



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

Upcoming Events:

Monday, June 10th  
7:00 pm Council

Tuesday, June 11  
1:30 pm Genoa Care  
Center Fellowship &  
Devotional Time

Sunday, June 16  
Father's Day

Saturday, June 22nd  
7:00 pm Social Group @  
Axe 419

Monday, June 24th  
6:30 pm Women's Book  
Club

Friday, June 28th  
6:30 pm Adult Sunday  
School Summer Party

Sunday, June 30th  
Mudhens Faith & Family  
Day at the Ballpark.  
Gates open at 1:30 pm.  
Game begins at 4:05 pm

Monday, July 8th  
7:00 pm Council

Tuesday, July 9th  
1:30 pm Genoa Care  
Center Fellowship &  
Devotional Time

Sunday, July 14th  
10:00 am Worship at  
Turnow Pond with  
swimming & potluck  
after church

# Tidings

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## SUMMER SEASON REFLECTIONS

Greetings Church!

As the warm embrace of summer takes over, I am reminded of the many blessings that this season brings. It's a time of renewal, growth, and the joy of experiencing God's creation in its full splendor. I hope this letter finds you ready to bask in the sun and enjoy the long, leisurely days.

Summer is also a wonderful time for reflection and learning. While students often use summer as a break from new teaching, for adults, lazy days by the pool or on a vacation can allow us to dive deep into a new book to read, podcast to listen to, or skill to practice! In this spirit, I would like to turn our hearts and minds to the teachings of Jesus, specifically His parables. These are stories filled with wisdom and insight, offer us profound lessons on how to live our lives in accordance with God's will.

In Matthew 13, Jesus uses a story of a farmer planting seed to explain how some people have a heart ready to receive the word of God, but others do not! As we see the fields and gardens around us burst into life, let us remember this parable where Jesus teaches us about the different types of soil, representing the various ways we can receive and nurture God's word. This summer, let's strive to be the good soil, cultivating our hearts and minds to fully embrace and act upon the teachings of Jesus. Just as the sun nurtures the plants, may our faith grow strong and resilient under God's guidance.

Maybe you prefer the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 13. This is one of my favorite chapters. Summer often brings families together, and it can also be a time of reconciliation and renewal of relationships. The Parable of the Prodigal Son beautifully illustrates the endless grace and forgiveness that God offers us. As we enjoy family gatherings and reunions, may we be inspired to forgive past mistakes and celebrate the joy of being together, just as the father celebrated the return of his lost son.

Maybe you're taking a trip, traveling to new places. The story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 reminds us that in this season of travel and adventure we should still be mindful of those in need. Whether we are at home or on vacation, let us embody the spirit of the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and kindness to everyone we encounter. Summer is a perfect time to reach out to our neighbors, offering support and friendship, just as the Samaritan did for the injured traveler.

As we enjoy this beautiful summer, let's take time to meditate on these parables and allow their lessons to enrich our lives. Whether we are planting gardens, embarking on travels, or simply enjoying the company of loved ones, let us do so with hearts full of gratitude and faith.

May the warmth of summer be a reminder of God's enduring love and the light of Christ that shines within each of us. I look forward to seeing you all at our summer services and events, where we can share in the joy and fellowship of this blessed season.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Ryan Shields*

**Council Minutes: April 2024**

*Council regularly  
meets at the  
Church monthly  
on the  
2nd Monday  
at 7:00 pm  
in the Coffee  
Room next to  
the Kitchen*

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, April 8 at 7:00pm. Eric Gahler, President, called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were as follows: Kim Traver, Blake Traver, Ben Sutter, Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Veronica Avery, Doug Avery, Pastor Ryan, Brad Jess, Susie Shaffer, Eric Gahler, Janene Lattimore.

**Reports****Recording Secretary:**

Susie moved to approve minutes. Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

**Administrative Assistant + Financial:**

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports made by first Brad, second by Blake, MC

**Pastoral:**

Holy week celebrations went well with great positive feedback.

We now have six adult connection groups

Area of Need: High School Sunday school teacher

Rite of Confirmation on May 5<sup>th</sup> + reading confirmation papers on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**Children's Director Report**

Branching out will be held on Confirmation Sunday + Chicken BBQ

Last day of Sunday School/Branching Out 5/19

With recent flooding in basement wondering if basement best place for Branching Out?

Goal set to have TV installed for Branching Out by VBS

**Trustees**

Doug going to look into blinds for the offices

Lawnmower needs some work. It's over 20 years old and may need a new one sooner than later.

**Tech**

New computer for sound system requested so that everything (live online stream + church service) is not dependent on one. Tabled discussion until next meeting when Marty will be there to be explain in detail.

**Old Business**

Chicken BBQ = Chicken, paper products ordered. Price not determined yet – will be dependent on costs of all supplies and remaining food items. Grates are done and ready.

Let's Build Beds – scheduled for October 2025. Discussion was had about attending a local one so we know what to expect when we host. Pastor Ryan + Missions will look into.

**New Business**

Mudhens Church + Family Day – June 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

Brad motioned to book space for our church and for council to cover \$25/ticket for ticket and catered buffet. Blake 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

Scott + Analisa Williams inquired about shed on church property that is not being used. Veronica motioned we give them the shed + they are in charge of moving it. Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

Received quote from Larry Kincaid to paint 9 external doors, awning and pole. \$775 includes labor and materials. Will be done sometime in May. Susie motioned to have Larry paint the doors. Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC.

**General Operating Fund**

(Council approved 05/13/24)

Beginning Balance 04/01/2024	\$27,945.13
Offering/Income	\$10,769.65
Expenses	\$8,783.53
Transfers	(\$699.70)
Balance 04/30/2024	\$29,231.55

Next meeting May 13 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm by Eric.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.



- Upcoming VBS prep, volunteers and all who will be impacted during the week of July 28-August 1
- Joel Reeder, cancer treatment
- Don Weaver, now at home gaining strength for further surgery.
- Nichole Clapsaddle being treated for a benign tumor on her thyroid.
- Paul Stribrny (brother of Dave, Uncle of Holly Shields) is being tested to heart valve related issues

**At Genoa Retirement Village:** Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

**At The Lakes in Maumee:** Eloise Hellwig recovering from hip replacement and infection

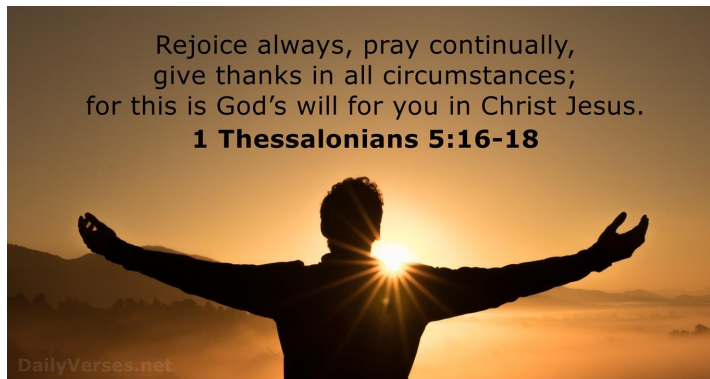
**Those with long-term health concerns:** Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

**Those battling cancer**

Jackie Pelton,  
Dustin Schmidt

Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

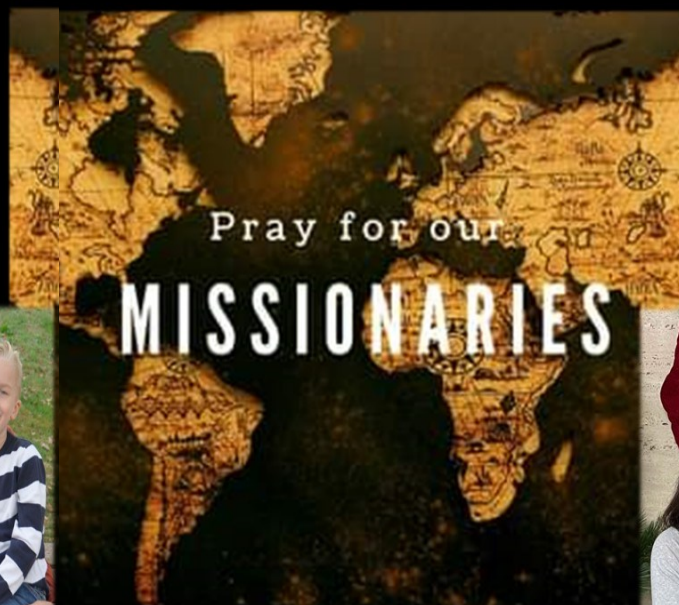


Ben & Mandi Wood  
Ellis, Jonathan & Noah



Jay & Zina Herman  
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia  
through **cru**





# SPECIAL MUSIC

Summer 2024

Contact the Church Office  
to sign up for a week

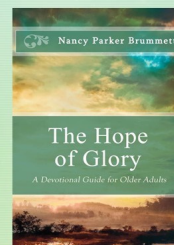
## Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

at the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living  
300 Cherry Street - Genoa  
Room AL1

Residents of the Care Center/Assisted Living  
&  
Older Adults residing in their own homes are invited

Hosted by Nancy Turnow & Nyla Denman  
If a ride is needed, please let Nyla or Nancy know



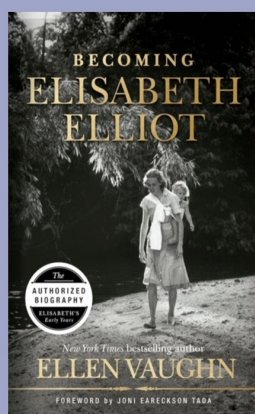
June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8

## TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm at the church

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

This will be our next book  
Please read before our meeting



## trinity

### SOCIAL GROUP

**Saturday, June 22nd**

**7:00 pm**

**@ Axe 419**

9851 Meridian Ct, Perrysburg

**Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly**

## Faith & Family Night at the Mudhens

Sunday, June 30th

1st Pitch @ 4:05 pm vs Louisville Bats

Gates will open earlier for pregame activities

Cost per ticket is \$10

This year food will be on your own

### To reserve tickets:

Call or email the church office with your name  
and number of tickets you would like  
(419-862-3417 or tucc1862@gmail.com)

Reserve your tickets soon! We have 10 tickets left - First Come, First Serve - after that we will place you on a waiting list and notify you if more tickets become available. Gates open at 1:30 pm on Sunday, June 30th. Included with your Faith & Family Day ticket is a performance by The Quiet Things! Mud Hens players, coaches and team chaplain Dave Regnier will lead a Q&A discussion about their experiences with faith in sports. Also included as part of Mud Hens

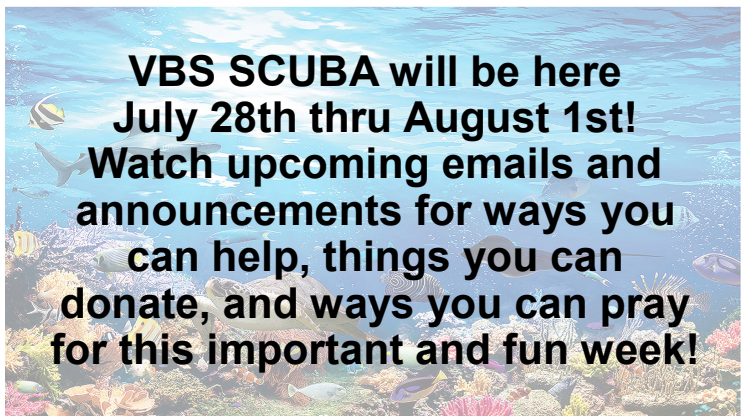


Family Days: Access to an Inflatable Theme Park: Pregame through the fourth inning Hensville Park turns into a giant inflatable playground! Make your way through the obstacle course, jump in the bounce house, play the inflatable games, or try your skills at the speed pitch. Family Days are free and open to anyone with a Mud Hens game ticket for that day.

Muddy's Birthday: It's your favorite mascot's birthday! His best mascot friends will be in attendance to celebrate all things Muddy! | Presented by Toft's Mascot friends that will celebrate Muddy's birthday at Fifth Third Field include: Freddie Falcon, Freida Falcon, Bruiser the Bulldog, Rocky Rocket, Rocksy Rocket, Spike, CatTrick

Pregame Player Autographs: Pregame autograph sessions from two players will be in section 119 | Presented by Roosters Wings

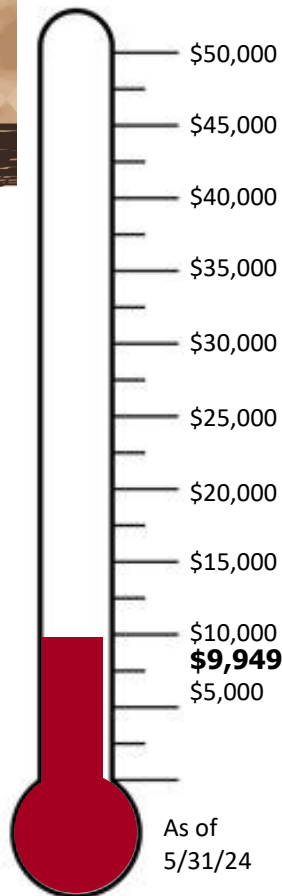
Kids Run the Bases: Children 12 and under are invited to run the Fifth Third Field bases after EVERY Sunday home game. | Presented by Roosters Wings, WFOB, & WBVI



### **Firm Foundation Campaign**

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry
- Launching at least two smaller groups meeting monthly to improve church community and connection (one group for individuals/couples with children, one group for individuals/couples without children). Training and equipping leaders to see these through.

Due to the dangerous degrading of the basement ceiling, our first project was expedited and has been completed for a cost of \$7,925.00.



June's Mission Spotlight focus will be the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center. This Center provide compassionate support to children and families of Ottawa County through programs such as GrandLove, Ticket to Success, TNT Mentoring, Konnections and Summer Lunch/Weekend Bags. For more information visit [ocfamilyadvocacy.org](http://ocfamilyadvocacy.org). To give toward this Center, simply write "Spotlight" on your envelope or check memo.

The Family Advocacy Center of Ottawa County is seeking volunteers to help with the summer lunch program. You will be packing lunches at RC Waters Elementary. You can sign up using the link below. Any questions, you can contact Veronica

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0C4AAFAC29A2F5C34-49539372-2024>

### **How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries**

Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](http://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 at [www.trinityelliston.org](http://www.trinityelliston.org)**

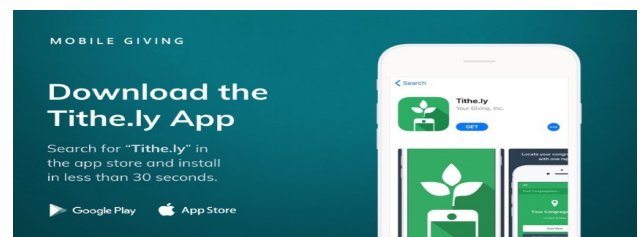
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

#### **#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](http://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](https://apps.apple.com) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.trinityelliston) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution!







### **Sean Hoeft**

Hillsdale College

Bachelor of Science in Accounting with Minor in Mathematics

Parents: Marty & Kristi Hoeft

Future Plans: Sean recently concluded his athletic career as a Hillsdale Charger, where he excelled on both the Cross Country and Indoor/Outdoor Track teams in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. Reflecting on his time at Hillsdale, Sean cherishes the lifelong friendships he formed and the personal growth he experienced, nurturing his body, mind, and soul. As he embarks on his next chapter, Sean is excited to begin his career as a tax

accountant at Clifton Larson Allen in Maumee Ohio, carrying forward the values and lessons learned from his time as a Charger.



### **Anna Sutter**

University of Toledo

Early Childhood Education - Magna Cum Laude

Parents: Marty & Amy Sutter

Future Plans: Hoping to get a job as a teacher



### **Dylan Mahaney**

Owens Community College

Associates Degree in Digital Animation

Parents: Rhonda Mahaney

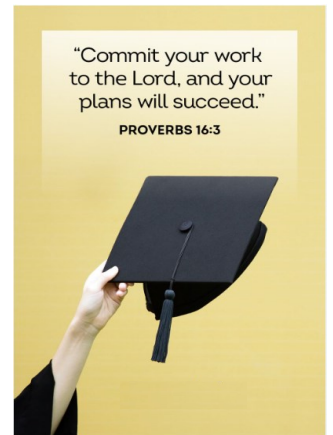


### **Sydney Mahaney**

Oak Harbor High School

Parents: Rhonda Mahaney

Future Plans: Attending Eastern Michigan University, Majoring in Clinical Lab Science



### **Julia & Clara Gilbert**

Kersten's Korner Preschool

Parents: Josh & Elly Gilbert

Heading to Kindergarten



### **Jolie Suzanne Perry**

Precious Moments Preschool

Parents: Brock & Brianne Harder and the late Matt Perry

Heading to Kindergarten



### **Reese Kincaid**

St. John's Nurturing Center Preschool

Parents: Brandon & Jamie Kincaid

Heading to Kindergarten



### **Skyliie Shields**

Woodmore Preschool

Parents: Ryan & Holly Shields

Heading to Kindergarten at Woodmore



### **Lilly McMonigle**

St John's Nurturing Center Preschool

Parents:

Neil & Veronica McMonigle

Heading to Kindergarten at Genoa Elementary



### **Nora Rose Wittman**

Precious Moments Preschool

Parents: Troy & Brittany Wittman

Heading to Kindergarten at RC Waters

# Trinity UCC

## JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Halt: Mahaney Nancy Turnow (B)
<b>2</b> 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Graduate Recognition Trustee: Marty Hoelt	<b>3</b> Holly Shields (B)	<b>4</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jed Phillips (B)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Donna Witt (B)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Halt: 4-H @ 10 am Jack & Barbara Chio (A)
<b>9</b> 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brandon Kincaid	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:30 pm Genoa Care Center Assisted Living Devotional & Fellowship Clifton Reeder (B) Tim & JaNay Lasivka (A)	<b>12</b> Abigail David (B) Lexi Hayes (B) Jaxon Sager (B) Lily Rothen (B)	<b>13</b> Maddison Ankney (B) Timothy Mathews (B)	<b>14</b> Danny Appelhans (B) Brad & Jenna Britt (A)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Doug Avery David Lick (B)	<b>17</b> Amy Mathews (B) Darell Opfer (B) Steve Bafesole (B) Molly Mathews (B) Jim & Shirley Buhr (A) Memo & Tiffany Hernandez (A)	<b>18</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Erica Mauder (B) Dylan Gahler (B)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Tidings Info Due Ava Bodnar (B) Zachary Diekmann (B) Matthew Tabbert (B)	<b>21</b> Brittany Whitman (B) Michele Avery (B) Robert & Cindy Kinsey (A)	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Trinity Social Group @ Axe 419 Don & Shelly Tabbert (A)
<b>23</b> 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brad Jess Brayden Hayes (B) Ed & Jane Gahler (A)	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Women's Book Club ("Becoming Elisabeth Elliott" by Ellen Vaughn)	<b>25</b> 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Emily Gahler (B) Hunter Burdge (B) Jamie Zimmerman (B)	<b>26</b> Jan & Dawn Grifeger (A)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Adult Sunday School Summer Party Andrea Hayes (B)	<b>29</b> Tira Bowman (B) Danny & Kathy Appelhans (A) Eric & Ashley Gahler (A)
<b>30</b> 10:00 am Worship 1:30 pm Toledo Mudhens Outing Trustee: Marty Hoelt Matthew Tabbert (B) Jack Chio (B)						



# Vacation Bible School

July 28 - August 1, 2024

6:00 to 8:15 pm



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Register ahead of time online 



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