



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

I've heard a lot of strange things over my years in several different churches.

Out of many sayings I hear from people, one phrase I hear a lot from our older generation concerns me the most (and yes, I've heard it here at Trinity as well).

"You younger people are trying to push us older people out....we're not dead yet."

While I can't speak for other churches, I can speak from what I hear and know here at Trinity UCC.

We love and respect people of ALL ages. We believe in the strong foundations our church has had in this community because of the saints who have gone on before and the older people who still belong to the church.

In fact, I use a phrase in my preaching quite often that says, "It doesn't matter how old you are, until you're dead, you have a purpose."

I emphasize that you're never too old to teach, never too old to be on a committee, never too old to serve.

Therefore, it hurts when I, and others, hear from people that we don't want them and we're trying to push them out. If anything, we'd love to pull them back in further. For it is our older generation that

knows that value of hard work, of patience during difficult times, and staying together as a family of Christ.

Please, as you read this, remember that YOU are important to the Church. If you are one that feels this way, please come and speak with me so that I can better understand why you feel the way you do.

In Christ,

Pastor Kyle

## Confirmation & Re-Kindle

Join us Wednesday evening for Holy Hotdogs at 5:30 pm, Confirmation at 6:00 pm and Re-Kindle at 7:00 pm

## 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 October.



## Church Council Minutes

Trinity UCC Council Notes August 14, 2017 7pm

Council President Ed Gahler called the meeting to order. Present were Pastor Kyle, Ed, Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, Steve Turnow, Marty Hoeft, Jim Buhro, Connie Gahler, Dan Gahler, John Bast, and Nyla Denman. Absent were Rhonda Mahaney, Anna Diekman, and Veronica McMonigal

Pastor Kyle read a devotional about "The Importance of Light" and then followed with a prayer.

The July council meeting notes were read and motion to accept secretarial report made by Nyla; seconded by Robin. Motion carried. Time off request from Rhonda for 8/21-8/24 as well as coming in late on 8/25 discussed and approved.

Financial secretary report was reviewed and discussion was held regarding Audit Committee review and future suggestions. Motion made by Robin to accept the minutes as read and also to allow for potential changes to be made regarding deposit procedures and recordings if advised per Audit Committee suggestions, if any. Seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

Pastor 's report included an upcoming meeting to discuss employee check direct deposit system. He performed two baptisms, and conducted four funerals. Has a new members group meeting on Sept. 24th. Upcoming NWO Boundaries meeting in Tiffin on October 24th. Will be meeting people to discuss sound system for Fellowship Hall in the near future. Discussed continuation of "Holy Hot Dogs" into the fall season along with Confirmation classes and Rekindle.

Committee Reports:

Worship -no report

EFY & Branching Out-Teachers still needed! Pastor Kyle to send out some kind of communique as a

reminder to join us this Fall after the busy times of summer. Point Fest at Cedar Point is Sept. 16th; would be nice to get a group together for some great music! Progressive Dinner planned for Sept. 24th. Still need 3 host homes.Plans for the Christmas Program are already underway. Thank you to all these volunteers!

Missions-very busy group with successful activities including Water Blast, Holy Hot Dogs, Turnow Pond weekend, and recent Back to School supply drive (which was well attended and appreciated). Brief discussion held about a "Wellness Room" ; ideas to be developed further. Thanks to these people as well!

Church & Ministry-no report

Trustees Report-consisted of a lengthy discussion about roof, repairs, and pole barn quotes and ideas. Several estimates have been received. Further information will be shared at the congregational meeting on August 20th regarding these prioritized items so that we can move forward on these. Concrete repair has been completed as requested. A Bexten propane quote will be researched further, and if satisfactory, will lock in price and make payment as outlined.

Old Business-as previously discussed above

New Business-none

Motion to adjourn made by Nyla , seconded by Connie. Motion carried; meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted Robin R. Hansen



## Treasurer's Report (approved)

| General Operating Fun |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of 8/1/17  | \$9,331.76  |
| Offerings/Income      | \$6,856.89  |
| Expenses              | \$10,613.98 |
| Balance as of 8/31/17 | \$5,574.67  |

**\$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.

## Donations or Other Items for Office

If you have a donation to drop off after Sunday or any other item for Rhonda or the office, please drop it in an envelope in the wooden drop box in the hallway.

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. Sept 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to resume our regular monthly meetings. There were thirteen present.

Norma began with the opening prayer and the table blessing. Sara Z. was hostess, serving delicious cherry turnovers, snacks, candy, cheese dip and crackers.

Devoations and program, led by Eloise H was "You are Somebody" (God accepts you! Christ died for you! God gives you the gift of Love!)

A business meeting was held, led by Norma. The minutes of the summer months were reviews and approved. The treasure's report was given, accepted and will be filed.

After a discussion, a motion was made, sec and carried to give \$100.00 to the Hurricane Family victims the church is sponsoring through Memo & Tiffany in Houston.

Prayer partners were revealed from through the summer and new names drawn.

Ina D. gave the Sunshine report. New Chairman will be Suzanne B.

Hazel T. thanked everyone for all the cards and thoughts she received when in the hospital and nursing home recently. Sue and Carol thanked everyone for the cards and help received during their recent issues.

Don't forget to bring in your Food Pantry donations.

The next meeting will be on Thurs. Oct 12, program – Ina D. Hosts – Kelly, Sue & Carol

Meeting adjourned and Norma than shared some fun with a miracle pie. We had to look up verses in the King James Version of the Bible to find out what the ingredients were and it so happened that Norma had made one and we all had a piece of it. Very delicious, a custard-type, making its own crust, filling and topping.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

### WF Treasurer's Report

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Balance on Hand as of May 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>\$232.15</b>   |
| Offering                                  | \$15.00           |
| <b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>         | <b>\$247.15</b>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                     | <b>\$177.40</b>   |
| Memorials                                 | \$20.00           |
| Frisch's                                  | \$57.70           |
| Grace Community                           | \$100.00          |
| <b>Balance on Hand Aug 31st</b>           | <b>\$69.45</b>    |
| <b>Savings Account</b>                    | <b>\$1,337.26</b> |

### 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

### Memorial Thank You

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

Jim & Shirley Buhrow; Fay Bolander

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Memorial Fund in honor of Dr. Duane Sander

Fay Bolander

### Thank You

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Ron G for helping with the successful Holy Hotdogs throughout the summer months and into the fall. We truly appreciate all the help in getting this fellowship opportunity up and running again.

### 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!

### 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

"The Genoa Food pantry received five boxes of personal items, food and other supplies in August. I just received a very nice thank you note...just wanted to let you know how appreciative everyone is to receive these items! Thank you again for your help with this project. I wish you all could be there when I drop the things off. Please know everyone is so thankful for our help. Thank you again!"

~~Karen Lick

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Holy Hot Dogs and More

Will continue through the fall. Join us Wednesday evenings at 5pm for food and fellowship. We are looking for families to "Host" each week, there is a sign-up located on the refrigerator in the kitchen

### Fall Festival & Boo Festival

October 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Wellness Room

The mission team is working to put together a wellness room just for adults. This room will be a place for adults to share healthy recipes, words of encouragements, and exercise on their own.

We are looking for the following items:

- DVD Player
- Any good exercise equipment
- Any exercise DVD's that someone may want to use.

## Hurricane Relief Updates

**Hurricane Relief Update (Part I)** - We have decided to help a family from Houston that Memo and Tiffany know from their church for a period of six months. Our \$5 offerings on the fourth Sunday of the month (Sept, Oct, Nov, December & January) will go directly to the Comerford family. With your generosity, we were able to send \$1,200 of financial support from our August and early September gifts along with Steve and Nancy Turnow as they traveled down to Houston in late September to visit Tiffany and Memo and the Comerford family. This money came from donations given by individuals from our congregation, along with the Women's Fellowship Group and your \$5 offering from last month. You may continue to help the Comerford family with your future \$5 offerings or you may make a donation to the church and write: Hurricane Relief - Comerford family). Thank you once again for your loving support.

**Hurricane Relief Update (Part II)** - Several individuals donated gifts to St. John's UCC in Genoa that went out on September 25th. Thank you to Karen Lick and Darrell Opfer for providing us with the information for this project and for putting a display up earlier in September for the church to see what items were to be donated.

**Hurricane Relief Update (Part III)** - The Mission's Team at church will be meeting in early October to decide where our funds from the October Holy Hot Dog Meals will go. We have decided that for the 4 weeks of Holy Hot Dogs in October, all profits will go towards a Hurricane Relief organization that helps not only in Texas, but also in Florida and other places that are in need. If you wish to donate to this fund and can't be at Holy Hot Dogs, please feel free to make a donation to the church and write: Hurricane Relief: Holy Hot Dogs. 100% of our profits will then be distributed as decided by the Mission's Team and we will keep the church informed.

# 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"

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**)

We are also in need of snacks and drinks for Branching Out. If you would like to donate, please drop off the donation in the Branching Out Room.

## Adult Sunday School:

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!



## 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>October 2017</u>  |       |                |
|----------------------|-------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | North | Fay Bolander   |
|                      | South | Sue Timmons    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>      | North | Doug Avery     |
|                      | South | Michelle Avery |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>     | North | John Bast      |
|                      | South | Jackie Bast    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>     | North | Dale Bodnar    |
|                      | South | Ava Bodnar     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Jim Buhro      |
|                      | South | Shirley Buhro  |
| <u>November 2017</u> |       |                |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | North | Suzanne Buhro  |
|                      | South | Ina David      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Mike Diekman   |
|                      | South | Ann Diekman    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Viola Gahler   |
|                      | South | Ken Gahler     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Ed Gahler      |
|                      | South | Jane Gahler    |
| <u>December 2017</u> |       |                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | North | Dan Gahler     |
|                      | South | Connie Gahler  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Jay Hellwig    |
|                      | South | Joanna Hellwig |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Krista Hellwig |
|                      | South | Kelsey Gahler  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>     | North | Dwayne Hoeft   |
|                      | South | Eva Hoeft      |

## Mark your 2017 Calendars

Fall Festival & Boo Festival **October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring All Saint Sunday and those that passed away in the last year. During the service we will be dedicating our new oil filled candles (in memory of Doug Avery Sr., Duane Jess, Mary Kadlick Brymer, Dora Schiller, and many others). We will also be officially dedicating the completion of the Stained Glass Window (thanks to all those who donated to that project and also in memory of Lyle Hellwig and Steve Batesole and others)

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### Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,  
Son, & Holy Spirit!

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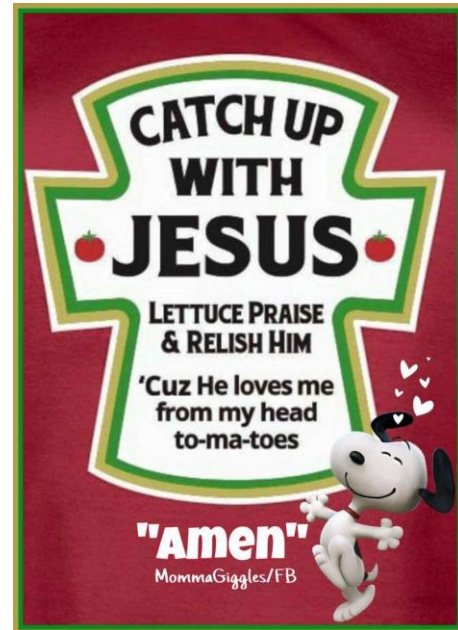
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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney



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