

February Newsletter

2024

Trinity UMC



February 3, 2024

9:00am - 1:00pm

Fellowship Hall

If you have items that you would like to donate for the sale, you can bring them in now until the sale. If you have items that need picked up, please call the church office at 419-782-9781.



February 7, 2024

6:00-8:00pm

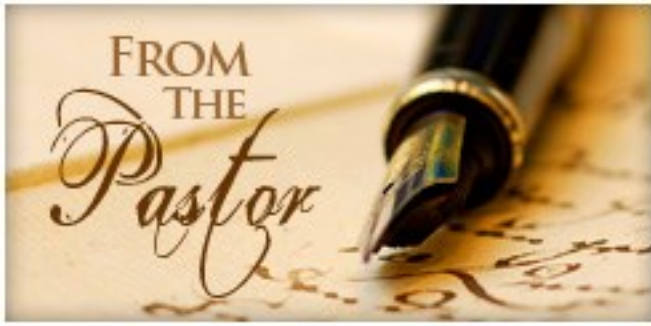
Fellowship Hall



February 14, 2024 7:00pm



February 5	Sue Brown
February 6	Dave Kessler
February 9	Jane Zeller



What does it mean to be a part of a local church? Depending on your own personal journey, intertwined with Scripture, the answer can be quite vast and complex. However, Jill Krutsch and I would like to offer an opportunity in the near future to allow anyone to explore this question deeper and gain a more Biblical understanding of this question as well as become more encouraged as you continue your journey of serving God through the local church. **How will we do this?** Jill and I have been motivated by the very short, easy-to-read book, *I am a church member: Discovering the attitude that makes a difference* by Thom Rainer. In this book, we learn the Biblical perspective of being a part of a church, and really, gain a transformed perspective on the word "member." **This is NOT a membership class**, this is an opportunity to grow for members and non-members alike as we continue to journey together through our church home. Here is how the publisher explains the book:

I Am a Church Member seeks to remedy the outbreak of inactive or barely committed church members. It addresses--without apology--what is expected of those who join a body of believers. When a person's attitude is consistently Biblical and healthy, matters of giving, serving, and so forth will fall into place more naturally and Rainer's practical work unpacks what that should look like.

Six compelling chapters with study questions guide this more-important-than-ever discussion:

1. I Will Be a Unifying Church Member
2. I Will Not Let the Church Be About My Preferences and Desires
3. I Will Pray for My Church Leaders
4. I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members
5. I Will Be a Functioning Member
6. I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift

We do not have dates or times set. First, we would like to hear from you and gain a sense of interest. Please contact Jill Krutsch or myself if this 6-session get-together is something that you would like to be a part of soon.

God bless!
Pastor Nico





Childrens' Ministry is excited to announce our ninth annual Family Game Night on Wednesday, February 7th. This activity is intended for all families and family members, from the young toddler to grandparents, or even great-grandparents! We hope everyone comes out to enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.

There will be group board games for the older children and adults, pre-reader games for groups, or one-on-one play with the younger children. Or, everyone is invited to bring their own favorite board game from home to share.

We will provide pizza, salad and drinks for all who attend. There is no cost, we just ask that each family bring a dessert to share.

Wednesday, February 7th

6:00-8:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Hope to see all of you there!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for anyone interested in helping operate the video on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information, please see Sue Brown .

Need someone to put salt down in the parking lot on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, call the church office at 419-782-9781.



The Community Christmas Day dinner was a great success this year. We served 277 meals. I would like to thank all 44 volunteers who helped. Special thank you to Cindy Beilke for setting up the tables & chairs. Sandy Kessler & Diane Zeigler for getting the donations from the local organizations & businesses. Barb Welty & her group from St. Paul's United Methodist church for taking care of getting the food & preparing the meat and dressing. Lori Olds our church secretary for sending the information to the Crescent-News to be published and making the magnets with the 5 churches information on them. I appreciate you all for making this day a

great success! They say you build it they will come & they do each year. God is great!

Jody Schlachter

Community Christmas Day dinner coordinator 2023

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Garage Sale 9:00am-1:00pm
4 Worship Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Steve Heilshorn	5	6 Bible Study 11:00am	7 Family Game Night 6-8pm	8	9	10
11 Worship Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Pastor Nico	12	13 Bible Study 11:00am	14 Ash Wednesday Evansport carry out meal 5:00pm Service @ Trinity 7:00pm	15	16	17
18 Worship Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Steve Heilshorn	19	20 Bible Study 11:00am	21 J.A.M. 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm	22	23	24
25 Worship Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Pastor Nico	26	27 Bible Study 11:00am	28 J.A.M. 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm	29		

FINANCIALS

Income December 2023	Giving	\$7,819.20
	Miscellaneous Income	\$1,172.75
	Total Income	\$8,991.95

Expenses December 2023	Connect, Grow, Serve, Apportionments, Office, Payroll, Miscellaneous Expenses	\$5,952.43
	Electric	\$355.40
	Gas	\$629.00
	Phone and Internet	\$194.64
	Water	
	Other Building Expenses	\$1,598.28
	Partnership Expenses	\$1,223.34
	Total Expenses	\$9,953.09

Beginning Balance December 2023	\$20,350.54
Income	\$8,991.95
Expenses	\$9,953.09
Ending Balance December 2023	\$20,389.40

Mission Report: We collected a total of \$1,276.11 in 2023.

Attendance	At Trinity	Facebook Live
December 3, 2023	56	7
December 10, 2023	46	7
December 17, 2023	17	7
December 24, 2023	44	8
Christmas Eve	79	
December 31, 2023	45	8

If you have any questions regarding the finances of the church, you may contact any of the Finance Committee members:

Chris Spangler 419-769-4520
Bill Duffey 419-395-2140

Deb Bowers 419-782-3394
Kathy Koch 419-782-4458

Preaching Schedule for 2024

Sunday, January 7, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, July 7, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, January 14, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, July 14, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, January 21, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, July 21, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, January 28, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, July 28, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, February 4, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, August 4, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, February 11, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, August 11, 2024	Nico Kinner
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, August 18, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, February 18, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, August 25, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, February 25, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, September 1, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, March 3, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, September 8, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, March 10, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, September 15, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, March 17, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, September 22, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, March 24, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, September 29, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, March 31, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, October 6, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, April 7, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, October 13, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, April 14, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, October 20, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, April 21, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, October 27, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, April 28, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, November 3, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, November 10, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, May 12, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, November 17, 2024	
Sunday, May 19, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, November 24, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, May 26, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, December 1, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, June 2, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, December 8, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, June 9, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Sunday, December 15, 2024	Nico Kinner
Sunday, June 16, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, December 22, 2024	Steve Heilshorn
Sunday, June 23, 2024	Steve Heilshorn	Tuesday, December 24, 2024	
Sunday, June 30, 2024	Nico Kinner	Sunday, December 29, 2024	Nico Kinner

Important Dates for 2024

Saturday, February 3, 2024	Garage Sale
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	Family Game Night
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 28, 2024	Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 29, 2024	Good Friday
Sunday, March 31, 2024	Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Final Night of J.A.M.
Saturday, July 13, 2024	Evansport Ice Cream Social
July 15-19	VBS
Wednesday, September 11, 2024	First Night of J.A.M. and Youth
Sunday, October 27, 2024	Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	Christmas Caroling with J.A.M. kids
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day Dinner

Year end totals for 2023.

This is how Trinity's financials ended for 2023.

Income		Budget	Actual
	Special Offering	\$1,000.00	\$830.00
	Current Fund	\$100,000.00	\$93,763.59
	Loose Offering	\$4,000.00	\$3,771.00
	Building Rentals	\$500.00	\$270.00
	Non-Budgeted Income		\$28,113.09
		\$105,500.00	\$126,747.68
Expenses		Budget	Actual
	Connect	\$8,310.00	\$8,421.85
	Grow	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
	Serve	\$2,270.00	-\$1,360.35
	Building	\$34,250.00	\$34,246.32
	Capital Improvements	\$42,000.00	\$21,459.30
	Partnership	\$15,650.00	\$15,308.11
	Apportionmennts	\$2,310.00	\$2,002.20
	Office	\$9,100.00	\$7,489.97
	Payroll & Taxes	\$36,480.00	\$36,040.61
	Non-Budgeted Expenses		\$2,210.68
		\$153,570.00	\$129,018.69

2024 Budget

Special Offering	\$ 1,000.00
Current Fund	\$ 100,000.00
Loose Offering	\$ 4,000.00
Building Rentals	\$ 300.00
Income totals	\$ 105,300.00

Connect	\$ 10,255.00
Grow	\$ 3,600.00
Serve	\$ 2,240.00
Building & Property	\$ 35,700.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 23,000.00
Partnership Expenses	\$ 16,500.00
Apportionments	\$ 2,310.00
Office	\$ 10,850.00
Payroll	\$ 40,000.00

Total Expenses	\$ 144,455.00
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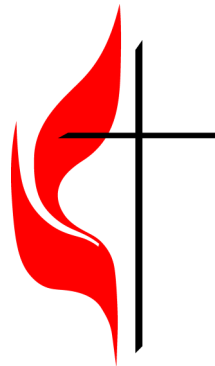
office hours

Staff Office Hours

Pastor Nico Kinner
By Appointment
Phone: 419-576-7474
Email: nicokinner@gmail.com

Lori Olds, Secretary
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-1:00pm

Lisa Schimizzi, Children's Ministry
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am-12:30pm



Trinity United Methodist Church
413 E 2nd St.
Defiance, OH 43512
Phone: 419-782-9781
Email: trinitydefiance@gmail.com
Website: trinitydefiance.org

Sunday Service: 9:00am

If you are unable to make it to service on Sunday morning, you can join us live on Sundays, or view service at a later time, go to

[Facebook.com/defiancetrinity](https://www.facebook.com/defiancetrinity)