



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

One of the great attributes of our church here at Trinity is your willingness to give and support so many missions, projects, and offerings.

There is no doubt in my mind that many of you have given cheerfully and given sometimes until it “hurts.”

We pastors don’t like to talk about giving more in offerings, etc. as it seems odd, but scripturally, Jesus talked about giving quite often.

With that said, I’m proud to see that Trinity has caught up in our contingent fund and we are out of the “hole” so to speak.

However, I was asked to make aware to everyone that the last few months expenses have exceeded our monthly income. This hasn’t been by a lot, but we need to keep an eye on it so to avoid any concerns later.

Therefore, if you haven’t been at church lately and can send in your tithes and offerings, or if you feel blessed enough to give more, please consider honoring God with your gifts.

I remember a challenge I once heard from a preacher, “you can’t out give God, but you can surely try.”

Finally, we have some big projects coming up around the church that we need to take care of: A pole barn for storage of our equipment, a new roof (soon), some sidewalk/concrete work, and a few other projects down the road.

If you feel in your heart to give towards any/all of these projects, please see Rhonda, Ed Gahler, or myself for more information.

Yes, we do have money in an account from the sale of the parsonage, but that will go quick with some of the big projects in store.

Thanks for being such a giving congregation.

In Christ,

Pastor Kyle

## Pre-Church Fellowship

Each Sunday, beginning at 9 am, the Mission’s Team provides refreshments in the gymnasium. Feel free to stop by and grab a beverage and fellowship with one another.

## HOLY HOT DOGS

Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston, Ohio (17955 W. 3rd Street) will be offering a Wednesday Night Holy Hot Dog Dinner.

In addition to hot dogs, each Wednesday we'll offer something different as another option (example: shredded chicken, sloppy joes, tacos, pizza, etc.)

Dinners are open to the public to come and socialize on Wednesdays (7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9 and 8/16) from 5 to 7:30 pm.

Other goodies may also be available.

For more information, please contact the church office at 419-862-3417.

## Turnow's Pond Weekend

Everyone is invited to join us August 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> at Steve and Nancy Turnow's for a weekend of fun, fellowship and food!!!

We are in need of someone to plan some group activities or games for Sunday after worship and lunch.

Also, if you would like to camp (weather permitting), please let us know so we can plan for your tents/campers.

Bring a fishing pole, swim suit, friends, family members, lawn chairs, sun screen, mosquito spray, food to share, and whatever you feel like you need as we enjoy a great weekend together.

## Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday May 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Ed Gahler, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, John Bast, Dan Mathews, Nyla Denman, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Jim Buhro, Marty Hoef, Steve Turnow, Ann Diekman, Veronica McMonigle, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney.

### Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the April council meeting were read prior to the meeting by all members present & revisions made Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Connie Gahler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Hansen. MC.

**Secretary Report:** None

**Financial Report:** Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept the financial report was made by John Bast 2<sup>nd</sup> Nyla Denman. MC. Profit from the concessions at the Rummage sale was \$162.96 and was deposited in the Youth Account. Rummage sale profit was \$1029.44 and went into the Mission Fund. Easter Seals will be sending a check for approximately \$300.

Chicken BBQ profit was \$4039.69. Money has been deposited into the Expanders account.

### **Pastor Report:**

Two new baptisms Ashley Hansen and Kolt Hansen and one funeral held.

The Woods are coming May 21<sup>st</sup> with a potluck after church.

Reverend Munger's Service is Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Trinity at 11am. They would like us to set up tables and have punch available.

June 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a guest pastor and communion will be served. Kyle will be gone with the Youth Mission trip

Starting Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Hotdogs will resume with 5-730pm every Wednesday. They will have Hot dogs and tacos

Upcoming events:

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Service at Graytown Park (10 am)

July 16<sup>th</sup> Waterblast/Church picnic

August 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Turnow's pond

October 21<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary in use

Asher/Hemminger wedding

We would like to get new church signs at both ends of Elliston Trowbridge Road at 163 and 579.

Purchase of sign was approved by council last year. Kyle presented a design to council and plans to contact tomorrow.

Kyle and Dan Gahler are going to start a committee to review needs of the church and prioritize what needs completed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Worship**

- Have not met, next meeting not currently scheduled

#### **EFY**

- Youth Missions Trip planned for June 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> at Camp Washington UCC in Cincinnati

### **Mission**

- Chicken BBQ and Rummage Sale were both a success

### **Church & Ministry**

- Need to set a meeting
- Need to have a 30 day evaluation on new employee, Amy Mathews , custodian
- Amy has had an increase in cleaning due to events at the church. Council discussed giving Amy extra donation when she has extra work at the church
  - Ann Diekman makes a motion to give Amy Mathews a \$100 bonus because of the extra custodial work at the church. 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin. MC.
- John Bast makes a motion to cover the Hope Bowman bereavement luncheon expense out of the mission fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Mathews. MC
- Discussion held regarding hall use and having a rental fee vs donation. Will discuss more next month

### **Trustee Report**

- Yard is still torn up, awaiting payment to fix
- Number 19 breaker is weak, had difficulty with keeping coffee hot
- Need some roofing work at the bell tower, need to rent a lift. Robin Hansen will contact Bob Hartman at Sky Reach

### **Old Business:**

- No new info regarding Carroll house

### **New Business:**

- Consider putting a shed/garage up on the Wittman property

Robin Hansen moved and Connie Gahler 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm by Ed Gahler

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,  
Recording Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report (approved) General Operating Fun**

Balance as of 5/1/17	\$7,033.06
Offerings/Income	\$10,187.27
Expenses	\$12,431.71
Balance as of 5/31/17	\$4,788.62

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to everyone. Just a reminder the office is closed 7/4/17.



**\$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 - Supporting Back to School Drive (August)
- 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.

## 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
- Elevator Repair

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.

## Contingent Fund

Thank you for everyone's continued donations to this fund. We have paid off the repairs to the elevator and have a positive balance in the fund! Please continue to donate to this much used maintenance fund.

<b>WF Treasurer's Report</b>	
Balance on Hand as of April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$232.15</b>
Offering	\$8.00
Knives	12.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$252.15</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
To Savings	\$20.00
<b>Balance on Hand April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$232.15</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,320.98</b>

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met at church at 11:30 am on Thursday June 8, 2017 to go to Frische's Big Boy Restaurant on Woodville Road for noon luncheon. There were nine present. This was the beginning of our summer series. We had

our own room, a very good lunch and decided to come back here in July also.

Norma began with prayer and table blessing and several readings. In our short business meeting we had a thank-you note from Karen Lick for cards when she had cataract surgery and for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

June is our birthday month, so we decided to give \$50.00 to Grace Community Center, Toledo (with a motion and sec).

Norma gave the Sunshine report. New chairman will be Sue Wittman.

Don't forget OH Food Pantry Donations.

Next month Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, meet at church at 11:30 am to go to Frishes.

We then played summer bingo.

Meeting Adjourned.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

## 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!

## Thank You

"I wish to thank all who sent birthday cards for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's always nice to be remembered. The years sure went fast. Thank you."

~Lavonna Bittner

"Just a note of Thanks for donating the \$5 offering to Autism Speaks. Your donation is GREATLY appreciated.

This year we will be heading to Pennsylvania in Sept for our 3rd annual walk. If anyone would like to make a personal donation I have forms available. Also on August 5th we will be having a fundraiser at the American Legion in Sandusky. Flyers will be hung at church for more information. Thank you again for you donation. "

God Bless

~ Jen Laughlin and "Peace of the Puzzle

## 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

## 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.

## Coupons

“The Ashland Food pantry on Stars Avenue in Oregon was happy to get 4 boxes of food and personal items. As always, they were thrilled to receive everything. I always mention our Church’s name and how generous our members are who save me the coupons every week. Thank you for getting them to me so quickly as sometimes I only have a week or two to use them!

Thanks again for helping me with this project”

~~Karen Lick

**Adult Sunday School:** Come and join us in some great discussions. Kathy Giesler leads a class that will meet on Sundays at 8:00am. All are welcome to join!

## Mark your 2017 Calendars

Water Blast & Picnic (July 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Turnow’s Pond Weekend (August 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)

Fall Festival & Boo Festival (October 29<sup>th</sup>)



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

## Memorial Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Cliff Munger Memorial Fund.

Blanche Batesole; Suzanne Buhro; Don & Bonnie Weaver; Nyla & Dick Denman; Doyle Sommer; Melvin & Norma Reif; Mariyln Appelhans; Jan & Dawn Grieger; Fay Bolander

## Memorial Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Hope Bowman Memorial Fund.

Marilyn Appelhans; Jan & Dawn Grieger

## 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.

## Graduate:

Erika Warnke is the grand-daughter of Don & Jan Corbin and the daughter of Kristi and Mark Warnke.

Erika has followed in her parents footsteps with a love of music, and continued on to be an incredible musician. In the fall Erika will be continuing her musical career by pursuing a music education degree from Heidelberg University.

We are having a graduation party for Erika (and also Emmalynn’s Pre-school graduation) on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm at Carroll Township Shelter house #1 (11080 W Toussaint East). You are all invited to the graduation party. Hope to see you there!

~Kristi & Mark Warnke

# Trinity Youth News

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

We are looking for a few teachers (men and women) to rotate teaching our Branching Out classes. Material and training will be available. Our children our vital to health of this congregation, both presently and in the future. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help Branching Out grow.

Several people have already stepped up to teach this fall, but we could still use 2 or 3 more individuals. This will allow teachers to attend worship the other three Sundays. If you are willing to teach, please let Pastor Kyle, Amy Mathews, or Janene Lattimore know as soon as possible.

## Youth Mission's Trip –

The six youth and three adults that went to Cincinnati in early June would like to thank you all for your generosity and support.

A special thanks also to the Expanders who helped support the trip.

We were blessed more than we were a blessing and we all came away with a deeper appreciation of just how much we are blessed.

Thanks again – Pastor Kyle, John Bast, Kim Traver, Colleen Traver, Sean Hoeft, Evan Hoeft, Timmy Mathews, Brittany Mathews & Nick Timmons

**Waterblast 2017** will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck

## Mission Team

The garden was planted early June – A huge thank you to all that helped to get the garden planted.

Next Meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

## Greeters

<u>July 2017</u>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanne Hellwig
9 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
16 <sup>th</sup>	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
23 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
30 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
<u>August 2017</u>		
6 <sup>th</sup>		TURNOW POND
13 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
20 <sup>th</sup>	North	Brianne Perry
	South	Matt Perry
27 <sup>th</sup>	North	Evelynn Schimming
	South	Nyla Denman
<u>September 2017</u>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Timmons Children
10 <sup>th</sup>	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
17 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
24 <sup>th</sup>	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel

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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

### **August TIDINGS DEADLINE:**

Due to the office closing from July 17-24,  
the deadline for August tidings will be July  
14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance.

**Office Closed:** July 10, 11; 17-24

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