



Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week

Sunday School
& Branching Out
Sunday School for all
ages @ 9:00 am &
Branching Out Kids
Church during Worship

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 5th
10:00 am Confirmation

Tuesday, May 7th
1:00 pm
Genoa Care Center
Fellowship & Devotional
Group

Wednesday, May 8th
Supper for All ~ Fish Fry
6:00 pm

Saturday, May 11th
7:00 pm
Trinity Social Group @
Axe 419

Sunday, May 12th
7:30 am
Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 12th
Mother's Day

Monday, May 13th
7:00 pm
Council Meeting

Sunday, May 19th
Last day for Sunday
School, Confirmation
Class, Adult Bible Study
and Branching Out until
September 8th

Tidings

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HOLY SPIRIT COME LIKE A FIRE

Hello Church Family,

In our journey of faith, there are pivotal moments when we are reminded of the profound presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. One such moment is the Rite of Confirmation. It is a special occasion in which our youth affirm their baptism and participation in the work of Christ. Through this sacrament, they are empowered to embrace their faith journey with newfound strength and conviction.

The Rite of Confirmation represents a crossroads moment. It is a ritual where we are meant to step out of our immature faith and into a mature faith. The Confirmation graduates become full members of the church and are to be treated as brothers and sisters in Christ. But when we enter a mature faith, who is there to guide us? As believers, we understand the Holy Spirit to be the divine advocate, counselor, and comforter sent by God to dwell within us. In Acts Chapter 2, the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples like a fire.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4

In a few weeks we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, and remember that with the Holy Spirit to empower them, people of faith came together to preach the good news, serve one another, share in the Lord's Supper and baptize others into the faith of Christ.

Reflecting on our own baptisms, we are reminded of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is more than a ritual; for us it is a sacrament. A sacred remembrance of the work of Jesus, symbolizing our cleansing from sin and our emergence into new life in Christ. When we baptize children, it is our prayer that they will someday find that forgiveness of sin and new life in Christ. How do we get there? It is the Holy Spirit who initiates and sustains this process of spiritual renewal within us.

Similarly, on Confirmation Sunday we will ask our students to participate in the sacrament of communion, we encounter the presence of Christ through the elements of bread and wine. As we partake in this sacred meal, it is the Holy Spirit who draws us into communion with God and with one another, binding us together as the body of Christ.

In times of uncertainty or spiritual need, we can take comfort in the assurance that the Holy Spirit is ever-present, guiding us along the path of discipleship. Through prayer, reflection on Scripture, and participation in the sacramental life of the church, we open ourselves to the transforming work of the Spirit in our lives.

May we continually seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we navigate the joys and challenges of our faith journey together.

Pastor Ryan Shields

Council Minutes: March 2024



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

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm. Ben Sutter, Vice President, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: Kim Traver, Blake Traver, Connie Gahler, Ben Sutter, Brittany Wittman, Mary Muntz, Marty Hoeft, Doug Avery, Pastor Ryan and Brad Jess.

Recording Secretary Report:

Brad moved to approve minutes. Blake 2nd. MC.

Administrative Assistant & Financial Reports:

Reports were reviewed.

Motion to accept reports made by first Brad, second by Kim, MC

Pastoral Report:

Lots of activity happening – Trinity Social Club, Wednesday night suppers, Crafting Class, Life Group

Area of Need – High School Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Coordinator – can be one person or a team of 3-4 people

Busy with visitations

Children's Director Report

Working on VBS

Need Easter Egg stuffers by Palm Sunday

Missions & Outreach Report

Working on many upcoming opportunities

Vision Kitchen on 3/8 was successful

Next – 3/14 Genoa Food Pantry packing day + 3/16 Volunteering at Genoa Food Pantry

Trustees Report

IPS not responsive. Ben reaching out to discuss getting needed bypass valve installed.

Collected quotes for painting shed + gym. Brad motioned to paint the shed for \$850 by Larry Kincaid. Kim 2nd. MC.

Kim motioned to paint gym for \$2500 by Larry Kincaid. Marty 2nd. MC.

Old Business

New network installed and working well

Basement ceiling repaired and completed

New Business

Chicken BBQ to be held April 21st – Connie looking into ordering after Easter. Connie will talk to Ashley Gahler about advertising.

Missions has recommended funds raised at Chicken BBQ go to Let's Build Beds event TUCC will be hosting

Jordan Moore with Genoa Financial gave a report on our investment. He discussed where we started, how we are doing and different options if we wanted to change anything.

Marty motioned to move \$50,000 from the Genoa General Account into a 90 Day CD at 4.95%. Blake 2nd. MC.

Next meeting April 8 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm by Ben.

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Wittman, Recording Secretary.

General Operating Fund (Council approved 04/08/24)

Beginning Balance 03/01/2024	\$47,347.82
Offering/Income	\$17,387.42
Expenses	\$13,662.04
Transfers	(\$23,078.07)
Balance 03/31/2024	\$27,995.13

2024 Chicken BBQ

Beginning Balance:	\$10,789.28
2024 Expenses:	\$4,535.18
2024 Receipts:	\$12,016.10
Ending Balance:	\$10,491.79

Profit from the 2024 BBQ was \$7,480.92 and will be used for our 2025 Let's Build Beds event! Thank you to all who planned, served, purchased dinners and prayed for this event!



- The Weaver family & friends as they grieve the loss of their granddaughter Brenna due to an ATV accident in late April. Brenna was a nurse at Firelands and had been married one year.
- Eloise Hellwig, now at St. V's recovering from hip replacement and infection
- Don Weaver, now at Bay Park for cellulitis and gaining strength for further surgery.
- Sam Witt, recovering from knee surgery
- Lyle & Janet Clapsaddle (Nicole's dad & mom), health concerns
- Doug Avery, recovering from shoulder surgery
- Norma Reif recovering from a fall at the Genoa Care Center
- Nichole Clapsaddle being treated for a benign tumor on her thyroid.
- Paul Stribrny (brother of Dave, Uncle of Holly Shields) is being tested to heart valve related issues

At Genoa Retirement Village: Norma Reif, Jackie Pelton

Those with long-term health concerns: Dawn Baker, Rev. Don Corbin, Emeli Gahler, Joel Marquart, Rayna Perry, Chuck Vizi, Deanna Vizi, Steve Welling, Jamison (Jamie) Zimmerman

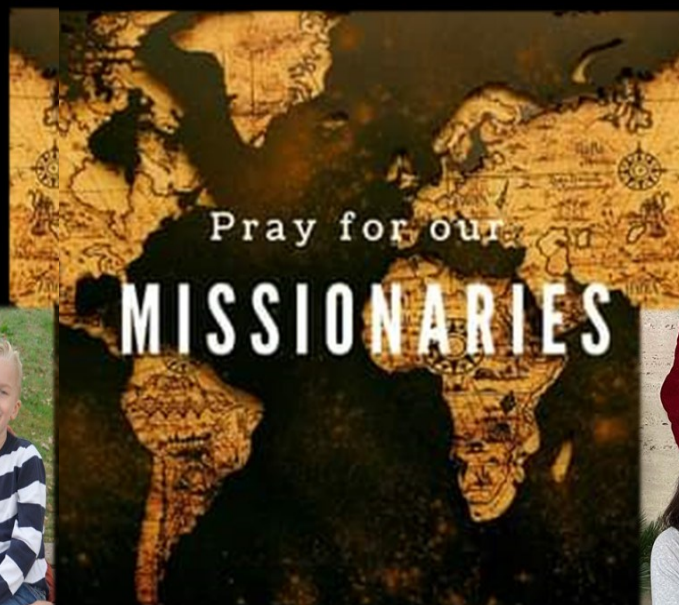
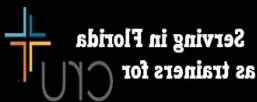
Those battling cancer

Logan Murphy, Jackie Pelton, Dustin Schmidt

Baptism

Austin Hazard Blevins, son of Ronald & Kendra Blevins and little brother of Mackenzie, was baptized on April 28, 2024 at Trinity by Pastor Ryan Shields. Austin's grandparents are Bob & Tracy Blevins, Carol Greifelt and Neal & Sandy Pease. His great-grandparents are Sharon Blevins, Viola Gahler and Vic & Eileen Scheurman. Austin's godparents are Shane & Kelsey Baumert. We pray God's blessing over this family as they grow in love and faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Ben & Mandy Wood
Ellis, Joshua & Noah



Jay & Zina Herman
Ari & Milo

Serving in Slovenia
through



Older Adult Devotional & Fellowship Time

May 7th

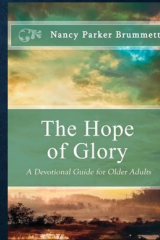
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Hosted by Nancy Turnow & Nyla Denman
at the Genoa Care Center Assisted Living
300 Cherry Street - Genoa

Residents of the Care Center/Assisted Living
&
Older Adults residing in their own homes are invited

If a ride is needed, please let Nyla or Nancy know
& they will make arrangements to pick you up.

Enter the Assisted Living #1 doorway and the room we will use is directly across from the door.



Supper for All

Wednesday, May 8th @ 6:00 pm
Fish Fry

Everyone is welcome to come
Bring a salad, side or dessert to share

Sign up to "host" a meal at the
church in June - Brad Jess is
coordinating this group.



Sunday School, Branching Out, and Confirmation are all winding down for the year. The last Sunday for all of these groups will be on May 19th. Thank you to all who faithfully taught and attended these groups! We pray you continue to grow and fellowship with each other throughout the summer months at church and return to classes when we resume meeting September 8th! Join us in prayer over the coming months as we continue looking for someone to lead our High School ministry.

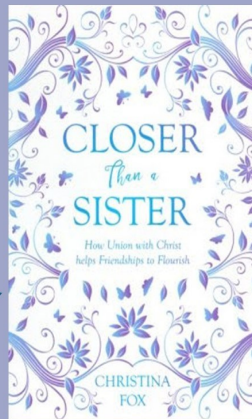
Coming
Soon

TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Date: TBD

Contact Veronica McMonigle to participate

This will be our first book
Copies will be available to borrow
or you may bring your own.



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SOCIAL GROUP

Saturday, May 11th

7:00 pm

@ Axe 419

9851 Meridian Ct, Perrysburg

Casual, Kid Free Connection Group Meeting Monthly



May's Mission Spotlight focus
will be the Benton-Carroll-Salem Food Pantry.
This pantry services all residents of the Benton-
Carroll-Salem School District.

To give toward the BCS Pantry,
simply write "Mission Spotlight"
on your envelope or check memo.

Our April Spotlight earned \$154.65
for the Ottawa County Family
Advocacy Program.



Pickleball has
come to Trinity!

Equipment and
net are stored in
the gym closets.

Come and play
anytime the gym is free or contact Michele Avery or
Nyla Denman for more information.



Faith & Family Night at the Mudhens

Sunday, June 30th

1st Pitch @ 4:05 pm vs Louisville Bats

Gates will open earlier for pregame activities

Cost per ticket is \$13

This year food will be on your own

To reserve tickets:

Call or email the church office with your name and number of tickets you would like (419-862-3417 or tucc1862@gmail.com)



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)
- Cleaning, Organizing & Supplying Basement and Kitchen for ministry
- Launching at least two smaller groups meeting monthly to improve church community and connection (one group for individuals/couples with children, one group for individuals/couples without children). Training and equipping leaders to see these through.

Due to the dangerous degrading of the basement ceiling, our first project was expedited and has been completed for a cost of \$7,925.00.



How Do I Give to the Church and Its Ministries

Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://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 at www.trinityelliston.org

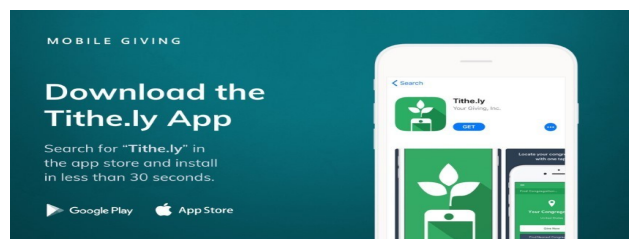
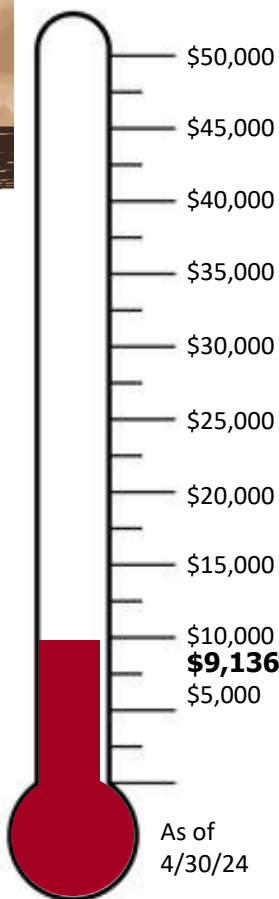
Click on the link provided and it will take you to our secure Tithe.ly page to set up your contribution.

#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](https://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](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 your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your contribution!



Confirmation

Sunday, May 5th during our 10:00 am service, we will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation. Five students who have fulfilled the requirements of confirmation will be asked to affirm their baptism and be made members of our church. Please come and support these students. Continue to pray for them as they grow in faith and develop a stronger relationship with our Lord and Savior.

Vivian "Viv" Clement

School: Genoa
Hobbies/Interests: High Honor Roll Student, Top 10 in class, Volleyball, & Basketball
Parents: Joe & Laura Clement
Siblings: Josiah, Luke, Abram
Grandparents: David & Beverly Hoffman, Paul & Marie Truman, Martin & Fran Clement
Paper Topic: "The Parables of Jesus"
Memory Verse: *I have heard your prayer and seen your tears, I will heal you."*

2 Kings 20:5



Isabelle "Izzy" Britt

School: Genoa
Hobbies/Interests: Basketball, Volleyball, Softball
Parents: Brad & Jenna Britt
Siblings: Isaac
Grandparents: John & Joni Brunkhorst, Dan & Kim Sutton, Frenchie Britt,
Paper Topic: "My Faith Journey"
Memory Verse: *"When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen" Isaiah 60:22*

Mia Brunkhorst

School: Genoa
Hobbies/Interests: Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, and Choir
Parents: Joe & Michelle Brunkhorst
Siblings: Aiden
Grandparents: John & Joni Brunkhorst and Scott & Karen George
Paper Topic: "The Challenges of Being a Christian Teen"
Memory Verse: *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" Deuteronomy 31:6*

Madden Witt

School: Genoa
Hobbies/Interests: Genoa and Travel Baseball, Genoa FFA
Parents: Todd Witt and Karen Robey
Siblings: Makenna
Grandparents: Donna Witt, Rexine Thompson, Tom & Barb Robey
Paper Topic: "Why Prayer is Important"
Memory Verse: *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:10*

Makenna Witt

School: Genoa
Hobbies/Interests: Volleyball and Basketball for Genoa, Travel Softball, AAU Basketball
Parents: Todd Witt and Karen Robey
Siblings: Madden
Grandparents: Donna Witt, Rexine Thompson, Tom & Barb Robey
Paper Topic: "A Relationship with God"
Memory Verse: *"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes." Psalm 37:7*

Trinity UCC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dylan Mahaney (B) Ashley Zimmerman (B) Kristen Haynes (B) Seth Witt (B)	2 Ben David (B) Trent Rothert (B)	3 Natalie Reif (B)	4 11:00 am Confirmation Pictures & Rehearsal
Confirmation Sunday 5 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion & Confirmation & Kids Church Trustee: Marty Hoeff	6 Cayla Clemons (B)	7 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship 1:00 pm Genoa Care Center Devotional & Fellowship Group Dawn Gieger (B)	8 6:00 pm Supper for All – Fish Fry	9 Doyle Sommer (B)	10 Ryan & Holly Shields (A)	11 10:00 am Hall: 4-H 7:00 pm Trinity Social Group @ Axe 419 Don Tabbert (B) Nic Appelhans (B)
Mother's Day 12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Trustee: Brandon Kincaid Cohen Gahler (B) Kathryn Drummond (B)	13 7:00 pm Church Council	14 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	15 Brock Hansen (B)	16 Dan Mathews (B) Amanda Chio (B) Michael Burdge (B) Sam Mathews (B)	17 Rebecca Reif (B)	18 Diana Tabbert (B) Doyle & Helen Turnow Sommer (A)
Last Day Sunday School & Branching Out 19 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Adult CC 10:00 am Worship w/ Teacher Recognition & Kids Church Trustee: Doug Avery Memo Hernandez (B)	20 Tidings Info Due	21 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship	22	23 Jay Hellwig (B) Caleb Wittman (B)	24 Erika Warmke (B) Michael Tabbert (B) Ryle McGuire (B)	25 5:30 pm Wittman Small Group Kristen Asher (B)
10:00 am Worship Trustee: Brad Jess	27 Jen Laughlin (B)	28 8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Dan Gahler (B)	29 Kimberly Mathews (B) Veronica McMonigle (B) Sydney Mahaney (B)	30	31	



Vacation Bible School

July 28 - August 3, 2024


6:00 to 8:15 pm



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Register ahead of time online 



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