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## News From Pastor Ryan:

Dear Church Family

Your council met on Monday, May 11th and has decided on the following steps for our first step towards a reopening of our church services here at Trinity.

For the month of May, we will continue as we have been doing with the recorded services being broadcast at 9:30am on Facebook and YouTube.

Office Administrator Rhonda Mahaney will continue to offer streaming in the fellowship hall for those that do not have access to the internet. (Please contact the church office if you are interested in this).

For the month of June, we will continue to offer the recorded services being broadcasted at 9:30am on Facebook and YouTube. Starting June 7th, if Ohio guidelines allow, we will also offer that anyone that would like to come to the church on Sunday morning at 9:30 am to view the streamed service can. This will allow people to gather in the church and experience some fellowship. Pastor Ryan will be here in person at 9:30am to view the service with you as well. We would use extreme precautions and limit those in the building based on current Ohio guidelines. This may require RSVPing for service or assigned seating. Is this something that you/your family would be interested in?

**If you are going to come to the church for the viewing, we ask that you follow the following:**

**(These recommendations are subject to change based on Ohio guidelines)**

Please do self-health checks on everyone in your family prior to coming to the church. Do NOT come if you have not been feeling well or you have a fever.

We ask that you wear a mask out of respect for others.

That you use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.

We will utilize the North doors only as an entrance and exit. If you have logistical questions regarding this, please contact the office.

We will ask that you/your family sit 6 feet apart from the next family unit. Based on that, we will be sitting every other pew. Please notice that some pews may be closed off during this time.

After the service, we ask that you kindly leave the sanctuary out the North doors. If you would like to converse with others, we ask that you do so outside.

If you are interested in the viewing, but are concerned about your health and would like a more private viewing, please contact Rhonda. She is willing to continue with her mid week streaming for those that would like that option as well



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FYI—June's Tidings will also be a little late and will not be published until after the June 8th Church Council Meeting. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

# Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. At 7:05 pm. Nyla Denman, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Nyla Denman, Bonnie Weaver, Nate Diekman, Troy Wittman, Ed Gahler, Jim Buhro, Marty Hoeft, Brad Jess, Eric Gahler, Desirae McCloskey, Jayson Hayes, Pastor Ryan Shields, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney were present. Faith Sutter was absent.

## **Reports:**

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the February council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Nate D., second by Troy W. MC.

## **Secretary Report:**

Update on the Property Tax Exemption has been granted. Will follow up in March to see if we hear back from them in regards to a refund of the taxes previously paid.

Photo Directory this week, need help Wednesday with greeting people and signing them in.

Men's Banquet – have 89 reservations

Amy will be on vacation from March 15-22. Rhonda will cover.

Ryan will be on vacation April 27-May 3. Ryan is looking for someone to cover for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Financial Report:**

Review of information presented. Approval of financial report by first Jim B., and second by Bonnie W., MC.

## **Pastor's Report:**

### **Worship**

Conducted all worship services for February themed on Family Matters

Communion served 3/1

Guest Speaker from Crossroad Child and Family Services on 2/9

Guest Speaker from Children's Keeper on 2/23

Special Music Projects with Jen Laughlin  
Planning meetings with Zion UMC for Lent and Easter  
Ash Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Trinity was cancelled due to weather

## **Events/Activities**

New Member class meeting on 4/5. Should have 5-10 new individual members.

Went with Missions Team to serve at the Genoa Food Pantry on 2/15. Food Pantry appreciates our participation and we'd like to encourage other members to join in.

VBS planning team is meeting again on 3/22 to move forward with VBS. Many volunteers roles are filled. We'll be seeking the next wave of volunteers and starting to put together our resource list to seek donations.

Attended Men's Breakfast on 3/1

Church directory photos begin tomorrow

March 29<sup>th</sup> Rev. Corbin 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

Tuesday Morning coffee crew has been cleaning out some old spaces and doing a lot of small fix-it work.

Will serve as MC for Father and Son banquet.

THRIVE youth ministry program meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Every Month.

## **Pastoral Ministries**

Lots of planning with Zion UMC. Lenten services have begun.

February was a bad month for visits due to illness, both personally and spread around. Trying to get in contact with everyone again for Easter.

Phone calls/texts/emails for health concerns.

Met with Genoa Clergy Group

Attended various church meetings.

Check in's via Facebook, E-mail, and phone calls with members/friends of the church.

E-Mail prayer chain connecting with 43 current subscribers.

## **New/Old Business:**

2030 Team is set. Will call a meeting soon.

Need Food/servers for Lenten Services 3/11 and 3/25

Special acknowledgement for Rev. Corbin?

Volunteer for Easter Egg Hunt

Upcoming special church days- Easter, Mother's Day, Graduation Sunday

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Worship**

They will be submitting reports to council

### **EFY**

We have been very busy so far in 2020! We attended church camp in January with a great group of families. Pastor Ryan and Janene Lattimore shared in the planning of activities. We had a men's session, women's session, group praise song sing along, worship time, bible minute to win it games, bible dictionary and many other fun activities throughout the weekend at Camp Michindoh.

In February we started planning for VBS. Rocky Railway themed materials were purchased. We are currently working on filling all of our volunteer spots for the week of Sunday, June 14th through Thursday June 18th. The camp will run from 6-8pm. Since we haven't done a VBS program in many many years we need all hands on deck. We are currently seeking several individuals to organize and plan for the preschool kids and the game station, as well as several people to be group leaders to move kids from station to station. The preschool kids will be with everyone at the beginning and the end of the night but will not move to each of the stations but instead have a modified curriculum all in one place to avoid chaos. The other kids K-6th grade will rotate through stations throughout the evening including games, imagination station craft, story, and snack/video. We will be decorating the church including the sanctuary at the beginning of June to build awareness and excitement. Our next VBS meeting is March 22nd after church. This year we changed our Branching Out Curriculum to Dig In - Heart of God. We also restructured all of our classes. We currently have a Nursery Room (2s & 3s), Preschool, Grades K-2, and Thrive Grades 3-6.

All class meet weekly during the worship time except Thrive meets after the Sunday service on the first and third Sundays. The new curriculum allows all teachers to have access online and create their lessons weekly with activities that fit their own teaching styles. Each class is hearing the same lesson and working through it at their own developmental stage. We run a sign up sheet for the Nursery room for volunteers that change weekly. Brittany Wittman, Ashley Gahler, Ashley Zimmerman and Desirae McCloskey run the Preschool Room. Janene Lattimore, Kyleen Liphart, Rebecca Reif, and Dan/Amy Mathews volunteer in the Grades K-2 room. Jan Corbin (subs Dan Gahler and Nyla Denman) organize the Thrive Group. We will be meeting with all our teachers in early May to assess the year and curriculum to see how we can modify and change things to continue to improve and grow the Branching Out Program. Possible date May 3rd after church.

**New Business:**

Social Groups fund balance. Need to continue to talk to the groups to see what they would like to do with their funds or encourage them to meet and use their funds.

Hospitality Person – Karen Lick has agreed to be the contact person and Nyla D. is going to be working on a description of what that all will entail.

Don Corbin 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ordination Celebration – we will be getting cake and punch. There was discussion of purchasing a gift to recognize him.

We are in need of someone to host or arrange food for the March 25<sup>th</sup> Lent service. If interested, contact Ryan.

Easter Egg Hunt options were discussed. Desirae will see if she can get a group around to plan this event for the kids.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Jim B., and second by Troy W., MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm by Nyla Denman.

Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Mahaney,  
Administrative Assistant

**Mission**

Will continue to serve the food pantries

Looking for additional members.

Upcoming events include helping at Grace Community Center and the Habitat build in Genoa this spring.

They will be submitting written reports or sending someone to council

**Trustee Report**

Will continue to look for estimates for the insulation. Eco is a good company (as they heard from several people) They have also taken \$500 off the total estimate.

Looking for someone to plaster/paint the basement ceiling and wall.

Sound System – Working better. Will look into possible static sounds in one speaker. Looking at training people on the sound board. If you're interested, please contact Marty or the office.

**Old Business:**

2030 Vision Team has been selected. Members are Marty H., Lucas S., Keaston R., Brittany W., and Robin H. Meetings will start soon.

**Constitution**

Discussion was had as to the definition of a member.

Ed G. made a motion that to be a member you have to attend/give/or commune at least 1 time each year. Brad J. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. 9 Yes 1 No. MC

**General Operating Fund Report (approved)**

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

Beginning 4/1/20	\$16,304.10
Offering/Income	\$12,535.68
Transfers	1,718.09
Expenses	\$7,825.09
Balance 4/31/2020	\$22,732.78

# Church Council Minutes

## March 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Sunday, March 15th, 2020. At 10:34 a.m. Nyla Denman, President, called meeting to order.

President Nyla Denman, Vice President Desirae McCloskey, Faith Sutter, Bonnie Weaver, Nate Diekman, Troy Wittman, Marty Hoef, Brad Jess, Jayson Hayes, Eric Gahler, Ed Gahler, Jim Buhro, Pastor Ryan Shields, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney were present. No members were absent.

After discussion a motion was made by Ed Gahler to have no church service for two weeks, the church will remain open, and we will re-evaluate in two weeks. Motion was second by Jim Buhro. Motion opposed by Marty Hoef and Brad Jess, MC.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. by first Troy Wittman and second by Faith Sutter. MC.

## March 26<sup>th</sup> Council Zoom Meeting

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met virtually on Thursday, March 26th, 2020 at 7:39 p.m. Nyla Denman, President, called meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened us in prayer.

President Nyla Denman, Vice President Desirae McCloskey, Faith Sutter, Nate Diekman, Troy Wittman, Marty Hoef, Brad Jess, Jayson Hayes, Eric Gahler, Ed Gahler, Jim Buhro, Pastor Ryan Shields, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney were present. Bonnie Weaver was unable to sign onto the meeting virtually.

The council discussed future events like the Chicken BBQ, and decided to postpone all events for now.

Council also decided to conduct business in the church office as usual.

After discussion a motion was made by Troy Wittman to stay at home for services as long as Governor DeWine's stay-at-home order is in place, and will be reevaluated once the order is lifted. Motion was second by Jim Buhro. Brad Jess opposed. MC.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. by first Desirae McCloskey and second by Nate Diekman. MC. Submitted by Faith Sutter, Council Secretary

## April 7<sup>th</sup> Text Council Vote

On Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a motion was made via text message by Nate Diekman to apply for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan and name Rhonda Mahaney as the signer of the application for Trinity UCC Elliston. Motion was second by Troy Wittman. No member opposed. MC.

Submitted by Faith Sutter, Council Secretary

## April 26<sup>th</sup> Text Council Vote

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met virtually on Sunday April 26, 2020 at 10:47 a.m. Nyla Denman, President, called meeting to order.

President Nyla Denman, Vice President Desirae McCloskey, Faith Sutter, Nate Diekman, Troy Wittman, Marty Hoef, Brad Jess, Jayson Hayes, Eric Gahler, Ed Gahler, Jim Buhro, Pastor Ryan Shields, and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney were present. Bonnie Weaver was unable to sign onto the meeting virtually, but expressed her opinion to Rhonda over the phone.

After discussion a motion was made by Nate Diekman to continue with virtual church services via Facebook. Motion was second by Jim Buhro. None opposed. MC.

Nyla urged council to start thinking about what we will do when church reopens.

Will discuss more in May council meeting  
Rhonda and Amy to work on plan on how to sanitize the church

Nate is working on gathering quotes to have the carpets cleaned

Nyla is meeting with Ottawa County this week to discuss how they plan to feed kids this summer

VBS and Mother Daughter Banquet is cancelled

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. by first Troy Wittman and second by Jim Buhro. MC.

Submitted by Faith Sutter, Council Secretary



### **WF Treasurer's Report**

Balance on Hand as of Feb 1	<b>\$1,314.21</b>
Offering	38.25
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$1,352.46</b>
Memorial	\$10.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Balance on Hand Feb. 29</b>	<b>\$1,342.46</b>

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. March 12, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm with eight present. Eva H. was hostess, had St. Patrick's Day decorations and served delicious cream puffs and snacks.

Norma had the opening prayer and table blessing. She also had readings that centered around gratitude and kindness.

Thank yous were received from the Ina David family and from The Salvation Army.

Eloise H. gave the Sunshine report. The new chairman will be Sara Z. Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

The next meeting will be Thurs. April 9th. Program by Eva H. Host—Jackie P.

Submitted by Suzanne B.



## THANK YOU

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC, I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the members of Trinity UCC for your support of our Food Pantry Ministry. Our pantry might be small but it is doing mighty things! We serve all in Ottawa County struggling with financial or food insecurities. In April, we delivered bags of food and household items to our senior citizen friends and on May 6th we will open as a drive through pantry from 5-7 pm. Our pantry is funded solely on donations from community members and area churches. We are always accepting donations of non perishable food items, personal hygiene items, household cleaners and laundry soap.

Again, thank you for being a blessing to our ministry and to our community!

Your friend in HIS Service,  
LisaAnne Gregg  
Support Pastor-Elliston Zion UMC

“The important ongoing support of donors makes an important difference for the children and families we serve. As a donor you are a vital part of our mission, helping to give hope, and healing to many young people we serve each year.

With this gift you show how much you care about the youth and their needs. Your support is very much appreciated.

Crossroads has a legacy of being a haven of love, understanding, and hope. You have a special place in ensuring this continues.

Thank you for your continued support of our children, Trinity UCC Family! I enjoyed my visit and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Thank you for welcoming me so generously.”

~Liz Bergren, Crossroads

“I would like to thank all who put them together and delivered them. They were very thoughtful and pretty. The cross that was in our basket will be hanging on our door for Easter. Prayers for everyone, and hope that this menace ends soon.”

~Vera Sager

“Just a note of “Thanks” for the caring love package delivered to me during this trying virus time—much appreciated & shared some of my love!”

~Donna W.

“Sometimes simple words say it best. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love & God Bless”

~Jackie Pelton

“Many thanks for our bag of surprises. The cross looks lovely in the dining room wall. Since we are home bound for Easter the cross is perfect. God Bless”

~Myron & Sara Zibbel

“Special thank you for the Easter Bag. What a lovely idea.”

~Melvin & Norma

“Dear kind people of Trinity. Thank you so much for the care package delivered right to my door. What a delight! I really enjoyed each and every item. Thank you so much for your kindness!”

~Fay Bolander

“Thank you for your generous donation to the food pantry. Without friends like you, we couldn’t provide for those in need in our community. May God Bless You.”

~BCS Food Pantry

## BOOK LENDING LIBRARY

There are some interesting books in the book shelves across from the restrooms in the fellowship hall. Check out the top as those are new books that have been donated. Thank you to whomever donated the Silver Linings books—it was excellent.

~Karen

## VBS

Vacation Bible School

Due to COVID-19, we are going to cancel VBS for this year.

From the July-August 1951 Trinity Tidings:

What You Can Do In This World Crisis!

## MEDICAL LENDING SUPPLY CLOSET

Please remember that we have a medical supply lending closet in the basement kitchen for anyone to use as needed.

I have recently added a new walker with wheels, "skis", and a tray, and also a shower-tub transfer bench.

Ash any of us medical folks if you need help. Thanks!

~Robin

"Take these suggestions into consideration as you read your newspaper or listen to the radio, as you talk to friends and business associates, or as you think over the situation alone.

1. Have faith in God, in man, in yourself—faith in the ultimate victory of right over wrong. Have faith in our leaders and in God's ability to use them for His purpose.
2. Be an island of calm confidence in a world of turmoil—not blind wishful thinking, but belief in the power for right of a God who cares.
3. Be friendly to everyone you meet. Throw a pebble of kindness into the pool of human relations to help overcome hatred.
4. Pray repeatedly, realizing that you are using an overwhelming power for good. Use spot prayers more frequently during the day to beneficially condition destructive situations as they are reported.
5. Practice the exclusion of doubt and fear from the mind. Keep a record of constructive thoughts uttered and destructive thoughts not uttered. Be sure the balance at evening is on the positive side.
6. Develop the consciousness that there is a constructive answer—no matter how depressing events may seem.
7. Look upon yourself as a child of God, made in His image. Then love your neighbor as yourself"

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