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Thank You!

Dear Trinity UCC,
At Open Door, our vision is a Wyandot County that is safer, stronger and closer to God. This past year your generosity has been invaluable in helping us make this a reality while tangibly demonstrating the love of Christ to the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for your support and partnership with your \$65 giving to Open Door in 2019.

Scott Moore
Executive Director

Dear Trinity,
Thank you for your donation of \$10 to Fairhaven Community. Your kindness helps to support the care that empowers the residents to live abundantly. Financial support creates a more fulfilled life for residents where they experience community, wholeness and peace.

We are grateful for your philanthropy on behalf of those we serve at United Church Homes.

Rev. Beth Long-Higgins

Dear Trinity UCC,
On behalf of all the wounded warriors you've helped in 2019, thank you so much for your life-changing support. Your generous gifts of \$170 in 2019 was crucial to the successful recovery of the injured service members whose hearts and lives you touched. Please consider

making an additional gift today to support injured veterans in the year ahead.

With my sincere gratitude,
Michael S. Linnington

Special Thanks!

To ... our February Greeters; Bob Gucker, Andrew and Aiden Plott and Joan Davidson.

If you or your family would like to be Greeters, please let Joan Davidson know of your interest.

To ... the Harry Traxler for providing donuts for February's Monthly Coffee Hour.

To ... the thoughtful person who removed the snow from the church sidewalks with their lawn tractor. We appreciate you!



Dianne ("Huggie") Bordoh-Carol Hipsher's niece (extended care), Tracy Frankart Brown (illness), Chad Acton and unit (deployed), and to our Homebound: Phyll Barth, Sylvia Bishop, Alice Earl, Colleen Shaffer, and Maxine Weininger. And those known and those known only to God who are homebound... hospitalized... those who are

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undergoing treatments... surgeries... and those with illnesses... and hurting spirits... and to all others who struggle and suffer in our world.



Keeping in Prayer Those Serving our Country and Their Families

1SG Chad Acton (deployed),
COL Jason Affolder, SRA Chandler Heavrin,
SSG Andrew W. Lust, LT COL Blake M. Price,
LS2 Michael Tanner, MAJ Kevin Tippens,
WO2 Blair Gosche



We Extend Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

To Jason and Sherry (Blanton) Balduf on the passing of Sherry's mother-in-law, Patricia Balduf Reinhart.

Altar Flowers

The Carol Grubel family gave the altar flowers for the February 9th worship service in loving memory of Doug Grubel.

Joys!



Mohawk Wrestling Team
Back-to-Back N10 Champs!

Congrats to Grant Theis who was runner up in his weight class, and to Alex Theis who placed 3rd.

Woo-Hoo!!! Woo-Hoo!!!



You are invited to a six-week Lenten Bible Study offered by Pastor Elyse beginning Monday, March 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We will meet each Monday evening through April 6

exploring the book, *Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus*, by Mike Slaughter. There are no prerequisites, no book to buy or read. Just bring your Bible and Pastor Elyse will supplement with handouts. Begin your Lenten journey with this time of reflection.

Community Lenten Luncheons

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 601 N. Sandusky Ave in Upper Sandusky, is hosting weekly Lenten Luncheons from noon to 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent. The luncheons are free, but there will be a donation basket if you feel inclined to give a small donation, but it is not required. You are also invited to listen to guest speakers each week as you enjoy your lunch.

March 4 Justin Swartz from Family & Children First Council, will present "Prevention Services & the Wyandot County Mentoring Program."

March 11 Jennifer Miller, Director of School Ministries of Ohio, will present "Ripe for the Harvest."

March 18 Cathy Browne, Executive Director of Health Services of Wyandot County presents "Marriage of Hospice and Home Health – A Perfect Match."

March 25 Ron Marvin, Curator of Wyandot County Museum will present "Utilizing Grant Funds to Preserve Wyandot county History."

April 1, the last luncheon, Dan Ross, Chief of Police, will present "Community Policing, Efforts of the Upper Sandusky Police Dept."

All are welcome to attend these Community Lenten Luncheons.



Capital Campaign Underway

As announced in early February, our capital campaign for 2020 has kicked off to purchase a new storm window for the large stained glass window on the east side of our sanctuary, with a second project of tuck pointing the brick on our bell tower, chimneys, and several other places on our church building.

The cost of the new storm window is \$13,100 through Window Creations in Ottoville, the same company who installed the storm window last year on the west side of the sanctuary.

The cost of the tuck-pointing project is \$11,200, with Barth Masonry of Tiffin doing the work. Both projects are of urgent need and they will be completed this summer.

Because of your generous donations, to date the **window fund totals \$6,546.27**. Just to clarify, we did have a remaining stained-glass window donation balance of \$3,502.76, plus January donations of \$303.51. February total donations were \$2,740.00, making our overall donations \$6,546.27 for the window fund as of 2-24-20.

Tuck pointing donations to date are \$2,596.00.

Thank you to all who have generously given to the Capital Campaign over and above your normal giving, and to those who are prayerfully considering donating to either or both projects. Just a reminder; When donating to the capital campaign, your check should be made payable to Trinity U.C.C. using the memo line to indicate whether your gift is for the “Storm Window only”, the “Tuck Pointing only”, or “Both”. If your gift is not designated on the memo line, it will be split between the two projects.

Again, thank you for supporting your church!

VBS 2020



SAVE THE DATES:

**Sunday, July 12 – Thursday, July 16
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Co-hosted by Trinity & Sycamore UCC
Held at Trinity UCC

If you have a desire to help with the children either just a few days, or all 5 days of VBS, please talk to Pastor Elyse or Jan Pennington.

Trinity's Rummage Sale



Friday, May 15 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 16 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 17, Hours TBA

Collection Days are April 26 – May 11th.

Please price your own items such as furniture, toys, kitchen items, etc. at home if possible, and special clothing items such as prom dresses, new items, coats, etc. using tape price tags available at the church in the back-overflow room. Then place your items in the appropriate marked area downstairs in the fellowship hall **on or after April 26**. All regular clothing will not need to be priced as regular clothing will be sold at \$1 each.

Combined Youth Mission Trip June 23 - 26

In addition to the Confirmation Class, all youth, 6th grade and up, are invited to attend this year's Youth Mission Trip with St. John's UCC youth from Tiffin.

The youth will depart on Tuesday, June 23 for Cincinnati and spend time at Newport Aquarium before heading to the host church, St. Paul UCC in Cincinnati where they will stay for the remainder of their trip. Later that evening, the youth will serve a free community dinner as well as clean up. On Wednesday, the youth will help build games for a free community carnival which will be held Thursday. Then Friday, on their final day, there will be a short wrap up in the morning before heading back home.

Anyone interested in attending the youth mission trip, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. Please try your best to attend. If unable to attend, please talk to Pastor Elyse.



**Don't forget to bring
your change for the
next NOISY BUCKET
OFFERING,
MARCH 15**

Begin saving your loose change for the March 15 Noisy Bucket Offering. This special collection will be donated to the Confirmation/Youth Mission Trip to help cover their costs of the June mission trip to Cincinnati. Please help support our youth as you are able.

Easter Egg Candy

We will begin collecting bite sized individually wrapped Easter Egg candy on Sunday, March 15 for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the old McCutchenville school grounds. To help avoid choking hazards,

we ask that you do not purchase any hard candies for the Easter Eggs.

A collection box will be under the trophy case beginning March 15 for your candy donations.



**Saturday, March 28
Pork Dinner
5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Menu

**Pork Tenderloin
Homemade Sauerkraut
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans, Roll & Butter
Drink**

**\$8 Adults
\$4 Children under 8 yrs.**

Dine in or Carry out

**Watch for ticket sales &
committee & soliciting lists**

American Red Cross Blood Drive Help Save Lives - Give Blood!

Thursday, March 5

12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mohawk Community Center

295 St. Hwy. 231

Sycamore, OH

To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: mohawkbldg.



News & Notes

Pastor Elyse Everhart's Contact Information:

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Office Hours:

Each Wednesday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
and by appointment.

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~ Please remember to **keep the office updated** with your current contact information such as email, phone/cell numbers, and your address. Thank you!

~ **The Faith Formation committee** will meet Tuesday March 3 at 6:00 p.m.

~ **Consistory** will meet Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

~ **To help protect and respect the privacy** of those sick/hospitalized/care facilities, be sure to obtain the family's permission first before announcing or requesting prayers. Please say something to Jan if their name may be added to the prayer list.

~ **Continue helping Pastor Eric** learn our names! Don't forget to grab a name badge from the back of the sanctuary each Sunday morning prior to worship.

~**Free Handbooks Available** - Raising Your Child in Faith; from Preschoolers to Teens. They are in the back-overflow room of the sanctuary and are free to any family interested in helping their child with their faith journey.

~ **Monthly Coffee Hour – March 1.** This is offered the first Sunday of each month prior to worship. If you would like to provide sweets (donuts, muffins, breads, etc.) for coffee hour, there is a calendar sign up on the coffee table. Please feel free to turn in your food bill to the office for reimbursement.



~ **Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 7 for Daylight Savings Time.**

~ **Trinity Card Challenge Reminder:** You are challenged to complete 10 Thank you cards to Veterans and/or 10 Christmas cards to prisoners each month through December 1, 2020.

There are examples of each type of card in the back of the sanctuary's overflow room. Stationary for the Veterans' cards and Christmas cards are also provided. Once you have completed your cards each month, there is a basket on the table which you may place your completed cards.

~ **The North Coast Concert Band**, with trumpet player Dave Weininger, will present "Welcome Spring Concert" on Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 p.m. at the Clyde High School Performing Arts Center located in Clyde at 1015 Race St. Admission is free! Everyone is invited to come out for an afternoon of amazing music as well as offering your support to Dave.

~ **Cub Scout Pack #400** will worship with us Sunday, March 1. Please give them a warm welcome.

March Acolytes

- March 1 Brady Hannam
- March 8 Lorelai Cleland
- March 15 Lukas Jacoby
- March 22 Kaedyn Harper
- March 29 Gauge McGrew

March Sunday School Teachers & Helpers

- March 1 Jan Pennington & Robin Tong
- March 8 Barb McClain & Jerry Weininger
- March 15 Kara Stansbery & Kathy Russell
- March 22 Jan Pennington & Cathy Lucius
- March 29 Barb McClain & Robin Tong

March Ushers

Leigh Beidelschies & Susan Parker

March Dartball Schedule

- March 5 at St. Paul-1
 - March 12 League Tournament 6:30 pm
 - March 19 Banquet 6:30 pm
- Good Luck, Team!

- 23 Silas Keller, Jim Gucker,
Jessica Hurt, Erica Harper
- 24 Judy Goeller
- 26 Anna Meisner, Diane Baer, Piper Tobin
- 27 Natalie Troha
- 31 Mindy Walton, Gier Kuhn

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...



MARCH

- 15 Gary and Susan Parker 45 years
- 26 Robert and Deb Morehart 26 years
- 30 Christin and Derek Lee 18 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO



MARCH

- 1 Della Chong, Elijah Danner
- 2 Nathan Morton, Kevin Kingseed
- 3 Cheleste Thornton
- 5 Emma Arter
- 7 Helen Shinn, Clay Hoerig, Beckett Parker
- 9 Leslie Heimrick
- 10 Drew Weininger, Cohen Rhoad
- 11 Andrew Plott, Ava Walton
- 13 Sharon McGuire
- 14 Ottilyn Cleland
- 15 Joe Chester
- 16 Ken Palmer
- 17 Elfriede Wagner, Trever Nye
- 20 Betty Fogle

**Consistory Meeting Highlights
January 5, 2020**



Officers for 2020: Ken Palmer, President; Leigh Beidelschies, Vice President; Susan Parker, Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Caring Community

- 7 Christmas Totes were delivered to Mohawk School for distribution to families in our district to help brighten their Christmas.
- Thank you to the community businesses and individuals for their generous gifts to

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the food pantry as well as to McCutchenville's gas store owner, Raman, for donating gas cards for the Christmas totes and furnishing cookies for the Christmas Eve Service. Please consider stopping by the store to personally thank Raman for her generosity.

- Two other family needs were met during the Christmas season.

Faith Formation

- Provided beautiful luminaries for the Christmas Eve service. Thank you to Steve Tanner for providing his barn to set up and tear down the luminaries.

Stewardship

- The final tally for the Pony Express pledges for 2020 was \$70,355. Thank you to all our church family for their generous stewardship.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Still waiting on the estimate of tuck pointing of the bell tower and chimneys.
- Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, January 26, after the worship service, followed by a potluck meal. Consistory will provide drinks.
- A \$50 memorial was sent from our church in memory of our former pastor, Rev. Paul Deppen, who passed away December 23, 2019. He served our church from 1952-1957.
- February ushers are Leigh and Dale.
- Susan agreed to serve one more year as a Deacon. Still needed is Elder to fill a consistory seat. Consistory format may be addressed at the annual meeting, if there is a need.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Goals for 2020 were established:
 1. Continue to be a church of generosity and hospitality.

2. Provide ministry to fulfill the wants and needs of our community.
 3. Continue the ongoing maintenance of our church building including the stained-glass windows and tuck-pointing projects.
- Consistory representatives for the standing committees for 2020:
 - Caring Community – Dale Pennington
 - Faith Formation -Dan Cleland
 - Maintenance – Ken Palmer
 - Memorial – Susan Parker
 - Pastor-Parish – Andrew Plott
 - Stewardship – David Weininger volunteered to stay on as the representative.
 - Worship & Music – Leigh Beidelschies.

The next Consistory meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Parker, Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY'S AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE = 54</p>
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March Stewardship Project

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
"Invest in the Future"

Support this month's Mission Project, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which is one of our 5 for 5 UCC Mission Offerings. Through OGHS, your donation will help people and communities affected by disaster, violence and poverty worldwide. Help make the world a better place.

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>1st SUNDAY IN LENT</u> Coffee Hour – 8:15 Sunday School 9am Confirmation 9 am Worship 9 am Welcome Cub Scouts!	2 Bible Study 6:30 pm	3 Faith Formation meeting 6:00 pm	4 Choir – 6:30 pm Consistory 7:30 p.m.	5 Dartball – Away 7:30 pm	6	7 
8 <u>2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</u> Worship - 9 am Sunday School-9 am	9 Bible Study 6:30 pm	10 Cub Scouts – 6 pm	11 Choir 6:30 Youth Mission Trip Meeting - 6:00	12 Dartball Tournament 6:30 pm	13	14
15 <u>3rd SUNDAY IN LENT</u> NOISY BUCKET OFFERING Worship – 9 am Sunday School - 9 am Confirmation -9 am	16 Bible Study 6:30pm	17	18 Choir 6:30 pm	19 Dartball Banquet 6:30 pm	20	21
22 <u>4th SUNDAY IN LENT</u> Worship – 9 am Sunday School - 9 am	23 Bible Study 6:30 pm	24 Cub Scouts – 6 pm Newsletter Deadline	25 Choir 6:30 pm	26	27	28 PORK DINNER 5-7 pm
29 <u>5th SUNDAY IN LENT</u> Worship – 9 am Sunday School - 9am	30 Bible Study 6:30pm	31	April 1 Choir 6:30 pm	April 2	April 3	April 4 Recycling 8:30 am–10:30 am