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# Trinity Tidings

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Below is a list of contact numbers for members of our congregation to call if they are in need of *EMERGENCY* pastoral support.

## Call list for emergency pastoral support:

St Paul UCC Oak Harbor 419-898-0852  
St John UCC Genoa 419-855-3906

## Visitation

If you are in need or know someone that would like a visit, please contact the office.

## Mark your Calendars

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Chicken BBQ



## Lent Schedule

Wednesday Evenings During Lent

### “Meals & Melodies”

- Musical Entertainment arranged by the hosting church
- **Soup & Salad Potluck → Yay!**
  - **6:00 – 6:30pm FOOD**
  - **6:30 – 7:00pm MUSIC**
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> @Zion
- April 10<sup>th</sup> @ TUCC

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 pm at TUCC

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

- 7:00 PM Worship
- At Elliston Zion UMC

## Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter!

- **Sunrise Service @ Zion**
- Potluck breakfast @ Zion
- 9:30 am Worship Service and Branching Out @ TUCC

## Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with holiday party 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.

## Church Council Minutes

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday February 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Ben Sutter, President, called meeting to order and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows:  
President Ben Sutter, Vice President Nyla Denman, Faith Sutter, Shirley Buhro, Jennifer Laughlin, Curt Reiff, Marty Hoefl, , Ken Gahler, Jayson Hayes, Church Secretary Rhonda Mahaney, guest, and Nate Diekman via Face Time. Absent were Brock Hansen and Eric Gahler.

### Reports:

**Recording Secretary:** Meeting minutes from the January council meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes

were made by Jennifer Laughlin, second by Shirley Buhro. MC.

### Secretary Report:

- Rhonda is requesting to have March 15th off.
- We now have a credit card for the church, for supply purchases.
- Doors
  - So far we are at a good financial spot for the doors. Estimating a \$900 extra from budgeted amount as of right now.

### Financial Report:

- Elli's Ministries
  - Now has a separate account from the church, money has been transferred to their account.
- Amazon Prime
  - Is this a necessity?
    - Rhonda to keep track of Amazon items purchased
    - Will discuss later again this year
- Woman's group negative balance has been covered.
- Motion to accept financial report was made by Marty Hoeft second by Nyla Denman. MC.

### Pastor Report:

- Nothing new at this time

### Committee Reports:

#### Worship

- Committee met and has services planned thru March.

#### EFY

- Janene is working on picking out new curriculum for next year.
- Janene to schedule upcoming meeting for committee members.

#### Mission

- This week's \$5 to Harry Cummings
- Card drop box
- Valentine's Day Event
- Progressive dinner March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Father Son Banquet March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Speaker to be decided still
- Game night March 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### Church & Ministry

- Nothing new at this time

#### Search Committee

- Actively Searching

- Held phone interview on 2/11/19, and other interviews are scheduled
- 5 new resumes last week
- Association sent 2 interim pastor candidates

### Trustee Report

- Gym, kitchen, bathroom, and coat room floors to be redone
  - Scott Schimming
    - In process of receiving a quote
- Doors
  - Delayed due to pane being broken by engraving company
  - Silent auction to be set up for old doors
  - Handicap switches
    - Estimate from Commercial Glazing Systems Inc.
      - \$3,930 per door
- Radiators to be cleaned in the summer
- The box underneath sink
  - Will need removed during kitchen remodel
- Jake Phillips plowed the snow on Sunday (1/13).
  - Still have not received a bill
  - Clint Gregory is who we have actually hired to plow the snow
- It was decided to have the trustee's discuss and prioritize projects.
  - Trustee's to also work with budget committee on what we can afford.

### Old Business:

- Copier
  - Quarterly billing for usage
    - Changed from monthly to avoid overages
  - Lowered our rate
  - Insurance is covered under us instead of bank

### New Business:

- Darrell Opfer
  - Needs help in the garden
    - Will post announcement in bulletin
    - Potential garden merge with Zion
    - Discussed potential downsizing of garden
- Don Corbin has agreed to cover communion every first Sunday of the month
  - Except May, will move to the second Sunday in May
- Lent services with Zion

- Agreed to continue
- Working on finding individuals to cover March 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Nyla is in contact with Lisaanne Gregg from Zion

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm by Ben Sutter.  
Respectfully submitted, Faith Sutter, Recording Secretary.

### Treasurer's Report (not approved)

Waiting for the bank statement in order to balance check book. Will present this month at the next council meeting.

**Full Financial reports** are available upon request in the office and are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. This decision was made by council due to technology issues, not because of any other difficulty. If you have questions, please contact the office.

### Benevolence

If anyone knows of an organization or individual that is in need of giving's, please let us know. Quarterly we disperse the benevolence money and are always looking for worthy causes to donate to.

**\$5 Offerings** - The Missions' Team has generated a new schedule of \$5 offerings for the year. They include:

- 1st Sunday of Month - Supporting Church Camp
- 2nd Sunday of Month - Mission Team Event
- 3rd Sunday of Month - Supporting a local mission/need
- 4th Sunday of Month - Supporting an outward mission/need
- 5th Sunday of Month - As needed

If you have suggestions for where our 3rd or 4th week offerings could go, please let the office know.

### 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, we pay for it out of this fund. Ideas of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

- Maintenance work on the boilers
- Light bulbs and new lights
- Batteries
- Paint
- Parts to fix & repair things in the church
- Carpet Cleaning
- Snow Removal
- Just to name a few

Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund.

### Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thurs. March 14, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were seven present including guest Nyla Denman.

Norma began the day with prayer and a table blessing. Eva H. was hostess. The table was nicely decorated for St. Patrick's Day and she served a delicious fruit pizza type dessert with snacks and candies.

Sara Z. took charge of the program for Sue. W. who could not be present. The topic was "Building The Family of God". Our church is a loving family that welcomes the diversity of our community and seeks to engage, nurture and challenge each other to grow in faith and service to the Lord.

A business meeting was held. Norma thanked Eva for being hostess, the nice decorations and food and Sara for doing the program today. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

We discussed the Prayer chain and it has been revised. Also, discussed the Mother/Daughter Banquet and possible options for catering it. Will decide next month.

Sara gave the Sunshine report. The new chairman will be Evelyn S.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Remember the OH Food Pantry and to bring in your donations.

Next month we will meet on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Hosts – Eloise H. Program Norma R.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Sec.

<b>WF Treasurer's Report</b>	
Balance on Hand as of Feb 1	<b>\$212.95</b>
Offering	0.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$212.95</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Balance on Hand Feb 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$212.95</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,163.15</b>

## Knife (Rada) Sale

Did you know that the women's Fellowship sells wonderful knives and spatulas? My favorite is the "tomato knife". I have five of them and use them every day (sometimes all 5 are sitting by the sink to be washed as I use them so much). As the old commercial goes----"try it, you'll like it!!! Eloise Hellwig is the person to see if you are interested in purchasing a knife.

## 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 Rhonda.

## Community Markets

Please bring in your receipts and place them in the box located on the table between the North glass doors. Every little bit helps!

## Service Coordinators

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that has assisted in making our Worship Services wonderful. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office. For the past month, we would especially like to thank the Worship Committee and Rev. Corbin for ALL the work they have been doing!

## Copies

If you would like color copies made, you don't need to travel all the way to the store anymore! With the new copier we have, we can print very nice color copies for you! We will charge \$0.50 per color copy, which is less than you would spend at the store, and \$0.05 per black & white copy. Just stop during office hours and we will help you out.

## Coupons

"This month's contribution was given to the food pantry in Jerusalem Township in Oregon. That is one of the biggest food pantries in the area. Did you see the picture in the Press newspaper about St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oregon? They had a project titled "Oregon church on a roll to wipe out poverty". They received 6,421 rolls of toilet paper and will distribute them to all area food banks. They built a 12 foot cross and many smaller crosses out of toilet paper. Which could be seen through their glass doors on Coy Road. I'd love to see a project like this at our church. The greatest need at so called "food" pantries are for taxable items that can't be purchased with "food" stamps. That's why I contribute a big package of Costco toilet paper and a big package of Costco paper towels each month (along with toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorants, bar soap, shampoo, dishwashing detergent and other taxable necessities that they can't get with food stamps.) I would like to see them change the name from "food" pantries so that people will contribute taxable necessities also. As always, thanks for your help with my project! I wish you could be with me when I drop off my boxes each month. They ask that I pass along their thanks to everyone. Thank you as always."

~~Karen & Doug Lick

## Month Attendance & Offering

Date	03/03/2019
# in Attendance	84
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 3,158.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 24,435.00
Acutal Current Offerings YTD	\$ 20,031.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (4,403.95)
Date	03/10/2019
# in Attendance	61
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,630.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 27,150.00
Acutal Current Offerings YTD	\$ 21,661.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (5,488.95)
Date	03/17/2019
# in Attendance	87
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 1,893.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 29,865.00
Acutal Current Offerings YTD	\$ 23,554.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (6,310.95)
Date	03/24/2019
# in Attendance	89
Last Week's Current Offering	\$ 2,758.00
<i>Weekly Current Budget Needed</i>	\$ 2,715.00
<i>Budget Needed YTD</i>	\$ 32,580.00
Acutal Current Offerings YTD	\$ 26,312.05
Ahead/Behind	\$ (6,267.95)

### Thank You

“Our family is very humbled by the life Linda had and so amazed by the people and organization she touched with her outreach and passion she had for everything she was involved in. Thank you for your generous donation to RuthAnn’s House and all that you do. And most of all for honoring Linda in this way.”

~The family of Linda Hartlaub

“The International Boxing Club would like to thank you for the donation in the amount of \$230. This donation will help benefit many people within our Parkinson’s Program. On behalf of the participants, coaches, families, and friends whose lives are touched because you care enough to help, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.”

~Harry E. Cummins III, Executive Director

“On behalf of the Oak Harbor Lions Club, I would like to thank you for your donation to our Community Sign Project. Over the past 18 months, we have quietly been working to raise funds for this project to provide a new LED sign, to be installed at the site of the present location on Water Street. It is our hope that this new sign will benefit the entire Oak Harbor Community, especially our churches, schools and all community organizations looking to promote awareness of their upcoming events.”

~Paul Druckenmiller, Lions Club



# Trinity Youth News

## Branching Out (Preschool - 1st Grade) Branching Out (2nd - 5th Grade)

We are in need of teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let the office know.

### Teacher Sign-ups

#### April 2019

- April 7<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup> Brittany Wittman  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Gahler
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Reif  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Susie W. & LouAnn J.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup> BBQ  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> BB

#### May 2019

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup> Ashley Zimmerman  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Susie W. & LouAnn J.
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Susie W. & LouAnn J.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Pre-1<sup>st</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>



### Greeters

If you would like to be a greeter, please contact the office and we will add you to our list of greeters. Thank you.

April 2019		
7 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
14 <sup>th</sup>	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Krista Hellwig
21 <sup>st</sup>	North	Dwayne Hoeft
	South	Eva Hoeft
28 <sup>th</sup>	North	Marti Hoeft
	South	Kristi Hoeft
May 2019		
5 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jared Lattimore
	South	Janene Lattimore
12 <sup>th</sup>	North	Doug Lick
	South	Karen Lick
19 <sup>th</sup>	North	Dan Mathews
	South	Amy Mathews
26 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jay Hellwig
	South	Joanne Hellwig
June 2019		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	North	Darrell Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
9 <sup>th</sup>	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
16 <sup>th</sup>	North	Vera Sager
	South	Evelyn Schimming
23 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Doyle Sommer
	South	Helen Sommer
30 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver

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### Mission

Promote Faith, Family, and Fellowship through the Father,  
Son, & Holy Spirit!

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*Check out our website at:*

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

Spring is around the corner; soon the flowers will be blooming. I know I'm looking forward to the sun, flowers, gardens, kids playing outside, and enjoying the beauty that God creates in the spring. Enjoy each day!

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."

— Virgil Kraft



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