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Below is a list of contact numbers for members of our congregation to call if they are in need of *EMERGENCY* pastoral support.

Call list for emergency pastoral support:

St Paul UCC Oak Harbor 419-898-0852
St John UCC Genoa 419-855-3906

Visitation

If you are in need or know someone that would like a visit, please contact the office.

Pastor Kyle Address Update

P.O. Box 231, Grant Park, IL 60940

Mark your Calendars

December 2nd Rev. Dan Busch
guest speaker

December 16th Christmas
Program (NOTE the Change of date!)

with potluck lunch to follow

December 16th Christmas Caroling

December 24th 7:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service.

January 20th at 10:30 am Annual Meeting
followed by potluck lunch.



Christmas Eve Service

We will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 pm.

Note from the President

December greetings! Here we are again in the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, which also brings thoughts and reflections of a year that's gone by way too quickly, again.

Trinity UCC is once again undergoing changes. This year, they seemed to happen at warp speed. I'd like to think back a bit and reflect, but really would rather focus on a new year, a re-birth or remodeling of sorts.

We've gained many new members this year. Let's welcome them not just into the worship services, but our meetings and committees and gatherings. Maybe there's some hesitation because they're not familiar with us or our history, or help. We need help to keep the wheels turning.

Our congregation will continue to move forward with missions and ministries which is one of our strong points. We will need help in this area, as well as our worship and music for services. Right now, there are plans through December 24th only. Perhaps you have some ideas for the future? Please speak up!

There is a constant need for increased financial support. I know this topic keeps coming up. Whether it's routine maintenance or special repair or replacement projects, we need to attempt to balance

the proposed budget. The next big item will be replacement of the south entry doors. Could you consider a special gift donation, or do you have ideas for capital fundraising that would help out? Ideas are welcome!

As we await the celebration of Jesus' birth, please spend some time with us this season. Trinity has always been like one family~and it actually is, one family in Christ. Pray for our search committee, our awesome volunteers, employees, and our upcoming new leadership and council as we move forward into 2019. Keep positive thoughts about the future of Trinity, while we all help each other adapt. Great things happen when we work together... thank you all for your help and cooperation this year.

On a more personal note, no Christmas cards from Paul & I this year. We have joined with our families in donating money instead to Wreaths Across America, Ottawa County chapter, to help ensure that veterans' graves each get a wreath for Christmas. God's Blessings to you and your families, especially during this Christmas season.

Sincerely, Robin

Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with holiday party 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.

Church Council Minutes

October 8th 2018 Council Minutes

Present: Robin Hansen, Ann Diekman, Brock Hansen, John Bast, Jen Laughlin, Ben Sutter, Ken Gahler, Shirley Buhro, Dan Gahler, Sean Hoeft.

Absent: Curt Reiff, Dan Mathews, Veronica McMonigle

Guests: Rev. Dan Busch and Darrell Opfer

7:00p Robin introduced Rev. Dan Busch to council. Rev. Dan led us in prayer

Here to speak; offering an outline/ guideline that can be followed while searching for a new pastor. He spoke from 7p-8p

8pm Rhonda Mahaney and Pastor Kyle joined us. Council meeting officially called to order at 8:10p

REPORTS:

A) Recording Secretary

Minutes from September we read and reviewed. Motion to accept minutes were made by Ann Diekman, 2nd by Shirley Buhro. MC

B) Secretary

- Transfer request; Tyler Hellwig Motion to accept request by Ben Sutter, 2nd Jen Laughlin MC
- Quarterly taxes filed and sent out today (10/8)
- Rhonda has training on the 24th and will be out of the office. She will post adjusted hours on her door for the week.

C) Financial Secretary

- Request to put full financial report in Tidings. Ben suggested posting a full copy on bulletin board outside the office and copies can be available per request.

D) Pastor's report

- Love Dare Class- Sunday mornings-getting on average 8-10 people
- 3 baptisms
- Celebrated World Communion
- Nov 4th, requesting off. PK will try and find replacement

Motion to accept vacation day request made by John Bast, 2nd Dan Gahler MC

Committee Reports:

A) Worship Team

- Robin is working on getting Sundays covered.
- still need a lot of help with committees
- PK is going to get scheduled liturgy together for advent season

B) EFY

- nothing new to report

C) Missions

- Boo Fest October 21st
- Nov. 4 cards and corn hole

D) Church & Ministry

- evals completed. (PK's will be combined with his exit interview.)
- Raises suggested by church and ministry. Accepted pending budget approval

motion to accept made by John Bast, 2nd Ken Gahler MC

Trustee Reports

- lines painted and look great on blacktop
- snow removal; waiting on quotes
- Propane; committed to LA Bexton
- Dan G. called company from Bellevue (wood church doors) 3x's. Still waiting for a return call. Don't know who else to contact.

Old Business:

- "Brain storming" meeting; pretty poorly attended

lot of people requesting Holy Hot Dogs to return, Membership directory needs updated, garden; move, keep, combine with Zion? Got lots of ideas. Need people to volunteer to help with different committees.

New Business:

- Robin will be on vacation Nov 6th-13th.
- Review ideas from Rev, Busch. Do we want a interim pastor, quarterly/ half time etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35p by Robin Hansen

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund

Balance as of 10/1/18	\$9,963.83
Offerings/Income	\$9,838.62
Expenses	\$6,115.82
Balance as of 10/31/18	\$13,686.63

Full Financial reports are available upon request in the office and are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. This decision was made by council due to technology issues, not because of any other difficulty. If you have questions, please contact the office.

\$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 the office know.



We will be returning to Camp MICHINDOH for Church Camp.

January 25th – 27th

We have rooms reserved within Merillat Lodge.

Each room within the Merillat Lodge has a comfortable Queen bed, linens, towels, private bath, and Murphy bed. Some of the rooms have a twin bed in addition to the Queen and Murphy beds. These rooms are perfect for couples or families!

Please complete the bottom portion of this and return to Janene Lattimore or the office with payment by Dec. 10th to reserve your spot and room preference. Payment **must** be included to reserve your room. Space is limited this year, so make sure to get your reservations and money in as soon as possible. Rooms will be assigned in the order the reservation with payment is received. We hope that all children will be paid for by the church so there is no need to pay for children at this time.

We are excited to be attending Camp Michindoh on January 25th – 27th !!!

Family Name: _____

Adults Names @ \$158.00 per person _____

Children Names ages 13-18 _____

Children ages 3-12 _____

Children under 2 _____

Heat: Please remember to turn the heat down to 58 (or turn it off) after you are finished in the rooms and close the door. Everyone can help with this cost-saving; it's not a new idea.

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 donated to the Northwest Ohio Association, Ottawa County Holiday Bureau, Joyful Connections, Campus Crusade for Christ (Ben & Mandi Wood), Family House and several local families.

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.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday November 8th 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were eleven present.

Norma began with prayer and the table blessing. Evelyn S. was hostess, serving a delicious pumpkin cream dessert with snacks, candy, and pumpkin shaped frosted cookies.

Sara Z. was in charge of the program "The Words We Want To Hear". This was a very interesting program. Norma also had a couple of readings.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Evelyn for hosting today and Sara for the program. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and accepted and will be filed.

Reservations were taken for the Advent Program and Brunch at St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge on Sat. Dec. 1 there were ten reservations.

Thurs. Dec. 6 is the Ecumenical Christmas Program at the Genoa Christian Church. Whoever goes should take a dish, salad or dessert.

For our Christmas giving, we decided to give to the Cherry Street Mission, Salvation Army, Ottawa County Holiday Bureau, and Grace Community Center. A motion was made by Hazel, sec by Sara to give \$50.00 to each, total of \$200.00. Motion carried.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Sara Z. gave the Sunshine report. Then new chairman is Eloise H.

Carol C. thanks everyone for prayers during her recent illness.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on Thursday. Dec. 13th with pot-luck at noon and a gift exchange.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

Knife Sale

Did you know that the women's Fellowship sells wonderful knives and spatulas? My favorite is the "tomato knife". I have five of them and use them every day (sometimes all 5 are sitting by the sink to be washed as I use them so much). As the old commercial goes----"try it, you'll like it!!! Eloise Hellwig is the person to see if you are interested in purchasing a knife.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Sept 1	\$307.95
Knives	11.00
Offering	21.00
Total Income & Balance	\$339.95
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand Sept 31st	\$339.95
Savings Account	\$1,137.91

WF Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of Oct 1	\$339.95
Offering	36.00
Total Income & Balance	\$375.95
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand Oct 31st	\$375.95
Savings Account	\$1,137.96

Hall Use Reservations

With the holidays coming, don't forget to fill out your forms! 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.

Men's Breakfast

Calling all men of the church!!! Join us Sunday December 2nd, January 6th, February 3rd and March 3rd at 7:30 am before Sunday services for a breakfast!! If you are interested in helping to prepare the meal for one of the Sundays, please let Ed Gahler know.

**Christmas Caroling &**

Cookies: Caroling will be on Sunday December 16th at 4:00 pm. If you would like to bring in some cookies, for the cookie plates, please bring them to the church by 9:00 am on Sunday December 16th.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Trinity UCC will be on Sunday January 20th, 2019 at 10:30 am with a potluck lunch to follow.

Coupons

"This month's contribution is going to the food pantry at Zion United Methodist Church – Elliston. As always, your coupon pages are appreciated!"

~~Karen & Doug Lick

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	11/04/2018
# in Attendance	92
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 4,261.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 103,116.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 91,344.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (11,771.37)
Date	11/11/2018
# in Attendance	118
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,332.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 105,760.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 93,676.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (12,083.37)
Date	11/18/2018
# in Attendance	146
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,370.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 108,404.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 96,046.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (12,357.37)
Date	11/25/2018
# in Attendance	108
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,380.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 111,048.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 99,426.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (11,621.37)

Service Coordinators

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that has assisted in making our Worship Services wonderful. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office. For the past month, we would especially like to thank Doug Asher.

Thank You

“Thank you to all that brought shoes over to the church, we were able to donate around 75 shoes to the Wreaths Across America.”

“Thank you to my church family for all your prayers and concern. A special thanks to all that sent me such beautiful cards and notes. I really appreciated my hospital visit from Pastor Kyle. I’m hoping to return home after Nov. 30th. Your kindness means the world to me! With Sincere Thanks.”

~Carol Cheatham



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!

Lending Library

Be sure to check out the bookshelf across from the elevator! We had someone donate quite a few books; there is something for everyone, including some magazines. Contributions are always welcome. Happy Reading!!!! ~~~ Karen Lick

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.

Contact Information: The office is in need of your updated contact information to print a new phone directory. If you are not receiving monthly emails from the church, please contact the office with your email. If you have any other changes to your contact information, please let us know.

Trinity Youth News

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

The year has started out great and we have had lots of happy youth.

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

Teacher Sign-ups

December

December 2 nd	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Dan Gahler
December 9 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Kylene Liphart Jan Corbin
December 16 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Children’s Program Children’s Program
December 23 rd	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Ashley Gahler Andrea Hayes
December 30 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	

January 2019

January 6 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
January 13 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Dan Gahler
January 20 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
January 27 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	



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.

December 2018		
2 nd	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
9 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
16 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
23 rd	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
30 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
January 2019		
6 th	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
13 th	North	Ina David
	South	Nyla Denman
20 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
27 th	North	Ken Gahler
	South	Vi Gahler
February 2019		
3 rd	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
10 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
17 th	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
24 th	North	Jim Buhro

	South	Shirley Buhro
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Memorial Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Hazel Tabbert Memorial Fund.

Connie & Dan Gahler; Ed & Jane Gahler; Don & Jan Corbin; Eveyln Schimming; Doug & Karen Lick; Jackie Pelton; Robin & Paul Hansen; Jim & Shirley Buhro; Don & Lavonna Bittner; Vi Gahler; Myron & Sara Zibbel; Don & Bonnie Weaver; Suzanne Buhro; Doug & Kathy Appelhans; Ken Gahler; Dwayne & Eva Hoeft; Darrell Opfer; Don & Michelle Tabbert; Nyla & Richard Denman; Melvin & Norma Reif; Eloise Hellwig; Ina David



Outside Information

St. Peter's Annual Christmas Craft

Bazaar: Will be on December 1st from 9am – 4pm at the Millbury Fireman's Rec Hall. See the bulletin board for flier with additional information.

Journey to A Night in Bethlehem:

St. John's UCC in Elmore will present a journey back to the time of Jesus' birth on Friday, December 7th starting at 6:30 pm. Enjoy the sounds of The Galbraith Clan Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 8:15 pm.



Christmas Poinsettia

Each year for Christmas Eve, the church is decorated with Poinsettias. If you wish to help beautify our sanctuary, please complete the form below. You will be allowed to take them after the Christmas Eve Service.

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

Donation of \$7.50 each can be made by placing this slip and money in the offering plate or lock box.
Due by December 2nd 2018.

Please indicate if you would like **RED** or **WHITE**.

Your Name: _____



Christian Sympathy To the family of Hazel Tabbert

Hazel J. Tabbert, 92, of Graytown, OH, passed away Saturday, November 24, 2018 at her home. She was born in Millbury, OH on December 7, 1925, a daughter of Grover & (Newell) Schwamberger.

Hazel was employed by the Ottawa County Board of Elections for 13 years, and during World War II, worked at a Toledo glass plant, making canopies for dive bombers. An active member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston, OH, she taught Sunday School there for several years. Hazel was a Cub Scout Den Mother, and was also a member of the Garden Club. A lover of nature, she enjoyed tending her flowers and keeping the family farm looking its best.

On August 12, 1944, she married Donald Tabbert, and he survives. Also surviving are their children, Gary (Diana) Tabbert, Huntington Beach, CA, Patricia (Joseph) Curtis, Monclova, OH, Michael Tabbert, Rocky Ridge, OH, Dr. William (Susan) Tabbert, Marion, OH, James (Mary) Tabbert, Oak Harbor, OH, and Donald (Michelle) Tabbert, Graytown; 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; sister, Fay Bolander, Graytown; and brother, Matthew Schwamberger, Walbridge, OH. Hazel was preceded in death by 7 brothers, 1 sister, and a great-granddaughter.

Those planning on making memorial contributions are asked to please consider Trinity United Church of Christ or Harris-Elmore E.M.S.



Now in God's hands

By God's Grace, heirs of the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7

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Mission

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

Check out our website at:

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney



A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long.

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Office Closed: December 25th

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