



Tidings

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Shining the Light of Jesus on a STELLAR Adventure!

Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each
week

August 6th:
10:00 am
VBS Landing Party

August 27th:
10:00 am
Block Party &
Outdoor Worship

Greetings, beloved members of our church community!

It's that time of the year again when our church echoes with laughter, joy, and the sound of young voices coming together to explore the wonders of God's love. As you are reading this our church is abuzz with life as our young students head out on an interstellar adventure in God's love! We are blasting off on an out-of-this-world journey as we launch into the depths of space! Vacation Bible School has transformed our church into a cosmic playground where children and volunteers will explore the vastness of God's love while surrounded by twinkling stars, distant planets, and galaxies that showcase His incredible creations.

Through captivating stories, uplifting songs, engaging games, delicious treats, and creative gizmos, we will dive into the timeless truths of the Bible, discovering how Jesus is the ultimate light of our lives and the source of all hope. As we delve into the mysteries of the universe, we will also explore the infinite grace of our Savior and how He shines His light in the darkest places of our lives! Just as the stars shine brightly in the night sky, each and every one of our VBS participants will be encouraged to be a shining beacon of Jesus' love in their communities. By learning to love and care for one another, we can become the light that leads others to God. In this galactic adventure, we will teach our young astronauts that every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, and every gesture of compassion has the potential to illuminate someone's life. By living out Jesus' teachings and reflecting His light, we can make a difference in the world around us and bring hope to those who need it most.

Our mission is not limited to this week of VBS alone; it extends far beyond as we return to our daily lives. We will equip our young explorers with the tools they need to continue shining Jesus' light wherever they go, being agents of change and hope in their families, schools, neighborhoods, and beyond. May our church community be known for its love, just as the stars are known for their brilliance. Let's make this Vacation Bible School a resounding success, touching the lives of children and families in ways that echo throughout eternity!

Matthew 5:14-16 (New International Version)

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

In Christ's Love,

-Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: June 2023

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Ellison Church Council met on Monday, June 12 at 7pm. Eric Gahler, Vice President, called the meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Eric Gahler, Pastor Ryan, Secretary Mary Muntz, Susie Shaffer, Kim Traver, Marty Hoefl, Brice Gahler, Nate Diekman, Steve Turnow, Emily Burcin.

Recording Secretary Report:

Meeting minutes from May meeting were read and reviewed prior to meeting Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Brice, second by Nate. MC

Administrative Assistant Report:

IPS completed installation of diffusers in the gym
VBS registrations have been coming in

Financial Report:

Payment of 1/2 quoted cost (\$6,800) was made to Radiant Windows for 12 connecting unit window replacement to be done in January/February 2024
Reports were reviewed. Motion to accept reports made by first Kim, second by Nate, MC. Motion to pay bills made by first Brice, second by Nate, MC.

Pastoral Report:

Mudhens Family Day July 23rd with catered meal \$40 per ticket. Motion to have church pay 1/2 ticket cost for event (\$20 church, \$20 attender) made by first Nate, second by Marty, MC.

Building a coordinating team for Block Party/Water Blast August 27th

Church & Ministry Report:

Staff Evaluation Rubrics have all been updated and are consistent and simplified

EFY Report:

VBS to be held 7/30 – 8/3

Missions & Outreach Report:

Mission Spotlight for July & August will be put toward the cost of beef for Steve Welling ALS Fundraiser that is scheduled for September.

Trustees Report:

Bushes have been removed from the west side of the building.
Shed roof shingles need attention.
Reviewing Insurance Policy for renewal

Old Business –Motion to add Firm Foundation Campaign to offering envelopes and tithe.ly made first by Marty, second by Brice, MC

New Business – Motion to replace worn chicken bbq equipment with stainless steel made first by Nate, second by Kim, MC

Motion to replace 4 worship banners made first by Marty, second by Brice, MC

Next meeting July 10th at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brice, second by Nate. MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm by Eric

Respectfully submitted by Susie Shaffer, Deacon.

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. Examples 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	Lawn Care

Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund as you are able.

Council regularly
meets at the
Church monthly
on the
2nd Monday
at 7:00 pm
in the Coffee
Room next to
the Kitchen



Be in prayer for the following:

Janie Lattimore (recovery from surgery)
 Kathy Appelhans (recovery from surgery)
 Nyla Denman (healing of both wrists)

At Genoa Retirement Village:

Don Hoelt, Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif

Those with long-term health concerns:

Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi,
 Deanna Vizi, Don Weaver, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

Those battling cancer:

Todd Hablitzel, Logan Murphy, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt



August's focus will continue to be

The Steve Welling Benefit (ALS)

We have been asked to provide a freezer beef bundle for this event. We are looking to raise approximately \$1,270 to complete the donation.

To give toward this project, simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.

Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter ?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?
 Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen for your use. There is also some first aid equipment in the kitchen pantry off the gym and an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms. We also are blessed to have many members in the health field who can assist as needed (and they've been needed!) at times.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. There is no need for additional donations at this time. Let me know if we can help in any way.

Thanks for all the support and understanding!
 Robin Hansen

Give to the Church and Its Ministries

Giving to your local church using Tithe.ly is super easy! We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website at www.trinityelliston.org

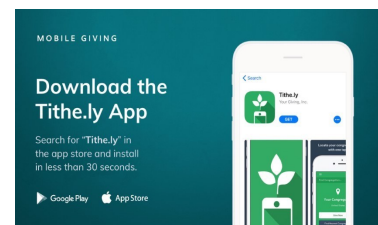
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

#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. 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.trinityelliston) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution!

**Use of the Church Hall or Basement**

The church calendar of events is hanging on the wall outside the main office door. You can also view scheduled events on the church website calendar (www.trinityelliston.org). If you would like to reserve the hall or basement take a form from the pouch under the calendar outside the main office, complete it and return it to the office to be scheduled. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover events from year to year for holiday parties). Please do not just write on the calendar - we ask you complete the form first. Once the form is reviewed we will add it to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the office.

Trinity Logo Wear

You can now order items directly from bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist. If the item you would like is not listed simply call R&R Identification at 419-355-8206 or visit their shop at 160 S OH 590 Fremont, OH 43420 and tell them what you would like with the Trinity Elliston logo on it and they will be happy to make it to your specifications.

Table & Chair Sign Out

Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden style tables. The only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden chairs. Both tables and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.

**Sunday
August
27**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD
BLOCK
PARTY**



**E
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**10:00 am
Worship
Food
Games
Waterslide
& More**



**17955 W Third St
Elliston, OH 43432**

**Water
Slide**

Fun

Cornhole

Lunch

There's A Place For You Here!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Sunday School & Branching Out Teachers & helpers are needed for fall.
Contact Janene Lattimore to find out more and to volunteer to serve.

**High School Sunday School
Teacher Needed**

Come alongside our kids as they
continue to grow and live their
faith journey!

Contact Janene Lattimore to
volunteer to serve.

Coffee Fellowship

Tuesdays

8:00 am

**Everyone
Welcome!**



WHO'S READY FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL?



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday School For All Ages ~ 9:00 am
Branching Out Kids Church ~ 10:00 am
Beginning Sunday, September 10th



~I just can't thank you enough for making my 95th birthday so wonderful. I enjoyed all the cards, lovely notes, gifts, the beautiful flowers from the Corbin's garden. I thank you all so very much for coming and making the day so special.

Blessings, Suzanne Buhro

~Notes of sincere thanks have been received from Benton Carroll Schools, Genoa Area Schools and Woodmore Schools for your generous donations to help relieve their school lunch debt balances.

~Thank you from the Benton Carroll Salem Food Pantry for your generous donation.

Confirmation

Orientation for Parents & Students

9:00 am

Sunday, September 10th

Contact Pastor Ryan for more information



WORSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Contact the church office if you would like to serve as a worship host for one of our upcoming Sunday Services.

Duties would include keeping the service moving along by introducing our speaker while Pastor Ryan is away, calling for the offering to be collected, and saying a prayer.

Visitation & CareMinistry

Do you feel called to visit with some of our older congregation members? Handbooks are available to help you with conversation starters as you get to know some of our older congregation members. Contact Nancy Turnow for more information.

Ben & Mandi Wood
Elliana, Jonathan & Noah

Serving in Florida
as trainers for 

Pray for our
MISSIONARIES

Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia
through 

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Trinity UCC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Watch the Service Online at http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html</p>						
<p>10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brice Gahler</p>	<p>6:00 pm Audit Laura Ashley (B)</p>	<p>8:00am Coffee Fellowship 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Stellar Ryan & Vanessa Scott (A)</p>	<p>6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Stellar Kelsey Marquart (B) Kennedy Tabbert (B) Dan & Amy Mathews (A)</p>	<p>6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Stellar Donald Tabbert (B)</p>		
<p>10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Steve Turnow Ryan Kincaid (B) Don & Jan Corbin (A)</p>	<p>7:00 pm Church Council Jacob Kish (B)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Ethan Johnson (B) Russell Cheatham (B) Amy Ashley (B) Dale & Ava Bodnar (A)</p>	<p>12:00 pm Garden Club (Coffee Room) Ben Dresser (B)</p>			<p>Elizabeth Ayotte (B)</p>
<p>10:00 am Worship Hall: Gahler Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Marty Hoefft Tidings Information Due Bonnie Weaver (B)</p>		<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dorothy Gackstetter (B) Neal & Veronica McMontgile (A)</p>	<p>Scott Gackstetter (B)</p>	<p>Danny Tabbert (B)</p>	<p>Ryan Shields (B) Lauren & Faye Milbrodt (A)</p>	<p>Paul Hansen (B) Kelly Boucier (B)</p>
<p>10:00 am Outdoor Worship & Block Party w/ Potluck, Games & Inflatables Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Doug Asher (B) Ron & Kendra Blevins (A)</p>	<p>Joanne Hellwig (B) Doug & Michele Avery (A)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Doug Avery (B) Kent & Desirae McClosky (A)</p>	<p>Dave Dresser (B) Levi Scott (B)</p>			

VBS 2023




July 30th - August 3rd
6:00 pm to 8:15 pm



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