



trinity
united church of Christ

Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Sunday School
& Branching Out -
Starting September 10th
Sunday School for all
ages @ 9:00 am &
Branching Out Kids
Church during Worship

Confirmation
Orientation -
Also on September 10th
@ 9:00 am for all parents
of 7th & 8th grade
students who are seeking
to go through the rite of
confirmation (please
attend this informational
meeting with your
students).

Sermon Series:



September 3rd:
10:00 am Worship

September 10th:
Remembering God's
Promises

September 17th:
Building on God's
Promises

September 24th:
Trusting In God's
Promises

October 1st:
Looking Forward To
God's Promises

Tidings

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A Firm Foundation

Hello Church Family!

Fall is here! Fall has often been a period of revisioning and assessment in churches and this year will be no different as we look at an important aspect of our church life—building our faith on a firm foundation. Our journey as a church family has been a testament to the strength of our faith, and it is now time to strengthen this foundation both spiritually and physically. During the coming months you'll be hearing about a church campaign called "The Firm Foundation" that seeks to improve both the physical foundation of our church property and the spiritual foundation of Jesus Christ at the center of our lives.

Our Spiritual Foundation: In the book of Matthew, Jesus shares a parable that vividly illustrates the importance of a strong foundation. He speaks of a wise man who built his house upon the rock, and when the storms came, the house stood firm.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24)

This parable holds a powerful message for us as we embark on this spiritual and financial campaign to restore our aging church building and create stronger spiritual community through new ministry programs. Our faith, much like a house, must be built on a solid foundation. It's the bedrock upon which we stand when life's storms rage. By investing in our spiritual foundation, we equip ourselves to withstand challenges, grow in our relationship with God, and share His love more effectively with our community. Building faith also involves building relationships within our church community. We plan to introduce small group programs for church members to compliment the variety of ages and stages we are in our journey with God. These programs will provide opportunities for us to delve deeper into God's Word, strengthen our understanding of His teachings, and support one another on our faith journeys.

Our Physical Foundation: Our church building has been a sanctuary for worship, prayer, and community for many years. It has witnessed countless weddings, baptisms, and gatherings that have strengthened our faith and bonds with one another. However, the physical structure is showing signs of aging, and maintenance alone cannot guarantee its longevity. Through this campaign, we aim to restore our church building not merely as bricks and mortar, but as a symbol of our unwavering commitment to our faith and community. By investing in the physical foundation of our church, we ensure that it remains a welcoming and safe space for generations to come.

As we seek to strengthen our spiritual and physical foundations, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this campaign. Your support, whether through financial donations, volunteering your time, or participating in the small group programs, is invaluable in making this vision a reality. Let us remember the words of Psalm 127:1, *"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."* Together, with God's guidance, we will build our faith on a firm foundation and ensure the continued growth and vitality of our church.

May God bless you abundantly as we embark on this journey together. Let us walk hand in hand, strengthening our faith and our church.

-Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: July 2023

A quorum was not present therefore there are no official minutes from the July Council meeting.

Next meeting September 11th at 7pm

General Operating Fund (Council approved 08/14/23)

Beginning Balance 06/01/2023	\$34,814.46
Offering/Income	\$24,894.70
Expenses	\$26,697.80
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 07/31/2023	\$33,011.36



Firm Foundation Goals:

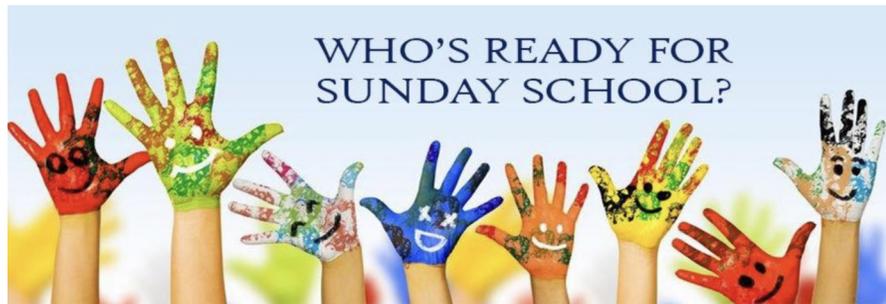
- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry use
- Launching at least two smaller groups meeting monthly to improve church community and connection (one group for individuals/couples with children, one group for individuals/couples without children). Training and equipping leaders to see these through.



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.



Mark Your Calendars!

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

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:**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



September's focus will be the Genoa Area Food Pantry

This pantry serves all of the Genoa Area School District residents.

To give toward the Genoa Area Food Pantry, 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

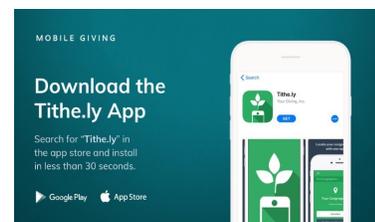
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

#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 (iPhone) or Google Play Store (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

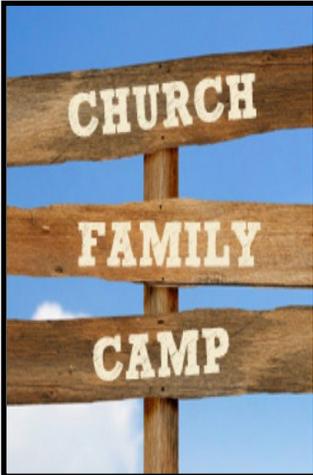
Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden style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

Boo Fest

Leader Needed
for this annual event
Contact the church office for more
information or to volunteer

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.



We are working on bringing Family Camp back this winter! Contact Janene Lattimore if you would like more information as the planning develops.

Confirmation

**Orientation for
Parents & 7th/8th Grade Students**

9:00 am
Sunday, September 10th
Parents: please plan to attend this informational meeting with your students

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Branching Out adult 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!



Trinity UCC

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Watch the Service Online at http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brice Gahler</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labor Day Lorraina Reif (B)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Marry & Amy Suttler (A)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Boya Lattimore (B)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Shelbie Tabbert (B)</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Kate Hayes (B)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Fall Programming Resumes 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Steve Turnow Don Bittner (B)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council Carson Tabbert (B)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Emma Ashley (B)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Keaston Reif (B) Susan Rothert (B)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Marty Hoelt Mikey Denko (B) Brock & Ashley Hansen (A)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ciera Ashcroft (B) Nate Diekman (B)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tidings Information Due Brice Gahler (B)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Hall: McNuff (evening set up)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Hall: McNuff (8 am - 3 pm) Basement: Williams (10 am - 6 pm) Vanessa Scott (B) Emma Williams (B)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Possible Youth Event TBD Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Brandon Kincaid</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Dustin Tabbert (B)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Curt Reif (B)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Dan & Connie Gahler (A)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Keaston & Rebecca Reif (A)</p>	<p>30</p>

There's a place for you here!

CONNECT

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TrinityElliston.org

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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