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News From Pastor Kyle

With April 1st being April Fool's Day, I thought I'd save myself some writing time and just post a bunch of verses from the Book of Proverbs, chapter 26.

Just as snow should not fall in summer, nor rain at harvest time, so people should not honor a fool.

You have to whip a horse, you have to put a bridle on a mule, and you have to beat a fool.

There is no good way to answer fools when they say something stupid. If you answer them, then you, too, will look like a fool. If you don't answer them, they will think they are smart.

Never let a fool carry your message. If you do, it will be like cutting off your own feet. You are only asking for trouble.

A fool trying to say something wise is like a crippled person trying to walk.

Showing honor to a fool is as bad as tying a rock in a sling.

A fool trying to say something wise is like a drunk trying to pick a thorn out of his hand.

Hiring a fool or a stranger who is just passing by is dangerous—you don't know who might get hurt.

Like a dog that returns to its vomit, a fool does the same foolish things again and again.

People who think they are wise when they are not are worse than fools.

To step between two people arguing is as foolish as going out into the street and grabbing a stray dog by the ears.

Anyone who would trick someone and then say, "I was only joking" is like a fool who shoots flaming arrows into the air and accidentally kills someone.

Pastor Kyle

Lent Schedule

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, February 12th, 2018 at 7:02 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, Jen Laughlin, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Dan Gahler, Ken Gahler, Brock Hansen, Veronica McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were John Bast

Reports:

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

Secretary Report: Rhonda has completed quarterly and yearly reports. W2s complete. Directory updated. Annual report complete and UCC Annual report submitted. Elevator inspected & in working condition.

Letters received from Memorial United Church of Christ regarding Don and Jan Corbin & Daniel & Erika Warnke to transfer membership to our church. Motion was made by Shirley Buhro to approve transfer of membership of Don and Jan Corbin & Daniel and Erika Warnke by letter. 2nd Ken Gahler. MC.

Financial Report: February Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Ben Sutter 2nd Jen Laughlin. MC.

Pastor Report:

- Ideas for capital improvement fund
- Two baptisms in January, one funeral scheduled out of town tomorrow 2/13/17
- Reverend Corbin filling in on home visits, Kyle has been available via phone

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Ash Wednesday service will be at Zion, will alternate weeks; 6-6:30pm food & fellowship, 6:30-7pm special music
 - Need sign ups for table set up and tear down
- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunrise Service all at Trinity UCC
 - Easter breakfast will be a potluck

- Confirmation Sunday on Palm Sunday - March 25th
 - Two students are unable to attend and will be confirmed after Easter
- Oak Harbor Mixed Choir will be present on Sunday 2/18
 - They will sing 30 minutes, no message will be given
 - Would like refreshments – cookies and punch
 - \$5 offering will be given to choir as it's a local Mission

EFY

- High School class held its first class on 2/11, feedback has been good
- Youth working on trip for end of July, destination to be determined

Mission

- January 19th-21st– Camp Michindoh - Missions team will be providing dinner on Friday night
- February 11th Valentine's Dinner & game show was a success, waiting on receipts but profit around \$200 which will go to the Youth Missions
- March – Planning a Jigs Dinner on Saturday March 17th
- April – Rummage sale planned for April 26th-28th

Church & Ministry

- No report

Trustee Report

- Plan to powerwash entrances after winter season
- Trustees and council should lock up the church on Sundays and not leave it to Pastor Kyle every Sunday
- Snow removal
 - Difficult for one person, need to work together to clear the snow
 - Need to have parking lot plowed/sidewalks shoveled for events occurring at church
- Flooring for Branching Out classroom has been ordered, will take a few weeks to come in, Genoa

Custom Interiors will install, trustees are responsible for removing carpet

- Plan to build a partition in shed this week so lawn mower, chicken BBQ signs and racks, etc can be stored in the shed
- Elevator – initially failed inspection, elevator repairman came out and could not find anything wrong

- Finances printed in bulletin or Tidings
- Electronic Givings – PayPal or Facebook pay

Jen Laughlin moved and Shirley Buhro 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm by Robin Hansen

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
Recording Secretary

Old Business:

- Glass or metal front doors to replace wood doors, in process of getting quotes, will discuss in March
- Sound system has been delivered and was used for Valentines Day Dinner
 - Easy to use, has three microphones, will place on a rolling cart for mobility
- Building Usage Forms
 - Discussion held, will be placed in Tidings for church members & Rhonda will start having all fill out to confirm rental
- Investment Ideas
 - Congregation approved \$25,000 investment at Annual Meeting
 - Need a committee or find 2 or 3 local people to talk to council to make an informed decision
 - Ben Sutter will set up a few people to come to our March meeting, will meet early at 6:30pm
 - Cornerstone – started in 1993, not a great investment plan, high risk and low reward
 - United Church Funds – established, started in early 1900s, should look into

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund

Balance as of 1/1/18	\$15,590.98
Offerings/Income	\$7,929.00
Expenses	\$7,597.76
Balance as of 2/28/18	\$15,724.22

\$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.

New Business:

- Upcoming Event Dates
 - Father/Son Banquet March 23rd
 - Chicken BBQ April 15th
 - Mother/Daughter Banquet Wednesday May 9th
- Pastor Family Liaison
 - Look into ideas/committee/families

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	03/04/2018
# in Attendance	100
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,229.00
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 23,796.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 20,153.00
Ahead/Behind	\$ (3,643.00)
Date	03/11/2018
# in Attendance	118
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,781.00
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 26,440.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 21,934.00
Ahead/Behind	\$ (4,506.00)
Date	03/18/2018
# in Attendance	122
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,367.65
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 29,084.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 24,301.65
Ahead/Behind	\$ (4,782.35)
Date	03/25/2018
# in Attendance	161
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,746.75
Weekly Current Budget Needed	\$ 2,644.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$ 31,728.00
Actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 26,048.40
Ahead/Behind	\$ (5,679.60)

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, March 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for their regular monthly meeting. There were eleven present.

Norma began the day with prayer and table blessing. Hostess was Eva H. She had a lovely St. Patrick Day theme and table decorations and served a delicious dessert, decorated cookies, snacks and candy with green punch.

Sue W. was in charge of the program "You are Important" touching on how we may develop that importance and our importance to each other.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Eva for hosting & Sue 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 the banquet and also noted that this will be the 86th Mother-Daughter banquet, the first being held in 1932.

We decided to rent a table at the rummage sale and have a bake sale.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

The Sunshine report was given by Eloise H. New chairman will be Evelyn S.

Remember to donate to the OH Food Pantry.
Next month we will meet on Thursday April
12th at 1:00 pm Program Norma R. Host Eloise H.
Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Feb 1st	\$64.45
Offering	\$12.00
Total Income & Balance	\$76.45
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Balance on Hand Feb 28th	\$76.45
Savings Account	\$1,237.57

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

“On behalf of the Board of Education and the students of the BCS local school district, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of \$349.50 to the OHHS Choir Fund and it will go far to greatly support our BCS Student musicians.”

~Guy Parmigian, Superintendent

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

“This month’s five boxes of canned food, boxed items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, and liquid soap, shampoo, razors, 30 rolls of toilet paper, paper towels, shave cream and feminine items will go to the Oak harbor Food Pantry. Thank you for saving your coupon pages for me!”

~~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 May 2nd 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.

Rummage Sale

April 26th 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

April 27th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

April 28th 9:00 am - noon

You can drop off lightly used items to the room across from the office or just drop off at the office during building hours.

PLEASE have your items priced

If you would like to rent a space and sell your own stuff, please call Amy Mathews

at 567-343-8072

1 Table - \$10.00

2 Table - \$15.00

3 Table - \$20.00

We are still in need of people to help set-up, work during the sale, and to clean up. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Amy M.

Chicken BBQ

Join us on Sunday, April 15th for our annual Chicken BBQ from 11:30 am till sold out. ½ chicken will be \$10.00 and a ¼ chicken will be \$7.00. Meals include baked potato, cole slaw or applesauce, dinner rolls, relishes, and homemade dessert.

If you are interested in helping out, please let Connie Gahler or Shirley Buhro know.



Blessing of the Farmers Sunday:

We will be recognizing and having a special blessing for farmers from our congregation and community on Sunday, April 8th during our worship service. You are invited and encouraged to drive your tractor to church that Sunday and park along the North side of the church near God's Garden.



Women's Banquet

Join us on Wednesday May 9th for our 86th annual Mother-Daughter (Women's Banquet). Stay tuned for additional information coming soon.

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"

April 1 st	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Sue Timmons
April 8 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Rebecca & Keaston Reif
April 15 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Dan Mathews
April 22 nd	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Vanessa Scott Jan Corbin
April 29 th	Pre-1 st 2 nd – 5 th	Ashley Gahler

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.

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.

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
April 2018		
3 rd	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
10 th	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
17 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
24 th	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick

Confirmation Class:

We would like to welcome our 2018 confirmation class into our membership.

Brayden Hayes, Evan Hoeft, Nick Timmons, Tori Wilburn, Seth Witt, Timothy Mathews and Shawn Woolley



2018 Summer Teen Program with Mercy Health

Beginning 3/1/2018 the volunteer office will accept qualified students (ages 14-18) for the program. Students need to commit to a 10 week program, volunteering 1 day a week for 4 hours. Teen assignments will begin the week of June 4 and will conclude on Friday, August 10.

Requirements:

- Must be at least 14 years old as of 1/1/18
- Return a completed application signed by you and your parents by 4/12/18
- Written essay stating why you want to volunteer for the program.
- Submit a letter of Recommendation by 5/4/18
- 1st year students must attend orientation on 5/9/18 from 7-8:30.

To obtain a Summer Teen Application packet, contact the Volunter office at 419-686-6424.

Mark your Calendars

April 15th Chicken BBQ
 April 26-28 Rummage Sale
 May 9th Women's Banquet
 June 10th 11:30-1:30 Waterblast
 July 26-29th Family Camping Weekend
 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



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

Community Events

Mark your calendar, **Saturday, April 21 at 6:00 PM at St. Paul UCC, Oak Harbor, OH**

The Congregational Life and Fellowship Team are excited to bring to St. Paul UCC, the GloryWay Quartet. The Quartet will provide an hour and a half of Gospel Music, spreading God's word through song, laughter and fellowship. See any team member for tickets, or purchase at St. Paul UCC, Oak Harbor Church Office. Tickets will also be sold at the door. The cost is \$10 per ticket. To learn more about the group, go to: www.glorywayquartet.com

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Mission

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Son, & Holy Spirit!

Check out our website at:

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Spring is around the corner; soon the flowers will be blooming. I know I'm looking forward to the sun, flowers, gardens, kids playing outside, and enjoying the beauty that God creates in the spring. Enjoy each day!

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."

— Virgil Kraft



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