



# Trinity Tidings

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## News From Pastor Kyle

August is a busy month in the Timmons' household.

Sixty percent of the family will celebrate a birthday during the month, which means picking out the right presents becomes a daunting task.

How many of us have ever struggled to find the right present for someone? In today's world, where everyone seems to already have everything, it came be a difficult endeavor to find that perfect gift for that special loved one.

That caused me to wonder. Why do we put so much pressure on ourselves to buy the best gift? Is it because we believe that our gifts may reflect how much we love someone? Is it because we think our gift shows someone just how special they are? If so, shouldn't the best gift be just spending time with them?

Just a few weeks ago, my grandmother celebrated her 93rd birthday. She emphatically asked that we didn't bring her presents, but just wanted us all to come and celebrate.

As we sat around her garage and front driving area, she sat in her swing and just smiled. Could she hear what we were all talking about? Probably not, but she had the biggest grin on her face.

Growing older makes us realize just what is really important.

Our faith teaches us that as well.

God could give each of us anything He wants. He could give us a great house, car, all the money in the world, but He realized the most important gift was His Son, Jesus Christ. A gift given so that we can have "time" with God through a personal "relationship" with Him.

We can talk to Him whenever we want. We can read His Word whenever we want. We can worship Him whenever we want. Give God thanks today for His great GIFT and remember what's truly valuable in our world.

## Vacation:

Just a note that PK will be on vacation from August 15-August 19, if you have any concerns, please contact the office.

## Mark Your Calendar Turnow Pond August 6-7

All are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, worship, fellowship, food, and more on Saturday and Sunday at Turnow's Pond (10534 Brown Road, Curtice, Ohio - Take Nissen Road all the way North (past 579), and take a right onto Brown Road. Second pond on your right, before you turn on the curve going left.

If you want to camp, you can bring your camper/tents out Saturday afternoon and spend the night.

On Saturday, we will gather around 4 pm. Individuals may swim, enjoy pizza, sit around and visit, or play cards in the barn. At 6 pm, we will have a fishing derby (bring poles, some worms, and patience). Later that evening, we will have a bonfire and camp-fire sing-a-long.

On Sunday, worship will begin at 10:30 with a special guest worship leader. Following the service we will have a hog-roast potluck (bring a dish to share). During the afternoon, we will have games, swimming, and more.

Plan on making a weekend out of it!

## Family Fun Day Water Blast 2016 Save the Date: Sunday, August 21st 4:30-6:30pm

Beat the heat of the summer by joining us at Trinity UCC for a few hours of fun with an inflatable water slide, squirt guns, water balloons, and more (fun for all ages).

Invite your neighbors, family, and friends and bring a dish to share for a 5 pm potluck (hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided) and stay to fellowship with one another.

This is a great event for older adults as well. Come sit around and fellowship, sip tea or lemonade, or join in the water fun.

## Point Fest 2016

Point Fest 2016 - Join us as we are planning to go to Cedar Point on Saturday, September 17th to listen to Toby Mac, Chris Tomlin, For King & Country and more.

Ticket prices vary depending on when we register and if you want a ticket to the Music Fest only or if you want to go to Cedar Point for the entire day and then to the concert. To view ticket prices and to sign up, check out the bulletin board next to the restrooms outside the gym/fellowship Hall.

## \$5 offerings

During the month of August, we will be collecting for our Mission Fund.

Trinity's \$5 offerings have blessed many lives and missions' projects over the years. Let us continue to be generous in our support.

In July, the \$5 offerings collected were \$462.25 for the School Supply Drive with one more Sunday to collect.

## Benevolence Givings:

We have dispersed your quarterly giving to the general benevolence fund. For the quarter, we wrote checks totaling \$2,085.00. With \$2,013.00 going to OCWM NWOH (we have met our pledge of \$2000 for the year) and \$72 going to One Great Hour.

## 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.

## Table and Chair Sign-Out

Just a reminder, with parties and outside family gathering season upon us, that 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

There was no quorum present, so minutes were not approved this month. They will be approved at the next council meeting.

## Parsonage Update

Several people have asked the status of selling the parsonage. At this time, a team assembled by the Trustees have met with the current renters and are working together to find a starting price and begin negotiations. Once they have come to an agreement, we will hold a congregational meeting to inform the church before any sale is complete.

## Stain-glass windows update

Willet-Hauser has received our signed contract and 1/3 down payment to work on the stain-glass windows. They will be contacting the church in the next couple of weeks to schedule a start date for the project. It is possible that this project won't begin until next spring; however, there is also a slim chance that it is done this Fall.

## Treasurer's Report (not approved)

General Operating Fun	
Balance as of 6/1/16	\$15,887.02
Offerings/Income	\$10,215.82
Expenses	\$12,571.15
Balance as of 6/30/16	\$13,531.69

## Food Pantry

Let's remember to continue to support the food pantry. Let's see about collecting meal kits (like taco kit, hamburger helper, etc).

## Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship enjoyed another summer outing going to Granny's Restaurant in Woodville on Thursday July 14, 2016, at noon for lunch of their choice.

There were eleven present. Kelly B. brought some delicious peach cobbler and peanut butter chocolate chip cookies for all to enjoy. Also, today was Carol Cheatham and Eva Hoefft's birthdays.

Norma began the day with the opening prayer & table blessing and had several readings throughout the day.

Jackie P. gave the Sunshine report. The new chairman will be Sue W.

We decided to go to Rayz Restaurant in Genoa for our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at noon. Meet at church at 11:30 am to carpool.

Don't forget the O.H. Food pantry donations during the summer.

Meeting adjourned and we enjoyed some summer bingo.

~Submitted by Suzanne Buhro, Secretary.

### WF Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand as of June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$550.15</b>
Batesole Donation	\$200.00
<b>Total Income &amp; Balance</b>	<b>\$750.15</b>
Eloise H. Frisch's Balance	\$63.00
Cherry Street Mission	\$100.00
Sparrow's Nest	\$100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$263.00</b>
<b>Balance on Hand June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$487.15</b>
<b>Savings Account</b>	<b>\$1,516.39</b>

## Thank You

"Thank you to all that donated to the rummage sale. We donated some of the leftover items to the Easter Seals and we received \$345.00 from that donation. We made just over \$1100.00 during the rummage sale."

"A very warm thank you to Lisa Deuschle who donated \$500.00 towards the school supply drive."

"I want to thank you for supporting Nick Fish's treatments here at Sara's Garden. Because of you, Nick has hope for a brighter future!"

~Patrick Frank, Director Sara's Garden

"A big thank you to the anonymous donor who donated \$1,000.00 towards the Stained Glass Window Fund."

"Many thanks for your concern, prayers, and many expressions of sympathy at the time of our brother's death. How nice to have a church family who cares."

~Melvin, Norma, & Family

## Memorial Thank You

We would like to thank the following church members for their generous donations in memory of Steve Batesole.

Marilyn Appelhans; Jan & Dawn Grieger

We would like to thank the following church members for their generous donations in memory of Lyle Hellwig.

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## Greeters

<u>August</u>		
7 <sup>th</sup>		None – Turnow’s Pond
14 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Weaver
	South	Bonnie Weaver
21 <sup>st</sup>	North	Evelyn Schimming
	South	Sue Timmons
28 <sup>th</sup>	North	Melvin Reif
	South	Norma Reif
<u>September</u>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	North	Matt Perry
	South	Brianne Perry
11 <sup>th</sup>	North	Don Tabbert Sr.
	South	Hazel Tabbert
18 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jackie Timmons
	South	Nick, Rebecca, Anna Timmons
25 <sup>th</sup>	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sarah Zibbel
<u>October</u>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	North	Josh Dusseau Family
	South	Ina David
9 <sup>th</sup>	North	Doug Avery Jr
	South	Michelle Avery
16 <sup>th</sup>	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
23 <sup>rd</sup>	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
30 <sup>th</sup>	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro

## Fall Christian Education

This fall, we will be trying to add a variety of Christian Education opportunities for all ages. Please look through some of the ideas below and see if there are any classes you are interested in attending. Also, please prayerfully consider if you could take turns rotating (hopefully once a month) to teach Branching Out.

### **Confirmation** (7th Graders & Above) - September 21st - April 5th

Students who wish to confirm their baptism are invited to join the 2016-2017 Confirmation Class. Class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:45 with Pastor Kyle.

If you are a student who is interested in attending confirmation or if you would like to sit through the class again, please contact Pastor Kyle.

Confirmands will be received into the church on April 9th (Palm Sunday).

### **Re-Kindle** (Mid-Week Service) - Begins September 21st

Everyone is invited to join us at 7 pm on Wednesdays for a midweek service with song, Scripture, and discussion.

### **Pastor's Bible Study/Sunday School** - Begins September 11th

We will meet in the Sunday School room across from the church office to discuss each week's sermon and to dig a little deeper into the message. All ages are welcome to attend. Class will meet after church (around 11 am) and will last about 40 minutes. We will also post a schedule outside of the classroom for Sundays that we will not meet (special Holidays, etc).

### **Financial Peace University**

Would you like to eliminate the majority, or all of your debt? Want to learn better techniques for budgeting and honoring God with your money? Let Pastor Kyle know that you are interested in attending Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace workshop to be held here at Trinity in late October/early November time period. We will discuss with those who wish to attend a day/time to meet.

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

We are looking for a few teachers (men and women) to rotate teaching our Branching Out classes. Material and training will be available. Our children our vital to health of this congregation, both presently and in the future. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help Branching Out grow.

Several people have already stepped up to teach this fall, but we could still use 2 or 3 more individuals. This will allow teachers to attend worship the other three Sundays. If you are willing to teach, please let Pastor Kyle, Amy Mathews, or Ashley Zimmerman know as soon as possible.

### **Tailgating at Trinity**

(Men's Monday Night Group)

Men (18 & older), are invited to join us beginning Monday, September 12th for food, faith, fellowship, and football.

Each Monday, we'll meet at 7:30 (\*\*) and tailgate with some traditional tailgating food, have a short Bible Study and discussion, and then watch the Monday Night Football game of the week for those who wish to watch the game.

All men are welcome (members and non-members).

\*\*September 12th's game begins at 7:15 pm so we'll meet at 6:15.

### **Children's Choir at Trinity**

Jackie Timmons will be starting a children's choir this fall at Trinity. Children in preschool on up are encouraged to participate.

The choir will meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 8:30 am to practice before church. The choir will sing during the worship service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

If you have any questions, you can call Jackie at 419-898-2045 or email her at [jackieandkyle@hotmail.com](mailto:jackieandkyle@hotmail.com). We look forward to hearing our children glorify God with their voices at Trinity.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS**

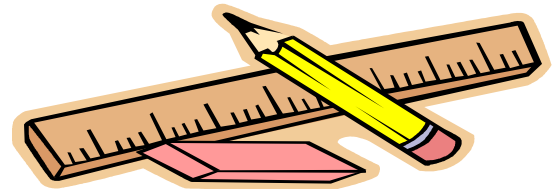
Trinity UCC in Elliston wants you to mark your calendars!!!!

August 14<sup>th</sup> at Trinity UCC in Elliston from 10-2, we will be offering new free school supplies and gently used clothes for anyone in the area that we can help. Please stop by and see if we have something for your child.

If you're interested in donating new schools supplies or gently used clothing it can be dropped off at Trinity UCC Mon-Fri from 9-2.

Better yet come and join us for our church service on Sunday mornings at 9:30am during the summer and just drop them off then.

**We are taking donations from now until August 13<sup>th</sup>.**



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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:*

[www.trinityelliston.org](http://www.trinityelliston.org)

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## Message from the Office

By Rhonda Mahaney

### One...

One tree can start a forest; One smile can begin a friendship; One hand can lift a soul; One word can frame the goal; One candle can wipe out darkness; One laugh can conquer gloom; One hope can raise your spirits; One touch can show you care; One life can make the difference; ***be that one today.***

-Unknown (from facebook/compassion, Love & Respect)

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