



Tidings

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Starting September 8th:

**Kids Sunday School,
7th/8th Grade
Confirmation Class,
HIGH SCHOOL Class,
Adult Class all @
9:00 am each week**

**Sunday Worship &
Branching Out
Kids Church @
10:00 am each week**

Upcoming Events:

Every Tuesday
@ 8:00 am
Coffee Fellowship
Tuesday, October 1
@ 6:30 pm
Women's Book Group
Sunday, October 6
@ 2:00 pm
Darrell Opfer Funeral
Tuesday, October 8
@ 1:30 pm
Genoa Care Center
Devotional & Fellowship
Saturday, October 12
@ 6:30 pm
Trinity Social Group @
Mockingbird
Sunday, October 13
@ 7:30 am
Men's Breakfast
Monday, October 14
@ 7:00 pm
Church Council Meeting
Sunday, October 27
after Church
All Church Fall Fest

Why Church?

This fall we have been looking at the importance of the church to our individual lives, our families, and our communities by asking the question "Why Church?" Why do we need this gathering, especially in a time when people can be so divided and isolated.

In every church, there will be moments of disagreement. Whether it's over how a ministry should be run, personal preferences in worship, or differing theological views, we are bound to encounter differences. But, as followers of Christ, we are called to something greater than our differences—we are called to unity. The early church faced similar challenges. In Acts 15, we see a significant disagreement arise among the apostles and early Christians regarding the conversion of Gentiles. Some believed that Gentile converts must follow the Mosaic law, particularly circumcision, while others believed that faith in Christ alone was sufficient. This issue had the potential to deeply divide the early believers. Yet, instead of allowing this disagreement to cause division, they came together to seek God's will and to discern how they could best move forward in unity. Through prayer, discussion, and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they found a solution that honored both Jewish tradition and the new freedom found in Christ.

This section of Scripture reminds us that even in disagreement, we can seek unity. The apostles didn't avoid or ignore their differences, but they engaged in respectful dialogue, relying on God's wisdom to guide them. They recognized that the mission of proclaiming the Gospel was too important to allow division to take root. Similarly, in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul speaks about the Body of Christ, reminding us that we are all different members of the same body. Each member plays a unique role, but we are united under one head—Jesus Christ. Paul writes,

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" 1 Corinthians 12:12

Our diversity is not something to fear but to embrace. Each of us has a different gift, a different calling, and a different perspective. Yet, we are all essential to the health and function of the church. In a world that increasingly celebrates division, we, the Church, must stand as a beacon of unity. Our differences in opinion, background, and resources should not cause us to pull apart but to come together, recognizing that we are united in the love of Christ. Our mission is not about proving who is right or wrong in matters of preference or secondary issues, but about sharing the Good News of Jesus with a world that desperately needs hope.

As we seek to live out our faith together, let us remember the example of the early church in Acts 15 and the teaching of Paul in 1 Corinthians 12. Let us embrace our differences, knowing that they make us stronger when we work in harmony. And

most importantly, let us remain united in our mission to proclaim Christ's love to the world. In Christ, we are one. Let us never lose sight of that truth, even in the midst of differences.

***"By this everyone will
know that you are my
disciples, if you love
one another."***

John 13:35

Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: August 2024



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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, August 12 at 7:00pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Veronica Avery, Doug Avery, Pastor Ryan, Eric Gahler, Marty Hoeft, Susie Shaffer, Blake Traver, Kim Traver, Ben Sutter.

Reports

Recording Secretary:

Ben moved to approve minutes. Susie 2nd. MC.

Administrative Assistant + Financial:

Reports were reviewed.

Copier proposal presented + reviewed to make the switch to Perry ProTec. After discussion, Kim motioned to make switch to Perry ProTec. Blake 2nd. MC.

Motion to accept reports + pay bills made by first Veronica, second by Susie, MC

Pastoral:

VBS was a big hit! 66 students attended and over \$1200 raised for our Clean Water project through World Vision. Big thanks to Janene!

Block party coming up on 8/25

Sunday School, Branching Out, Confirmation will return 9/9

Approved as licensed minister at Trinity Ellison for Duration of Call!

Missions

Serving at Genoa Food Pantry 8/15 @6:30pm to pack boxes and 8/17 @ 8:45am to distribute

Small Group Updates

Wittman Home Group - Brittany – Going well! Took July off. Finishing Love Does study and meeting on August 24th

Trinity Social Group – Susie – Going well! Met for putt putt last weekend. Next month will be bonfire at Sarah Edwards

Women's Book Club – Veronica – Going well! Next meeting in October. Book will be Love Lives Here by Maria Goff.

Trustees

Gave updates on the basement.

Clean up day 8/24 at 9:30am

Old Business

Block Party is 8/25. Veronica is coordinating the food. Will need grills and grill cooks. Eric volunteered to bring his grill. Susie coordinating kickball. Scott Williams coordinating music. Water slide arriving at 11:30am. Council to arrive at 8am for set up.

New Business

Reviewed + discussed all custodial applications. Currently offering \$16/hour with 16 hours/week max. Susie abstained from discussion and voting. After much discussion, motion to hire James Shaffer at \$16/hour was made by Marty. Ben + Eric will sit down to discuss with James. 2nd by Blake. MC.

Ben mentioned that if your term on council is over at the end of the year, to please start looking for your replacement.

Next meeting September 9 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by Eric.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman,
Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund

(Council approved 09/09/24)

Beginning Balance 08/01/2024	\$12,177.50
CD Investment	\$50,599.08
Offering/Income	\$7,835.56
Expenses	\$10,133.00
Transfers	(\$1,615.85)
Balance 08/31/2024	\$58,863.29

2025 Open Council Seats

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Deacon

Elder

2 Trustees

Contact Ben Sutter
or a Council Member
for more information

Church

COUNCIL

It's never too early to think about the openings coming for Church council. In the coming months you will hear about and possibly be approached to fulfill the duties of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Recording Secretary, or Vice President. If you are not familiar with these duties, Elders assist with worship needs and set up communion each month. Deacons assist with taking the offering and securing it. Trustees help with building maintenance. The Recording Secretary keeps notes on all business meetings, and the Vice President assists in many

capacities while preparing to guide the agenda as President the following term. Our new Council year will begin in January 2025, please prayerfully consider if this is going to be your year to step up and serve as a part of the leadership team here at Trinity.



In Our
Prayers

Family & Friends of Darrell Opfer who passed away September 20, 2024. Services will be held at Trinity on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 pm. Visitation with family beginning at 1:00 pm.

At Genoa Retirement Village: Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

At Riverview: Joel Marquart

Those with long-term health concerns: Nichole Clapsaddle, Rev. Don Corbin, Liz Marquart's Mother, Chuck & Deanna Vizi, Don Weaver, Steve Welling


Those battling cancer: Ron Giesler, Joel Reeder, Henry Noble, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt

Ben & Mandi Wood
Elliana, Jonathan & Noah

Serving in Florida
as trainers for 



Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia
through 



BRANCHING OUT

KIDS



Branching Out Kids Church is looking for some Nursery teachers & helpers during the church hour. If you are able to help one or two weeks this year, contact Janene Lattimore.

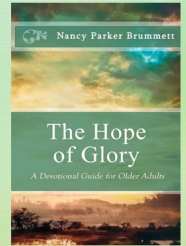
Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

at the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living
300 Cherry Street - Genoa
Room AL1

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

Hosted by Nancy Turnow & Nyla Denman
If a ride is needed, please let Nyla or Nancy know



October 8



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SOCIAL GROUP

Saturday, October 12

6:30 pm

@ Mockingbird

(on Elliston Trowbridge Road)

Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD × FELLOWSHIP × FAITH

October 13th @ 7:30 am

All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Sunday, November 3, 2024 after Church

The church will be providing turkey, ham,
mashed potatoes, vegetables, dressing, and gravy.

Please bring a dessert to share.

FALL FESTIVAL

October 27th after church

Click on this link to volunteer to help with this event
All supplies should be at church by October 20th

Christmas Ornament Craft

After Church

November 17th

Everyone Invited to make an ornament!

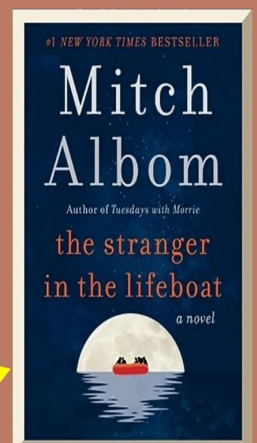
Light lunch provided

TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

**Monday, November 18th
6:30 pm @ church**

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

This will be our next book
Please read prior to our meeting



October & November Happenings at Trinity

Branching Out Kids Church - Nursery Class

We are looking for some teachers and helpers for our Nursery age Branching Out Kids Church Class. If you can help one or two weeks this year, contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845 or janenelattimore11@gmail.com)

October 8th

The next meeting of the Genoa Care Center Devotional Group will be held on October 8th at 1:30 PM. This is a special small group time where we can connect with our members and other residents of the Genoa Care Center. Older adults living at home are welcome to come and join the fellowship as well! This meeting will include communion. If you would like more information contact Nancy Turnow (419-707-2184 or nancyturnow@gmail.com)

October 12th

Trinity Social Group will gather at The Mockingbird on Elliston Trowbridge Road on October 12th at 6:30 pm This is a casual, kid free connection group that gathers monthly. For more information contact Susie Shaffer (419-344-0673 or sshaf1020@gmail.com)

October 13th

Our next Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, October 13th at 7:30 am in the church fellowship hall.

October 27th

Our Trinity Fall Fest will be Sunday, October 27th after church. There will be fun and games for all ages - kids & adults. Sign up to help with a game or bring supplies on Sunday, online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABA92CABFC1-51605379-fall#/> or contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845 or janenelattimore11@gmail.com)

November 3rd

An All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 3rd after church. The meal will be provided, please bring a dessert to share. Sign up on Sunday to let us know how many will attend, or send an email to the church office (tucc1862@gmail.com) with your name and how many will attend. Also needed are helpers on Saturday to cook & set-up and on Sunday to serve and clean-up. For more information contact Brad Jess (419-346-5964)

November 17th

A fun fellowship time to make a Christmas Ornament Craft led by Elly Gilbert will be held on Sunday, November 17th after church. A light lunch will be provided.

November 18th

The Next Meeting of the Trinity Women's Book Club will be held on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. We will be reading "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. Please read this book in advance and be ready to have a great discussion. If you need help getting a copy of the book, please contact Veronica McMonigle (419-346-6767 or veronicaravery@yahoo.com)

Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

Drop Box Available

Need to leave a note or drop off offering when no one is in the office? There is a locked drop box available for you to use in the connecting unit hallway next to the water fountain (outside the coat room). The box is checked at least once each week.

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?
Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen, fellowship hall pantry and church office for your use. There is also an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. These are located in the basement kitchen for your use as needed.

Use of the Church Hall or Basement

The church calendar of events is hanging on the wall outside the main office door. You can also view scheduled events on the church website calendar (www.trinityelliston.org). If you would like to reserve the hall or basement take a form from the pouch under the calendar outside the main office, complete it and return it to the office to be scheduled. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover events from year to year for holiday parties). Please do not just write on the calendar - we ask you complete the form first. Once the form is reviewed we will add it to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the office.

Trinity Logo Wear

You can now order items directly from bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist. If the item you would like is not listed simply call R&R Identification at 419-355-8206 or visit their shop at 160 S OH 590 Fremont, OH 43420 and tell them what you would like with the Trinity Elliston logo on it and they will be happy to make it to your specifications.

Table & Chair Sign Out

Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden style tables. The only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden chairs. Both tables and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.



Our October Mission Spotlight focus will be support for Ben & Mandi Wood, CRU Missionary trainers in Orlando Florida.

Ben & Mandi work with those entering the mission field to equip and prepare them for ministry.

To give toward this project, simply write "Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



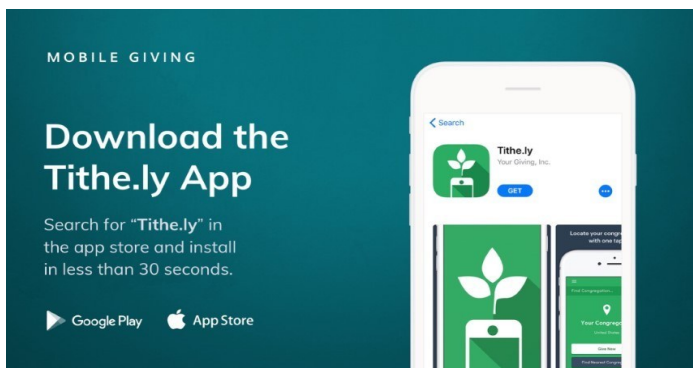
How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

There are a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

- Give to the church via Sunday offering, via US Mail, or drop off - A wooden collection box is located on the wall outside the lower coat room for your convenience throughout the week.

Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is super easy!

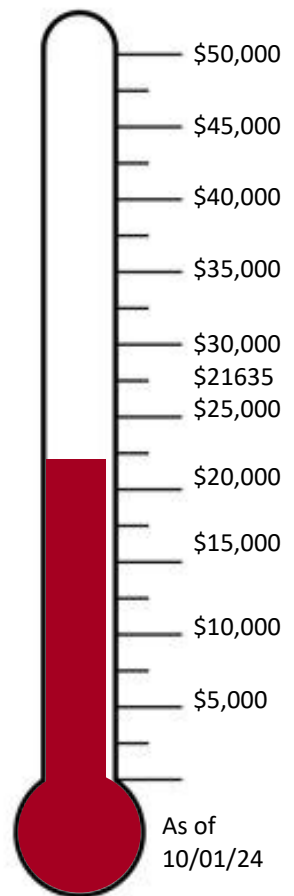
- **A link is provided on our Church Website at www.trinityelliston.org**
Click on the link and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.
- **Give Online** - If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to our church by heading to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://tithe.ly/Give). Once there, search for our church and fill in the giving form.
- **Give in App** - Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tithe-ly-your-giving-inc/id1444444444) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate our church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution.



Firm Foundation Campaign

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Waterproofing, Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry
- Continuing to grow our small groups ministry meeting monthly to improve church community and Connection. Training and equipping leaders to see these through.

Basement Ceiling Rehab, water damage repair, cleaning, waxing & sealing floor cost \$12,069.03



What is the 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 or requires maintenance, we pay for it out of this fund. Examples of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

Maintenance work on the boilers
Batteries
Light bulbs and new lights
Paint
Parts to fix & repair things in the church
Carpet Cleaning
Snow Removal & Lawn Care

Trinity UCC		(Pastor Appreciation Month)				OCTOBER 2024	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 6:30 pm Women's Book Group Brittany Mathews (B) Jeremy Diekman (B)	2 Kolt Hansen (B)	3 Tori Wilburn (B)	4 Hall: Diekman (in case of rain only) Georgia Diekman (B)	5 Hall: 10am-3:30pm Nickel Sanctuary: Diekman (in case of rain only)	
6 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Kids Church 2:00 pm Darrell Opfer Funeral & Luncheon Trustee: Doug Avery	7 Courtney Kish (B)	8 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:30 pm Genoa Care Center Devotional & Fellowship	9 Olivia Mathews (B)	10 Allison Schroeder (B) Jay & Joanne Hellwig (A)	11 Homeschool Co-Op	12 Brad Jess (B) Jim & Jen Laughlin (A)	
13 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Brad Jess Ainzley Johnson (B) Paul & Robin Hansen (A)	14 7:00 pm Church Council Matt Johnson (B)	15 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jared & Janene Lattimore (A)	16 Joshua Grieger (B)	17	18 Carley Kish (B) Scott Williams (B)	19	
20 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Tidings Info Due Trustee: Marty Hoeff	21	22 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Janie Lattimore (B)	23	24 Beth Brewster (B)	25 Homeschool Co-Op Wedding Rehearsal Kathleen Giesler (B) Sean Hoeff (B)	26 Gary Goodman & Megan Moore Wedding Ashley Wittman (B) Emeli Gahler (B) Viv Clement (B)	
27 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 11:30 am All Church Fall Fest Trustee: Brandon Kincaid	28 Ann David (B) Jacob Rotherth (B) Jenna Britt (B)	29 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Kathy Warner (B)	30 Michael Sager (B) Paul Brewster (B) Madison Helle (B)	31			

There's a place for you here!

CONNECT

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TrinityElliston.org

Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

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

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available
from the
Tech Booth
Upon Request



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