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News From Pastor Ryan:

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY

Greetings church family,

As you have heard by now, our office administrator Rhonda Mahaney is stepping down from her role within the church to work full-time for the local OSU Extension. While this will leave Trinity with big shoes to fill and sad hearts, we are excited for her new opportunity and the impact she will make in her new venture! Having grown in friendship with Trinity for years, we look forward to her transition from administrator to simply sister in faith.

It's hard to explain how important an office administrator can be to the life of the church. Besides managing papers, agendas, bank accounts, budgets, newsletters (...who do you think sent this to you!?), and bulletins our office administrator is often the keeper of the church history, the collective knowledge and plans of multiple church councils, the heavy emotions that are shared in her office, and a whole host of secrets that I can barely fathom! It takes a special person to be an administrator. Perhaps that's why even the Bible lists administration not just a vocational gift, but a spiritual gift!

*You are the body of Christ; each and every one of you is a vital member. 28 God has appointed gifts in the assembly: first emissaries, second prophets, third teachers, then miracle workers, healers, helpers, **administrators**, and then those who speak with various unknown languages. 29 Are all members gifted as emissaries? Are all gifted with prophetic utterance? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Or are all gifted in healing arts? Do all speak or interpret unknown languages? Of course not. 31 Pursue the greater gifts, and let me tell you of a more excellent way—love. – 1 Corinthians 12: 27-31 (The Voice)*

Love for God and love for people is what can take a skill of administration and turn it into a spiritual act. It takes a heart for the Lord to deal with all the personalities, conflicting opinions, plans, and problems that arise in the life of the church. In this way, church administration is not just a job. It is a ministry. It is an act of worship. If the church is the community of God's people, the office administrator is often the one who keeps the house in order. If the Pastor is the shepherd, the administrator is the pen!

Jesus even uses the example of an administrator when discussing the cost of discipleship.

"28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' – Luke 14: 28-30 (NIV)

Office administrators help the church finish the work the God starts within them. I know this is true for Pastor's as well! So, join me today church in thanking God for all those among us who keep the house in order, keep the trains running on time, and keep the church moving forward toward God's purpose!

Thank you Rhonda!

-Pastor Ryan



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 2nd 7:30am Men's Breakfast
- May 10th 7pm Church Council
- May 23rd after church—Serving Sunday
- May 31st Memorial Day—Office Closed

- VBS July 25-29 6pm-8:30pm

VACATION

Pastor Ryan will be on vacation from June 9th—June 16th and will be out of the area. Keep on eye out for a list of covering Pastors if you need Pastoral care during this time.

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7 pm. Luke Sutter, Vice President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Desirae McCloskey, Vice President Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Brianne Perry, Troy Wittman, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Michael Sager, Jim Buhro, Bonnie Weaver, Pastor Ryan and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney were present.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from February meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Brad Jess, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Secretary Report:

Easement has been received and filed away. We paid \$141
Boilers, fire extinguishers, and elevator inspections are done and passed for the year
Vacation April 2nd and 5th
Reviewed property insurance quotes. Motion by Brad Jess to go with Sprouse Insurance. Second by Troy Wittman, MC.

Financial Report:

Rhonda reviewed balance sheets.
Motion to approve financial secretary report first by Luke Sutter, second by Troy Wittman, MC.
Discussed investments with Jordan Moore and what to do with money in current CD.
Reviewed information provided by Jordan on different tiers of investment
Motion by Brad Jess to invest full amount of CD with Jordan Moore.
Second by Brianne Perry, MC

Pastor Report:

Two Easter services- reviewed attendance numbers, if we need a cap. Decision to not put a cap on attendance for either service. Pastor Ryan will inform congregation of numbers as best he can
Taking vacation in June
Chicken BBQ is set for April 18

Committee Reports:

Worship Team

team of volunteers has been formed for Easter Breakfast

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

quotes out for floor and paint in 3 branching out rooms
renovations to be made to conjoining rooms with bathroom and "double room" across from elevator
proposal to return to Sunday School hour for fall 2021

9am Sunday School start time with church beginning at 10am

Motion to approve by Luke Sutter. Second by Brianne Perry, MC

VBS team met. Planning for VBS July 25 -29 with kick off BBQ on Sunday

Mission

Sending Easter care cards next week

Trustee Report

Brad Jess getting more quotes for sanctuary doors
Make sure snow and ice is moved away from automatic doors so they open and shut properly
Possibly cleaning gymnasium prior to Easter Sunday

Pastoral Relations Committee

No update

Church and Ministry

no update

2030 Team

no update

Old Business:

Evelyn Schimming will
No new news since last meeting
New computer/camera
Proposal for \$4500 upgrade to tech area
Jim Buhro made motion to approve. Second by Michael Sager, MC

New Business:

Quorum policy
7 members must be present to continue meeting
This is a recommendation, will be made official when constitution is revised
Motion to approve by Brad Jess. Second by Michael Sager, MC

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brianne Perry and second by Troy Wittman, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm by Luke Sutter.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund Report (approved)

Beginning 3/1/21	\$15,590.59
Offering/Income	\$11,442.47
Expenses	\$9,628.10
Balance 3/31/21	\$17,404.96



SERVING SUNDAY – May 23rd



After church on May 23rd the Missions team is calling on volunteers from Trinity to go out into our community and serve our friends and neighbors! We are looking to help with yard work, some home chores, and even light home repair. We want to encourage you to come be a part of our service day!

We are also looking for people to serve during this day! If you know a church member or nearby neighbor who could use some assistance please contact the church office so we can make arrangements to help!

From Trinity Tidings of Years Gone By –

From May 1958 Tidings:

The doors of the church are open, inviting you to “come in” to unite with others in worship of God, and, thus strengthened by His might in the inner man, to cope victoriously with the problems and pressures of daily life and the powers of this world’s darkness.

Here you can:

- Praise God for His majestic sovereignty and abiding greatness
- Thank God for His providential care and for what He has done for you through Jesus Christ
- Claim the eternal mercies of God; His forgiveness of sins and His peace
- Find encouragement and comfort in meeting the trials and troubles of life
- Learn how to commune and converse with God through meditation and prayer
- Hear what God’s Word has to say to you personally, and about the prevailing community situation
- Join with other seeing and striving Christians in advancing God’s Kingdom
- Commit your whole self as a member of the Church to do God’s work
- Invest your abilities in the greatest work of the Church, witnessing of God’s love for all the world
- Share in the deeper joy and friendship of the Christian fellowship, the Body of Christ.

Yes, Come to worship this is an invitation to you from God. Accept it.

Trinity Farewell

SERMON SERIES

May 2nd- STORYTIME: A Pharisee and a Tax Collector

May 9th- STORYTIME: The Talents (MOTHER'S DAY)



May 16th- MONEY TALKS: Lies

May 23rd- MONEY TALKS: Truths

May 30th- MONEY TALKS: Wisdom



Dear Trinity Family

I am having a difficult time finding the words to write this, my last Trinity Tidings article. It has been my utmost pleasure to have had the opportunity to work here for the past 9 years.

You as a church gave me the chance to utilize my skills and to develop and fine tune new ones. I have seen tremendous growth here at the church during my years working here. I have worked with three Pastors and several supply pastors, all who have taught me different things along the way. I'd like to thank each and every council President and council member for allowing me to help them lead the church over the years. I'd like to thank the congregation for allowing me to serve you and all of Trinity.

I have come to truly believe that God puts us in the places that he wants us to be. Having received this job right when He knew that I would need it. This Church embraced not only myself, but also my children wholeheartedly. You have helped us grow over the years, just like I'd like to think that I helped the church grow. My family has always been blessed to feel just as welcomed here in the Trinity family as we did with our own church family. I have absolutely loved getting to know each and everyone of you along the way.

Little did I know when I started this job, that a huge part of my job would be just getting to know each of you, to listen to stories of the past, and helping to sit around and dream of Trinity's future. I enjoyed visiting the Women's Fellowship and learning from the ladies their history and work that they did here at Trinity. The Tuesday Fellowship group will probably never understand how just a simple conversation each week impacted me. I enjoyed helping with the planning, preparation, and execution many women's banquets, men's banquets, mission team events, chicken bbq, holiday events, and so much more here at Trinity.

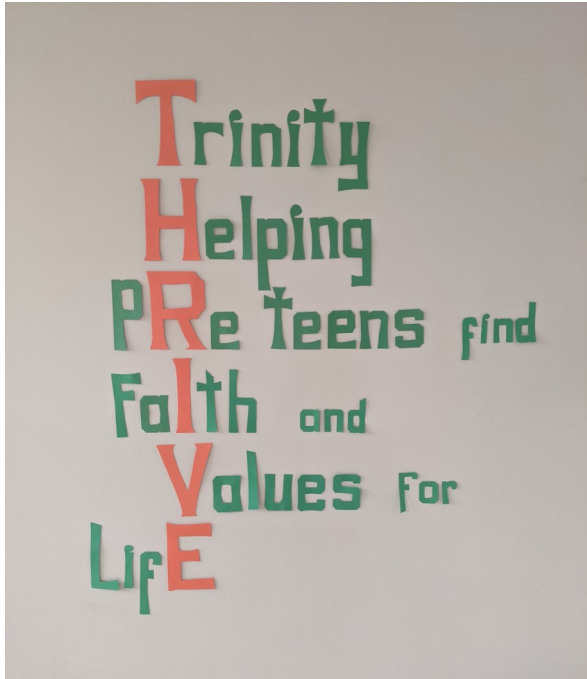
Having been here all these years, and hearing so many stories, and walked the building so many times, Trinity feels like home in a lot of ways. I hope that I have left my mark on Trinity and that it's future shines as bright as each of you do.

I have had the biggest honor in getting to know and work alongside Pastor Ryan. He has brought so much energy, compassion, leadership, and spiritual teachings to this church. I have learned a lot from him during the short time that we have worked together. I truly can't think of a better Pastor to have led Trinity through a pandemic. I leave Trinity knowing that Ryan will lead this church to the absolute great things that God intends for us here at Trinity. I can not wait to see what is to come.

As many have noticed, my family and I have been around Sunday mornings. As My time working has come to an end, I am hopeful to see you Sunday mornings.

With all my love and thanks for the many years here.

Christian Education News!!!!



Date	2-3 Nursery	PreK Teacher	K-2 Teacher
Week 1	Rebecca R.	Desirae M.	Kylene L.
Week 2	Faith S.	Brittany W.	Janene L.
Week 3	Jen L.	Ashley G.	Ashley Z.
Week 4	LouAnn Z.	Casi J.	Jamie K.

TEACHERS

THRIVE Teachers: Dan G., Nyla D., Jan C.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ROCKY RAILWAY

July 25th-29th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

VBS Decoration Need List:

- Large cardboard appliance-sized boxes
- Large sheets of Styrofoam (4x8 ft)
- Large Rolls of colored craft paper- Red, Blue, Brown, Black, Yellow, white, Gray
- Flat Latex Paint- Red, Blue, Brown, Black, Yellow, White
- Tree Branches
- Christmas Tree Stands
- Tissue Paper Grass Mats
- Carpet Tube
- Clear Packing Tape, Duct Tape (Black)
- Plastic Gutters
- Spray Paint- Brown, Black, Blue, Red, White, Yellow, Gray
- Blue cellophane
- Zip Ties
- White PVC
- Large White Sheets (for painting backdrops)
- Balloons- Red, Yellow, Black, Blue, Brown, White



CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS:

We have 3-4 Special Construction Projects that require building with Wood or PVC. If you would like to help construct some set pieces, please see Pastor Ryan.

VBS Registration

Child's Name _____

Child's Age _____ DOB _____ Grade Going Into _____

Parent's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

Is Trinity your home church? (Y / N) _____

Any allergies or medical condition to be aware of: _____

Secondary In Case of Emergency Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____



By registering my child for this event I give my consent for my child to participate in all activities associated with Trinity Elliston VBS 2021. In good faith, I agree not to hold Trinity Elliston or any representatives responsible for any injuries, incidences or medical expenses associated with their participation in this event. I understand that staff, volunteers, and leaders will make every attempt to contact me as soon as possible if an emergency arises. If I cannot be reached I give Trinity's staff, volunteers, and leaders authorization to contact medical personnel to assist my child. I understand that my child may be videotaped or photographed as part of this event and this media may be used in promotional materials for Trinity Elliston in print/web. Trinity Elliston will be following current CDC guidelines in regard to COVID-19 at the time of VBS. Procedures will be available prior.

We need Rocky Railway resources!

Item Needed: _____

Donated Borrowed

VBS Director: _____

Phone: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this item to me by: _____

Please attach this form to the item and deliver it to _____ by _____

Thank you!

Church Administrator Job Description

Trinity Elliston UCC is looking for a responsible, proactive Church Administrator to be responsible for managing the daily operations of the church, managing the church's schedule of events, ensuring the effective use of church income, and keeping accurate records. The Church Administrator manages volunteers, works with the community, and supports the pastor and other church staff members.

To be a successful Church Administrator, you should be able to handle multiple tasks to ensure the church is well-run, maintained and staffed. You should be generous, self-starter, efficient, detail-oriented, and professional. You should be a person with passion for our church's goals and vision, to call believers to full discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Church Administrator Responsibilities:

- Managing daily operations and maintaining office supplies and records.
- Coordinating, planning, and executing church events
- Assisting to create budgets, pay bills, oversee payrolls, and track and record church income from donations and other various incomes
- Assisting to recruit volunteers, and overseeing their ministry work
- Handling church communications and publications, creating and distributing bulletins and newsletters
- Overseeing church facility maintenance and security operations
- Assisting with scheduling meetings, renting church equipment and facilities, and enforcing church policies for facility use
- Building and maintaining relationships with the congregation and community

Church Administrator Requirements:

- Office or business management experience
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong computer skills and ability to operate office equipment
- Ability to handle stress and problem solve
- Ability to keep confidential and sensitive information
- Flexible personality and ability to adapt to new ideas
- A commitment to standing as a moral and upstanding representative of the church community.
- Able to dedicate 20-25 hours per week



Tuesday Declutter & Spring Cleaning:

Starting May 18th and running into the Summer. Pastor Ryan is interested in getting a few volunteers in the building each week on Tuesday to declutter and re-organize many of our rooms. Our church is celebrating nearly 160 years of ministry and coming out of a strange year where the building was used less and for different purposes. This has led to a build-up of disorganized storage. As we look to restarting Sunday school in the Fall, the church will need to purge some of our clutter and prepare rooms for these new classes. If we take it a couple hours at a time, we can have the church looking brand new by fall! Pastor Ryan will begin the declutter every Tuesday at 10:30 AM. He invites a few people to join him each week as they are available!

MEMORIAL THANK YOU

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.trinityelliston.org/
livestream.html](http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html)

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.

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.

Memorial Thank You

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

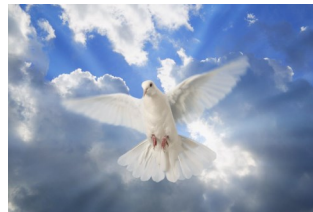
Trinity Women's Fellowship, Doyle & Helen Sommer

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Matthew D. Perry, 31, of Graytown, OH passed away April 23, 2021 at Mercy St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo. He was born on February 14, 1990 in Oregon, Ohio to Daniel and Regina (Villa) Perry. Matthew graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 2008 and served an apprenticeship with the Local 85 Boilermakers. He was a boilermaker for GEM Industrial for 7 years. Matthew had a very big and loving personality. He was the "life of the party" and would often sing and play the harmonica or banjo. He could often be found in his "Shop" fixing things, entertaining or relaxing with a drink.

Matthew is survived by his loving wife and high school sweetheart, Brianne Perry; daughters, Jolie and Rayna Perry; siblings, Andy (Jamie) Perry; Liz (John) Guerin; Becky (Micah) Lenke; Katie (Dustin) Brough; Brittany (Troy) Wittman and Bryan (Tayler) Buhro; 19 nieces and nephews; in-laws, Jim (Shirley) Buhro; grandparents Suzanne Buhro and Verna Konesky. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends at Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, 1111 Woodville Rd. Millbury, OH 43447, on Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Friday, April 30 at Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston, 17955 W. 3rd Street, Elliston, Ohio 43432 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 4:00 p.m. Memorial contributions for Matthew's young family can be directed to Brianne Perry. A Celebration of Life for Matt's family and friends will be held at a later date.



MEDICAL LENDING SUPPLIES

It has been wonderful to see the medical supplies donated to Trinity. The basement kitchen area is nearly overflowing, thanks to all of you. That being said, it also bears repeating that those items are available for YOUR use! There are a few wheel-chairs, arm slings, compression stockings, and even a shower bag for a cast, to name a few. How about a massage cushion? Some items might come in handy for first aid such as Ace wraps and Band-Aids. So please think of TUCC for yourselves or those loved ones in times of need. Ask any of our medical professionals for help if needed. Thanks!

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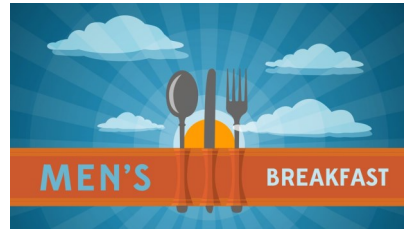


“A HUGE Thank you to everyone that made our Chicken BBQ such a success and flow as smoothly as it did.”

“Thank you for your generous donation we received on 3/21. The Family House is Ohio’s 2nd largest Family Homeless Shelter. It is unique by keeping the family together as one supported unit. Your contribution will help house, feed and support eh homeless families in Toledo.”
~The Family House

“Thank you for your 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 a blessed in your giving.”
~Elmore Food Pantry

“Thank you to everyone for all the well wishes, thoughtful notes, flowers, farewell message during church and much more.”
~Rhonda



Men’s
Breakfast Is
Back!!!! Men
are invited to
join us on
Sunday, May
2nd at 7:30am.
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/store/apps/details?id=com.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

MAY MISSION SPOTLIGHT

MISSION SPOTLIGHT: THE PERRY & HALL FAMILIES

This month we are focusing our Mission Spotlight on two families within our community who are experiencing exceptional hardship, praying that our mission giving can provide a small amount of peace during these difficult times.

Matthew Perry, 31, passed away on April 23rd following complications from Covid-19. Matt leaves behind his wife Brienne as well as two young daughters, Jolie and Rayna. We pray our offering will be a small blessing to them as they return home and make arrangements to go forward.

Sean Hall is currently battling brain cancer and has had a series of hardships and setbacks. The ability to work has become inconsistent for both of them Sean's cancer has progressed. This on top of issues with insurance, vehicles, and medical bills. Sean is beginning a new treatment working with the Cleveland Clinic. We pray our offering can help provide for stability in travel and assistance with all the financial burden that comes with treating Sean's cancer.

Thank you for your giving.

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