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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.

Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity

Ottawa County Level 1: Worship and church activities will be held as usual - please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 2: All non-worship activities before and after worship are cancelled - this means no Sunday School/Branching Out, church dinners or meeting that may be scheduled, etc. The worship service will be held for those who choose to attend and feel they can travel safely. Please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 3: No worship service or church-related activities

Mark your Calendars

January 5th 9am – 2 pm Ellis Women's Conference

January 6th 7:30 am Men's Breakfast

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

Note from the President

Happy New Year to everyone here at Trinity! As we all jump feet first into 2019, wondering where the last year has gone, I have to keep thinking of all the changes we've had and those yet to come. Without sounding like a broken record of reflections, promises, and resolutions, it is time to consider some changes for Trinity. There were some important things, of course, that happened this year, especially with our Pastor leaving. Searching for a new Pastor is always time consuming and exhausting... pray for our committee members as they continue their endeavors. Continue to support our council as they meet to make administrative decisions. Some of them are new at this, too! Stop for a moment and thank Rhonda and Amy for all that they do. Share your ideas and suggestions! Welcome new faces with smiles, introductions, and helpfulness. Take a turn at helping during Branching Out. Think of ways you could help financially with special projects such as the new south doors or the anticipated sanctuary roof replacement. Support our worship committee as they continue finding ways to keep our Sunday morning services interesting and thought provoking. Please continue to help each other flourish as the wonderful Trinity family that we've all realized we are, after all, one family, in Christ. Looking forward to what we can all accomplish this year and the many years to come.
Sincerely, Robin Hansen

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.



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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday September 10, 2018 at 7:05pm Ben Sutter, Vice President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: VP Ben Sutter, Curt Reiff, Ken Gahler, Dan Mathews, Ann Diekman, Brock Hansen, Dan Gahler, Jen Laughlin, Shirley Buhro, Veronica McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were President Robin Hansen and John Bast

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the October council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Dan Gahler. MC.

Secretary Report:

- Rhonda is working on Annual & end of year reporting, needs committees to send in their year-end summaries.
- Congregational Meeting on November 25th
- She has contacted local churches to help for emergency support after Kyle leaves, Genoa and Oak Harbor churches have agreed to help
- Office will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- Annual meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, January 20th, 2019 with a pot luck to follow
- 4-H would like to use the hall for their annual kick off on Saturday January 26th

Financial Report:

Financial report reviewed. A motion was made to accept the November financial report made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Veronica McMonigle, MC.

Pastor Report:

- He is working on summary of ministry, will be done this week
- New church will send a reimbursement check to cover his health insurance for the month of December
- Last Sunday is November 18th, plans to visit members in their homes on Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Need someone to step up to lead worship team and new members, needs to have a meeting set

EFY

- Clipboard needs to be sent around again for teachers for the upcoming months; most slots have been filled thru the end of the year

Mission

- Boo Fest was a huge success, lots of community members came to enjoy
- Cornhole and game night had a low turnout but those who did come had fun
- Committee to meet again soon, hopes to re-vamp for the upcoming year and get involved in more outside missions

Church & Ministry

- Ben has met with employees Amy and Rhonda and their reviews went well, plans to meet with Pastor Kyle tonight
- Search committee is being formed, meeting is at 8:45 next Sunday

Trustee Report

- Dan Gahler got a quote for front doors from Capital Windows in Bellevue, OH. Quote is for \$5,900 and is good thru mid-December
 - We have routinely been spending \$2,000 each time the current doors need fixed
 - Curt Reiff made a motion to accept quote and to ask congregation for approval to purchase the doors. 2nd Brock Hansen. MC
 - Discussed having a “Door Project Fundraiser”
- Curt Reiff is awaiting someone to come out and look at the sanctuary roof and give an estimate.

Old Business:

- Snow removal – four quotes presented and reviewed
 - Shirley Buhro made a motion to accept whoever the trustees decide they would

like to hire for snow removal. 2nd Ben Sutter. MC

New Business:

- Based on Amy Mathews, custodian, evaluation budget committee made a recommendation to switch the custodian job from a hourly to a salary position and give her a 10% raise. The purpose of the change is to ensure that we are paying Amy for the hours budgeted for the custodian.
 - Veronica McMonigle made a motion to offer a salaried position based on the budgeted hours to Amy Mathews, custodian. 2nd Jen Laughlin. MC.
- Slate of Officers – most likely have Elder and Recording Secretary filled; need VP, two Trustees and a deacon. VP will not be in charge of search committee as Ben will still be in charge.
- Discussion held on having an Interim vs supply pastors from the Association to fill in while Kyle is gone. A part time interim pastor would be approx. 20-22 hours a week and be paid half of Kyle's current salary. New more information regarding if there is a time commitment and if we need to pay for insurance etc.
 - Jen Laughlin made a motion to recommend to council to hire a part time interim pastor. 2nd Dan Gahler. MC.
- 2019 Budget prepared by the budget committee was presented at council
 - We are currently predicted to be negative \$22,00 based on the 2018 budget/income
 - Budget will need to be redone and re-presented to council when we hire a permanent pastor
 - Motion to approve budget, with addition of pastors salary, was made by Dan Gahler, 2nd Ann Diekman. MC
 - Budget will be presented to congregation at the Congregational Meeting on 11/25/18

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm by Ben Sutter, VP Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle, Recording Secretary

Congregational Meeting

Robin Hansen called the congregation meeting to order.

2019 proposed budget was passed out, as well as search committee questionnaire.

Budget was reviewed, question was asking regarding search committee budget. No changes needed made to budget.

Ed Gahler made motion to approve the budget, Jennifer Laughlin 2nd. MC.

Dan Gahler presented to the congregational a quote for \$5,900 for the front doors of the church, as well as an additional \$600-800 for option etching of a picture (to be determined later).

Eric Gahler made a motion to move forward with the replacement of the doors, as well as the etching, Karen Lick 2nd. MC.

The slate of council for 2019 was discussed and filled during the congregational meeting as follows:

Vice President – Nyla Denman

Recording Secretary – Faith Sutter

Trustee – Marty Hoeft and Jason Hayes

Elder – Eric Gahler

Deacon -

Congregational unanimously approved council slate.

Mike Diekman made a motion to close the congregational meeting. Dan Gahler 2nd. MC.

Special Council Meeting

A special council meeting was called on Sunday, November 25th, 2018 at 9:00 am before the church service. Those in attendance were Robin H., Ben S., Dan M., Dan G., Ken G., Jen L., Ann D., Shirley B., and Brock H. (Electronically). Those absent were John B. and Veronica A.

There was a discussion on granting a check to Pastor Kyle for unused vacation. After much discussion, Ken G. made a motion to pay Kyle Timmons a final payment for the 8 days he requested of unused vacation pro-rated from his base salary. Ben S. seconded the motion. MC. The check is to be issued with a letter from council.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley B.

*Happy
New Year*

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund	
Balance as of 11/1/18	\$13,686.63
Offerings/Income	\$11,513.00
Expenses	\$11,249.11
Balance as of 11/30/18	\$13,950.52

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.

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 several local families, Ruth Ann's House, Liberty Center, That Neighborhood Church, The Daughter Project and World Vision.

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 held their Christmas pot-luck and party in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Thursday December 13, 2018. There were nine present.

Norma gave the opening prayer and table blessing. She was also in charge of the program "Celebrating Advent & Christmas". We pray that the light of Christmas will shine through us all year long and that 2019 will be good to everyone.

A business meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted & will be filed.

Correspondence – we received thank-you letters from Cherry Street Mission and The Salvation Army.

There were ten ladies that attended the Advent Program Brunch at St. John Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge on December 1st. Ten ladies also attended the Ecumenical Christmas program at the Genoa Christian Church on December 6th.

Eloise H. gave the Sunshine report. New chairman Norma R.

Prayer partners were revealed & new names drawn.

Next month we will meet on Thursday January 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Program – Suzanne B. Host Jackie P.

Meeting adjourned followed by our Christmas gift exchange.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of Nov 1	\$375.85
Offering	27.00
Total Income & Balance	\$402.85
Cherry Street Mission	\$50.00
Salvation Army	\$50.00
Grace Community Center	\$50.00
Ottawa County Holiday Bureau	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$200.00
Balance on Hand Nov. 30th	\$252.85
Savings Account	\$1,138.01

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.

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 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.



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!

Coupons

"Thank you so much for saving your coupon pages for me! December's distribution was combined with our Church's Contribution and delivered to the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau in Oak Harbor."

~~Karen & Doug Lick

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.

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 Ava Bodnar, Amy Sutter, Jan Corbin, Patty & Donnie Crozier, Pastor Corbin, Michelle Avery, Nyla Denman.

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.

Lending Library

Check out our lending library. We are getting new books and magazines all the time. We have a wide variety of topics, there is something for everyone!!!! ~~~ Karen Lick

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	12/02/2018
# in Attendance	115
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,855.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 126,912.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 102,281.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (24,630.37)
Date	12/09/2018
# in Attendance	110
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 4,030.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 129,556.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 106,311.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (23,244.37)
Date	12/16/2018
# in Attendance	168
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,935.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 132,200.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 108,246.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (23,953.37)
Date	12/23/2018
# in Attendance	82
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,753.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 134,844.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 109,999.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (24,844.37)
Date	12/24/2018
# in Attendance	144
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,008.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 134,844.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 112,007.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (22,836.37)

Thank You

“Thank you for all you have done for my family. Thank you again.”

~The Tabbert Family

“Thank you to everyone for the birthday and Christmas greetings. They were all appreciated very much. Thank you beyond words for the Christmas gift, it was greatly appreciated.”

~Rhonda & Family

“We want to say a special thank you for the many joyous carolers bringing out the Christmas spirit. We truly every one of them. The plate of cookies were tasty, many thanks.”

~Melvin & Norma Reif

“It’s the time of year when we remember those who mean so much to us. Thank you for your generous support of the children at Joyful connections. We hope you and your family have a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!”

~Staff & Board of Joyful Connections

“Thank you to the carolers who came to sing Christmas carols and the little children who also sang. Thank you also for the plate of cookies which was thoughtful and which was very delicious. God Bless!”

~Evelyn Schimming

“I wanted to thank you for your generous donation to support supervised visitations for children who have been removed from their homes through no fault of their own. We are the only agency providing these services to the children of Ottawa County. On behalf of the children, I thank you for your generosity and your kindness.”

~Joyful Connections

“On behalf of the Grace Community Center’s Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers, thank you for your tax deductible financial gift.”

~Grace Community Center

“I wish to thank all my Trinity family for making my 90th birthday so special and so memorable! The greeting cards, the gifts, the flowers, and the singing

of “happy birthday” have all given me a very happy birthday (and love). May God bless you all!”
~Fay Bolander

Memorial Thank You

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

Fay Bolander; Mr. & Mrs. Lauren Milbrodt; Jerome & Frances Allyn



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

January 2019

January 6 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
January 13 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
January 20 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Rebecca Reif
January 27 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Church Camp Church Camp
February 3 rd	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Dan Gahler
February 10 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
February 17 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
February 24 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.

<u>January 2019</u>		
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
<u>February 2019</u>		
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
<u>March 2019</u>		
3 rd	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
10 th	North	Ina David
	South	Nyla Denman
17 th	North	Ann Diekman
	South	Mike Diekman
24 th	North	Vi Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
31 st	N & S	Ed & Jane Gahler

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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



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