



trinity
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Tidings

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JANUARY 2023

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

Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Sermon Series:

MAJORING ON THE MINORS

A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

January 8th:
Jonah

January 15th:
Hosea

January 22nd:
Amos

January 29th:
Habakkuk

Majoring on the Minors

Have you ever heard the phrase "don't major in the minors?" Usually when someone says this they are telling you not to let the little things in life get in the way of your big plans. Good advice, right?

But this month we ARE going to major on the minors. The Minor Prophets. The Minor Prophets might be the most neglected genre of scripture in the whole Bible. Think about it, off the top of your head how many stories do you know from the Minor Prophets? If you're a good student of the Bible you might have named Jonah. If you're really good you might have named Hosea. The others? We don't even like to pronounce their names. What's Habakkuk about? How about Amos? Zechariah? Do you know what the book of Zedekiah is about? (Trick question that's not even one of the books!)

For many of us we've learned the history of Israel, we've read the prophets that point us to Jesus, we certainly have learned our New Testament, but we don't know much about the time in between. In Israel this was a time of exile and return. Israel was looking forward to the promise of being re-established as God's kingdom. Israel is in a constant state of anxiety, knowing that they have turned away from the promises of God, but still receiving hope that God will restore them in the future. In the Minor Prophets we end up with terribly depressing condemnations like:

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children."

- Hosea 4:6

But also words of hope like this:

"The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

-Zephaniah 3:17

For the start of the new year we're going to dive deep into this much overlooked section of Scripture and see what we can learn from a people very much living in two worlds. They are shamed by the sin of their past, but still very much looking forward to the coming redemption. Just like us. How does God speak to them? What do they stand for? How do they worship when everything they've known has been turned on its head!

Come join us as we Major on the Minors to start 2023!

-Pastor Ryan Shields



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Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 22
after church

Council will meet
after the Annual Meeting

Council Minutes: November

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Jim Laughlin, Brice Gahler, Brianne Perry, Connie Gahler, Sam Sutter, Janene Lattimore, Steve Turnow, Nate Diekman, Rebecca Rief, Pastor Ryan Shields and Admin Assistant/Treasurer Mary Muntz were present. Guest Darrell Opfer was in attendance for part of the meeting.

Darrell presented at council to suggest a member of church be a board member of Camp Sabroske. Darrell proposed that he would take the role of board member at this time and serve for one year, and then another TUCC member to take his place to serve as board member of Camp Sabroske. He spoke in detail of the goals and motives Camp Sabroske has for their future.

Recording Secretary Report:

Meeting minutes from November meeting and were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Jim, second by Brianne, MC

Secretary Report:

Member directory has been updated. Digital format or printed version available at request

Financial Report:

Luke reviewed monthly and year-end balance sheets. Motion to approve financial secretary report first Nate, second by Janene, MC.

Pastor Report:

Preparing for Christmas
 "You've Been Gifted" was successful
 Christmas Eve service at 7pm on 12/24/22

Committee Reports:

Worship Team

Planning for Christmas service. Ava Bodner will be playing
 Praise band playing when available
 Confirmation class participated in Advent services

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Children's Christmas program during service on December 18th
 Searching for a Sunday school teacher for high school age group next year

Mission

Angel tree family will receive gifts
 Members of the church worked the Elmore Community Thanksgiving
 Date at Genoa Food pantry is December 17 from 9-11:30
 "You've been gifted" \$6,000 in donations gifted to local and surrounding community members

Trustee Report

New parking lot signs were put in place
 Light bulbs replaced where needed

Pastoral Relations Committee

Met for 2022 year in review on 12/11
 Revisited town hall meeting ideas and discussed vision for future of church

Church and Ministry

Mary, Amy, and Pastor Ryan's 2022 year end reviews have been done

2030 Team - No report

Old Business:

Thank you to those completing their term on Council: Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Breanne Perry, Connie Gahler, Jim Laughlin & Michael Sager. All council positions for 2023 have been filled and the slate is approved. Incoming will be as follows. VP: Eric Gahler, Recording Secretary: Brittany Wittman, Elder: Kim Traver, Deacon: Susie Shaffer, Trustees: Brandon Kincaid & Marty Hoeft

New Business:

Budget committee discussed and developed 2023 budget
 Motion to adjourn meeting by first Sam, second by Brianne, MC.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm by Luke.
 Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund (Council approved 12/12/22)

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance 11/01/2022 | \$22,185.75 |
| Offering/Income | \$14,896.84 |
| Expenses | \$11,046.31 |
| Transfers | \$(166.39) |
| Balance 10/31/2022 | \$25,869.89 |

In January 2023

The Annual

Congregational

Meeting will be

held on Sunday,

January 22

immediately

after church.

Council will also

meet on Sunday,

January 22

immediately

following the

Annual

Congregational

Meeting

Council regularly

meets at the

Church monthly

on the

2nd Monday

at 7:00 pm





Be in prayer for the following:

Comfort for the family and friends of Jennifer Loskorn who passed away last week. Our Angel Tree Family which is a single mom and seven kids.

At Genoa Retirement Village:

Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif

Those with long-term health concerns:

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

Those battling cancer:

Dustin Schmidt,
Jackie Pelton,
Logan Murphy



Offering Booklets for 2023

are located on the information table in the room by the elevator. 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.

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Angel Tree and You've Been Gifted end of the year projects.

**The 1st Basketball Clinic was a huge success! Thank you for all your support! Next session will run from January 11th to March 1st from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
Sincerely, Dan & Amy Matthews

**I would like to say thank you to our Trinity carolers who came out on a very cold night to sing Christmas carols at my house. It was a wonderful blessing to have 30+ children and adults fill my living room with Christmas cheer. I also want to thank you for the card, candy cane and the generous plate of beautiful and delicious cookies. We have so many wonderful volunteers in our church family and I am proud to be a member of this special group of Christians. With love, Eva Hoeft

**Oh what a joy Sunday evening when the carolers came—a dozen little ones at the door and a host of adults! Thank you so much! And for the cookies too! Some of you I haven't seen in person for several years! Online church is nearly the same - Technology is wonderful! Thank you again! Ella was a bit awed by it all. Eloise Hellwig

**Thank you to the Church Family and Friends at Trinity from your staff for your kind and generous love gift at Christmas time. We are blessed to serve the Lord here and appreciative of your kindness. With love, Pastor Ryan, Mary & Amy

**I would like to take this time to thank my Trinity Church Family for all the thoughts, prayers, text messages and phone calls I have received, since John passed. All the memorials given in his name were greatly appreciated by our family. You all have meant so very much to John and I over all these years. This time of year is difficult, but I am trying to move forward. My faith reminds me that I will be with him, again, one day. Thanks for reaching out and including me! I love you all so very much!! With love and gratitude -Jackie Bast

**TUCC, Thank you for being a blessing to us! From the Happy Hobby Garden Club

**On behalf of Grace Community Center's Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers, Thank you for your gift of \$415. We appreciate the continued support that you have given us over the years. It is the giving spirit that you have displayed as a church community that helps to keep the doors of Grace open to the families in our community. Your contributions keep the bright faces of our children walking through the doors to receive hugs, hot meals, tutoring and mentoring. Keep the faith and know that you are indeed making a difference in the lives of children in this community.

His grace be upon you!

Elaine Paige, Executive Director Grace Community Center
gcctoledo.org



Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

During January our Mission Spotlight will be put toward the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission.

"For 66 years, TGRM has been meeting the needs of the lost, broken & needy in the Toledo Area with the support of people like you! TGRM has helped men, women and children find shelter, warmth, safety and hope in Jesus Christ"

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



Church Dartball: Tuesday Nights

January 3rd @ Genoa St. John's UCC
 January 10th @ Millbury St Paul Methodist
 January 17th @ home vs Williston St. John Lutheran
 January 24th @ home vs Oak Harbor St. Paul UCC
 January 31st Bye week
 February 7th @ Millbury St. Peter UCC
 February 14th @ home vs Elliston Zion UMC
 February 21st @ Rocky Ridge Lutheran
 February 28th @ Elmore St. Paul Methodist
 March 7th @ home vs Genoa St. John's UCC
 March 11th All Day Tournament @ Graytown School
 March 14th Make Up Games
 April 4th Banquet @ Ole Zims, 6:30 pm



Sunday, January 22, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING

Reports due by January 13th.



Coffee Fellowship
 Tuesdays
 8:00 am
 Everyone Welcome!

February 5th
 after church

—CHURCH—
MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Let the Church Office know if you plan to attend

Coming Soon to Trinity

FINANCIAL *Peace*
 UNIVERSITY

Contact the Church Office if you are interested in participating or would like more information

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.



GIVING STATEMENTS
 Pick yours up today

2022 Giving Statements are available for pick-up from the information table in the elevator room. Contact Mary in the church office if you have any questions.

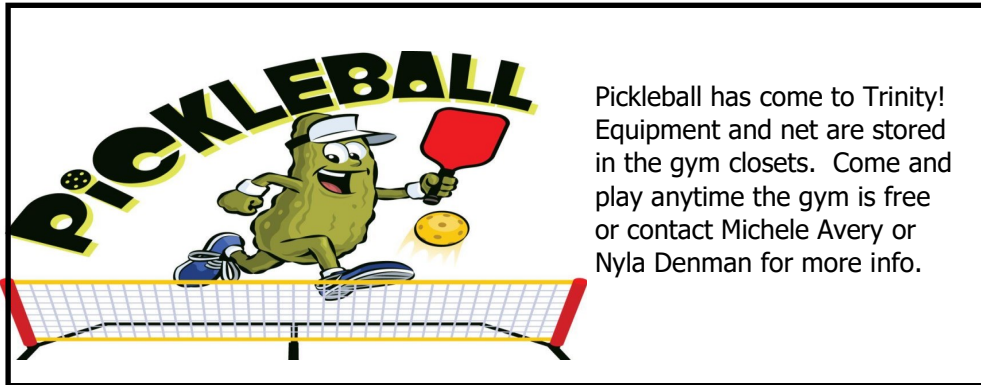


Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity

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



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 info.

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.

Children's Ministry Volunteers 2022-2023

Sunday School | 9:00 AM

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 & 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

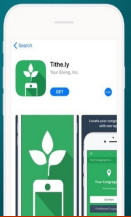
There is still room on some of our greeter teams for you! Contact the church office and we will assign you a team to on which you can serve.

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://www.google.com/playstore/) (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

JANUARY 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|--|
| 1 New Year's Day Nyla Denman (B) Kevin Gackstetter (B) Scott & Analisa Williams (A) 10:00 am Worship | 2 | 3 Ron Blevins (B) 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball | 4 Amy Suttler (B) | 5 | 6 Doug Lick (B) | 7 Jasey Asher (B) Jozey Asher (B) Hall: Reserved |
| 8 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Hall: Reserved | 9 | 10 Don Corbin (B) Emma Roth (B) 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball | 11 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic | 12 | 13 Reports Due for the Annual Report | 14 Hall: Reserved |
| 15 Don Weaver (B) Hannah Matthews (B) 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Hall: Reserved | 16 | 17 Evan Hoefft (B) 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball | 18 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic | 19 | 20 Anna Suttler (B) Logan McCloskey (B) Tidings Info Due | 21 |
| 22 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church followed by the Annual Meeting then Council Meeting Hall: Reserved | 23 | 24 Christopher Liphart (B) Janene Lattimore (B) Marty & Kisti Hoefft (A) 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball | 25 Jamey Tabbert (B) 6:00 pm Basketball Clinic | 26 | 27 Bella Hall (B) | 28 |
| 29 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church | 30 Bennett Gahler (B) | 31 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship | Watch the Service Online http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html | | | |

There's a place for you here!

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SERVE



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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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