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# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

2018 is here (or soon will be).

We've experienced wonderful growth during the past few years here at Trinity and we've had many spectacular events along the way. I've seen excitement in the faces of our younger children all the way up through the oldest of our congregation.

When I first began at Trinity my goal was to take the first two years and build relationships and see what needed to be done at a more deeper level.

Now, I begin my next phase of personal goals. I'd love to see 75% or more of you involved in something here at the church in addition to just sitting in the pews on Sunday mornings.

As we search for new ideas for Bible Studies, small groups, and meaningful spiritual activities, I'd appreciate your ideas as well. Additionally, I've love to see you get involved and attend.

Therefore, stay tuned during the next few months to see what new and exciting opportunities exist.

In the meantime, please inform me as to what things interest you (topics, groups, etc.).

I hope your Christmas was Merry and your New Year is Happy.

Pastor Kyle

## Christmas Caroling

Thank you to everyone that helped to bake, decorate cookies, assemble cheer packages, and went caroling in December.



## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Trinity UCC will be on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:30 am with a potluck lunch to follow.

## Open Door Policy

Entering a new year allows for fresh starts and renewed commitments. As your pastor, I want you to know that my door is always open (or my cell phone is always on) if you need to talk to me about anything. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, complaints, please don't hesitate to come directly to me. I promise we'll either solve the issue or work together to make things work the Biblical way. Or, if you just need to come in and talk about life, let me know and we'll schedule an appointment. In Christ, Pastor Kyle

## Schedule Update

The day of my surgery is quickly approaching. I will be having surgery on Tuesday, January 16th.

Unfortunately, this means that I will not be available to attend Camp Michindoh, which was discussed and supported by Church Council.

I will also be out of the office January 15th-22nd. We'll see how things are going by that weekend to see if I can return to work the following week.

If there are any emergencies, please contact Rhonda at the church and she will contact the appropriate person in charge.

I have appreciated everyone's support and prayers along the way and look forward to a continued healthy life in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Pastor Kyle

## Camp Michindoh

We will have more information to come for those of you that will be traveling to Michindoh. If you would to assist in the planning, please contact Janene L. and let her know.

## Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday November 13th, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Ed Gahler, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Marty Hoeft, , Steve Turnow, Ann Diekman, John Bast, Veronica McMonigle, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent was Nyla Denman & Jim Buhro

### Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the October council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Marty Hoeft, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Mathews. MC. Special meeting minutes from October 15<sup>th</sup> were read. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ann Diekman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robin Hansen. MC.

**Secretary Report:** Oak Harbor Apple Fest Royalty Court would like to use the hall on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> for a Princess Tea Party. Instead of paying a fee they would offer community service to the church. Robin Hansen made a motion to allow the Oak Harbor Apple Fest Royalty court to use our hall in exchange for community service. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Diekman. MC.

**Financial Report:** Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Dan Gahler 2<sup>nd</sup> John Bast MC.

Last year we committed \$2500 to Northwest Ohio Association. The Association would like us to meet and/or exceed that donation. Discussion held. Steve Turnow made a motion to continue to meet our donation of \$2500 to the Northwest Ohio Association. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Hoeft. MC.

Kyle would like to rejoin the group, Excellence in Ministry, with other local pastors. The yearly membership fee is \$250. Funds will come from continuing education allowance.

### **Pastor Report:**

For the month of October - one wedding, one funeral, four home visits and no hospital visits Kyle completed the mandatory Northwest Ohio Association boundary training.

On Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, seventeen new members were brought in to the church. Others have since approached Kyle wanting to join our church. Kyle still planning on surgery in mid-January.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Worship**

- Met on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Discussion regarding joint Lent Services with Zion
- Purchasing Advent video clips \$39 to enhance Advent Season

#### **EFY**

- Rehearsal for Christmas program is going well
- Winter Branching Out material is here
- Kathy Giesler's adult class finished last week
- First Sunday of Advent on December 3rd, Kyle will start a four week Advent series

#### **Mission**

- Cards & Corn hole night on Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> went well

- Boo Festival 150-180 people in attendance, have ideas to expand for next year

### Church & Ministry

- Have not met since employee evaluations

### Trustee Report

- Shed is here
- North end of church needs new eve spouts, was not done with initial work, no bill has been sent. Marty will look into situation

### Old Business:

- Church Building Usage and Fees was approved by council a few years ago, has not been utilized
  - Would like to have members and non-members use a form so Rhonda and Amy are aware of when they will be present and what areas are being used
- Snow Removal – three bids received, reviewed and discussion held. John Bast made a motion to hire Don Kreager for snow removal. 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Turnow, MC.

### New Business:

- Ellis Ministries would like to have a Women's Conference on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> here at Trinity. Will be held 8:30am -2pm which would include a free time of worship, lunch & t-shirt. Event will be open to 100 people. Analisa Turnow will give an announcement at worship on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Health Insurance
  - We paid \$17,800 Next year proposed to go up to \$25,398 thru United Church of Christ
    - Out of budget this year, budget committee do not feel we can afford
  - Proposal to keep Kyle on UCC Plan A which will be \$11, 871 for the year (\$2967.75 per quarter)
    - Jackie will be \$1450 for the year under the Affordable Care Act & Children will be free
      - Paramount Advantage thru Healthcare.gov –

which is the only provider in this area for government healthcare

- Deadline to enroll is December 15<sup>th</sup>

- UCC Plan B is not economical
- Jackie and children have better coverage with healthcare.gov than UCC Plan C

- Budget Reviewed & Discussion held
  - Dan Gahler made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Diekman. MC

Robin Hansen moved and Steve Turnow 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm by Ed Gahler

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,  
Recording Secretary

### Congregational Meeting

Trinity United Church of Christ held a Congregational Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 10:39 by President Ed Gahler. The purpose the meeting is to elect church council officers and approve the 2018 budget.

The 2018 budget was reviewed. Discussion held. A motion was made by Robin Hansen to accept the budget as proposed by the budget committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> Janene Lattimore. MC.

2018 Slate and Nominations for church council  
Vice President Ben Sutter  
Financial Secretary Shirley Burho  
Trustee – Kurt Reif  
Trustee – Brock Hansen

Janene Lattimore moved to approve slate for 2018 church council. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie Gahler. MC.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51.

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle  
Recording Secretary

**Treasurer's Report (approved)**  
**General Operating Fun**

Balance as of 11/1/17	\$7,180.05
Offerings/Income	\$11,833.00
Expenses	\$8,370.27
Balance as of 11/30/17	\$10,642.78

**\$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 – Mission Team Event – Youth Mission Trip
- 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.

**Men's Breakfast**

Calling all men of the church!!! Join us Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am before Sunday services for a breakfast!! Come and eat and catch the adult Sunday school class that starts at 8:00 am. If you are interested in helping to prepare the meal for one of the Sundays, please let Ed Gahler know.



**Contingent Fund**

Do you know what the Continent 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

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.

**Women's Fellowship**

Trinity Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please feel free to come out and enjoy our fellowship time.

**WF Treasurer's Report**

Balance on Hand as of Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$89.45
Offering	\$10.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$99.45</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Balance on Hand Oct 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>\$99.45</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,237.36</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 Marv Tabbert.

Don & Hazel Tabbert

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people that donated to the Memorial Fund in honor of Diana Porath.

Jackie Bast

## Thank You

“Your generous donation of \$1,023.50 on 11/13/17 has helped to support eh hurricane relief effort. Your ongoing support helps us continue to bring hope to children, families and communities around the world who are facing hunger, famine, major health crisis or whose lives have been shattered by disasters.”

~Impact with Hope

“To All Who were responsible for the lovely Christmas meal served after the Children’s program. Thank You. It was such a sight to see the church full for the children, but also to see every one enjoying a delicious meal served to them at no cost. Such a wonderful thing to do. I’m sure God was smiling.”

~Sue Timmons

“My dear Trinity family,  
What a wonderful surprise to receive your gift of money. Your friendship, love and prayers have been such a blessing to us all through this crazy journey. Thank you so much. May you all have a wonderful holiday season and your Christmas be as blessed as you have blessed our family. Love to all.”

~Julie & Kenny Leist

Phone Call “Hey, thank you. A young man came up to me at the grocery store and gave me \$40 for groceries. I work construction and work in the cold all day and been a hectic and cold week. Just wanted to call and say thank you guys and I appreciate it and it was very nice of you. Merry Christmas to you all”.

~Anonymous

## 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

“St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Oregon and the Oak Harbor Food Pantry each received 5 boxes of food and personal items. Again, thank you to everyone for saving the coupon pages for me! Doug & I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.”

~~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 January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Come on out and see what 2018 will bring for our Mission Team. We are always looking for new ideas and help.

**Christmas Dinner Giveaway:** We were able to provide 3 local families with a complete Christmas Dinner. Thank you to everyone that helped to support this cause.

## 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. 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.

## 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"

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Mathews Open
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Hellwig Krista Hellwig
January 21 <sup>st</sup>		Church Camp
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN OPEN
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Mathews Dan Gahler
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-1 <sup>st</sup>	

February 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Pre-1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
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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.

## Confirmation

Confirmation at 6:00 pm on 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14.

### January Sunday Schedules

January 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Lighting Candles	Nick T.
Branching Out	Evan H.
Read Scripture	Pastor Kyle
Record Service	Sean H.
January 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Lighting Candles	Brayden H.
Branching Out	Shawn W.
Read Scripture	Seth W.
Record Service	Timmy M.
January 21 <sup>st</sup> . Church Camp	
Lighting Candles	
Branching Out	
Read Scripture	
Record Service	
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Lighting Candles	Timmy M.
Branching Out	Brayden H.
Read Scripture	Sean H.
Record Service	Seth W.

## Offering Envelopes

Please make sure that you pick up your envelopes on the table by the elevator for 2018.

You may wonder why it is so important to use an envelope. It not only ensures that your gift will get correctly tied to your family. You can also write on the envelope where you would like to offering to go towards. And lastly, it aids in the Sunday counters when they are counting the weekly offerings.

## Christmas Program

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Christmas Program and Dinner. It was a wonderful evening sharing the spirit of Christmas.



## Clothing Drive:

Cleaning out your closets to get ready for new Christmas clothes? Just need to get rid of some items?

Trinity United Church of Christ will be collecting clothes, shoes, purses, bedding, cloth material, etc.

Please drop off your donations to 17955 W. 3rd Street in Elliston (North side of the building) on Mondays-Fridays from 9 am until 4 pm between January 1st and January 28th. If you can, please bundle the items in a black trash bag, but not necessary.

Donations can also be brought in to church on Sundays before and after worship. If you have any questions, please contact us at [tucc1862@gmail.com](mailto:tucc1862@gmail.com) or (419) 862-3417.

**Clothing Drive**  
  
**What's in your closet?**

## Community Events

**EL**  
**SALVADOR**

**TRIP PLANNED FOR  
 FEBRUARY 21 TO MARCH 1,  
 2018**

**This is a NWOA UCC trip leaving from  
 the Dayton, Ohio airport.  
 Total cost (at airline prices now in  
 December) - \$1300.**

## COMMENTS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE:

- \*It is a life changing experience.
- \*People of El Salvador have their faith and spirit to share.
- \*I always receive more from the people we serve than anything I can contribute.
- \*This country is a welcoming place where friends become like family.
- \*Adults & youth should consider this trip and see what life is about in El Salvador.
- \*This trip is building relationships, witnessing Christ's love & hospitality.
- \*Our visit to El Salvador was an eye opening, heart-warming experience.
- \*The stories, that the people of El Salvador told us, has strengthened my faith.
- \*83 times Jesus says "Come follow me". Please follow him & us to El Salvador.

Contact John or Joyce Gilberg, if interested in this trip.

[jjgilberg@nktelco.net](mailto:jjgilberg@nktelco.net) PH 419 629  
 2947

## 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.

<b>January 2018</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
14 <sup>th</sup>	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
21 <sup>st</sup>		Michindoh
28 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
<b>February 2018</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	North	Darrel Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
11 <sup>th</sup>	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
18 <sup>th</sup>	North	Vera Sager
	South	Evelyn Schimming
25 <sup>th</sup>	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
<b>March 2018</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Timmons Children
11 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
18 <sup>th</sup>	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
25 <sup>th</sup>	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery

## Mark your Calendars



### **2018 Women's**

#### **Conference:** Ellis Ministries

invites the women of Trinity UCC to join them for a FREE Women's Conference on Saturday, January 6th, 2018 from 9 am until 2 pm (Registration opens at 8:30 am) here at TUCC.

Following the theme of Equipping Believers, Love the Broken and Igniting Passion, the conference will have a time of worship, motivational messages, and more.

Everyone who registers will receive a free lunch, a free t-shirt and a devotional guide.

To register, go

to: <https://www.ellisministries.org/events/> or stop by the church office to fill out a registration form. Registration will close at 100 attendees, so make your reservations soon.

\*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our Facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.

### **Guidelines for Weather Cancellations at Trinity**

Ottawa County Level 1: Worship and church activities will be held as usual - please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 2: All non-worship activities before and after worship are cancelled - this means no Sunday School/Branching Out, church dinners or meeting that may be scheduled, etc. The worship service will be held for those who choose to attend and feel they can travel safely. Please use common sense and precaution when traveling.

Ottawa County Level 3: No worship service or church-related activities



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### Mission

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

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*Check out our website at:*

[www.trinityelliston.org](http://www.trinityelliston.org)

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

New Journey  
New Beginning  
Same God

Enjoy the holiday time with  
friends and family.

**Office Closed: January**  
**7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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