



Tidings

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Back to School, Back to the Spirit

Starting September 8th:

**Kids Sunday School,
7th/8th Grade
Confirmation Class,
HIGH SCHOOL Class,
Adult Class all @
9:00 am each week**

**Sunday Worship &
Branching Out
Kids Church @
10:00 am each week**

Upcoming Events:

Every Tuesday
@ 8:00 am
Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, September 8th
7:30 am
Men's Breakfast

Monday, September 9th
7:00 pm
Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th
1:30 pm
Genoa Care Center
Devotional & Fellowship

Saturday,
September 14th - Bonfire
Trinity Social Group @
Briann & Sarah Edwards

Friday, September 20th
Info for October Tidings
Due in Church Office

Saturday,
September 28th
Wittman Home Group

As we leave the summer behind and the school year gets into full swing, we are reminded of the importance of education in the lives of not just our children, but ourselves. Just as our kids return to the classroom to continue their academic growth, this season also invites us to renew our commitment to spiritual growth. The church "school" year is here, and it's the perfect time to dive deeper into our faith through our Sunday School classes and other avenues of spiritual development.

We are blessed to offer Sunday School classes for all ages, providing a space for everyone to learn, grow, and connect. This year, we're especially excited about our Adult Sunday School class led by Sarah Edwards. Sarah has a gift for making scripture come alive, and her class is a vibrant community where you can explore the Bible, ask questions, and deepen your relationship with God alongside fellow believers. Whether you're new to the faith or have been walking with the Lord for years, Sarah's class is a place where you'll feel welcomed and challenged to grow.

Our High School class, led by Baylee Malik, is also one to watch. Baylee will be available every week this year to lead our High School students to continue their faith journey. Baylee brings fresh perspectives and a heart for our youth, making each weekly session engaging and relevant. High schoolers will find a safe and supportive environment where they can explore their faith, discuss life's big questions, and build lasting friendships.

From the youngest to the oldest among us, we are praying that all members of Trinity find community at Trinity. Whether that's in one of these Sunday School classes or in one of several growing small groups that could continue to meet in and around the church! There is no shortage of opportunity to connect personally and spiritually!

As we emphasize the importance of spiritual education, we invite everyone to take this opportunity to recommit to their spiritual journey. Just as our children need education to grow, we too need to invest in our spiritual lives to mature in our faith in Jesus Christ.

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God

Colossians 1:9-10

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce the next chapter in our sermon series, "Back 2 Basics." This series will explore church history and theology, helping us rediscover the roots of our faith. By understanding how God has worked throughout history to bring us to this point, we can better discern where He is leading us in the future. We hope you'll join us as we dive into these foundational topics and grow together as a church family. Let's make this season one of renewal and growth, both for our children in their studies and for ourselves in our faith. See you on Sunday!

Pastor Ryan Shields

**Starting September 8th
9:00 am Sunday Mornings
Kids Sunday School
Confirmation Class
High School & Adult Class**

Council Minutes: July 2024

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, July 8 at 7:00pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order. Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Eric Gahler, Ben Sutter, Kim Traver, Veronica McMonigle, Susie Shaffer, Connie Gahler, Doug Avery, Marty Hoeft, Brad Jess, Pastor Ryan Shields, Mary Muntz, Janene Lattimore

Reports

Recording Secretary:

Susie moved to approve May minutes. Brad 2nd. MC.

Administrative Assistant + Financial:

Reports were reviewed.

The investment sustained a \$4,120.38 gain for the 2nd quarter of 2024.

Motion to accept reports + pay bills made by Veronica, 2nd Marty, MC

Pastoral:

July 9th Genoa Care Center Devotional Time & Communion

July 14th Turnow Pond Day

Small groups going well, would like to see additional Bible Study or Men's Study start if leaders arise

Funeral services for Eloise Hellwig were held and went well

Mudhens Faith & Family Day was well attended & went well – best testimonies yet

Christian Education:

VBS Planning continues and is going well. Decorating will be week of 7/22

Sunday School/Branching Out resumes 9/8. Will organize teachers after VBS.

Missions:

Serving at Genoa Pantry is 8/17 (Saturday) with a packing night on 8/15 at 6:30 pm

Tech:

Sound is out in the balcony due to the amp for those speakers catching on fire 6/30.

Looking into replacement options

Motion to cancel current Wirecast streaming software and purchase new subscription (due to transfer issue with setting up new computer) made by Kim, 2nd Brad, MC.

Trustees:

Basement water leak from drains backing up – Motion have Pat Ling install sump pump in the basement for \$1,780 made by Brad, 2nd Kim, MC.

Noted: IPS came and installed the check valve in the system (gym) and may have to bleed air when the boilers are turned on in the fall.

Custodial position will be posted for 2 weeks before Church & Ministry evaluates/interviews candidates. Brad is filling in until the position is filled.

Old Business:

Folding Chairs: Sample chairs were shown along with pricing. Motion to table until August made by Brad, 2nd Susie, MC

New Business:

Block Party 8/25

Outdoor Worship

Food – Veronica will coordinate

Kickball Game – Susie will coordinate

Waterslide – Reserved for 11:30 am

Community Invites – Janene will distribute flyers in the local community

Pastor Licensure – Motion to recommend to the NWOA renewing Pastor Ryan's license for the duration of his call to Trinity made by Veronica, 2nd Kim, MC.

Next meeting August 12 at 7pm.

Veronica motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Kim

Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm by Eric.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Muntz, Administrative Assistant/Treasurer

General Operating Fund (Council approved 08/12/24)

Beginning Balance 07/01/2024	\$12,177.50
CD Investment	\$50,599.08
Offering/Income	\$7,835.56
Expenses	\$10,025.40
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 07/31/2024	\$60,586.74

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





- Please pray for a man affiliated with Trinity who is undergoing a procedure September 3rd for a concern relating to a test showing a shadow on his bladder.
- Myron Zibbel, recently hospitalized for an infection, please pray for his continued recovery
- The Marquart family. Liz Marquart asks for prayers for several family members battling health issues. Joel Marquart's health has continued to decline and he is currently receiving rehab at Riverview. She also asks for prayers for her mom, who is having increasing health needs

At Genoa Retirement Village:

Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

Those with long-term health concerns:

Dawn Baker, Nichole Clapsaddle, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Don Weaver, Steve Welling, Jamie Zimmerman

Those battling cancer

Ron Giesler
Joel Reeder
Henry, teen from Oak Harbor (Hodgkins Lymphoma)
Jackie Pelton
Dustin Schmidt



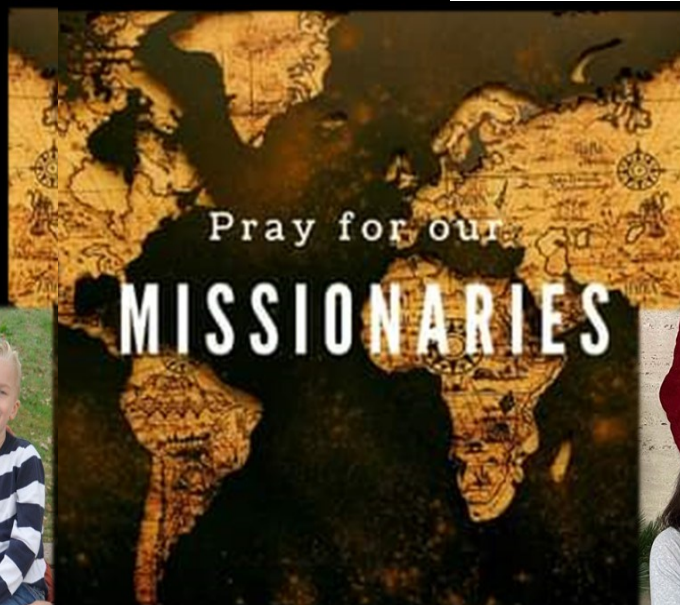
Thank you from Vision Kitchen for your monetary donation for their ministry.

Thank you from the Family Advocacy Center of Ottawa County for your missions donation. Your support allows them to offer programs to train and mentor volunteers, students, support for grandparents raising grandkids, provide meals and snacks during the school year over long holiday weekends and when school is not in session and pairing volunteer mentors with senior citizens at risk of losing their independence due to loneliness and isolation. They also operate a community garden, farm stand and sunflower garden for all to enjoy.

Remember to pray
for all going
Back to School:
Teachers
Staff
Support Staff
Volunteers
Students
Parents & Guardians



Ben & Mandy Wood
Ellis, Joshua & Noah



Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia
through



High School
Sundays

HS

This year:
**EVERY
WEEK!**

High School
Students:
Classes
just for you
starting
September 8
@ 9:00 am!

Kids, High School, Adults Sunday School
Middle School Confirmation Classes
Branching Out Kids Church

**FALL
Kick-Off**

Sunday
September 8
9:00 AM

Get ready for the return of Branching Out Kids Church, Sunday School and Confirmation Classes! On September 8th at 9:00 AM we are excited to launch the Fall Season with classes for Preschool Students through adults! This year we will also return to having a WEEKLY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS in the fireside room, so please be sure to have your students attend! Adult Sunday school will meet in our coffee room next to the kitchen. Confirmation will begin with a PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION in the confirmation room. Be in prayer for each one who attends, for each one who teaches, and all who these programs will impact for Christ. We are looking forward to a great year!

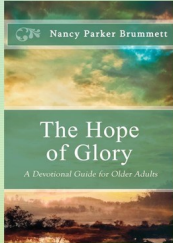
Older Adult Devotional
&
Fellowship Time

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

at the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living
300 Cherry Street - Genoa
Room AL1

Residents of the Care Center/Assisted Living
&
Older Adults residing in their own homes are invited

Hosted by Nancy Turnow & Nyla Denman
If a ride is needed, please let Nyla or Nancy know



September 10
October 8

MEN'S BREAKFAST
FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

September 8th @ 7:30 am

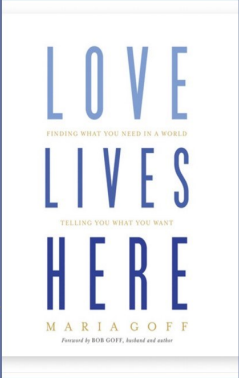
The next meeting of the Genoa Care Center Devotional Group will be held on September 10th at 1:30 PM. This is a special small group time where we can connect with our members and other residents of the Genoa Care Center. Older adults living at home are welcome to come and join the fellowship as well! This meeting will include communion. If you would like more information contact Nancy Turnow.

TRINITY
WOMEN'S BOOK
CLUB

Tuesday, October 1st
6:30 pm @ church

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

This will be our next book
Please read prior to our meeting




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SOCIAL GROUP

Saturday, September 14
Bonfire
@ Sarah Edward's Home

Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly

The Next Meeting of the Trinity Women's Book Club will be held on Tuesday October 1st at 6:30 PM. We will be reading "LOVE LIVES HERE" by Maria Goff. Please read this book in advance and be ready to have a great discussion. If you need help getting a copy of the book, please contact Veronica McMonigle or the church office.

The Next Meeting of the Trinity Social Group will take place at the home of Briann & Sarah Edwards on September 14th for a bonfire! The Trinity Social Group is a great adult only fellowship time with a relaxed atmosphere! Get connected and build new friendships! For more information contact Susie Shaffer



Our September Mission Spotlight focus will be local School Lunch Debt Relief. To give toward this project, simply write "Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



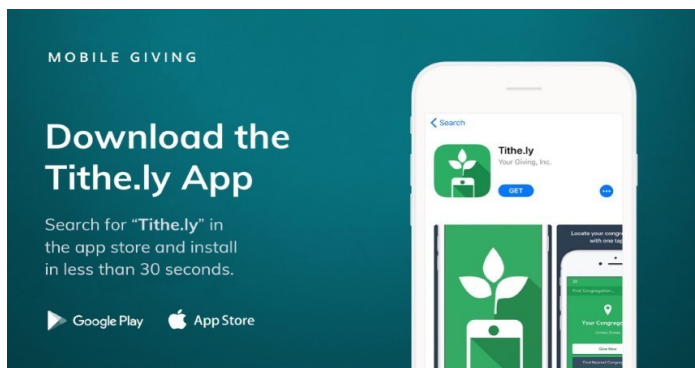
How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

There are a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

- Give to the church via Sunday offering, via US Mail, or drop off - A wooden collection box is located on the wall outside the lower coat room for your convenience throughout the week.

Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) is super easy!

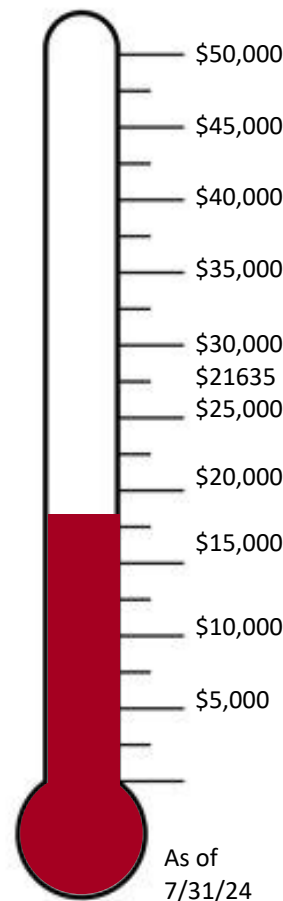
- **A link is provided on our Church Website at www.trinityelliston.org**
Click on the link and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.
- **Give Online** - If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to our church by heading to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://www.tithe.ly/Give). Once there, search for our church and fill in the giving form.
- **Give in App** - 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 our church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution.



Firm Foundation Campaign

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Waterproofing, Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry
- Continuing to grow our small groups ministry meeting monthly to improve church community and Connection. Training and equipping leaders to see these through.

Basement Ceiling Rehab & water repair cost \$8,689.03



What is the 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 or requires maintenance, we pay for it out of this fund. Examples of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

- Maintenance work on the boilers
- Batteries
- Light bulbs and new lights
- Paint
- Parts to fix & repair things in the church
- Carpet Cleaning
- Snow Removal & Lawn Care

LAUNCHING MOVEMENTS SLOVENIA



We met Erika a few years ago when she was a student. She and Zina began reading the Bible together, but they stopped because Erika had a hard time understanding that God loves her and that Jesus died for her sins. But we kept in contact with her and she babysat for us several times. In the spring, we were catching up with her, and Zina invited her and her boyfriend, Miha, to start reading the Bible with us. She is a culturally catholic, and he identified as agnostic. We were once talking about some of the Christians he knew, and he described them as the "typical Slovene Catholics - hypocritical, judgmental, and argumentative."

As we started doing the Discovery Bible Study together, it quickly became clear that God was working to draw them toward Him. Right from the beginning they were making great observations about the text, asking good questions, and were really seeking to not only understand it, but also find ways to apply it to their lives. Each week Miha was really taking meaningful applications from the Bible, and doing them. One week, he noticed that Erika was really tired from work, and so he prayed that God would make it so she could rest the next day. Right after he prayed that, he said she got an email that her meeting for tomorrow had been canceled and so she had the day off! He was shocked!

As we have continued to read together, they have begun praying together for each other and for various things. They have said they really feel like reading and praying together has brought them closer to one another and grown them in their relationship! They continue to grow in their understanding of the Bible, and Miha is opening up to the idea that there is a God, and that He knows and loves him. Pray for them, pray that God would continue to draw them closer to Him. Pray that he would bring them into His Kingdom. Pray that as they discover who He is, that they would share that truth with those around them.



Prayer Requests...

- **Urgent prayer request!** Pray for Lorens. He is a disciple who attended the last MyFriends training, and went to the hospital yesterday and was diagnosed with Meningitis. Pray for his healing and for his family - he and His wife Mateja have two young boys.

- Pray for our team, as we look toward the next school year and the opportunities God has set before us. Pray that we would be faithful to Him, to find where He is working, and to come alongside Him and His mission. Pray that we would be able to set the dates for some upcoming MyFriends trainings and prepare those who God will bring.



**Sent with love from Jay & Zina,
thank you for your partnership
in God's work in Slovenia!**

Trinity UCC

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Pat Avery (B)	Labor Day 2 Troy & Brittany Wittman (A)	3 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	4 Lorraina Reif (B)	5 Marty & Amy Sutter (A)	6 Baya Lattimore (B)	7 Shelby Tabbert (B)
8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School Kick-Off, Confirmation Class & Parent Orientation; Adult Class 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Kids Church Trustee: Doug Avery	9 7:00 pm Church Council Kate Hayes (B)	10 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:30 pm Genoa Care Center Assisted Living Devotional & Fellowship	11 12:00 pm Happy Hobby Garden Club (Coffee Room & Kitchen) Carson Tabbert (B)	12	13 Homeschool Co-Op Michael & Keriamn Sager (A) Jon & Kim Drummond (A)	14 Trinity Social Group Bonfire @ the home of Briann & Sarah Edwards
15 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Brad Jess Laura Clement (B)	16 Keaston Reif (B) Susan Rothert (B)	17 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Brock & Ashley Hansen (A)	18 Nate Diekman (B)	19	20 Tidings Info Due Wedding Rehearsal Rob Robinson (B) Brice Gahler (B) Joe & Laura Clement (A)	21 1:00 pm Wittman/Sehlmeier-Kinsey Wedding
22 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Marty Hoeft	23 Emma Williams (B) Shane & Kelsey Baumerf (A)	24 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	25 Dustin Tabbert (B)	26 Juliette Traver (B)	27 Homeschool Co-Op Curt Reiff (B) Mia Brunkhorst (B)	28 5:30 pm Wittman Small Group Dan & Connie Gahler (A)
29 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Keaston & Rebecca Reif (A)	30					

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

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available
from the
Tech Booth
Upon Request



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