



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

It seems like each day when we open our newspapers, turn on our news, read our Facebook pages, we are seeing more and more attacks on our country, attacks on people of different races, attacks of disrespect on our law enforcement, and more.

We all have opinions on each of these acts of hatred and while they may be different from one another in our churches, our families, and our community, there is still one thing that can and should bring us together in unity.

That is, there is a problem.

With all that said, we STILL have a major problem in our country. It's not a problem centralized to the south. It's not a problem found only in big cities. It's not a problem found in small rural towns trying to keep people out that look different from them. It's a problem that EVERY ONE of us has...and the problem is in our hearts.

That problem is hate.

Now you may say that you don't hate people and that may be true, but deep down inside our sinful nature gives us the tendency to not like, and even worse, to hate, people who are different from us. I think we can all find ourselves guilty of this to even the slightest degree at some point or another in our lives. I believe that it's only natural.

It may not be a race issue with us, but maybe it's a gender issue, an age issue, an economic issue, or some other issue that makes us feel like someone else is not as good as we are. Whatever clogs our true vision of how God wants us to see others is dangerous.

God wants us to see others as He sees them. His children. Never a mistake as God can't make

mistakes. Children without defect that He created and that He loves with the SAME love that He has for me and you.

How do we improve our spiritual vision for other people? How do we wipe away the dirt from our glasses, remove the log of wood in our eyes, or as the apostle Paul experienced, have our sinful scales fall off our eyes so we can see others from God's point of view?

The answer is by saturating ourselves with the love of God. Read His Word, meditate daily on it, practice loving others like you've never done before, and pray for them...yes, even our enemies.

May God give you His vision to love everyone the way He does and may God heal the wounded hearts of those grieving all over this great country of ours and heal our nation of our hatred towards others. Amen.

~Pastor Kyle



## **\$5 offerings**

During the month of October, we will be collecting to raise money to cover the cost of sending all our Trinity kids to our Winter Retreat.

Trinity's \$5 offerings have blessed many lives and missions' projects over the years. Let us continue to be generous in our support.

In September, the \$5 offerings collected were \$296.00 for the UCC Disaster Fund, and \$537.73 towards Bibles for Youth.

## 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.

## 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.

## Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on August 8th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Amy Mathews, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and Amy Mathews opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President – Amy Mathews, Vice President – Ed Gahler, Recording Secretary – Desirae McCloskey, Elders - Ken Gahler and Connie Gahler, Trustees – Doug Avery, Marty Hoeft, Steve Turnow and Dale Bodnar, Deacons – Dwayne Hoeft

Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church secretary Rhonda Mahaney was present as well.

Absent: Financial Secretary, Nyla Denman and Deacon – Jim Buhro

### Reports:

#### Recording Secretary:

Meeting minutes from the council meeting on 6/13/2016 were read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Ed Gahler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dwayne Hoeft. MC.

Meeting minutes from the council meeting on 7/11/2016 were read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Dale Bodnar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Gahler. MC.

Congregational meeting minutes from the 7/10/2016 meeting read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Steve Turnow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Bodnar. MC.

**Secretary Report:** Nothing to report.

#### **Financial Report:**

- A six month audit was performed for January thru June by Nyla Denman. Connie Gahler made a motion to accept the six month audit performed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Gahler. MC.
- Financial information was reviewed in the prior month (July). Desirae McCloskey moved to accept the financial report. Marty Hoeft 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.
- Financial information was reviewed for the current period. Desirae McCloskey moved to accept the financial report. Dale Bodnar 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

### Pastor Report:

- Two baptism renewals and three baptisms were performed since the last meeting.
- Elevator is still being repaired; Kyle continues to follow up to obtain parts.
- Pastor Kyle is still looking into outdoor signage for the church (approximately \$135 apiece), which will replace the signs that are currently looking outdated. He is continuing to follow up.
- Jackie Timmons would like to start a children's choir. Further details to follow and further information will be included within the Tidings.
- Stain glass window payment has been received. We are still waiting to receive a timeline from the company.
- Kyle is going to propose to the mission's team that the money raised from the past couple of fundraisers move \$1,000 to the Youth Fund – for next year's church camp and possibly mission trip next year.
- Wanted to remind council of the following dates:
  - August 14<sup>th</sup> is the school drive
  - August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:30 is the water blast/picnic at the church
  - September 11<sup>th</sup> starts Sunday school program at 11 am
  - September 21<sup>st</sup> starts confirmation from 6-6:45 and 7 pm is Re-Kindle
  - October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Next Men's Breakfast
  - Women's Bible Study called Bunco and a Verse - September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
  - Tailgating at Trinity (Men 18+ older only) – September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
  - Antique roadshow rescheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>

### Committee Reports:

**Worship** – Nothing to report, as they have not met.

However, we would like to thank the Turnow's for their hospitality this past weekend at the pond! The loose offering provided \$300 to Donnie Ray for playing all day on Sunday.

Rhonda is to look into oil based candles, as the current candles tend to melt rather quickly with the summer heat.

**EFY** –Branching out will start again on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We are desperately in need of teachers. There is a schedule posted outside of the door for volunteers to sign up. Once you sign up, you are in charge of that Sunday (or in charge of finding a replacement).

For all of those interested in teaching either one Sunday or several Sundays, a teacher meeting will be on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. We would like everyone there interested as we would like to provide the children with a consistent message each week.

**Mission** –

- Back to school supply drive will occur on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Amy is looking for volunteers to assist.

**Church & Ministry** – Nothing to report, as have not met since last meeting.

**Search Committee** – Nothing to report, as have not met since last meeting

**Youth Events** – We are wanting to have more events for the youth, therefore wanted to make everyone aware of the following events that are currently planned.

- September 11<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm -8 pm – Scavenger Hunt
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4 pm -8 pm – Boo Festival
- November 6<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm -8 pm – Youth Progressive Dinner

We will be asking for people to help and to volunteer your time to make these events memorable for our youth.

**Trustees** -

- The basement wall is being looked into by the trustees.
- Locked in with Bexten at 99 cents a gallon thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. If the price goes below 99 cents, we will get that lower rate.
- Trustees will oversee the stain glass window project now that the contract has been signed.
- Ed Gahler will be purchasing additional tables for the church, as some need to be replaced.
- Nothing else to report.

**Parsonage Committee** - Appraisal has been done and the committee has determined an as-is asking price of \$100k. The committee will be notifying the current tenants of our asking price. Note, this is still

in discussion, therefore, the committee has not committed to selling the parsonage yet.

**Old Business:**

- No old business to discuss.

**New Business:**

- Rhonda will look into getting the carpets cleaned; she will obtain quotes to determine how much it will cost.

Due to conflicts, the next council meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Desirae McCloskey moved to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm by Amy Mathews.

Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey,  
Recording Secretary

### Treasurer's Report (approved)

#### General Operating Fun

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 8/1/16  | \$18,676.26 |
| Offerings/Income      | \$6,345.63  |
| Expenses              | \$7,185.30  |
| Balance as of 8/30/16 | \$17,836.59 |

### Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship had their August outing & get-together on Thurs. Aug 11, 2016 going to Granny's Restaurant in Woodville for lunch of their choice at noon. There were twelve who enjoyed the day.

Norma began with a prayer & table blessing. She also had several friendship readings.

Sue Wittman gave the Sunshine report. New chairman will be Eva Hoelt.

Next month we will get back to our regular meeting for a new year on Thurs. Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Program Suzanne B. Host - Evelyn S.

Remember the O.H. Food Pantry during the summer with your donations.

We then went to the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living where Betty Kadlick now resides. She turned "90" recently & we surprised her with a visit, played our summer bingo and then Sara Z. served a delicious Éclair cream dessert.

~Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Secretary.

Trinity Women’s Fellowship met on Thurs. Sept 8, 2016 at 1:00 pm. There were 14 present. We were happy to have Marilyn A. with us today.

Norma began the day with prayer & a table blessing. Evelyn s. was hostess, serving a delicious cherry cheesecake dessert, cookies and snacks.

Devotions were held & the program was hed by Suzanne, the theme being “Fear”, “How to Handle Tough Times” & “Fear No More”. Some thoughts for today - Fear, a powerful emotion & enemy, Living with Fear, Overcoming Fear, Facing Our Fears, Manage Our Fears (focus on God & live our lives with love).

Norma led the business meeting. She thanked Eveyln for hosting and Suzanne for program. The minutes from May through August were reviewed & approved.

Norma requested a 2<sup>nd</sup> V. President. A motion was made, sec. and carried that Sue Wittman be the 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres.

Marilyn is making up the programs for the next year.

Prayer partners from through the summer were revealed and new names drawn.

The sunshine report was given by Eva Hoeft. New chairman will be Sue Wittman.

Remember the Oak Harbor Food Pantry.

Next month we will meet on Thurs. Oct 13 at 1:00 pm. Program Ina D. Host Susanne B.

Meeting Adjourned.

~Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

| <b>WF Treasurer’s Report</b>               |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Balance on Hand as of Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>  | <b>\$487.15</b>   |
| <b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>          | <b>\$487.15</b>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                      | <b>\$0</b>        |
| <b>Balance on Hand Aug 31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>\$487.15</b>   |
| <b>Savings Account</b>                     | <b>\$1,516.57</b> |

## Food Pantry

Let’s remember to continue to support the food pantry. Let’s see about collecting breakfast foods.

## Congratulations

To Jared & Janene Lattimore on the birth of their daughter Baya Marie on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:02pm. She was 7.75 pounds and 20 inches long.



## Congratulations

To Zach and Rebecca Diekman as they were united in marriage at the church on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



## Thank You

“Thank you for all the cards, calls, and visiting the funeral home for my mother’s funeral.”

~Russell Cheatham

“Thank you to all that have turned in Community Market Receipts. We received our 1<sup>st</sup> check in the amount of \$30.57! Please continue to turn in the receipts into the box at the north entrance.”

## Memorial Thank You

We would like to thank Susie Wittman and Carol Cheatham for their donation to the memorial fund in memory of Helen Cheatham.

## Christian Sympathy

To the family of Joanne Hellwig on the passing of her mother on September 9, 2016.

## Church Clean-up Day:

All able and available bodies are invited to help with a church clean-up day on Sunday, October 30th from 3 to 5 pm.

Several projects inside and outside of the church can be done much quicker with more hands to help. Thanks.

## Greeters

| <u>October</u>   |       |                     |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | North | Josh Dusseau Family |
|                  | South | Ina David           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | North | Doug Avery Jr       |
|                  | South | Michelle Avery      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | North | John Bast           |
|                  | South | Jackie Bast         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | North | Dale Bodnar         |
|                  | South | Ava Bodnar          |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | North | Jim Buhro           |
|                  | South | Shirley Buhro       |
| <u>November</u>  |       |                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | North | Fay Bolander        |
|                  | South | Suzanne Buhro       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | North | Mike Diekman        |
|                  | South | Ann Diekman         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | North | Nyla Denman         |
|                  | South | Casi Johnson        |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | North | Vera Sager          |
|                  | South | Evelyn Schimming    |
| <u>December</u>  |       |                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | North | Viola Gahler        |
|                  | South | Ken Gahler          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | North | Ed Gahler           |
|                  | South | Jane Gahler         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | North | Connie Gahler       |
|                  | South | Dan Gahler          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | North | Dwayne Hoeft        |
|                  | South | Eva Hoeft           |

## Fall Christian Education

This fall, we will be trying to add a variety of Christian Education opportunities for all ages. Please look through some of the ideas below and see if there are any classes you are interested in attending. Also, please prayerfully consider if you could take turns rotating (hopefully once a month) to teach Branching Out.

**Re-Kindle** (Mid-Week Service) - Everyone is invited to join us at 7 pm on Wednesdays for a midweek service with song, Scripture, and discussion.

## Pastor's Bible Study/Sunday School -

We meet in the Sunday School room across from the church office to discuss each week's sermon and to dig a little deeper into the message. All ages are welcome to attend. Class will meet after church (around 11 am) and will last about 40 minutes. We will also post a schedule outside of the classroom for Sundays that we will not meet (special Holidays, etc).

## Tailgating at Trinity

(Men's Monday Night Group)

Men (18 & older), are invited to join us for food, faith, fellowship, and football.

Each Monday, we'll meet at 7:30 and tailgate with some traditional tailgating food, have a short Bible Study and discussion, and then watch the Monday Night Football game of the week for those who wish to watch the game.

## Bunco and a Verse

Who is invited: Any woman that wants to roll the dice  
What is it: A very easy game of just rolling dice while enjoying fellowship. We will start with a scripture followed by the game and food.

Cost: \$3.00 every time you come to help cover the cost of food and prizes.

Time: 6:30 on Sundays

-Here is the schedule and you can attend any of them. It doesn't matter if you miss, we will play no matter who comes.

Oct. 2nd, 16th, 30th, Dec. 4th, 18th

January 15th a Dinner to end with prizes for the people with the most BUNCOS and Games Won.

Please let Amy Mathews know if you plan on attending so I can plan the food, 567-343-8072.



## Trinity Youth News

**Confirmation** (7th Graders & Above) -  
September 21st - April 5th

Students who wish to confirm their baptism are invited to join the 2016-2017 Confirmation Class. Class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45 with Pastor Kyle.

If you are a student who is interested in attending confirmation or if you would like to sit through the class again, please contact Pastor Kyle.

### Children's Choir at Trinity

Jackie Timmons has started a children's choir at Trinity. Children in preschool on up are encouraged to participate.

The choir meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 8:30 am to practice before church. The choir will sing during the worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

If you have any questions, you can call Jackie at 419-898-2045 or email her at jackieandkyle@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing our children glorify God with their voices at Trinity.

### Boo Festival and Trunk or Treat

(October 23rd 4 to 8 pm)

The youth will be putting on the haunted room from 6:30-8:00 pm. Youth need to arrive at the church, dressed up, around 5:00 pm for last minute set-up.

### Youth Group Progressive Dinner

(November 6th 4 pm)

Save the date. Looking for hosts to serve portions of this progressive dinner. More details to follow.

### 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.

### Christmas Program

(December 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm - arrive at church at 4:00pm)

The youth will be hosting the Christmas program dinner. Program is at 4:30pm followed by dinner.

**Branching Out:** We are in need of snacks and drinks for Branching Out. If you would like to donate, please take your donated items directly to the Branching Out room.

### Boo Fest and Trick/Trunk or Treat:

Sunday, October 23rd

We are inviting everyone to bring their vehicles to set up around the outside of the church to hand out candy and goodies to our children during the 2016 Trunk-or-Treat. Decorate your vehicles, wear a kid-friendly costume and be a part of this wonderful outreach event. We ask that all vehicles arrive and be set up no later than 4:15 pm. There will not be any traffic movement allowed from 4:30 to 5:30.

Boo Fest will continue with a dinner, games, and haunted room and will last until 8 pm.

If you have any spare Halloween decorations that you would like to loan for the event, please see Pastor Kyle.

### Quarterly Benevolence Giving

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Trinity UCC was able to distribute \$1000.00 to local charities for benevolence giving's. \$500.00 was given to ARC of Ottawa County, \$250.00 to Cherry Street Mission, and \$250.00 to Family House of Toledo. We also sent \$321.00 to the UCC Disaster Relief Fund and \$290.00 to UCC's OCWM Fund. Thank you for your continued donations to our benevolence fund.

## Community Events

(Fliers on bulletin board)

**The Daughter Project** & *St. Luke's Lutheran Church* is presenting "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls" Tuesday October 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

"Nefarious" is an award winning, shocking, but God-honoring documentary about the heart-breaking nature of sex trafficking and the lifesaving work being accomplished by godly organizations around the world.

## Attention Parents:

We encourage you to watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-VC8AUE3Bc>

To determine whether to bring your children to the screening. We recommend mature audiences of high school age or older.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 20 S. Yondota Rd., Curtice, OH 43412

**The Daughter Project** will present their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Comedy Show fundraiser on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Stranahan Theater. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available at the Stranahan Theater. The show will be featuring Chonda Pierce, America's Best-selling female comedian.

## Concert

St. Paul UCC in Oak Harbor invites you to attend a concert by John Schmid, director of Common Grounds Ministry and Prison Ministries.

The concert is on October 2nd @ 3 pm  
No charge...free will offering will be taken

John Schmid is the founder and director of Common Ground Ministries. Based in Berlin, Ohio, with a focus on prisons in the Ohio Corrections System. In a typical year, John ministers in more than 50 prisons, 30 churches, 40 banquets, a street fair or two, several weekend seminars, as well as numerous concerts and living rooms. We provide Bibles as well as Gospel Echoes Bible study correspondence courses to prisoners in the Ohio system at no cost to the prison or the system. A unique blend of country/folk/gospel, and a touch of the contemporary, has gained John audiences in a wide variety of settings, including prisons, embassies, high schools, rest homes, churches, army bases, concert halls and living rooms. His honest, genuine voice is easy to listen to and his message reaches everyone through

humor, true life stories, a love for people, and a wide selection of songs.

John was singing in a country western band at the time of his conversion in 1972. God changed his desire for stardom in Nashville to ministry. He went to school, then overseas, back to church ministry and now back to singing (this time for Jesus).

John & his family are members of Mennonite Christian Assembly and reside in Benton, Ohio. His son, Adam, is learning to play bass guitar, while sisters Amy and Katie, help sing.

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### Mission

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

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*Check out our website at:*

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

An Acrostic prayer of thanksgiving  
**H**appy are those who have bread to eat!  
**A**s grain grows in the fields and  
**R**ains bring the water of life we share  
**V**isions of all your people united in  
**E**ternal praise and kneaded together to  
**S**hare good news of justice and peace:  
**T**aste and see that the Lord is good!

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