



Trinity Tidings

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News From Pastor Kyle

At the time of this writing my family and I have traveled thousands of miles across many states in three different time zones.

I'm not sure why I'm surprised at how much I am in awe of the beauty of God's creation, but I am.

Snow fall to start the trip, 95-100 degree temperatures in Arizona. The flatlands of Kansas and Oklahoma to the mountain tops of New Mexico and Arizona. Traditional midwestern fields getting ready for spring to rocky climates that can only grow cactus.

God's creation continues to draw me in as we go mile to mile.

As spring quickly approaches many of our farmers and home gardeners will be preparing to a spring plant.

An opportunity to use God's land that He's given us to produce foods that feed people across the world.

With that in mind, I have two things I'd like to mention.

First, let us pray for our farmers. Pray that God will give them rest in the midst of the many hours they labor the fields. Pray that God will provide fields ready for planting and that the crop that will be reaped will be a fruitful one.

Also, I'd like to encourage those of you who enjoy gardening to help with God's Garden at church. Darrell Opfer and others have done a tremendous job getting this garden going over the years.

Many have benefited from the veggies that have been harvested.

Now, we need your help to join the group to keep the Garden watered, weeded, and picked at its proper time.

May the many hands of Trinity work together as we once again see God's goodness through creation.

PK

Congregational Meeting: There will be a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday April 2nd. This will be an informational meeting about the Carroll property.

Hot Beverages

Starting at 9:00am, the Mission's Team will be providing hot beverages before church.

Lent Services (at 7:00pm)



April 5th @ Zion Pastor Kyle

April 13th Maudy Thursday @ Zion Rev. Paula

April 14th Good Friday @ TUCC Pastor Kyle

Easter Sunday Joint Services – all at TUCC

7:00am Joint Sunrise Service

8:00 am Joint Potluck Breakfast (please bring a dish to share with everyone)

9:30 am Joint Easter Worship

Church Council Minutes

(minutes will be printed in next month's Tidings)

Treasurer's Report (approved) General Operating Fun

Balance as of 2/1/17	\$12,748.04
Offerings/Income	\$8,965.70
Expenses	\$8,322.29
Balance as of 2/28/17	\$13,391.45

\$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 - Supporting Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9)
- 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 Pastor Kyle or Amy Mathews know.

Contingent Fund

Do you know what the Continent 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. An idea 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
- Elevator Repair

Just to name a few

Please remember to contribute to our Contingent Fund. We are still in a negative balance from the Elevator repair from last year, and as you see this is an important fund to maintain funds in.

Women's Fellowship

Trinity Women's Fellowship met on Thursday March 9, 2017 at 1:00 pm. There were eight present.

Sec. V.Pres Sue W. was in charge of the day, beginning with prayer and the table blessing. Eva H. was the hostess having a St. Patrick's Day theme and serving snacks, candies, delicious fruit skewers and cupcakes.

The devotions and program were led by Sue. W. It was on The Special Loves of Women and that delicate balance between loving God, loving our personal world and living others. There will be a couple more programs on love coming up.

A business meeting was led by Sue. She thanked Eva for the table decorations and the lovely lunch. The minutes of the last meeting were read

and approved. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. It will be filed.

We discussed the banquets coming up and we seem to be quite limited in the way we can help, with all our problems.

The sunshine report was given by Eloise H. The new chairman will be Evelyn S.

Prayer partners were revealed and new names drawn.

Don't forget to bring donations for the Food Pantry.

Next month we will meet on Thursday April 13th at 1:00pm. Program Norma R. Host Eloise H. Meeting Adjourned.

~Suzanne Buhro, Secretary

Thank You

Memorial Thanks

Thank you to Fay B. for the memorial gift in memory of Betty Winters.



Thank you to Tom & Kim Reif, Fay Bolander, and Faye & Bill Milbrodt for their memorial gifts in memory of Larry Schepflin.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Table (located in the coat room by the north entrance) will be emptied at the end of each month. It will be donated or put in garbage." Thanks Amy

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.

Coupons

Thank you to everyone for collecting the coupon pages. I was able to donate toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, hand lotion, spaghetti, cans of chili, tuna, chicken & tomatoes. This was donated to the Genoa food pantry. April's will be donated to the food pantry at Zion-Elliston.

Thank you so much with helping me with this project. The food pantries are so appreciative for anything that they receive.

Thank you so much! ~~Karen Lick



WF Treasurer's Report	
Balance on Hand as of Feb 1 st	\$222.15
Offering	\$10.00
Total Income & Balance	\$232.15
Trinity Memorial Fund	\$10.00
Total Expenses	\$10.00
Balance on Hand Feb 28th	\$222.15
Savings Account	\$1,316.92

Mother Daughter Banquet

Mark your calendars for Friday May 6th for the Mother Daughter Banquet. More details to come



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!

Indoor Flea Market and Rummage Sale

Spring is in the air and you know what that means: spring cleaning! Don't have your unwanted stuff sent away, but instead bring it to the church for the rummage sale. Rather sell your own items? Purchase a table for \$10 and you can have your own garage sale right here! The Indoor Flea Market and Rummage Sale will take place April 27 from 5 to 8, April 28 from 9 to 5, and April 29 from 9 to 12. Set up for purchased tables will be Wednesday night from 6 to 8. If you want a table, please reserve it as soon as possible as there are a limited amount of tables to sell (tables are first offered to those that purchased them last year). Items for the rummage sale need to be dropped off between Sunday and Tuesday (April 23 to 25) so that we have enough time to put items out and price them. We will need many volunteers to help sort and price these items. Also, keep in mind any books (except encyclopedias and magazines) and fabrics (curtains, purses, clothes, etc) are wanted since they can be sent off to Easter Seals and we will receive a check from them for those items. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 419 898 2045 or text 567 249 5141. Thank you!

Contingent Fund

As we ended the year, we are still running a negative balance of -\$2,100.00 from the elevator repair. If you are looking for a place to make a donation, please consider our Contingent Fund.

Adult Sunday School: Kathy Giesler will be leading a class that will meet on Sundays at 8:00am. All are welcome to join!

Chicken BBQ

Keep the date of Sunday April 23rd on your calendar for the annual Chicken BBQ following our worship service.

Watch for more details in bulletins, facebook and website.



Trinity Youth News

Children's Choir at Trinity

The choir will no longer be meeting the first Sunday at 9am to practice.

Please come prepared knowing the music the first Sunday of the month so we can continue to enjoy the little ones sharing their musical talents with us. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Timmons at 419 898 2045 or text at 567 249 5141.

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.

Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9) - Several students will be traveling to Cincinnati to participate in our summer mission's trip in June. If you have a student interested in going and haven't said anything yet to PK, please let him know right away.

While we will be receiving \$5 offerings to help pay for our students to attend, if you would like to help sponsor our youth to go, please see PK or Rhonda in the church office. Each student costs \$200 and we have around 12 youth to cover the costs for (including chaperones).

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.

Greeters

<u>April 2017</u>		
2 nd	North	Myron Zibbel
	South	Sara Zibbel
9 th	North	Jackie Pelton
	South	Ina David
16 th	North	Doug Avery
	South	Michelle Avery
23 rd	North	John Bast
	South	Jackie Bast
30 th	North	Dale Bodnar
	South	Ava Bodnar
<u>May 2017</u>		
7 th	North	Jim Buhro
	South	Shirley Buhro
14 th	North	Mike Diekman
	South	Nate Diekman
21 st	North	Fay Bolander
	South	Suzanne Buhro
28 th	North	Viola Gahler
	South	Ken Gahler
<u>June 2017</u>		
4 th	North	Darrell Opfer
	South	Jackie Pelton
11 th	North	Ed Gahler
	South	Jane Gahler
18 th	North	Dan Gahler
	South	Connie Gahler
25 th	North	Kelsey Gahler
	South	Krista Hellwig

Greeters

Each week we have a greeter at both the North and South door to help welcome everyone. The greeter also is there to greet our guests and welcome them and answer any questions they may have. If you haven't seen your name on the greeter list, and would like to be a greeter, please let the office know.

Food Pantry Did you know that we collect items that get donated to the local Food



Pantry? Bring your canned goods, toiletries, non-perishable items and place them in one of the two baskets located at the church. One basket is located in the coat room (North side of the building) and the other basket is located at the entry way of the south doors. Thank you for giving to those in need.

Bowersox's Items

There are some random items still in a closet from the Bowersox events. The Mission Team would like to use the closet and need to clean it out. If you are interested or have a suggestion of what to do with the Bowersox items remaining in the closet, please contact Amy M. Thank you

Mark your 2017 Calendars

Chicken BBQ (April 23rd)
 Rummage Sale (April 27-29)
 Women's Banquet (May)
 Youth Mission's Trip (June 4-9)
 Water Blast & Picnic (July)
 Turnow's Pond Weekend (August)
 Fall Festival & Boo Festival (October 29th)

*Stay informed about additions and changes in our calendar by viewing our facebook page (*Trinity United Church of Christ Elliston*), newsletters, and bulletins.



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Mission

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

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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