



Tidings

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Sunday School
for kids & adults &
Confirmation classes
@ 9:00 am each week

Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Celebrating 160 Years of Trinity in 2022

Here are a few
Trinity Tidbits:

In 1862, the people
were congregating in
homes and the old
Trowbridge school.

They didn't have a
formal constitution at
that point.

Three pastors served
us from 1862 to 1870.

We did not have a
church building until
one was erected in
1868.

Cornerstone &
Dedication was held in
the fall of 1868.

A constitution was
written, accepted
and recorded
February 16, 1870.

As We Have Been Blessed

For several years at Trinity I have been told the story of a particularly powerful event that was held here. A few years ago, cars of young people and chaperones left Trinity with cash in hand, headed out to gift members of the community for Christmas. Every time I have asked about what acts of service or missions have meant something to the church, this event comes up.

So, we're bringing it back. On Saturday December 3rd a new crop of students and chaperones will make their way into our surrounding communities to gift others in the name of Jesus. As a reflection of the blessings we have been given, we will bless others.

November is, of course, a traditional time to consider our blessings. To remember all the good that God has given us, all the resources we have, the grace of Jesus that we can enjoy. But it's also a good time to remember, how do we use those resources? Are we a blessing to others? Is the world a better place because Christians are in it?

We're taught that we are a reflection of Christ. Jesus is the light of the world, and he teaches his followers in Matthew 5 that we too can be the light:

"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."

We bring God glory when our actions bless and lift up those around us. We give light to the WHOLE community. As a church, what are we going to do with our blessings? Hide them? Store them away? Or share them and give them freely! Let's go be lights, and let's make them BIG.

I'm really hoping and praying that this Christmas season we can the wave of some great church momentum into a celebration of Christ's life and love for all of us. Who will you bless this year? How will you bless them? Don't be the person who takes the light of Jesus and hides it! Let it shine!

-Pastor Ryan Shields



Saturday, December 3rd
2:00 to 6:00 pm
This event will include our students
carpooling into the community to
gift people and share God's love for
Christmas. Pray for our students as
they go and also for those who will

receive these blessings. If you would like to contribute
financially, mark your contribution "Pay it Forward".

Council Minutes: September

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, September 12 at 7 pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Luke Sutter, Vice President Rebecca Rief, Pastor Ryan Shields, Ashley Gahler, Jim Laughlin, Steve Turnow, Nate Diekman, Brianne Perry, Sam Sutter, Janene Lattimore, and Brice Gahler.

Recording Secretary Report: Meeting minutes from August meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Brice, second by Nate, MC.

Secretary Report:

Propane service switched to NWO. Cost will be \$1.80
Now using the Planning Center app to organize and track volunteer programs
Signs for parking lot have arrived
Teachers in place for Sunday school and branching out

Financial Report: Reviewed balance sheet from August. Motion by Janene & second by Brice to approve August balance sheet, MC.

Pastor Report:

Water blast was, again, a huge success and will be planned as annual event going forward
Realignment series launched on September 11
Town hall meetings will be held on September 25 and October 5
Incorporating more live music and better worship flow to worship
Looking for people to step up as worship hosts before church begins

Committee Reports:

Worship Team - Helping with realignment

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Sunday school started September 11
Items coming in to complete Sunday school classroom renovations
Using new curriculum for Sunday school
Ashley Zimmerman has volunteered to lead the children's Christmas program this year
Youth night for confirmation age and up will be October 2nd from 5-8
Proposal from subcommittee, youth director team, for a new candidate for the Children's Leader position
Proposal will be formally submitted and voted on at next council meeting after all members, including those not in attendance tonight, have had a chance to review

Mission

Collected for school supply drive
Looking at a new option to replace school supply drive in future of collecting donations to "pay off" school lunch debt for children who are unable to pay for school lunches

Trustee Report

Will be putting up the new parking lot signs
Children's/nursery bathroom fan needs fixed or replaced
Still working on digging up tiles to fix drainage issues
Parking lot was repainted and looks to discuss newest ideas/projects

Pastoral Relations Committee - No update, will be meeting soon

Church & Ministry - No update

2030 Team - will be meeting after town hall meetings to discuss newest ideas/projects

Old Business:

IPS finishing up "punch list" items to complete the air conditioning project
Fixing problem that was caused by condensation from moisture issues in the sanctuary.
Condensation pump, drain, and safety switches being added

New Business:

Church should be receiving a "refund" of approximately \$6,500 from Pastor Ryan's call agreement that states church paid a certain percentage of his salary each month toward his student loans. Should the Student Loan forgiveness & Cares Act for Covid Relief wipe out Pastor Ryan's student loan debt, as they are saying will be done, church would reimburse Pastor Ryan the \$6500 "refund" & going forward replace this salary percentage to him toward his retirement fund.
Motion to return \$6500 (untaxed) to Pastor Ryan and then, going forward, replace the student loan percentage to his retirement fund first by Brianne, second by Nate, MC.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brice, second by Janene, MC. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 by Luke Sutter. Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved 10/10/22)

Beginning Balance 09/01/2022	\$23,147.45
Offering/Income	\$12,586.26
Expenses	\$9,985.89
Transfers	(\$6,617.10)
Balance 09/30/2022	\$19,130.72

Council meets
at the Church
monthly on the
2nd Monday at
7:00 pm



Be in prayer for the following:

Nate Diekman (illness), Myron Zibbel (covid), Sara Zibbel (Respiratory illness), Chuck Vizi (severe headaches)

Those with long-term health concerns:

Rayna Perry (juvenile diabetes), Steve (community member battling ALS), Don Weaver, Don Hoef, Deanna Vizi, Riley & Ren Baumert, Joel Marquart

Those battling cancer: Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton, Logan Murphy



Christmas Funds

During November our Mission Spotlight will be put toward the Christmas Fund.

The Christmas Fund will provide for three avenues of mission outreach: Pay it Forward, The Angel Tree, and our end of the year Benevolence. Watch for more information on Pay it Forward and The Angel Tree in the coming weeks.

To give to this fund simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



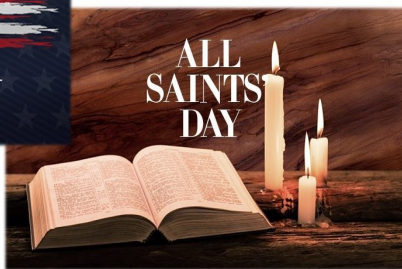
VETERANS DAY



— Honoring All Who Served —



We will observe both occasions on Sunday, November 13th



In order to be credited to 2022 contributions, all checks must be received at the church office on or before January 5, 2023. Checks need to be dated on or prior to December 31, 2022. Funds received after January 5, 2023 will be credited to the 2023 giving year.

Now Accepting Bids for Snow Removal this Winter

Bids may be left in the church office or emailed to tucc1862@gmail.com



Offering Booklets for 2023 will be available November 13th. If you currently do not have a set but would like one for the new year, contact the church office at 419-862-3417 / tucc1862@gmail.com

Thank You Notes

Thank you very much for thinking of our students with your generous donation of school supplies. We are so grateful for your kindness!
RC Waters Staff & Students
& Oak Harbor Middle School Staff & Students

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$1,315.15 to Operation Kid to Kid. Churches like yours are empowering kids and families to rise above poverty and build futures once thought unreachable. As we continue to see God's miraculous hand transforming lives, know that you are an essential part of this work. We all have a part to play, and your congregation is truly a champion in working alongside vulnerable children and families. In the words of Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5, NIV
World Vision is truly blessed to have you as a church partner—and a champion for kids. Thank you for your gift and compassion for others. Anthony Williams, Senior Director, World Vision Donor Contact Services

Memorial Thank You

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

Don Bittner
Myron & Sara Zibbel

Serve @ The Genoa Food Pantry

Saturday, December 17
from
8:45 to 11:30 am

Let Pastor Ryan or Mary in the church office know if you can help!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

November 13 @ 7:30 am

Coffee Fellowship

Tuesdays
8:00 am

Everyone Welcome!

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.



Our Angel Tree giving will begin the week of Thanksgiving. The Missions team is currently working to select a family in need this Christmas and gather the proper information for their need.

Advent
Hope · Love · Joy · Peace

Advent begins November 27th
We are once again looking for families to share in the Advent reading and light the Advent candle. **If you would be interested in doing this with your family, please contact Pastor Ryan.**

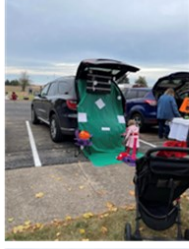
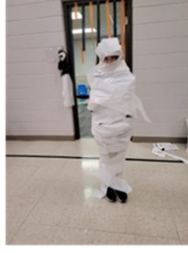
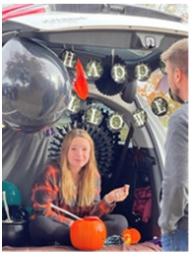
Children's Christmas Program

December 18th

Rehearsals begin in November

Church Dartball: Coming Soon

2022 Boo Fest & Trunk-or-Treat





The Colors of Christmas
Women's Community Christmas Program
Thursday, December 1, 2022
@ St. John Lutheran Church, Williston, OH

Registration @ 5:45 pm
Program @ 6:00 pm
Dinner following the program (provided by St. John Church)

A collection of non-perishable items will be collected for local food pantries.

Pre-register by November 23rd by calling 419-836-5514 (leave message) or email office@stjohnwilliston.org.

Please use the parking lot at the back of the church and enter through the double glass doors. Elevator available.

and suddenly there was with an angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men
Luke 2 13-14



December 11th @ 4:00 pm
Donations of Cookies will be needed



Poinsettia:
The Flower of Christmas

Poinsettias are available in 6 1/2" single stem red foil pots (5 to 8 blooms) for \$10.00 each. These flowers will be delivered to the church, displayed for our Christmas Eve service and available for you to then take home and enjoy. We will list the information you provide below in our Christmas Eve program. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday, December 4th. Complete the information below and return to the church office along with payment.

Number of Poinsettia ordered: _____

In celebration / honor / memory (circle one)

of (list name(s) or occasion: _____

Name(s) providing the poinsettia: _____

(use additional paper for each additional poinsettia)

Printed Directory

The church office is in need of your help. We would like to make updated directories available. These updates will only be distributed to members and those regularly attending Trinity.

If your contact information has changed, please send us your current information. If you are "new" to Trinity, please send us your contact information.

Update sheets are available at the information tables in the side room (by the elevator) and also at the north door entrance. Completed updates may be left in the church office. Or, email your updates to tucc1862@gmail.com. Be sure to include everyone in your household and their individual information (phone, email).

We would be happy to include college students and snow birds alternate addresses - just list the dates those addresses apply.

If you do *not* want your information included in the directory update, please notify the church office at 419-862-3417 or tucc1862@gmail.com.

Our hope is to have these updated directories available December 4th.

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!

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.

Medical Lending Supplies

Many supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need! Supplies range from bandages, slings and braces to surgical shoes, canes, walkers and wheel chairs and everything in between. There are also some packages of "bath in a bag" and adult diapers and pull ups.

Find My Fit

Name _____

Phone _____ Texting ok _____ Yes _____ No

Email _____

Circle the items where you would like to serve and return this page to the church office

Care & Compassion Ministries

1. I would like to visit the elderly or the shut in on behalf of the church
2. I would like cook meals for families with newborns or those recovering from surgery/illness
3. I would like to send care packages to our students away at college
4. I would like to send birthday/anniversary/get well cards on behalf of the church
5. I would like to coordinate a health fair or other health related programming
6. I would like to connect Trinity with a local nursing/retirement home

Missions Ministries

1. I would like to join the Missions team to regularly coordinate mission work for Trinity
2. I would like to help coordinate our regular participation at the Genoa Food Pantry
3. I would like to help coordinate mission opportunities in Toledo
4. I would like to regularly contact our mission partners and give the church updates on their work

Connection Ministries

1. I would like to attend a midweek small group
2. I would like to host a midweek small group
3. I would like to call members of the church just to check in
4. I would like to plan a community meal to be held at the church
5. I would like to connect with people who only attend Trinity through our livestream
6. I would like to connect with former members who no longer attend
7. I would like to plan a connection activity for adults in the church
8. I would like to assist the church in maintaining a strong social media presence
9. I would like to regularly take pictures/video of church life

Find My Fit

Outreach Ministries

1. I would like to plan for Trinity to participate in community events (festivals, parades, etc)
2. I would like to be a volunteer when Trinity is connecting with local community events

Youth & Children's Ministries

1. I would like to plan activities for students from 7th-12th Grade
2. I would like to host an activity for 7th-12th grade. (Pool party/Bonfire/Etc)
3. I would like to connect Trinity with our local schools by (Serving as a mentor/Connecting with the PTO/Connecting with Music or Athletic Boosters/Other)
4. I would like to plan activities for students Prek-6th Grade
5. I would like to host an activity for students Prek-6th Grade (Pool party/day out/etc)

Prayer Team

1. I would like to manage a prayer wall in the church where people can submit prayer requests
2. I would like to prayer regularly for people including spending time in deep prayer for specific needs in the church

Church Maintenance

1. I would like to help keep the church clean and organized
2. I would like help freshen up the look of the church
3. I would like to help care for the outside grounds of the church

Worship Ministries

1. I would like to share a gift of music during church services
2. I would like to help plan special worship services (Easter, Christmas, Outdoor)
3. I would like to be a Worship host, welcoming people to church and sharing prayers & announcements
4. I would like to be a greeter

Children's Ministry Volunteers Fall Quarter 2022

Sunday School | 9:00 AM

PreK	Janene Lattimore
K-2nd	Kylene Liphart
Thrive (3rd-5th Grade)	Jan Corbin
Confirmation	Pastor Ryan (6th-8th Grade)
Adult Classes	Sarah Edwards Rev. Don Corbin

Branching Out Children's Church | 10:00 AM

(Rotating Teachers Each week of the month)

Nursery (2's & 3's):

- week 1 - Ashley Gahler / Nancy Turnow
- week 2 - Jennifer Laughlin / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**
- week 3 - Faith Sutter / Elishia Sutter / Sophie Sutter / Amy Sutter
- week 4 - Rebecca Reif / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**

PreK-2nd Grade:

- Week 1 Veronica McMonigle / Ashley Zimmerman
- Week 2 - Casi Johnson / Emily Burcin
- Week 3 - **TEACHER & ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR THIS WEEK**
- Week 4 - Kim Drummond / Dawn Kovac

Let the church office know if you'd like to fill an open spot!

Greeter Schedule

Team A:

(1st Sunday every month & July 30, 2023)

- Dan Mathews
- Brad Jess
- Ed and Jane Gahler
- Nate Diekman
- Nyla Denman

Team B:

(2nd Sunday every month & October 30, 2022)

- Matt and Casi Johnson
- Eric and Ashley Gahler
- Doug & Tammy Asher
- Blair Drummond
- Bella Hall

Team C:

(3rd Sunday every month & January 29, 2023)

- Mike and Ann Diekman
- Troy & Brittany Wittman Family
- Brianne Perry

Team D:

(4th Sunday every month & April 30, 2023)

- Jay & Joanne Hellwig
- Jim and Jen Laughlin
- Keaston & Rebecca Reif Family

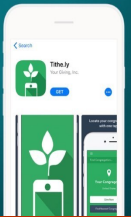
There is still room on some of our greeter teams for you! Contact the church office and we will assign you a team to on which you can serve.

MOBILE GIVING

Download the
Tithe.ly App

Search for "Tithe.ly" in
the app store and install
in less than 30 seconds.

Google Play App Store



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, as listed below:

#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://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CONNECT</p> <p>GROW</p> <p>SERVE</p>		<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Kelsey Gahler (B)</p>	<p>Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>		<p>Jayson Hayes (B)</p>	<p>Fall back 1 hour 5</p> <p>Christopher Tabbert (B) Kylene Liphart (B) Meredith Reif (B) Nathan Tabbert (B)</p>
<p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes</p> <p>10:00 am Worship & Kids Church</p> <p>Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brice Gahler Hall: Hellwig/Friemark</p>	<p>6:00 pm Budget Meeting Joshua Kish (B)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Election Day</p>	<p>Coffee Room: 12:00 noon Garden Club</p> <p>Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>		<p>Analisa Williams (B) Lauren Millbroat (B) Christopher & Kylene Liphart (A)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hall: Genoa Soccer</p>
<p>Veteran's Day/All Saints Day</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes</p> <p>10:00 am Worship & Kids Church</p> <p>Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Steve Turnow</p>	<p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jed Kish (B) Tammy Asher (B)</p>	<p>10:00 am Piano Tuning</p> <p>Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>			<p>19</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes</p> <p>10:00 am Worship & Kids Church</p> <p>Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Jim Laughlin Tidings Information Due</p>	<p>Brianne Perry (B) Sam Witt (B)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>		<p>Thanksgiving 24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes</p> <p>10:00 am Worship & Kids Church</p> <p>Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Michael Sager Vera Sager (B)</p>	<p>Karen Lick (B)</p>	<p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jan Grieger (B)</p>	<p>Myron Zibbel (B)</p> <p>Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>			<p>30</p>

Watch the Service Online

We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services!

<http://www.trinityeliston.org/livestream.html>

There's a place for you here!



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Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Nursery & Kids'
Church Available

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available
from the
Tech Booth
Upon Request



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