



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor

Trinity UCC has been part of a lot of great ministries over the years.

The support of each church member throughout the years has blessed many individuals, families, and organizations and has enriched the quality of life for so many.

This fall, the Missions' Team would like to introduce a new ministry endeavor.

A new diaper initiative will allow us as a non-profit organization to purchase diapers of all sizes at very low prices. We would like to raise some money through some \$5 offerings over the next few months to begin a ministry which will benefit families with newborn children and families struggling to pay for diapers.

Additionally, we pray that families within our congregation would help support this ministry through other financial gifts.

As this ministry begins, our goal is to be able to deliver packs of new diapers to families with newborn children in our community and our nearby communities as we find out about families who are bringing new babies into the world.

We would then drop off a pack of diapers, along with a prayer note from our congregation to that family, and then later follow up with another package of diapers as that child grows.

This will allow Trinity to continue to connect with younger families and offer a gift of love to them.

We pray that you will get behind this new outreach and prayerfully consider how you can financially help as we continue to be the light of the world to those around us.

~~Pastor Kyle

## Mark Your Calendar July Extravaganza Raffle

Trinity UCC will be selling \$10 raffle tickets for a special July 6th extravaganza give-away.

Please consider purchasing a ticket (or several) and also pick up some extra tickets to sell to your co-workers, neighbors, and family members

**Rummage Sale:** Sale dates are Thursday 6/2 from 5-8pm; Friday 6/3 from 9-5 and Saturday 6/4 from 9-noon with cleanup after.

## Family Fun Day

Save the Date: **Sunday, August 21st 4:30-6:30pm**  
**Water Blast 2016**

Beat the heat of the summer by joining us at Trinity UCC for a few hours of fun with an inflatable water slide, squirt guns, water balloons, and more (fun for all ages).

Invite your neighbors, family, and friends and bring a dish to share for a 5 pm potluck (hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided) and stay to fellowship with one another.

This is a great event for older adults as well. Come sit around and fellowship, sip tea or lemonade, or join in the water fun.



## **\$5 offerings**

During the month of June, we will be collecting for our Mission Fund.

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

In May, the \$5 offerings given out were \$271 to Nic Fisch; \$337 to Hope Bowman; and \$350.00 to the Genoa Food Pantry (plus one more Sunday in May to them).

## **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.

## **Prayer Concerns**

Please notify the office by phone or email if you have a prayer concern that you would like added to the list. Also, please make sure to let us know when you would like us to remove your request from the list.

**Members in Need of Prayer Include:**  
Blanche Batesole; Hope Bauman; Susie Wittman



**Community Members in Need of Prayer:** Kent Makin; Ken Leist

## **Church Council Minutes**

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on April 11th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Amy Mathews, President called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. and Ken Gahler 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, Dale Bodnar, Steve Turnow. Pastor Kyle Timmons and

Church secretary Rhonda Mahaney was present as well. Absent: Doug Avery

### **Reports:**

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the last council meeting on 3/14/2016 were read prior to the meeting. Motion to accept the minutes for the past meeting was made by Ed Gahler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Turnow. MC.

**Secretary Report:** The following items were discussed:

- Rhonda has asked to change her office hours to the following:
  - Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
  - Tuesday from 8 am- noon
 A motion to accept the change in hours was made by Desirae McCloskey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Gahler. MC.

### **Financial Report:**

- Benevolence – Rhonda wanted to discuss giving money from the benevolence fund on a quarterly basis versus wanting until the end of the year. This will allow us to better manage this fund, inform church members as to where the funds are being distributed, and donate to organizations throughout the year. The following organizations were selected for this quarters giving:
  - \$200 to the Daughter Project
  - \$400 to Camp Michindoh
  - \$200 BCS Food Pantry
  - \$200 to the Woods Family
  - \$200 to Joyful Connections
 A motion to accept the giving for the benevolence fund to the aforementioned organizations was made by Connie Gahler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Hoeft. MC.
- Financial information was reviewed. Jim Buhro moved to accept the financial report. Desirae McCloskey 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

### **Pastor Report:**

- Indoor signs have been ordered and will be in this week
- Pastor Kyle is currently looking into outdoor signage for the church, which will replace the signs that are currently looking outdated. Further discussion will be held at next council meeting.
- New member class started on 4/10/2016. The following individuals were in attendance for the class in preparation to become new members of Trinity UCC:
  - Jim and Jennifer Laughlin
  - Paul and Beth Brewster

- Curt Rieff and Dorothy Clarke
- Tom and Kathy Priesman
- Pastor Kyle and Jacquelyn Timmons

Dwayne Hoeft made the motion to accept the aforementioned individuals as members. Dale Bodnar 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

- Two dedications occurred in March (Maci and Kolton Zimmerman)
- Dedications are currently planned for May and June
- Pastor Kyle had a stain glass window company come and look at the church windows. He is currently waiting on the estimate to be received. Further discussion will be held at the next council meeting regarding the estimate.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship** – Nothing to report.

**EFY** – Nothing to report.

**Mission** – Nothing to report.

**Church & Ministry** – Met to give Rhonda her six month follow up for janitorial services; a satisfactory rating was given. The committee discussed her responsibilities and duties of the janitorial job, as well as the timing of when the cleaning occurs. It was noted that fifteen hours is enough to do overall cleanliness of the church. However, the cleaning occurs on Fridays. Therefore, any visitors or events taking place Friday evening and Saturdays do not currently have a cleaning service performed before Sunday service. It is not expected/nor is it possible for Rhonda to constantly move her schedule around to clean the church after these specific events. A janitorial service fee was discussed for church usage as well as other possibilities regarding this issue. The discussion was tabled and will continue at next council meeting.

**Search Committee** – Search Committee took Kyle and his family out to lunch to make sure they were feeling welcomed in the church and ask for any feedback that they wanted to give to the Committee. All is well with the Timmons family!

**Trustees -**

- A proof and cost for updating the rugs for the church (with the church logo) was presented to council. Discussion was held and it was determined to not purchase a rug with logo for the kitchen door. Marty Hoeft made a motion to approve the purchase of the three rugs with the trinity logo,

after he re-measures the rugs to confirm dimensions. Ed Gahler 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

- Kitchen (and sink) is starting to have a distinct odor, it will be looked into by the next council meeting.

**Parsonage Committee** - A silent vote will be made at the congregational meeting in selling the parsonage. No further discussion was held.

**Damshroeder Estate** – A preliminary draft of usage of the funds were presented to council, in order to be presented and voted on by the congregational meeting. No further discussion was held.

**Old Business:**

**Outside Sign** – Marty is continuing to work on the outside sign. Will report again next month.

**New Business:**

- A thank you to Nate Diekman for the COFFEE (Christ Offers Forgiveness For Everyone Everywhere) sign for the church.
- The first weekend in June will be a rummage sale. Individuals are able to rent a table to sell their individual belongings, as well as sell your individual business items (Mary Kay, Thirty-One).
- No new date for the roadshow has been set, it is currently being rescheduled.

Desirae McCloskey moved to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm by Amy Mathews. Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey, Recording Secretary

**Treasurer’s Report (approved)**

<b>General Operating Fun</b>	
Balance as of 4/1/16	\$14,281.59
Offerings/Income	\$9,167.56
Expenses	\$9,590.03
Balance as of 4/30/16	\$13,879.12

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. May 12, 2016 at 1:00 pm. Norma R. began the day with an opening prayer & the table blessing. There were 10 present. Ina D. was hostess, serving a delicious strawberry angel food dessert with snacks. We enjoyed having Pastor Kyle & Jackie with us today & getting to know them better & having them share ideas & plans for Trinity with us all working together.

Norma led the devotions and we combined that with Mother's Day thoughts, joys, and stories for the program.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Ina for the nice lunch and all who added to the program.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved. The treasurer's report was given accepted & will be filed.

Norma informed us that she is V. Pres, serving as president right now, so she is in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres.

The Mother/Daughter Banquet was a success with about 120 attending. Those taking part in the program: Welcome & table prayer, Jackie Timmons, Rebecca & Anna; Toast to Mother/Daughters: Andrea Hayes; Decorations, Trivia games & Awards: Amy Mathews; Reservations & seating: Suzanne; Main program: Eli the Magician. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Prayer partners were revealed & new names were drawn.

Sue W. was Sunshine Chairman & her report was read. New Chairman is Vi Gahler.

Donate forger to donate to the O.H. Food Pantry.

Next month is our annual birthday party. We will be going to Frisch's Big Boy Rest on Woodville Road. Meet at the church at 11:30 to car-pool.

Meeting adjourned & Norma closed with a reading.

~submitted Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of April 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$305.30</b>
Offering	\$20.00
Knives	\$20.75
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$346.05</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance on Hand April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$346.05</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,516.27</b>

## Food Pantry

Let's remember to continue to support the food pantry. Let's see about collecting cereals.

## Thank You

A Special thank you to the TLC group for the purchase of our new AED unit which is located above the water fountain.

A Special thank you to the TLC group for the purchase of the air conditioner/heater units that are located in both offices.

"Thank you for the prayers, cards, & kind thoughts following my recent surgery. I appreciate all the love & kindness extended to me."

~Don Weaver

"Thank you so much for your donation to the "Zack Attack" fundraiser. Our family greatly appreciates everything!"

~The Losie Family

The B.C.S. Food Bank wishes to Thank you and all your very generous people for your donations throughout the year."

~BCS Food Volunteers

## Memorial Thank You

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

Don & Bonnie Weaver; Darrell Opfer; Lauren & Faye Milbrodt; Doug & Tammy Asher; Ina David; Don & Lavonna Bittner; Jim & Shirley Buhro; Donna Schell; Ken Gahler; Dan & Kathy Appelhans; Jackie Pelton; Dan Gahler Family;

Eloise Hellwig; Trinity Woman's Fellowship; Eva & Dwayne Hoeft; Melvin & Norma Reif; Fay Bolander; Doug & Karen Lick; Suzanne Buhro; Susie Wittman

### **Congratulation to the Graduates:**

Tyler Hellwig graduated on May 8th, 2016 from The Ohio State University.

Morgan Turnow graduated on May 7, 2016 from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science degree in ACS Chemistry and a minor in Biology. She has been accepted at The Ohio State University for the fall of 2016 to pursue a master's degree in Anatomy.

### **News from the Woods**

(full newsletter on bulletin board) "I have been involved in Toastmasters for 2 years, this year I qualified to give a speech at Turkey's first National Speech Competition. I gave a motivational speech about my experience swimming across the Bosphorus. Pray that we and others can be a part of reaching the people her with hope and significance that can only be found in Christ. Pray for the start of our sabbatical in Austria from May 26-July 27. It's a time to debrief that we're hoping will reveal what to focus on throughout our sabbatical."

### **Table and Chair Sign-Out**

Just a reminder with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that the sign out 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.

### **Greeters**

<u>June</u>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
12 <sup>th</sup>	North	Vera Sager
	South	Glen Sager
19 <sup>th</sup>	North	Ava Bodnar
	South	Dale Bodnar
26 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
<u>July</u>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Jackie Pelton
10 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanna Hellwig
17 <sup>th</sup>	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
24 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
31 <sup>st</sup>	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
<u>August</u>		
7 <sup>th</sup>		None - Turnow's Pond
14 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
21 <sup>st</sup>	North	Evelyn Schimming
	South	Sue Timmons
28 <sup>th</sup>	North	Melvin Reif
	South	Norma Reif

## 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.

It would be great if we could find eight or more people willing to take one Sunday a month for each group. 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.

## Mother Daughter Banquet Fun



Thank you to everyone for a great evening! See you next year.

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

### **JUNE TIDINGS DEADLINE:**

Due to the office closing from June 20-24, the  
deadline for June tidings will be June 17th.

Thank you in advance.

**Office Closed:** June 10 & June 20-24

**Summer Office Hours** will be:

M, W, F 12:30-4:30; T 9-12

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