

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:** 

# BIBLE RECAP

Starting the first Sunday of Lent (March 9th) through June 9th we will challenge the church together to read the entire New Testament following the Bible Recap plan. A copy of the reading list is included in this newsletter or for deeper study you can order the Bible Recap study materials by contacting the office or through thebiblerecap.com



# Tidings

MARCH 2025

# **Friends in Christ**

As we approach the season of Lent, we are invited to embark on a journey a journey to the foot of the cross. At first glance, the cross appears to be a symbol of loss, suffering, and rejection. In Jesus' time, it was an instrument of death, a sign of condemnation and shame. But through His sacrifice, Christ transformed it into the ultimate symbol of love and hope.

Perhaps you have felt lost, abandoned, or burdened by sin. Perhaps you have struggled with doubt or despair. The cross is God's answer to our deepest need, declaring that we are never beyond His reach. As Scripture reminds us:

# "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" -Romans 5:8

This Lent and Easter season, I invite you to walk with us on this sacred journey. Together, we will reflect on the wonder of the cross and the profound love that led Jesus there. Let us draw near to Him, remembering that what was meant for death became the source of our redemption.

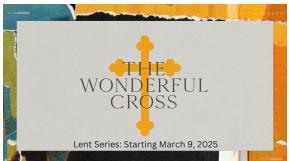
As we do that, we will have a series of events designed to unite us as the people of God. We will unite with Christians from all around the region at the Huntington Center, we will unite with brothers and sisters from a congregation down the road, we will gather with each other and break bread, we will hear stories of our past, we will hear stories of those who battled addiction and won by God's grace, we will be the family of God.

Generation after generation the Cross has called people from different places and different walks of life to the place where the ground is level. A place where we are all equal. At the foot of the cross we are all seeking a savior. Whatever purpose we thought we had, wherever life tried to take us, the power of the Cross has made us something new. By the love of Christ, we have been transformed.

May we fix our eyes on the cross and find in it the hope, grace, and love that Christ so freely offers.

In His love,

Pastor Ryan Shields



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# **Council Minutes: January 2025**



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, January 13 at 7:02pm. Ben Sutter, President, called the meeting to order. Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Pastor Ryan, Ben Sutter, Troy Wittman, Doug Avery, Ryan Chamberlain, Connie Gahler, Veronica McMonigle, Keaston Reif, Todd Witt, Connie Gahler, Mary Muntz, and Brad Jess via phone.

# <u>Reports</u>

# **Recording Secretary**

Troy motioned to approve the minutes. Connie 2nd. MC. Administrative Assistant + Financial

Reports were reviewed.

Ryan motioned to accept reports + pay bills, 2nd by Todd. MC.

# <u>Pastoral</u>

Pastor Ryan is teaching 7 confirmation students.

Looking for reservations for Youth/Church outing to TobyMac concert on February 27th.

Sarah Edwards will fill in for the service on 1/19 while Pastor Ryan is on vacation Sunday School, Branching Out, and Confirmation returned yesterday. Baptism held for Tully James Harder on 12/29/24.

Pastor Ryan expressed gratitude for the end of year bonus and raise.

# **Christian Ed/EFY**

Pastor Ryan discussed the youth night on January 12. Large attendance from the middle school age range. Baylee is acclimating to her role and took ideas from students about what they would be interested in moving forward.

# **Missions and Small Groups**

Veronica - Genoa Food Pantry Box Packing on January 16th, Genoa Food Pantry Box Distribution on January 18th

Veronica - Angel Tree was very successful. Each child got 17-18 gifts.

# <u>Trustees</u>

New chairs will be arriving soon

Heat is running well

- Pastor Ryan State of Ohio came in and stated that the boiler system is a commercial unit and needs to be inspected every year.
- Ben thanked those that stuck around after the service on Sunday and helped take down Christmas decorations
- Eric stopped in before the meeting and mentioned Website redesign (\$1,500) and back-up boiler system (\$4,900)

# <u>Old Business</u>

Slate of new officers is accounted for

# New Business

# General Operating Fund (Council approved 02/10/25)

Beginning Balance 1/0	1/2025 \$63,192.40
CD Investment	\$0.00
Offering/Income	\$10,508.31
Expenses	\$17,662.30
Transfers	(\$20.00)
Balance 1/31/2025	\$56,018.41

Walleye Faith & Family Night on March 9th. Decided to just do group seating. Looking into price.

Next meeting February 10, 2025 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm by Ben.

Respectfully submitted by Sean Hoeft, Recording Secretary.



# Before you read God's Word today, ask for His help by praying these 5 prayers:

- 1. God, give me wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- 2. Let any knowledge I gain help me love You and others more, and not puff me up.
- 3. Help me see something new about You that I've never seen before.
- 4. Correct any lies I believe about You or anything I misunderstand.
- 5. Direct my steps according to Your Word. Amen.

# NEW TESTAMENT CHRONOLOGICAL READING PLAN

NOTE: This 3-month reading plan falls nine months into our 365-day reading plan and recaps.

- "NT Day #" is the day for this New Testament reading plan.
- "YR Day #" is the corresponding day for our 365-day plan and recap podcast/video
- For more info visit: thebiblerecap.com/start

<b>NT Day 1</b> (YR Day 274) Luke 1 John 1	<b>NT Day 2</b> (YR Day 275) Matt 1 Luke 2	<b>NT Day 3</b> (YR Day 276) Matt 2	<b>NT Day 4</b> (YR Day 277) Matt 3 Mark 1 Luke 3	<b>NT Day 5</b> (YR Day 278) Matt 4 Luke 4-5	<b>NT Day 6</b> (YR Day 279) John 2-4	<b>NT Day 7</b> (YR Day 280) Matt 8 Mark 2
<b>NT Day 8</b> (YR Day 281) John 5	<b>NT Day 9</b> (YR Day 282) Matt 12 Mark 3 Luke 6	<b>NT Day 10</b> (YR Day 283) Matt 5-7	<b>NT Day 11</b> (YR Day 284) Matt 9 Luke 7	<b>NT Day 12</b> (YR Day 285) Matt 11	<b>NT Day 13</b> (YR Day 286) Luke 11	<b>NT Day 14</b> (YR Day 287) Matt 13 Luke 8
<b>NT Day 15</b> (YR Day 288) Mark 4-5	<b>NT Day 16</b> <b>(YR Day 289)</b> Matt 10	<b>NT Day 17</b> (YR Day 290) Matt 14 Mark 6 Luke 9	<b>NT Day 18</b> (YR Day 291) John 6	<b>NT Day 19</b> (YR Day 292) Matt 15 Mark 7	<b>NT Day 20</b> (YR Day 293) Matt 16 Mark 8	<b>NT Day 21</b> (YR Day 294) Matt 17 Mark 9
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<b>NT Day 92</b> (YR Day 365) Rev 19-22						



Fay Bolander, who fell at her home Saturday, February 22nd and was admitted to Bay Park for a procedure due to a broken vertebrae in her back.

Faye Milbrodt & friends - Please keep Faye & friends close in prayer through the days ahead. Lauren, Faye's husband, passed away on Saturday, February 15th as a result of injuries

suffered from a fall on the ice. Services will be held privately by the family.

Keaston & Rebecca Reif, Ryan & Renee Chamberlain, Brittany Joseph & their families - Please remember these families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their aunt Miriam Aufdenkamp. She went to her eternal home with Jesus on Saturday, February 15th in the evening. She was a faithful Christian and now she is experiencing the true glory of God and of Heaven. She is at peace

Nate Diekman for testing and awaiting results.

Many unspoken prayer concerns for Trinity family & friends for various health issues and tests happening in these next few weeks.

**Those at Genoa Care Center:** Jackie Pelton Norma Reif (Assisted Living)

# Those with long-term health concerns:

Don & Bonnie Weaver (at home) Don Corbin (hip replacement recovery) Joel Marquart (at Riverview) Joel Reeder (cancer treatment) Steve Welling (ALS)



<u>Ottawa County Level 3:</u> No worship service or church-related activities

Ben & Mandi Wood Elliana, Jonathan & Noah

Serving in Florida





Jay & Zina Herman Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia through



Join us for

# Lent in 2025

March 5th: Ash Wednesday Service hosted by St. John's in Genoa @ 6:30 pm March 9th: Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night with program at 2:45 pm & puck drop @ 5:15 pm March 16th: Addiction/Recovery Seminar with Nate Kehlmeier @ 4:00 pm

March 23rd: All Church Dinner @ 5:00 pm - Sign up to bring soup, salad or dessert to share

# March 30th: Lent Activity - TBD

April 6th: History & Church Dinner @ 5:00 pm - Bring a salad or dessert to share

April 13th: Family Lent Activity - Time & Details TBD

April 17th: Maundy Thursday Service

April 20th: Easter Sunday



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# Announcement Notes:

Women's Book Club: The next meeting of the Trinity Women's Book Club will take place on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 PM. We will be reading "If I Were You" by Lynn Austin. Please read this book in advance and be ready for a great discussion. If you need help getting a copy of this book please contact the church office.

Ash Wednesday: For those interested in participating in a service of observance of Ash Wednesday on March 5th, this year we have been invited to participate in worship with St. John's in Genoa for this special service at 6:30 pm St. John's Genoa is located at 1213 Washington Street in Genoa, Ohio

Spring Forward: Don't forget to SPRING FORWARD early next Sunday morning (March 9th) for Daylight Savings time. Or set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th. You don't want to be late for church because you're still living in the past!

Toledo Walleye: For those that have tickets, remember next Sunday, March 9th, is the Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night! On this night there will be a special pre-game presentation featuring worship music by our very own Pastor Ryan Shields, as well as testimonials from the Toledo Walleye team chaplain and players. The Faith & Family portion will begin at 2:45 PM with game time starting at 5:15 PM. See you at the game!

Lenten Activities Currently Scheduled: 3/5: Ash Wednesday Service @ St. John's Genoa 6:30 PM 3/9: Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night 3/16: Special Music during 10:00 AM Service by Jess Kellie Adams & Zach Reeder 3/16: Addiction & Recovery Seminar with Nate Kehlmeier at 4:00 PM 3/23: Church Soup & Salad Dinner at 5:00 PM 4/6: Local History Night with dinner main dish provided (bring salads & desserts) at 5:00 PM 4/13: Family Activity 4/17 Maundy Thursday Service

# Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

## **Drop Box Available**

Need to leave a note or drop off offering when no one is in the office? There is a locked drop box available for you to use in the connecting unit hallway next to the water fountain (outside the coat room). The box is checked weekly.

## Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share? Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

### First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen, fellowship hall pantry and church office for your use. There is also an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. These are located in the basement kitchen for your use as needed.

### **Use of the Church Hall or Basement**

The church calendar of events is hanging on the wall outside the main office door. You can also view scheduled events on the church website calendar (www.trinityelliston.org). If you would like to reserve the hall or basement take a form from the pouch under the calendar outside the main office, complete it and return it to the office to be scheduled. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover events from year to year for holiday parties). Please do not just write on the calendar - we ask you complete the form first. Once the form is reviewed we will add it to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the office.

### **Trinity Logo Wear**

You can now order items directly from bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist. If the item you would like is not listed simply call R&R Identification at 419-355-8206 or visit their shop at 160 S OH 590 Fremont, OH 43420 and tell them what you would like with the Trinity Elliston logo on it and they will be happy to make it to your specifications.

# **Table & Chair Sign Out**

Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden bles and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.

# 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, 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 <u>Tithe.ly</u> is super easy!

 Online - A link is provided on our Church Website at ww.trinityelliston.org. Click on the link and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your one time or reoccurring contribution.

You may also go to search the internet for Tithe.ly/ Give and look up our church, then fill in the giving form.

 Give in App - Download the Tithe.ly App from the <u>App Store</u> (iPhone) or <u>Google Play Store</u> (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate our church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution.

# What is the Contingent Fund?

Do you know what the Contingent Fund is used for? This is the fund that <u>ALL</u> 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 Paint, Batteries, Light bulbs and new lights Parts to fix & repair things in the church Carpet Cleaning/Floor Waxing Snow Removal & Lawn Care



A Firm Foundation

All Basement repairs are completed.

through.

Trinity UCC					MAR	MARCH 2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Norma Reif – B Brad Witt - B
2 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Kids Church Trustee: Brad Jess Casey Kish – B Madelyn Liphart - B	ç	4 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball @ St. John Williston Craig Turnow - B Connie Witt - B	Ash Wednesday 5 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service hosted at Genoa St. John's [1213 Washington St. Genoa]	<b>Å</b> Heidi Mathews - B	<b>7</b> Evelyn McCloskey - B	Daylight Savings 8 Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour Hall: 9a-11a 4-H Hall: 1p-6p LeDuc
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7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 2:45 pm Walleye Faith & Family Event (5:15 puck drop) Trustee: Ryan Chamberlain Barbara Chio - B	7:00 pm Chưrch Council	8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball – Make-Up Games			Home School Co-Op	Dartball Tournament @Graytown School Brice & Emily Gahler - A
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 5:00 pm All Church Soup & Salad Dinner Trustee: Doug Avery Steve & Nancy Turnow - A	Kristi Hoeft – B Konnor Sager - B	8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	Faye Milbrodt - B		Home School Co-Op Steve Turnow - B	Hall: 9a-11a 4-H Hall: 6:30 pm Social Group Euchre/Game Night
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9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult Class 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 5:00 pm All Church Family Event Trustee: Brad Jess Kent McCloskey – B Cindy Kinsey – B Ryan Gahler - B						





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