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News From Pastor Kyle

Commitment!

It's a scary word. Most of us say we are committed to things, but when push comes to shove, are we really committed?

The majority of you reading this at one point or another have made a commitment to the church through confirmation or membership. In your commitment you promised to be active within the church and participate in the life of the congregation.

One scary trend I have seen over the past few months is that these commitments have started to wean off. Many of you used to be very active, but for one reason or another have backed away. Lack of attendance at church, not showing up for meetings, not volunteering for committees and church positions, etc.

By no means am I trying to shame anyone into doing something they don't want to do, and I'm also not trying to judge anyone. However, I strongly believe that if any church is going to thrive, it must be behind the strength of YOU!

I've heard people who are concerned that we are struggling to have a mission's team, a worship team, etc. but the same people choose not to sign up. I'm not exactly sure why that is. Age shouldn't have anything to do with it. Having served in the past should have nothing to do with it. Length of

being in the church shouldn't have anything to do with it. The ONLY thing it should have to deal with is your love and commitment to God and the church family.

Please pray about where you can be used and act in accordance to God answering that prayer.

Pastor Kyle

Mark your Calendars

October 21st Boo Fest

November 4th Corn Hole & Euchre

November 18th Pastor Kyle's Farewell Service & Potluck to follow

November 25th Congregational Meeting immediately after the service

December 2nd Rev. Dan Busch guest speaker

December 9th Christmas Program (NOTE the Change of date!)



Coat Room – If you have items in the coat room on the shelves, please remove them as soon as possible. There are a lot of items there that if not claimed, they will be thrown away.

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 held a special meeting on Sunday, August 12th at 8:30am. Those in attendance were as follows:

Present were President Robin Hansen, VP Ben Sutter, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Ken Gahler, Dan Mathews, Ann Diekman, Dan Gahler, Veronica McMonigle, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney

Pastor Kyle led the meeting and informed the members of Church Council that he has a trial sermon at another church in Illinois next Sunday and barring their "yes" vote he will be submitting his letter of resignation in one week.

Meeting adjourned by Robin Hansen at 9:20am

Submitted by Veronica McMonigle, Recording Secretary

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday August 13th, 2018 at 7:05pm Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and Robin opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Robin Hansen, VP Ben Sutter, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Ken Gahler, Dan Mathews, Ann Diekman, Dan Gahler, Jen Laughlin, Veronica McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Also present were Finance Committee Members Desirae McCloskey and Nyla Denman

Reports:

Financial Report:

Mid year audit complete by the Budget Committee. Finance committee members Desirae McCloskey, Nyla Denman and Shirley Buhro were present.

Audit of the books checked out. They reviewed budget and found that for the first six months of the year we have already overspent \$12,000. \$9,000 of the spending included new Branching out Flooring, rekeying of the church and new concrete. Discussion held regarding spending.

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the June council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Jen Laughlin, 2nd Shirley Buhro. MC.

Secretary Report:

Quarterly reporting complete.

A letter was received from St Paul requesting a membership transfer of Lauren Idhe Hill. Motion was made by Ann Diekman to approve membership transfer, 2nd by Ben Sutter MC.

Reviewed current fund activity/account balances. A decision was made to empty the Air Conditoer July Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Dan Gahler 2nd Jen Laughlin MC.

Pastor Report:

- One non member memorial service in July
- Kyle would like to thank everyone who has helped provide food for the Ann David Family. Discussion held regarding helping others in the church in the future

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Kyle is still looking for someone to cover service on Sunday
- Need someone to step up to lead worship team and new members

EFY

Sign up sheet when around on Sunday, minimal names signed up

Material is here, Rhonda has started to make copies. No new confirmands for this coming year.

Mission

- School Drive August 12th
 - 80 kids came thru
 - Significant amount of supplies still left over
- Veronica offered to head up the Missions Team for the rest of the year
- Upcoming events Boo Fest & Christmas Dinner

- Kelsey Gahler planning a “Ladies Night Out” movie night

Church & Ministry

- Plan to meet soon, Robin & Ben will have more information soon
- Need to get employee reviews done

Trustee Report

- Pella came out & adjusted some windows, need new screens approx \$2,000 for screens & labor
- New signs for end of Elliston Trowbridge road are in, poles are rusty and need to be painted first
- Doors
 - awaiting a quote from Radiant Windows
 - Capital Aluminum out of Bellevue, OH will give a quote
- Township is re-sealing blacktop next month
- New roof quote

Old Business:

- Capital Improvement Fund Campaign
 - There has been no interest
- New Property
 - May ask owners to come to council to discuss future plans

New Business:

Pastor Kyles impending departure, dependent on trial sermon on Sunday

Need to lock in for propane this year
 Snow removal – two new interests for quote – will get by October
 Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm by Robin Hansen
 Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
 Recording Secretary

Treasurer’s Report (approved)

General Operating Fund	
Balance as of 8/1/18	\$11,372.63
Offerings/Income	\$11,631.93
Expenses	\$9,351.63
Balance as of 8/30/18	\$13,652.93

Receipts

Just a reminder, not a 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
- 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 the office 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. So far this quarter, we have donated to the Northwest Ohio Association and several local families.

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.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship got back to their regular schedule, meeting in the Fellowship hall on Thursday Sept. 13 at 1:00 pm. There were eight present.

Norma began with the opening prayer and table blessing. Sara Z. was hostess, serving a delicious blueberry or cherry cheesecake with snack and candy and crackers and cheese spread.

Eloise H. was in charge of the program "The Autumn of Our Lives". Autumn is a beautiful time of the year and should be of our lives also. We should use our talents and gifts to glorify God and demonstrate his love and goodness. Sara also read a couple readings.

Norma had received a phone call from Marilyn A. this morning. She was thinking of us all and would love to be with us. She has made up the programs for next year. She seems to be doing quite well. Glad to hear that.

We have quite a few books to read on hand. Eva H. has agreed to put them in a book case and try to keep in order.

Ina D. gave the Sunshine report. Suzanne B. is new chairman.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Remember to bring in your donations of food for the OH Food Pantry.

Next month we will meet at 1:00 pm for our regular meeting at the home of Sue. W. and Carol C. on St. Rt 105 Elmore and they are hosts. Ina will do the program.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of June 1	\$472.85
Knives	115.58
Donation	75
Ck Back	154.6
Total Income & Balance	\$821.95
Total Expenses	\$514.00
Nick Timmons	100.00
Grace Com. Center	175
Eloise Frisch's & Rada	239.00
Balance on Hand Aug 31st	\$514.00
Savings Account	\$1,137.86

Hall Use Reservations

With the holidays coming, don't forget to fill out your forms! 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.

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	09/02/2018
# in Attendance	71
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,324.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 79,320.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 69,120.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,199.99)

Date	09/09/2018
# in Attendance	96
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,557.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 81,964.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 72,677.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (9,286.99)

Date	09/16/2018
# in Attendance	106
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,351.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 84,608.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 74,028.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,579.99)

Date	09/23/2018
# in Attendance	74
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,434.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 87,252.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 75,462.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (11,789.99)

Coupons

"This month's items went directly to a local family in need. I hope it helps this family to get back on their feet. As always, the coupons are greatly appreciated!"

~~Karen & Doug Lick

Thank You

"Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and generous donation to assist with medical costs from your congregation! It is greatly appreciated! We are truly blessed to live in this community filled with loving and caring people. The outpouring of support has been incredible! God is Great! Alex has had a great week with all good reports from the doctors!"

~Love, The Gezo's

"Thank you so much for your donation to our Ride 4 A Reason Event! With your help, many children will receive our nutrients and improve health & development as a result. We still have over 5,000 more children waiting to receive our nutrients, so we love your prayers as we seek to raise the funds to be able to provide for these children. Again, thank you and we praise God for you!"

~Aaron, Orphan Nutrition Sponsorship

"Thank you so much for the gift card. It was greatly appreciated. We had hit a rough patch and the extra help was very nice."

~Signed, Anonymous family

***recently, our Trinity \$5 offering and benevolence money helped a local family with groceries and other necessities. This is just one example of the many ways our \$5 offerings help bless people within our church, our community, and our world.



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!

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.

Trinity Youth News

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

The year has started out great and we have had lots of happy youth.

We are in need of teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let the office know.

Teacher Sign-ups

October

- October 7th Pre-1st Amy & Anna Sutter
2nd – 5th Casi Johnson
- October 14th Pre-1st Dan & Amy Mathews
2nd – 5th Susie Wittman
- October 21st Pre-1st Brittany Wittman
2nd – 5th Jan Corban
- October 28th Pre-1st
2nd – 5th

November

- November 4th Pre-1st Dan & Amy Mathews
2nd – 5th Susie Wittman
- November 11th Pre-1st Brittany Wittman
2nd – 5th Casi Johnson
- November 18th Pre-1st Jan Corbin
2nd – 5th Susie Wittman
- November 25th Pre-1st
2nd – 5th

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.

October 2018		
7 th	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
14 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
21 st	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
28 th	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
November 2018		
4 th	North	Darrell Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
11 th	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
18 th	North	Evelynn Schimming
	South	Vera Sager
25 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
2 nd	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
9 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
16 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
23 rd	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
30 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro

Outside Information

Aging with Dignity & Grace

St. Peter Lutheran Church will be presenting a half-day seminar on Saturday, October 20th from 9am-1pm. The cost is free, but they are asking for RSVP by Oct. 15th. This seminar is the 2nd installment of planning for retirement and the elder care issues we all face may help you or someone you love! There will be lunch provided. (See flier on bulletin board)

Do you like to sing?

You are invited to join us for the "Great Hymns of Faith" Choral Concert which will be held at the Sandusky State Theatre on Sunday, October 21st @ 4 pm.

Under the direction of nationally recognized conductor, Michael Shirtz, there will be several rehearsals that people can attend to learn the music:
 St. John's Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor - Oct. 4th & 18th at 8 pm
 St. John's Lutheran Church in Fremont - Oct. 11th & 18th at 8 pm
 Rehearsal at State Theatre in Sandusky - Oct 20th - 10 am - 12:30
 Rehearsal at State Theatre in Sandusky - October 21st - 1 pm - 3 pm

Music Selected will include: Hallelujah, Amen, A Shepherd's Psalm, All Night, All Day, On Eagle's Wings, and I Sing Because I'm Happy.

Pastor Kyle Running a 10k

On Saturday, October 27th I'll be running a Ten (10k) for Tess in memory of Taressa "Tess" Siefke. Tess went to heaven on February 20th, 2015 after bravely battling childhood cancer.

Tess was a friend and classmate of my son, Nick and participated in many home-school events with him. Tess made an impact on my family's life and we want to give back.

In memory of Tess, this 10k will raise money that will go towards a scholarship that will be awarded in 2021 in memory of Tess at Oak Harbor High School. My run will take place on the North Coast Inland Trail between Lindsey and Fremont.

I'm asking as part of the Ten for Tess that individuals and organizations would consider giving a donation which will go directly into the scholarship fund in increments of ten. \$10, \$20, \$100, \$500, etc.

Donations can be sent to me at 211 Prospect Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio and checks can be written to the Tess Siefke Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your generosity! Kyle



JOIN US!

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BOO FEST

OCTOBER 21ST 4-8 PM

17955 W 3RD ST

4-5 PM TRICK OR TRUNK
 5:00 PM DINNER
 6:00 PM HAY RIDES
 6-8 PM SPOOK HOUSE

COSTUMES ARE
WELCOMED

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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

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

An Acrostic prayer of thanksgiving
Happy are those who have bread to eat!
As grain grows in the fields and
Rains bring the water of life we share
Visions of all your people united in
Eternal praise and kneaded together to
Share good news of justice and peace:
Taste and see that the Lord is good!

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