,000, current proposal is to set aside this money in the budget as a contingency plan for a future youth director position. motion to accept proposal by first Connie Gahler, second by Troy Wittman, MC.

Old Business:

all existing doors have been rekeyed

New Business

printer lease needs renewed. We will renew with same service we currently use

consideration to pay or honor tech team with a gift for their service of running tech equipment during church service each week, considered quarterly gift card or cash gift, at this time council will look further into primary members of tech team and how many weeks are devoted to running tech services by each member through out the year

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brad Jess, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 by Desirae McCloskey.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.



**ALL NEW
SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**BEGINNING
SEPT 12
2021**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

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