



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor

Pastor Kyle will be on vacation May 16 - 20, if you would happen to have an emergency, please contact council president, Amy Mathews.

Every month I am blessed to be with this congregation, I become more and more ecstatic about the love Trinity has for one another and for its community.

Getting along with others is a very difficult thing to do, but the more we focus on Christ's love for us the more we understand that we are to model that love towards others.

Not everyone is easy to get along with, nor are we easy to get along with at times, but Christ's love compels us to put our differences aside and work together to reach our world for Jesus Christ.

During this year's chicken BBQ I had many community members and visitors share with me that day, and a few by phone call over the next several days, how wonderful it is to see a church work together to put on such a function.

They were thrilled to see young and old working together as a "family" and all the smiles on your faces certainly made a great impression. I even had one couple tell me that they loved seeing young people with children walking around and serving others. They noticed that it takes the entire church family to make things successful.

I can't go without expressing my thanks to all those who played their role in the BBQ. Whether you made pies, purchased items, grilled the chicken, worked in the kitchen, served beverages, served as a server, set-up, clean-up, invited others to come, you are all appreciated!!!!

While to some it may just be a community Chicken BBQ, I see it as the family of God working together and having a good time doing something fruitful!

Keep on loving one another! Keep on loving Christ! Keep on sharing God's love to all!

Pastor Kyle

Mark Your Calendar

Zumba for a Cause:

Get moving against human trafficking Saturday May 7th from 9-11am. Cost is \$10 a ticket in advance (can be purchased in the office during office hours), \$15 at the door. There will be dancing, door prizes, and raffles. Come and join in the fun and support 2 great local agencies fighting human trafficking. (full flyers are posted on bulletin boards)

July Extravaganza Raffle

Trinity UCC will be selling \$10 raffle tickets for a special July 6th extravaganza give-away.

The grand prize will be a 90-second shopping spree at Community Markets in Oak Harbor. Load up on groceries, diapers, and more (no cigarettes or alcohol products) when you run the aisles filling your cart(s). In the past, CM has had winners register between \$250-\$500 in groceries during that 90 seconds of fun.

Other prizes to be drawn for include a 1-night, 2-bedroom suite (up to 6 guests) at Kalahari in Sandusky, Ohio, 2 tickets to a Cleveland Indians game, 2 tickets to a Detroit Tigers game, 2 tickets to

a Toledo Mudhens game, and \$25 restaurant gift cards.

Please consider purchasing a ticket (or several) and also pick up some extra tickets to sell to your co-workers, neighbors, and family members

Trinity Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 15th

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 15th to discuss several issues.

First, there will be a silent vote to determine what the congregation would like to do with the estate money given by the Damschroder Estate. This will just be a survey and will not necessarily determine what church council is going to do, but will help advise council as to the desire of the church. Options include investing the estate money into a long-range investment portfolio for future congregational needs, using the money to complete the stain-glass window project, or a combination of the two.

Additionally, we will also have a silent vote to decide whether we can move forward with the possibility of selling the church parsonage to the current renters.

A potluck will follow the congregational meeting as we will also be welcoming new members that Sunday.

Mother Daughter Banquet May 6th at 6:30 pm

The menu will be Family style dinner of chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans with mushroom sauce, applesauce, cole slaw, rolls and 9x13 desserts.



Program will be Eli the Magician from Toledo at 7:15pm in the sanctuary (see following description) open to all. Have the men and sons come to the sanctuary around 7:15 pm to see the magic show! A love offering will be received to help offset the cost of Eli's performance.

Tickets will be \$10.00 adults and \$5.00 for children 3-12 years old, please make your advance reservations at the office by May 1st to the office.

Eli the Magician:

Cheeky, charming, charismatic, and with wicked skills that belie his age are just a few ways Eli has been described over the years. A young man who's an old hand with a deck of cards is another. Anyway you cut it; it's a thrill to watch Eli wow a modern audience with his incredible classic magic manipulation. Eli is one of magic's hottest rising stars and the most decorated

young magician working in the US today. He is a two time winner and the current reigning junior champion of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Eli also has the distinction of being the youngest winner in the history of the IBM.

Eli has been performing on stages across the US since the age of three. That's when Eli's father and fellow magician Andrew Martin added him to his own family magic show. By the time Eli was six years old he had won his first international magic competition and began to get bookings for his own magic performances. Over the years, Eli has been assisted by his cousin Gabriella and his sister Emma. The three teens launched a highly successful touring show in 2013.

When he is not touring, Eli is at home in Toledo, Ohio where he performs 10-20 shows a month of various types. You name it! "The fact that I am constantly performing even when I'm not on tour, keeps my skills sharp and keeps me in touch with an audience at all times" says Eli. I will jump at just about any opportunity to perform". Eli's show always includes his second greatest passion - juggling. Juggling, balloon twisting, unicycling, signing and Ukele playing round out Eli's amazing variety repertoire.

Eli performs his act across the US and has been booked as far away as Italy a few years back. Eli and his magical family were featured on the hit ABC show Wife Swap. You can learn more about Eli by visiting his Facebook fan page or his website at www.magicwitheli.com



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Rummage Sale:

With spring in the air, it's the perfect time to start spring cleaning! What could you do with the items you no longer need? You could sell your items or donate them to the church rummage sale! If you want to sell your items, you can "purchase" a table here at the church for \$10. Anyone wanting to sell garage sale items or items for their home based business (31, Avon, etc.) are welcome. If you just want to donate your items, you can drop them off at the church from May 29 to June 1. Don't have anything to purge? We ALWAYS need volunteers and donated items to our concession stand. Sign up sheets will be available for both. If you have questions or are interested in purchasing a table (please do so quickly as we will open it up to the community to sign up very soon), please contact Amy Mathews or Jackie Timmons (419 898 2045). Thank you!

Adult Night to Detroit

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 25th, 2016! Trinity UCC Adults (must be 21 or older) will be heading on a charter bus adventure to Detroit. Cost is \$40 per person. We will leave Trinity at 3:00 pm and arrive back at 11:00 pm. Contact the office for more information.

\$5 offerings

During the month of May, we will be collecting for the Genoa Food Pantry.

Trinity's \$5 offerings have blessed many lives and missions' projects over the years. Let us continue to be generous in our support.

In April, the \$5 offerings given out were \$458 to God's Garden; \$153 to Autism Awareness;

Benevolence Givings:

We have dispersed your quarterly giving to the general benevolence fund. For the quarter, we wrote checks totaling \$1,200.00. With \$200 going to The Daughter Project; \$400 Camp Michindoh (to use to upgrade their wireless microphone system in the great hall); \$200 to The BCS food pantry; \$200 to Ben & Mandi Woods; and \$200 to Joyful Connections. We also sent \$195 to NWOH with \$165 going to One Great Hour and \$30 going to Peace & Justice.

Prayer Concerns

Please notify the office by phone or email if you have a prayer concern that you would like added to the list. Also, please make sure to let us know when you would like us to remove your request from the list.

Members in Need of Prayer Include:

Steve & Blanche Batesole; LaVonna Bittner; Hope Bauman; Marilyn Appelans; Susie Wittman; Don Weaver



Community Members in Need of Prayer: Kent Makin; Ken Leist

Church Council Minutes

March 14th, 2016

Absent: Desirae McCloskey

Present: Amy Mathews, Rhonda Mahaney, Steve Turnow, Dale Bodnar, Jim Buhro, Pastor Kyle, Marty Hoeft, Dwayne Hoeft, Ken Gahler, Ed Gahler, Nyla Denman.

Guest: Darrel Opfer

Pastor Kyle opened with prayer

Steve Turnow moves to accept January and February minutes. Ken Gahler seconds. Approved.

Secretary Report:

- Copy machine has arrived. Rhonda has set prices for .10/.50 for people needing personal copies.
- Ordered new checks
- Request was made by her on behalf of church member to host a wine/canvas party. Discussion to be tabled later.
- Request to purchase a shredder for office. Ed Gahler moved. Jim Buhro seconds. Approved.

Financial Report:

- Dwayne Hoeft motioned to approve. Dale Bodnar seconds. Approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Proposed to purchase new indoor signs for rooms. Ed Gahler motioned to accept PK to purchase the signs. Marty Hoeft seconds. Approved.
- PK would like to have his pension money deposited with Thrivent instead of the UCC Pension Board. No change in the amount,

just where it is directed. Jim Buhro motioned. Ken Gahler seconds. Approved.

- PK will host a new members class in April.
- PK requests vacation days May 16-20. Will not miss a Sunday. Dale Bodnar motions. Steve Turnow seconds. Approved.
- PK reported that Kolten and Maci Zimmerman will be dedicated in March.

Worship Team Report:

- Did Not Meet. Jane Gahler working on a date.

EFY Report:

- Sue Timmons has agreed to cover Easter and the 4th Sunday of April and May for Branching Out.

Missions Team Report:

- There was a profit made from the Valentine’s Day Dinner to go into Missions’ Fund.
- Next Meeting will be Thursday at 7 pm

Church and Ministry Report:

- A Discussion was held about church/building usage. PK and Rhonda will draft a proposal to have C&M review and then present to church council.
- PK’s 3-month review was given. He received an “Excellent” rating.

Search Team Report:

- The Search Team will be taking PK’s family out to eat on April 3rd to continue to offer support and to get feedback from how they are dealing with the transition.
- PK is still looking into Installation Service and whether or not we need to have one.

Damschroeder Estate:

- Much discussion was made about what we should do with the money.
- The team has met with two different financial advisers.
- A proposal with several options will be made, perhaps asking the congregation what they’d like to do with the money.

Parsonage:

- Team will meet with Renters during spring break to continue working on options to potentially sell the house to them if congregation approves.

Trustees Report:

- Will work on loose siding when it warms up.
- Decision was made not to change the glass doors/locks.

- The gym lights will be changed out with bulbs, etc. that were found in the basement. Still better energy efficiency and large investment not needed at this time to complete project.
- There continues to be a problem with the odor coming from the men’s restroom and kitchen areas.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A motion was made to give Rhonda a paid day off (5 hours) in place of a day she spent here helping with the Hellwig funeral. Jim Buhro motioned. Marty Hoeft seconds. Approved.

A motion was made by Dale Bodnar to adjourn. Dwayne Hoeft seconds. Approved.

Submitted by Pastor Kyle Timmons

Treasurer’s Report (approved)

General Operating Fun	
Balance as of 3/1/16	\$16,852.18
Offerings/Income	\$10,891.60
Expenses	\$13,462.19
Balance as of 3/31/16	\$14,281.59

Women’s Fellowship

Trinity Women’s Fellowship met on Thurs. April 14 at 1:00 pm. Norma began with the opening prayer & table blessing. There were 12 present. Hosts were Sue, Carol, & Kelly. They served delicious dips, desert, and snacks.

The devotions & program were combined & led by Norma. The topic was “Banish Worry - Control Your Anger” with Positive Action Steps to 1. Replace Worry 2. Take Worry Apart and 3. Rise Above Worry. Look at worry coolly and logically and worry will lose its power.

The business meeting was held. Norma thanked Sue, Carol, and Kelly for the lovely treat today with all the goodies. The minutes of the last

meeting were read & approved. The treasurers report was given accepted and will be filed.

Correspondence included a thank you letter from Cherry Street Mission, a letter from the Elmore Retirement Village about available apartments, a letter from Marilyn A. and Ina D. thanked all who sent her get-well and birthday cards.

We discussed how the Father/Son Banquet went with serving and food and also the Mother/Daughter Banquet coming up Friday May 6th at 6:30 pm. Magician show at 7:30 pm. Get your reservations.

Evelyn S. gave the Sunshine report. The new chairman is Sue Wittman.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Remember to donate to the O.H. Food pantry
Next month the meeting will be on
Thursday, May 12th at 1:00 pm. Program - Suzanne B; Hostess - Ina D.

Meeting adjourned & Norma closed with a reading. ~submitted Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of March 1 st	\$325.30
Offering	\$15.00
Schimming Donation	\$136.50
Total Income & Balance	\$476.85
Total Expenses	\$174.50
Memorial Fund	\$10.00
Miller's New Market	\$61.50
Love Gift	\$100.00
Balance on Hand Feb 29th	\$305.30
Savings Account	\$1,516.27

Food Pantry

Let's remember to continue to support the food pantry. Let's see about collecting peanut butter and jelly!

Thank You

Memorial for Lyle Hellwig - Thank you for your kind donation to Susie Wittman & Carol Cheatham; Gary Kapp

Memorial for Ann Schimming - Thank you for your kind donation to Susie Wittman & Carol Cheatham; Doug Lick

Why God Made Moms (source unknown)

Answers given by 2nd grade school children

Why did God make mothers?

- She's the only one that knows where the scotch tape is
- Mostly to clean the house

How did God make mothers?

- He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
- Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

- We're related
- God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What did Mom need to know about dad before she married him?

- His last name
- She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?

Who's the boss at your house?

- Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball.
- Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

- Mothers don't do spare time
- To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

- She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
- I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



Greeters

<u>May</u>		
1 st	North	Amy Mathews
	South	Dan Mathews
8 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
15 th	North	Ina David
	South	Suzanne Buhro
22 nd	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
29 th	North	Doug Avery Jr
	South	Michelle Avery
<u>June</u>		
5 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
12 th	North	Vera Sager
	South	Glen Sager
19 th	North	Ava Bodnar
	South	Dale Bodnar
26 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
3 rd	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Jackie Pelton
10 th	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanna Hellwig
17 th	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
24 th	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
31 st	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick

Trinity UCC Prayer Chain Guidelines and Procedures

The purpose of the Trinity UCC Prayer Chain is to contact members of the church family when requests are made for prayer for members of the church, or their family members. While we truly believe in the power of prayer and would like to pray for everyone in our community that is in need, the prayer chain at the church is only to be used for members and their family members to avoid having a mass amount of requests. In stating this, we are still willing to accept all other prayer requests for the pastor’s prayer time and to be mentioned in church when approved by the pastor.

The approval process is a process to contact that individual to confirm that they want their concern mentioned at church to help us avoid any HIPPA violations.

If, at any time you want to be added to the prayer chain, please contact the church office with your name and how you want to be contacted (text, email, or phone call). If your contact information changes, it is your responsibility to contact the church office to have it changed in our directory.

Your Name (Date)

Contact Method/Information
 Cell #, Home #, or email address
 If Cell #, do you want text or call?

Please fill this form out (or there will be forms located on the entrance tables) & return to office.

Re-Kindle:

The last Re-Kindle will be on Wednesday May 11th. We will be taking a break for the summer and will restart in the fall.

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

As the school year is quickly coming to a close, we are looking to gather information about our graduates. Those individuals if you could please write up a little description about where you are graduating from and what your future plans are. Place them in the top tray in the office. Thank you for your help.

Starting May 2nd, new office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:30-4:30 and Tuesday from 9 - 12.

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