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**Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week**

Sermon Series:

Trinity Tidings

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VBS Season

One of my favorite summer church traditions is Vacation Bible School! When I started my career in ministry I was hired as a Youth Director, but my experience was with Middle School and High School students. Imagine my shock the first year VBS came around!



My first VBS I was brand new! The church volunteers already had everything ordered, set, planned, and ready to go! All I had to do was show up and be a big ball of energy up front! Easy! What a smack in the face it was a year later when I was "in charge" and now suddenly all these volunteers were looking for me to lead! That first VBS I led left a lot to be desired. So, from that year on I prided myself in making a big deal out of VBS. This area of ministry that once flew under my radar became one of my

favorite things to do! I invited students to come hang out the week before and build sets with me. I found a weird creative outlet in turning piles of paint and cardboard into magical places.

God (and some patient volunteers!) helped me use talents I didn't even know I had, and because of that I've now had a 15-year tradition of crazy, loud, over the top VBS programs and I delight seeing our young students connect with God in this way.

For the second year in a row, Trinity will open its doors to kids from our church and our community ready to see what God will do for five days of VBS! We get to be a part of the faith journey of these children, some who will hear about God's love for the very first time. It's going to be MONUMENTAL. Just like I learned to make a BIG DEAL out of VBS, we'll learn about a Bible character whose dad made a BIG DEAL out of his talents, even if it made his brothers mad! Joseph! We'll begin our journey with Joseph and the dreams God gives him that lead to him being a favorite of his father Jacob, but a target for his 11 brothers. Joseph's story has highs and lows, ups and downs, but in the end, Joseph remains true to the gifts God gave him and finds himself "in charge" when his family needs him most. A weakness in his family turns out to be a strength when Joseph follows God's calling.

Whatever journey God is taking you through, remember He has given you unique gifts to face the challenges ahead! Joshua 1:9 tells us

"For the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go!"

See you all at VBS!

Pastor Ryan Shields

July 31st:

VBS Kickoff:
Joseph's Feuding
Family

August 7th:

VBS Wrap-Up
Joseph's Restored
Family

August 14th:

10:00 am Worship @
Turnow Pond

August 21st:

Modern Virtues
Honor

August 28th:

Modern Virtues
Integrity

September 4th:

Modern Virtues
Gratitude

September 11th:

Re-Align
Your Place in the
World
Sunday School
Kick Off!!!

Council Minutes: June

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order, and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Luke Sutter, Brice Gahler, Sam Sutter, Jim Laughlin, Steve Turnow, Janene Lattimore, Nate Deikman, Brianne Perry, and Mary Muntz. Those absent were Vice President Rebecca Reif, Recording Secretary Ashley Gahler and Trustee Michael Sager

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from May meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes made by first Janene Lattimore, second by Brianne Perry, MC

Secretary Report:

Mary reviewed her month of May with council: routine tasks, catching up with Pastor after his leave, and time off for her husband's surgery.

Financial Report:

reviewed balance sheets.

Noted Air Conditioning Project bills coming in now will show on June financial sheets

Motion to approve financial secretary report first by Brice Gahler, second by Brianne Perry, MC
July 1, 2022 Standard Mileage Rate will increase from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile

Motion to pay the increased rate of 62.5 cents per mile starting July 1, 2022. First by Nate Diekman, second by Janene Lattimore, MC.

Discussion on possible uses for Chicken BBQ proceeds. Connie will check with Expanders.

Pit is in ok condition. Racks need re-welded or replaced

A new pit section and some kitchen items may be purchased

High percentage of proceeds will go to missions: Let's Build Beds was suggested

Pastor Report:

Review of written report.

Thanks to those who filled in while he was on paternity leave

Communion moved to July 10th due to worship with Zion on the third.

Summer plans: July 3rd worship with Zion UMC, August 14 worship at Turnow Pond, VBS

Planning to realign/restructure ministry teams in September. This will give those who aren't currently serving on a team an opportunity to step up and serve alongside those already serving.

Committee Reports:

Worship Team: no report at this time

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Resuming search for a Youth & Children's Ministry Leader

Planning for VBS July 31 thru August 4th

Beginning to make plans for Sunday School & Kids Church in the fall

Mission: no report at this time

Trustee Report

Jim is getting quote to repaint parking lot lines

Mowing is going well and looks good.

Motion for church to cover the cost of mower gas made by Jim Laughlin, Second by Nate Diekman

Brad Jess will be cleaning the week of July 17-24 while Amy is on vacation. Nate Diekman will assist.

Motion to pay both Brad and Nate at the hourly rate Amy receives for this week made by Brice Gahler, second Janene Lattimore, MC

Pastoral Relations Committee:

Pastor Ryan will meet with Rebecca Reif to fill our license renewal before the August deadline.

Church and Ministry: No update

2030 Team: No update

Old Business - None

New Business

Legal Bill for Lot Dispute

Motion to pay the \$1,357.16 legal bill from Marshall Melhorn regarding the survey and legal work for the disputed lot on the north side of the property. First Brice Gahler, second Brianne Perry, MC

Notice received from the county that the disputed portion of the north lot qualifies for CAUV.

Motion to apply under CAUV for this portion of the lot. First by Steve Turnow, second by Jim Laughlin, MC

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Nate Diekman, second by Brianne Perry, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by Luke Sutter.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Muntz, Administrative Assistant in lieu of
Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

Council meets
at the Church
monthly on the
2nd Monday at
7:00 pm



Be in prayer for the following:

Sue Fahle (mom of Pastor Ryan’s best friend Brody) is battling terminal illness. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Rebecca Reif’s family as they mourn the passing of her grandmother, Mary Lou Joseph.

With great joy the church family would like to wish Ren and Riley Baumert a happy first birthday! The Baumert twins were born a year ago under emergency conditions and have battled multiple surgeries and health issues to make it to this special day! Pray for their continued growth and strength.

We also celebrate with joy the marriage of Samuel & Sophie Sutter, an occasion of July 23rd, 2022.

Deanna Vizi has had another successful surgery in connection to her cancer treatment. She remains cancer free and is back to watching little ones each day.

Holly Shields - small hernia

Don Hoeft was home but having additional difficulties has returned to the hospital.

Bella Hall - healing for broken foot

Don Weaver at home, continuing therapy, walking with walker.

Those with long-term health concerns:

Deanna Vizi, Riley & Ren Baumert, Patty Crozier, Joel Marquart

Those battling cancer:

Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton, Logan Murphy



at Turtle Creek

September 8 to September 11 (or longer)

Reserve your spot by August 13th

Call for reservations: 419-898-7745

Hosted by Brad Jess

AC / Boiler Update:

Installation work is complete for the air conditioning and the boilers in the fellowship hall have been replaced!

We will maintain a one year service agreement with IPS, the company that installed the systems. After 1 year the agreement will be re-evaluated.

We would like to thank those who sacrificially gave financially to make this project happen!

**General Operating Fund Report
(Council approved 7/11/22)**

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance 06/01/2022 | \$18,561.51 |
| Offering/Income | \$13,557.21 |
| Expenses | \$10,286.41 |
| Transfers | \$100.00 |
| Balance 05/31/2022 | \$21,732.31 |



School Supply Drive

NEEDED ITEMS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Backpacks | Pink erasers & Cap erasers | Rulers |
| Packs of wide lined loose leaf paper | Packs of #2 pencils | Scissors (pointed & blunt tip) |
| Packs of college lined loose leaf paper | Packs of Markers (regular & washable, thin & thick) | Bottle white school glue |
| Spiral notebooks (wide & college ruled) | Boxes of Crayons | Glue sticks |
| Composition books | Colored pencils | Pencil Box, Zipper bags or school boxes |
| Plastic Pocket folders (with and without brads) | 12 inch rulers | Boxes of Kleenex |
| Packs of Ballpoint pens | Packs of highlighters | Water Bottles |
| | Pencil sharpeners | Hand Sanitizer |
| | Staplers | 3" x 5" Index Cards |

Donated items may be left in the bin by the North Entrance
Thank you & remember to pray for our students and teachers
as they enjoy summer and head back to class in the fall.

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

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!

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.

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 style tables. The only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden chairs. Both tables and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.

Medical Lending Supplies

Many supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. These supplies include: Bath in a Bag wipes, Adult size Pull-Ups and Diapers, Wheelchairs, Canes, Walkers, Arm Slings, Compression Stockings, Shower Bag for use with a cast, Massage Cushion, First Aid items (Ace Wraps, Band-aids, Ointment, etc), and more. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need!



Vacation Bible School

July 31 - August 4, 2022

6:00 to 8:15 pm

Come for a week of Celebrating God's Greatness!

Registration is still open via the church website at www.trinityelliston.org or the form below.

There will be an adult class during VBS, meeting from around 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

A team of Confirmation students along with Pastor Ryan have been working hard to get the Monumental VBS set together.

2022 VBS Registration - July 31 thru August 4 - Trinity UCC Elliston

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____ DOB _____
Last Grade Completed _____ Is Trinity your home church? ____ Yes / ____ No
Parent's Name _____ Home Telephone () _____
Street Address _____ Cell Phone () _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____
Any allergies or medical condition to be aware of: _____
In Case of Emergency Contact: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship: _____



By registering my child for this event I give my consent for my child to participate in all activities associated with Trinity UCC's VBS 2022. In good faith, I agree not to hold Trinity UCC or any representatives responsible for any injuries, incidences or medical expenses associated with their participation in this event. I (we) understand that staff, volunteers, and leaders will make every attempt to contact me as soon as possible if an emergency arises. If I (we) cannot be reached I give Trinity UCC's staff, volunteers, and leaders authorization to take me child to a doctor or hospital at my own expense. I understand that my child may be videotaped or photographed as part of this event and this media may be used in promotional materials for Trinity UCC in print/web.

Return completed form to church office or register online

Parent/Guardian Signature & Printed Name

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | 1 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Monumental | 2 8:00am Coffee Fellowship 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Monumental Kennedy Tabbert (B) Dan & Amy Mathews (A) | 3 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Monumental Donald A Tabbert (B) | 4 6:00 to 8:15 pm VBS Monumental | 5 | 6 |
| 7 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team A Trustee: Michael Sager | 8 7:00 pm Church Council Ethan Johnson (B) Dale & Ava Bodnar (A) | 9 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Ben Dresser | 10 | 11 | 12 Elizabeth Ayoitte (B) | 13 Don & Jan Corbin (A) |
| 14 10:00 am Worship @ Turnow Pond (Praise Band) w/swimming & potluck Greeters: Team B Trustee: Brice Gahler Jacob Kish (B) | 15 Dorothy Gackstetter (B) Neal & Veronica McMonigle (A) | 16 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship | 17 | 18 Ryan Shields (B) Lauren & Faye Millbrodt (A) | 19 | 20 Tidings Information Due Bonnie Weaver |
| 21 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team C Trustee: Steve Turnow | 22 Doug Avery (B) Kent & Desiree McClosky (A) | 23 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dave Dresser (B) | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Doug Asher |
| 28 10:00 am Worship Greeters: Team D Trustee: Jim Laughlin Joanne Hellwig (B) Doug&Michele Avery (A) | 29 Nora Wittman (B) | 30 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jared Lattimore (B) | 31 Shirley Buhro (B) | <p>Watch the Service Online We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services! If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use this link to find the service online: http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html</p> | | |



Worship @ Turnow Pond
 Sunday, August 14th @ 10:00 am
 Potluck & Swimming Afterward

The Turnow's have graciously offered to provide drinks, table settings and hot dogs for the occasion. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Mission SPOTLIGHT

Our August Mission Spotlight will be donated to Operation Kid to Kid. Operation Kid to Kid is a mission project in association with World Vision and Group VBS, our VBS Monumental curriculum publisher. This year, Operation Kid to Kid is donating money to provide school supplies to Native American students living in poverty on one of the Native American reservations in the United States.

A shiny new notebook, colorful pens, a rainbow box of crayons. There's something fresh and exciting about back-to-school lists. They're more than supplies; they represent all the potential and possibility of a new year and a bright future. But for some kids in North America, basic school supplies are hard to come by. Something as simple as basic school supplies can represent real hope. That's where your VBS kids come in!

This summer Operation Kid-to-Kid is mobilizing millions of children to help bless countless students and teachers on Native American reservations! Due to World Vision's key partnerships, \$1 can supplement school supplies for one child for a whole year! When your VBS combines your donations with other VBS programs from across the world, you'll make a monumental difference for kids on reservations in North America. WOW!

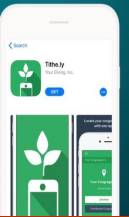
To give toward their support in August mark your donation "Mission Spotlight".

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Giving to your local church using Tithe.ly is super easy! We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

#2 - Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by heading to Tithe.ly/Give. Once there, search for your church, and fill in the giving form.

#3 - Give in App

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

There's a place for you here!

**All classes are on a break
for summer. See you back
in class September 11th!**



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Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am



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