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News From Pastor Kyle

Time moved quickly as I expected and now, I must write my final Pastoral column for the newsletter.

I know it seems like it was just a short tenure (and by many standards it was), but I can't help but look back at all the things that happened during the last three years.

Consider the number of new babies that were born into the church family and were baptized or dedicated.

Look at the number of children for Children's Moments and Branching Out.

Think about the number of people Trinity has helped through \$5 offerings and Mission's events such as Boo Fest, Back Pack Supply Give Away, benevolence gifts, and more.

Thank God for the number of new members and those who have returned to church after being away for several years.

Those are all GREAT things, but in order for them to be beneficial in the future, the focus must continue to be on being the Church. The Church needs YOU. It needs you to attend. It needs you to provide financially. It needs you to serve.

If those things don't happen, the above things go for naught.

Therefore, I charge you as members of Trinity UCC in Elliston to stand together and work together to continue the most important goal - proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

I will never forget the relationships I have made here. They will be cherished and I will continue to pray for Trinity UCC!

Thank you for all your kindness. Thank you for putting up with my antics (good and bad). Thank you for your prayers and support.

Pastor Kyle Timmons

Mark your Calendars

November 4th Corn Hole & Euchre

November 4th Pastor Kyle off
November 18th Pastor Kyle's Farewell Service & Potluck to follow

November 25th Congregational Meeting immediately after the service

December 2nd Rev. Dan Busch guest speaker

December 16th Christmas Program (NOTE the Change of date!) with potluck lunch to follow



Note from the President

Just a note to help keep everyone "in the loop". There are so many things going on here at Trinity, it's hard to keep track sometimes. Please pay close attention in the coming weeks and months of all the activities and meetings along with our regular worship schedule. The holiday times are fast approaching and make our busy lives somewhat busier.

Pastor Kyle and family will be here for the farewell service on November 18th, followed by an all-church potluck. Be sure to join us as we wish them all God's blessings in their new journey, moving away from this area. There may also be folks here from the Oak Harbor area that day, from his previous congregation. Let's make them all feel at home!

The following week (November 25th) is our regular service, followed by the congregational meeting. It is a very important day to attend and help make decisions to guide the future.

Please, consider helping us out on some of the following Sundays, especially during the Advent season. Could you and/or your family light the Advent Candles? Read Scriptures? Do announcements or prayer time? What about a children's message? No reasonable offers refused! If your forte is not up front, there are other ways to get involved, how about some kitchen help? Or are you good with PowerPoint and computers? Or helping Jan Corbin with the Christmas Program and luncheon to follow? That program is scheduled for December 16th during the worship time.

Council has met with Rev. Busch, from the Association, and will proceed with recommendations and decisions after our next meeting. We will try to keep people updated as we move forward with our plans. Please know that some things are not set in stone at this time, but feel free to ask questions. We need all kinds of help for the worship committee over the next few months at least. Let one of us know if you can help out in anyway!

Lastly, I will be out of town from November 7th – 13th but know that Trinity is in good hands. Good communication is most important in challenging times. We can do this together! Thanks so much.

~Robin

Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with holiday party season upon us, 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 September 10, 2018 at 7:05pm Robin Hansen, President called meeting to order and Pastor Kyle opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Robin Hansen, VP Ben Sutter, John Bast, Kurt Reiff, Ken Gahler, Dan Mathews, Ann Diekman, Veronica McMonigle, Youth Rep Sean Hoelt, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were Dan Gahler, Jen Laughlin and Shirley Buhro

Reports:

Financial Report:

We did bring in more money than we spent for the month of August. Motion to accept the August financial report made by Ann Diekman, 2nd Kurt Reiff, MC.

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from the August council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the meeting minutes was made by Ann Diekman, 2nd Ben Sutter. MC.

Secretary Report:

Contacted insurance about adding property under our insurance, recommended that we have an umbrella policy, quoted at \$268 annually. Robin Hansen and Ben Sutter reviewed previous to

meeting and recommend to council we go forth with adding the umbrella policy.

Pastor Report:

- One memorial service, three upcoming baptisms
- Love Dare will be starting in September, there will be two sessions, spanning over a six week session
- Kyle transition from Trinity
 - Need someone to take over powerpoint
 - unlocking/locking church
 - Last Sunday will be November 18th and 25th depending on Association, they would like to do a farewell service on November 25th

Committee Reports:

Worship

- Need someone to step up to lead worship team and new members

EFY

- Frist day of Branching out was yesterday 9/9 – went well had 15 children
- Teachers signed up thru the end of the year, material printed

Mission

- Boo Fest still on
 - Mission Committee needs to meet to work out details
- Kelsey Gahler planned a “Ladies Night Out” movie night, held last night

Church & Ministry

- Plan to meet soon, Robin & Ben will have more information soon
- Need to get employee reviews done & will schedule a meeting with Church and Ministry
- Kyle will need an exit interview

Trustee Report

- Screens repaired, no need to replace
- Carpet in the sanctuary stretched
- Propane – signed with LA Bexton, got a summer fill
- Snow removal – need to contact for quotes
- Township is re-sealing blacktop this week, cracks have been filled

Old Business:

- New Property
 - Owners state church can do what it wants with property, planned to be seeded for grass this fall

New Business:

September 23rd at 6:30pm – Brainstorming session/Church focus group

- New pastor – full time or part time
- Ministry – visit members
- Finances – set a goal
- Budget

Per UCC Association we need to formally accept Kyle last Sunday and council needs to vote to accept resignation before we can move forward with search committee

John Bast made a motion to accept Kyle Timmons resignation and last Sunday will be November 18th Farwell Service with Dan Bush. 2nd Ken Gahler MC. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm by Robin Hansen

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,
Recording Secretary

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

Balance as of 9/1/18	\$13,578.05
Offerings/Income	\$9,540.00
Expenses	\$12,960.68
Balance as of 9/30/18	\$10,157.37

Full Financial reports are available upon request in the office and are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. This decision was made by council due to technology issues, not because of any other difficulty. If you have questions, please contact the office.

\$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 the office know.



We will be returning to Camp MICHINDOH for Church Camp.

January 25th – 27th

We have rooms reserved within Merillat Lodge.

Each room within the Merillat Lodge has a comfortable Queen bed, linens, towels, private bath, and Murphy bed. Some of the rooms have a twin bed in addition to the Queen and Murphy beds. These rooms are perfect for couples or families!

Please complete the bottom portion of this and return to Janene Lattimore or the office with payment by Dec. 10th to reserve your spot and room preference. Payment **must** be included to reserve your room. Space is limited this year, so make sure to get your reservations and money in as soon as possible. Rooms will be assigned in the order the reservation with payment is received. We hope that all children will be paid for by the church so there is no need to pay for children at this time.

We are excited to be attending Camp Michindoh on January 25th – 27th !!!

Family Name: _____

Adults Names @ \$158.00 per person _____

Children Names ages 13-18 _____

Children ages 3-12 _____

Children under 2 _____

Heat: Please remember to turn the heat down to 58 (or turn it off) after you are finished in the rooms and close the door. Everyone can help with this cost-saving; it's not a new idea.

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 donated to the Northwest Ohio Association and several local families.

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 met on Thursday October 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the rural Elmore home on Route 105 of Sue W. & Carol C. There were twelve present.

Norma began with the opening prayer and table blessing. We were served a delicious peach cobbler with ice cream and snacks. Ina D. was in charge of the program "Coping with Life" and about worrying.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Ina for the nice program and Sue and Carol for hosting us in their nice home. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The

Treasurer’s report was given, accepted and will be filed.

The Sunshine report as given by Suzanne B. New Chairman will be Sara Z.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

The Advent Brunch and Program will be on Saturday, December 1st at 9:30 am at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge.

Next month we will be meeting on November 8th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Program – Sara Z. Host Evelyn S.

Meeting adjourned and Norma closed with a couple of readings.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

Knife Sale

Did you know that the women’s Fellowship sells wonderful knives and spatulas? My favorite is the “tomato knife”. I have five of them and use them every day (sometimes all 5 are sitting by the sink to be washed as I use them so much). As the old commercial goes----“try it, you’ll like it!!! Eloise Hellwig is the person to see if you are interested in purchasing a knife.

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	10/07/2018
# in Attendance	123
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 5,489.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 92,540.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 82,734.01
Ahead/Behind	\$ (9,805.99)
Date	10/14/2018
# in Attendance	95
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,458.62
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 95,184.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 84,192.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (10,991.37)
Date	10/21/2018
# in Attendance	75
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,695.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 97,828.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 85,887.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (11,940.37)
Date	10/28/2018
# in Attendance	87
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,196.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,644.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 100,472.00
actual Current Offerings YTD	\$ 87,083.63
Ahead/Behind	\$ (13,388.37)

WF Treasurer’s Report	
Balance on Hand as of June 1	\$472.85
Knives	115.58
Donation	75
Ck Back	154.6
Total Income & Balance	\$821.95
Total Expenses	\$514.00
Nick Timmons	100.00
Grace Com. Center	175
Eloise Frisch’s & Rada	239.00
Balance on Hand Aug 31st	\$514.00
Savings Account	\$1,137.86

Hall Use Reservations

With the holidays coming, don’t forget to fill out your forms! 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

Coupons

“This month’s contribution was delivered to the Elmore Retirement Village. They received 24 rolls of paper towels, 60 rolls of toilet paper, bar soap, liquid soap, hand lotion, body wash, deodorants, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. They also received canned chicken, fruit and vegetables, canned chili, pasta and soup. Boxes of tea bags were included.”

~~Karen & Doug Lick

Thank You

“I thank everyone who have kept me in your prayers, visited, sent me get well cards, and food. Also, for the concerns you have shown in any other way. All has meant *so much* to me. I also want to thank those who sent me the beautiful birthday cards. It helped brighten my day very much. Again, thank you very much. May God Bless You Always.”

~Blanche Batesole

“Thank you to all that brought shoes over to the church, we were able to donate around 75 shoes to the Wreaths Across America.”



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!

Lending Library

We have a book shelf upstairs in the side room that you go through to get to the sanctuary. With the cooler weather coming, it’s the perfect time to make some hot chocolate and read a good book. When you are done, return it for someone else to read and borrow another

book. Book contributions our always welcome! Happy Reading!!!! ~~~ 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.

Contact Information: The office is in need of your updated contact information to print a new phone directory. If you are not receiving monthly emails from the church, please contact the office with your email. If you have any other changes to your contact information, please let us know.

Trinity Youth News

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

The year has started out great and we have had lots of happy youth.

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

Teacher Sign-ups

November

November 4 th	Pre-1 st	Dan & Amy Mathews
	2 nd – 5 th	Susie Wittman
November 11 th	Pre-1 st	Brittany Wittman
	2 nd – 5 th	Casi Johnson
November 18 th	Pre-1 st	Jan Corbin
	2 nd – 5 th	Susie Wittman
November 25 th	Pre-1 st	Amy Sutter
	2 nd – 5 th	

December

December 2 nd	Pre-1 st	
	2 nd – 5 th	Dan Gahler
December 9 th	Pre-1 st	Kylene Liphart
	2 nd – 5 th	Jan Corbin
December 16 th	Pre-1 st	Children’s Program
	2 nd – 5 th	Children’s Program
December 23 rd	Pre-1 st	
	2 nd – 5 th	
December 30 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>November 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
<u>December 2018</u>		
2 nd	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
9 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
16 th	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
23 rd	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
30 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
<u>January 2019</u>		
6 th	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
13 th	North	Ina David
	South	Nyla Denman
20 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Ann Diekman
27 th	North	Ken Gahler

	South	Vi Gahler
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Outside Information

BBQ Pork Chop Dinner: Sunday, November 4, 2018 11 am – till sold out. St. Peter Lutheran Church (Blackberry). Menu includes BBQ Pork Chops, Redskin Potatoes, Stuffing, Green Beans, Cole Slaw/Applesauce, Rolls/Butter, Drinks, Homemade Desserts. One Chop \$8.50 Two Chops \$10.00 Dine In or Carry Out

Ottawa County Holiday Bureau: Is in need of soap, hygiene products, toiletry items, paper products, cleaning items, non-perishable foods, money. If you would like to donate items or make a financial donation to the Holiday Bureau, please bring the donations to the church by November 25th. (See Flier on bulletin board for more information)

Ladies: 22nd Annual Advent Service and Brunch: Ladies, you are cordially invited on December 1st at 9:30 am to attend St. John's Lutheran Church in Rocky Ridge for the 22nd Annual Advent Service and Brunch. Tickets are \$8 and RSVP Deadline is November 26th. Please see the flier and RSVP slips hanging on the bulletin board for additional information.

The United Methodist Church presents a concert by His Little Feet, an International children's choir, hold at their church on Sunday, Nov. 11th at 6:00 pm. The choir children, ages 7 to 13 are orphaned and rescued from India, Kenya, Rwanda and Haiti. This energetic, culturally unique, Gospel-centered presentation brings attention to the plight of millions of orphaned and vulnerable children living in the world today and offers opportunities to respond and make a difference.

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Mission

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

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Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney



**Office Closed: November 22nd
and 23rd**

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