



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor

In light of yet another senseless tragedy in Orlando this past month, many have again wandered back to the blame game.

Blaming gun rights or lack of control, blaming radical religious teachings or simple hatred towards a sector of society, blaming republicans or democrats, everyone wants to put blame on something or someone.

That is normal because we, as a people, need answers.

Unfortunately, answers aren't always simple. God's divine plan was never intended to be simple and I've never met anyone who has yet to tell me that life, in general, is simple.

In the midst of this horrific massacre, I reflect on Psalm 136. The Psalmist reminds us that no matter what, in good times or bad, God's love NEVER fails.

NEVER! That's a pretty definitive word if you ask me.

You mean that God's love is still offered to the gunman? Yes. You mean that God's love is still offered to the LGBT community? Absolutely. You mean that God's love is still offered to Trump, Clinton, Sanders, etc.? Yup...Yup... If God's love is perfect and it NEVER fails for these people, then it certainly doesn't fail us, and if God's love doesn't fail us, then why do we allow ourselves to fail ourselves?

We must stop the hatred, stop being judgmental, stop labeling and BE Christ-like. Let's not allow the love of God that is in us to fail our neighbors, our communities, our families, our churches, and certainly our world. Let's MODEL

God's love and pray that others would see it in us and be changed by the mercy and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God heal the hurt the families and friends of the Orlando massacre are dealing with, may God forgive the hateful acts of all those who commit evil, may God teach us to love our brothers and sisters more dearly, and may YOU be an instrument of His love and peace. ~~~PK

## **Mark Your Calendar** **July 6<sup>th</sup> Raffle Drawing** **& Movie/ Pizza**

July 6th at 4:30 will be our Raffle/Movie/Pizza night. Come on out around 4:30 for the big drawing of our raffle tickets where the grand prize is a 90 second shopping spree at Community Markets. Along with a whole bunch of other prizes. (if you haven't purchased your raffle tickets yet, please contact the office to do so).

At 5:00 we will show a movie (t.b.d.) in the gym. Along with having pizza for dinner. Come on join us for a great family fun evening. See you on July 6th

## **Joint Service July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Join us Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am for our annual joint service at Graytown Park with Zion. Following the service, there will be a potluck, please bring a side dish, drinks and paper products for your family.

## Family Fun Day Water Blast 2016

Save the Date: **Sunday, August 21st 4:30-6:30pm**

Beat the heat of the summer by joining us at Trinity UCC for a few hours of fun with an inflatable water slide, squirt guns, water balloons, and more (fun for all ages).

Invite your neighbors, family, and friends and bring a dish to share for a 5 pm potluck (hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided) and stay to fellowship with one another.

This is a great event for older adults as well. Come sit around and fellowship, sip tea or lemonade, or join in the water fun.

## Point Fest 2016

Point Fest 2016 - Join us as we are planning to go to Cedar Point on Saturday, September 17th to listen to Toby Mac, Chris Tomlin, For King & Country and more.

Ticket prices vary depending on when we register and if you want a ticket to the Music Fest only, or if you want to go to Cedar Point for the entire day and then to the concert. To view ticket prices, and to sign up, check out the bulletin board next to the restrooms outside the gym/fellowship Hall.

## Turnow Pond August 6-7

Mark your calendars for Turnow Pond Weekend and come and enjoy in fellowship, worship, and relaxing. More information to follow.

## \$5 offerings

During the month of July, we will be collecting for our Mission Fund (school supply drive, water blast, etc).

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

In June, the \$5 offerings given out were \$776.03 to Nick Fish.

## 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.

## Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that the sign out 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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on May 9th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Amy Mathews, President called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. and Ed Gahler opened with prayer.

Those in attendance were as follows:

President – Amy Mathews, Vice President – Ed Gahler, Recording Secretary – Desirae McCloskey, Financial Secretary, Nyla Denman, Deacons – Dwayne Hoeft and Jim Buhro, Elders - Ken Gahler and Connie Gahler, Trustees –Marty Hoeft and Steve Turnow. Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church secretary Rhonda Mahaney was present as well.

Absent: Doug Avery and Dale Bodnar

### Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the last council meeting on 4/11/2016 were read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Steve Turnow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Buhro. MC.

**Secretary Report:** The following items were discussed:

- A motion was made by Desirae McCloskey to give Rhonda a paid day off due to her assistance in the funeral of Steve Batesole, as it was her scheduled day off. Marty Hoeft 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

### Financial Report:

- Financial information was reviewed. A few questions were answered by Rhonda. Connie Gahler moved to accept the financial report. Desirae McCloskey 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.
- A six month audit needs to be completed for January thru June and be presented during the July council meeting.
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### Pastor Report:

- A funeral was performed earlier in May for Steve Batesole.

- Pastor Kyle is currently looking into outdoor signage for the church, which will replace the signs that are currently looking outdated.
- Reschedule of the antique roadshow is narrowed down to two dates (Nov 13<sup>th</sup>/Nov 20<sup>th</sup>).
- A draft of the ballot was presented to council for the congregational meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- AED has been purchased by TLC group, received and has been placed for in service. Training will be looked into to train those interested church members.
- Two rugs (with logo) have been ordered for the church versus the three that were approved by council in the previous month. All council members were in agreement with this change in purchase.
- Heating/Air conditioning for Rhonda and Pastor Kyle’s office has been purchased by TLC and will be installed this week.
- Willet Hauser has submitted two quotes for the stain-glass windows. The quotes and information will be presented at the congregational meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship** – Nothing to report.

**EFY** –Branching out will be completed at the end of May and will resume in September. We will be looking for teachers for the next year so please let the committee know if you are interested in teaching.

**Mission** – Zumba for a Cause was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> and raised to total of \$1,700. Nothing further to report.

**Church & Ministry** – Have not met, however will be meeting to perform Kyle’s six month review at the end of June.

**Search Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Trustees -**

- Lights in the sanctuary have been replaced.

**Parsonage Committee -** A silent vote will be made at the congregational meeting in selling the parsonage. Ed Gahler noted that he had discussion with the current renters that if the congregation approves the selling of the parsonage, however, the renters decide not to purchase due to various reasons, the church will not sell the parsonage until they move out. All council members present were in agreement.

**Damshroeder Estate** –No discussion was held with the exception of the information being presented on the ballot for the congregational meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Outside Sign** – Marty is continuing to work on the outside sign.

Additional quotes were received for the heating/air conditioning for Rhonda and Kyles office. The lowest quote received was utilized.

Sound board training will be held to give those interested church members training in order to assist in Sunday services. A signup sheet will be posted on Rhonda’s door.

No further discussion was determined necessary for the hall/janitorial discussion that occurred last council meeting.

Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> and confirmed that all council members were aware of what would be discussed.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

Jim Buhro moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by Amy Mathews.

Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey,  
Recording Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report (approved)**

<b>General Operating Fun</b>	
Balance as of 5/1/16	\$13,879.12
Offerings/Income	\$11,841.31
Expenses	\$9,706.39
Balance as of 5/31/16	\$16,014.04

**Food Pantry**

Let’s remember to continue to support the food pantry. Let’s see about collecting cereals.

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant on Woodville Road. There were 11 present.

Norma began with the opening prayer & table blessing & some readings. Everyone had a nice lunch of their choice & we had our own room. June was just bursting out all over.

A very short business meeting was held. A thank-you note and donation was received from Blanche Batesole & family.

This being our birthday month, after discussion, a motion was made, sec and carried to give \$100.00 to The Sparrow's Nest & \$100.00 to Cherry Street Mission.

Vi G was Sunshine Chairman and that report was read. New chairman will be Jackie P.

Remember the Oak Harbor Food Pantry and bring in your summer donations.

Next month we will go to Granny's Restaurant in Woodville. Meet at church at 11:30 am on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned and we enjoyed some summer bingo.

~Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Secretary.

## Thank You

A Special thank you to the TLC group for the purchase of our new AED unit which is located above the water fountain.

"We would like to Thank everyone for their get well wishes, prayers, sympathy cards, and memorials for Steve. Also for the food brought to the luncheon and to the Women's Fellowship for serving it. All has meant so much to us. "

~Blanche & Family

"Thank you so much for your recent contribution to the Genoa Community Food Pantry. It is such a blessing to have friends who help us so that we can help the less fortunate."

~Genoa Food Bank

"Thank you for your gift of sound system upgrades in our Grand Hall. The new mics make a big difference in speaker's ability to move around without being tethered by a mic cord. Michindoh's ability to provide quality guest services & conference technology goes a long way to helping guest leaders focus on eternal purposes. Just last week we had 18 young people make first-time decision for Jesus! Thank you for partnering with us. God's peace to you this day."

~Travis Favreau, Michindoh

"Hello Trinity family, After 3 months at Villa Springs rehab facility I was able to come home with Jan & Dawn!

After breaking my leg, I never thought I would be able to walk on it again....but my 2 therapy ladies were very patient & persistent with me and they got me moving. When I was down in spirit, they picked me up. I think God hand picked them for me. Now I have therapy coming to the house for a few weeks to work with me.

I thank everyone so much for all the cards & prayers. Dawn hung the cards on my wall. They were so pretty hanging there and were a daily reminder to me of all the love and prayers I was receiving. Whenever someone new would come into my room, they were amazed by all the cards. Please pray for continued strength & health.

Love to all,

Marilyn Appelhans home phone 859-485-0194  
12737 Pennington Rd, Walton, KY 41094

### WF Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of May 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$346.05</b>
Offering	\$20.00
Batesole Donation	\$35.00
Mother Daughter Banquet	\$1020.00
Cook Books	\$5.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$1416.05</b>
Memorial Fund	\$10.00
Miller's New Market	\$23.27
Country Catering - MD	\$237.50
Amy Mathews - MD	\$175.00
Trinity UCC - Magician - MD	\$200.00
GFS Shirley Buhro - MD	\$112.50
Shirley Buhro Misc - MD	\$97.63
Norma Reif	\$10.60
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$865.90</b>
<b>Balance on Hand May 31st</b>	<b>\$550.15</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,516.39</b>

## Greeters

<u>July</u>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Jackie Pelton
10 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanna Hellwig
17 <sup>th</sup>	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
24 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
31 <sup>st</sup>	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
<u>August</u>		
7 <sup>th</sup>		None – Turnow’s Pond
14 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
21 <sup>st</sup>	North	Evelyn Schimming
	South	Sue Timmons
28 <sup>th</sup>	North	Melvin Reif
	South	Norma Reif
<u>September</u>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
11 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Tabbert Sr.
	South	Hazel Tabbert
18 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Nick, Rebecca, Anna Timmon
25 <sup>th</sup>	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel

## Fall Christian Education

This fall we will be trying to add a variety of Christian Education opportunities for all ages. Please look through some of the ideas below and see if there are any classes you are interested in attending. Also, please prayerfully

consider if you could take turns rotating (hopefully once a month) to teach Branching Out.

**Confirmation** (7th Graders & Above) - September 21st - April 5th

Students who wish to confirm their baptism are invited to join the 2016-2017 Confirmation Class. Class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45 with Pastor Kyle.

If you are a student who is interested in attending confirmation, or if you would like to sit through the class again, please contact Pastor Kyle.

Confirmands will be received into the church on April 9th (Palm Sunday).

**Re-Kindle** (Mid Week Service) - Begins September 21st

Everyone is invited to join us at 7 pm on Wednesdays for a midweek service with song, Scripture, and discussion.

**Pastor's Bible Study/Sunday School** - Begins September 11th

We will meet in the Sunday School room across from the church office to discuss each week's sermon and to dig a little deeper into the message. All ages are welcome to attend. Class will meet after church (around 11 am) and will last about 40 minutes. We will also post a schedule outside of the classroom for Sundays that we will not meet (special Holidays, etc).

## Financial Peace University

Would you like to eliminate the majority, or all of your debt? Want to learn better techniques for budgeting and honoring God with your money? Let Pastor Kyle know that you are interested in attending Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace workshop to be held here at Trinity in late October/early November time period. We will discuss with those who wish to attend a day/time to meet.

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

We are looking for a few teachers (men and women) to rotate teaching our Branching Out classes. Material and training will be available. Our children our vital to health of this congregation, both presently and in the future. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help Branching Out grow.

It would be great if we could find eight or more people willing to take one Sunday a month for each group. This will allow teachers to attend worship the other three Sundays. If you are willing to teach, please let Pastor Kyle, Amy Mathews, or Ashley Zimmerman know as soon as possible.

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### Mission

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

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

### **July TIDINGS DEADLINE:**

Due to the office closing from July 18-22, the  
 deadline for June tidings will be July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance.

**Office Closed:** July 11, 12; 18-22

**Summer Office Hours** will be:  
 M, W, F 12:30-4:30; T 9-12

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