

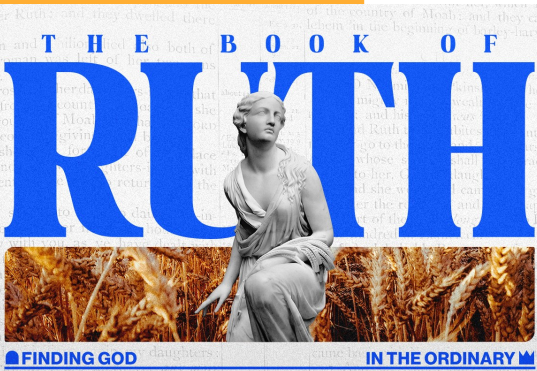


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**Sunday Worship @  
10:00 am each week**

**Sunday School  
& Branching Out**  
Sunday School for all  
ages @ 9:00 am &  
Branching Out Kids  
Church during Worship

Sermon Series:



10:00 am Worship  
October 8:  
Time to Walk Away  
October 15:  
The Love You Want  
October 22:  
Define The Relationship  
October 29:  
The Next Chapter

# Tidings

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## The Book Of Ruth

Greetings church!

In October we as a church will be studying the Book of Ruth. The story of Ruth, a humble Moabite woman, has captured the hearts of believers for centuries, offering profound lessons that continue to resonate in the Christian faith. The book of Ruth is set against a backdrop of hardship and adversity. It takes place during the time of the judges, a period characterized by moral decline and societal chaos in Israel. The first chapter of Ruth plays out like a compelling drama series.

Famine forces a Jewish family to leave their homeland and seek

refuge in Moab, where their two sons marry Moabite women.

Tragically, the father and sons die, leaving behind three widowed women—Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth. One family faced with all this tragedy and uncertainty. In the face of all of this hardship, Ruth's faith shines like a beacon. When Naomi decides to return to Bethlehem, the land of her people, Ruth utters one of the most famous declarations of faith in the Bible:

*"Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you.*

*Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.*

*Your people will be my people and your God my God. " (Ruth 1:16).*

Ruth's commitment to Naomi extends beyond familial ties; it is a testament to her profound faith and her willingness to embrace the God of Israel as her own. Her journey symbolizes the Christian's decision to follow Christ, even in the face of uncertainty and adversity. The story of Ruth is not just about faith but also about divine providence. Ruth goes to glean in the fields to provide for herself and Naomi, and she happens to glean in the fields of Boaz, a close relative of Naomi. Boaz is struck by Ruth's character and devotion, and he becomes their redeemer, marrying Ruth and securing their future.

At it's heart, the Book of Ruth is a story of redemption. God taking the broken pieces, the hopeless moments, the tragedy and the pain and turning it to something beautiful. The book of Ruth concludes with the birth of Obed, who becomes the

grandfather of King David, an ancestor of Jesus Christ. This lineage highlights the redemptive nature of Ruth's story. From sorrow and loss, God brings forth hope, blessing, and a part in the lineage of the Messiah.

As we reflect on the beautiful story of Ruth, let us be inspired to live out our faith with the same devotion and trust, knowing that God's providence is at work in our lives, leading us toward a future filled with hope, just as it did for Ruth and Naomi.

*-Pastor Ryan Shields*

**BRANCHING  
OUT**

Preschool Class

Teachers & Helpers Needed

Contact Janene Lattimore for more  
information or to volunteer



**Council Minutes: August 2023**



The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, August 14 at 7:00pm. 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 Shields, Secretary Mary Muntz, Brittany Wittman, Emily Burcin, Nathaniel Diekman, Brice Gahler, Marty Hoeft, Steve Turnow, Kim Traver

**Reports**

**Recording Secretary:**

No official July minutes since no quorum present

**Administrative Assistant + Financial:**

Reports were reviewed. Motion to accept reports made by first Brice, second by Brice, MC

**Pastoral:**

VBS was amazing success – thank you to Janene Lattimore Block party on August 27th

**Committee Reports**

**EFY**

VBS was great success

Sunday School – need Preschool + High School teachers

Trying to get an idea of numbers for Michindoh

**Missions & Outreach**

Working on Backpack Blessing

**2030 Team**

Will meet in September

**Trustees**

Firm Foundation fund – Trustees to work on prioritizing what to tackle first

Adkins will be cleaning out the tile lines

Calling around for propane pricing. Nate moved that the trustees can act upon the church to make best decision on propane company. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

**Old Business**

Discussion to launch the Firm Foundation fund

Steve moved to pay up to \$1000 on van rental for the T.H.R.I.V.E. trip to Sight and Sound Theater. Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

**New Business**

License Renewal request to NWOA for Pastor Ryan

Brice motioned to process the extent of call instead of an annual license renewal for Pastor Ryan. Emily 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Next meeting September 11 at 7pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brice, second by Marty. MC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm by Rebecca.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.

Council regularly  
meets at the  
Church monthly  
on the  
2nd Monday  
at 7:00 pm  
in the Coffee  
Room next to  
the Kitchen

**General Operating Fund**  
(Council approved 09/11/23)

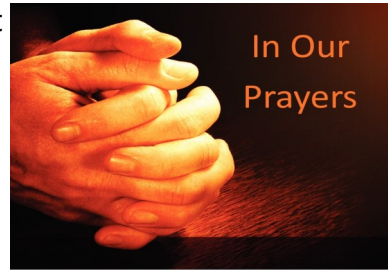
Beginning Balance 08/01/2023	\$33,011.36
Offering/Income	\$10,239.30
Expenses	\$10,337.75
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 07/31/2023	\$32,912.91



Now Accepting for 2023/2024  
Email or drop off your bid in the church office

Congratulations to Shane & Kelsey (Gahler) Baumert who were united in marriage on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at their home in Gibsonburg.

Please keep Jared & Janene Lattimore & family in your prayers in the coming days. Jared's father, James, passed away unexpectedly September 17th. A celebration of life was held on September 21, 2023.



**At Genoa Retirement Village**

Don Hoeft, Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif

**Those with long-term health concerns**

Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Don Weaver, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

**Those battling cancer**

Todd Hablitzel, Logan Murphy, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt



October's focus will be the Benton Carroll Salem Food Pantry

This pantry serves all of the Oak Harbor School District residents.

To give toward the Benton Carroll Salem Food Pantry, simply write "Mission Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



**Firm Foundation Campaign Goals:**

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry use
- Launching at least two smaller groups meeting monthly to improve church community and connection (one group for individuals/couples with children, one group for individuals/couples without children). Training and equipping leaders to see these through.



## Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>

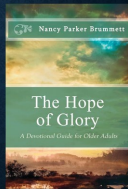
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hosted by Nancy Turnow & Nyla Denman  
at the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living  
300 Cherry Street - Genoa

Residents of the Care Center/Assisted Living  
&  
Older Adults residing in their own homes are invited

If a ride is needed, please let Nyla or Nancy know  
& they will make arrangements to pick you up.

Enter the Assisted Living doorway and the room we will use is directly across from the door.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Time: TBD

Coordinator & Volunteers are needed.

Contact the church office



**January 19-21,  
2024**

**More information  
coming soon.**

**Contact Janene  
Lattimore with  
questions.**



## Coffee Fellowship

Tuesdays  
8:00 am

Everyone  
Welcome!

2024 Openings
Vice President
Financial Secretary
Deacon
Elder
2 Trustees

Contact Eric Gahler  
or a Council Member  
for more information

# Church COUNCIL

**TRINITY**  
YOUTH NIGHT

**Sunday**  
**October 1st 5-8 PM**

Food Provided  
Fun, Games, and Church Friends

St. Luke's Lutheran Church & St. Peter Lutheran Church

Invite you to help build beds

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am to 12:00 noon**

@ St. Luke's (20 S. Yondota Rd, Curtice)



Sign up at <http://tinuri.com/letsbuildbeds>

or  
call 419-654-9444

All beds built will go to children in Northwest Ohio  
who are in need.

## 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.

## GENOA AREA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY Volunteer Opportunity

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Contact  
Veronica McMonigle or Brittany Wittman  
to volunteer

## How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

Giving to your local church using  
[Tithe.ly](https://www.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 at [www.trinityelliston.org](http://www.trinityelliston.org)

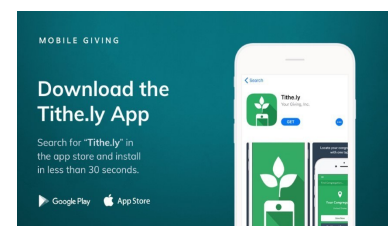
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your  
contribution.

### #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://www.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.tithe.ly) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in,  
locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution!



# Trinity UCC

## (Pastor Appreciation Month)

# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Neighbors in Need Offering</p> <p><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church</b>                      5:00-8:00 pm Youth Night                      Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brice Gahler                      Sean Hall (B)                      Brittany Mathews (B)                      Jeremy Diekman (B)</p>	<p>Kait Hansen (B)</p>	<p><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b>                      Tori Wilburn (B)</p>	<p>Georgia Diekman (B)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Jerald Everhardt (B)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Courtney Kish (B)</p>
<p><b>7:30 am Men's Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church</b>                      Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Steve Turnow                      Drew &amp; Jessica McVicker (A)</p>	<p><b>7:00 pm Church Council</b>                      Olivia Mathews (B)</p>	<p><b>1:00 pm</b> Genoa Care Fellowship  <b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b>                      Allison Schroeder (B)                      Jay &amp; Joanne Hellwig (A)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Brad Jess (B)                      Jim &amp; Jen Laughlin (A)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ainzley Johnson (B)                      Paul &amp; Robin Hansen (A)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunity:                      Let's Build Beds @ St. Luke's Blackberry                      Matt Johnson (B)</p>
<p><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church</b>                      Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Marly Hoelt                      Jared &amp; Janene Lattimore (A)</p>	<p>Joshua Grieger (B)</p>	<p><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p>Carley Kish (B)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Doug &amp; Tammy Asher (A) or 12/4</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Tidings Information Due                      Kevin Peters (B)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Volunteer Opportunity:                      Genoa Area Food Pantry Serving</p>
<p><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church</b>                      Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Brandon Kincaid                      Janie Lattimore (B)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p><b>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</b>                      Beth Brewster (B)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Kathleen Giesler (B)                      Sean Hoelt (B)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Emell Gahler (B)                      Viv Clement (B)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ann David (B)                      Jacob Rothert (B)</p>
<p><b>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation &amp; Adult Classes</b>  <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Kids Church</b>                      Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brice Gahler                      Time TBD: Trunk-or-Treat                      Kathy Warner (B)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Michael Sager (B)                      Paul Brewster (B)</p>	<p>31</p>				

**There's a place for you here!**

**CONNECT**

**GROW**

**SERVE**



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**Join us in person or via livestream on Sunday mornings**

**Sunday School**  
**9:00 am**  
Nursery through  
Adult Classes

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:00 am**  
Nursery & Kids'  
Church Available

Hearing Assistance Devices  
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from the  
Tech Booth  
Upon Request



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