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News From Pastor Kyle

Keep the Faith! On Sunday, May 20th I preached a sermon titled, "Quitters Never Win, Or Do They?" One thing that I highlighted was the importance of us to be winners in the faith by "fighting the good fight, finishing the race, and keeping the faith." The Apostle Paul's quote is still relevant to all of us today.

Many of us slow down at times during this race of life and many of us get knocked down for a while, but the crown of righteousness will go to everyone who perseveres and continues to push towards the finish line.

It is just as important for us to keep this in mind in the life of the congregation of Trinity. The life and fellowship of this church is a necessity for it to remain alive and continue to grow, but it can't be done unless all of us are in it together.

Tired? Weary? Upset? Frustrated? These are just obstacles that Satan wants to use to keep us from being the Body of Christ and growing together.

It is my prayer that you may be refreshed by the Holy Spirit and that you'll find a way(s) to be involved at Trinity as our goal is to share the Gospel of Jesus to the entire world.

Hope to see you in church a lot this summer! Keep the Faith!

~ Pastor Kyle

Pastor Kyle Vacation

Pastor Kyle will be on vacation from June 11-17. If you need anything while he is on vacation, please contact either the church office or Robin H.

SUMMER IS APPROACHING

As summer approaches we know that many of you will be away traveling or spending time away from the church. Please remember that while you are away, the needs of the church continue to go on. Please consider mailing in your tithes and offerings or consider giving extra on the weeks that you are here. Thank you!

New Keys: If you haven't noticed yet, the building has been rekeyed and there is a new key in the lock box by the kitchen door. If you have an outside door key prior to May 1st, you can throw it away. If you have any questions, please contact one of the trustees.

New Member's Meeting - There will be a new member's class on Monday, June 4th at 6:30 pm at the church. If you are interested in becoming a member, or learning more about Trinity, please plan on attending. If you're interested but not available that day, please let Pastor Kyle know.



HOLY HOT DOGS! Holy Hot Dogs will begin on Wednesday June 13th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share while the main course and beverages will be provided. A donation box will be available if you wish to donate towards the supplies/meat/mission's team each week.

Schedule for Meat providers and set-up:

June 13th: Sutter Family
 June 20th: Eva Hoeft
 June 27th: Corbin Family
 July 4th: No Holy Hot Dogs
 July 11th: (Still looking for someone)
 July 18th: Jennifer Laughlin
 July 25th: (Still looking for someone)
 August 1st: Ed & Jane Gahler
 August 8th: Jackie Pelton/Sara Zibbel
 August 15th: Timmons Family
 August 22nd: Kelly Bourcier/Wittmans
 August 29th: (Still looking for someone)
 September 5th: (Still looking for someone)
 September 12th: (Still looking for someone)



Change

Adjusting to change can be difficult, whether personal or professional, home, or church. Trinity UCC is no different. You'll notice both small and large things. They are not unimportant and they are certainly necessary. None of them are made without consultations with others, either council or committee, Pastor or professionals.

I noticed a lot of changes at the Association meeting recently held. Many women were amongst now serving in various positions in NW Ohio UCC churches. And how the topics of breakout sessions included the opioid crisis and school violence, both unheard of in years past. We are all changing and adapting and evolving.

If questions arise about things that changed in our church, or are changing in a way you'd like to understand better, please call one of us on council, or the secretary or the Pastor, so that we can address the question directly and communicate more easily. We are all open to ideas, opinions, and helping each other.

Hoping this helps everyone see some changes in a positive light thanks for trusting me as your current president.

Sincerely, Robin Hansen

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 Monday April 9th, 2018 at 7:00pm Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:
 President Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Ken Gahler, Brock Hansen, Jen Laughlin, Ann Diekman, Veronica

McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Ben Sutter & Dan Gahler

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the Marach council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Ann Diekman. MC.
Secretary Report: Quarterly payments and taxes filed; software updated. Rhonda would like to adjust her hours on Wednesday April 18th from afternoon to morning.

Financial Report:

Funds invested with American Funds, after fees total is \$23,766.08

March Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by John Bast. 2nd Kurt Reiff. MC.

Pastor Report:

- Officiated Memorial Service in Woodville
- Concluded Meals & Melodies during Lent
 - Attendance good; no feedback
- Men's Banquet successful, over 200 attended, positive feedback
- Officiated two baptisms
- Confirmations students confirmed on 3/25 and 4/8
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services low attendance
- Officiated Memorial Service for Porath Family
- Easter services well attended
- Blessing of Farmers service 4/8

Upcoming Date

- April 28th NWOA Meeting in Genoa
- April 29th Joel Penton Service & baptism
- New member class in May

Janene Lattimore wrote a letter to council regarding the Angel Tree Family from Christmas. They reached out to her and behind on their electric bill. They asked for \$800. Janene asked for the electric bill and it actually totals \$1500. Discussion held regarding donation.

Jen Laughlin made a motion to pay \$1000 out of the \$5 offering towards the electric bill for a local family in need. 2nd John Bast MC

Shirly Buhro made a motion that any donation paid out over \$500 should be brought to council. 2nd Ann Diekman. MC

Committee Reports:

Worship

- No new events coming up

EFY

- Still looking for teachers to sign up, number of kids attending increasing
- Easter 35 children at Branching Out – record high
- Request to open nursery during church service
 - Will have one on the 29th

Mission

- No events in March
- April – Rummage sale planned for April 26th-28th
 - Sign up sheet for set up, working, teardown
 - Flyers to pass around
 - Women's Fellowship will have a bake sale

Church & Ministry

- Next meeting April 22nd before church
 - Will distribute forms for eval and set a date for the future

Trustee Report

- Kurt met with locksmith on changing ten locks, awaiting estimate
- Tuesday April 17th a company to come and give quote for new sanctuary doors

Old Business:

- Capital Improvement Fund Campaign
 - John Bast & Kyle to give a report next month
 - Ideas
 - Kitchen update
 - Entry doors
 - Air conditioning
- Father Son Banquet
 - Profit \$1885.91 will be given to Cardale Jones non-profit of choice Fallen Fifteen
 - Helps 15 fallen veterans
- Kyle would like to take a vacation end of June, date TBD

New Business:

Discussion held regarding approving events in the church prior to major church events/holidays. Plan to not allow events to be held in the church prior to major church events & holidays.

Shirley Buhro moved and Ann Diekman 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm by Robin Hansen

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report (approved) General Operating Fund

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 4/1/18 | \$14,765.00 |
| Offerings/Income | \$13,110.75 |
| Expenses | \$10,522.52 |
| Balance as of 4/30/18 | \$17,353.23 |

Receipts

Just a reminder, not change-all requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by an invoice or receipt for proper accounting. Our treasurer, financial secretary, and auditing committee will insist on it. Thanks. Robin

\$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.

Capital Improvement Team(s) needed: With the approval from council, a Capital Improvement Team will be forming to discuss a possible drive to raise funds for some

major capital improvement projects here at Trinity. Among the proposed items, raising funds for a future new roof over the sanctuary, updating the large kitchen, replacing the sanctuary front doors, possibly adding air conditioning to the Gym/Fellowship Hall, and a few other small projects.

If you are interested in being a part of the CIT (Capital Improvement Team) or being a part of a sub-committee (focusing more specifically on one item i.e. the kitchen upgrades, replace of doors, etc.) please see Pastor Kyle, John Bast, or contact the church office.

Our goal is to keep our building in great shape for future generations and to maintain growth within our congregation.

Benevolence

If anyone knows of an organization or individual that is in need of giving's, please let us know. Quarterly we disperse the benevolence money and are always looking for worthy causes to donate to.

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.

Month Attendance & Offering

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Date | 05/06/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 76 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 2,926.00 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 47,592.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 41,549.27 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (6,042.73) |
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| Date | 05/13/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 125 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 2,159.00 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 50,236.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 43,708.27 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (6,527.73) |
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| Date | 05/20/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 100 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 1,275.00 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 52,880.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 44,983.27 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (7,896.73) |
| | |
| Date | 05/27/2018 |
| # in Attendance | 81 |
| Last Week's Current Offering | \$ 1,785.31 |
| <i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i> | \$ 2,644.00 |
| <i>Budget Needed YTD</i> | \$ 55,524.00 |
| actual Current Offerings YTD | \$ 46,768.58 |
| Ahead/Behind | \$ (8,755.42) |

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday May 10, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were eleven present. Norma began the day with prayer and the table blessing. Hostess was Ina D. and she served a delicious strawberry dessert and snacks.

The program "I'll Never Retire from Being a Mom" was led by Suzanne B. Discussion was about homes and families – large ones, small ones, blended, adoptions, older parents and the grandparent boom. Also several readings.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Ina for the delicious lunch and Suzanne for the program. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted and will be filed.

The bake sale at the rummage sale was a big success. A Thank You to all who brought baked goods to sell. Special thanks to Sue, Kelly & Carol for taking charge of that.

We want to thank everyone who made the Mother-Daughter Banquet possible. It was a nice event and it was nice to see a tradition carried on that was started in 1932.

After discussion, a motion was made, sec and carried to give \$100.00 to Nick Timmons towards his Mission trip.

Ina gave the Sunshine report. New chairman will be Norma R.

Remember to bring donations to the OH Food Pantry.

June is birthday month and the beginning of our summer outings with bingo. Bring a couple bingo prizes. We decided to go to Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant on Woodville Road for lunch at noon. Meet at church at 11:30 am. That's on Thurs. June 14th. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

| WF Treasurer's Report | |
|--|-------------------|
| Balance on Hand as of April 1 | \$91.45 |
| Offering | \$15.00 |
| From Savings | \$115.00 |
| Total Income & Balance | \$206.45 |
| Total Expenses | \$154.68 |
| Rada Mfg | \$154.6 |
| | |
| Balance on Hand April 30th | \$51.85 |
| Savings Account | \$1,137.66 |

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

“My family and I want to tell you thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We could never tell you how much we appreciate your help with our electric bill you went beyond how much you helped us.

And I will love to tell you all Thank you for Christmas. The kids were so overjoyed. Grandpa and I could not done what you done for them. My husband (Jeff) and I (Peggy) are raising 3 grandkids we have custody of. We have a 10 and 7 year old and also a 5 year old with disabilities. We also have a 19 year old autistic son.

We all want to say, God Bless you all and thank you so so much!”

~Peggy

“We want to thank all who generously baked and donated all the great items for our Women’s Bake Sale during Trinity’s Rummage Sale. We had a great sale! We thank and appreciate everyone who purchased and donated to help us raise funds in our Treasury to continue giving to our Missions projects and Trinity’s needs too. God Bless all for your part.

~Trinity Women’s Fellowship

“Dear Members of Trinity UCC,

I would like to say Thank you for supporting me and making a wonderful donation as I participate in my 4th Autism Speaks walk this coming September. As I have said before raising money and awareness for Autism is something that I am passionate about because both my nephews are autistic. You have supported me from day one and continue to do so without a second thought, and I greatly appreciate that.

We have t-shirts made that we wear to different fundraisers we hold and we wear them on our walk. Trinity UCC-Elliston will once again be on our shirts as a Thank you.

Thank you again for your support. I greatly appreciate it. May Gods blessings be with each and every one of you.”

~Jen Laugh

“Dear Trinity U.C.C.,

Thank you very much for the donation towards my trip. It truly means a lot to me and my future. This trip will help me to pursue my dream of being in ministry. Again thank you very much for the very generous donation.”

~Nick Timmons

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!

Thank you for all your efforts of turning in receipts, because of your help, we received a check for \$37.72.

Coupons

“This month I gave food items to the US Post Office for their annual food drive. I also gave Nyla Denman over 100 individual fruit cups for the Oak Harbor Summer program for the children in need. Thank you to everyone”

~~Karen Lick

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.

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 June 6th 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

Just a HUGE Thank you all everyone that helped with the rummage sale! From many many hours of set-up, to working the checkout table, to donating items each and every one of you helped to make this another great event here at TUCC.

Outside Information

The Vietnam Traveling Wall will be coming to Camp Perry on May 30th. On Friday, June 1st, there will be a reading of Ottawa County Names at 7:00 pm. Sunday June 3rd at noon will be the closing ceremony.



Congratulations to our Graduates

Abigail David will be graduating from Oak Harbor High School on May 20, 2018. She is ranked 5th in her class with a GPA of 4.15 and will be attending The Ohio State University as an undecided major. She also plans to participate in the athletic band. She is a member of the National Honor Society, 4-H, CARTEENS, and Ottawa County Jr. Leadership. She participated in concert, marching and jazz bands, orchestra pit, music performance and mixed choir.

Blake Traver graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, double majoring in finance and accounting. He graduated with honors, summa cum laude. Blake is a 2015 graduate of Genoa High School and the son of Keith and Kim Traver.

Morgan Turnow successfully defended her Master's Thesis: *Efficacy of common stabilization techniques on protecting the ulnar collateral ligament of the thumb: a cadaveric study* and will graduate with a Master's of Science in Anatomy in May 2018. Next year Morgan will join the teaching staff here at OSU Anatomy as a lecturer.

David Lick will be graduating this month from Harvard with a Master's degree in Public Health.

Trinity Youth News

Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

Thank you to everyone that helped to teach this year! Because of each of you, we are able to provide a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our congregation. We look forward to what the fall has to bring to Branching Out.

Mark your Calendars

June 10th 11:30-1:30 Waterblast

June 10th Who's My Neighbor

Sunday

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.

Baptism welcome:

WHAT A BLESSING: On April 29th we celebrated the baptism of Lily Marie-Daria Sutter, daughter of Luke & Faith Sutter. Lily is the granddaughter of Tom & Carol McGeorge and Marty & Amy Sutter. Lily's God-parents are Ben & Elishia Sutter, Sam Sutter, and Brittany McGeorge. We praise God for the blessing Lily is to her family and friends.



2018 Christmas Extravaganza

Give-Away: The youth of Trinity would love to participate once again in a Christmas Give-Away. Last year several individuals went out around the area and paid for people's meals, haircuts, groceries, gas, etc. It was such a blessing to not only the recipients, but also those of us who were able to give. We would love to do this again this December. Would you consider giving an extra love offering in July to go towards this opportunity? It can be a onetime gift, a weekly offering, etc. Please mark on your envelope (Christmas Extravaganza) or drop off your donation to the office. Thank you!

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.

| June 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 |
| July 2018 | | |
| 1 st | North | Dan Mathews |
| | South | Amy Mathews |
| 8 th | North | Darrell Opfer |
| | South | Jackie Pelton |
| 15 th | North | Matt Perry |
| | South | Brianne Perry |
| 22 nd | North | Vera Sager |
| | South | Evelyn Schimming |
| 29 th | North | Doyle Sommer |
| | South | Helen Sommer |
| August 2018 | | |
| 5 th | | Turnow's Pond Weekend |
| 12 th | North | Timmon's Children |
| | South | Jackie Timmons |
| 19 th | North | Don Weaver |
| | South | Bonnie Weaver |
| 26 th | North | Myron Zibbel |
| | South | Sarah Zibbel |

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Son, & Holy Spirit!

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

**June Deadline for Tidings
will be June 14th.**

**Office closed: June 7 & 8,
15, 18-22**

*“In early June the world of leaf
and blade and flowers explodes,
and every sunset is different.”*

~ John Steinbeck

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