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united church of Christ

Tidings

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



Beat The Summer Heat

Greetings church!

As we bask in the warmth of the summer season, let us take a moment to reflect on the words of encouragement found in 1 Peter 5:10-11: *"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever."*

These verses offer reassurance that our Heavenly Father, the embodiment of boundless grace, not only calls us to share in His eternal glory but also guides us through trials and tribulations. He promises to restore us, confirm our faith, strengthen our resolve, and establish us in His loving care. Truly, His kingdom knows no bounds and endures eternally.

While we revel in the joys and adventures of summer, let us take this opportunity for spiritual growth by engaging in acts of service driven by love. Just as the summer season invites us to partake in various outdoor activities and appreciate the beauty of creation, it also serves as a reminder of our Christian duty to extend God's love to others.

Throughout these vibrant months, we are presented with countless occasions to show God's grace through acts of kindness and selfless service. Whether it entails volunteering at a local charity, organizing community events, or simply reaching out to those in need, let us purposefully use our abilities to serve others, recognizing the diverse talents God has given us.

Moreover, let us acknowledge that serving others is not just an obligation but a privilege. In doing so, we witness firsthand the transformative power of God's grace as it speaks into the lives of those we touch. As we embrace these opportunities to serve, we become messengers of His love, joy, hope, and encouragement to a world yearning for such compassion.

As a community of believers, let us unite in our commitment to serve one another and extend our reach to the wider community. Collectively, we possess the potential to effect substantial change and radiate God's love as a beacon in our surroundings. Consider joining our missions and outreach ministry or participating in VBS, the End of Summer Party, or other activities within our church, as engaging in service alongside fellow believers fosters camaraderie and nurtures a spirit of unity.

As we embark on this journey of service, let us remember that it is through the work of God's grace within us that we are empowered to make a tangible difference. Together, let us bear witness to His love, reflecting His divine character in every facet of our lives.

May this summer be a time of tremendous spiritual growth, active community engagement, and an outpouring of love as we wholeheartedly embrace the abounding grace of our Heavenly Father.

With love and blessings,

-Pastor Ryan Shields

Sermon Series:

4 Truths to Win at Life

This month's sermon series is based on small words of wisdom heard during baseball games. To celebrate our July series and season, please consider wearing your favorite baseball apparel to church!

July 2nd:

"You Can't Win With a Bad Attitude" with 4th of July Liturgy at the end of service

July 9th @ Turnow Pond:

"You Don't Win Without Sacrifice"

July 16th:

"No Guts, No Glory. No Scars, No Story."

July 23rd:

"It Ain't Over, Til It's Over" (Church Day at the Mud Hens)

Council Minutes: May 2023

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, May 8 at 7:05pm. Rebecca Reif, President, called the meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Rebecca Reif, Pastor Ryan, Secretary Mary Muntz, Eric Gahler, Brittany Wittman, Nathaniel Diekman, Janene Lattimore, Brice Gahler, Marty Hoef, Sam Sutter, Steve Turnow, Susie Shaffer, Kim Traver, Brandon Kincaid

Recording Secretary Report:

Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Brice, second by Nate. MC

Administrative Assistant + Financial Report:

Reports were reviewed. Motion to accept reports made by first Janene, second by Brice, MC

Pastoral Report:

8 Students Confirmed into full membership of the Church by profession of faith.
 Nancy Turnow has assembled a Visitation team of 4 lay people and Pastor Ryan
 Zion asked if we wanted to join 4th of July service at park. Past few years, we've had little to no attendance at these. Janene Motioned to decline invitation but to extend invitation to them to our outdoor community August service/event. Second by Brandon. MC.

EFY Report

Would like to consider adding another Sunday School teacher due to large numbers and to break down the grade range in each class.

Missions & Outreach Report

Graytown park cleanup was May 6. Our sign is up in the flowerbed. If ever passing, please feel free to weed or water.
 Participating in Genoa Homecoming + Apple Festival parades. Still looking for a wagon to decorate for float. Also, for people interested in decorating.
 Chicken BBQ advertised that funds would be going to local missions. Eric motioned that \$1000/school (Genoa, Oak Harbor, Woodmore), for a total of \$3,000, be used from the Chicken BBQ proceeds to pay toward school lunch debt. Susie 2nd. MC.

Missions looking into Bed Building organizations for donations and projects for further funds to be dispersed.

Worship Team & 2030 Team - No report

Church & Ministry Report

Met 2 weeks ago. Finished the Pastor Evaluation + working on Secretary. Working on being more specific + simplifying. Meeting again 5/14.

Trustees

Window replacement approved by Congregation. Moving forward with project with Radiant Windows. Working on increased communication between trustees + custodian. For "Firm Foundation" improvement fund, Trustees suggested steeple + tuck pointing be priority.

Old Business – none

New Business

Emily Burcin was appointed to replace Janene for remaining 6 months of her term on Council. Council agreed to allow exemption to the 1 year membership prior to being on Council. Kim motioned. Eric 2nd. MC.
 Water Blast – agreed to make it tradition to be the last weekend in August.
 Landscaping – Brandon motioned to remove evergreen bushes around the buildings and replace with mulch that we have in front of storage shed. Kim 2nd. MC.

Next meeting June 12 at 7pm.
 Motion to adjourn meeting by first Janene, second by Susie. MC.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm by Rebecca.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.



General Operating Fund
 (Council approved 06/12/23)

Beginning Balance 05/01/2023	\$32,596.97
Offering/Income	\$11,864.22
Expenses	\$9,646.73
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 05/31/2023	\$34,814.46



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

Be in prayer for the following:

Kathy Appelhans (recovery from surgery)
 Nyla Denman (healing of both wrists)

At Genoa Retirement Village:

Don Hoeft, Jackie Pelton, Norma Reif

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:

Todd Hablitzel, Logan Murphy, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt



July's focus will be

The Steve Welling Benefit (ALS)

We have been asked to provide a freezer beef bundle for this event. Seed money for this project has been donated by a church member and we are looking to raise approximately \$1,500 to complete the donation.

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

Memorial Thank You

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of Lyn Geiser and Sharon Hoffman. We would like to thank the following for their memorials given in their names.

Fay Bolander



VBS Donation List:
Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
Grey Canvas Drop Cloths

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

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!

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.



Youth Outing - Go Karts - Pizza - Putt Putt



Worship @ Turnow Pond

Sunday, July 9th @ 10:00 am

Potluck & Swimming Afterward

Bring a lawn chair, a towel and a dish to share!

****10534 Brown Road, Curtice****

VBS Set Up

From July 24th- 28th we will welcome any and all helper during the day (beginning at 10:00 AM) to join with Pastor Ryan and others to decorate the church for VBS. Lunch will be provided each day.



Visitation & CareMinistry

Do you feel called to visit with some of our older congregation members? Handbooks are available to help you with conversation starters as you get to know some of our older congregation members. Contact Nancy Turnow for more information.



Coffee Fellowship

Tuesdays
8:00 am

Everyone Welcome!



CELEBRATE
Independence Day
4TH OF JULY



SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Be A Bible School Volunteer
Sunday, July 30th through Thursday, August 3rd
Please use the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABA92CABFC1-vbsvolunteers>

(or type it into your web browser) to sign up
OR
Contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845)
We would love your help!
It's going to be Stellar!!!

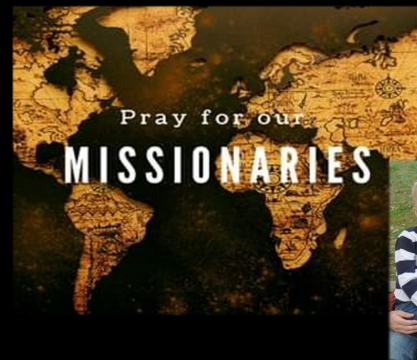
Walk with Me

740-586-7715

Tuesdays and Thursday's at 5:30pm.
Meet in the parking lot of
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on OH-2.
Let me know to look for you by texting or calling.

Sometimes the idea of talking to someone in an office can seem intimidating. Let's go for a walk and see what happens. I'm here to listen, talk, and pray.

A new ministry offered by Sarah Edwards



Pray for our
MISSIONARIES

Ben & Mandi Wood
Eliana, Jonathan & Noah

Serving in Florida
as trainers for 



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Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia
through 



You Are Invited

To celebrate Suzanne Buhro & her 95th birthday

Sunday, July 16th
after church to 1 pm
at a Cake Reception

**Your presence is her present,
please leave all other gifts at home.**

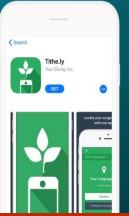


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Giving to your local church using Tithe.ly is super easy! We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

#2 - Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by heading to Tithe.ly/Give. Once there, search for your church, and fill in the giving form.

#3 - Give in App

Want to give to your 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 your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

July 23rd

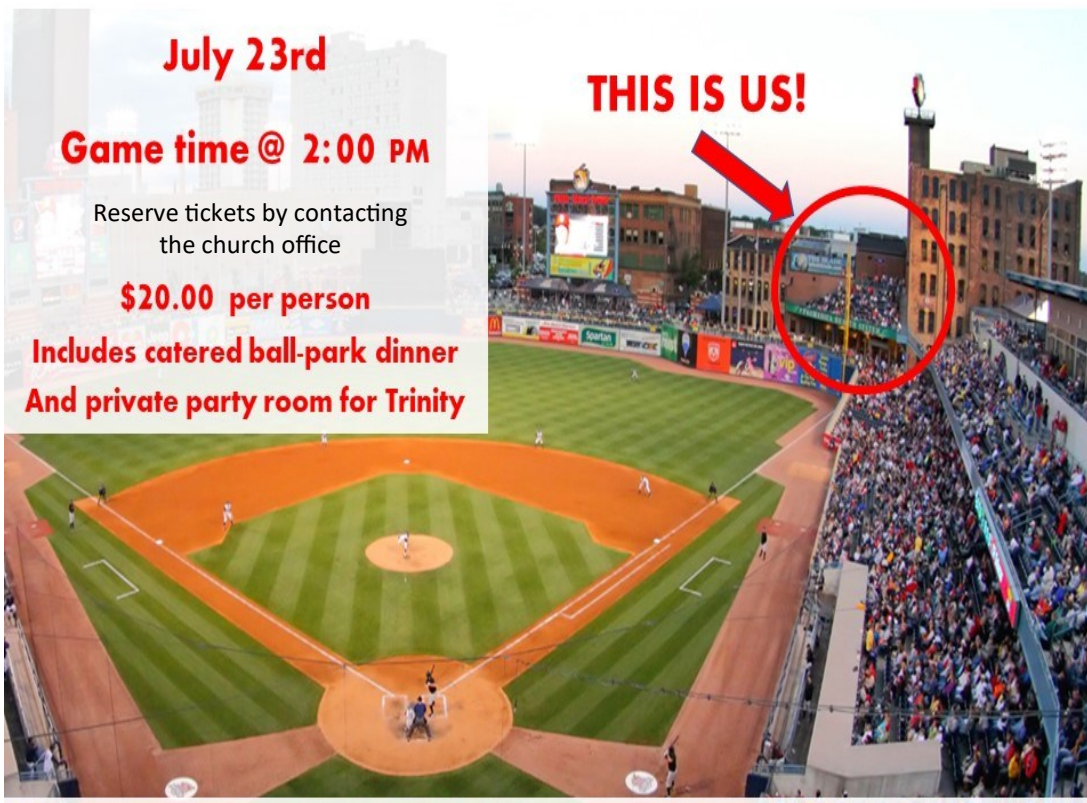
Game time @ 2:00 PM

Reserve tickets by contacting
the church office

\$20.00 per person

**Includes catered ball-park dinner
And private party room for Trinity**

THIS IS US!



**CHURCH COMMUNITY DAY
AT THE MUD HENS**



Trinity UCC

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dave Stribrny (B)
2 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Kendra Blevins (B)	3	4 Independence Day Robert Kinsey (B) Tyler Helwig (B)	5 Dan Reif (B) Kim Traver (B)	6 Jim Buhro (B) Kathy Appelhans (B)	7 Taelynn Fountain (B)	8 Hall: Town & Country Crew 4-H David Helwig (B) Dawson McCloskey (B)
9 10:00 am Worship/Pot-Luck/Swimming @ Turnow Pond Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Brice Gahler	10 7:00 pm Church Council Jolie Perry (B)	11 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Myron & Sara Zibbel (A)	12 Sheila Johnson (B) Lance Schroeder (B) Lily McMonigle (B)	13 Braxtyn Hansen (B) Lee David (B) Sean & Erica Hall (A)	14 Eva Hoeft (B)	15 Delaney Johnson (B) Matt & Kristin Bohland (A)
16 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Steve Turnow 11:00 am Hall: Buhro Tucker Wittman (B)	17	18 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Suzanne Buhro (B)	19 Mike & Anna Diekman (A)	20 Tidings Info Due	21 Kennith Ish (B) Grant Goldsby (B)	22 Molly Dresser (B)
23 10:00 am Worship (Praise Band) 2:00 pm Mudhens Game Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Marty Hoeft Sam & Sophie Sutter (A)	24 VBS Set-Up Mark & Kristi Warnke (A)	25 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship VBS Set-Up Silas Sutter (B)	26 VBS Set-Up Connie Gahler (B)	27 VBS Set-Up	28 VBS Set-Up	29 VBS Set-Up
30 10:00 am Worship 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Monumental Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Jan Corbin (B)	31 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Monumental					

Watch the Service Online at <http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

VBS 2023




July 30th - August 3rd
6:00 pm to 8:15 pm



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