



Tidings

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MAY 2025

Kids Sunday School,
7th/8th Grade
Confirmation Class,
HIGH SCHOOL Class,
Adult Class all @
9:00 am each Sunday

Sunday Worship &
Branching Out
Kids Church @
10:00 am each Sunday

Upcoming Events:

THE BIBLE RECAP

We have challenged the church together to read the entire New Testament following the Bible Recap plan. A copy of the reading list is available through thebiblerecap.com



Confirmation Rehearsal:
Saturday, May 3 @ 9 am

Wittman Home Group:
Saturday, May 3rd @
5:00 pm

Confirmation Sunday,
May 4th with Paper
Reading @ 9:00 am and
Confirmation @ 10:00 am

Youth Night: Friday, May
9th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Church Council: Monday,
May 12th @ 7:00 pm

A Celebration of Faith: Confirmation at Trinity

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

- Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

This May, Trinity Elliston joyfully celebrates a sacred milestone in the lives of three of our young people as they affirm their baptism and are confirmed in faith. The Rite of Confirmation is more than a ceremony—it's a heartfelt "yes" to the promises God made in baptism and a public affirmation of lifelong discipleship in the way of Jesus Christ.

In our faith tradition, we recognize two sacraments; baptism and communion. Baptism, as most practice it, marks the beginning of our life in Christ—a mark of our belonging to God and a commitment of our community to share the joy of Christian love with us. Confirmation is not a new sacrament, but a celebration of that baptismal identity, now claimed by the students themselves. As these students step forward in faith, they will also receive the Sacrament of Communion as full members of the church, participating in the sacred meal that binds us together with Christ and with one another.

Through confirmation, these students become full members of Trinity Elliston UCC. But what does that mean? Membership in our church is more than a name on a list—it is a covenant, a sacred promise, grounded in mutual commitment. Together, we pledge to:

1. **Be present** - in worship, in fellowship, and in one another's lives.
2. **Pray for one another** - carrying each other's joys and burdens before God
3. **Serve one another in love** - just as Christ served us.
4. **Give generously** - of our time, talent, and treasure, supporting the mission and ministry of our church.
5. **Bear witness**—to the work and Word of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond.

These five commitments shape our shared life as a church. They are not obligations, but invitations to live as disciples together—rooted, built up, and strengthened in the faith, just as Paul encouraged the church in Colossae.

As these three students affirm their baptism and claim their place in the ongoing story of Trinity, we give thanks. We give thanks for their families, their mentors, and this congregation that has surrounded them with love and teaching. Most of all, we give thanks to God, whose Spirit continues to stir in the hearts of the next generation.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this important step. May their faith deepen, their joy increase, and their witness shine brightly in the world.

Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: March 2025

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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, March 10 at 7:04pm. Ben Sutter, President, called the meeting to order. Pastor Ryan Shields opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Pastor Ryan, Todd Witt, Janene Lattimore, Troy Wittman, Brad Jess, Keaston Reif, Veronica McMonigle, Doug Avery, Blake Traver, Sean Hoeft, Laura Clement, Ben Sutter, and Mary Muntz.

Reports

Recording Secretary: Brad motioned to approve the minutes. Troy 2nd. MC.

Administrative Assistant + Financial:

Reports were reviewed, noting routine expenditures this month.
Brad motions to approve rolling forward 90-day CD. Blake 2nd. MC
Blake motions to approve reports, Brad 2nd. MC

Pastoral:

New series 'The Wonderful Cross' to take us through Easter
TobyMac concert had a strong middle school showing.
Walleye game was on March 9 (nearly 50 in attendance)
Discussed having a traditional sunrise service for Easter Sunday and the praise band for the second service.
The small clergy cluster has started to reform. Connecting with local pastors to build relationships, bounce ideas around, and see what is going on in other churches in the area.

Christian Ed/EFY:

Learning about the life of Joseph. Transitioning over to stories of Jesus for the rest of the school year.
Family event after church April 13. Collecting candy for Easter egg hunt
Beginning planning for VBS
Emily Gahler will be filling in for Janene while she is on vacation.

Missions and Small Groups:

Women's book club met up last week (7 in attendance) Next book:
The Edge of Belonging by Amanda Cox.
Marriage course is going well.

Trustees:

Doug discussed raking the lawn to get it back in shape, removing some bushes, potentially getting rid of lava rock, and paying special attention to the North entrance.
A church yard work day was proposed. Trustees discussed putting a list of work that needs done together.
Discussed putting concrete in the shed across the driveway. Would need congregational approval. Trustees will look into getting a quote.
Discussed what we would like to do with the old chairs. Decided to sell the wooden chairs.

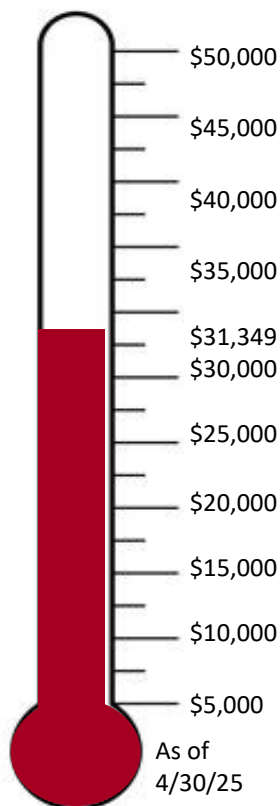
Old Business: Troy motioned to sell the wooden chairs. Blake 2nd. MC

New Business: N/A

Next Meeting April 14, 2025 at 7pm Meeting adjourned at 7:44 by Ben
Respectfully submitted by Sean Hoeft, Recording Secretary

General Operating Fund (Council approved 04/14/25)

Beginning Balance 3/01/2025	\$7,566.09
Offering/Income	\$14,325.27
Expenses	\$21,339.50
Transfers	(\$0.00)
Balance 3/31/2025	\$551.86
CD Investment and Interest	\$52,273.83





Veronica Shields, recovering from an infection

DeAnna Vizi, recovering from surgery

Connie Winters healing from infection & upcoming appointments to evaluate readiness for surgery to replace her hip replacement. Meal Train information & sign up link: <https://mealtrain.com/834lmn>

Nate Diekman for testing and awaiting results.

Many unspoken prayer concerns for Trinity family & friends for various health issues and tests happening in these next few weeks.

Those at Genoa Care Center:

Norma Reif
Fay Bolander

Those with long-term health concerns:

Joel Marquart (at Riverview)
Joel Reeder (cancer treatment)
Steve Welling (ALS)



Confirmation Sunday is May 4th, during our 10:00 am service. Be ready to celebrate our confirmation students as they take this next step in their faith journey!

Ava Katherine Chamberlain

Ava's Confirmation Paper Topic is

"What My Church Membership Means to Me"

She is a 9th grade student at Eastwood High School. Ava is the daughter of Ryan & Renee Chamberlain. Ava's hobbies and interests include: 4-H, High School Choir, Spending time with family and friends, Camping, Volunteering and activities at church.

Carter Jeffrey Joseph

Carter's Confirmation Paper Topic is:

"The 10 Commandments"

He is an 8th grade student at Eastwood Middle School.

Carter is the son of Brittany Joseph & Randy Joseph.

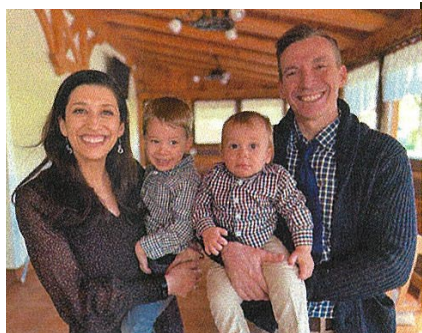
Carter's hobbies and interests include: Spending his free time gaming, as well as camping with family. He also enjoys playing with his younger cousins and helping out at home. His best buddy is his dog, Charlie, and enjoys taking him on walks. He was involved in the Eastwood wrestling club this past winter, and is now taking Archery through his 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

Rebecca Sheldon

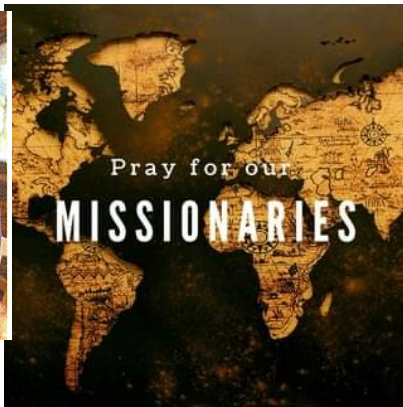
Rebecca's Confirmation Paper Topic is:

"Noah's Ark"

She is an 8th grade student at Genoa Middle School. Rebecca is the daughter of Carrie Sheldon.



Jay & Zina Herman



Ben & Mandi Wood

May 11th

Men's Breakfast

7:30 AM

in the Fellowship Hall



All men are invited to join us for breakfast on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 am in the church fellowship hall.

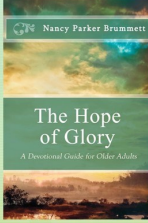
Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

2:00 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



Tuesday,
May 13th


May 13th at 2:00 pm is the next meeting of our Genoa Care Center Devotional Group. This special gathering features a devotional teaching, worship, and communion alongside friends and residents of the Genoa Care Center. Older adults residing in their own homes are also invited to attend. For more information contact Nancy Turnow.

TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 14th @ 7:00 pm at the church

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

This will be our next book
Please read before our meeting



The Next Meeting of the Trinity Women's Book Club will take place on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm at the church. We will be reading Indigo Isle by T.L. Lowe. Please read this book in advance and be ready for a great discussion.

YOUTH EVENT

BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA Night

MAY 9TH

6:00-8:00 PM

TRINITY - ELLISTON
17955 W 3RD ST, ELLISTON



YOUTH CAMPFIRE & POTLUCK

JUNE 22ND

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Trinity - Elliston
17955 W 3rd St, Elliston



YOUTH DAY @ THE PARK

JULY 12TH

LEAVING THE CHURCH @ 11:00 AM

OUTDOOR FUN & ROLLER SKATING @ THE RIBBON

TRINITY - ELLISTON
17955 W 3RD ST, ELLISTON



Trinity Youth (Middle School & High School) and your friends are invited to several upcoming events:

Youth Event & Build Your Own Pizza

Friday, May 9th, 6:00-8:00 pm

Youth Campfire & Potluck

Sunday, June 22nd, 7:00-9:00 pm

Youth Day @ The Park

Saturday, July 12th, leaving church at 11:00 am for outdoor fun & roller skating at The Ribbon

Contact Baylee Malik or Pastor Ryan for more info.





Community Food Pantry

This pantry serves all of the Genoa Area School District and its residents. To give toward this ministry, simply mark your check memo or envelope "Mission Spotlight".

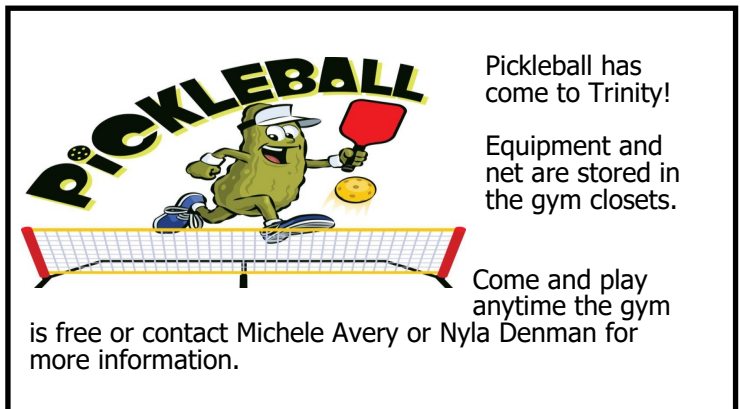
Also, mark your calendar: our next turn to serve at the pantry will be June 19th at 6:30 pm for packing boxes and June 21st at 8:30 am for



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Online registration is open!

True North Vacation Bible School will be held at Trinity from Sunday, July 27th through Thursday, July 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm each night for children 3 through those who have just finished grade 5! We are excitedly planning for this special week where children will learn about "trusting Jesus in a wild world". Register online at www.trinityelliston.org. Contact Janene Lattimore for more information or to help with VBS.



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

Drop Box Available

Need to leave a note or drop off offering when no one is in the office? There is a locked drop box available for you to use in the connecting unit hallway next to the water fountain (outside the coat room). The box is checked weekly.

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Tidings 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!

First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen, fellowship hall pantry and church office for your use. There is also an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. These are located in the basement kitchen for your use as needed.

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 in the office.

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.

How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

There are a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

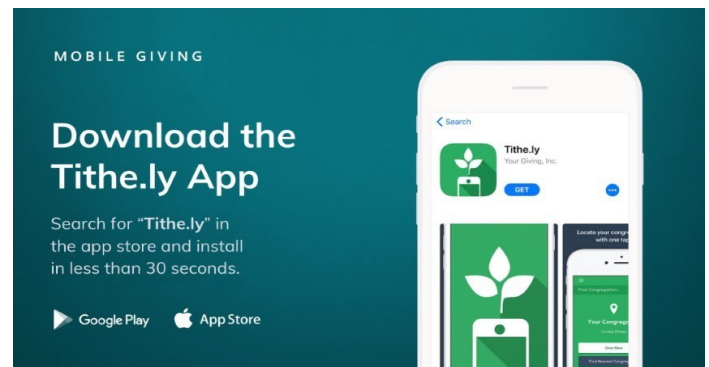
- Give to the church via Sunday offering, US Mail, or drop off (A wooden collection box is located on the wall outside the lower coat room for your convenience throughout the week.)

Giving to your local church using Tithe.ly is super easy!

- **Online** - A link is provided on our Church Website at www.trinityelliston.org. Click on the link and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your one time or reoccurring contribution.

You may also go to search the internet for Tithe.ly/Give and look up our church, then fill in the giving form.

- **Give in App** - 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 our church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution.

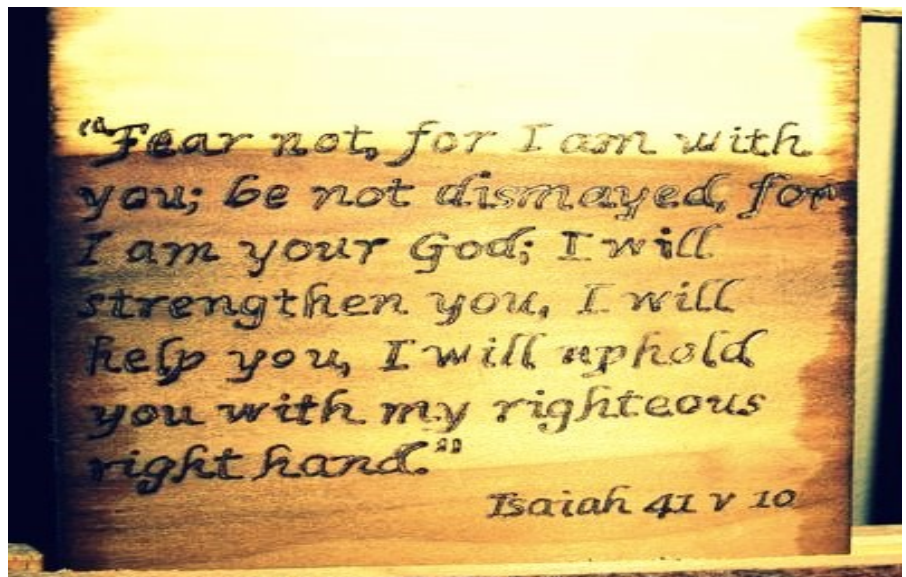


What is the Contingent Fund?

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 or requires maintenance, we pay for it out of this fund. Examples of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

- Maintenance work on the boilers
- Paint, Batteries, Light bulbs and new lights
- Parts to fix & repair things in the church
- Carpet Cleaning/Floor Waxing
- Snow Removal & Lawn Care



Trinity UCC							MAY 2024						
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
								1 Dylan Mahaney (B) Seth Witt (B)		2 Trent Rothert (B)		3 9:00 am Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal 5:00 pm Wittman Small Group Hall: Chamberlain Natalie Reif (B)	
Confirmation Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Confirmation & Kids Church Hall: Chamberlain Trustee: Ryan Chamberlain Ryan Chamberlain (B)		5 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Brittany Joseph (B) Doug & Karen Lick (A)		6 Myra Suttler (B) Dawn Grieger (B)		7 6:00 pm Youth Night Doyle Sommer (B)		8 Jason Bickley (B) Ryan & Holly Shields (A)		9 10 17		24	
Mother's Day 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Keaston Reif		12 7:00 pm Church Council Cohen Gahler (B) Kathryn Drummond (B)		13 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 2:00 pm Genoa Care Center Devotional & Fellowship Group		14 7:00 pm Women's Book Group		15 Matt & Cassi Johnson (A)		16 Dan Mathews (B) Sam Mathews (B)		23 10:00 am Hall: 4-H	
Last Day Sunday School & Branching Out 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Teacher Recognition & Kids Church Trustee: Doug Avery Faith Suttler (B) Doyle & Helen Turnow Sommer (A)		19 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Tidings Info Due Nancy Robinson (B)		20 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Tidings Info Due Nancy Robinson (B)		21 Dan Gahler (B)		22 Veronica McMonigle (B) Sydney Mahaney (B)		29 30 31		31	
25 10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brad Jess Kristen Asher (B)		26 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jen Laughlin (B)		27 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Jen Laughlin (B)		28 Dan Gahler (B)		29 Veronica McMonigle (B) Sydney Mahaney (B)		30 31		31	

There's a place for you here!

CONNECT

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TrinityElliston.org

Sunday School

9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship

10:00 am
Nursery & Kids'
Church Available

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available
from the
Tech Booth
Upon Request



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