



# Tidings

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

Upcoming Events:

Every Tuesday  
@ 8:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship

Saturday, August 10th  
@ 7:00 pm  
Trinity Social Group  
Perry Falls Mini Golf &  
Bar Louie

Monday, August 12th  
@ 7:00 pm  
Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 13th  
@ 1:30 pm  
Genoa Care Center  
Fellowship & Devotional  
Time

Saturday, August 24th  
@ 9:30 am  
Outdoor Clean Up @  
Church

Saturday, August 24th  
@ 5:30 pm  
Wittman Home Group

Sunday, August 25th  
@ 10:00 am  
Outdoor Worship &  
Block Party  
(lunch provided, kickball  
game, waterslide fun)

Note: Pastor Ryan will  
be out of the office  
from August 13-20.

## A Summer of Spiritual Adventure ☀️

### VBS SCUBA: A Summer Highlight

As we put VBS SCUBA in the rearview mirror, we find ourselves winding down from an exhilarating summer. Our underwater adventure has not only left us with unforgettable memories but also with valuable lessons about diving into friendship with God. As we transition from the vibrant activities of summer to the quieter days leading up to fall, it's the perfect time for reflection and preparation.

Our VBS SCUBA program was a tremendous success, bringing together children and families from our community for a week of fun, faith, and fellowship. We explored the depths of God's love through engaging Bible stories, creative crafts, lively songs, and exciting games. The lessons learned about Elijah, Jonah, and Lydia will stay with us, reminding us of the power of faith and God's unending love. Our students heard the message of Jesus' sacrificial love on the cross, showing how God is a real friend forever.

James 1:22 reminds us to be *"doers of the word, and not hearers only."* As we reflect on the lessons from VBS SCUBA and our personal faith journeys, let's commit to putting our faith into action. Use this time to delve deeper into the Bible, engage in personal study, and reflect on how you can live out God's teachings in your daily life.

### Last Chance for Summer Adventures

As summer winds down, we encourage you to take advantage of the remaining warm days. Whether it's a family vacation, a weekend getaway, or simply enjoying the outdoors, these moments are precious. They offer us a chance to relax, rejuvenate, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation. As we look ahead to the fall, it's important to think about how we can continue to grow in our faith.

Consider setting spiritual goals for the upcoming season. Maybe it's joining a one of our growing small group ministries like the Women's Book Club, Adult Sunday School Class, or Trinity Social Group. Maybe it's committing to regular prayer time for the people on our prayer chain. Maybe it's finding new ways to serve like volunteering at the Genoa Food Pantry in August! Let's use this transition period to prepare our hearts and minds for the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

We invite you to take a moment to reflect on your summer experiences and consider how you can continue to grow in your faith. Let's be inspired by James 1:22 to not only hear God's word but to actively live it out in our lives. Together, we can make a difference in our community and deepen our relationship with God.

Let's embrace the remainder of summer with gratitude and anticipation, ready to be doers of the word and prepared for the growth that the fall season will bring.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Ryan Shields*

**Do not merely listen  
to the word, and so  
deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.**

**James 1:22**

## Council Minutes: June 2024



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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, June 10 at 7:00pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order + opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Veronica Avery, Doug Avery, Pastor Ryan, Brad Jess, Eric Gahler, Connie Gahler, Marty Hoeft.

### Reports

#### **Recording Secretary:**

Brad moved to approve minutes. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

#### **Administrative Assistant + Financial:**

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports + pay bills made by first Brad, second by Veronica, MC

#### **Pastoral:**

Sarah Edwards was approved as a Member of Discernment by the NWOA UCC under our care.

June 30<sup>th</sup> Mud Hens church night with Pastor Ryan leading worship at 1:45

July 14<sup>th</sup> Turnow Pond service.

#### **Trustees**

Basement water leak – Discussed + shared solution options. Marty is going to get a quote for sump pumps from Yackee.

#### **Tech**

New computer purchased for sound system. Rhonda working on setting up.

### Old Business

Reviewed pricing and styles of new chairs for hall. Mary will be getting samples of chairs to see how they look + stack for storage purposes.

IPS rep came out + made a list of items that need to be addressed by them.

HO3C Christian Homeschool Co-op of Ottawa County. Mary reviewed coverage packet from our insurance + everything council questioned is covered.

Susie motioned to allow organization to use our space on 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the months September – April. Proposing \$150/mo rental fee, require families to sign Hold Harmless Waivers + no usage of the Sanctuary. Marty 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

### New Business

No new business

Next meeting July 8 at 7pm.

Veronica motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm by Eric.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.



Come and play anytime the gym is free or contact Michele Avery or Nyla Denman for more information.

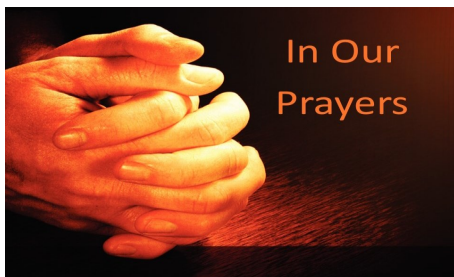
Pickleball has come to Trinity!

Equipment and net are stored in the gym closets.

### **General Operating Fund**

(Council approved 07/8/24)

Beginning Balance 06/01/2024	\$31,477.70
Offering/Income	\$14,288.27
Expenses	\$10,208.77
Transfers	\$0.00
Balance 06/30/2024	\$35,557.20



- The Corbin Family, as they continue to grieve the loss of Jan's sister-in-law, Norma, who passed away at the end of July in Illinois.
- 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
- Ron Ayotte, recovering from heart surgery

#### **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 (also recovering from hip surgery)  
Joel Reeder (prostate & bone)  
Henry, teen from Oak Harbor (Hodgkins Lymphoma)  
Jackie Pelton  
Dustin Schmidt



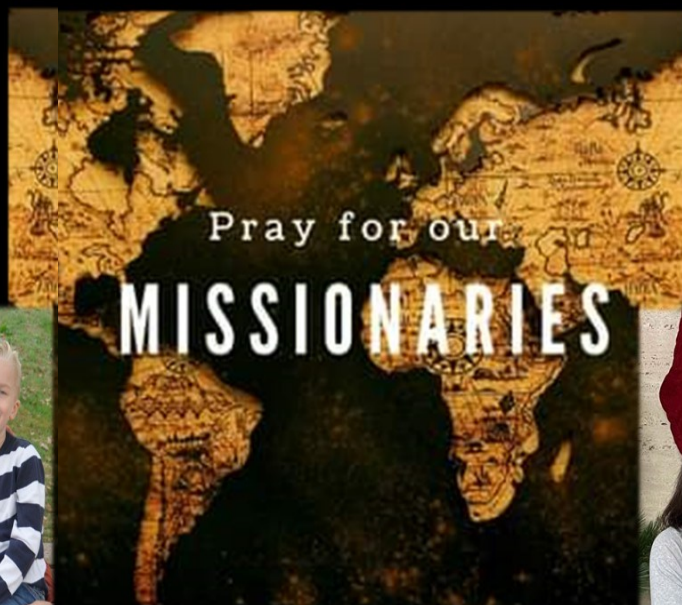
Notes of thanks and great appreciation have been received for your Benevolence donations from the Elmore Food Pantry, the Oak Harbor Food Pantry, the Genoa Community Food Pantry and Bella Vita Pregnancy Center.

A donation and note of thanks was received from the ladies who play pickle ball in the gym. They are very thankful for the use of the fellowship hall to be able to stay active, close to home and inside when conditions aren't favorable. Thank you.

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





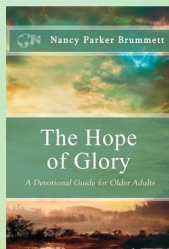
## Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

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



August 13  
September 10  
October 8

CHURCH CLEAN-UP

## WORK DAY

SATURDAY

AUGUST 24 | 9:30 AM

Help us clean up outdoors @ church

Bring your gloves, rakes and wheelbarrows



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

## FALL Kick-Off

Sunday  
September 8  
9:00 AM

High  
School  
Sundays

HS

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

## Service & Outreach Opportunity

### Genoa Community Food Pantry

Packing Boxes on Thursday, August 15th @ 6:30 pm  
Handing Out Boxes on Saturday, August 17th @ 8:45 am

We will be volunteering alongside Genoa Trinity Methodist these days.

The Genoa Food Pantry is located at 303 W Fourth Street, Genoa  
(inside the ARC building - enter from the back, between the building and the garage)

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions.

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10:00 am  
Worship  
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Waterslide  
& More

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Invited!



17955 W Third St  
Elliston, OH 43432  
419.862.3417

FUN

KICKBALL

LUNCH  
Provided

There's A Place For You Here!

## TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 pm @ church

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

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

LOVE  
LIVES  
HERE  
MARIA GOFF

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.



Our August Mission Spotlight focus will be the VBS Mission Project of Clean Water for Honduras. To give toward this VBS project, simply write "Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.



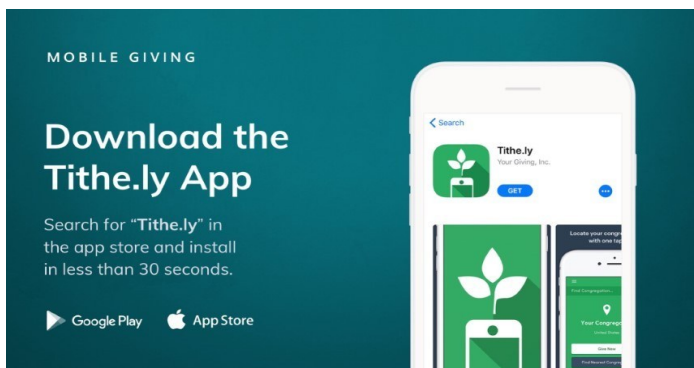
### How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

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!

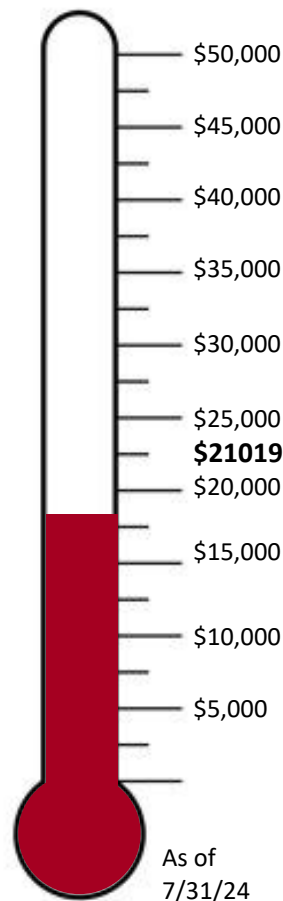
- **A link is provided on our Church Website at [www.trinityelliston.org](https://www.trinityelliston.org)**  
Click on the link and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.
- **Give Online** - If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can 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](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tithe-ly-your-giving-inc/id1444444444) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tithe.ly) (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 \$8,493.00



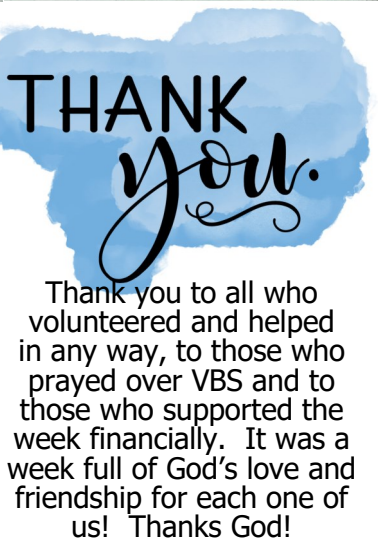
### What is the Contingent Fund?

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



# VBS SCUBA ~ July 28 to August 1



# Turnow Pond ~ July 14th





# Trinity UCC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 pm – 8:15 pm VBS Scuba!	2 Kelsey Marquart (B) Dan & Amy Mathews (A)	3 Donald Tabbert (B)
4 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion Hall: (afternoon) 4-H Trustee: Brandon Kincaid	5 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	6 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	7 Jacob Kish (B)	8 Russell Cheatham (B) Ethan Johnson (B) Dale & Ava Bodnar (A)	9 Ben Dresser (B)	10 7:00 pm Trinity Social Group @ Perry Falls Mini Golf
11 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Doug Avery Kim Drummond (B)	12 7:00 pm Church Council	13 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:30 pm Genoa Care Center Assisted Living Devotional & Fellowship Ryan Kincaid (B) Don & Jan Corbin (A)	14 Jacob Kish (B)	15 6:30 pm Genoa Food Pantry Box Packing Volunteer Opportunity Dorothy Gackstetter (B) Neal & Veronica McMonigle (A)	16 Scott Gackstetter (B) Lauren & Faye Milbrodt (A)	17 8:45 am Genoa Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity
18 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brad Jess Ryan Shields (B)	19 Paul Hansen (B) Isaac Briitt (B)	20 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Tidings Info Due Bonnie Weaver (B)	21 Joanne Hellwig (B) Doug & Michele Avery (A)	22 Kent & Desirae McCloskey (A)	23 Jared Lattimore (B)	24 9:30 am All Church Clean-Up Day
25 10:00 am Worship w/ Block Party (Outdoor Worship w/ Picnic & Water Slide & Games) Trustee: Marty Hoelt	26 Ron & Kendra Blevins (A)	27 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Doug Asher (B)	28 Joanne Hellwig (B) Doug & Michele Avery (A)	29 Nora Wittman (B)	30 Jared Lattimore (B)	31 Shirley Buhro (B)



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