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## News From Pastor Ryan:

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

*"I will thank you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High."*

### Psalm 9:1-2 (NLT)

It is hard to believe that we are already counting down to the holidays! I personally love the time from Halloween to Thanksgiving to Christmas. Sure, it can be stressful, but for many of us it's also a time when we are dedicated to seeing family and connecting with loved ones. As we approach Thanksgiving, we find ourselves asking "how can we truly be thankful this year?"

I know I struggle with this. Our culture often teaches us to continue to strive for what's next, not to be happy with what we have. A couple years after we got married, Holly and I moved from an 800 square foot home to a nearly 1500 square foot home! When we first moved in I remember being so struck by how much space we had! Our furniture only took up tiny corners of our new rooms! The garage sat empty. Now, just a few years later the closets are full, the garage is a mess, and we've got stuff everywhere! I often wonder how we collected so much stuff in such little time. But, I know the answer. I had room for the stuff! So, I wanted to fill it! We often think that just because we CAN have something we NEED to have it. And the Bible is pretty clear, that isn't the case. *"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* (Matthew 25:31-33). Do you have enough for today? Has God given you a home, clothes, and a roof over your head? If so, you're doing alright compared to the rest of the world. Don't worry if your house is not the fanciest, or if your car is a rust bucket! Celebrate anyway! God has given you something amazing! Once we learn that even our "junk" is a blessing that many others don't have, we start to appreciate it a lot more!

The next time you're thinking about the next "big thing" you want (Christmas is right around the corner) take a moment to thank God for what you have right now. Everyone wants the newest and greatest, but give thanks this day for the things that got you this far. Ask yourself, are you a good steward of what you have? If not, should God trust you with more? Be thankful today!

See you in church!

Pastor Ryan Shields



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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- November 3rd—7:30 am Men's Breakfast
- November 3rd—All Saint's Day during service
- November 3rd—THRIVE
- November 10th—Veteran's Day honored during the service
- November 16th—Working with Genoa Food Pantry 9am-1pm

## WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

### PIRITUAL HABITS SERIES

November 3rd—Spiritual Habits: Bible Study

November 10th—Spiritual Habits: Prayer

November 17th—Spiritual Habits: Time, Talent, and Treasure

November 24th—Spiritual Habits: Thankfulness

### Want To Help Out?

We are also looking for Greeters, Liturgists, and Musicians for Sunday morning.

We are looking for a more community feel to our Worship Services.

If you are interested, please let the office know.

### 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.

## GREETERS

November 3rd—Jared & Janene Latimore

November 10th—Doug & Karen Lick

November 17th—Dan & Amy Mathews

November 24th—Darrell Opfer & Jacki Pelton

December 1st—Matt & Brianna Perry

December 8th—Vera Sager & Evelyn Schimming

December 15th—Doyle & Helen Sommer

December 22nd—Myron & Srarh Zibbel

December 29th—Don & Bonnie Weaver

## TOWNHALL MEETINGS

We will be hosting two Town Hall Meetings in November to discuss our church's vision and where we see it going. There will be sign-up sheets passed around for people to sign-up for one or the other meeting if they choose. We are looking for 15 people to attend each session. We will be hosting them on Wednesday, November 20th and Sunday, November 24th.

## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

	Date	10/06/2019
# in Attendance		106
Last Week's Current Offering \$		4,799.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>		<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>		<i>108,600.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$		97,644.40
Ahead/Behind \$		

	Date	10/13/2019
# in Attendance		94
Last Week's Current Offering \$		2,571.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>		<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>		<i>111,315.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$		100,215.40
Ahead/Behind \$		

	Date	10/20/2019
# in Attendance		132
Last Week's Current Offering \$		2,571.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>		<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>		<i>114,030.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$		102,786.40
Ahead/Behind \$		



## THRIVE

(3RD—6TH GRADE)

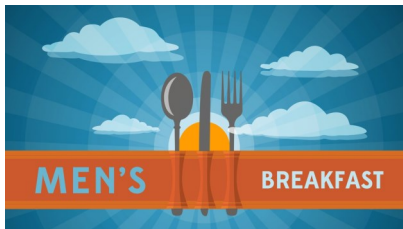
On November 3rd, after the 9:30am worship service, Jan Corbin will begin leading a special youth program for our students from 3rd grade—6th grade. We hope all of our 3rd—6th grade students will join in this new ministry opportunity where they can truly THRIVE!



## BRANCHING OUT NEWS OCTOBER TEACHERS

Date	2-3 Nursery	PreK Teacher	K-2 Teacher
Nov. 3rd	Brianne P.	Desirae M.	Rebecca R.
Nov. 10th	Faith S.	Ashley G.	Kyleen L.
Nov. 17th		Ashley Z.	Janene L.
Nov. 24th		Brittany W.	Mathews

# Christian Education News!!!!!!



Men's Breakfast Is Back!!!! Men are invited to join us on Sunday, November 3rd at 7:30am for the first breakfast of the season. If you are interested in serving a meal, or would like more information, please contact Ed G.

## TITHE.LY

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, which we'll outline in this article.

### #1 - GIVE ON YOUR CHURCH WEBSITE

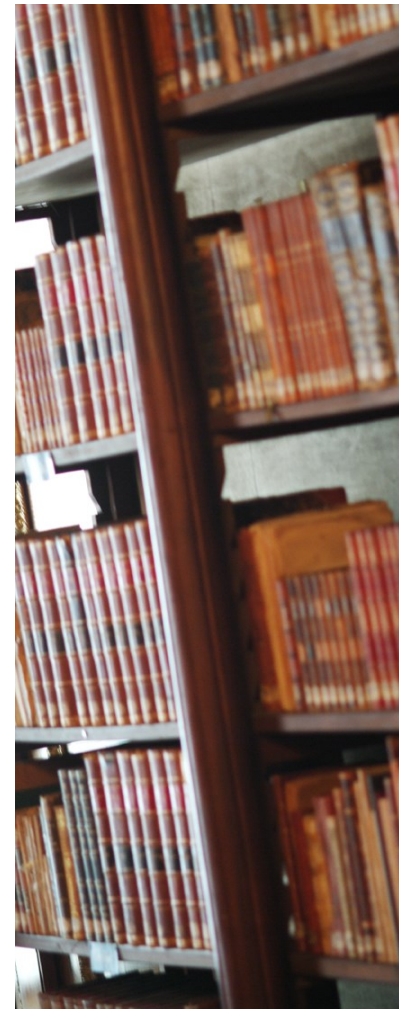
The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

### #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://apps.apple.com) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!



# Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:01 pm. Ben Sutter, President, called meeting to order and opened with prayer by Pastor Ryan Shields. Those in attendance were as follows: President Ben Sutter, Vice President Nyla Denman, Faith Sutter, Shirley Buhro, Marty Hoeft, Ken Gahler, Jennifer Laughlin, Brock Hansen, Eric Gahler, Nate Diekman, Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney, and Pastor Ryan Shields. Curt Reiff and Jayson Hayes were absent.

## **Reports:**

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the August council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Jennifer Laughlin, second by Nyla Denman. MC.

## **Secretary Report:**

Lift from Jen's husband Jim company  
Company is requesting a waiver for person using the lift to sign for insurance liability  
December 27<sup>th</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Ryan and Rhonda both requesting vacation  
Approved  
Pastor Ryan will find replacement for service  
Microsoft charge from Pastor Kyle's old account  
Never cancelled  
Dispute paperwork filled out at bank  
Pastor Kyle contacted again to cancel  
New gutters and downspouts  
\$1,610 billed  
Misunderstanding will call congregational meeting to address  
New computer system needed for Church Windows  
\$1,000 was approved in July  
Frank is saying it will cost \$1,499 for new computer system since we need new monitors  
Tried to shop around, but Joel Mann does not do anymore  
Motion to move forward with Frank for \$1,499 by 1<sup>st</sup> Nate Diekman, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Hoeft, MC.

## **Financial Report:**

Transactions for the month of July reviewed  
Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> by Jennifer Laughlin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Gahler, MC.

## **Pastor Report:**

Worship  
Conducted a all worship services for the month of August themed on Worship and Service  
New sermon series on Covenant started September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher Recognition Sunday was August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Branching Out Kickoff Sunday was September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Communion served 9/1  
Welcomed the Packer Creek Brass Quintet on 8/18.  
Working with Jennifer Laughlin on Special Music/Live Praise Music

Worship Team Met on 9/8: Ava discussion  
Provided funeral services for Dennis Barnes on 8/22.  
Baptism for Lilian Grace McMonigle performed on 9/4  
Installation service for Pastor Ryan, tentative dates of October 6<sup>th</sup> vs. October 13<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon service

## **Events/Activities**

Adult Bible Study "Everybody Always" beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.  
Missions team met and discussed a variety of different topics, including switching the \$5 offering to a monthly Mission Spotlight. Donations can still be taken all month for the ministry spotlight, but we are looking to focus more on more complete partnerships with ministry groups. More targeted and specific ministry functions. Possibly setting up a Compassion Fund that could be used for emergency needs, people struggling with bills, etc.  
A great group of 26 members and friends of TUCC traveled to 5/3 Field for our Church Night at the Mud Hens. While the Mud Hens didn't perform well, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.  
Met with Branching Out teachers twice to explored new curriculum and ideas for the program. Also moved some resources and started a wish list for additional supplies. Janene has done a great job getting people together.

## **Pastoral Ministries**

5 trips to Genoa Care Center  
Lots of phone calls for health concerns, recent passings, etc.  
Met with the Genoa Clergy Cluster and heard a report from the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau. OH Clergy Cluster not very active. Genoa Clergy extend a welcome to Trinity including participation in the Genoa Holiday Parade if we would like.  
Will plan to do  
Attended meetings with Worship Team, Mission Team, and Branching Out teams.  
Check in's via Facebook, E-mail, and phone calls with members/friends of the church.  
E-Mail prayer chain connecting with 39 current subscribers.

## **Administrative**

Connection Cards returned to pews to update information and improve communication.  
Directory probably needed in 2020.  
Tithe.ly online giving is active. Soft rollout in September and full launch in October. Will ask for a brief presentation on other Autopay/Bill Pay options from our banking members,  
Changes to the Cry Room. Recommend \$200-300 in new supplies. Paint?  
Recommend nominations begin for Staff-Parish Team and a 2030 Vision Team.  
Church office closed from 12/26-1/2, pending Council approval.  
Approved by council

## Committee Reports:

### **Worship**

Ava is retiring  
Will post position on Facebook to see if anyone is interested

### **EFY**

All digital curriculum  
Started 9/8/19  
Four potential teachers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade class before or after church  
Not sure who donated the crib in the nursery  
Will notify members to state if whoever donated wants it that they can take it or we are getting rid of it

### **Mission**

\$5 offering name to be changed to Mission Spotlight offering  
Will provide further clarification to members of the church by Pastor Ryan

### **Boo Fest**

October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm  
Possible canned food drive around this time  
Oak Harbor vs. Genoa and will donate to each food pantry

### **Church & Ministry**

Review packets for everyone on committee to be sent out  
Nominating committee to meet  
Reviews to be conducted in October

### **Search Committee**

Will meet this Sunday 9/15/19 at 8:45 a.m.

### **Trustee Report**

Boiler's  
Still working on finding someone to fix  
Filling in grease trap  
Received the okay from the Health Department  
Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> Church Clean Up Day possible tasks discussed  
Power wash building  
Tree Stump in backyard removed  
Shed's cleaned up  
Try to raise railing  
Empty Old Dishes  
Polish high-up woodwork  
Bookshelf and Library cleaned  
Bell Tower Room cleaned  
Wellness room cleaned  
Possibly changed to a classroom in future if needed  
High-up light fixtures cleaned  
Defer to when we have lift  
Lava Rock  
Addressed at a later time  
Will possibly remove tress in future  
Looking into a quote from Lake Erie Tree Service  
Decided there will be a separate painting day  
Yellow strip painted outside on

sidewalk  
Paint propane tank  
Chipping paint in nursery, etc.

### **Old Business:**

Nothing at this time

### **New Business:**

Tithe.ly full launch in October  
Closed in prayer by Pastor Ryan  
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm by Ben Sutter.  
Respectfully submitted, Faith Sutter, Recording Secretary.

## **General Operating Fund Report (approved)**

Beginning 9/1/19	\$55758.66
Offering/Income	\$11990.44
Expenses	\$10402.58
Balance 9/30/19	\$57346.52

Full financial reports are available upon request in the office and are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

## **Congregational Meeting**

The congregational meeting was held on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to get the okay to pay for some work that had been done on the eaves spouts of the church. Anna Diekman made a motion to pay the bill and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Zibbel. There wasn't any discussion on this matter so the motion carried. Nyla asked if there was any other discussion to be brought forth. Don Corbin addressed the congregation about the need to possibly change the limit of \$1500.00 set in the constitution as the spending limit for the Church Council. He pointed out that it is very difficult to get any work done without going over that amount. Nyla did confirm that council was looking to change that amount moving forward. She also addressed the need for people to volunteer to serve on Church Council as we will be in need on new council members for next year. With no further business Ed Gahler made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Buhro  
Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted, Nyla Denman

## MISSION TEAM

## GENOA FOOD PANTRY

Is coordinating a crew to help serve at the Genoa Food Pantry on Saturday, November 16th from 9am-1pm. If you are interested, please contact Ashley Z.

## HOLIDAY PARADE

All members are invited to walk in the Genoa Holiday Parade on December 1st. Line up begins in Veteran's Park at 5pm with the parade at 6pm. Trinity UCC will be walking along with members of the Genoa Clergy Cluster and we have been asked to wear costumes representing a Nativity Scene!

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

### Blanche V. Batesole

October 15, 1934 - October 6, 2019

Blanche Violet Batesole, 84, of Martin, Ohio died Sunday evening, October 6, 2019 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg, Ohio. She was born October 15, 1934 in Graytown, Ohio to Lester and Esther (Freimark) Sondergeld. She was a 1952 graduate of Oak Harbor High School and worked at the former Erie Army Depot and various other places.

On March 7, 1959 she married Steve Batesole and he preceded her in death in 2016. Blanche loved music and was an avid reader. She was baptized, confirmed and married at Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston, where she is still a member.

Survivors include her son, William (Elizabeth) Batesole, and daughter, Faye (Lee) Markham and grandson Andrew Wax. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Dennis and husband, Steve.

### COUPONS

September food pantry items were delivered to the Jerusalem Township fire department's food pantry. I thought it was very meaningful to be delivered on 9/11. I did that in memory of all the people who perished that horrible day. May they never be forgotten! Thank you for your help with this project.

~Karen

## MEMORIAL THANK YOU

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Gina Perry. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in his name.

Jim & Shirley Buhro, Suzanne Buhro, Nyla & Richard Denman, Connie & Dan Gahler



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Blanche Batesole. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in his name.

Don & Bonnie Weaver, Dale & Ava Bodnar, Don & Jan Corbin, Donna Schell, Dwayne & Eva Hoeft, Jackie Pelton, Don & Lavonna Bittner, Melvin & Norma Reif, Women's Fellowship, Ina David, Eloise Hellwig, Jim & Shirley Buhro, Lauren & Faye Milbrodt, Myron & Sara Zibbel, Vi Gahler, Ken Gahler, Suzanne Buhro, Fay Bolander

## BOOK LENDING LIBRARY

The lending library has moved next the Fellowship hall (across from the restrooms). There are comfortable chairs and a table for your convenience next to the book case. Karen's favorite books are on the table.

~Karen



**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. Oct. 10, 2019 for a short meeting following Blanche's funeral. There were eight present. Rhonda was also present and explained how we can turn our treasury finances over to the church office to be handled by the office. After some discussion, a motion was made, sec & carried that we do that.

A letter has been received from St. John Lutheran Church RR about their Advent Program & Brunch on Sat. Nov. 30. Reservations are needed for that.

Thank you letters were received from the Salvation Army & Cherry Street Mission for donations received.

Sara was in charge of the program—"We All Need to be Appreciated".

The Sunshine report was given by Suzanne. The new chairman is Sara Z.

Don't forget the Food Pantry Contest, O.H. vs. Genoa vs. Woodmore.

Next Month we will meet on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1:00 pm. Program Sara Z. Host Evelyn S. Meeting Adjourned. ~~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

Balance on Hand as of June 1	<b>\$277.95</b>
Knives	35
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$312.95</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Mem. Dorothy T	10
<b>Balance on Hand Aug.31st</b>	<b>\$302.95</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,491.45</b>

**LADIES:** The Advent Service & Brunch will be at St. John Lutheran Church in Rocky Ridge on November 30th at 9:30 am. Cost is \$8.00. RSVP by November 25th. There is additional information on the bulletin board.

*Rada Knife Sale—The Women's Fellowship has an ongoing Rada Knife sale. If you are interested, contact them or the office.*

**THANK YOU**

"Thank you for all of your love & support during this very difficult time."

~The Perry, Guerin, Lenke, & Brough families

"Thank you so much for your recent contribution to the Genoa Community Food Pantry. It will help us so that we are able to help the less fortunate."

~Genoa Area Community Food Pantry

**TABLE & CHAIR SIGN-OUT**

Just a reminder with holidays and family gathering 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. The tables and chairs that can be taken out, are all located in the shed.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING**

The Genoa Clergy Cluster is holding a community Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 25th at 7:00 pm at Genoa Christian Church (415 Main Street, Genoa, OH)



## NOVEMBER MISSION SPOTLIGHT

For November, TUCC Mission Spotlight will be the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau.

The Holiday Bureau is asking for donations for this year's drive. We will be collecting all month long for them.

Items they are in of are:

Soap, hygiene products, toiletry items, paper products, cleaning items, non-perishable foods, monetary donations.

Please see the flier on the bulletin board for additional information. There are also applications located on the table by the elevator.



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