



Tidings

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MAY 2023

Sunday School
for kids & adults &
Confirmation classes
@ 9:00 am each week
Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Affirming Our Faith

By the time you read this newsletter we will have confirmed eight students into full faith and membership into the church of Jesus Christ here at Trinity. For these students this way a two-year journey of classes, questions, requirements, and challenges. While even the best confirmation teacher would be foolish to think we are sending teenagers out as fully developed and perfect disciples, this process reflects an important journey of faith that all Christians should be on.

upcoming sermons

May 7th
TBA
A special Congregational Meeting will be held after the service regarding replacing 12 windows.

May 14th
Mother's Day
The Nurturers

May 21st
The Teachers
This is the last day for Branching Out, Sunday School (Adults & Children) and Confirmation

May 28th
The Protectors

Often during baptisms for children I say "the sacrament of Baptism isn't truly over until the baptized affirms their own faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior". If that's true, then the act of Confirmation doesn't truly end until we find ourselves face to face with Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven. We should always be in the process of reaffirming and reconfirming our faith. I often find reading Scripture that the same passage might have different meaning to me based on when in my life I am reading it. One of my favorite examples of this is the story of David. As a young man I wanted to be like David the might giant slayer and win the tough battles. In my teens and twenties I related to David's moral failings and the difficulties of remaining true to the values of our faith. As an adult I find myself relating to the immense responsibility David must have felt as a leader and a king. At times, I even find myself not connecting with David at all, but instead taking on the ideals of his son Absalom who angrily and desperately looked to the King for justice, but found none. How often do we beg God to work in our world in ways that we think would be better!

As we look at our Confirmands this year, I think it's important to reflect on where we are in continuing to affirm our faith. Did we stop learning and growing as teenagers? Did we give up on study and questions? Or each year do we find new ways to read Scripture and pray and seek new understanding for God's will in our lives. Confirmation in this way doesn't represent the end of a journey, where we cash in our tokens and say "we're finished learning about God". No, instead it is just an important first step in taking ownership of our faith journey. Our parents, grandparents, teachers, and mentors have brought us to the place of accepting Jesus, continuing to walk with Him now belongs to us. As adults let us ask ourselves "is my faith truly my own?" or do we still just move in the faith of our parents, grandparents, or some pastor or teacher long ago and hope that will be enough? Are we growing in spiritual maturity or are we still just spiritual children standing before God? Let us affirm our faith in adulthood, until God is fully revealed to us in the end.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:14-16

-Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: March 2023

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Ellison Church Council met on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm. Rebecca Reif, President, called the meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Rebecca Reif, Pastor Ryan, Secretary Mary Muntz, Eric Gahler, Brittany Wittman, Nathaniel Diekman, Janene Lattimore, Kim Traver, Brice Gahler, Marty Hoeft, Sam Sutter, Steve Turnow.

Recording Secretary Report:

Meeting minutes from February meeting were read and reviewed prior to meeting. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Janene, second by Brice. MC

Administrative Assistant Report:

- Annual yearbook report filed for NWOA. Overall in 2022, Trinity was +1 new member.
- Care Team Visitation Binders completed and available at church office for Care Team.
- Confirmation gifts ordered + arrived
- Easter postcard completed + ready for mailing

Financial Report:

- Brice made motion for Mary, President, Vice President and Financial Secretary to be signers on Genoa Financial investments. Requiring two of the four to sign when required. Second by Nate. MC.
- Reports reviewed. Motion to accept reports made by first Janene, second by Sam, MC

Pastoral Report:

- 14 new members welcomed on 2/26
- Existing confirmation robes are damaged and stained. Marty motioned to purchase new robes for confirmation class. Nate 2nd. MC.
- Discussion about where funds were to go for this year's Chicken BBQ. Decided that it would go to Local Missions (including supporting local schools) + VBS. Kim will reach out to Genoa, Janene to Oak Harbor, Ryan to Woodmore. Also, discussed going toward Trustee projects.

2030 Team Report: Meeting March 21st at 6pm

Church & Ministry Report: Meeting March 26th at 8am to review staff evaluation rubrics

EFY Report: VBS to be held 7/30 – 8/3

Missions & Outreach Report: Working on setting up quarterly events

Trustees Report: Had detailed list of items that need addressed inside and outside. Trustees are going to get quotes and prioritize the tasks.

Worship Team Report: Asking new people to join

Old Business – none

New Business - none

Next meeting April 10 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Kim, second by Brice. MC.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by Rebecca.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund (Council approved 04/10/23)

Beginning Balance 03/01/2023	\$32,514.70
Offering/Income	\$11,779.50
Expenses	\$15,393.40
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 02/28/2023	\$28,900.80



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:

- Kathy Appelhans (medical tests & upcoming surgery)
- Izzy Britt (recovery from knee surgery)
- Kim Traver (continued recovery from surgery)
- Mike Diekman (continued recovery from heart ablation)
- Sue Briggs (Liz Marquart's mom, recovering from a fall)
- Jamison Zimmerman (Jamie) (autoimmune issues)

Jennifer Duckett Smith is now under hospice care. Please pray for the entire family as God provides comfort and peace in the days ahead.

- Chuck Vizi (new medication helping with debilitating headaches)
- Joanne Hellwig (wrist - Joanne writes: Your prayers, phone calls, and cards were greatly appreciated. Recovery is going well.)
- Phil Anderson (Keriann Sager's father, stroke)

At Genoa Retirement Village:

Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif, Don Hoelt

Those with long-term health concerns:

- Rev. Don Corbin, Dawn Baker, Emeli Gahler (seizures)
- Rayna Perry (juvenile diabetes)
- Steve (community member battling ALS)
- Don Weaver, Joel Marquart

Those battling cancer:

Todd Hablitzel, Jennifer Duckett Smith. Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton, Logan Murphy



May's focus will be Local School Lunch Debt Relief for Woodmore, Oak Harbor and Genoa Schools

To give toward these needs, simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.

Community Outreach Opportunity

This year we are planning to participate in the Genoa Homecoming & Oak Harbor Apple Festival Parades!

We are looking to borrow a trailer to use as our float. It can be a snow mobile type trailer or a farm wagon.

If you have one to lend, or know of who we might ask, please contact the church office, Brittany Wittman or Veronica McMonigle.



We are excited to announce the theme for the 2023 Oak Harbor Apple Festival on October 14-15, 2023! "A Charlie Brown Festival"



We would love to recognize your graduate and their accomplishments in our June Tidings! Please send any info that applies (their name, school, degree, study of field, future plans, etc) to tucc1862@gmail.com by May 20th so that we can include them! (Preschool, High School, College, etc)

Park Clean-Up Day
May 6th
Graytown Park

More details to come



Come be part of this outreach to the community!

Rain Date: May 13th

VBS Donation List:

VBS STELLAR will be July 30th through August 3rd this year! We are looking for a few items to be donated:

- Canvas Drop Cloths
- Silver Metallic Spray Paint
- Aluminum Foil (the thicker the better)
- Crafting Wire
- Florescent Cellophane Tape

If you would like to donate any of these items, please leave them on the counter in the church office.

Thank you!



Confirmation

April 30, 2023

2023 brings our first class of Confirmands in several years!
Sunday, April 30th during our 10:00 am service we will confirm 8 of our students!
Come and encourage them as they continue to grow in their faith!

Blair Drummond

Daughter of Jon & Kim Drummond
Birthday: April 14, 2009, age 14
School: Genoa Area Middle School, 8th Grade
Paper Topic: Jesus: Fully God, Fully Man

James Drummond

Son of Jon & Kim Drummond
Birthday: April 13 2009, age 14
School: Genoa Area Middle School, 8th Grade
Enjoys playing video games
Paper Topic: David
Memory Verse: Acts 13:22

Cohen Gahler

Son of Brice Gahler and Amber Gahler
Birthday: May 12, 2008, age 14
School: Margareta, 9th Grade
Enjoys playing football and showing lambs
Paper Topic: Struggles of a Christian Teen
Memory Verse: Proverbs 20:4

Kate Hayes

Daughter of Jason Hayes and Andrea Hayes
Birthday: September 9, 2009, age 13
School: Oak Harbor High School, 7th Grade
Enjoys playing basketball, volleyball and track
Paper Topic: Church Membership
Memory Verse: Philippians 4:13

Turner Hayes

Son of Jason Hayes and Andrea Hayes
Birthday: February 20, 2008, age 15
School: Oak Harbor High School, 8th Grade
Enjoys sports and hanging out with friends
Paper Topic: What Does Jesus Mean to You
Memory Verse: Hebrews 13:8

Delaney Johnson

Daughter of Matthew & Casi Johnson
Birthday: July 15, 2009, age 13
School: Oak Harbor High School, 8th Grade
Enjoys softball, soccer, reading and listening to music
Paper Topic: How God Reveals Himself to Me
Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Ethan Johnson

Son of Matthew & Casi Johnson
Birthday: August 8, 2008, age 14
School: Oak Harbor High School, 8th Grade
Enjoys Sports
Paper Topic: The Ten Commandments
Memory Verse: Exodus 20:2

Kelsey Marquart

Daughter of Joel & Liz Marquart
Birthday: August 2, 2008, age 14
School: Oak Harbor High School, 8th Grade
Enjoys dance, track & field
Paper Topic: My Faith Story
Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:13



Pictured Left to Right:
Blair Drummond, Kelsey Marquart, Delaney Johnson,
Cohen Gahler, Ethan Johnson, Turner Hayes, Kate Hayes,
James Drummond

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.



Pickleball has come to Trinity!

Equipment and net are stored in the gym closets.

Come and play anytime the gym is free or contact Michele Avery or Nyla Denman for more information.

Medical Supply Closet

Available free of charge to anyone with a need.

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 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.

At this time, there is no need for further donations of medical supplies. We have 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. Let me know if we can help in any way.

Thanks for all the support and understanding!
Robin Hansen

Thank YOU!

To all who helped in any way with the Chicken BBQ April 16th!



Donations \$10,340.50
Expenses \$4,578.97



Raised for Mission Projects: **\$5,461.53**



Be A Bible School Volunteer
Sunday, July 30th through Thursday, August 3rd
Please use the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABA92CABFC1-vbsvolunteers>

(or type it into your web browser) to sign up
OR
Contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845)
We would love your help!
It's going to be Stellar!!!

Ben & Mandi Wood
Elliana, Jonathan & Noah
Serving in Florida
as trainers for **cru**

Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo
Serving in Slovenia
through **cru**



Children's Ministry Volunteers

2022-2023

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)

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

Team C:

(3rd Sunday every month)

- 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 to a team/

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. Examples 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
Lawn Care
Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund.

WORSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Contact the church office if you would like to serve as a worship host for one of our upcoming Sunday Services.

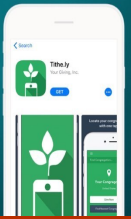
Duties would include keeping the service moving along by introducing our speaker while Pastor Ryan is away, calling for the offering to be collected, and saying a prayer.

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Google Play App Store



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

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. 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 gift!

Trinity UCC

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Special</i> CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, May 7th @ 11:00 am</p>	<p>1 Dylan Mahaney (B) Ashley Zimmerman (B) Kristen Haynes (B) Seth Witt (B)</p>	<p>2 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Ben David (B) Trent Rother (B)</p>	<p>3 Natalie Reif (B)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Hall: Sommer Calya Janoe Clemens (B) Doug & Karen Lick (A)</p>
<p>7 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brandon Kinkaid Dawn Grieger (B)</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Church Council Brock Hansen (B) Matt & Cassi Johnson (A)</p>	<p>9 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Doyle Sommer (B)</p>	<p>10 Ryan & Holly Shields (A)</p>	<p>11 Don Tabbert (B) Nic Appelhans (B)</p>	<p>12 Cohen Gahler (B)</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Brice Gahler</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dan Mathews (B) Amanda Chlo (B) Michael Burdge (B) Sam Mathews (B)</p>	<p>17 Rebecca Reif (B)</p>	<p>18 Diana Tabbert (B) Doyle & Helen Turnow Sommer (A)</p>	<p>19 Memo Hernandez (B)</p>	<p>20 Tidings Information Due in Office</p>
<p>21 Last Day for Sunday School 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Steve Turnow</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jay Hellwig (B)</p>	<p>24 Erika Warnke (B) Michael Tabbert (B)</p>	<p>25 Kristen Asher (B) Matt & Mary Muntz (A)</p>	<p>26 Bryce Rubie (B)</p>	<p>27 Jen Laughlin (B)</p>
<p>28 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Marfy Hoeff Dan Gahler (B)</p>	<p>29 Memorial Day Kimberly Mathews (B) Veronica McMonigle (B) Sydney Mahaney (B)</p>	<p>30 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Watch the Service Online http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html</p>		

VBS 2023




July 30th - August 3rd
6:00 pm to 8:15 pm



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