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News From Pastor Kyle



Pastor Kyle is recovering from his surgery and doing well.

Open Door Policy

Entering a new year allows for fresh starts and renewed commitments. As your pastor, I want you to know that my door is always open (or my cell phone is always on) if you need to talk to me about anything. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, complaints, please don't hesitate to come directly to me. I promise we'll either solve the issue or work together to make things work the Biblical way. Or, if you just need to come in and talk about life, let me know and we'll schedule an appointment. In Christ, Pastor Kyle

Lent Schedule

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th, 2018

- 7:00pm at Zion UMC
- Diana preaching, other pastors doing prayers, scripture readings, etc.

Wednesday Evenings During Lent NEW Lent Program!

“Meals & Melodies”

- Musical Entertainment arranged by the hosting church
- **Soup/Salad/Sandwich/Dessert Potluck → Yay!**
 - **6:00 – 6:30pm FOOD**
 - **6:30 – 7:00pm MUSIC**
- February 21st @ Trinity UCC
- February 28th @ Zion UMC → “For Unity” 5 musical mavens who do barbershop quartet style music. Come laugh, cry and experience God's word in song!
- March 7th @ Trinity UCC
- March 14th @ Zion UMC → Kendra German Scheduled!
- March 21st @ Trinity UCC → Donnie Ray Crozier scheduled

Sunday, March 25th – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29th – Maundy Thursday
• 7:00 pm at TUCC

Friday, March 30th – Good Friday
• 7:00 PM Worship
• At Elliston Zion UMC

Sunday, April 1st – Easter!

- **Sunrise Service!**
 - At Trinity UCC at 7:00 AM
- **8:00 AM Potluck breakfast!**
 - hosted by Trinity UCC!
 - Potluck Breakfast
- **9:30 am Worship Service and Branching Out**

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday December 11th, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Ed Gahler, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Marty Hoeft, , Nyla Denman , Ann Diekman, John Bast, , Jim Buhro , Ben Sutter, Shirley Buhro, Jennifer Laughlin, Kurt Reif, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent was Veronica McMonigle, Brock Hansen, Ken Gahler & Steve Turnow

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the November council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by John B, 2nd Ann D. MC.

Congregational meeting minutes from November 19th were read. Motion to accept minutes was made by John B, 2nd Ann D. MC.

Secretary Report: Business as usual to report.

Financial Report: Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Ann D 2nd Marty H. MC.

Pastor Report:

Participated in the Community Thanksgiving Service along with 5 other clergy. Reported that the children were helping with the advent candle readings and lighting the candles. The Christmas Program and Dinner went extremely well. We would like to thank all those that helped to prepare and put on the evening. There will be a wedding at Trinity this weekend. Christmas Eve we will have our regular 9:30 am service and a 4:30pm candlelight service. This will only be for this year, next year we will return to the 2 evening services. Kyle also discussed several personal and professional concerns that have been brought to his attention. The council has his back and support in handling these issues.

Kyle still planning on surgery in mid-January, will keep council advised when he hears about what are the options for dates. Council gave their support to Kyle to schedule the surgery when it would work best.

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Haven't met, will meet on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 pm

EFY

- Dec 13th there will be confirmation with pizza, lesson and cookie decorating
- Dec 20th will be Christmas flash mob and joyful giving's.
- Youth will be participating at Church Camp
- There is an average of 20 children for Branching Out each week.

Mission

- Wednesday they met and set up for the Christmas dinner and planned out 2018. 2018 Schedules of events were passed around for everyone to see.
- If you would like to help or join the Mission Team, please contact Amy M.

Church & Ministry

- Have not met since employee evaluations

Trustee Report

- Shed is here and tables have been moved out there. Need to work on walls and moving the rest of our stuff into the shed.
- Looking into eves repairs on the North side of building by the glass doors.
- Brief discussion was had regarding the wooden south doors. Trustees are to bring back to the next meeting their recommendations.
- There were some heater issues (some heater in North entry way) that needs looked at to see if it needs repaired. Trustees will look further into these issues.

Old Business:

- Alcohol policy for hall was discussed as an outside person had called inquiring about renting the hall and the possibility of having alcohol here. It was recommended that we leave the policy to say no alcohol. We will revisit the hall rental agreement in 2018.
- Kyle updated us on his insurance. There was a motion was made by Dan G. to gift Jackie a lump sum for 2018. 2nd by John B. MC

New Business:

- Ellis Ministries would like to have a Women’s Conference on Saturday January 6th here at Trinity. Will be held 8:30am -2pm which would include a free time of worship, lunch & t-shirt. Event will be open to 100 people.
- There was a request for new carpet for the Branching Out room along with a brief discussion that it might be better to put down a hard flooring that could be swept. Trustees will look into these options and report back to council.
- A discussion was had about bringing back a youth representative on council. Pastor Kyle will talk with the youth about this opportunity and see how they would like pick a youth to join council.

Nyla D moved and Ann D 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm by Ed Gahler
Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Mahaney,
Administrative Assistant

- 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.

Men’s Breakfast

Calling all men of the church!!! Join us Sunday February 4th and March 4th at 7:30 am before Sunday services for a breakfast!! Come and eat and catch the adult Sunday school class that starts at 8:00 am. If you are interested in helping to prepare the meal for one of the Sundays, please let Ed Gahler know.



Treasurer’s Report (approved)

General Operating Fun

Balance as of 12/1/17	\$10,642.78
Offerings/Income	\$21,324.33
Expenses	\$13,982.37
Balance as of 12/31/17	\$17,984.74

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

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.

\$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 – Mission Team Event – Youth Mission Trip

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Nov 1st	\$99.45
Offering	\$20.00
Total Income & Balance	\$119.45
Total Expenses	\$75.00
Cherry Street Mission	\$25.00
Salvation Army	\$25.00
Ottawa Co. Holiday Bureau	\$25.00
Balance on Hand Nov. 30th	\$44.45
Savings Account	\$1,237.46

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, January 11 at 1:00 pm. There were eight present. We didn't meet in December for our Christmas party because it was too cold.

Vice Pres Norma opened with prayer and the table blessing. Jackie P. was hostess, she served her apple pie desert with ice cream, plus snacks and candies, sooo delicious.

The program "New Year Spirit" was led by Suzanne B. As we begin a new year we must look back and give thanks for all we have received and learn from our mistakes. We need to make resolutions to be kinder to others, share with them and pray for them. We also reviewed the Grace Plan for 2018 which evolved from the Women's Retreat held recently and thinking of how we can apply it to our lives.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Jackie for being hostess and Suzanne for the program. We dispensed with reading of the Nov. minutes. The treasurers report was given, accepted and will be filed.

The Sunshine report was given by Norma. New chairman will be Sue Wittman.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Thank you letters were received from the Cherry Street Mission and The Salvation Army.

Evelyn S. thanked everyone for cards received and nice wishes.

There were eight who attended the Advent Program and Brunch at St. John's Lutheran Church in R.R. and eleven at the Ecumenical pot-luck and service at St. John's UCC, Genoa.

Next month we will meet on Thursday Feb 8th at 1:00 pm, Program by Ina D. Hosts – Kelly, Sue, & Carol.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

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

Memorial Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Memorial Fund in honor of Marv Tabbert.

Don & Hazel Tabbert, Marilyn Applehans, Jan & Dawn Grieger

Thank You

"A Big Thank You to everyone that gave me a Christmas Bonus!"

~Amy

"Thanks to all who have sent Get Well and Christmas Cards to me & also the phone calls. Greatly Appreciated!"

~Marilyn

"Thanks to everyone for all your prayers and cards for Jan's knee replacement and my brain surgery. We are both doing well. My recovery will take a little time. God put an amazing doctor in my path for my surgery. Totally amazing! Love to all!"

~Jan & Dawn Grieger

"I was a recipient of your "Spreading the Christmas Spirit". I was at Walmart buying groceries. When I began checking out, one of your parishioners handed me a card and told me they wanted to pay for my groceries. I was in shock and disbelief. I had \$162 worth of groceries and they wouldn't let me pay for any of it. After composing myself, I couldn't thank them enough. As soon as I left, I started praying who God wanted me to pay it forward to.

My husband and I are members at First Alliance Church in Toledo. Our church has many outreach programs and we partner with Cherry Street Mission, however we have never done anything like this. I am going to take your card to church on Sunday and give it to our Pastor and tell everyone what I experienced.

God Bless you and your church. You certainly blessed me and I will pass this blessing on. Merry Christmas!"

~Connie

"Thank you to the carolers who came to spread Christmas cheer. The cookies were delicious. I enjoyed watching the little ones singing. They have so much energy. It's great to have so many children in church again. Thank you for sharing the Christmas message."

~Ina David

"We want to say a special thank you for the many joyous carolers bringing us the Christmas spirit. We truly enjoyed everyone. The plate of cookies was lovely. Many Thanks."

~Melvin and Norman

"To the carolers – Thank you very much for thinking of me with the wonderful Christmas carols and the delicious cookies which I enjoyed very much. May God Bless you all."

~Blanche

"I want to thank the carolers for sharing Christmas Carols with me and also thank them for the plate of cookies which was very thoughtful of them. I also want to thank those who sent birthday cards, gave gifts and gave best wishes on my 90th birthday. Thank you to those who attended my birthday celebration after worship service on December 31st. I was happy to have you all there to celebrate my 90th given by my family. God bless you all. In Christian Love."

~Evelyn Schimming

"Thank you to the happy carolers who came to visit me. Really enjoyed their singing and the cookies were delicious."

~Suzanne Buhro

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!

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.

Coupons

"The Oak Harbor food pantry received 5 boxes of food and personal items last month. Thanks to Sara for delivering them for me!

As always, I greatly appreciate your help in saving me your unwanted coupon pages.

Thank you again!"

~~Karen Lick

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.

Mission Team

Next Meeting will be February 7th at 7:00 pm. Come on out and see what 2018 will bring for our Mission Team. We are always looking for new ideas and help.

Hurricane Relief Updates

Thank you very much to everyone that helped to support our hurricane relief family, the Comerford's..

Valentine Day Dinner and Game Event

Join us on February 11th at 5:30pm for an evening of fun and games. The Cost is \$10 per person and you can RSVP to the office by February 5th. We are looking for 4 youth to volunteer to babysit during that time. If you are interested, please contact Amy.

Trinity Youth News

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 or Janene Lattimore know as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those who have signed up to help teach this Fall. We can still use YOU! Even if you'd sign up for just one Sunday. Young, old, male, female, member, non-member! Let us know if you can take one of the slots listed below as "Open"

February 4 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Dan Mathews Dan Gahler
February 11 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
February 18 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	
February 25 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	

We are also in need of snacks and drinks for Branching Out. If you would like to donate, please drop off the donation in the Branching Out Room.

Confirmation

Confirmation at 6:00 pm on 2/14, 2/28, 3/14.

February Sunday Schedules

February 4th	
Lighting Candles	
Branching Out	
Read Scripture	
Record Service	
February 11 th	
Lighting Candles	
Branching Out	
Read Scripture	
Record Service	
February 18 th	
Lighting Candles	
Branching Out	
Read Scripture	
Record Service	
February 25 th	
Lighting Candles	
Branching Out	
Read Scripture	
Record Service	

Offering Envelopes

Please make sure that you pick up your envelopes on the table by the elevator for 2018.

You may wonder why it is so important to use an envelope. It not only ensures that your gift will get correctly tied to your family. You can also write on the envelope where you would like to offering to go towards. And lastly, it aids in the Sunday counters when they are counting the weekly offerings.

Financial Giving Statements

Please make sure to pick up your statement from the table by the elevator. If you would like it mailed to you, please contact the church office and let us know. Thank you.

Community Events

EL SALVADOR

TRIP PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 1, 2018

**This is a NWOA UCC trip leaving from
the Dayton, Ohio airport.
Total cost (at airline prices now in
December) - \$1300.**

COMMENTS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE:

- *It is a life changing experience.
- *People of El Salvador have their faith and spirit to share.
- *I always receive more from the people we serve than anything I can contribute.
- *This country is a welcoming place where friends become like family.
- *Adults & youth should consider this trip and see what life is about in El Salvador.
- *This trip is building relationships, witnessing Christ's love & hospitality.
- *Our visit to El Salvador was an eye opening, heart-warming experience.
- *The stories, that the people of El Salvador told us, has strengthened my faith.
- *83 times Jesus says "Come follow me". Please follow him & us to El Salvador.

Contact John or Joyce Gilberg, if interested in this trip.

jjgilberg@nktelco.net PH 419 629
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Greeters

If you would like to be a greeter, please contact the office and we will add you to our list of greeters. Thank you.

February 2018		
4 th	North	Darrel Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
11 th	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
18 th	North	Vera Sager
	South	Evelyn Schimming
25 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
March 2018		
4 th	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Timmons Children
11 th	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
18 th	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
25 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
April 2018		
1 st	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
8 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
15 th	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
22 nd	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
29 th	North	Mike Diekman

	South	Ann Diekman
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Mark your Calendars



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

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

ISRAEL TRIP OPPORTUNITY - Pastor Kyle is interested in leading a trip to Israel in February or March of 2019. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7th @ 7 pm at the church. If you are interested in more information about the trip but can't attend, please email PK at pastorkyletimmons@live.com to request information and/or express interest.

Youth Group Outing: All youth (Grades 6-12) are invited to join us on Sunday, February 25th as we go out for lunch (TBD) after church and out to a movie (TBD). Save the date, invite a friend, and prepare for our February outing. Please let PK know by Feb. 21st if you are going and if you are bringing any friends.

Parents....as usual, if you are able to drive, please let Pastor Kyle know.

Welcome

On January 14th, we welcomed Amelia Sutter and Claire McMonigle through Baptism.



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Mission

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

Check out our website at:

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Thank you to all you gave
towards my bonus, cards, and
Holiday Greetings! What a
blessed place to work!

**Office Closed: February 7th,
14th, & 19th (please check office door
for up-to-date hours)**

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