



**trinity**  
united church of Christ

**Sunday Worship @  
10:00 am each week**

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, July 7th  
10:00 am Worship
- Monday, July 8th  
7:00 pm Council
- Tuesday, June 9th  
1:30 pm Genoa Care  
Center Fellowship &  
Devotional Time
- Sunday, July 14th  
10:00 am Worship &  
Turnow Pond (10534  
Brown Road, Curtice) fol-  
lowed by potluck lunch &  
swimming in the pond
- Sunday, July 21st  
10:00 am Worship
- Monday, July 22nd to  
Thursday, July 25th  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
VBS Set-Up  
All hands on deck as  
available
- Wednesday, July 24th  
5:00 pm VBS Set Up for  
all available to help -  
light dinner provided
- Sunday, July 28th  
10:00 am Worship
- Sunday, July 28th thru  
Thursday, August 1st  
6:00 - 8:15 pm  
VBS SCUBA
- Tuesday, August 6th  
6:30 pm Women's Book  
Club

# Tidings

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings Church!

As we cross over into July, we get ready for two big events at our church themed around water! Our community will gather in July for our annual worship service at Turnow Pond and then end the month with VBS Scuba! Water is a powerful symbol in our faith, representing purity, renewal, and the boundless love of God. Just as water is essential for life, our spiritual journey is essential for a fulfilling and meaningful existence. We invite you to dive deep into your faith with us and experience the refreshing and renewing power of God's love.

*"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive." – John 7:37-39*

Faith is not always calm waters; sometimes it is like navigating rapids, full of challenges and excitement. Embrace the adventures that come your way, trusting that God is steering your course. Just as streams converge to form mighty rivers, our individual faith journeys come together to create a strong and vibrant community. Our faith calls us to serve others, much like the ocean's waves that constantly move and reshape the shore! One great way to explore your faith whether young or old is joining us for VBS: SCUBA! From July 28th to August 1st, from 6:00 to 8:15 PM each night, our church will be transformed into an oceanic wonderland where children will explore the depths of God's love.

Each Night the kids will experience:

**Deep Bible Adventures:**

Dive deep into the Bible with engaging stories about Elijah, Jonah, and Lydia. Each story will bring valuable lessons and insights, helping kids to build a stronger connection with God.

**Tidal Treats:**

After their adventures, kids can refuel with delicious and creative snacks that are sure to be a hit!

**Imagination Station:**

At this exciting station, kids will conduct fun and educational experiments that will captivate their imaginations and reinforce the lessons they've learned.

**Sticky Scripture:**

Through fun and interactive methods, kids will learn and memorize important Bible verses that will stick with them long after VBS is over.

**Reef Rec Games:**

What's an underwater adventure without some fun and games? Kids will participate in exciting games that promote teamwork and physical activity.

We warmly invite our entire community to join us for this extraordinary event. Whether your child has attended VBS before or this is their first time, they are sure to have a blast and create lasting memories.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Ryan Shields*

## Council Minutes: May 2024



The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, May 13 at 7:00pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order + opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Blake Traver, Ben Sutter, Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Veronica Avery, Doug Avery, Pastor Ryan, Brad Jess, Eric Gahler, Connie Gahler.

### Reports

#### Recording Secretary:

Blake moved to approve minutes. Connie 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

#### Administrative Assistant + Financial:

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports made by first Brad, second by Blake, MC

#### Pastoral:

Five students confirmed as part of the Rite of Confirmation on May 5th

We now have six adult connection groups!!

Taught a new member class and making arrangements to welcome another 12 new members officially to the church

#### Children's Director Report

Last day of Sunday School/Branching Out 5/19

#### Trustees

Basement water leak – crack by exterior steps possible cause. Trustees working on resolving. If is the issue, should be simple fix

Folding chair replacement – Discussion about selling/donating wooden ones that are taken from church to use. Old padded ones to replace the wooden ones. Mary looking at options and pricing for new ones.

Larry Kincaid will paint shed + exterior doors June/July 2024

#### Tech

Discussion about new computer for sound system so that everything (live online stream + church service) is not dependent on one. Brad motioned to approve up to \$2,000 for new computer(s) for sanctuary sound system. Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

### Old Business

IPS – Mary to reach out to IPS about unfinished work to fulfill contractual obligations.

Marty to reach out to Roger for advice on next steps to get it done.

Mudhens – No group space available to fit our group so we are reserving 50 seats for the June 30<sup>th</sup> game. Food + beverage is on your own. Tickets are \$13 each.

Veronica motioned to cover \$3 of each ticket to make tickets \$10 each. Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

### New Business

HO3C Christian Homeschool Co-op of Ottawa County interested in using our building on 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the months September through April. Consensus was that it sounded like a good idea to have more exposure to our church. Before making a decision, Mary is going to find out more information on insurance policies for the organization + our insurance. Ben to draft hold harmless waivers for the organization + parents individually to sign.

Genoa Bank CD matures in June. Discussion that we liked where the rate was + 90 days was a nice, short time in case we needed it for anything. Brittany motioned to roll over the CD for another 90 days. Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Amy is going on vacation May 23-June 11. She has a sub from Solomon that she will train + clean for \$12/hour. Everyone agreed was a good plan.

Next meeting June 10 at 7pm.

Marty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Connie 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm by Eric.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman,  
Recording Secretary.

### General Operating Fund

(Council approved 06/10/24)

Beginning Balance 05/01/2024	\$29,143.34
Offering/Income	\$11,860.90
Expenses	\$8,658.34
Transfers	(\$572.00)
Balance 05/31/2024	\$31,773.90

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



- Upcoming VBS prep, volunteers and all who will be impacted during the week of July 28-August 1
- Ron Giesler, recovery from broken hip & infection
- Verna Konesky (Shirley Buhro's mother) at The Guardians of St. Frances in Oregon recovering from a broken hip.
- Nate Liski, Surgery recovery
- Nichole Clapsaddle being treated for a benign tumor on her thyroid.
- Paul Stribrny (brother of Dave, Uncle of Holly Shields) is to have microvalve replacement surgery

**At Genoa Retirement Village:** Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

**At The Lakes in Maumee:**  
Eloise Hellwig, very weak, continuing to fight infection while trying to heal

**Those with long-term health concerns:**  
Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Don Weaver, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

**Those battling cancer**  
Joel Reeder (prostate & bone)  
Henry, a teen from Oak Harbor (Hodgkins Lymphoma)  
Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt

**VBS SCUBA will be here July 28th thru August 1st!**  
Here is list of things you can donate: pool noodles, blue fabric, blue tarps, blue cellophane, "sealife" toys (rubber or plush), cardboard boxes, 4'x8' 1/2" thick foam insulation board.

**Ben & Mandi Wood**  
Eliana, Jonathan & Noah  
serving in Florida  
as trainers for CRU

**Pray for our MISSIONARIES**

**Jay & Zina Herman**  
Ari & Milo  
Serving in Slovenia through CRU



## Worship @ Turnow Pond

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am  
Potluck & Swimming Afterward

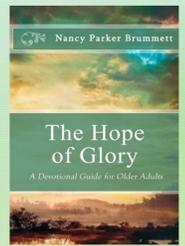
## Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

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



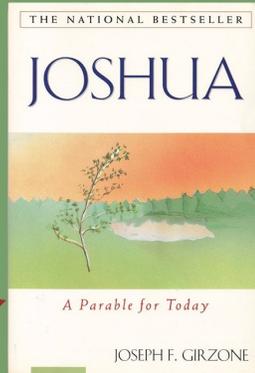
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8

## TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm @ church

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

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



## How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

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

We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

### #1 - Give on your Church Website at [www.trinityelliston.org](http://www.trinityelliston.org)

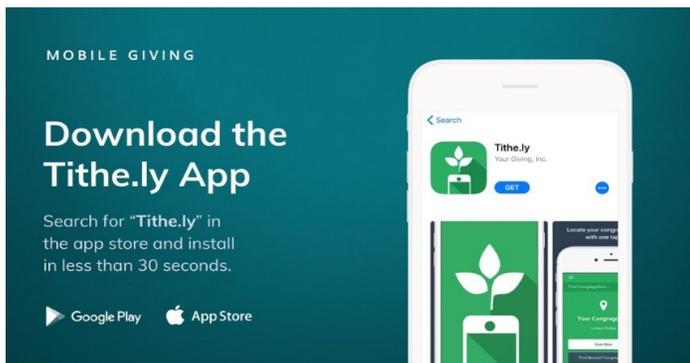
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

### #2 - 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://www.tithe.ly/Give). Once there, search for our church and fill in the giving form.

### #3 - Give in App

Want to give to our church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate our church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution!



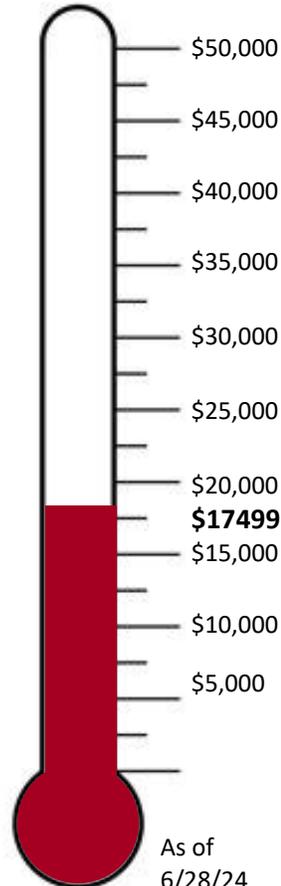
## Mission SPOTLIGHT

July's Mission Spotlight focus will be the Genoa Area Community Food Pantry. This pantry serves all residents of the Genoa Area School District. To give toward the pantry, simply write "Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



### 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.

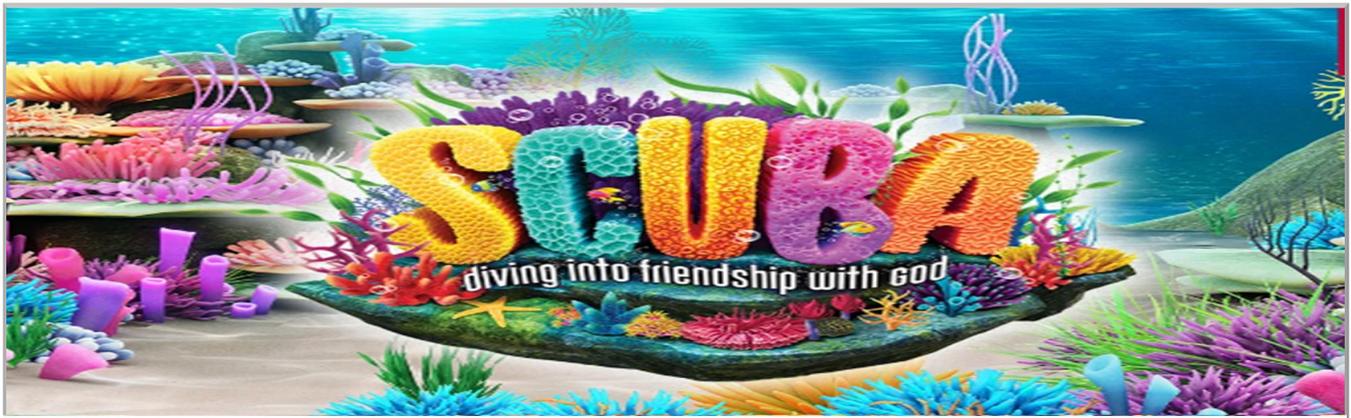


Basement Ceiling Rehab cost \$7,925.00

# Trinity UCC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Dave Stribiny (B)	<b>2</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Kendra Blevins (B)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Robert Kinsey (B) Tyler Hellwig (B)	<b>5</b> Dan Reif (B) Kim Traver (B)	<b>6</b> Jim Buhro (B) Kathy Appelhans (B)
<b>7</b> 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Taelynn Fountain (B)	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Church Council David Hellwig (B) Dawson McCloskey (B)	<b>9</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:30 pm Genoa Care Center Assisted Living Devotional & Fellowship	<b>10</b> Jolie Perry (B)	<b>11</b> Myron & Sara Zibbel (A)	<b>12</b> Lance Schroeder (B) Lily McMonigle (B)	<b>13</b> Braxtyn Hansen (B) Lee David (B)
<b>14</b> 10:00 am Worship @ Turnow Pond w/ Potluck & Swimming Trustee: Doug Avery Eva Hoefft (B)	<b>15</b> Delaney Johnson (B)	<b>16</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Tucker Wittman (B)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Suzanne Buhro (B)	<b>19</b> Mike & Anna Diekman (A)	<b>20</b> Tidings Info Due
<b>21</b> 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brad Jess Grant Goldsby (B)	<b>22</b> VBS Set-Up (10 am) Molly Dresser (B)	<b>23</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship VBS Set-Up (10 am) Sam & Sophie Sutter (A)	<b>24</b> VBS Set-Up (10 am & 5 pm)	<b>25</b> VBS Set-Up (10 am) Silas Sutter (B)	<b>26</b> Connie Gahler (B)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm VBS Scuba! Trustee: Marty Hoefft	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm VBS Scuba!	<b>30</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm VBS Scuba! Jan Corbin (B)	<b>31</b> 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm VBS Scuba!			



# Vacation Bible School

July 28 - August 1, 2024

6:00 to 8:15 pm



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