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SERMON
SERIES

**JESUS
NEVER
SAID
THAT**

January 30th:
**Jesus Never Said
That: God Won't
Give You More
Than You Can
Handle**

February 6th:
**Jesus Never Said
That: You're Too
Far Gone**

DEEP DIVE

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

February 13th:
**A Deep Dive:
Ephesians
the Historical**

February 20th:
**A Deep Dive:
Ephesians
the Doctrinal**

February 27th:
**A Deep Dive:
Ephesians
the Ethical**

Trinity Tidings

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A Deep Dive

Greetings friends,

As we walk through the cold and snowy days of winter, I was blessed recently to spend a weekend at Kalahari with my wife and daughter. My daughter is at a wonderful age where she doesn't seem to have any fear. She wants to do everything herself. Already I've heard the immortal words "Daddy, I don't need you" that has shaken the spirit of many parents throughout the years. Kalahari was no different. Skylie took her little 3-foot-tall body and with all the courage she could muster walked bravely into the wave pool. I watched as the water grew to one-foot waves pushing back on her legs and buckling her knees.

She pressed on. Two-foot waves came next, smacking her chest and pushing her backwards. Finally, the three-foot waves came in, knocking her down and flooding her face with water. Of course, she boldly stood up and said "Again!" Strangely, this made me think about how we study the Bible. For many of us, we've never gotten past the surface of our Scriptural understanding. We get our toes wet. Maybe we let a few key verses buckle our knees a little or challenge our foundation. But, how often do we feel ready to go really deep? To look at the Bible in a way that might get us in over our heads, maybe even move the foundations of our faith until we find ourselves knocked back and starting again from the beginning.

Most people don't test their faith in this way, but in February I'd like us to give that a try. We're going to be reading the Book of Ephesians, and rather than just read the book on its surface so that we can take away a couple memory verses to hang on our refrigerator, I want us to look at Ephesians in a way that makes us move, change, question, and strengthen the things we believe. To do that, we'll look at three different levels at which we can examine Scripture. Whether you'll be joining us in February or not, I hope you'll consider looking at these three areas when you study Scripture at home.

Historical: Ask yourself, what is this piece of Scripture? Who wrote it? Who were they writing to? When did they write it? What was the environment like at the time? How were people dealing with political issues, social issues, family issues, and so on.

Doctrinal: This is a fancy church way of asking what the Scripture is trying to say. Our Doctrine is our agreed upon beliefs. When we read Scripture we often must ask what definitive statements are being made about the nature of God, the nature of people, or our relationship with Jesus. There's a key verse in Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, *which God prepared in advance for us to do.*" "God prepared in advance for us to do", is that just a clever phrase by the author or does it speak to some deeper understanding of how God created us and interacts with us? That's a question of Doctrine.

Ethical: Another way to phrase this would be the application. We can read a piece of Scripture and understand who was writing it, why they wrote, and what truths God had revealed to them in the text...but for the reader the next part is the most challenging. What do we do with it? Why does it matter? How do the teachings of a 2000-year-old text influence my life today and help me better live in Christ? These are the ethical questions of a Scriptural study. How does this piece of Scripture impact the way I live a life that is pleasing to God?

These are the questions we'll unpack as we take a deeper dive in Scripture this February! Please join us!

Pastor Ryan

**Council meets
at the Church
monthly on the
2nd Monday at
7:00 pm**

Council Minutes: December

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, December 13 at 7:00pm. Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan Sheilds opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Ashley Gahler, Bonnie Weaver, Ed Gahler, Brianne Perry, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Jim Buhro, Janene Lattimore, Steve Turnow, Sam Sutter, and Church Secretary Mary Muntz

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from November meeting and were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Brad Jess, second by Brianne Perry, MC

Secretary Report:

Motherboard replaced in audio-visual computer in the sound booth
Designed and sent out flyer for Women's Ecumenical service
Outdoor sign was updated
Letters of transfer sent on behalf on new members

Financial Report:

Desirea reviewed monthly and year-end balance sheets. Motion to approve financial secretary report first Brad Jess, second by Brianne Perry, MC

Pastor Report:

27 new members received on 11/21/21
Children's Christmas program will be on 12/19/21- met with Jan to organize
Many members and confirmation class participants went caroling on 12/12/21
Attendance has crossed the 100 threshold since fall!!
Continuing check ins through phone, text, and in person visits
Confirmation class has 9 students currently

Committee Reports:

Worship Team: Women's ecumenical service was very successful

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive: In need of substitutes and extra helping hands

Paint and floors are complete in classrooms
TVs and white boards need hung in classrooms
Sub team to develop youth leader job description will be meeting early in new year
Camp Michendoh contacted us about returning to visit. Planning to return early 2023
Considering a gathering at church for this winter

Mission: Angel tree- one family will receive gifts. Other families will receive gift cards

Trustee Report: Jim Laughlin received two quotes to install doors. Quote from Dave Heintz construction at \$1600. Verbal quote from Robert Boss at \$2000 for installation. Table for January until we have a written quote from Robert Boss
Doors will still need rekeyed by Northwood Doors

Salt for winter is in the shed
Snow removal contract was signed

Pastoral Relations Committee

Proposed amendment to the call agreement regarding the ordination clause
Motion to accept changes to the call agreement made by Jim Buhro, second by Brad Jess, MC.

Moving milage allowance to phone/tech allowance as milage was not being met

Church and Ministry

Mary and Pastor Ryan's review have been done. Amy's to be done soon

2030 Team: Roger Sheehan was in again and we are waiting on design completion

Old Business:

2022 budget will be present at annual meeting. Youth pastor added to 2022 budget
Electric increased to plan for AC
AC consultant and carpet/flooring replacement added to property and building section
Portion of last years surplus could possibly be used for youth pastor allowance
Slate for 2022: VP slot still open at this time, All other lots have been filled

New Business:

Budget committee: Currently Nyla Denman and Desirae
Conducts audit 2x per year to review financials
New council will appoint a financial committee
Nyla and Desirae are willing to stay on or step down

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brad Jess, second by Jim Buhro, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm by Desirae McCloskey.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.



In Our
Prayers

Kelsey Gahler & Shane Baumert and twins Riley and Ren who are now 6 months old



Those battling cancer:
Sean Hall,
Dustin Schmidt,
Jean Tabbert,
Jackie Pelton
Logan Murphy

Those with long-term health concerns:
Patty Crozier,
Deanna Vizi,
Joel Marquart

MR & MRS

Congratulations

to
Scott & Analisa
Williams
who were united in
marriage on
January 1, 2022
here at Trinity.
Analisa is the
daughter of Steve
& Nancy Turnow.

*Thank
you*



⇒ Thank you for your generous support of Jay & Zina Herman (Slovenia) and Ben & Mandy Wood (Orlando) missionaries through CRU

⇒ I would like to thank all the carolers for all the Christmas songs, also for the beautiful plate of cookies.
Thank you very much, Vi Gahler

- ⇒ Two simple words that come with so much gratitude...Thank You!
Thanks so much for your continued support, The BCS Food Pantry
- ⇒ Dear Trinity Elliston,
Thank you so much for your recent contribution to the Genoa Area Community Food Pantry. We are so grateful for your generous donation of \$420 to the pantry. In this troubling time we are experiencing, this donation will help the pantry continue its mission of serving community members in need.
Sincerely, Robin Miller, Treasurer Genoa Area Community Food Pantry
- ⇒ The Lord Bless You - Numbers 6:24
Your thoughtfulness is a reflection of God's love.
A special "Thank You" to the Sunday School teachers, kids, parents and grandparents that helped make our Christmas program a wonderful retelling of Christ's birth.
I also want to say "Thank You" for the very nice gift you blessed me with. I love and am enjoying it all!
Jan Corbin
- ⇒ Every hot meal served, every bed slept in, every safe overnight stay, every hot shower - comes directly from hearts like yours. Thank you for your recent donation to make a difference in these lives and helps them work toward their independence and success and a place of their own.
Andrea Casteel, Donor Relations Coordinator Cherry Street Mission
- ⇒ Trinity UCC,
The unconditional love and support you have shown us has been truly amazing. We want to thank you again for your generous and thoughtful gifts. We are blessed beyond measures.
Love, Brianne, Jolie & Rayna Perry
- ⇒ On behalf of the Grace Community Center's Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers, Thank you for your recent gift. We appreciate the continued support that you have given to us over the years. It is the giving spirit that you have displayed as a church community that helps to keep the doors of Grace open to the families in our community. Your example of dedication reflects the heart of the Christian principals of giving to the brothers and sisters in need. It also brings to life the biblical precepts of sowing and reaping. The children that you sponsor are able to receive educational support through our After School Program. They also benefit from summer fun activities through EDUCAMP, which combines traditional camp activities with academic enrichment.
Your monthly contributions keep the bright faces of our children walking through the doors to receive hugs, hot meals, tutoring and mentoring. Keep the faith and know that you are indeed making a difference in the lives of the children of this community.
His Grace be upon you!
Elaine Page, Executive Director, Grace Community Center

Congregational Meeting: January 9, 2022

Moderator: Desirae McCloskey and Luke Sutter
Present: a quorum of the congregation was present

Purpose:
review 2021 annual report
review 2022 slate of officers
review 2022 benevolence fund

Call to order: Desirae called the meeting to order at 11:05am

Business:
Desirae reviewed the annual budget
Motion to accept budget was made by first Brad Jess, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Position of Vice President was vacant
Rebecca Reif volunteered as Vice President for 2022 council

2021 and 2022 council were recognized
Motion by first Jane Gahler, second by Ann Diekman to accept 2022 council, MC.

Pastor Ryan reviewed the 2022 Benevolence fund recipients and joyfully discussed that in 2021 we exceeded our budgeted benevolence giving's

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brad Jess, second by Bonnie Weaver, MC. Meeting adjourned at 11:25am. Respectfully submitted by Ashley Gahler, recording secretary.

NOTE: We would like to thank those going off Council for a job well done:

Desirae McCloskey, Bonnie Weaver,
Ed Gahler, Troy Wittman, Brad Jess,
and Jim Buhro

2022 Council:

President Luke Sutter,
Vice President Rebecca Reif,
Recording Secretary Ashley Gahler,
Financial Secretary Nate Diekman,
Elders Brianne Perry & Janene Lattimore,
Deacons Connie Gahler & Sam Sutter,
Trustees Jim Laughlin, Michael Sager,
Brice Gahler & Steve Turnow.

Keep them all in your prayers as they serve the Lord through these positions at Trinity this year.



The Mission Spotlight for February is support for our CRU Missionaries to Slovenia: Jay & Zina Herman. To give toward their support in February mark your donation "Mission Spotlight".

Memorial Thank You Note

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Jean Tabbert. We would like to thank the following for their memorial given in her name:
Jim & Shirley Buhro

General Operating Fund Report for 2021 (Council approved 1/09/21)

Beginning Balance 1/1/2021	\$14,925.77
Offering/Income	\$148,799.80
Expenses	\$115,395.33
Transfers	\$1,800.00
Balance 12/31/2021	\$46,510.24

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

Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity

Ottawa County Level 1:

Worship and church activities will be held as usual - please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 2:

All non-worship activities before and after worship are cancelled - this means no Sunday School/Branching Out, church dinners or meeting that may be scheduled, etc. The worship service will be held for those who choose to attend and feel they can travel safely. Please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 3:

No worship service or church-related activities

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.

Heat Reminder

Please remember to turn the heat down to 58 (or turn it off) after you are finished in the rooms and close the door. We ask everyone to help with this cost saving measure. Thank you!

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.

Medical Lending Supplies

Many new supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. These supplies include: Bath in a Bag wipes, Adult size Pull-Ups and Diapers, Wheel-chairs, Canes, Walkers, Arm Slings, Compression Stockings, Shower Bag for use with a cast, Massage Cushion, First Aid items (Ace Wraps, Band-aids, Ointment, etc), and more. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need!

Watch the Service Online

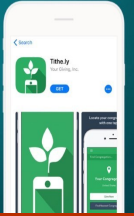
We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services! If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use this link to find the service online: <http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

MOBILE GIVING

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Tithe.ly App

Search for "Tithe.ly" in
the app store and install
in less than 30 seconds.

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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

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](https://www.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](https://www.tithe.ly) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

Trinity UCC

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ Williston St. John Lutheran	2 Allie Dresser Michelle Tabbert Ron Giesler	3	4	5 Dick Denman Kristi Warnke
6 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Connection Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church	7	8 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ Oak Harbor St. Paul UCC	9	10	11 Ann Diekman	12
13 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Connection Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church	14 7:00 pm Church Council	15 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dartball bye week	16 Eric Gahler	17 Tom Tabbert	18	19
20 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Connection Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Tidings Information Due Turner Hayes	21 Bryan Buhro Don & Bonnie Weaver	22 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball make-up games Emmalyn Liphart	23 Ed Gahler	24 Marty Hoefft	25	26 Dave & Tracy Dresser

Upcoming Lent Season Events:

Lent begins March 2nd
 Ash Wednesday Service March 2nd, time TBA
 Various teams within the church are currently in conversation about how to best engage the church and community during Lent. Currently the plan is to have more family focused events and those decisions are ongoing.
 Until the schedule is finalized, we can tell you that there will be traditional services held on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) and Maundy Thursday (April 14th) with the times for those services to be determined
 We will have our normal Easter schedule on Easter Sunday (April 17th).

27 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Connection Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Doug Avery
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There's a place for you here!



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Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Nursery & Kids'
Church Available



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