



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor Kyle

O-H- ? - ?

Yes, it's me writing this article (Go Blue), but I thought maybe that would catch your attention as football season has once again kicked off to the delight of many of us, and not to the delight of my wife.

But, this article isn't about the kick-off of football season, it's about the kick-off of our Fall Christian Education and Worship services for the upcoming year.

Starting on September 10th, we have opportunities for all people, young and old, to get involved in Christian Education. Additionally, our Kids Choir, a possibly new adult choir, and more for everyone to be a part of.

I know that I've shared this before, but Scripture encourages us, in fact it commands us, to not neglect the assembly. That means, we are all to be involved in worshipping Christ, fellowshipping with one another, and remaining active in our faith.

A (church) family that worships together stays together.

I strongly believe this as many times I've witnessed individuals who have neglected worship for a long period of time that eventually just decide not to come back as they feel like they've been gone too long.

That's okay, if you have, we'll welcome you back with open arms!

In addition to worship, I'd strong invite each of you to join a Sunday School Class at 8 am (Fireside

Room) or Branching Out (children Preschool thru 5th grade) during our 9:30 worship service.

Last year, we saw many people begin the adult class but fizzle out by May, but this year we'd love to see that increase even more. If you're thinking about stopping out for breakfast before church, why not get up an hour earlier, go to breakfast, and then fill us with your presence at class?

We'd love to have every one of you be a part of our friendly and civil discussions, share your wisdom and understanding with us and others, and most importantly, develop stronger relationships with others in your church family that you attend class with.

Then, after Sunday School, and after worship, we can all rush home, grab lunch and watch the NFL!

PASTOR KYLE

Save the Date: Camp Michindoh



January 19-21st. All of our friends and family of Trinity UCC are invited to join us Friday evening through Sunday morning for a weekend of faith, fellowship, food, fun and more!!! Make your plans now. More information & registration forms will be available beginning in September.

Church Council Minutes

Council Meeting
July 2017

- Call Meeting to Order – 7:02
- Opening Prayer – Dan Gahler
- Reports
 - a. Recording Secretary – Veronica – June Minutes approved 1st (Steve Turnow), 2nd (Nyla Denman) - approved
 - b. Secretary – Rhonda
 - c. Financial Secretary – Rhonda/Nyla Approved 1st (Robin Hansen), 2nd Dan Matthews) - approved
 - d. Pastor's Report – Kyle
 1. 1 Funeral conducted, 1 upcoming
 2. Baptism next Sunday
 3. Pay/Direct Deposit – Nyla made a motion that PK looks into having all employees, if able, to have direct deposit. Dan Gahler seconded it. All approved.
- Committee Reports
 - a. Worship Team (Did not meet)
 - b. EFY – Branching Out
 1. Janene working on recruiting teachers
 2. Curriculum to be ordered
 3. Sign up list to be up by Aug. 1st for teachers
 4. Fall youth events planned
 - c. Missions
 1. Water Blast (July 16th)
 2. Turnow's Pond
 3. School Supply Drive
 4. Holy Hot Dogs
 - d. Church & Ministry (An evaluation sheet for Amy needs to be given to Ed Gahler so that C&M can do evaluation).
- Trustee Report
 1. Door beside organ (fixed/removed)
 2. Front Doors (estimate received) – A discussion was held about what might be better in the long run. Glass doors, metal, wood? Retable for August meeting
 3. Mop sink leaks when hot water is on.
 4. Drain in woman's bathrooms.
- Old Business
 1. Pole Barn (Discussion was held about needs v. wants for a new pole barn. Before August meeting more information/quotes need to be presented.
 2. Roof (Discussion was held about metal v. shingles. Quotes will be received before next month's meeting).
- New Business
 1. PK – Direct Deposit/Issues
- Adjournment – Ann Diekman moves to adjourn. Marty Hoeft seconds.

Treasurer's Report (approved) General Operating Fun

Balance as of 7/1/17	\$5,196.85
Offerings/Income	\$11,346.22
Expenses	\$7,211.31
Balance as of 7/31/17	\$9,331.76

\$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 – Christmas Program Dinner (December)
- 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.

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
- Elevator Repair

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.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met for their final summer outing at Granny's Restaurant, Woodville on Thursday August 10, 2017 at noon. There were eight present. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon of choice.

Norma R. had an opening prayer and table blessing and several readings throughout the day.

Jackie P. read the Sunshine report and Ina D is the new chairman.

Remember to bring items for the OH Food Pantry to church.

Next month, on Sept 14th at 1:00 pm we will start the regular monthly meetings again. Program will be Eloise H. Host Sara Z. Everyone is welcome to join us. See you there!

We enjoyed another session of our summer bingo.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

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

WF Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of April 1 st	\$232.15
Offering	\$8.00
Knives	12.00
Total Income & Balance	\$252.15
Total Expenses	\$20.00
To Savings	\$20.00
Balance on Hand April 30th	\$232.15
Savings Account	\$1,320.98

Memorial Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Memorial Fund in honor of Larry Schepflin

Marilyn Appelhans; Jan & Dawn Grieger

Community Markets

Thank you to all that have turned in receipts. We just received a check in the mail for \$47.27. Thank you for your continued support.

Please bring in your receipts and place them in the box located on the table between the North glass doors. Every little bit helps!

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.

Coupons

“Five boxes of groceries, cleaning supplies and personal items were given to Grace Lutheran Church – Elmore. They really appreciated receiving the packages of diapers. Your unused coupons are so appreciated by so many people in our community. Than you all so much!!!!”

~~Karen Lick

Thank You

“Dear Trinity Family, July 26, 2017

It was so good to be with you all again this last spring. Thank you for making us feel so welcome and for your prayers and financial support over the years.

Your recent gifts are such a blessing to us in time of need – thank you!

We leave for Turkey in just over a week, time has gone so quickly.

Together we are partnering to reach out to the nations with the hope that can only be found in Christ.

In it together, Ben & Mandi Wood”

“Carol and myself want to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns and all the beautiful cards we received during my accident and 2 days later, Carol’s illness, taking us both the ER.

I fell and broke my wrist, needing surgery and then rehab.

Carol’s bad foot and leg needed surgery and a hospital stay.

We are both home now recuperating with the aid of nursing care and OT and PT.

We are grateful to God to be back home. But we are more grateful for all the Trinity members and Pastor Kyle and the wonderful family relationship our congregation has with each other and the times of worship and sharing together as often as we are able.”

~Susie & Carol

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 October 5th at 7:00 PM



Adult

Sunday School:

Resuming on September 10th

Come and join us in some great discussions. Kathy Giesler leads a class that will meet on Sundays at 8:00am. All are welcome to join!

Trinity Youth News

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 or Janene Lattimore know as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those who have signed up to help teach this Fall. We can still use YOU! Even if you'd sign up for just one Sunday. Young, old, male, female, member, non-member! Let us know if you can take one of the slots listed below as "Open"

Sept. 10th: Pre-1st (Desirae McCloskey), 2nd-5th (Sue Timmons)

Sept. 17th: Pre-1st (Ashley Gahler), 2nd-5th (Jan Corbin)

Sept. 24th Pre-1st (Janene Lattimore), 2nd-5th **(OPEN)**

Oct. 1st Pre-1st (Dan Mathews), 2nd-5th (Dan Gahler)

Oct. 8th: Pre-1st (Vanessa Scott), 2nd-5th (Sue Timmons)

Oct. 15th: Pre-1st (Ashley Gahler), 2nd-5th **(OPEN)**

Oct. 22nd: Pre-1st **(OPEN)**, 2nd-5th (Steve & Nancy Turnow)

Oct. 29th: Pre-1st (Kristen Asher), 2nd-5th (Erica Hall)

Nov. 5th: Pre-1st (Ashley Gahler), 2nd-5th (Andrea Hayes)

Nov. 12th: Pre-1st (Desirae McCloskey), 2nd-5th **(OPEN)**

Nov. 19th: Pre-1st (Dan Mathews), 2nd-5th (Robin Hanson)

Nov. 26th: Pre-1st **(OPEN)**, 2nd-5th **(OPEN)**

Thank You

I just want to personally thank everyone who donated to the Back to School Drive. I was honored to go out and purchase supplies that we were able to give away to 80+ kids this year. The shopping was just as much of a mission as the actually giving away of the supplies. I had so many questions from people as I was buying thousands of dollars' worth of school supplies. This was a chance for me to minister to those friendly shoppers and to promote our church. I called Pastor Kyle about half way through my shopping weekend and told him I was on such a school supply high! With my 3 trips into Meijer, 4 trips into Walmart, 1 trip into Dollar General, 1 trip into Menards, and several online purchases I probably spoke and explained our mission to over 40 people. With the money that you all graciously donated I was able to purchase the following:

65 School boxes
10 Page dividers
20 bottles of Hand Sanitizer
16 boxes of Tissues
100 pairs of Headphones
5 packs of paper plates
70 packs of Ziploc Bags
70 Clorox Wipes
13 Baby wipes
18 Wetones
24 rolls of Paper Towels
70 boxes of Markers
70 boxes of Colored Pencils
200 boxes of Crayons
132 Highlighters
12 rolls of Tape
39 Zipper Pouches
51 3-ring Binders
79 pairs of Scissors
200 Folders
20 Pencil Sharpeners
120 Blue Pens
100 Red Pens
12 pieces of Felt
1,930 Pencils
70 packs of Paper
109 Spiral Notebooks
15 3-Subject Notebooks
14 5-Subject Notebooks
20 Composition Notebooks
120 Erasers
20 Sharpie Markers
150 Expo Markers
20 Notecards
44 Glue bottles
704 Glue Sticks
83 Book Bags



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for doing this for our community! The kids and families thank you and the teachers and schools thank you! From the mouth of my late colleague Whitney Meinke "Do Something Amazing", I think our church did just that!!

~~Janene Lattimore

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.



<u>September 2017</u>		
3 rd	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Timmons Children
10 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
17 th	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
24 th	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
<u>October 2017</u>		
1 st	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Sue Timmons
8 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
15 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
22 nd	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
29 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
<u>November 2017</u>		
5 th	North	Suzanne Buhro
	South	Ina David
12 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
19 th	North	Viola Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
26 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler

Mark your 2017 Calendars

Fall Festival & Boo Festival **October 29th**
4-7:30pm

Trunk or Treat 4-5 pm

Dinner 5 pm

Haunted House 5:30-7 pm

Hay Rides, Crafts, other activities the entire time!



November there will be a dinner and corn hole tournament.

December 9th at 4:30pm we will have our Children's Christmas Program with a dinner to follow. (we will also be looking for help to put on the dinner)

*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.

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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

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. ”

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