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News From Pastor Kyle

The majority of you have heard the news. While it was delivered with a sense of sadness and joy, I'm sure it also was received the same way.

On Sunday, August 19th I accepted a new call to become the pastor in Grant Park, Illinois.

It is with sadness that I know my time here at Trinity is coming to a close. We have met and become close to so many of you and we truly cherish our relationships with each of you. We have seen dozens of new members in just over two years of ministry here and have witnessed a rejuvenation of younger families and their involvement.

That, I pray, will continue. As each of you take your spot in the Church and do your part, the church will continue to blossom and will remain strong just as it has for well over 100 years.

On the other hand, as I view my new calling as a joyful step in my career, I also pray that you see this opportunity as a joyful opportunity to continue to do the work of God here in Elliston and the community. Do it with joy. Be assured that God is right here alongside each of you and has a definite plan for Trinity UCC.

In the next few months I am still committed to serving you and to loving you (I'll always love

you!). Please know that if there is anything I can do for you during this transition to simply ask. In Christ, Pastor Kyle

Mark your Calendars

September 9th Ladies Night Out

October 13th & 14th Boo Fest

November 4th Corn Hole & Euchre

December 8th Christmas Program



Mission Team

Ladies Night Out

Date: Sunday Sept. 9th

Start time: 5pm

Movie: War Room (With great jobs, a beautiful daughter (Alena Pitts) and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony (T.C. Stallings) flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth (Priscilla Shirer) becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer.)

There will be finger food appetizers/movie snack type food and drinks available. Please feel free to bring something to share

Comfortable seating, but feel free to bring a blanket and get cozy

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.

Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday June 11th, 2018 at 7:00pm Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and Robin opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Robin Hansen, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Shirley Buhro, Ken Gahler, Brock Hansen, Dan Gahler, Jen Laughlin, Veronica McMonigle and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Ann Diekman, Ben Sutter, Dan Mathews, Youth Rep Sean Hoeft and Pastor Kyle Timmons

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the May council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by John Bast, 2nd Shirley Buhro. MC.

Secretary Report:

Rhonda would be taking vacation days in July 4th, July 16th-23rd for the Ottawa County Fair.

Financial Report:

Mid year audit needs to be scheduled in July.

Women's Banquet, no profit made, negative balance of \$85.69

Hall rental payments have been turned in, some people are turning in contracts

Health Insurance for first and second quarter had not been paid, three quarters paid at once

April Financial Report was reviewed. Motion to accept financial report was made by Jen Laughlin. 2nd Kurt Reiff. MC.

Pastor Report:

- 11 new members welcomed into the church on 6/10/18

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Turnows Pond Weekend – First week of August

EFY

- Rhonda will look into next year's curriculum/check with EFY members

Mission

- June 10th Waterblast held on Sunday
- Amy Mathews will be resigning as of August 1st
- July 26th -29th Camping Adventure – Whispering Hills
- School Drive August 12th
 - Donation Boxes will be put up at each entrance starting July 1st

Church & Ministry

- Plan to meet in August
- Need to get employee reviews done

Trustee Report

- New signs for end of Elliston Trowbridge road are in, poles are rusty and need to be painted first
- Doors
 - awaiting quotes
- Classroom bathroom painted, sidewalks fixed and locks are changed
- Township is re-sealing blacktop soon, will need to repaint lines

Old Business:

- Capital Improvement Fund Campaign
 - Need more members
 - Ideas – get quotes – start fundraising campaign
 - Sanctuary roof
 - Kitchen update
 - New sound board
 - Air conditioning in fellowship hall

New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm by Robin Hansen
Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
Recording Secretary

July 2018 Council Minutes (July 9th, 2018)

Present: Rhonda Mahaney, Kurt Reiff, Jennifer Laughlin, Ben Sutter, Robin Hansen, Pastor Kyle Timmons, Dan Gahler, Shirley Buhro, Ann Diekman
 Absent: Dan Mathews, Brock Hansen, Veronica McMonigle., Ken Gahler, John Bast, Sean Hoeft

7:07 - Meeting called to order - no quorum.
 Pastor Kyle Timmons led in prayer

Trustees Report:

1. Pella Windows to meet with Curt Reiff Tuesday
2. Fire Extinguishers have been checked.
3. Elevator cleaned
4. Ants have been sprayed
5. Road signs have been completed - thanks Dan Gahler
6. Curt trimmed the Apple Trees
7. Lights are out in branching out room and above kitchen sink
8. Road/parking lot pavement to be done in August.

Worship Team:

Working on getting a "team" together and then set meeting

EFY/Branching Out:

Branching Out Materials have been ordered

Mission's Team:

Needs new chairperson.
 Working on setting meeting

Church & Ministry:

An upcoming meeting will be scheduled. Evaluations and other considerations for wording to be made.

Secretary's Report:

An audit is currently scheduled for July 23rd at 6 pm. Discussion about rescheduling so Nyla can be present

Taxes have been filed
 Semi-Annual reports are done.
 Checking with property insurance

New Business:

Discussion was held in regards to property across the street. Council will ask the group who purchased the property to come up with a plan and present to council.

Pastor Kyle requested Vacation Days for July 30th - August 2nd (will not miss any Sundays) - No quorum to vote, but group voted Kurt Reiff motioned to accept vacation days, Dan Gahler seconded. Motion carried.

Ann Diekman discussed having some new altar flower arrangements made up. use money from memorial funds.

Old Business:

Pastor's Background check is to be paid by the church when candidate has been called to church, but follow up background checks are at the expense of the Pastor to maintain their standing within the Association.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Treasurer's Report (approved)

General Operating Fund

Balance as of 7/1/18	\$9,486.72
Offerings/Income	\$9,210.90
Expenses	\$7,324.99
Balance as of 7/31/18	\$11,372.63

Receipts

Just a reminder, not a change, all requests for reimbursement must be accompanied by an invoice or receipt for proper accounting. Our treasurer, financial secretary, and auditing committee will insist on it. Thanks. Robin

\$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
- 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.

Capital Improvement Team(s)

needed: With the approval from council, a Capital Improvement Team will be forming to discuss a possible drive to raise funds for some major capital improvement projects here at Trinity. Among the proposed items, raising funds for a future new roof over the sanctuary, updating the large kitchen, replacing the sanctuary front doors, possibly adding air conditioning to the Gym/Fellowship Hall, and a few other small projects.

If you are interested in being a part of the CIT (Capital Improvement Team) or being a part of a sub-committee (focusing more specifically on one item i.e. the kitchen upgrades, replace of doors, etc.) please see Pastor Kyle, John Bast, or contact the church office.

Our goal is to keep our building in great shape for future generations and to maintain growth within our congregation.

Benevolence

If anyone knows of an organization or individual that is in need of giving's, please let us know. Quarterly we disperse the benevolence money and are always looking for worthy causes to donate to. So far this quarter, we have sent benevolence checks to Orphan Nutrition Sponsorship.

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, 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.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship has been enjoying getting together and going out to eat this summer. On Thursday, August 9th, 2018 we met at church at 11:30 am and went to Granny's Restaurant in Woodville for lunch at noon and then we played summer bingo.

Norma had an opening prayer and the table blessing and also shared several readings.

Suzanne B. thanked everyone for cards and wishes received for her birthday.

Jackie P. gave the Sunshine report. New chairman will be Ina D.

In Sept we will get back to our regular meetings, on Thursday Sept 13th we will meet at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Program Eloise H. Host Sara Z. Come and enjoy a couple hours with us.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

Hall Use Reservations

There are forms on the wall next to the calendar. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover event for holiday parties-rollover dates will be allowed, but we would like the forms filled out as well). Please do not just write it on the calendar any more. Once it is reviewed, it will be added to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda.

Month Attendance & Offering

Date	08/05/2018
# in Attendance	50
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,128.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 68,744.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 58,292.08
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,451.92)

Date	08/12/2018
# in Attendance	92
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,928.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 71,388.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 62,220.08
Ahead/Behind	\$ (9,167.92)

Date	08/19/2018
# in Attendance	81
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,429.93
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 74,032.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 63,650.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,381.99)

Date	08/26/2018
# in Attendance	109
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 4,146.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 76,676.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 67,796.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (8,879.99)

2018 Christmas Extravaganza

Give-Away: The youth of Trinity would love to participate once again in a Christmas Give-Away. Last year several individuals went out around the area and paid for people's meals, haircuts, groceries, gas, etc. It was such a blessing to not only the recipients, but also those of us who were able to give. We would love to do this again this December. Would you consider giving an extra love offering in July to go towards this

opportunity? It can be a onetime gift, a weekly offering, etc. Please mark on your envelope (Christmas Extravaganza) or drop off your donation to the office. Thank you!

Thank You

“Thank you for your contribution of \$306.00 to the fund for families affected by the recent raids conducted by Immigration Control Enforcement.”

~St. Paul Catholic Church

“I would like to thank everyone that has kept me in prayer, sent get well cards with words of encouragement, and prepared meals for my family. The past nine months have been stressful and emotional. This has been something that I never dreamed that I would be dealing with. I've been blessed to have family, friends, and church, keeping me in prayer and helping me stay positive. I'm happy to say that I am now cancer free! God has blessed us! Thank you again!”

~Ann David and Family



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!

Coupons

“Thank goodness I dropped off the 6 boxes of usual canned goods, health items and 30 rolls of toilet paper to the Genoa food pantry before I broke my ankle. Thanks so much to everyone who sent me a card! Thank you!

~~Karen & Doug 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.

Trinity Youth News

Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

We are looking forward to kicking off the fall Branching Out year here at Trinity.

We are in need of teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let the office know.

Teacher Sign-ups

Sept 9 th	Pre-1 st	Desirae McCloskey
	2 nd – 5 th	Andrea Hayes
Sept 16 th	Pre-1 st	Rebecca & Keaston Reif
	2 nd – 5 th	Susie Wittman
Sept 23 rd	Pre-1 st	Ashley Gahler
	2 nd – 5 th	Jan Corbin
Sept 30 th	Pre-1 st	Desirae McCloskey
	2 nd – 5 th	Dan Gahler
October		
October 7 th	Pre-1 st	Amy & Anna Sutter
	2 nd – 5 th	Casi Johnson
October 14 th	Pre-1 st	
	2 nd – 5 th	Susie Wittman
October 21 st	Pre-1 st	Brittany Wittman
	2 nd – 5 th	Jan Corban
October 28 th	Pre-1 st	
	2 nd – 5 th	

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.

<u>September 2018</u>		
2 nd	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
9 th	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
16 th	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanne Hellwig
23 rd	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Krista Hellwig
30 th	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
<u>October 2018</u>		
7 th	North	Marty Hoeft
	South	Krisit Hoeft
14 th	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
21 st	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
28 th	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
<u>October 2018</u>		
4 th	North	Darrell Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
11 th	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
18 th	North	Evelynn Schimming
	South	Vera Sager
25 th	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer

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Mission

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

Check out our website at:

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Office closed: Sept. 3rd

"Back 2 School Prayer"

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friend. Open my ears to hear my teacher. Open my mind to learn new things. Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid. Help me to love others like you do. I want to shine your light so bright in my school." Amen.

-- Courtney Defeco

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