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# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Ryan

SERMON  
SERIES



**October 3rd:**  
We Want You Here  
"We're Stronger  
Together"

**October 10th:**  
We Want you Here  
"We Can Make A  
Difference Together"

**October 17th:**  
We Want You Here  
"The Next Step"

**October 24th:**  
Special Guest:  
Missionary Ben Wood

### THE NEXT STEP

Greetings church family,

We are coming to the close of our We Want You Here Series and we are about to wrap up our first month back with Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Connection Communities. It's hard to believe how much has already changed in just a few short weeks! And I truly believe our church is better for it. We have challenged people to better connect with God and to each other and we are seeing results! The energy is different. We pray that the Spirit of God continues to stir within us. But that will lead some of us already asking the next question.

What comes next?

John 10:10 tells us a promise of Jesus *"I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance"* When we walk closer with God, when we love our neighbor as ourselves, we are living closer to the full and abundant life that God had in mind! When the people of God gather together and we ALL are living more abundant lives, the world changes...people change! The next step is to take that energy of connecting with God and each other and put it into practice outside of these walls. The true testimony of a church and it's community will not be what it does inside the building, but outside of the walls!

So, we want you to make a difference with us. Jesus commissioned his disciples by telling them to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth! If you are loving what God is doing at Trinity, share God with someone OUTSIDE of Trinity.

One of the best ways to share God's love with someone is to serve them!

The Apostle Paul teaches that:

*"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2:5-7.*

We are excited to have new energy and new friends in the church. But don't hide that light. Share it with the world by serving one another in love! Just as Jesus has shown us the way!

*-Pastor Ryan*

# Council Minutes: August

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, September 13 at 7 pm.

Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer.

Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Vice President Luke Sutter, Pastor Ryan, Ashley Gahler, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Jim Laughlin, Ed Gahler, Jim Buhro, Brianne Perry, Troy Wittman, Bonnie Weaver, and Mary Muntz

## Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from August meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Bonne Weaver, second by Brad Jess, MC. July meeting minutes were also approved.

## Secretary Report:

ABC computers backup service is increasing by \$10/per month for a total of \$145/month. Looking into other backups service options to compare pricing

L.A. Bexten offered price cap at \$1.39/gallon for 21/22 winter season on propane. If market price drops below, we will receive the lower price.

Hastings Mutual Insurance company has given a recommendation of improvements for coverage council agrees to putting a fire extinguisher in garage, pad lock on garage doors and will recommend a "hold harmless" contract with new snow removal contractor

## Financial Report:

Reviewed balance sheet from July and August. Motion by Bred Jess and second by Ed Gahler to approve July balance sheet, MC. Motion by Luke Sutter and second by Brad Jess to approve August balance sheet, MC.

## Pastor Report:

Sunday school kicked off on Sunday September 12. Adult groups broke into 2 groups

Working with Mary to improve communications throughout church congregation

New members class will be held on October 10

## Committee Reports:

**Worship Team:** Church picnic was awesome!

**EFY- Branching Out and Thrive:** Sunday school started, confirmation class formed, children's church up and running

**Mission:** School supplies dropped off directly to school districts

Unofficial trunk or treat/potluck on October 24

**Trustee Report:** Lake Erie Tree Service completed tree trimming project

Monitoring basement water problem still

New doors will be installed soon

Lawn mower is fixed

Sanctuary lights are out- new lights are hard to find and difficult to change-looking into new lights

Need quotes for snowplow removal contractor by November

Fall cleanup date will be coming

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** No update, will be meeting soon

**Church and Ministry:** no update

**2030 Team:** Air Condition Project

proposal to hire project manager, Roger Sheehan, as a consultant for installation of air conditioner at an hourly rate for the exploration phase of project. Responsibilities include receiving quotes, managing progress throughout entirety of install, and giving advice/recommendations throughout project

motion by first Troy Wittman to contract Roger Sheehan for exploration of air conditioning installation up to 15 hours at a rate of \$155/hr. Second by Brianne Perry, MC.

Discussion of putting together a job description to move forward with employment of a youth director

Would like to create a team including members from EFY, 2030, and council to come up with job description and responsibilities of a youth director

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



In Our  
Prayers

Kelsey Gahler & Shane Baumert and twins Riley and Ren (Premature boys in NICU. Continue to pray for the boys to gain strength and grow.

Those battling cancer:  
Kristen Haynes,  
Sean Hall,  
Dustin Schmidt,  
Chuck Perry

Those with long-term health concerns:  
Patty Crozier

# Council Minutes continued

### Old Business:

First branding order was placed and should arrive soon. Link will then be available to place orders online  
Community events- checking date to volunteer as help at OHHS football concession stand  
Reception/welcome for Rhonda and Mary will take place after church on September 26

### New Business:

Connie will be getting quotes for new carpeting/flooring in sanctuary due to area where carpet was burnt from electrical problem

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Luke Sutter, second by Ed Gahler, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 by Desirae McCloskey.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.



October's Mission Spotlight will be the Benton Carroll Food Pantry in Oak Harbor.

## General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved 9/13/21)

Beginning Balance 8/1/2021	\$22,818.30
Offering/Income	\$11,230.75
Expenses	\$8,822.31
Balance 8/31/2021	\$25,226.74

## 3rd Quarter Mission Giving



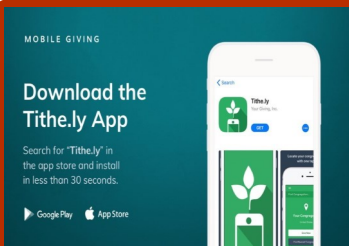
**Missions Giving Update:**

**REMAINING GOALS**  
**Overall Goal Exceeded**  
**\$2,835 Ministry Partner Goal**

Mission Spotlight- \$750  
Local Food Pantries- \$2,085

## Memorial Thank You

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Rosemary Schaus, whose daughter is Nancy Turnow. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in her name:  
Fay Bolander



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!

# Children's Ministry Volunteers

Fall Quarter 2021

September 12th through November 21st

**\*\*Adult assistant helpers are still needed for Kids Church\*\***

## Sunday School | 9:00 AM

Nursery (2's & 3's)	Faith Sutter (1st 6 weeks)   Jamie Kincaid (2nd 6 weeks)
PreK	Janene Lattimore   Brittany Wittman (Sub)
K-2nd	Kylene Liphart   Jamie Kincaid (Sub)
Thrive (3rd-5th Grade)	Jan Corbin
Confirmation	Pastor Ryan (6th-8th Grade)
Adult Classes	Sarah Edwards   Nancy Turnow   Kathy Giesler   Rev. Don Corbin

## \*\*Branching Out Kid's Church | 10:00 AM\*\*

(Rotating Teachers Each week of the month)

Nursery (2's & 3's):

week 1 - Ashley Gahler	week 3 - Jamie Kincaid
week 2 - Rebecca Reif	week 4 - Jen Laughlin

PreK-2nd Grade:

(Adult Assistants Needed...Confirmands will fill in as teen helpers)

Week 1 Desirae McCloskey/ Veronica McMonigle (Brayden Hayes- Teen Helper)
Week 2 - Casi Johnson   _____ Assistant
Week 3 - Andrea Hayes and Ashley Zimmerman   _____ Assistant
Week 4 - Keri Ann Sager   _____ Assistant

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

## Want to Serve the Church?

Come be a greeter on Sunday morning! Contact the church office and we will add you to the rotation schedule. We would love to have two greeters at the two main doors (for a total of four greeters each week) to welcome those coming into the church. Contact the church office with your name and phone number to sign up.



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

If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use the link below to find the service online.

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

## Thank You Notes

Rhonda & Mary would like to thank the Trinity Church family, all who donated delicious baked items, all who stayed to share a few moments together after the service, all who organized and served the treats and beverages, and those who set-up and cleaned up tables and chairs for the nice desert reception on September 26th.

Notes of thanks have been received from Genoa Elementary School Staff, Oak Harbor Middle School Staff, and Woodmore Elementary School Staff. Your generous donations of book bags, notebooks, pencils, etc are greatly appreciated. A child's day was made a little brighter with your kind heart and thoughtfulness. Thank you for your continued support of all our area students!

## Snow Plow Bid Needed For Winter 2021/2022

We are currently accepting bids for snow removal for winter 2021/2022. Bring your bids to the church office by October 31 to be considered. Thank you.

## Trinity Logo Wear Available

### ● T-Shirts - Sweatshirts - Hats ●

To signify our commitment to **CONNECT** and **SERVE** this Fall, we are taking pre-orders for Trinity Church shirts and hats. We are looking forward to using these as a sign of our shared faith in Christ and to wear when serving our community!

Our bulk order should be ready for pick up very soon! Once that order is ready the web link will launch and you will be able to order directly from the printer! Watch for that link in coming emails and Tidings.



## Table & Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder with holidays coming and family gathering 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. The tables and chairs that can be taken out, are all located in the shed.

## Medical Lending Supplies

The basement kitchen area at Trinity is home to many medical supply donations. Should you or a family member or friend have need, these items are available for YOUR use! There are a few wheelchairs, arm slings, compression stockings, a shower bag for a cast, a massage cushion, first aid items such as Ace warps and Band-Aids. Please feel free to use as needed!

## Hall Use Reservations

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 Mary.





# OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service	27	28 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dan & Connie Gahler (A)	29 Keaston & Rebecca Reif (A) Melvin Reif (95 y)	30	1 Brittany Mathews Jeremy Diekman Sean Hall	2 Kolt Hansen
3 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service Tori Wilburn	4	5 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	6	7 Brice & Amber Gahler (A) Courtney Kish	8	9 Olivia Mathews
10 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am New Members Class 1:00 pm Hall & Sanctuary: Giesler/Treat Jay & Joanne Hellwig (A)	11 Columbus Day 7:00 pm Church Council	12 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Brad Jess	13 Ainzley Johnson Paul & Robin Hansen (A)	14 Matt Johnson	15 7:00 pm Young Adults Cookout & Bonfire at Eric & Ashley Gahler's Jared & Janene Lattimore (A)	16 Joshua Grieger
17 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service	18 Carley Kish	19 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	20 Tidings Info Due	21 Brian & Cheryl Seltzer (A)	22 Jeanie Lattimore	23
24 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service w/ Baptism Sadie Traver 11:00 am Hall: Traver 5:00 pm Trunk or Treat w/Potluck	25 Kathleen Giesler Sean Hoelt	26 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	27 Ann David Jacob Rothert	28	29	30 Michael Sager
31 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service	1 Kelsey Gahler	2 Election Day 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	3	4 Jayson Hayes Kevin & Carrie Peters (A)	5 Christopher Tabbert Kyleene Liphart Meredith Reif Nathan Tabbert	6



**Bonfire**

YOUNG ADULT

ADULTS ONLY

**Trunk-or-Treat  
October 24th  
@ 5:00 pm  
with a potluck meal**

**YOUNG ADULT BONFIRE NIGHT  
OCTOBER 15th at 7:00 PM**

Get a babysitter and come hang out with your church friends! Adults only Pizza and Bonfire at the home of Eric & Ashley Gahler - 13330 Schiller Rd. in Oak Harbor  
Bring \$5 per person for pizza and bring your own beverages and lawn chairs.



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