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News From Pastor Kyle

As I sat down at my desk this morning I read the breaking news that Reverend Billy Graham died.

Instantly, I remembered one of his quotes that went something like this: "When you read of the news of my death, don't believe it. I'm alive. In fact, I'm more alive now than I've ever been before (Graham)."

Oh, how true that is today for one of the greatest evangelists our world has ever known.

I went to school with one of Rev. Graham's grandsons, William, at Liberty. We had the opportunity to meet Reverend Graham in North Carolina once and I had also attended one of his crusades in Cleveland in 1994.

Statistics show that Graham preached to over 210 million people in 188 countries and territories in our world. Many of you have been inspired, encouraged, and even found deeper faith from hearing Graham's message over the years.

Now, Graham is with God. Today, he hears God's voice, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Most of us dream to hear those words some day from our Creator. God wants us to work faithfully and diligently at being instruments of His love and peace and just as importantly to share the Gospel with others.

It's not easy. It's scary and intimidating telling someone about our faith, about God's love, and about Jesus. However, we are commanded to do so.

Pray that God will teach you what to say and give you opportunities to share your faith. Invite

someone to church as Easter season is one of the easiest times to invite people.

May you someday be "more alive than ever before" when you hear "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

Pastor Kyle

Lent Schedule

Wednesday Evenings During Lent

"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**
- 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!**
 - Potluck Breakfast
- **9:30 am Worship Service and Branching Out**

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

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday January 8th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Robin Hansen, Vice President Ben Sutter, Dan Mathews, Ann Diekman, John Bast, Curt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Veronica McMonigle, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Jennifer Laughlin, Ken Gahler, Brock Hansen and Dan Gahler

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the November council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Ann Diekman, 2nd Shirley Buhro. MC.

Secretary Report: Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30-4:30; Tuesday 8am –noon and typically off on Thursday. Hours may vary due to other job. Rhonda is working on giving statements; hope to be ready 1/14/18. Rhonda has completed quarterly and year end taxes complete. She is working on our annual report and the Northwest Ohio Association Annual report.

Financial Report: Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Ben Sutter 2nd Dan Mathews. MC.

Pastor Report:

- December – three home visits, one non-member burial and one non-member baptism
- Kyle's surgery scheduled for 1/16/17
 - Don Corbin will be covering on 1/21/17
 - Special music service with Abby on 1/28/17

- Kyle may or not be present
- Don Corbin as well as Don Giesman & Ryan Shields from Genoa available
 - Contact Rhonda or Robin for contact info if needed

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Two baptisms scheduled for 1/14/17
- Ash Wednesday service will be at Zion, will alternate weeks; 6-6:30pm fellowship, 6:30-7:15 special music
- Confirmation Sunday on Palm Sunday - March 25th
- Discussion held about adding a confirmand to be confirmed this March
 - Kyle will have extra sessions to catch her up, will give council monthly updates and her confirmation will be dependent on Kyle's review

EFY

- High school class forming in next few weeks, Doug Asher will be leading, class will be 8:30am – 9:15

Mission

- January 19th-21st– Camp Michindoh - Missions team will be providing dinner on Friday night
- February 11th Valentine's Dinner & game show - doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6, game show starts at 6:30
- Missions meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 10th
- Oak Harbor mixed choir on February 18th

Church & Ministry

- Need to set up next meeting
- Discussion held to add the past council President to the Church & Ministry committee to help with continuity. Currently the VP is in charge and is new to council, feel adding the Past President will help with continuity
 - Ann Diekman made a motion to add the past council President as a member of the Church & Ministry committee. 2nd Curt Reiff. MC

Trustee Report

- Kaylor contacted to help with heat in the kitchen and nursery
- Would like to have a light for the shed, lawn mower still in Ellis house garage
- New flooring in Branching out classroom off the kitchen, will work on material/prices

- Gutters have been completed

Old Business:

- Glass front doors to replace wood doors, in process of getting quotes
- Sound system not here, should be here soon
- Review guidelines for building usage form, will bring back ideas & discuss at next meeting
- Youth representative on council
 - Sean Hoeft & Abby David both volunteered to be representative
 - Will trial & then discuss adding a youth as a member

New Business:

- Youth Community Christmas Giveaway
 - Discussion held to have youth present or write their experiences to share with congregation
 - Have a \$5 offering in the future to go towards doing again next year
- Annual Meeting on January 28th followed by potluck
- Increase Congregation Donations
 - Intentional Giving Fund
 - Encourage church members to give/raise money towards projects
 - New carpet, double glass doors, new sound board, redo kitchen
 - Discussion held regarding investing some of our savings
 - Legacy gifts from church members
- Constitutional Updates – review for next month

John Bast moved and Veronica McMonigle 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by Robin Hansen

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
Recording Secretary

Congregational Meeting Minutes

Trinity United Church of Christ's Annual meeting was held on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 by President Robin Hansen. Reverend Don Corbin opened with prayer. A copy of the annual report and updated church directory was given to those in attendance.

Council plans to trial a youth member on council; they will be a voting member.

New sound system has been purchased but has not been delivered. This sound system will allow us to be more mobile for events.

Trustees are working on a priority list for projects at the church. First on the agenda is to replace the floor in the Branching Out classrooms off the kitchen. It has been decided to get laminate and not carpet as that is a heavily trafficked area. Quotes from Genoa Custom Interiors have been obtained, price is \$3,185 for labor and materials. Mike Diekman made a motion to purchase the flooring and have Genoa Custom Interiors install. Jen Laughlin 2nd. MC.

The wooden exterior doors at the south entrance of the church need attention. It will cost \$2300 every two years to maintain the current doors. Council has decided to look into different options for doors i.e glass or metal.

Discussion has been held by council in regards to starting a Capital Improvement Fund. Most churches have these. May start fundraising for projects, will need ideas from congregation and/or committee.

Council has determined it would like to invest a portion of the profits from the sale of the parsonage. Approx \$25,000 will be invested to accrue interest. Council will meet with a financial advisor. Don Corbin will get information on a fund available for churches. John Bast made a motion to invest \$25,000 from the parsonage fund. Jim Laughlin 2nd. MC.

Ben Sutter, council VP, held an informational session regarding Legacy Gifts and church donations. If interested in setting up a legacy gift or for more information congregational members can talk to Ben.

Don Corbin would like to see a pastor relations committee formed. More discussion to be held in council.

A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mike Diekman, 2nd Ben Sutter. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Veronica McMonigle, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report (approved) General Operating Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 1/1/18 | \$17,984.74 |
| Offerings/Income | \$8,981.45 |
| Expenses | \$11,499.25 |
| Balance as of 1/31/18 | \$15,466.94 |

\$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
- 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 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.



Month Attendance & Offering

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Date | 01/07/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 121 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 3,898.00 |
| Weekly Current Budget Needed | \$ 2,644.00 |
| Budget Needed YTD | \$ 2,644.00 |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD | \$ 3,898.00 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ 1,254.00 |
| Date | 01/21/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 54 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 1,711.00 |
| Weekly Current Budget Needed | \$ 2,644.00 |
| Budget Needed YTD | \$ 7,932.00 |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD | \$ 7,980.00 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ 48.00 |
| Date | 01/14/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 118 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 2,371.00 |
| Weekly Current Budget Needed | \$ 2,644.00 |
| Budget Needed YTD | \$ 5,288.00 |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD | \$ 6,269.00 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ 981.00 |
| Date | 01/28/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 79 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 1,021.00 |
| Weekly Current Budget Needed | \$ 2,644.00 |
| Budget Needed YTD | \$ 10,576.00 |
| Acutal Current Offerings YTD | \$ 9,001.00 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (1,575.00) |

Contingent Fund

Do you know what the Contingent 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.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday, February 8th at 1:00 pm. There were ten present.

Norma began the day with an opening prayer and the table blessing. Hosts were Kelly & Sue W and for Valentine's Day they served a delicious red dessert with decorated heart cookies, snacks and candy. There was also a plate of cookies from Rhonda. Thanks so much!

The program was led by Ina and was all about love, "God's Forgiving Love." Very interesting and also a poem on "Not Growing Old", which applied to most of us and a reading "The Hook" which was a Lenten Meditation for Ash Wednesday.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanks Kelly & Sue for hosting and Ina for the program. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted, and will be filed.

We were asked if we wanted a Mother-Daughter Banquet. We were well satisfied with last year's went and hope that it will work out to have it again. We will be happy with when it is planned and the agenda. This will be the 88th Banquet.

Ina D. thanked everyone for the cards she received.

Sue W. gave the Sunshine report. A new chairman is Eloise H.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Remember to bring items for the OH Food Pantry.

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

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

| WF Treasurer's Report | |
|--|-------------------|
| Balance on Hand as of Jan 1st | \$44.45 |
| Offering | \$20.00 |
| Total Income & Balance | \$64.45 |
| Total Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Balance on Hand Jan 31st | \$64.45 |
| Savings Account | \$1,239.46 |

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

Thank You

"We would like to thank the carolers that came here at Christmastime and for the delicious plate of cookies. We are enjoyed it all."

~Don & Lavonna Bittner

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.

Hall Use Reservations

There is a new policy for reserving any room in the church.

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 Rhonda.

Coupons

“January’s food bank contribution (canned & boxed food) toothbrushes & toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, razors, toilet paper, and hand lotion were some of the items donated to the Helping Hands food pantry at St. Louis Church in East Toledo. As always, thank you for the coupon pages.”

~~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.

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. They will only be mailed to you if you call and ask. Thank you.

Birthday Open House

Join the family of Eloise Hellwig on March 31st from 1:30-4:00 pm as they celebrate Eloise’s 90th birthday with cupcakes and coffee. Eloise request no gifts please, just the pleasure of the visit.



Mission Team

Next Meeting will be March 8th 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.

Jiggs Dinner

The Mission’s Team will be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Jiggs Dinner on March 17th from 5pm till sell out. \$10 to dine in or \$9 to carry out. Dinner includes 6 oz corned beef brisket, redskin potatoes, cabbage, carrots, roll, dessert, beverage (beverage only for dine in). Tickets are available after service to purchase, or contact the office.

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"

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|------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| March 4 th | Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th | Dan Mathews Vanessa Scott |
| March 11 th | Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th | Dan Gahler |
| March 18 th | Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th | |
| March 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 7:00 pm on 3/14.

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.

| 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 |
| May 2018 | | |
| 6 th | North | Vi Gahler |
| | South | Ken Gahler |
| 13 th | North | Ed Gahler |
| | South | Jane Gahler |
| 20 th | North | Dan Gahler |
| | South | Connie Gahler |
| 27 th | North | Kelsey Gahler |
| | South | Krista Hellwig |

Mark your Calendars

- March 17th Jiggs Dinner
- March 23rd Men's Banquet
- April 15th Chicken BBQ
- April 26-28 Rummage Sale
- May 9th Women's Banquet
- June 10th 11:30-1:30 Waterblast
- July 26-29th Youth Mission Trip
- August 4th Turnow Pond
- August 12th Back to School Drive
- September 9th Ladies Night Out
- October 13th & 14th Boo Fest
- November 4th Corn Hole & Euchre
- December 8th Christmas Program



Potted Easter Flowers



Each year for Easter, the church is decorated with a variety of flowers. If you wish to help beautify our sanctuary, please complete the form below. You will be allowed to take them after the Easter Service. Thank You for helping to continue the tradition of live flowers at Easter.

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Honor of _____

*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

| Variety | Color | Quantity | Cost each | Total Cost |
|----------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Lily | ===== | | X \$7.50 | |
| Tulip | Red | | X \$7.50 | |
| Tulip | Yellow | | X \$7.50 | |
| Tulip | Pink | | X \$7.50 | |
| Daffodil | ===== | | X \$7.50 | |
| | Total | | ===== | |

Donation of \$7.50 each, can be made by placing this slip and money in the offering plate or lock box.

Due by March 11, 2018.

Your Name: _____



ISRAEL TRIP OPPORTUNITY - Pastor

Kyle is interested in leading a trip to Israel in February or March of 2019. If you are interested in more information about the trip please email PK at pastorkyletimmons@live.com by the end of March 2018.

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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

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



Office Closed: March 26-29
(please check office door for up-to-date hours)

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