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united church of Christ

**Sunday Worship @  
10:00 am each week**

**Sunday School  
& Branching Out**  
Sunday School for all  
ages @ 9:00 am &  
Branching Out Kids  
Church during Worship

Sermon Series:



- Upcoming Events:
- March 6 @ 6:00 pm  
Supper for all
  - March 8  
Serving at Vision Kitchen
  - March 13 # 6:00 pm  
Supper for all
  - March 14th & 16th  
Opportunity to serve at  
the Genoa Food Pantry
  - March 16 @ 6:00 pm  
Trinity Social Club @  
Rayz
  - March 20 @ 6:00 pm  
Supper for all
  - March 23 @ 5:00 pm  
Wittman Small Group
  - March 24 - after church  
Easter Ceramics Class
  - March 28 @ 7:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday  
Service

# Tidings

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## Back to Basics: Easter Season

Dear Church Family,

As Easter draws near, we're eagerly anticipating the celebration of the incredible love God showed us through His son, Jesus Christ. Easter is more than just remembering events from a long time ago; it's a powerful reminder of how much God cares for all of us today.

Imagine our faith journey like a story. As Christians, Jesus is like the most important part of that story. His life, the things He taught us, and how He sacrificed for us are strong pillars supporting what we believe. The belief in Jesus Christ, His humanity and His divinity, shown in both His death and resurrection are essential to our Christian faith.

In that belief, Easter is special because it shows us that God, who loves us so much, didn't stay distant. He came down to be with us and took away all the bad stuff we've done. When we hear the Easter story, it's like remembering how much God cares for us through Jesus. When Jesus came back to life, it showed He overcame all that sin could offer, and because of that, we can have eternal life with God. This is the promise of God's love! This is the Good News of the Gospel!

In our everyday lives, whether we're facing challenges or enjoying happy moments, we can hold onto the message of Easter. Jesus isn't just someone from a long time ago; he's

like a friend helping us every day in our journey of faith. His lessons teach us to be kind, understanding, and to live with purpose and hope. His death and resurrection are an assurance that sin and death will not win, instead the power of God will always triumph! This is our everlasting hope. As we get ready to celebrate Easter together, let's open our hearts to the amazing love of Jesus. This could be the season of our salvation, where we accept the forgiveness Jesus gives us and share that love with the people around us.

During Easter, let's spread the good news about Jesus with joy and thankfulness. Because of Him, we can be sure that God's love is always with us.

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*  
1 John 3:16-18

Wishing you a happy and special Easter season!

*Pastor Ryan*

## Join us for Easter 2024

Sunday, March 31st

- 7:00 am Sunrise Service
- 8:00 am Easter Breakfast
- 9:00 am Kids Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 am Easter Worship



# Council Minutes: January 2023



The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, January 8 at 7:03pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Eric Gahler, Kim Traver, Blake Traver, Susie Shaffer, Janene Lattimore, Emily Burcin, Brice Gahler, Connie Gahler, Veronica McMonigle, Ben Sutter, Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Doug Avery and Marty Hoeft.

### Reports

#### Recording Secretary:

Susie moved to approve minutes. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

#### Administrative Assistant + Financial:

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports made by first Blake, second by Brittany, MC

#### Pastoral:

Pastor Ryan on vacation

Reviewed his report which included church life and worship updates.

#### Children’s Director Report

Church camp in 1 ½ weeks. There will be Sunday School this week but no Branching Out.

VBS program ordered -

#### Missions & Outreach

Looking for new members

#### Trustees

IPS continuing to work on issues under warranty.

Noise from furnace in kitchen/classrooms. IPS has done some work and will likely need to replace old valves in kitchen/classroom on west side of hall. Marty motioned that we approve up to \$4,000 for valve replacement and labor in kitchen/classroom. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Sanctuary Thermostat Calibration – something that needs to be done on regular basis + has never been done. Marty is getting a quote + presenting at February meeting.

All wall thermostats purchased, installed + programmed.

### Old Business

Clavinova (keyboard) will be ordered this month. Once we know the delivery date, the Dresser family will make arrangements to come and get the piano.

Workday/Church Clean Out Day on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> after church. Items will be cleaned out and set in hall for one week to be claimed before being discarded.

### New Business

Let’s Build Beds. Susie motioned to approve the scheduling of an event to be hosted at our church sometime between May and September. Veronica 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC. Currently have netted \$1,476.50 in seed fund. Will start to work on obtaining sponsors and volunteers for this \$6,000 investment.

Updated Borrowing Resolution. Veronica motioned to remove Rebecca Reif and Nate Diekman from the Resolution and add Ben Sutter and Blake Traver (along with Mary Muntz and Eric Gahler) as authorized signers on our bank accounts and authorized to conduct financial business on behalf of Trinity. Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Next meeting February 12 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Ben, second by Connie. MC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm by Eric.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.

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

### General Operating Fund (Council approved 02/12/24)

Beginning Balance 01/01/2024	\$43,405.94
Offering/Income	\$11,594.01
Expenses	\$9,280.43
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 01/31/2024	\$45,715.92

—CHURCH—

# MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
after church  
lunch provided

Let the  
Church Office know  
if you  
plan to attend

- Congratulations to Brock & Brianne Perry-Harder who were united in marriage on January 14, 2024. Pray for this couple along with Jolie and Rayna as they grow in love and faith together.
- Baptized Sunday, March 3rd:  
 ~Theodore James "Teddy" Sutter, born December 26, 2023 to Luke & Faith Sutter. His big sisters are Lillian and Elsie. His grandparents are Marty & Amy Sutter and Tom & Carol McGeorge. Teddy's great grandfather is James Fleming and his God-parents are Blake Traver and Sophie Sutter.  
 ~Juliette Sue Traver, born September 23, 2023 to Blake & Brittany Traver. Her big sister is Sadie. Her grandparents are Keith & Kim Traver and Tom & Carol McGeorge. Her great grandparents are Margie Bringe and James Fleming. Juliette's God-parents are Caleb McGeorge and Colleen Traver. Pray for these children and their families as they grow in strength and faith to one day know Jesus as their own Savior.
- Don Weaver, now at Riverview in Oak Harbor. He will be having upcoming additional surgery
- Jackie Pelton in the hospital recovering from a head injury due to a fall
- Comfort & peace for Don Hoeft & family - Don is now under hospice care at the Genoa Care Center
- Nichole Clapsaddle being treated for a benign tumor on her thyroid.
- Paul Stribrny (brother of Dave, Uncle of Holly Shields) is being tested to heart valve related issues
- Comfort & peace for Don Wilka and Suzanne Wilka and their families (to include Vera Sager & family) - Katheryn Wilka passed away 2/21/24.



**At Genoa Retirement Village:** Norma Reif

**Those with long-term health concerns:** Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

**Those battling cancer**  
 Logan Murphy, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt

**Vision Kitchen Serving Opportunity  
 March 8th**

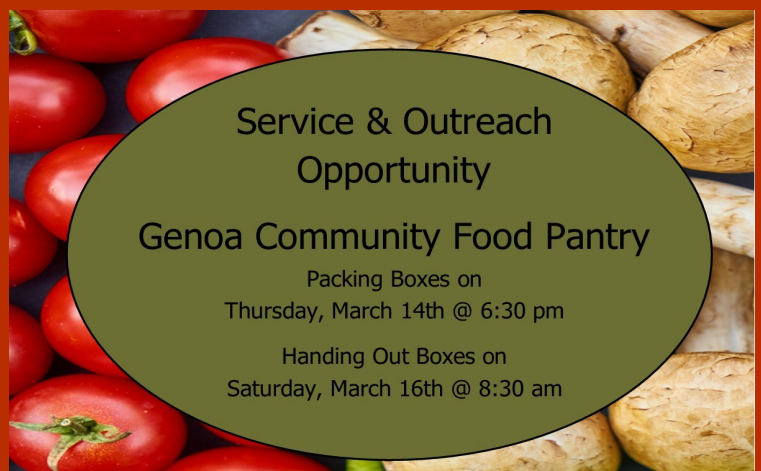
Serving from 5:30 to 6:30 pm  
 (arrive between 5:00 & 5:15 pm)

Casseroles & Cookies needed (pans and recipes provided)

Food items must be to the church  
 by 8:00 am March 7th

Contact Emily Burcin for more information

**People Serving People**



**Service & Outreach  
 Opportunity**

**Genoa Community Food Pantry**

Packing Boxes on  
 Thursday, March 14th @ 6:30 pm

Handing Out Boxes on  
 Saturday, March 16th @ 8:30 am

We will be volunteering alongside Genoa Trinity Methodist these days.

The Genoa Food Pantry is located at 303 W Fourth Street, Genoa (inside the ARC building - enter from the back, between the building and the garage)

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions.



# small groups

## Adult Small Group Opportunities

Believing that small groups for prayer, study, and community are vital to the mission of Christ's church, a new ministry program has begun!

### Current Small Groups that are always open to new participants:

Tuesday Morning Coffee 8-10 am weekly  
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am every Sunday  
Both groups held in the room next to the Kitchen

### Home Based Small Group

Our first Home Based Small Group is currently full. This group is hosted by a couple from Trinity. They meet monthly for a time of food, fellowship, prayer and study. This group is designed to be a more open conversations where members can share and discuss life's challenges, seek prayer, and support and find community serving and growing together. This group is not exclusive to married couples with children, however, these themes will be a recurring part of the conversation. Participants are expected to commit deeply to the small group process and share in the accountability and confidentiality of a more personal discussion.

### Social Small Group

Trinity Social Club is a casual group that will gather monthly to connect, share life, and get to know each other by visiting different restaurants or activities in the area. The first meeting of the Trinity Social Club will be March 16th at Rayz in Genoa at 6:00 pm. This is going to be a kid free activity so plan your babysitters and be ready to enjoy the Trinity Social Club. To RSVP to Susie Shaffer (419-344-0673)



**We are seeking leaders to establish groups similar to the ones listed above for singles, couples without children, or any other life stage that may interest you!  
Contact the church office to learn more!**



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## SOCIAL GROUP

**Saturday, March 16th**

**6:00 pm**

**@ Rayz in Genoa**

Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly

# Supper for All

Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm  
Everyone is welcome to come  
Bring a salad, side or dessert to share

March 6th we will have Pizza  
March 13th we will have Spaghetti  
March 20th we will have Cold Cut Sub Sandwiches



Do you feel called to visit with some of our older congregation members? Handbooks are available to help you with conversation starters as you get to know some of our older congregation members. Contact Nancy Turnow for more information.



Pickleball has come to Trinity!

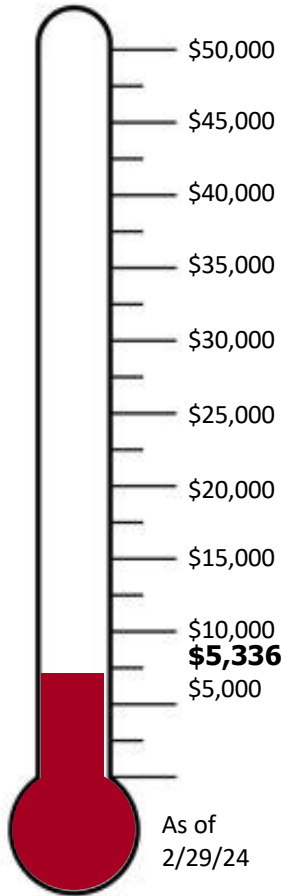
Equipment and net are stored in the gym closets.

Come and play anytime the gym is free or contact Michele Avery or Nyla Denman for more information.



**Firm Foundation Campaign Goals:**

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry use
- Launching at least two smaller groups meeting monthly to improve church community and connection (one group for individuals/couples with children, one group for individuals/couples without children). Training and equipping leaders to see these through.



March's Mission Spotlight focus will be the Genoa Food Pantry. This pantry serves all of the Genoa Area School District residents in need.

To give toward the Genoa Food Pantry, simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



**How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries**

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 at [www.trinityelliston.org](https://www.trinityelliston.org)**

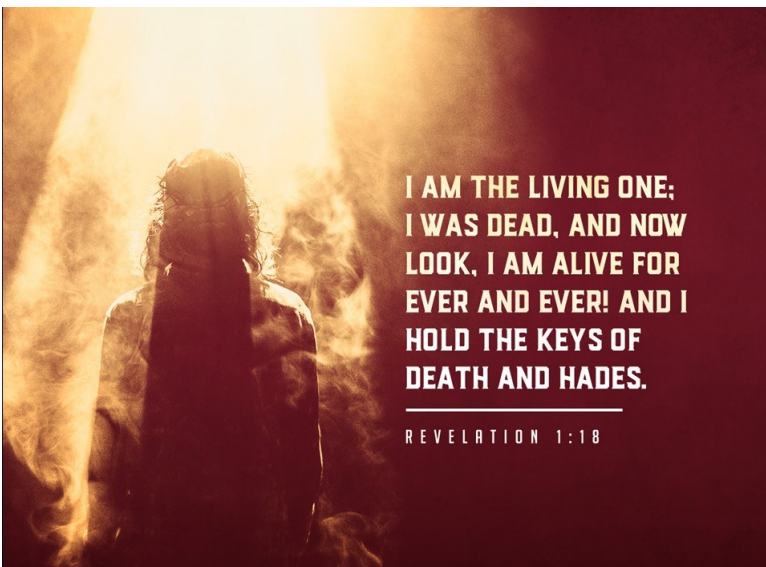
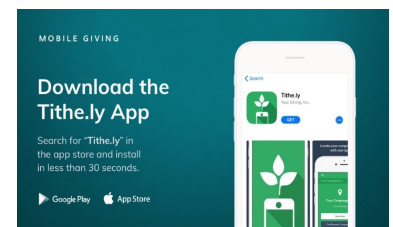
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

**#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 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 contribution!





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

### Drop Box Available

Need to leave a note or drop off offering when no one is in the office? There is a locked drop box available for you to use in the connecting unit hallway next to the water fountain (outside the coat room). The box is checked at least once each week.

### 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!

### First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen for your use. There is also some first aid equipment in the kitchen pantry off the gym and an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms. We also are blessed to have many members in the health field who can assist as needed (and they've been needed!) at times.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. There is no need for additional donations at this time. Let me know if we can help in any way.

Thanks for all the support and understanding!  
Robin Hansen

### 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 in the office.

### 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.

# Trinity UCC

# MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class &amp; Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion &amp; Baptism &amp; Kids Church Host: Suffer/Traver Trustee: Doug Avery</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class &amp; Adult CC 10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church Trustee: Marty Hoeff</p>	<p>4 Craig Turnow - B Connie Witt - B</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>5 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Darftball @ St. John Williston</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Darftba - Make-Up Games!</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm Supper for all (Pizza &amp; Salad) Heidi Mathews - B</p> <p>1:00 pm Genoa Care Center Assisted Living Devotional &amp; Fellowship Time (Tentative) 6:00 pm Supper for all (Spaghetti &amp; Salad)</p> <p>6:00 pm Supper for all (Sub Sandwiches &amp; Salad) Tidings Info Due Jackie Bast - B</p>	<p>7 8:00 am Food items for Vision Kitchen due to church Evelyn McCloskey - B</p>	<p>1 Norma Reit - B Brad Witt - B</p> <p>5:00 pm Serving @ Vision Kitchen</p>	<p>2 Casey Kish - B Madelyn Liphart - B</p> <p>Daylight Savings Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour Barbara Chio - B</p>
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<p>17 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class &amp; Adult CC 10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Lily Suffer - B Marty Sutter - B</p>	<p>18 Desirae McCloskey - B</p>	<p>19 Sara Dresser - B</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm Supper for all (Sub Sandwiches &amp; Salad) Tidings Info Due Jackie Bast - B</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Viola Gahler - B Ruth Burris - B Nick &amp; Ashley Zimmerman - A</p>	<p>23 5:00 pm Wittman Small Group Steve &amp; Nancy Turnow - A</p>
<p><b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class &amp; Adult CC 10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church Trustee: Doug Avery Kristi Hoeff - B and Konnor Sager - B</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Darftball Banquet Faye Milbrodt - B</p>	<p>27 Maundy Thurs. 28 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service w/ Communion Steve Turnow - B</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Good Friday</p>	<p>30 Kent McCloskey - B Cindy Kinsey - B Ryan Gahler - B</p>
<p><b>Resurrection Sunday (Easter)</b> 7:00 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Breakfast Together 9:00 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church Trustee: Brad Jess Eloise Hellwig - B</p>	<p>31</p>					

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

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

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

Hearing Assistance Devices  
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