



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor Kyle

Fall is here. Well, almost.

Every time we turn the calendar to September I get excited that the fall season is nearer. Cooler temperatures, football, harvest season, and fall colors make the next few months ahead an exciting time for many.

One thing that I always associate the fall with is deer season. As farmers cultivate their crops, the deer begin to scatter from the fields and woods and we see more in our neck of the woods. They are a beautiful animal.

Perhaps one of the most famous verses in the Bible is from Psalm 42:1 - "As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longs after You, O God."

The Psalmist is using allegory to describe how his desire to know God better is likened to the strong desire for a deer to drink water. The deer is so thirsty that it is panting.

Imagining a deer so thirsty that its tongue is hanging out and it is taking short breathes while trying to lap fresh water into its mouth for a simple drink.

That's how we should be as followers of Christ. We should be so thirsty in our souls to be refreshed with the Living Water of God that quenches all spiritual thirst. Stressed? Worn Out? Confused? Hurt? These things spiritually drain us and we NEED refreshments. We need the goodness of God to help quench that thirst.

Therefore, I call forth to each of you to consider finding spiritual refreshment this year in God's church, in His Word, and with His people. Be active in church on Sunday mornings. Attend the Pastor's Bible Study after service. Participate in the women's Sunday night groups (Bunco & a Verse) or be a part of Tailgating at Trinity on Mondays for men. Wednesdays, join us for midweek services. All these options and more to help fill your longing for God are listed here in the Tidings.

May God quench YOUR thirst.

Pastor Kyle

Mark Your Calendar

Point Fest 2016

Point Fest 2016 - Join us as we are planning to go to Cedar Point on Saturday, September 17th to listen to Toby Mac, Chris Tomlin, For King & Country and more.

Ticket prices vary depending on when we register and if you want a ticket to the Music Fest only or if you want to go to Cedar Point for the entire day and then to the concert. To view ticket prices and to sign up, check out the bulletin board next to the restrooms outside the gym/fellowship Hall.

\$5 offerings

During the month of September, we will be collecting for the UCC Disaster Ministry.



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

In August, the \$5 offerings collected were \$297.00 for our Mission Fund for activities such as the Water Blast.

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 June 13th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Amy Mathews, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. and Dwayne Hoeft opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President – Amy Mathews, Vice President – Ed Gahler, Recording Secretary – Desirae McCloskey, Financial Secretary, Nyla Denman, Deacons – Dwayne Hoeft and Jim Buhro, Elders - Ken Gahler and Connie Gahler, Trustees – Marty Hoeft and Steve Turnow. Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church secretary Rhonda Mahaney was present as well.

Absent: Doug Avery and Dale Bodnar

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the last council meeting on 5/9/2016 were read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Jim Buhro, 2nd by Steve Turnow. MC.

Congregational meeting minutes from the 5/15/2016 meeting were silently read during the meeting. Two amendments were made to the congregational meeting minutes as proposed by Marty Hoeft.

Marty Hoeft made a motion to accept the congregational meeting minutes as amended. Connie Gahler 2nd.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Financial Report:

- Financial information was reviewed. A request was made to separate the EFY Balance into the following two accounts – Branching Out and Youth Group. Jim Buhro moved to accept the financial report. Desirae McCloskey 2nd. MC.
- A six month audit needs to be completed for January thru June and be presented during the July council meeting.
- Rummage sale made \$1,080.35.
 - \$25 will be removed from that total to pay for the excess printing that was for flyers.
 - \$177.55 needs to be moved into the youth account that was made from the concessions stand.

Pastor Report:

- A funeral and a baptism were performed since the last meeting.
- Pastor Kyle asked for the following vacation days: August 15th-19th, October 17th-21st, December 26th-30th. Desirae McCloskey made a motion to accept the vacation days as requested. Steve Turnow 2nd. MC
- Kyle wanted to bring to councils attention that Christmas falls on a Sunday, so wanted to have council think about whether we will have Sunday service on that day, in addition to the Christmas Eve service on Saturday night.
- Pastor Kyle is currently looking into outdoor signage for the church, which will replace the signs that are currently looking outdated. No update to provide.
- Pastor Kyle is currently spending approximately 30 working hours in the church and 10 working hours at home.
- Pastor Kyle and Ed Gahler will look into purchasing additional tables for the church. These individuals will present back to council at the July Meeting.

Wanted to bring the following dates to the attention:

 - July 6th is the drawing for the raffle tickets, we will have a pizza/ice cream/movie night at the church
 - July 10th congregational meeting to discuss stain glass window project
 - August 6th/7th is Turnow's pond (10:30 am service)

- August 14th is the school drive
- August 21st from 4:30-6:30 is the water blast/picnic at the church
- September 11th starts Sunday school program at 11 am
- September 21st starts confirmation from 6-6:45 and 7 pm is Re-Kindle
- Antique roadshow rescheduled for November 13th

Committee Reports:

Worship – Amy met with Zion in regards to July 3rd service in Graytown Park. 10:30 am service, followed by lunch. Trinity is in charge of set-up, including paper products. Additionally we need to ensure 30 chairs are set up for the Legion Band, as well as a cooler of water. A deacon from our church will need to be present for free-will offering (which will be given to the band).

EFY – Branching out will start again on September 11th. We are desperately in need of teachers. Amy will be posting a schedule outside of the door for volunteers to sign up.

Mission –

- Looking into volunteering at TNC again this year, a date is currently being looked into.
- Interest was presented to become a part of the The National Diaper bank. More details to come after further research is performed.
- Looking into completing a mission trip potential for 2017.

Church & Ministry – June 28th at 6:30 is the next meeting, Kyle's six month review will be performed.

Search Committee – June 28th at 7:30 is next meeting.

Trustees -

- Will look into the stain glass window appraisals to present at the congregational meeting.
- Propane tank contract needs to be reviewed.

Parsonage Committee - The congregation has accepted the potential selling of the parsonage during the congregational meeting on May 15th. Council determined the next best action is to have the tenants contact the bank of their choice and obtain an appraisal. Ed will start the conversation with the tenants to determine next steps.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Connie Gahler moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm by Amy Mathews.

Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey,
Recording Secretary

Congregational Meeting – July 10th, 2016

A congregational meeting was held to obtain the approval of the congregation to proceed with the stain glass window project. Details of the stain glass window project were presented to the congregation during the May 15th, 2016 meeting.

Jackie Bast made a motion to proceed with the stain glass window project, with a second by Dan Gahler. A small discussion was held prior to the voting.

A raise of hands occurred for voting, with the majority of the congregation voting “Yes”. Note there were no individuals raising their hand voting “No”. However, some abstained from voting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Desirae McCloskey, Recording Secretary

July Council Meeting

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President – Amy Mathews, Vice President – Ed Gahler, Recording Secretary – Desirae McCloskey, Financial Secretary, Nyla Denman, Elders - Ken Gahler and Connie Gahler, Trustees – Marty Hoeft. Pastor Kyle Timmons was present as well.

Absent: Trustees - Doug Avery, Steve Turnow and Dale Bodnar, Deacons – Dwayne Hoeft and Jim Buhro,

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Nothing to report as quorum for voting was not met by council. Minutes from June council meeting and July congregational meeting will be accepted during August meeting.

Secretary Report: Nothing to report.

Financial Report:

- Financial information was reviewed. In the previous month's meeting request was made to separate the EFY Balance into the following two accounts – Branching Out and Youth Group. A further discussion still needs to occur to ensure amounts between the two accounts are appropriate. No acceptance of financial

information occurred as quorum for voting was not met by council.

- A six month audit was performed for January thru June by Nyla Denman. Nyla has a few questions for Rhonda, however, no issues were noted. An update and acceptance of the audit will be provided at next council meeting.

Pastor Report:

- A funeral and a dedication were performed since the last meeting.
- Pastor Kyle is still looking into outdoor signage for the church (approximately \$135 a piece), which will replace the signs that are currently looking outdated. He hopes they will be up by end of August.
- Wanted to remind council of the following dates:
 - August 6th/7th is Turnow’s pond (10:30 am service)
 - August 14th is the school drive
 - August 21st from 4:30-6:30 is the water blast/picnic at the church
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Committee Reports:

Worship –

- Details for Turnow’s pound: Everyone is welcome to arrive around early afternoon (3-4 pm) on Saturday August 6th, pizza will be provided for dinner. A Fishing Derby is planned in the evening, with a bonfire to follow. Those interested in camping out are welcome to do so (campers and tents). For Sunday August 7th, service will begin at 10:30 am with a potluck to follow. Games and swimming will follow in the afternoon.
- Service in the park (July 3rd) went well.

EFY –Branching out will start again on September 11th. We are desperately in need of teachers. Amy will be posting a schedule outside of the door for volunteers to sign up. Pastor Kyle will ensure Rhonda orders the materials.

Mission –

- The Committee is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the committee, you are welcome.
- Back to school supply drive will occur on August 14th. Please spread the word!

Church & Ministry – Kyle’s six month review occurred on June 28th. Overall rating given was Outstanding. Two goals given were to look into starting a Men’s Bible Study and to be more involved (spiritual presence) with the men’s breakfast.

Search Committee – Met with Kyle on June 28th. Kyle continues to be happy with the church and in his position.

Trustees -

- Propane tank contract will be discussed in August.
- Trustees will oversee the stain glass window project now that the contract has been signed.
- Nothing else to report.

Parsonage Committee - Nothing to report as of July. The congregation has accepted the potential selling of the parsonage during the congregational meeting on May 15th. Council determined the next best action is to have the tenants contact the bank of their choice and obtain an appraisal. Ed (or the individual he selects) will start the conversation with the tenants to determine next steps.

Old Business:

- Ed Gahler looked into tables and has placed a potential table at the church for purchase. Council will review the tables and determine next steps.
- There will be a Christmas Service both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

New Business:

- Congregation approved the stain glass window project on July 10th.

Desirae McCloskey moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm by Amy Mathews. Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey, Recording Secretary

Treasurer’s Report (approved)

General Operating Fun	
Balance as of 7/1/16	\$13,531.69
Offerings/Income	\$11,691.21
Expenses	\$6,546.64
Balance as of 7/31/16	\$18,676.26

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship enjoyed another summer outing going to Granny's Restaurant in Woodville on Thursday July 14, 2016, at noon for lunch of their choice.

There were eleven present. Kelly B. brought some delicious peach cobbler and peanut butter chocolate chip cookies for all to enjoy. Also, today was Carol Cheatham and Eva Hoeft's birthdays.

Norma began the day with the opening prayer & table blessing and had several readings throughout the day.

Jackie P. gave the Sunshine report. The new chairman will be Sue W.

We decided to go to Rayz Restaurant in Genoa for our August 11th meeting at noon. Meet at church at 11:30 am to carpool.

Don't forget the O.H. Food pantry donations during the summer.

Meeting adjourned and we enjoyed some summer bingo.

~Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Secretary.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of July 1 st	\$487.15
Total Income & Balance	\$487.15
Total Expenses	\$0
Balance on Hand July 30th	\$487.15
Savings Account	\$1,516.45

Food Pantry

Let's remember to continue to support the food pantry. Let's see about collecting meal kits (like taco kit, hamburger helper, etc).

Congratulations

To Kendra Gahler and Ron Blevins who were married here at Trinity UCC on Saturday, August 27th.



Thank You

"Thank you to everyone for all the birthday and get well cards, all the visitors and phone calls. I am enjoying the Genoa Assisted Living complex and am almost too busy to knit."

~Betty Kadlick

"Thank you to all for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recuperation from my back injury. It's great being able to be out and about again."

~Ina David

"What a great year for our Baby Bottle Campaign! Once again, your church family has been invaluable in making this one of our most successful year's ever. The members of your congregation have collected and contributed \$402.81. Thank you so much for your support through this campaign.!"

~Kim Perkins, Executive Director,
Heartbeat of Ottawa County

"A special thank you to Steve & Nancy Turnow for hosing the weekend service and church gathering at their home on August 6th-7th. Whap a special weekend it was and many memories were made."

"A Special thank you to the Expanders as they purchased the hog and supplies for the hog roast."

"A Special thank you to Todd Hablitzel of Oak Harbor for donating the hog roasting pit and other supplies for the August 6th weekend."

Memorial Thank You

We would like to thank the following church members for their generous donations in memory of Steve Batesole.

Myron & Sarah Zibbel

Christian Sympathy

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Russell Cheatham as his mother passed away August 22nd.

Greeters

<u>September</u>		
4 th	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
11 th	North	Don Tabbert Sr.
	South	Hazel Tabbert
18 th	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Nick, Rebecca, Anna Timmons
25 th	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
<u>October</u>		
2 nd	North	Josh Dusseau Family
	South	Ina David
9 th	North	Doug Avery Jr
	South	Michelle Avery
16 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
23 rd	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
30 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
<u>November</u>		
6 th	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
13 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
20 th	North	Nyla Denman
	South	Casi Johnson
27 th	North	Vera Sager
	South	Evelyn Schimming

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.

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.

Confirmands will be received into the church on April 9th (Palm Sunday).

Re-Kindle (Mid-Week Service) - Begins September 21st

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 - Begins September 11th

We will 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).

Financial Peace University

Would you like to eliminate the majority, or all of your debt? Want to learn better techniques for budgeting and honoring God with your money? Let Pastor Kyle know that you are interested in attending Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace workshop to be held here at Trinity in late October/early November time period. We will discuss with those who wish to attend a day/time to meet.

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.

Tailgating at Trinity

(Men's Monday Night Group)

Men (18 & older), are invited to join us beginning Monday, September 12th 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.

All men are welcome (members and non-members).

**September 12th's game begins at 7:15 pm so we'll meet at 6:15.

Children's Choir at Trinity

Jackie Timmons will be starting a children's choir this fall at Trinity. Children in preschool on up are encouraged to participate.

The choir will meet 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 1st 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.

Bunco and a Verse

Who is invited: Any woman that wants to come roll the dice.

What is it: A very easy game of just rolling dice while enjoying fellowship. We will start with a scripture in the Bible 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.

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

January 15th a Dinner 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.

Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

(September 11th 4 to 8 pm)

Youth in grades 6-12, along with their friends, are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt which will begin at the church and will travel in parents vehicles (adult drivers needed) around the area to find clues and finish with a swimming party (weather permitting) or pizza party. In addition to bringing your friends (smile), please bring: Camera phone or camera, \$5 towards pizza, and your swim suit/towel. We will start at the church at 4 pm.

Boo Festival and Trunk or Treat

(October 23rd 4 to 8 pm)

Save the date. More details to follow.

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.



Congratulations

To Evelyn McCloskey, daughter of Kent and Desiree McCloskey, on her baptism at Trinity UCC on July 17th.

To Nicholas Timmons and Rebecca Timmons who were both baptized on Sunday, August 7th at Turnow's Pond.

To Amy & Dan Mathews who re-dedicated their baptisms on the August 7th at Turnow's Pond as well.

To Natalie Anne Reif, daughter of Keaston and Rebecca, on her baptism at Trinity UCC on Sunday, August 28th.

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

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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

Reminder - September Council meeting is moved to
Monday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.

Back -to-School Prayer:

“Dear Lord,

Please guard our children’s hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus. Help them focus and learn this year.
Give them favor with their teachers and peers. And
help them make godly friends and be a godly friend.
In Jesus’ Name, Amen. ”

-www.RachelOlsen.com

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