



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor Kyle

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

Now consider that an average person's vocabulary is around 20-30 thousand words and consider that one picture eats up a small amount of your vocabulary.

Where am I going with this? I don't know, but I found it intriguing.

Actually, I do have a point. As Christians, we are often challenged about what our speech should be like.

Is it okay to swear? Is it okay to participate in gossip? Is it okay to rip someone apart that you don't agree with?

Obviously, the answers to these questions are a resounding 'no,' but it seems like we fail miserably at obeying God's teachings on such topics.

Scripture says that with the same mouth people bless and they curse and that it is NOT RIGHT (James 3:10).

I've been very stern lately with some of my teachings and thoughts in regards to this type of behavior because I find it scary that 83% of Americans identify as Christians, and a good majority of our country is looking for every way to destroy the President, their neighbors who they disagree with politically, and more with their tongue.

How can this be, as Christians? We need to reexamine our own hearts, fill it with God's love, and start using the abundance of God's love to build one another up instead of destroying.

Let us not curse one another or anyone out of the same mouth we praise God with

PK

Hot Beverages

Starting March 12th at 9:00am, the Mission's Team will be providing hot beverages before church.



Lent Services (at 7:00pm)

March 1st (Ash
Wednesday) at TUCC Pastor Kyle
March 8th @ Zion Pastor Kyle
March 15th @ TUCC Rev. Paula
March 22nd @ Zion Rev. Chuck Kaylor
March 29th @ TUCC Rev. Paula
April 5th @ Zion Pastor Kyle
April 13th Maudy Thursday @ Zion Rev. Paula
April 14th Good Friday @ TUCC Pastor Kyle

Easter Sunday Joint Services – all at TUCC

7:00am Joint Sunrise Service
8:00 am Joint Potluck Breakfast (please bring a
dish to share with everyone)
9:30 am Joint Easter Worship

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Ed Gahler, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle Timmons opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, John Bast, Ann Diekman, Dan Mathews, Marty Hoefft, Nyla Denman, Veronica McMonigle, Steve Turnow, Pastor Kyle Timmons
Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney and church member Daryl Opfer were present as well.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the December council meeting and congregational meeting on 12/4/16 were read prior to the meeting by all members present. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Robin Hansen, 2nd Ann Diekman. MC. Meeting minutes from the congregational meeting on 1/8/17 were read by members present at the meeting. Discussion was held. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Steve Turnow, 2nd Marty Hoefft. MC

Secretary Report: UCC Annual Report will be completed within the week.

Financial Report: Financial Report was reviewed. It was noted that Sunrise came and filled the propane tank twice in the month of December for \$1.21 and \$1.31. We are currently under contract with LA Bexton for \$0.99. Discussion was held in regards to contacting to see if we can get reimbursed for difference since we did not ask Sunrise to fill propane tanks. Motion to accept the December financial report was made by Nyla Denman. 2nd Veronica McMonigle MC.

End of the year audit will occur on 1/15/17 after the church service.

Pastor Report: Deacons or other members please watch to make sure assigned greeters are made aware the week before and there are greeters present on Sunday. This is helpful when we have visitors. Kyle is still attempting to secure a guest pastor for Church Camp Sunday on 1/22/17. Coverage for March Services will be by Pastor Sherry who was a Chaplain at St. Charles and Pastor Ryan Shields, Assistant at St. Johns Genoa.

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Plan to meet once a quarter, need to schedule a meeting.

EFY

- Looking for someone to recruit nursery workers for Branching Out. There is a sign up sheet but none one has signed up to help. Same people are helping every week
- Youth have been invited to attend a Christian band concert February 24th at St. John's Genoa
- Youth Missions Trip planned for June 4th - 9th at Camp Washington UCC in Cincinnati
 - Intercity church group brings children 3rd grade and younger
 - Our Youth will mentor, help with activities and projects, worship, serve homeless

Mission

- Next Meeting Thursday January 12th at 7pm
- 2017 calendars are still available - \$20 – can order more
- Helped two families for Angel Tree Christmas
- Valentine's Day Dinner Event to be held on February 12th

Church & Ministry

- Need to set a meeting

Trustee Report

- Marty working on screens – bad cables
- Thermostat in classroom going in and out. Kaylors out multiple times to fix, seems to be an issue of water in conduit, no issues in the past week
- New Signs for 163 and 579 should be ready soon
- Stained glass windows – no update
- Plan to repaint basement and kitchen soon, in the future redo the floors. Discussed epoxy flooring. John Bast will look into price and material.

Old Business:

Bob Jensen said he may need to take the doors down and to his shop to fix. Council discussed possibly looking at other options such as metal or glass doors

New Business:

Father/Son Banquet scheduled for Friday March 31st, Kyle working on securing speaker
 Chicken BBQ scheduled for Sunday April 23rd
 Jackie Timmons would like to have the rummage sale again, tentatively last week of April
 Rhonda discussed need new office computer.
 Computer runs slow, need to wait often to complete tasks. Frank Wright looked at computer and felt it would be best to get a new computer. He offered to build. Priced between \$800-1700. Discussion held regarding computer and plan to ask TLC to pay for new computer. A motion was made by Dan Mathews to use money from the General Fund to cover cost of new office computer, up to \$1000, if TLC will not purchase new computer. 2nd by John Bast. MC.

Daryl Opfer – will plant garden again this year, will need to get seeds

Nyla Denman moved and Ann Diekman 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm by Ed Gahler

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
 Recording Secretary

Special Council Meeting

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Sunday January 29th 2017. Ed Gahler called the meeting to order at 10:34am. President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, John Bast, Ann Diekman, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Marty Hoeft, Steve Turnow, Dan Mathews, Veronica McMonigle and Pastor Kyle Timmons were present.

The window company came early on Friday January 27th and much discussion was held regarding the window project. Council members discussed paint colors, acrylic vs glass window coverings as well as concerns regarding the weather during the project. Council members unanimously voted to change from glass window coverings to acrylic window coverings as the acrylic are more resilient. They also discussed that the trustees would monitor the project and weather conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1125am.

Respectively submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
 recording secretary

Treasurer's Report (approved)**General Operating Fun**

Balance as of 1/1/16	\$11,275.10
Offerings/Income	\$10,375.05
Expenses	\$8,902.11
Balance as of 1/31/16	\$12,748.04

\$5 Offerings - The Missions' Team has generated a new schedule of \$5 offerings for the year. They include:

- 1st Sunday of Month - Supporting Church Camp
- 2nd Sunday of Month - Supporting Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9)
- 3rd Sunday of Month - Supporting a local mission/need
- 4th Sunday of Month - Supporting an outward mission/need
- 5th Sunday of Month - As needed

If you have suggestions for where our 3rd or 4th week offerings could go, please let Pastor Kyle or Amy Mathews know.

Contingent Fund

Do you know what the Continent 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. An idea 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
- Elevator Repair

Just to name a few

Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund. We are still in a negative balance from the Elevator repair from last year, and as you see this is an important fund to maintain funds in.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday February 9, 2017 at 1:00 pm. There were eight present.

V.Pres Norma R. began the day with prayer and the table blessing. Evelyn S. was the hostess in place of Kelly, Sue and Carol who are in the process of moving at this time. Evelyn had a Valentine theme and served snacks, candies, a delicious Valentine dessert and heart cookies and all served with love.

The devotions and program were led by Ina D. and was all about Valentine's Day and Love (which is for all year, not just this day) and how to make it more meaningful. There were Love readings and Love songs.

A business meeting was led by Norma. She thanked Evelyn for being hostess and Ina for the nice program. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted and will be filed.

We discussed meetings and banquets coming up.

Sue W. was the Sunshine chairman. New chairman will be Eloise H.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Food Pantry will be operated by Karen Lick and Sara Zibbel, more information about that elsewhere in the Tidings. Don't forget to bring in your donations.

Next month we will meet on Thursday March 9th at 1:00pm. Program Sue W. Host Eva H. Meeting Adjourned.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Jan 1 st	\$212.15
Offering	\$10.00
Total Income & Balance	\$222.15
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand Jan 31st	\$222.15
Savings Account	\$1,316.87

Mother Daughter Banquet

Mark your calendars for Friday May 6th for the Mother Daughter Banquet. More details to come



Community Markets

Please bring in your receipts and place them in the box located on the table between the North glass doors. Every little bit helps!

Thank You

“A super, duper, quadruple thank you for your generous donation. I'm blown away by the immediate and amazing support of our families and community. We were able to replace bald basketballs. We added footballs and soccer balls to the recess carts. We also purchased more 4-square balls. (I secretly think they use them for kick balls and they end up on a roof). You're a real gem! Thanks again!

~Laura Snodgrass, Rocket Family Group

“Thank you so much for your support of my mission trip. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. God is truly doing wonderful things in Nicaragua. We were able to treat about 640 animals in our 6 working days. The best part was we were able to share the love of Christ with the people there and several of them said they would like to start coming to church. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for your support of this mission.”

~Joshua Hegemier

“The B.C.S. food pantry wishes to express their Thanks for all the food you donated on 2/13/17 and throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.”

~Food Bank Volunteers

“Thank you to everyone for the valentine's that were left for me and my family”

~Rhonda Mahaney



Memorial Thanks

Thank you to the Trinity Women's Fellowship for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of L. Zunk.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Table (located in the coat room by the north entrance) will be emptied at the end of each month. It will be donated or put in garbage." Thanks Amy

Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that 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.

Bunco

The big bunco winners were:
Norma with the most games won – 32.
Suzanne Buhro with the most Bunco's – 6.

Trophies

All trophies are out in the basement to look at. If you would like one please help yourself. As of April 1st, we will be making a Trophy board to display a couple of our accomplishments.

Coupons

Thank you to everyone who has been putting coupon pages in my box by the glass doors. I was able to purchase 2 shopping bags full of items (canned chicken, noodle mixes, hamburger helper, canned vegetables, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, shampoo, hand lotion

and many many more items. These items will be donated to the Oak Harbor Food pantry. I will be donating to a different food pantry each month so we can help all of our neighbors. Right now I plan on giving to Oak Harbor, Elmore, Genoa, Oregon, Zion-Elliston & St. Louis Helping Hands in East Toledo. Each of these will get items twice a year. Thank you so much for helping with this project!!!!

Also-does anyone know where I can donate plastic grocery bags? I used to donate them to the Lutheran Assisted Living home on Wheeling. They would cut them into strips and crochet them into mats for the homes. I would like to find another place that does this instead of taking them to the grocery stores.

Clarification – My coupon project is not replacing the project that the Women's Fellowship is doing. Please continue to donate items to their food drive as well. If you have any questions, please contact either Sara Z or myself.

Thank you so much! ~-Karen Lick



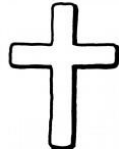
Indoor Flea Market and Rummage Sale

Spring is in the air and you know what that means: spring cleaning! Don't have your unwanted stuff sent away, but instead bring it to the church for the rummage sale. Rather sell your own items? Purchase a table for \$10 and you can have your own garage sale right here! The Indoor Flea Market and Rummage Sale will take place April 27 from 5 to 8, April 28 from 9 to 5, and April 29 from 9 to 12. Set up for purchased tables will be Wednesday night from 6 to 8. If you want a table, please reserve it as soon as possible as there are a limited amount of tables to sell (tables are first offered to those that purchased them last year). Items for the rummage sale need to be dropped off between Sunday and Tuesday (April 23 to 25) so that we have enough time to put items out and price them. We will need many volunteers to help sort and price these items. Also, keep in mind any books (except encyclopedias and magazines) and fabrics (curtains, purses, clothes, etc) are wanted since they can be sent off to Easter Seals and we will receive a check from them for those items. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 419 898 2045 or text 567 249 5141. Thank you!

Welcome Into Our Church Family

On February 19th, we Baptized Grant Douglas Goldsby, born 7/21/2016, child of Shad Goldsby and Kristen Asher.

On February 5th we Dedicated Willow EmeryJane Scott, born 1/12/17, child of Ryan and Vanessa Scott.



We are trying to update all of our records, please if you haven't filled out an update, please do so and return to the office. Thank You.

Please fill out one per adult member of household.

Please Circle One

Member	Regular Visitor	Regular Visitor
	Like to be a Member	Visitor

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Anniversary (if applicable): _____

Names of Children and Dates of Birth

Baptized? Dedicated? (circle one) Yes or No (circle one)

Confirmed? Yes or No(circle one)

Baptized? Dedicated? (circle one) Yes or No (circle one)

Confirmed? Yes or No(circle one)

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Confirmed? Yes or No(circle one)

Please include in the Directory? Yes or No (circle one)

Sandstone Slabs available - The church has 10 6-foot sandstone slabs (240 square feet) available to the highest bidder. Please let Rhonda Mahaney know if you are interested and place your silent bid no later than March 15th. You can email her at tucc1862@gmail.com or call her at 419-862-3417. The slabs must be removed no later than April 1st.

Adult Sunday School: Kathy Giesler will be leading a class that will meet on Sundays at 8:00am starting March 5th. All are welcome to join!

Lent Offerings

All Wednesday Lent offerings from the joint services will go towards the Light Food Pantry at Zion Methodist Church.

Trinity Youth News

Children's Choir at Trinity

The choir will no longer be meeting the first Sunday at 9am to practice.

Please come prepared knowing the music the first Sunday of the month so we can continue to enjoy the little ones sharing their musical talents with us. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 419 898 2045 or text at 567 249 5141.

Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

We are looking for a few teachers (men and women) to rotate teaching our Branching Out classes. Material and training will be available. Our children our vital to health of this congregation, both presently and in the future. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help Branching Out grow.

Several people have already stepped up to teach this fall, but we could still use 2 or 3 more individuals. This will allow teachers to attend worship the other three Sundays. If you are willing to teach, please let Pastor Kyle, Amy Mathews, or Ashley Zimmerman know as soon as possible.

Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9) - Several students will be traveling to Cincinnati to participate in our summer mission's trip in June. If you have a student interested in going and haven't said anything yet to PK, please let him know right away.

While we will be receiving \$5 offerings to help pay for our students to attend, if you would like to help sponsor our youth to go, please see PK or Rhonda in the church office.

Copies

If you would like color copies made, you don't need to travel all the way to the store anymore! With the new copier we have, we can print very nice color copies for you! We will charge \$0.50 per color copy, which is less than you would spend at the store, and \$0.05 per black & white copy. Just stop during office hours and we will help you out.

Contingent Fund

As we are ending the year, we are still running a negative balance of -\$2,400.00 from the elevator repair. If you are looking for a place to make a donation yet this year, please consider our Contingent Fund.

Mark your 2017 Calendars

Men's Banquet (March 31st)
Chicken BBQ (April 23rd)
Rummage Sale (April 27-29)
Women's Banquet (May)
Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9)
Water Blast & Picnic (July)
Turnow's Pond Weekend (August)
Fall Festival & Boo Festival (October 29th)

*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.



Greeters

<u>March 2017</u>		
5 th	North	Don Tabbert Sr
	South	Hazel Tabbert
12 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
19 th	North	Sue Timmons
	South	Jackie Timmons
26 th	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
<u>April 2017</u>		
2 nd	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sara Zibbel
9 th	North	Jackie Pelton
	South	Ina David
16 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
23 rd	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
30 th	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
<u>May 2017</u>		
7 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
14 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Nate Diekman
21 st	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
28 th	North	Viola Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler

Re-Kindle (Mid-Week Service) - Re-Kindle will take a break as we enter into the Lent Season. Please see Page 1 for the Lent schedule.

Offering Envelops

Reminder to pick up your 2017 offering envelopes on the table as you leave the sanctuary. If you did not receive envelopes, but would like some, please contact the office.

Greeters

Each week we have a greeter at both the North and South door to help welcome everyone. The greeter also is there to greet our guests and welcome them and answer any questions they may have. If you haven't seen your name on the greeter list, and would like to be a greeter, please let the office know.

Food Pantry Did you know that we collect items that get donated to the local Food

Pantry? Bring your canned goods, toiletries, non-perishable items and place them in one of the two baskets located at the church. One basket is located in the coat room (North side of the building) and the other basket is located at the entry way of the south doors. Thank you for giving to those in need.



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Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,
Son, & Holy Spirit!

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday March 12th. Don't forget to "spring" forward your clocks one hour.



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