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**LENTEN
SERMON
SERIES**

Trinity Tidings

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Follow Me

“18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.”

Matthew 4:18-20



These are the two simple words that Scripture records in the story of Jesus calling the first disciples. Jesus begins his ministry with a call to those who might listen. Follow me. This is the pursuit every Christian is on. What does following Jesus look like?

For Lent this year we’re going to take a walk through the Life & Times of Jesus Christ. If you had been there some 2000 years ago for his ministry, what would you have seen, heard, felt, tasted, or smelled?

Can you imagine being next to the water of the River Jordan when Jesus was baptized? Imagine hearing water gently flow, feeling it’s cool touch. During Lent especially we are challenged to feel the pain of Christ’s temptation, the hunger and thirst he felt while in the desert. Think about the feeling of sitting on a grassy hillside while Jesus would teach or the taste of bread fresh in your mouth as Jesus prays “give us this day our daily bread.” We often forget that these are real places, with real people, living in an extraordinary moment in time.

We’ll try to capture some of that experience as we walk through his life leading up to the cross at Calvary. By highlighting some of the key moments in His ministry we will get a better look at what His time on Earth was like and how it pointed us to the Kingdom of God.

I am greatly looking forward to celebrating another Easter season with you and I hope that you will join us this Lent by hearing the call of Jesus in your life. Jesus stands nearby, harkening to you “Follow me”. Let us prepare our hearts for Easter by spending some time with Jesus.

-Pastor Ryan

March 6th
The Baptism
of Jesus

March 13th
The Temptation
of Jesus

March 20th
The Teachings
of Jesus

March 27th
The Prayer of Jesus

April 3rd
The Dirty Hands
of Jesus

April 10th
Palm Sunday
The Triumph
of Jesus

April 17th
Easter
The Resurrection
of Jesus

Council Minutes: January

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 11:35am. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order, and Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Luke Sutter, Vice President Rebecca Reif, Ashley Gahler, Janene Lattimore, Brice Gahler, Brianne Perry, Sam Sutter, Connie Gahler, Steve Turnow, Michael Sager, Jim Laughlin.

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from December meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes were made by first Janene Gahler, second by Jim Laughlin, MC

Secretary Report:

Offering booklets are out
Year end giving statements will be available next week
Yearly taxes have been made and filed as required
Schedules made and distributed for Trustees and Chancel Committee
All year end bills paid, and final contributions have been recorded for 2021
Audit for second half of 2021 will be scheduled for this month

Financial Report:

Financial reports were reviewed by Luke
Motion to approve December financial statement by Brice Gahler, second by Michael Sager, MC.
Council will begin brainstorming on giving to missions, projects within the church, youth pastor, and the community

Pastor Report:

Christmas, Advent, children's program was the main focus of December
Vacation week of January 23. Still looking for fill in. Ava is willing to play hymns if needed
Working with pastoral relations to develop a policy for paternity leave

Committee Reports:

Worship Team: Planning for lent

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

Will be meeting soon to discuss and plan possible winter retreat for families
EFY and 2030 sub team meeting soon to discuss and develop job description for youth pastor
VBS committee will need to form soon

Missions

Angel tree was a huge success. Family that received gifts from the tree were very appreciative and thankful for a wonderful Christmas. 6 other families received gift cards

Trustee Report

No quote was returned from first attempt for door installation, will move forward with Dave Heintz on quote for installing new doors
Jim Laughlin will contact Dave Heintz and Northwood doors to ensure the new doors will fit sufficiently and that new locks will work on these doors
Continuing to monitor water issue in the basement

Pastoral Relations Committee

Working to develop paternity leave policy

Church and Ministry: no update

2030 Team

will meet again once proposals for AC arrive from consultant Roger Sheehan
sub team will meet with EFY on developing job description for youth pastor

Old Business:

air conditioning consultant, Roger Sheehan, is working with two contractors on plans and quotes
when a proposal is ready to be made 2030 team will meet again with Roger if a final proposal is agreed on, it will then be presented to council

New Business: none at this time

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Connie Gahler and second by Michael Sager, MC.
Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

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


 A circular logo with the words "NOW HIRING" in white capital letters on an orange background.

Children and Youth Ministries Leader

Apply on our Facebook page
or submit resume to the church office

Trinity Elliston UCC is looking to hire an exemplary youth and children's leader to help guide our church's students. The youth and children's leader will strive to help all students understand the journey of faith in Jesus Christ, train students in the knowledge of the Christian faith, and support them as they develop their love for God and others. They will be asked to attend student functions, grow relationships within the community, and provide students and their families with loving Christian support. The ideal candidate should have a proficient understanding of the challenges young people face and be a voice of compassion, as well as having a deep understanding and commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Youth & Children's Leader Responsibilities:

- Oversee, grow, and coordinate the church's youth & children's ministries
- Assist with, oversee, and examine curriculum for programs, events, and classes.
- Lead students to encourage their spiritual growth.
- Interact with students during Sunday services, Sunday School, and Children's Church.
- Develop positive relationships with students and their parents.
- Develop and lead a teen youth program.
- Be in good communication with Church leadership.
- Communicate effectively with the church and community through available avenues (social media, email, text, phone calls, newsletters, etc).
- Display a Christ-like approach and lifestyle, and praying regularly for young people in the church and community.
- Actively engage in seasonal church programming (Christmas program, Easter activities, VBS, etc)

COMPENSATION (Negotiable based on experience and performance):

- Salaried position in the range of \$10-15,000 annually based on a 10-15 hours weekly or 40-60 hours monthly.
- Mileage compensation
- 10-15 hours paid time off after evaluation period

Lent 2022

Ash Wednesday
Service
6:00 PM
March 2nd



Worship
Concert

March 6th
@ 5:00 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

March 13th @ 7:30 am

Lent

March 13
5:00 pm

Come have dinner
together!



All Church

Family

Retreat

March 19th & March 20th

Lent

April 3 @ 5:00 pm

Family Craft Time

Empty Tomb Planter



We will kick off the Lenten season this year with our **Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd at 6:00 pm.**

The following weeks of Lent, we will have a special service or family activity on Sunday of each week as follows:

March 6th at 5:00 pm ~ Worship Concert:

We will have a special worship concert - come enjoy the music of the Easter season together.

March 13th at 7:30 am ~ Men's Breakfast

March 13th at 5:00 pm ~ Family Dinner

The church will cover the cost, just bring the family and come for dinner together.

March 19th & 20th ~ Family Retreat at Trinity

In place of our Family Retreat that has normally travelled to Michindoh in January each year, EFY will be hosting an at home retreat! Currently the schedule is as follows:

Saturday, March 19th

2:00 pm Gathering at church

2:30 pm Men's session / Women's & Children's activity

4:00 pm Women's session / Men's & Children's activity

6:00 pm Pizza Dinner

Evening - Games & Fellowship

Sunday, March 20th

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am "Come As You Are" Worship Service

11:30 am Potluck Lunch

12:30 pm Games & Fellowship

March 27th ~ Walleye Faith & Family Night (See info on next page)

April 3rd at 5:00 pm ~ Family Craft Night

Come make an empty tomb planter and fellowship together!

April 10th ~ Palm Sunday!

Sunday School will be held at 9:00 am for all ages!

Our 10:00 am Worship Service will feature our children singing carrying palm branches. Come imagine a little of what it was like to welcome Jesus as he rode into the city on a donkey and the crowd laid palms and waved them at His presence.

April 14th ~ Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm

This will be our traditional Maundy Thursday Worship service

April 17th ~ Easter Sunday! Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

Come rejoice as the body of Christ celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

7:00 am Sunrise Worship

8:00 am Breakfast for all

10:00 am
PALM
SUNDAY
hosanna to the king
April 10th
Sunday School at 9:00 am

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

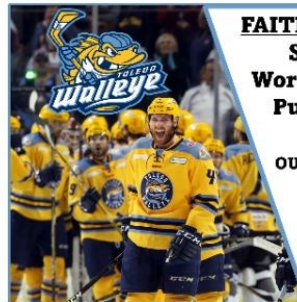
Sunday March 27th

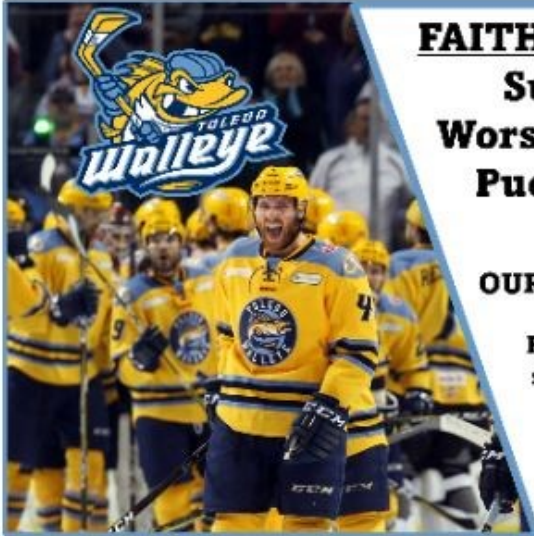
Worship/Q&A @ 3:15 PM

Puck Drop @ 5:15 PM

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Tickets are \$17 each and must be reserved no later than Sunday, March 6th.

Contact the church office to reserve tickets
Be sure to include your name and the number of tickets you are reserving.



Maundy Thursday
Service
7:00 pm
April 14th



Father & Son Banquet
March 25th @ 6:30 pm

Special Guest:
Chad Millner & his K-9 Finn
RSVP with the church office or Brad Jess



Save the Date

Oak Harbor High School Choir singing during worship

&
Our Annual **Chicken BBQ**

April 24th



Christ is Risen!

7:00 am
Sunrise
Worship

8:00 am
Breakfast
for everyone

9:00 am
Children's
Easter
Egg Hunt

10:00 am
Easter
Worship



April 10th



In Our Prayers

Luke Clement from Genoa, is headed to State Wrestling Finals after placing 2nd at Districts! Luke is the son of Joe & Laura Clement who have been attending Trinity for some time now.

Melvin & Norma Reif will be staying a week at Randall Residence in Fremont. Norma celebrates her 95th birthday on March 1st while they are there. Birthday greetings may be sent to Norma c/o Randall House, 805 Buchanan Street, Fremont, OH 43420.

Those with long-term health concerns:

Connie Winters, mother of Trinity member Susie Shaffer, was diagnosed with cancer requiring surgery. Her doctors are hopeful that surgery will remove all of the cancer without need for chemo or radiation. Please pray for Connie, her whole family and her medical team.

Deanna Vizi is being seen by a neurologist due to seiuzes

Jackie Pelton has had some health issues on top of her battle with cancer.

Holly Shields is being treated for what is either a hernia or severely strained tendon complicated by pregnancy. She will continue to see a physical therapist to manage pain.

Samantha Muntz is having tests and blood work this week and will follow up with specialists to determine results and an ongoing plan.

Riley & Ren Baumert, Patty Crozier, Joel Marquart

Erica Hall asks us to pray for her friend Shawn, who is battling liver failure

Those battling cancer:

Sean Hall, Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton, Logan Murphy (2 year old battling Leukemia)



Mission SPOTLIGHT

The Mission Spotlight for March is Grace Community Center in Toledo. To give toward their support in March mark your donation "Mission Spotlight".



To Our Church Family,
We were very surprised to have received so many beautiful cards on our 62nd wedding anniversary. Thank you all very much! We appreciate your love & thoughtfulness. May God Bless Everyone!
Don & Bonnie Weaver

General Operating Fund Report
(Council approved 2/14/22)

Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	\$46,841.64
Offering/Income	\$11,293.24
Expenses	\$11,831.33
Transfers	\$23,565.97
Balance 1/31/2022	\$22,737.58

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 them 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.

Heat Reminder

Please remember to turn the heat down to 58 (or turn it off) after you are finished in the rooms and close the door. We ask everyone to help with this cost saving measure. Thank you!

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 new 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, Wheel-chairs, 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!

Watch the Service Online

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

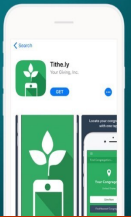
If Facebook would happen to have any issues, please use this link to find the service online: <http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

MOBILE GIVING

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the app store and install
in less than 30 seconds.

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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!

Trinity UCC

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball Tournament Round 1 Brad Witt Norma Reif</p>	<p>2 Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm Ash Wed. Service Trustee: Michael Sager Casey Kish Madelyn Liphart</p>	3	<p>4 Connie Witt Craig Turnow</p>	5
<p>6 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 5:00 pm Lent Activity: Worship Concert Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Brice Gahler Heidi Mathews</p>	7	<p>8 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball Tournament Semi-Finals Evelyn McCloskey</p>	<p>9 12:30 pm Coffee Room: Garden Club</p>	10	<p>11 Nathan & Nicki Tabbert</p>	12
<p>13 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 5:00 pm Lent Activity: Dinner together Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Steve Turnow</p>	<p>14 7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>15 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball Finals</p>	16	17	<p>18 Andrew Tabbert Desirae McCloskey</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Hall: Town & Country 4-H Lent Activity: 2:00 pm Church Retreat Sarah Dresser</p>
<p>20 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Lent Activity: All Day Church Retreat Trailings Information Due Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Jim Laughlin Madelyn Liphart</p>	21	<p>22 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Viola Gahler Ruth Burris</p>	<p>23 Steve & Nancy Turnow</p>	24	<p>25 6:30 pm Father & Son Banquet</p>	26 Faye Milbrodt Steve Turnow
<p>27 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church 3:15 pm Lent Activity: Walleys Game Faith/Family Night Greeters: Team D / Trustee: Michael Sager</p>	28	<p>29 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	30 Kent McCloskey	31 Alena Hernandez Eloise Hellwig		

There's a place for you here!



419-862-3417
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Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
Nursery & Kids'
Church Available



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