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News From Pastor Ryan:

Hello church!

Well, we are in full swing for the fall now! I know there were a few changes and a few new ideas thrown around in September! I have been working with the various church leadership teams and the Church Council to help craft a vision for the future of Trinity. I'm excited about our future and I hope you are too.

It's hard to think about the future sometimes! We've put a lot of effort into getting here! One of the motto's I've lived by in church work is that I want to "honor the past, while building the future." People struggle to do both at the same time! Either we get so caught up in how we got here that we can't look ahead, or we're so focused on finding a new adventure that we forget all the lessons we had to learn to get this far. I think there's a sweet spot right in the middle where we take all the years of God's love and direction, all the lessons we've learned, and we take what we know about God's love in the past and say "Okay! Now how is God's love going to show up in the future." In his painting "An Allegory of Prudence," 16th-century Venetian artist Titian portrayed Prudence as a man with three heads. One head was of a youth facing the future, another was of a mature man eyeing the present, and the third was of a wise old man gazing at the past. Over their heads Titian wrote a Latin phrase that means, "From the example of the past, the man of the present acts prudently so as not to imperil the future."

Paul of the Bible had to deal with his past. He had persecuted Christians. He had been a terrible guy! And yet, Christ saw fit to change his heart and use him to be the prominent voice of the New Testament. I'm sure Paul struggled with letting go of some of the identity he had before. In fact, Paul had to remind people on more than one occasion that he was a Roman citizen and a Jew who now professed Jesus Christ. His testimony from the past opened the doors for others in the future. If Paul, of all people, could come to know the love of Christ...it must be something powerful! But Paul's focus isn't on the past, it's on what God is going to do next. He's always on the look out for the next great thing God is going to do in people's lives. That's why he writes in Philipians

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philipians 3:14

Paul knows that the work isn't over until God calls him home! There are still people to reach with the story! We still press on! So, as we at Trinity walk a little further down the road that God has called us, I pray we will be people ready to press on! Remember the lessons of the past, but pressing on knowing that God still calls us evermore to His kingdom!

Pastor Ryan



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 6th—7:30 am
Men's Breakfast
- October 6th—3:00 pm
Pastor Ryan Installation
Service & Light dessert
reception
- October 27th—4:00 pm
BooFest

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

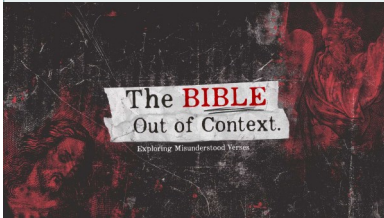
COVENANT SERMON SERIES

October 6th—The Bible Out of Context (1 Corinthians 13)

October 13th—The Bible Out of Context (Revelation 3:14-22)

October 20th—The Bible Out of Context (Jeremiah 29:11)

October 27th—Do Not Be Afraid



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.

GREETERS

October 6th—Jay & Joanna Hellwig

October 13th—Krista Hellwig & Casi Johnson

October 20th—Dwayne & Eva Hoeft

October 27th—Marty & Kristi Hoeft

November 3rd—Jared & Janene Lattimore

November 10th—Doug & Karen Lick

MISSION SPOT-

The Oak Harbor/BCS Food Pantry is a shopping Food Pantry, allowing all those who qualify to come and freely select groceries from stocked shelves. The Pantry is located at St. Paul's UCC in Oak Harbor and is open from 8:30 AM- 11:30 AM every Monday and Thursday throughout the year. The Pantry regularly serves 8-20 different families each day they are open and services 120-150 families total throughout the year. This Food Pantry services all qualifying families within the BCS school district. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with activities such as stocking shelves, unloading trucks, checking families in and helping them shop during the Pantry hours. Additionally, the Food Pantry maintains a 1,500 sq. foot garden to provide fresh produce to families. Gardeners always welcome! If you would like to volunteer contact Pastor Ryan Shields. Here are the Food Pantry requested items for the final quarter of the year.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Date	09/01/2019
# in Attendance	73
Last Week's Current Offering \$	3,005.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>	<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>	<i>95,025.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$	83,952.40
	\$
Ahead/Behind	(11,072.60)

Date	09/08/2019
# in Attendance	115
Last Week's Current Offering \$	2,654.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>	<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>	<i>97,740.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$	86,606.40
	\$
Ahead/Behind	(11,133.60)

Date	09/15/2019
# in Attendance	96
Last Week's Current Offering \$	2,463.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>	<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>	<i>100,455.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$	89,069.40
	\$
Ahead/Behind	(11,385.60)

Date	09/22/2019
# in Attendance	86
Last Week's Current Offering \$	1,644.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed \$</i>	<i>2,715.00</i>
<i>Budget Needed YTD \$</i>	<i>103,170.00</i>
actual Current Offerings YTD \$	90,713.40
	\$
Ahead/Behind	(12,456.60)



Welcome

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Blanche Batesole's Birthday is on October 15th.
 Could we shower her with birthday cards?

Please mail them to:

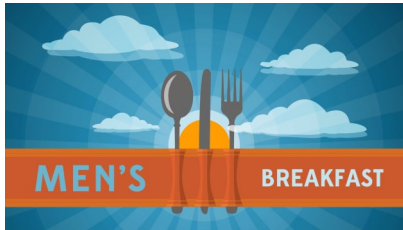
Blanche Batesole
 Hospice of N.W. Ohio
 30000 E River Road
 Perrysburg, OH
 43551



BRANCHING OUT NEWS OCTOBER TEACHERS

Date	2-3 Nursery	PreK Teacher	K-2 Teacher
Oct. 6th	Brianne P.	Desirae M.	Rebecca R.
Oct. 13th	Faith S.	Brittany W.	Kyleen L.
Oct. 20th		Ashley Z.	Janene L.
Oct. 27th		Ashley G.	Mathews

Christian Education News!!!!



Men's Breakfast Is Back!!!! Men are invited to join us on Sunday, October 6th 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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us for October 2nd and 9th for the last 2 nights of our Adult Bible Study Nights at 7 PM. We will continue looking at a video series called "Everybody, Always" based on the book by Bob Goff.

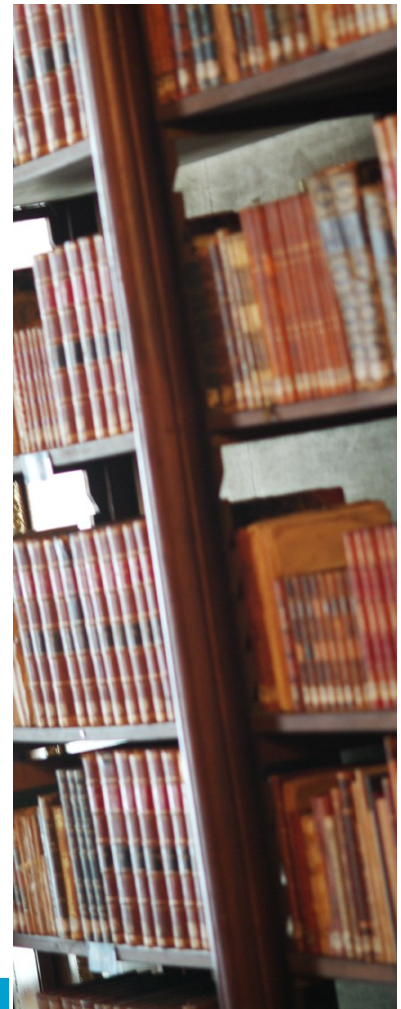
What does it mean to love one another during difficult times and with difficult people? This study asks the participant to dig into God's Word to find out.

No need to buy any resources, simply come join us in the Fireside Room and join the discussion.



Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People
 by BOB GOFF

**5-Week Discussion Series beginning
 September 11th @ 7 PM**



Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday August 12th, 2019 at 7:02 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, Curt Reiff, Jayson Hayes, Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney, and Pastor Ryan Shields. Eric Gahler and Nate Dickman were absent.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the July council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Jennifer Laughlin, second by Ken Gahler. MC.

Secretary Report:

Switched days "in office" marked on door
Taxes were filed with Pastor Ryan's name
New computer for Pastor Ryan came in
Ryan, Holly, and Skyline Shields are official members of the church

Updated Microsoft

New computer system needed for Publisher
\$1,000 was approved last month

Frank is saying it will cost \$1,499 for new computer system since we need new monitors

Council decided to "shop around" with another quote and revisit next month

Will contact Joel Mann

It will cost a \$25 increase a month for the backup program for an additional laptop with Frank

Motion to approve by first Marty Hoeft and seconded by Jennifer Laughlin, MC.

Pastor Ryan contract clarification on pay
Base Salary x 7.65% for Social Security and Medicare

Health insurance reimbursement
Clarifying with Desirae McClockey since she is a CPA

Annuity
Payment into retirement vs long term investment
Pastor Ryan is requesting that we put annuity towards paying off his student loans instead of being placed into retirement for now.

Motion to amend call agreement to reflect that the annuity can be used for purposes other than retirement (ex. Student loans)

Motion first by Marty Hoeft and seconded by Nyla Denman, MC.

Financial Report:

Secondary credit card set up
Transactions for the month of July reviewed
Motion to approve first by Faith Sutter and seconded by Marty Hoeft, MC.

Pastor Report:

On August 13th Pastor Ryan will be starting the ordination process

Worship

- o Conducted a series on Romans for the month of July
- o Turnow Pond worship successful, met with Steve and

Nancy to coordinate

- o Communion served August 4th
- o Working with Jennifer Laughlin on Special Music/Live Praise Music

Events/Activities

We Want You Here series/Back to Church Sunday events?

Whole community/Church in-actives

Will start Back to Church Sunday in September

Present for much of the School Supply Drive

Missions team would like to revisit \$5 to consider more specific causes. Some weeks it seems like people are giving but don't know exactly what to. Different ideas include theme months, or 5 specific groups and then switch in case of emergency situations. A compassion fund, food pantry, EFY, etc. Only for specific need. Compassion Fund?

Will move forward with

Pastoral Ministries

Care visits to GCC. Two members seen in GCC Hospital visit for surgery patient.

Visit two shut in members in their homes

Countless phone call updates on members with health issues

Connected with Missionary Ben Wood about he and his wife Mandi and their current ministry. Ben and Mandi might be required to return stateside in the near future. Their ministry will continue in some way, the church might wish to review how we wish to proceed and if we are interested in still supporting the Woods and/or another overseas missionary.

Attended Mission team meeting on 7/18.

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

E-Mail prayer chain has been established with 39 current subscribers.

Administrative:

CCLI for a church our size would be \$133 a year.

CCLI provides a legal license to store, project, perform, and distribute from a wide catalog of copyrighted materials. CCLI also offers coverage for streaming of these materials if that becomes a possibility.

Motion to obtain CCLI by first Shirley Buhro, seconded by Jason Hayes, opposed by Marty Hoeft, MC.

Tithe.ly is a widely used online giving platform with minimal upkeep on the church end. Tithe.ly is used and endorsed by some of the biggest churches and Christian organizations including the Salvation Army. Tithe.ly allows members to give via an app or online.

Vanco/Church Windows E-Giving, \$10.00 a month,
 2.75% \$.45 per gift.
 Add to November drive
 Can also set up auto pay at banking
 institutions if members choose to do so
 Spectrum Business-400mg, wifi, phone line,
 \$124.98 no install. 2 year locked in price. 100
 mg \$64.99, with wifi. \$99.00 installation.
 Locked for one year. \$74.99 with phone. (May
 be locked into contract with Frontier)
 Can't find current contract with Frontier
 Spectrum is cheaper than Frontier
 Will revisit once contract with Frontier is
 found

Committee Reports:

Worship

Meeting in September
 Two special Sunday Services coming up
 Teacher Appreciation August 25th
 Branching out September 8th

EFY

Fully staffed
 Preschool, Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade
 2's and 3's room is not staffed
 Possible 3rd-6th grade before church
 Working on ideas for Middle School and High School
 students
 Town hall meeting to discuss with parents
 Tentative Fall date

Mission

School Drive
 Next year set a goal for dollar amount needed
 Collect school supplies all year long
 Separate backpacks with items in it
 Boo Fest tentative date
 October 19th?
 Seeking volunteers for surrounding food pantry

Church & Ministry

Review packets for everyone on committee
 Nominating committee to meet

Search Committee

Nothing new at this time
 Will need to meet up with Pastor Ryan in the soon
 future

Trustee Report

Window's on stage in basement has paint chipping, and
 the trustee's will look at
 Boiler's
 Kaylor's haven't gotten back to look at
 Seeking other potential quotes including Witt &
 Gaines
 Brock Hansen to contact
 Mold
 Need a lift to fix
 Skyworks possible scissor life rental
 Jen to ask husband Jim
 Witt & Gaines quote for units
 \$1,634 (includes 2 Broan Roof mounted
 powered attic ventilators and all
 necessary wiring to both fans) Does
 not include installing fans on the
 roof
 Thinking about \$3,200 on the high end
 Deemer roofing in Fremont
 \$600 to \$800 per unit

Quote received from Mauder
 2 units (\$6,000 per unit)
 Trustee's to meet and address further actions
 taken
 Kitchen Remodel
 Moving forward
 Kitchen committee picked out colors
 Jim Laughlin
 Company he works for is willing to look
 at the grease trap
 Some dishes to be removed from the kitchen
 due to too much weight in the cabinets
 Nyla and Shirley to address on church
 clean up day
 Glass tops to have cutting board cover and will
 educate on how to clean
 Marty to ask counter top company to
 make sample boards to match the
 countertops
 Matte finish with a 3-day cure instead of a
 30-day cure

Old Business:

Safe for church offering addressed and fixed

New Business:

Rhonda to run off budget for council meeting
 September 15th
 Church clean-up day
 Trustee's to gather to-do list
 Possible 2030 group to look forward for church vision
 Sign-up sheet to help serve for communication
 If not enough people sign-up council to cover

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm by Ben Sutter.
 Respectfully submitted, Faith Sutter, Recording
 Secretary.

**General Operating Fund
 Report (approved)**

Beginning 8/1/19	\$54,553.50
Offering/Income	\$8,650.00
Expenses	\$7,444.84
Balance 8/31/19	\$55,758.66

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

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.

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.

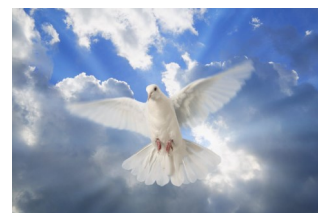
#3 - GIVE IN APP

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.google.com/play-store) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

MEMORIAL THANK YOU

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

Fay Bolander, John & Jackie Bast



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.

Steve & Nancy Turnow, John & Jackie Bast

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.

COMMUNITY MARKET RECEIPTS

Please bring in your receipts and place them in the box located on the table between the North glass doors. Every little bit helps!

BOOK LENDING LIBRARY

There are two new "favorite" books on top of the lending library bookcase.

The first book is Tuesdays with Marrie. A teacher and former student meet every Tuesday discussing life lessons that Marrie has discovered in her life.

The second book is Final Gifts. Two Hospice nurses share their stories of the gifts of wisdom, faith, and love that they dying leave for the living to share.

Both books are on top of the bookcase. Please enjoy, you won't be disappointed.

~Karen



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1:00 pm in the church hall. There were eight present, including Pastor Ryan.

We began with prayer. Sara Z. was hostess, serving a delicious cherry turnover with snacks. Ina D. so graciously led the program in place of Eloise and we thanked her for that. The topic was "Building Faith".

Our president and V. Pres were not present. We discussed a few things and were reminded of the work day on Sunday Sept 15th.

Ina gave the Sunshine Report. New chairman is Suzanne B.

Don't forget to bring items for O.H. Food Pantry.

Next month we will meet on Thursday, Oct. 10th at 1:00 pm.

Program—Ina D. Host—Kelly, Sue, Carol

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

Balance on Hand as of Ap 1	\$257.95
Offering	25
Total Income & Balance	\$282.95
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand April 30	\$257.95
Savings Account	\$1,888.25

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 so much for your thoughtfulness. Your generous gift for Tornado relief made it possible for us to help those in need."

~Sincerely, First UCC, Shelby

"Many thanks to my church family for your many expressions of love. Your many cards, prayers, food donations, and visits are really appreciated. With Love,"

~Norma

CRIB

We are no longer going to use the crib that was in the nursery. We don't recall who donated it to the church. If whomever it was that donated wants it back, please feel free to take the crib back. If it is still here after October 1st, we will dispose of the crib.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITY INFORMATION

St. John's UCC Elmore is hosting their annual Chicken 'n' Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, October 19 from 4-7pm. Dine and Drive Thru meals are available for \$8 adults and \$4 children under 10.

St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge will host their Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, October 20th from 11:30-1:30 or until sold out. Cost for dinner is \$9.50

St. John's UCC in Genoa will be hosting a BBQ on October 20th from 11am-1pm. Tickets are Pre-Sale ONLY at \$10 for chicken and \$15 for ribs. Proceeds go to support the Mission trip to Living Hope Mission in Cap-Haitien, Haiti in June 2020

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE



Beginning October 6th and going until October 20th bring your canned and non-perishable goods for our Food Drive Challenge. You will be able to place them on tables for the Oak Harbor School District & Genoa School District in the room across from the office. The collected items will be donated to each town's food pantry. The winner will be announced at boo-fest and receive bragging rights for the month of November with decorations in the sanctuary.

TUCC Mission Team is again sponsoring the annual Boo Fest on October 27th from 4-6pm. Kids come dressed in your costumes and visit our Trunk or Treat. (Trunks with candy are needed). Missions team will provide hot dogs and chili for dinner. Please bring a potluck side or dessert along to share. There will be games, prizes, an archery trailer from Cleland's Outdoor World, and lots of fun! If you would like more information, please contact the office or a member of the mission team.



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