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News from Pastor Kyle

It seems like every aspect of our lives involves the word "journey."

Some of us journey towards retirement, journey towards a weight loss goal, journey towards a vacation, or journey complete something. The more I've pondered our Mid-Week Lenten series on our Journey towards Forgiveness, the more I think that there should never be an "end" to this process of a journey.

What I mean is that many of us end our journey when we reach a certain point, and while I appreciate there being a finalization of accomplishing things in our lives, we shouldn't be satisfied with just that as the greater journey we are all on is the journey of life, and hopefully eternal life.

As we work on all our individual journey's of life, we need to structure them to meet our eternal goal of eternal life.

That means, whatever we do, we must do it for the glory of God.

As we wrap up our Lenten season in March, may your spiritual Lenten journey not end, but be a part of continual life growth of growing closer to your Savior and obtaining eternal life through His life, death, burial, and resurrection.

Pastor Kyle

Mark Your Calendars!

Re-Kindle

Join us Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm as we spend time lifting up our spirits and sharing prayer time. Come and help keep your spiritual fire burning all week long.



Father/Son Banquet

(March 11th): Men of the church and the community are invited to our Father/Son Banquet on Friday, March 11th at 6:30 pm. To place your reservation, please contact the church office for tickets. Ticket suggested donations will be \$10.00 for ages 11 & up. \$5.00 for ages 4-10, and ages 3 and under free. Brad Hurtig, will be our guest speaker, was a student-athlete in a small town in Northwest Ohio. Only days after finishing his sophomore year of high school, a devastating accident resulted in the amputation of Brad's left hand and half of his right arm. Through hard work and determination Brad soon rejoined his high school football team. In his senior year, Brad lead his team in tackles and received all-state honors all while playing with no hands. Brad's inspirational story of triumph quickly captured national headlines.



ANTIQUESHOW EVENT IN ELLISTON

(April 9th): Didn't win the Power Ball recently? That's okay. Perhaps you have a special antique item, a coin, book, lamp, toy, or some other treasure that is worth something?

Register to have your item appraised at our Antique Roadshow at Trinity United Church of Christ in Elliston, Ohio. For \$25, you can have your item professionally appraised and learn more about its origin through a unique and entertaining program. Pre-Registrations MUST be made as slots will fill up fast.

There will be two events (3:30 to 6 pm) and (6:30 to 8:30 pm).

Visitors who do not wish to have an item appraised can attend for FREE. A Concession Stand will also be available.

To learn more about the event, and what you can/can't bring, please contact the church office for a flyer.

Wednesday Night Lenten Series (7:15 pm):

Are you dealing with hurt or pain in your life? Our Wednesday Lenten series will discuss how to purge those feelings, dampen the sting of pain from your past, and help release your heart to a joy that comes only from true forgiveness.

Come and explore what God teaches about grace and forgiveness beginning with our Ash Wednesday service (February 10th – communion and imposition of ashes) thru March 16th.

Maundy Thursday (March 24th) – 7 pm:

Please join us for a communion service of prayer and praise as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter Weekend.

Good Friday (March 25th):

Those desiring to find time to reflect on Good Friday and the final hours of Jesus' life may enter the sanctuary on Friday, March 25th from noon until 7 pm for a time of self-reflection.

A 20-minute power point loop will lead you through the Stations of the Cross, and there will be a bulletin provided at each entrance that will provide special prayers of reflection and scriptures to read.

Easter Sunday (March 27th):

There will be two services of celebration on Easter morning.

7 am – Traditional Sunrise Service

8 am – Breakfast

9:30 am – Celebration of Easter Service (with Branching Out for children

Thank You

“To Our Trinity Family,
We truly are grateful to all those who supported the \$5 offering and to the Expanders for covering the entire cost of our children, and all the children, to go to Camp Michindoh. Great memories were shared about the special messages brought by Pastor Kyle, Turner loved sledding, Jayson loved conquering

the "hard" rock climbing wall, Kate is still talking about "looking for snipes in the dark", Lexi loved playing with all the girls and eating lots of snacks, and most of all the chance to grow and bond as Christians. “

Sincere Thanks,
Jayson, Andrea, Brayden, Turner, Kate, & Alyxis

The Missions' Team would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on February 14th. Also, a special thank you to all those who helped prepare and serve. YOU all made great impressions.

Thanks to everyone who supported the fundraiser by coming out. Overall, the Missions' Team profited \$964.00. They have decided to give \$200 to the Youth Group for upcoming events and trips.

The remainder of the money will go into the Missions' Fund.

“We just wanted to take a moment to thank you for bringing the families of Trinity UCC to Michindoh. It was our privilege to serve your group. We trust that the weekend was a blessed time of fun and fellowship for you all. May God richly bless the ministries of Trinity UCC.”

~Sincerely - Group Sales Staff



“I want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns and cards for my recent Out-Patient Surgery procedures. I just had another procedure on the 11th and have 2 more to go thru. Hopefully when all completed, my body will take over and begin to heal. Special thanks to Pastor Kyle too. God Bless you all!”

Sincerely, Carol Cheatham

Address update:

Susie Wittman - 1216 4 seasons Drive, Apt 1.
Toledo, OH 43615. New Cell Phone 419-276-8866

Church Council Minutes

The minutes from January Council Meeting will be reviewed and approved at the March Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fun

Balance as of 1/1/16	\$17,812.78
Offerings/Income	\$11,985.25
Expenses	\$11,462.66
Balance as of 1/31/16	\$18,335.37

\$5 offerings

During the month of March, we will be collecting for 3/7 will go to the YMCA scholarship fund, 3/14 a local lady in PC, and our Trinity Youth Mission Trip.

Trinity's \$5 offerings have blessed many lives and missions' projects over the years. Let us continue to be generous in our support.

In February, the \$5 offerings totaled \$485.30 going to Family Resource Center.

Branching Out

We are still in need of teachers (Men can teach also!). There is a sign up sheet outside the classroom. Please consider this once a month commitment, if you do sign up, please let the office know and Rhonda will get you the needed material.

Also - Branching Out is in need of drinks of any kind.

Technology Corner:

Twitter. Facebook. Snap Chat. Instagram.

Feel like it's a foreign language class?



Join us on for an educational opportunity on how these social media phenomena are taking over the world and how you can learn to use the jargon to communicate with your children and grandchildren. Perhaps, you'll even learn how to use one of these methods in a way to stay up-to-date with your family members and past friends.

All are welcome for this educational time at 10:30 am on Monday April 25th followed by a light lunch of shredded chicken, chips, drink and dessert. Cost is a \$5 donation to help offset the cost of the lunch.

Let the office know of your interest so we have an estimate of how many will be there.

Our Christian Sympathy

Lyle J. Hellwig, 88, of Martin, Ohio, devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully Monday, February 8, 2016. Lyle was born in Genoa, Ohio on November 12, 1927 to Harlan and Alta (Croll) Hellwig. He graduated from Genoa High School in 1945 where he was an active member of the FFA. On April 9, 1950 he married Eloise Freimark. Lyle was a lifelong farmer raising grain and produce crops. The Hellwig Family Farm was recently recognized as a Century Farm by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. His memberships included: Ohio Farm Bureau, Ottawa County ASC, and Trinity United Church of Christ. His true passion was spending time with his family; especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Lyle is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eloise; children, Elizabeth (Ronald) Ayotte, Barbara (Jack) Chio, and David Hellwig; grandchildren, Carrie (Kevin) Peters, Cathy (Nicholas) Buehler, Daniel (Andrea) Ayotte, Dean (Cassie Casares) Ayotte, and Amanda Chio; great-grandchildren, Gavin and Collin Peters, Rachel and Adam Buehler, and Matthew Ayotte; along with many nieces, nephews, loving family members, and

friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Myron Hellwig.

“Words cannot express our thanks for the outpouring of love from all of you. Thank you for all the get well wishes Lyle received as well as all of the sympathy cards. We also thank you for all the food brought to the house and then to the meal after the funeral. A Thank you to all the helpers that made the meal extra special. We had many family members from Michigan that never have seen anything like our bereavement meal. So thank you very much! And also a big thank you for all the donations to the Stained Glass Fund.”

~Eloise and Family

Memorial Thank You.....

We would like to thank the following church members for their generous donations in memory of Lyle Hellwig.

Doug & Karen Lick; Carrie & Kevin Peters; Jared & Janene Lattimore; John & Jackie Bast; Fay Bolander; Lauren & Faye Milbrodt; Marsha Gallagher; Veronica Avery; Norma & Melvin Reiff; Steve & Nancy Turnow; Doug & Tammy Asher; Nyla & Richard Denman; Jackie Pelton; Sarah & Myron Zibbel; Don & Jan Corbin; Ina David; Trinity Women’s Fellowship; Dwayne & Eva Hoeft; Steve & Blanche Batesole; Robin Hansen; Ken Gahler & Family; Lee David; Kathy & Danny Appelhans; Suzanne Buhro; Eveyln Schimming; Viola Gahler; Don & LaVonna Bittner; Darrell Opfer & Virginia Park; Bonnie & Donald Weaver; Dan & Connie Gahler; Jim & Shirley Buhro

Women’s Fellowship

Trinity Women’s Fellowship met on Thursday February 11, 2016 at 1:00 pm. There were 12 present. Norma gave the opening prayer and table blessing. Evelyn S. was hostess and served a Valentine dessert with heart cookies and snacks. Kelly also brought a plate of Valentine cookies. All was very delicious.

Devotions were held and involved thoughts on growing old and “His Presence”, all which is in God’s plan. Ina D. was in charge of the program which was a topic by Norman

Vincent Peale, with thoughts for discussion on “How To Handle Tough Times” & “Lift Your Spirits”.

Marilyn has moved to Kentucky with Dawn and Jan. We had a little get-together with her before she left, last Friday, February 5th. We will miss all her program planning and certainly appreciate all she has done for us.

Vice President Norma R. led the business meeting. Then minutes of the last meeting, which was December were read and approved. We did not meet in January because of the weather. There was no treasurer’s report.

Thank you notes were received from Dorothy Tabbert and Carol Cheatham.

Sara reminds us to go through our cupboards and find food to donate (not expired) to the O.H. Food Pantry, giving is quite low right now.

Father & Son Banquet is March 11 6:30

Mother & Daughter Banquet is May 6 at 6:30 pm

The Sunshine report was given by Ina D. for Dec-Jan and by Jackie P. for Jan-Feb. New Chairman will be Eva H.

Prayer Partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Next meeting will be on Thursday March 10 at 1:00 pm Host will be Jackie P and Program by Sara Z.

Meeting adjourned.

~Submitted, Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

WF Treasurer’s Report	
Balance on Hand as of Dec 1	\$153.15
Offering	\$20.00
Total Income & Balance	\$173.15
Total Expenses	0
Balance on Hand Dec 31st	\$173.15
Savings Account	\$1,516.09
WF Treasurer’s Report	
Balance on Hand as of Jan 1	\$173.15
Total Income & Balance	\$173.15
Total Expenses	0
Balance on Hand Jan 31st	\$173.15
Savings Account	\$1,516.09

Trinity Lending Cupboard

Greetings Trinity Family! I would like to share a couple things regarding your donations of medical supplies. There is now a small area in the basement kitchen cupboard area with a few items in case you have a need for them. Right now there's a few arm slings, bandages, tapes, etc. in case of emergency at church or weekend, holiday, or urgent need. Please feel free to take something IF needed. If it can be cleaned and returned, that would be superb.

Please see me or call me if questions. I'll do my best to help out wherever I can. Thanks again for your donations that made this possible.

Robin Hansen



Do you think your church is pretty great?

If you do, why keep it a secret?

(From "16 Ways to Say "I Love My Church" produced by THE UCC Writers' Group)

Most Church members talk about their church only to other members of the church. But they already know about your church! If you found a great restaurant, you'd tell people about it. If

you read a good book or saw a good movie, you'd tell people. So why not tell people about your church?

If your church adds value to your life, share it! Church should add more value than a great restaurant! Let the world, or just one other person, in on the secret: "I Love my church." Here are some ways a few of us have found to say we love our church....

1. I love my church because it's sort of like The Wizard of Oz - it's about having a heart and a brain. And courage!
2. I love my church because when we cried together on September 11th, we cried for the whole world.
3. I love my church because the Sunday school teacher gives out prizes to the kid who asks the best questions.
4. You know, if you want a church where you can pretend for an hour or two that everything is just fine with you, with your family, and with the world, and then we're probably not for you. But if you want a church where you can tell the truth about how it is and know that it's okay, maybe you'll find a home here.
5. What I love about the UCC is that it's about Jesus - not just Jesus who's on our side, but Jesus who calls us to walk by his side.
6. I'm single and I love my church because it's the only place I don't feel like I need to buy a family size to belong.
7. What I love most about my church is that it's a place where we feel free to "think out loud together".

8. I love my church because the building committee got together last week and cut out part of the pews so wheelchairs could be down front in the sanctuary.

(This series will continue in each Tidings)

Greeters

March		
6 th	North	Lee David
	South	Ray & Ann David
13 th	North	Richard & Nyla Denman
	South	Mike & Ann Diekman
20 th	North	Nate Diekman
	South	Zachary Diekman
27 th	North	Dave & Tracey Dresser
	South	Marvin & Dorothy Gackstetter
April		
3 rd	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
10 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
17 th	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
24 th	North	Kendra Gahler
	South	Vi Gahler
May		
1 st	North	Amy Mathews
	South	Dan Mathews
8 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
15 th	North	Ina David
	South	Suzanne Buhro
22 nd	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
29 th	North	Doug Avery Jr
	South	Michelle Avery

Prayer Concerns

Please notify the office by phone or email if you have a prayer concern that you would like added to the list. Also, please make sure to let us know when you would like us to remove your request from the list.

Members in Need of Prayer Include:

Steve & Blanche Batesole; LaVonna Bittner; Hope Bauman; Lyle Hellwig

**Community Members in Need of Prayer:**

Rev. Dan Busch (recovering at home from surgery), Cliff Munger

Food Pantry

Let's remember to continue to support the food pantry as they will need to restock before the holidays. Let's see about collecting canned vegetables!

**Mother Daughter Banquet**

Mark your calendars for Friday May 6th for the Mother Daughter Banquet. More details to come

**Thank You**

"On behalf of the board members and the people we serve, please accept this heartfelt note of thanks for your donation to Hannah's socks. Your generosity will allow us to continue our mission of providing dignity one pair of socks at a time. What a wonderful surprise. Thanks everyone for their generosity. Blessings!"

~Executive Director

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Daylight savings time ends
 on Sunday March 13th.
 Don't forget to "spring"
 forward your clocks one
 hour.



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