



Tidings

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NOVEMBER 2024

Kids Sunday School,
7th/8th Grade
Confirmation Class,
HIGH SCHOOL Class,
Adult Class all @
9:00 am each week

Sunday Worship &
Branching Out
Kids Church @
10:00 am each week

Upcoming Events:

Every Tuesday
@ 8:00 am
Coffee Fellowship

Saturday Night
November 2
Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour

Sunday, November 3
11:00 am
All Church Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 9
6:30 pm
Social Group @ The Keg

Sunday, November 10
7:30 am
Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 17
11:00 am
Christmas Ornament Class

The Hope of Returning Home: Exile & Return

As we enter November, many of us feel the year drawing to a close. The holidays are fast approaching, and we will quickly be in the season where we long to gather in familiar settings.

This time of year is often reflective. We reflect on our journeys, the struggles we've faced, and the hope we hold for the future. For this month we will be looking at the Biblical theme of Exile and Return.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Scriptures tell a story of exile—a separation from God that begins in the Garden of Eden, stretches into Israel's captivity in Babylon, and finds its ultimate answer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the prophets, God calls His people back to Him, not only physically but spiritually, always reaching out to a world in need of healing and restoration.

Exile, in a spiritual sense, is the feeling of distance from God, a separation due to sin, suffering, or simply the challenges of life that weigh on us all. Like Israel in the wilderness or the people of Judah in Babylon, we have each felt that distance, that longing for a place and presence that truly feels like "home." And yet, God's promise to His people has always been this: I will bring you back.

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, the people of Jerusalem have said of your fellow exiles and all the other Israelites, 'They are far away from the Lord; this land was given to us as our possession.'

"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Although I sent them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.'

"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'

- Ezekiel 11:14-17

Throughout November, we reflect on this journey of exile and return, mindful of how it mirrors our own lives. We experience times of wandering, but God continually invites us back to Him, back to a renewed relationship, a restored heart, and a revitalized community.

And then as we draw near to Advent, we anticipate the fulfillment of this promise in a unique way. In just a few short weeks, we will begin the season that reminds us that, in Christ, God did not merely call His people home; He came to bring us home Himself. Emmanuel—God with us—marks the ultimate return from exile, the moment when God stepped into our world to draw us back into His.

Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, who is not only the way back home but the light that guides us there.

Pastor Ryan Shields

Give Thanks
to the Lord,
for he is **GOOD**;
his love endures
forever.

PS 107:1

Council Minutes: September 2024

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, September 9 at 7:10pm. Ben Sutter, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Pastor Ryan, Mary Muntz, Brittany Wittman, Brad Jess, Marty Hoeft, Ben Sutter, Blake Traver, Kim Traver, Veronica McMonigle, Susie Shaffer

Recording Secretary:

Kim motioned to amend minutes. Susie 2nd. MC.

Administrative Assistant + Financial:

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports + pay bills made by first Susie, second by Kim, MC

Pastoral:

Confirmation class kicked off yesterday.

Baylee Malik is our new High School Sunday School teacher

Welcome James Shaffer to the staff

Christian Ed/EFY

Sunday School, Branching Out and Confirmation kicked off yesterday.

Starting to work on Fall Fest (10/27)

Christmas Program 12/22

Missions

Food Pantry went well.

Mission Spotlight this month is school lunch debt

Small Group Updates

Trinity Social Group – Susie – Going well! 9/14 Bonfire at Edwards home

Wittman Home Group - Brittany – Going well! Finishing Love Does study and meeting on September 28th

Women's Book Club – Veronica – Going well! Next meeting October 1. Book will be Love Lives Here by Maria Goff.

Trustees

Continuing to address basement

Looking for someone to clean basement floor professionally

Gas smell in basement being looked into

New Business

CD matures 9/9/24. Blake motioned to rollover CD. Marty 2nd. MC.

Oak Harbor Athletic Boosters need volunteers in concession stand.

Brittany checking on dates needed

Next meeting October 14 at 7pm.

Blake motioned to adjourn. Marty 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm by Ben.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.



Council regularly
meets at the
Church monthly
on the
2nd Monday
at 7:00 pm
in the Coffee
Room next to
the Kitchen

General Operating Fund

(Council approved 10/14/24)

Beginning Balance 09/01/2024	\$8,264.21
CD Investment	\$51,187.74
Offering/Income	\$14,244.28
Expenses	\$12,792.29
Transfers	(\$4,488.54)
Balance 09/30/2024	\$56,415.40



Thank you from the BCS Food Pantry for your continued support.

Thank you for your donation to the Elmore Food Pantry. The generosity of people like you is what feeds our hungry neighbors. Your donation is appreciated by all of us who volunteer at the pantry, and by those whom we serve. May you be blessed in your giving.

Sincerely, Jean Weng and the Elmore Food Pantry

Our Neighbors in Christ,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion. We are a free choice food pantry serving open to ALL in Ottawa County and we are open on the 2nd Weds. of each month from 5-7 PM. We also respond to emergency situations and deliver to our homebound friends. We serve between 25 and 40 families every month and this year we began serving dinner to our pantry guests and their families. We could not continue this ministry without the love and support of our community, area churches and willing volunteers! So, thank you! Thank you for helping us live out our call...to share the LIGHT of Christ-one meal at a time!

Pastor LisaAnne Gregg, Elliston Zion United Methodist Church

Dear Trinity,

It is because of the gracious support of donors like you, that Bethany House is thrilled to be celebrating 40 years of operation in 2024! We couldn't have made it this far, and reached so many families, without you. Bethany House will use your donation to meet the needs of those fleeing intimate partner violence when they need it most. Our advocacy experts, long-term housing option, and StepUp program uniquely positions us to make a lasting impact for Domestic Violence survivors and their families. Even still, we know there is more work to be done. Recent data from the CDC has shown that Domestic Violence is increasing both in frequency and severity across the country. We are working to obtain increased funding for 2025 to further our efforts.

Thank you for your faith and investment in our mission, Deidra Lashley, Executive Director

2025 Open Council Seats

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Deacon

Elder

2 Trustees

Contact Ben Sutter
or a Council Member
for more information

Church

COUNCIL

Church Council is recruiting for 2025 in the positions of: Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Recording Secretary and Vice President.

If you are not familiar with these duties, Elders assist with worship needs and set up communion each month. Deacons assist with taking the offering and securing it. Trustees help with building maintenance. The Recording Secretary keeps notes on all business meetings, and the Vice President assists in many capacities while preparing to guide the agenda as President the

following term. Our new Council year will begin in January 2025, please prayerfully consider if this is going to be your year to step up and serve as a part of the leadership team here at Trinity.



In Our Prayers

Family & Friends of Ron Giesler who passed away October 28, 2024. Services will be held at Trinity on Saturday, November 2nd at 11:00 am. Visitation with family beginning at 10:00 am.

Don Weaver at Otterbein with infections and fluid on lungs

Anonymous member celebrating recent cancer free test results

Nichole Clapsaddle with upcoming surgery

At Genoa Retirement Village: Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

At Riverview: Joel Marquart

Those with long-term health concerns: Rev. Don Corbin, Chuck & Deanna Vizi, Steve Welling


Those battling cancer: Joel Reeder, Henry Noble, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt

Ben & Mandi Wood
Elliana, Jonathan & Noah

Serving in Florida
as trainers for 



Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia
through 



BRANCHING OUT

KIDS



Branching Out Kids Church is looking for some Nursery teachers & helpers during the church hour. If you are able to help one or two weeks this year, contact Janene Lattimore.



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SOCIAL GROUP

Saturday, November 9

6:30 pm

@ The Keg

(in Graytown)

Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly

Christmas Ornament Craft

After Church

November 17th

Everyone Invited to make an ornament!

Light lunch provided

November Happenings at Trinity

Branching Out Kids Church - Nursery Class

We are looking for some teachers and helpers for our Nursery age branching Out Kids Church Class. If you can help one or two weeks this year, contact Janene Lattimore (419-656-5845 or janenelattimore11@gmail.com)

November 3rd

An All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 3rd after church. The meal will be provided, please bring a dessert to share. For more information contact Brad Jess (419-346-5964)

November 9th

Trinity Social Group will gather at The Keg in Graytown on November 9th at 6:30 pm. This is a casual, kid free connection group that gathers monthly. For more information contact Susie Shaffer (419-344-0673 or sshaf1020@gmail.com)

November 10th: Our next Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, November 10th at 7:30 am in the church fellowship hall.

November 17th

A fun fellowship time to make a Christmas Ornament Craft led by Elly Gilbert will be held on Sunday, November 17th after church. A light lunch will be provided.

November 18th

The Next Meeting of the Trinity Women's Book Club will be held on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. We will be reading "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. Please read this book in advance and be ready to have a great discussion. If you need help getting a copy of the book, please contact Veronica McMonigle (419-346-6767 or veronicaravery@yahoo.com)

All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Sunday, November 3, 2024 after Church

The church will be providing turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dressing, and gravy. Please bring a dessert to share.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

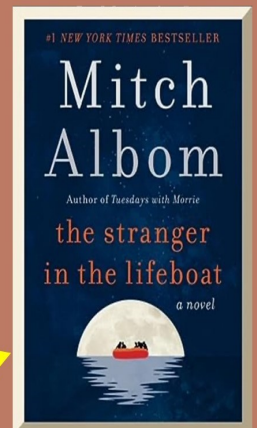
November 10th @ 7:30 am

TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

**Monday, November 18th
6:30 pm @ church**

Contact Veronica McMonigle with questions

This will be our next book
Please read prior to our meeting





Congratulations to the following on the birth of their newest additions:

Brice & Brianne Perry-Harder on the birth of their daughter Tully James Harder. She was born September 20, 2024 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Tully has two big sisters: Jolie and Rayna.

Sam & Sophie Sutter on the birth of their son George August Sutter. He was born on October 10, 2024 weighing 5 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Scott & Analisa Williams on the birth of their daughter Olivia Lynn Williams. She was born October 26, 2024 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Olivia has one big sister, Emma.



Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

Drop Box Available

Need to leave a note or drop off offering when no one is in the office? There is a locked drop box available for you to use in the connecting unit hallway next to the water fountain (outside the coat room). The box is checked at least once each week.

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?
Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

First Aid Equipment & Medical Supplies

There is first aid equipment and supplies in the basement kitchen, fellowship hall pantry and church office for your use. There is also an AED in the connecting hallway near the restrooms.

We have been blessed with the donation of a few wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, slings, bandages, ice packs, etc. that would help in a medical situation in the building or for someone in immediate need. These are located in the basement kitchen for your use as needed.

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 in the office.

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.



From now through the week of Thanksgiving, our Missions Team will be sponsoring a coat, hat, and glove drive. Knowing that there are many in the Toledo area who will struggle with housing and warm clothing this year, our Missions team will be collecting these items before the brutal cold of the winter months hits. These items will be donated to one of our area ministry partners. You can share God's love this year in the form of coats, hats, and gloves. Donations can be left in the coat room by office side entrance of the church.

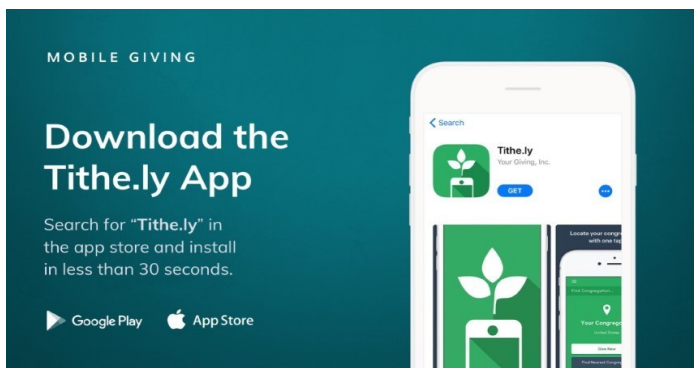
How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

There are a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

- Give to the church via Sunday offering, via US Mail, or drop off - A wooden collection box is located on the wall outside the lower coat room for your convenience throughout the week.

Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is super easy!

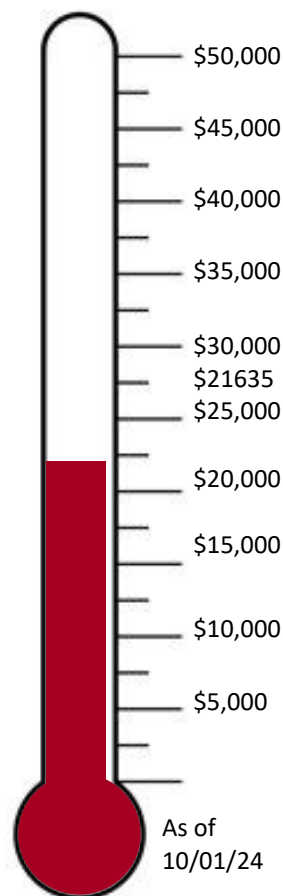
- **A link is provided on our Church Website at www.trinityelliston.org**
Click on the link and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.
- **Give Online** - If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to our church by heading to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://tithe.ly/Give). Once there, search for our church and fill in the giving form.
- **Give in App** - Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/tithe-ly/id1444444444) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate our church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution.



Firm Foundation Campaign

- \$50,000 starting funds for preservation and repair of Sanctuary Wing and Steeple (doors in the wings, brick work, water proofing, eavestroughs, flashing, etc)
- Waterproofing, Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry
- Continuing to grow our small groups ministry meeting monthly to improve church community and Connection. Training and equipping leaders to see these through.

Basement Ceiling Rehab, water damage repair, cleaning, waxing & sealing floor cost \$12,069.03



What is the 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 or requires maintenance, we pay for it out of this fund. Examples of other items that are paid out of the Contingent Fund include:

Maintenance work on the boilers
Batteries
Light bulbs and new lights
Paint
Parts to fix & repair things in the church
Carpet Cleaning
Snow Removal & Lawn Care

Trinity UCC			NOVEMBER 2024			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour Kelsey Gahler (B) Reese Kincaid (B)
Daylight Savings Ends 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Kids Church All Church Pot-Luck Meal Trustee: Doug Avery Phoenix Fountain (B)	4 Tim & Stephanie Helle (A)	5 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball Christopher Tabbert (B) Kylene Liphart (B) Meridith Reif (B) Nathan Tabbert (B)	6	7 Joshua Kish (B) Ashley Hansen (B)	8 Homeschool Co-Op	9
10 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Brad Jess	11 7:00 pm Church Council Andlisa Williams (B) Lauren Milbrodt (B) Heidi Jensen (B)	12 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball Lucy Diekman (B)	13 Morgan Turnow (B)	14	15 Jed Kish (B) Tammy Asher (B)	16
17 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church After Church: Ornament Craft Class Trustee: Marty Hoeft	18	19 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball	20 Tidings Info Due	21 Brianne Harder (B) Sam Witt (B)	22 Homeschool Co-Op	23 Tracey David (B)
24 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Brandon Kincaid	25	26 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 7:00 pm Dartball Sam Sutter (B)	27 Vera Sager (B)	Thanksgiving 28 Hall: K. Traver Karen Lick (B) Amelia Sutter (B)	29 Jan Grieger (B)	30 Myron Zibbel (B)

There's a place for you here!

CONNECT

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TrinityElliston.org

Sunday School
9:00 am
Nursery through
Adult Classes

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

Hearing Assistance Devices
Available
from the
Tech Booth
Upon Request



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