

SERMON
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September 5th:
Summer Playlist 2021
"Is It Meaningless?"

September 12th:
We Want You Here
"No Perfect People"

September 19th:
We Want You Here
"Connecting to
Others"

September 26th:
We Want You Here
"Connecting to Go"

October 3rd:
We Want You Here
"We're Stronger
Together"

October 10th:
We Want you Here
"We Can Make A
Difference Together"

News From Pastor Ryan

WE WANT YOU HERE

Greetings church family,

"We want you here!" What a simple phrase. A small reassurance that the people around you aren't unwelcomed guests or inconveniences, but instead people you enjoy having in your life. Think of how powerful it can be to someone who feels like an outsider to hear these words...we REALLY want you here. We want you to be a part of our lives and what we are doing. This simple statement is going to be the backdrop of our Fall kickoff as we explore how our church can CONNECT and SERVE together.

Let's start with Connection. If you come to church regularly, it probably means (or should mean!) that you are seeking a connection with God! You're looking for the One who made us! You're looking for the One who brings clarity to chaos and peace to the troubled mind! When we gather together we are seeking a closer connection with the God of the universe. We try to understand His ways and the calling He has on our life! Everything we do in the church in some way ties back to this connection. When we worship we are giving glory to God who reigns over everything. When we study the Bible we seek to increase in our knowledge of His ways. When we share stories we see the way God is working in the lives of others. We want you here because we want you to have a deeper connection to your Creator. We want you hear so you can know the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ. We want you here to share in the blessings of being a Child of God!

Which leads us to the second part of Connection. The second part is connecting with each other. God didn't design us to be loners. Instead, he created us to thrive in community. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit work in community, so too does creation. Adam found a helper in Eve. Jesus called the Twelve. The early church met together and took care of each other's needs. A community can be life changing. We want you here to be a part of our community. We want you here to be a part of this family of God. And not because you're perfect, you aren't! But good news! Neither are we. Not a sing one of us. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). No, this church isn't a museum for saints. It's a hospital for sinners. Every one of us trying each day to be a little bit better. A little more like Jesus. A little more loving to our neighbor. The church is, essentially, a collection of imperfect people on a journey towards the perfection of God's kingdom. We haven't gotten there yet! So, while we're here...we help each other along the way. We want you to be a part of that. When you have a need we want to be the people who rally behind you and support you. When you are living in the blessing, we want to celebrate with you. No perfect people needed. This fall, Trinity will offer new opportunities for you to grow closer to God and grow closer to each other. We want you here for that.

We want you here to make a difference. It's funny, churches spend so much time trying to get people INTO their building, but the real mark of an alive church is all the stuff happening OUTSIDE of the building. Is our relationship with God changing the way we approach our lives? Are we serving our community? Are we sharing the message of Christ's love with others? Jesus' last words in Matthew were telling his disciples to GO. Go share the message with others. Once you are living a life changed by God's love, you are challenged to go out into the world and help others experience the same! You make a difference when your faith is put into action! We want you here to help us make a difference! We want you here to help those who are in need! We want you here to share love and kindness with a neighbor! We want you here to change the world! *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

We pray you'll join us this fall. Come back to church. Come connect with God. Come connect with us. Come grow and serve with us.

We want you here.

-Pastor Ryan



Look for pictures
from Turnow Pond
throughout this
edition!

Council Minutes: June & July



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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7 pm. Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Vice President Luke Sutter, Ashley Gahler, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Michael Sager, Jim Laughlin, Ed Gahler, Bonnie Weaver, Jim Buhro, Brianne Perry and Troy Wittman

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from May meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Luke Sutter, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Secretary Report: no report at this time

Pastor Report: Zion clergy will be covering Pastor Ryan's upcoming vacation
Communion will be back to "normal/hands on" starting next Sunday, June, 6th
Planning with Zion for July 4th service
Family month with all ages themes/songs from 7/11-8/1 to emphasize VBS
Pastor Ryan's minister's license is due for renewal. Motion by first Jim Buhro to approve letter be sent in request for renewal, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Committee Reports:

Worship Team- Planning end of summer outdoor service/picnic for August 29th
Planning for Turnows pond service

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive - Met on May 30th

First room renovation is nearly complete. Painting and floors are done. Brandon will next move on to working on bathroom that connects nursery and preschool rooms
Discussed a gift for Brandon to show thanks and appreciation for his time and efforts in updating rooms
Smaller groups are planning for room layouts/furniture/decorations
VBS team is working on decorations and continuing to recruit volunteers

Mission - Considering another service day for fall when more missions team members and church members are available to get more done

Trustee Report - Help and wheelbarrows needed this Saturday, June 5th to spread mulch
New Doors are not in yet. Brad called and they should be in soon. Paint is at church and ready to be applied once doors arrive
Estimate from Lake Erie Tree service to remove two pine trees on front east side of church. \$1800 estimate includes tree removal and grinding of stumps.
Will revisit tree removal at next meeting

Pastoral Relations Committee, Church and Ministry & 2030 Team - no update

Old Business: Gift for sound/tech team. Motion to give \$250 gift card to Rhonda, Nate, and Marty for their time and efforts in running the sound and tech on Sunday Mornings

New Business: Softball team has formed. Request to sponsor team with \$500 for shirts, league fees, and any other needs to get started. Motion to sponsor softball team by first Michael Sager, second by Jim Laughlin, MC.

Church picnic August 29th with outdoor service, picnic, inflatables, water blast

Each ministry team taking on a role

Council will help with setting up and tearing down of tables, chairs, and other activities requiring set up and tear down. Will possibly be involved in food for picnic depending on cost/status of food trucks after hearing from worship team

Administrative assistant search update: 2 applicants

First applicant was interested in full time position and this will be a 20-25 hr/week position

Second applicant applied after seeing posts/advertisement for position. Applicant has 10+ years experience as a church administrative secretary. Currently works full time but would like flexibility and opportunity to spend more time with family by working part time

Reviewed applicants current earnings and came up with a flexible range to offer applicant for part time administrative secretary position at 20-25 hours per week



Council Minutes continued

Motion by first Jim Laughlin to offer applicant a starting rate of \$15-\$16.50 range with possibility to offer paid vacation of 20-25 for 1 week per year. Offer will require applicant to have some set weekly office hours with option for flexibility with remaining weekly hours. Set office hours will be determined between hired applicant and Pastor Ryan. Second to motion by Bonnie Weaver, MC. President, Desirae McCloskey, and VP Luke Sutter will contact and present second applicant with this offer

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Troy Wittman, second by Michael Sager, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 by Desirae McCloskey.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7 pm. Desirae McCloskey, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Desirae McCloskey, Vice President Luke Sutter, Connie Gahler, Brad Jess, Jim Laughlin, Ed Gahler, Bonnie Weaver, Brianne Perry and Jim Buhro and Pastor Ryan.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from June meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Brianne Perry, second by Brad Jess, MC.

Secretary Report: We have made an offer to Mary Muntz, in which she accepted. She will start working first week of August. In the meantime, Rhonda will continue to assist with office duties.

Financial Report: Reviewed financial reports for both May and June
Motion to approve May financial secretary report first by Luke Sutter, second by Ed Gather, MC. June financial were not approved due to a question that could not be answered during the meeting. Will discuss at August meeting.

Pastor Report: In addition to reviewing report provided, the following items to call out
Have been going thru attendance records and understanding current trends
Vacation August 10th – 17th – have coordinated for services to be handled

Committee Reports:

Worship Team - Planning end of summer water blast for August 29th

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Progress being made in classrooms.

Over 40+ registered for VBS

Still looking for teachers for the fall for Sunday school hour

Mission - Minimal activity this month

Trustee Report - Discussed what to be done with long standing pulpit as it is currently not being used by the church on Sunday mornings. Council members were going to speak to a few church members on interest, also looking at potential areas for long term storage.

New sanctuary side doors have arrived and awaiting install.

Estimate for trimming of trees by Lake Erie - \$500

Motion by Luke Sutter for trimming to be completed. Second by Bonnie Weaver, MC.

Water problem in basement – leaking by windows due to heavy rain we have been receiving – potential issue with window wells – will set up a weekend to dig out the wells to see if that's the problem

Discussion of rummage sale items left within the shed

Pastoral Relations Committee & Church and Ministry - no update

Old Business: Update on Administrative assistant mentioned above.

New Business: Church branding – discussed if we could look into purchasing apparel, pens, etc

Ideas of community events (Applefest, Genoa October day, Feed the Teams at local schools) was discussed and if the church would want to have a table to sell deserts, or any type of involvement.

Discussion was held to give Mary Muntz flowers and gift card on her first day. Motion made by Brad Jess, seconded by Jim Buhro. MC.

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brad Jess, second by Ed Gather, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 by Desirae McCloskey.

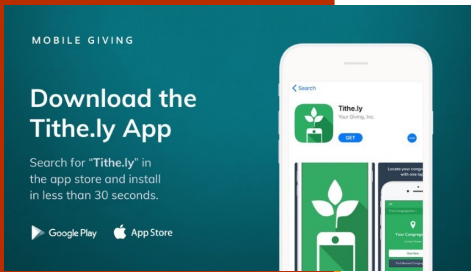
Respectfully submitted, Desirae McCloskey, Council President (in absence of Ashley Gahler)



General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved 8/9/21)

Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	\$19,523.44
Offering/Income	\$9,736.18
Expenses	\$6,441.32
Balance 7/31/2021	\$22,818.30



Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://www.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](https://www.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://www.tithe.ly) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!



September's Mission Spotlight will be the Light Food Pantry housed at Elliston Zion Church.

This pantry serves the community on the second Wednesday each month from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.



Thank You

Thank You! Trinity UCC, Elliston for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of the United Church of Christ in 2020.

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

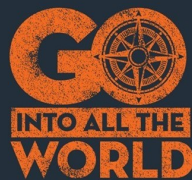
Thank You! Also for your 2020 contribution of \$2,075.00 Basic and

\$500.00 Association Only in support of Our Church's Wider Mission Changing Lives.

Signed,
John C Dorhauer, General Minister & President United Church of Christ
David Higgs, Conference Minister
Daniel L Busch, Association Minister

*Note: these offerings are distributed and used by the National UCC and the NWOA (Northwest Ohio Association) UCC offices.

2nd Quarter Mission Giving



Missions Giving Update:

REMAINING GOALS

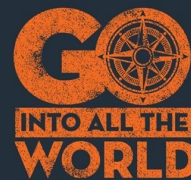
\$2,000 Overall Goal

\$5,500 Ministry Partner Goal

NWOA- \$1,700

Mission Spotlight- \$1,500

Local Food Pantries- \$2,300



Missions Giving Update:

2021 Goal: \$13,000 YTD: \$11,000

Jay & Zina Herman - \$1,600 FULLY FUNDED

Toledo Partners (GCC & TNC)- \$1,500 FULLY FUNDED

World Missions- \$500 FULLY FUNDED

NWOA- \$1,300 Given

Mission Spotlight- \$4,500 Given

Local Food Pantries- \$1,700 Given

Trinity Logo Wear Available • T-Shirts - Sweatshirts - Hats

To signify our commitment to *CONNECT* and *SERVE* this Fall, we are taking pre-orders for Trinity Church shirts and hats. We are looking forward to using these as a sign of our shared faith in Christ and to wear when serving our community!

Available items are:

Children Size T-Shirts

(small, medium, large) \$10 each

Adult Size T-Shirts

(small, medium, large, xl) \$10 each

Extended Adult Size T-Shirts

(2x, 3x) \$12 each

Adult Size Long Sleeve T-Shirts

(small, medium, large) \$14 each

Extended Adult Size Long Sleeve

T-Shirts (2x, 3x) \$16 each

Adult Size Crewneck Sweatshirts

(small, medium, large, xl) \$18 each

Extended Adult Size Crewneck

Sweatshirts (2x, 3x) \$20 each

Adult Size Hooded Sweatshirts

(small, medium, large, xl) \$25 each

Extended Adult Size Hooded

Sweatshirts (2x, 3x) \$27 each

Ball Caps & Stocking Hats

(Final cost has not yet been determined

but they will be in the range of

\$15-\$20 for ball caps and \$12-\$15 for

stocking hats)



Other items may be available upon request once our weblink launches (for example children's size sweatshirts and 4x-5x adult sizes)

If you are interested, you can pre-order items at through the office or directly through the webstore once our link is launched.



Table & Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder with holidays coming and family gathering 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. The tables and chairs that can be taken out, are all located in the shed.

Medical Lending Supplies

It has been wonderful to see the medical supplies donated to Trinity. The basement kitchen area is nearly overflowing, thanks to all of you. That being said, it also bears repeating that those items are available for

YOUR use! There are a few wheelchairs, arm slings, compression stockings, and even a shower bag for a cast, to name a few. How about a massage cushion? Some items might come in handy for first

aid such as Ace warps and Band-Aids. So please think of TUC for yourselves or those loved ones in times of need. Ask any of our medical professionals for help if needed.

Thanks!
Robin Hansen.



Hall Use Reservations

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 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 Mary.



In Our Prayers

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Fall Quarter 2021

September 12th through November 21st

Sunday School | 9:00 AM

Nursery (2's & 3's)	Faith Sutter (1st 6 weeks) Jamie Kincaid (2nd 6 weeks)
PreK	Janene Lattimore Brittany Wittman (Sub)
K-2nd	Kylene Liphart Jamie Kincaid (Sub)
Thrive (3rd-5th Grade)	Jan Corbin
Confirmation	Pastor Ryan (6th-8th Grade)
Adult Classes	Sarah Edwards Nancy Turnow Kathy Giesler Rev. Don Corbin

Branching Out Children's Church | 10:00 AM

(Rotating Teachers Each week of the month)

Nursery (2's & 3's):
 week 1 - Ashley Gahler
 week 2 - Rebecca Reif
 week 3 - Jamie Kincaid
 week 4 - Jen Laughlin

PreK-2nd Grade:

(Adult Assistants Needed...

Confirmands will fill in as teen helpers)

Week 1 Desirae McCloskey/ Veronica McMonigle (Brayden Hayes- Teen Helper)

Week 2 - Casi Johnson | _____ Assistant

Week 3 - Andrea Hayes and Ashley Zimmerman | _____ Assistant

Week 4 - Keri Ann Sager | _____ Assistant

Let the church office know if you'd like to fill an assistant spot!



Kelsey Gahler & Shane Baumert and twins Riley and Ren (Premature boys in NICU battling some health concerns. Pray specifically for Riley's infections and issues with a heart valve.)

Those battling cancer:
 Kristen Haynes,
 Sean Hall,
 Dustin Schmidt,
 Chuck Perry

Those with long-term health concerns:
 Patty Crozier

Those who are mourning:
 the Diekman family for the loss of their niece Dr. Kelsey Tatum.
 The friends and family of Phyllis Bensch

Those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Henri

Those impacted by flooding in Tennessee

Those still seeking refuge in Afghanistan

Those impacted by the Earthquake in Haiti and its aftermath

We say special prayers for teachers and students returning to school this week.

We say special prayers for Doctors, Nurses, and Hospital Staff still battling with Covid-19's impact.



We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services!

If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use the link below to find the service online.

<http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>



Trinity UCC Calendar				September 2021			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Pat Avery	Tony & Brittany Wittman (A)	12:00-5:00 pm Hall Reserved	Lorrajna Reif 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Hall Reserved	
9:30 am Worship Service	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Baya Lattimore Labor Day	Shelbie Tabbert 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship		Kate Hayes	Don Bittner	Carson Tabbert	
9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7:00 pm Church Council	8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	Emma Ashley	Keaston Reif Susan Rothert	Mike Denko	Cierra Ashcraft Nate Diekman	
9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Brice Gahler Tidings Info Due	8:00 am Coffee Fellowship				Dustin Tabbert	
9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & ACC 10:00 am Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
		Dan & Connie Gahler (A) 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	Keaston & Rebecca Reif (A) Melvin Reif				

*****New Sunday Schedule*****

Starting September 12th

**Sunday School for ALL Ages at 9:00 am starting September 12th
(Nursery, Kids, Youth & Adults)**

Interested in connecting with an adult class?

Come for an informal meeting at 9:00 am.

Following the meeting we will break off into connection groups based on interest.



Confirmation Parent/Student meeting for 6th through 8th grade students & their parents interested in participating in the Rite of Confirmation will be held during the 9:00 am Sunday School hour on September 12th also.

**Church at 10:00 am starting September 12th
(with Nursery & Branching Out Kids Church available)**

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