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# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

Have you ever noticed that we, as a body of believers, have so many differences, but so much in common? We all come from different walks of life, been raised by different parents with different values, been taught by different teachers, worked at different jobs, but despite all of these, we can still be united for one purpose.

The apostle Paul talked about this in his letter to the Ephesians. He wrote, "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-3)."

Many years ago when I was new to the Washington D.C. area, I was looking for a church to attend. While searching, I had visited a few before settling down on one particular church. In that search I realized that no matter what kind of church I visited, and while there was still a little nervousness in being in a new place, I could still identify with the other people in those congregations because we were unified in purpose.

So, what is our purpose as a church you may ask? Well, I'm glad you asked (smile).

Our ultimate purpose is to share the Gospel news with the world so that they may have opportunities for salvation. It is our responsibility to be united in the efforts of sharing God's love to

everyone from Ottawa County to the ends of the earth.

What are we able to do in order to stay unified with this purpose? The apostle Paul answered this question by encouraging us to do three things.

First, we are to stay humble. It's easy to take pride in a beautiful church that is growing and exceeding expectations in some areas, but we must remember that it hasn't always been this way and it won't always remain this way.

Secondly, Paul says to be gentle. When we see people who haven't been to church in a long time, be gentle and encourage them to come back. When we are inviting new people, be gentle and show them in love the love of Jesus.

Finally, we are to be patient. Patience is one of the hardest virtues for many of us to live by. We want things now! However, we must believe in hope that our work for the Kingdom will produce results. The purpose of Christian living that we all strive for does not come overnight, it takes time.

Let's continue to be unified as a family of believers with the common goal of sharing the Good News of Easter with our family, friends, community and world.

~Pastor Kyle

**SUMMER IS Coming to an end**

As summer ends we know that many of you will be away traveling or spending time away from the church. Please remember that while you are away, the needs of the church continue to go on. Please consider mailing in your tithes and offerings or consider giving extra on the weeks that you are here. Thank you!



**Table and Chair Sign-Out**

Just a reminder, with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that 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.

**HOLY HOT DOGS!** Holy Hot Dogs are on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share while the main course and beverages will be provided. A donation box will be available if you wish to donate towards the supplies/meat/mission's team each week.

- Schedule for Meat providers and set-up:  
 August 1st: Ed & Jane Gahler  
 August 8<sup>th</sup>: Sutter Family  
 August 15th: Timmons Family  
 August 22nd: Kelly Bourcier/Wittmans  
 August 29th: (Still looking for someone)

**TURNOW'S POND WEEKEND** – Save the date(s)!

**Cinco De Agosto (August 5th) Fiesta Celebration.**

The fun will begin Saturday, August 4th in the evening with our worship service held on Sunday morning at 10 am with a meal & potluck, swimming, fishing, fellowship and more during the afternoon.

Our theme will be “Fiesta” and we will have a taco bar (beef and chicken tacos, all the trimmings, and beverages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share along with their own place settings. Stay tuned for more details.

We will also be having a Salsa & Mexican Dip making contest. Bring your home-made salsa and dip and see what the judges think!

**Church Council Minutes**

\*\* minutes could not be approved as a quorum was not present. Will be approved at the next church council meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report (NOT approved)**

<b>General Operating Fund</b>	
Balance as of 6/1/18	\$9,765.06
Offerings/Income	\$9,425.50
Expenses	\$9,703.81
Balance as of 6/30/18	\$9,486.72

**Receipts**

Just a reminder, not a change, all requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by an invoice or receipt for proper accounting. Our treasurer, financial secretary, and auditing committee will insist on it. Thanks. Robin

**\$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 Pastor Kyle or Amy Mathews know.

## Capital Improvement Team(s)

**needed:** With the approval from council, a Capital Improvement Team will be forming to discuss a possible drive to raise funds for some major capital improvement projects here at Trinity. Among the proposed items, raising funds for a future new roof over the sanctuary, updating the large kitchen, replacing the sanctuary front doors, possibly adding air conditioning to the Gym/Fellowship Hall, and a few other small projects.

If you are interested in being a part of the CIT (Capital Improvement Team) or being a part of a sub-committee (focusing more specifically on one item i.e. the kitchen upgrades, replace of doors, etc.) please see Pastor Kyle, John Bast, or contact the church office.

Our goal is to keep our building in great shape for future generations and to maintain growth within our congregation.

## 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. So far this quarter, we have sent benevolence checks to Orphan Nutrition Sponsorship.

## 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. An idea 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. We are still in a negative balance from the Elevator repair from last year, and as you see this is an important fund to maintain funds in.

## Meal Assistance

We have a need to help Ann (and Ray/Abby) for the next several weeks and possible months due to her time of healing from surgery. I have asked Ann and she is okay with us doing this, but I'd like to request that if you sign up for a meal that you drop it off at the church (fridge or freezer) before 3 pm that day and provide a note that says what it is (and any relative ingredients if you think they need to be mentioned). I will form a team of 3 or 4 individuals who will pick up the meal(s) from the church and deliver to Ann as privacy and keeping germs away is as vitally important as possible. Feel free to send a hand written note/card of encouragement as well if you wish. \*if you provide a dish, please put a piece of tape under it with your name on it and we will bring the dish back to the church when they are finished and make sure it's available for you to pick up.

The link for the meal sign up is below.

<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MHUU9817&welcome=1>

## Month Attendance & Offering

Date	07/01/2018
# in Attendance	25
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,595.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 68,744.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 57,759.08
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,984.92)

Date	07/08/2018
# in Attendance	84
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,186.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 71,388.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 60,945.08
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,442.92)

Date	07/15/2018
# in Attendance	85
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,759.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 74,032.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 62,704.08
Ahead/Behind	\$ (11,327.92)

Date	07/22/2018
# in Attendance	64
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,071.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 76,676.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 63,775.08
Ahead/Behind	\$ (12,900.92)

### Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Table (located in the coat room by the north entrance) will be emptied at the end of each month. It will be donated or put in garbage. Thanks Amy

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship got together in July for another summer outing. We met at church at 11:30 am to go to Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant on Woodville Road for lunch at noon on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There were nine present.

We are invited to have our October regular meeting at the home of Sue W. and Carol C. We will put that on our schedule of meetings.

The new Sunshine Chairman is Jackie Pelton.

Remember to bring items for the OH Food Pantry.

Our next outing will be on Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> and we will go to Granny's Restaurant, Woodville, OH. Meet at church at 11:30 am.

We had several readings and played summer bingo.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS

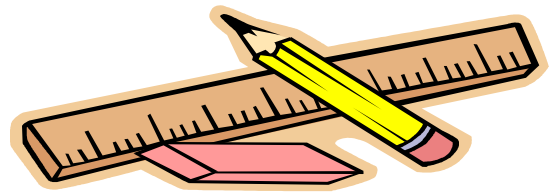
Trinity UCC in Elliston wants you to mark your calendars!!!!

August 12<sup>th</sup> at Trinity UCC in Elliston starting at 12:30 pm, we will be offering new free school supplies and gently used clothes for anyone in the area that we can help. Please stop by and see if we have something for your child.

If you're interested in donating new schools supplies or gently used clothing it can be dropped off at Trinity UCC Mon-Fri from 9-2.

Better yet come and join us for our church service on Sunday mornings at 9:30am during the summer and just drop them off then.

**We are taking donations from now until August 5<sup>th</sup>.**



## Thank You

“I want to thank all who sent me cards for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was so much fun reading all the notes (of encouragement on getting so old) tucked in with the birthday wishes. Also, for the many verbal wishes. Thanks and love to you all!”

~Suzanne Buhro

I wanted to take this opportunity again to say thank you for your thoughts and prayers! It was so awesome to see how my God had worked in and through not only me, but those on the team and those we reached out to in Chicago. God has really shown me a lot through this trip thanks to your prayers.

I went into this trip wanting to find the words to say when one of my friends want to talk about God, and not only found those words but found how to lead into conversations that weren't originally directed to God. Through the trip I was able to also find the boldness to talk to complete strangers who may not know Christ. It really pushed me out of my comfort zone and challenged my faith.

The week was filled with times of worship and prayer, personal devotions, classroom sessions, and the main challenge which was the afternoon activity. To sum it up, it was when we prayed, and talked to the people in Chicago to try and discuss gospel conversations in the hopes to lead them into a relationship with Jesus.

I would love to go more in depth with you and talk about what happened in greater detail! Feel free to get ahold of me when every. Thanks again.”

~Marcus Hartlage



## 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

“Doug and I just delivered six boxes of canned vegetables, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorants, razors and shaving cream, canned chicken, soup, hamburger helper, Knorr packets, 30 rolls of toilet paper, and much more to the Jerusalem Township food pantry on Rt 2 in Oregon. They are one the biggest food pantries in the area. They have been serving the community for 30 years.

I wish you could be with Dough and I when we drop off the supplies as everything is so appreciated. We thank you and also the Jerusalem township food pantry thanks you also.

~~Karen & Doug Lick

## Hall Use Reservations

There is a new policy for reserving any room in the church.

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.

## 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 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.

## Mission Team

\*\*Effective as of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Amy M. will no longer be chairing the Mission Team. We are looking for a new chair for this committee, if you are interested, please contact the church office.

The next Mission Team Meeting on Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be setting up for the Back to School Supply Drive that is on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30.

# Trinity Youth News

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

We are looking forward to kicking off the fall Branching Out year here at Trinity.

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

## Mark your Calendars

August 4<sup>th</sup> Turnow Pond

August 12<sup>th</sup> Back to School Drive

September 9<sup>th</sup> Ladies Night Out

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Boo Fest

November 4<sup>th</sup> Corn Hole & Euchre

December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program



\*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our Facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.

**2018 Christmas Extravaganza Give-Away:** The youth of Trinity would love to participate once again in a Christmas Give-Away. Last year several individuals went out around the area and paid for people's meals, haircuts, groceries, gas, etc. It was such a blessing to not only the recipients, but also those of us who were able to give. We would love to do this again this December. Would you consider giving an extra love offering in July to go towards this opportunity? It can be a onetime gift, a weekly offering, etc. Please mark on your envelope (Christmas Extravaganza) or drop off your donation to the office. Thank you!

## 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>August 2018</u>		
5 <sup>th</sup>		Turnow's Pond Weekend
12 <sup>th</sup>	North	Timmon's Children
	South	Jackie Timmons
19 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
26 <sup>th</sup>	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
<u>September 2018</u>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
9 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
16 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanne Hellwig
23 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Krista Hellwig
30 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
<u>October 2018</u>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Krisit Hoeft
14 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
21 <sup>st</sup>	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
28 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews

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### Mission

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

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Check out our website at:

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

**Office closed: August 1, 3, 6, 15, and 17**

*"Back 2 School Prayer"*

*"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friend. Open my ears to hear my teacher. Open my mind to learn new things. Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid. Help me to love others like you do. I want to shine your light so bright in my school." Amen.*

*-- Courtney Defeco*

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