



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

During this Christmas season I want to challenge all of you to be more diligent in studying God's word, spending time in prayer and focusing on the season of Advent.

For the next several Sundays we will be considering passages from the book of Psalms. Each week will have a specific theme. In preparation, I encourage you to read the passage listed below once a day for the week prior to the message.

Then, come and discuss with us how God spoke to you during our 8 am Christmas and Cookies class on Sunday mornings and then hear a message during that week's service on the passage.

Here are the passages to read for each week:

For Week 1 (December 3rd) - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
For Week 2 (December 10th) - Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
For Week 3 (December 17th) - Psalm 126  
For Week 4 (December 24th) - Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

While we won't have service on Christmas morning, please read Psalm 96 that day and focus on singing out to God, declaring His glory, and proclaiming that the baby Jesus is KING!

Hope to see all of you in church this Advent Season.

Merry Christmas - Peace on Earth  
Pastor Kyle

## Christmas Eve Service

In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship service (9:30am) on Christmas Eve, we will also have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:30 pm. We will NOT be having a 7pm service this year.

## Christmas Caroling

We will gather on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to head out go caroling followed by pizza fellowship. Please come on and enjoy the evening of joyful singing and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



## Camp Michindoh

January 19-21st. All of our friends and family of Trinity UCC are invited to join us Friday evening through Sunday morning for a weekend of faith, fellowship, food, fun and more!!! Make your plans now. More information & registration forms are available in tables at the entrance to the sanctuary. Deadline for registration and payment is December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Nyla Denman, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Marty Hoeft, Steve Turnow, Jim Buhro, Veronica McMonigle, Pastor Kyle Timmons and Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney. Absent were John Bast and Ann Diekman.

### Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the August Congregational Meeting and September council meeting were read by members present & revisions made. Motion to accept the minutes were made by Robin Hansen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Gahler. MC.

**Secretary Report:** Branching out copies are being made. Winter material has been ordered. Rhonda has started to work on the budget, will need to schedule a meeting with the budget committee.

**Financial Report:** Financial Report was reviewed. We continue to spend more than we bring in with our givings. We need to look at our budget to see where we are overspending. Discussion held regarding spendings and donations. Motion to accept financial report was made by Dan Gahler 2<sup>nd</sup> Nyla Denman MC.

### Pastor Report:

He will give a report on his visits as it is part of his evaluation: For the month of September he made 2 hospital visits, 2 in home/communion visits, 1 baptism, 1 funeral and 5 ill calls

Confirmation classes began in September, Shawn Woolley is attending now. Youth have been assigned responsibilities to help out with tasks on Sunday morning such as lighting candles, taking up offering, reading scriptures, helping with Branching Out etc.

Holy Hot Dogs slowing down, with holiday season coming up attendance may be low, will continue thru November and re-evaluate

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Boniface at 7pm on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, all are invited to attend

### Committee Reports:

### Worship

- Meeting scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### EFY

- Met September 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Christmas Program December 9<sup>th</sup> – Ashley Zimmerman is heading up the program, Jan Corbin & Kylene Liphart have volunteered to help
  - Camp Michindoh – want to have people register early, youth ages 13-18 will have tasks to complete to earn their fee

### Mission

- Meeting held on October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - \$1200 raised from \$5 offering for Comerford Family, Hurricane Harvey victims
  - October \$5 offering going to ISO impact, Mission team will match that
  - \$1800 from the benevolence fund to the Association to meet our yearly commitment
  - \$500 from benevolence fund to Mercy's project – fill bags for Cherry Street Mission
  - Looking to provide a Christmas meal to families in need
  - Boo Festival coming up on October 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> – cards and corn hole night
  - Christmas program dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup>

### Church & Ministry

- Met with three employees for yearly evaluation
  - All three are doing an excellent job
  - Recommended that budget committee look at giving an incentive
  - Recommendation made to allow employees to have more time to review prior to meeting

### Trustee Report

- Damschroder coming this week on October 12<sup>th</sup> to do roof in front of sanctuary
- Looking to get drywall repair done at the South Entrance after roof fixed but before upcoming wedding

### Old Business:

- Shed quote for \$7454 from Stylish Storage Solutions, size 12 x 20 with two windows facing the road with shingles, with an overhead door on the south side, swing door opening, ramp and roof will match the new roof on the church. Solid wood floor. They will build onsite.
  - Will need to get approval from congregation, plan for Annual Meeting

### **New Business:**

- Discussion held regarding usage of church building and fees
  - Will continue discussion at next meeting

Steve Turnow moved and Nyla Denman 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm by Ed Gahler

Respectfully submitted, Veronica McMonigle,  
Recording Secretary

## **Special Council Meeting**

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council held a special meeting on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1030am. Those in attendance were as follows:

President Ed Gahler, Vice President Robin Hansen, Dan Mathews, Nyla Denman, Steve Turnow, Dan Gahler, Connie Gahler, Marty Hoeft, , Jim Buhro, Ann Diekman, Veronica McMonigle & Pastor Kyle Timmons. Absent was John Bast.

The roof has been fixed, however there is an additional \$1675 needed for gutters and downspouts.

Robin Hansen made a motion to use additional funds to cover overage of estimate from the Parsonage Fund. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Diekman. MC.

Drywall repair and painting to fix the damage caused by the leaking roof will be started on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> and finished prior to the Asher wedding.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Nyla Denman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Diekman. Meeting adjourned by Ed Gahler. Submitted by Veronica McMonigle, Recording Secretary

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

Balance as of 10/1/17	\$4,042.70
Offerings/Income	\$11,651.61
Expenses	\$8,514.26
Balance as of 10/31/17	\$7,180.05

**\$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 – Christmas Program Dinner (December)
- 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 December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 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. 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 met on Thursday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were 12 present. It was good to have Norma back with us after her back surgery.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres Sue W. took charge of the day. She offered the opening prayer and table blessing. Hosts were Kelly, Sue and Carol and Evelyn S. made a delicious pumpkin/lush dessert. Kelly had the snacks, candy and decorations.

Sara Z. was in charge of the program "For All Our Gifts". It was a nice Thanksgiving program about our blessings, being thankful and sharing. Sara closed with a thought for Veterans Day and Norma had one for Thanksgiving.

A business meeting was held. Sue thanked Evelyn for the delicious dessert and Kelly for the decorations and snacks.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given, accepted and will be filed.

We received an invitation to the Christian Women's Breakfast each month at St. John UCC, Elmore, next one being on Mon. Nov. 27 at 9:15 am.

Discussed our Christmas giving and Sara made a motion to give \$25.00 to Ottawa County Holiday Bureau, \$25.00 to Cherry Street Mission,

\$25.00 to Salvation Army. This was seconded by Eva. Motion carried.

The Annual Advent Program & Brunch at St. John Lutheran Church, R.R. will be Sat. Nov 25 at 9:30 am. Reservations and \$8.00 to Norma. Speaker will be Judy Asmus Hill from Toledo Station WLMB.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas party with pot-luck at noon and gift exchange. There are conflicts on the date so it was decided to change it to Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Note Change!

Sara gave the Sunshine report. New Chairman will be Sue W.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Remember to bring donations to the OH Food Pantry.

Meeting adjourned. Sue closed with a reading "You Are Never Alone".

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

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.

Myron & Sara Zibbel, Blanche Batesole, Fay Bolander, Suzanne Buhro, Thomas and Julie Paule, Lauren & Faye Milbrodt

## Thank You

“The support of Trinity and especially our Benevolence & Missions team helped our office staff assemble about 13 purses and 13 bags filled with all kinds of things for folks at the Cherry St. Mission. Blankets, hats, scarves, mittens along with snacks and many hygiene and other items were tucked in with care. Without all of you, this wouldn't have been possible; thanks so very much!”

~~ The staff of Mercy Maumee Bay  
Orthopedics and Robin Hansen

## 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

“Jerusalem Township on Route 2 was happy to receive 4 boxes of canned items, boxed mixes and also diapers, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes, disposable razors, toilet paper, and deodorants. They serve a big area, so they really appreciated the contributions.”

~~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 December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to set up for the program dinner.

### Holy Hot Dogs and More

We would like to thank everyone that helped to prepare, serve, bring food, and clean up for Holy Hot Dog. We will look into resuming Holy Hot Dogs in the spring.

We would like to thank everyone for their help with the Fall Boo Fest where we had over 150 visitors. We would also like to thank those that came out to our first Euchre and Corn Hole evening. We had around 40 people that came out to enjoy the evening.

**Mission Wreaths:** We will be raffling off 2 wreaths at the Christmas dinner to help offset the cost of the dinner. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, they are available during normal office hours or Sundays after church.

**Christmas Dinner Giveaway:** There is a box under the tree in the north entry way. Church members may fill out the name of a fellow congregational member, although, you must check with the nominated family to see if they are willing to accept it. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will draw 5 names to deliver a Christmas dinner to. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the mission team.

## 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"

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (Dan Gahler)
- December 10<sup>th</sup>: Pre-1st (Brittany Wittman), 2nd-5th (Dan Mathews)
- December 17<sup>th</sup>: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (Dan Gahler)
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)
- December 31<sup>st</sup>: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

- January 7<sup>th</sup>: Pre-1st (Dan Mathews), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)
- January 14<sup>th</sup>: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)
- January 21<sup>st</sup>: **CHURCH CAMP**
- January 28<sup>th</sup>: Pre-1st (**OPEN**), 2nd-5th (**OPEN**)

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 12/9, 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14.

The confirmands will gather on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We will be baking cookies for the caroling on December 17<sup>th</sup> and have pizza for dinner.

## December Sunday Schedules

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Lighting Candles	Brayden H.
Branching Out	Timmy M.
Read Scripture	Sean H.
Record Service	Shawn W.
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	
Lighting Candles	Evan H.
Branching Out	Nick T.
Read Scripture	Brayden H.
Record Service	Sean H.
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Lighting Candles	Seth W.
Branching Out	Brayden H.
Read Scripture	Nick T.
Record Service	Evan H.
December 24 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm	
Lighting Candles	
Branching Out	
Read Scripture	
Record Service	

## Christmas Program Rehearsals

Please join us Wednesday evenings at 6pm and also on Sunday's immediately following the church service as we practice for the December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program. The Dress Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ashley Z.



## Cookies & Christmas Family Style Advent Sunday school:

All are welcome to join us for a four week Christian Educational opportunity through Advent.

Each Sunday morning during Advent (Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th) at 8:00 am (we'll probably begin closer to 8:15) we will have coffee, hot chocolate, tea, water available along with Christmas cookies (See Christmas Cookie Announcement in other announcements) as we reflect on our weekly theme for that Advent season.

The class will meet in the Fireside Room; however, if we get enough people to join, we'll expand into the gym.

## Christmas Cookies Needed:

Do you have a favorite Christmas cookie recipe? Do you like to bake extras? We are looking for individuals to provide a few dozen cookies for each of our Cookies N Christmas Family Style Advent Classes during December.

If you are able/willing to provide 3-4 dozen (or want to combine with someone else that week) cookies for either Dec. 3, 10, 17 or 24th, please let Pastor Kyle or the church office know. Thank you!!!

## Community Events

### Christmas Craft Bazaar

St. Peter's UCC will host the bazaar at the Millbury Fireman's Rec Hall on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am – 4 pm. Come out and do your Holiday shopping and stay and enjoy the homemade food we will have available for purchase for lunch.

### "Free" Community Meals

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 122 W. Ottawa Street, Oak Harbor, will be hosting "free" Community Meals during the season of Advent. The meals will be served on Wednesdays: December 6, 13, and 20. The meals will be held in the upstairs social room (our church is handicap accessible) from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please join us for a time of friendship and fellowship.

## 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>December 2017</u>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
10 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanna Hellwig
17 <sup>th</sup>	North	Krista Hellwig
	South	Kelsey Gahler
24 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
<u>January 2018</u>		
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
<u>February 2018</u>		
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

## Mark your Calendars

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30pm we will have our Children's Christmas Program with a dinner to follow. (We will also be looking for help to put on the dinner) Please RSVP to the Church office for the dinner so that we have a head count.



**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.

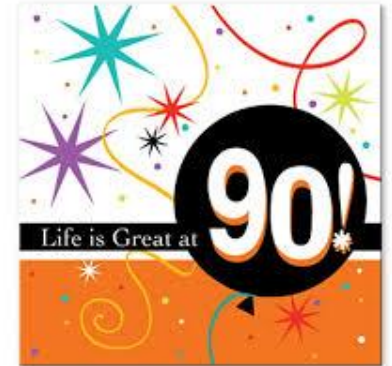
## Christmas Eve Service

In addition to our regular Sunday morning worship service (9:30am) on Christmas Eve, we will also have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:30 pm. We will NOT be having a 7pm service this year.

## Birthday Celebration

Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>

Following the worship service, there will be a celebration for Evelyn Schimming's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The family invites everyone to stop by for desserts, coffee and punch and to wish Evelyn a Happy Birthday. No gifts, just best wishes for Evelyn.



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

## Wellness Room

The mission team is working to put together a wellness room just for adults. This room will be a place for adults to share healthy recipes, words of encouragements, and exercise on their own.

We are looking for the following items:

- DVD Player
- Any good exercise equipment
- Any exercise DVD's that someone may want to use.



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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

*Joy Hope Love  
 Smile Peace Warmth  
 Happiness Goodness*

*Are my heartfelt wishes for  
 you and your families!  
 Merry Christmas.*

*"ecardcorner.com"*

**Office Closed: December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 & 26<sup>th</sup>**

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