



## SPOTLIGHT ON BENSON-SHORT MEMORIAL WINDOW

By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

### Did you know??

I would like to call your attention to one of our beautiful stained-glass windows and its history. Formally known as the *Benson-Short Memorial Window*, many of us refer to it as the *Cross and Rose Window* by the Balcony Stairs.

This window was dedicated March 4, 1979, in memory of the P.D. Benson Family and the W. Lawrence Short Family.

It was designed and constructed by members of the Workshop in Stained Glass at Trinity UMC.

- Shari Smith
- Myrtle May
- John Stover
- Claudia Waterman
- Vera Fitterer
- Byron Youngs



Since the Middle Ages, stained glass windows have been filled with symbolism as a way to teach us a scripture lesson, to remind us of God's love for us, to fill us with the joy of nature around us and to give us peace by absorbing the beauty of the art. This window is no different. The creators of this glass art work left us with these words below describing their vision.

*"The window, bearing some agony and some delight, uses the timeless symbol of the cross together with the climbing rose with a bloom born only for a season. The cross of suffering and death with the resplendent beauty of a rose speaks to us of the tension and the ambiguity of the common but yet good life."*

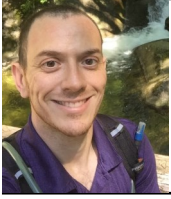
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*The mission of the Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming ministry to all persons equally; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.*



## PASTOR'S LOG

By Pastor Tony Brown

A month before General Conference opens, an ad hoc group of more than 270 U.S. delegates is giving public notice of their three legislative priorities for The United Methodist Church's top lawmaking assembly.

Those priorities are what many delegates have taken to calling "the three R's" — regionalization, the Revised Social Principles and the removal of exclusionary language against LGBTQ people.

The primary and reserve General Conference delegates also are inviting their fellow U.S. delegates to sign onto [the statement](#) ahead of the denomination's international gathering April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

After the battles of the 2019 special General Conference and the strains of COVID that delayed the next regular session to this year, the delegate signers expressed their desire for a different kind of legislative meeting.

"We hope that the gathering in Charlotte, N.C., will bear witness to a more perfect way of faithful service to Christ, who makes all things new and reconciles all people unto himself," said the delegates' statement, referencing [2 Corinthians 5:16-20](#).

The delegates said they "pray that we may transcend the conflicts that have so long divided us."

Their statement comes as United Methodists are grappling with [the disaffiliation of 25% of the denomination's U.S. churches](#) over the past four years. Those churches left under a policy instituted by the special 2019 General Conference that allowed churches to leave with property "for reasons of conscience" related to homosexuality, if they met certain conditions. The disaffiliation policy expired at the end of 2023, but a number of proposals submitted to the coming General Conference seek to extend disaffiliation.

That's not the goal of the delegates who signed the statement. Instead, they note they are part of the 75%

of U.S. congregations that remain United Methodist. They also say they are eager to work with fellow United Methodist delegates in Africa, Europe and the Philippines in healing, reconciliation and rebuilding the denomination.

"My heart really yearns for a church that, first of all, is Christ-centered," said the Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, one of the delegate signers. She is the director of connective ministries and assistant to the bishop in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.



## TRINITY FRIENDS

By Donna & Dan Purnell,  
Co-Chairs

Trinity Friends started two years ago at Tony's suggestion as we were coming out of the pandemic and looking for a way for our church congregation to come together.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know members of our congregation on a deeper level by sharing time together, sharing a meal together or sharing an activity with each

Although Dan and I will no longer be putting groups together we hope you will reach out to those you may not know well. Our congregation is richer for having had the opportunity to know one another.

Lastly we want to thank those who stepped forward to host our groups. You made our job easier by facilitating initial get-togethers. Thank you to everyone who was a part of Trinity Friends!

Blessings,  
Donna and Dan  
Co-Chairs



## TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Sarah Heiner, Trinity UWF President



With many of our members unable to attend due to illness or travel, our March 8th UWF group was small but lively! We gathered at the Recovery Café for an informative and very impressive tour of their operation, with a talk from Bernie, their psychotherapy coordinator. The Café is one of the many outreach projects of Dove House, and due to the very hard work of many, especially Trinity's own Maura Walsch, it opened in January 2023 as part of a national network of Recovery Cafés. They are dedicated to the principle that they are "a community predicated on the belief that everyone deserves love and belonging. And, in fact, that meaningful belonging to community is essential to becoming the best versions of ourselves... everyone is in recovery from something." Members of the Café sign up, with no personal questions asked, but pledge to maintain sobriety while there, participate in Café operation in some way, and participate in one of their various "recovery circles" once a week. The Café operates a wonderful kitchen and serves a meal from 11 am to 7 pm Tues-Friday. At their location on the corner of Kearney and 19th, the Recovery Café has a fabulous view of Kai Tai Lagoon and Port Townsend Bay, and they have just added to their outside patio with a beautiful gazebo.

For more information or to become a volunteer check out their website at [RecoveryCafeJC.org](http://RecoveryCafeJC.org), call 360-385-5292, or just pop into the Café at 939 Kearney St. PT.

After our field trip, we returned to the church for our potluck and regular meeting and visiting. Our treasurer reported that, after giving a check to Dove House for the Recovery Café for \$100, we still have more than \$700 in our checking account due to a recent generous donation. We plan to revisit increasing our monthly local charitable donations to a larger amount at the December meeting when we review our checking account. Zoe Ann also reminded members that the United Women of Faith nationwide still have all their banking accounts under the old name of the organization, and

therefore any checks to our chapter should be made out to "UNITED METHODIST WOMEN" for continuity.

- Our VP, Debra Olson, reviewed our upcoming schedule through the summer as follows:
- **FRIDAY APRIL 12th** - meet at Trinity for potluck and a presentation by TUMC's Brian Hageman, director of JC Parks and Fort Worden.
- FRIDAY MAY 10th - A "spring fling" and get-together potluck at Zoe Ann and Harry Dudley's beautiful home on Cape George Road. Possible speaker TBD.
- FRIDAY JUNE 14th - meet at Trinity for potluck and a presentation by the Marine Science Center.
- JULY AND AUGUST - NO UWF MEETINGS! HAPPY SUMMER!
- FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13th-UWF annual election of officers. We will meet at the Cape George Colony Clubhouse and have our meeting and potluck using their clubhouse and kitchen. Weather permitting, we may be able to meet at their adjoining picnic space and enjoy the beach!

Other upcoming events for our group and the church to note: Annual church rummage sale scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 28th and 29th and the Autumn market scheduled for Saturday November 2nd. Keep pulling out and dusting off those donations!

Also, please note that the first Sunday each month is communion and is also a chance to tie your food donations to that sharing time as per Pastor Tony's preference. If not possible any given month, the basket for donations remains in the foyer next to the name badges carousel.

Keeping all members and their spouses/family members who have been ill, or are grieving, in our prayers.

Forging Forth into spring with Faith and Flowers!



## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, April 25, 7:00 PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Chris Gilbert

## Folk Songs from the British Isles

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

**Trinity** United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Chris Gilbert, a local folk music musician, who will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 PM** for one set with no intermission.

The performance will also be streamed live at <https://trinityumcpt.org/> where you will find a link for the Candlelight Concerts Online and ways to donate. The concert will also be simulcast on KPTZ FM 91.9.

Admission to the concert is **free** (really!), with a suggested donation \$15 per person. You are most welcome to attend whether you choose to donate or not. All of the proceeds from this concert will go to the Drewry family who own and operate the Courtyard Café. Last month, they lost their husband and father Will who died from a massive heart attack.

Chris's repertoire contains an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary folk songs from across the British Isles; for this concert he will focus on those from England, Scotland, and Ireland. In the mix for this evening will be songs about love, tragedy, reminiscences, ne'er-do-wells, packet ships, myths, legends, and more. And each song will be introduced with background context, and maybe a translation or two!

If you used to enjoy listening to the Clancy Brothers & Tommy Makem, the Dubliners, and Ewan MacColl,

then you'll love this concert. Audience participation is absolutely encouraged; and chorus words will be provided for you.

Chris has played at many venues in the Puget Sound area, including the Wooden Boat Festival, the Port

Gamble Maritime Festival, the Port Angeles Maritime Festival, and the Northwest Folklife festival. He was the founder and leader of the Irish band "Happenstance," one half of the duo "Gilbert and McHagar," and a member of the shanty band "Nelson's Blood". ("Happenstance" and "Nelson's Blood" have performed at previous Candlelight Concerts, as has Chris as a solo singer.)



Chris spent his professional career in healthcare software engineering in both the UK and the US and returned to his passions of art and

singing in 2007. He splits his time between Port Townsend and Gloucestershire, England. He was born in the East End of London and often lets his Cockney accent shine through. He cut his "folk-teeth" on the traditional English pursuit of Morris Dancing and learned to sing folk songs the hard way - in front of rough-and-tough British pub audiences. You can learn more from his website [www.cj-gilbert.com](http://www.cj-gilbert.com).

Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 609 Taylor Street, across from the Community Center, in Uptown. Attendees should plan on arriving early - doors will open at 6:30. Masks are encouraged for in-person attendees.

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## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

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Thursday, April 25  
**Chris Gilbert**  
Folk Songs from England and Ireland

Thursday, May 23  
**Jere Canote & Bobbie Nikles**  
Banjo and Fiddle Country Music

Thursday, June 27  
**Lino Rivera**  
Classical Piano and More!  
Back by popular demand.

Thursday, July 25  
**Jim Nyby**  
Blues and New Orleans jazz piano

Thursday, August 22  
**Buzz Rogowski**  
Original compositions on piano



Our Candlelight Concerts have raised donations for these charities:

OlyCap  
Food Bank  
Dove House  
Gatheringplace  
Bayside Housing  
Food Bank Growers  
Habitat for Humanity  
Wild Rose Chorale Scholarships  
Olympic Neighbors  
St Vincent de Paul  
Jumping Mouse  
Olympic Angels  
Recovery Café  
YEA Music!  
NAMI



Last Month's  
Concert with  
David Michael



## TONY LU, PIANIST

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 6PM @ TRINITY UMC

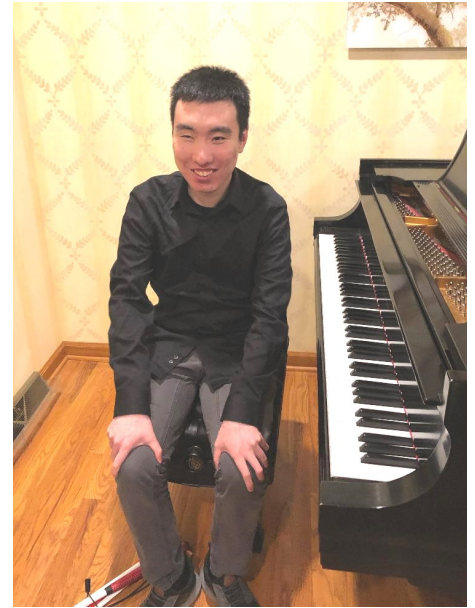
A Concert of Original Piano Transcriptions of symphonic and chamber music from Beethoven to Piazzolla.

Join Tony Lu, pianist, lecturer, and improviser for a program of original piano transcriptions of symphonic and chamber works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms, Dvorak, Debussy, Poulenc, and Piazzolla. Audience will learn about the historical background and stylistic elements of each piece while getting to know the performance practice of making transcriptions.

### BIO

Tony Lu holds M.M. in Piano Performance from Austin Peay State University and 3 B.A. degrees in Mathematics, History, and Music from Bennington College. He is an active faculty member at Sonata and Summer Sonata International Piano

Camp. Tony gives classes in music history, theory, classical improvisation, musicianship, and music literature in addition to lessons and chamber music coaching. As an active piano faculty member at Cardigan Mountain School, Tony teaches students of all ages and levels both in-person and online. He did extensive collaborations in chamber music. Such venues include Park-McCullough Historic House, Bennington Center for the Arts, Third Street Music School, and Lincoln Center in NYC. Tony gives lectures, masterclasses, and concerts across the US, from Hawaii to Florida. Tony's research areas include classical keyboard improvisation pedagogy, piano solo and duet transcriptions of symphonic/chamber works, and 20th/21st century neoclassical solo literature. He often performs his own transcriptions and improvises



cadenzas in concerts. As a visually impaired pianist, Tony has always learned music by ear.

*Note: This is not a Candlelight Concert, but a separate concert that Trinity is sponsoring.*

### **(Spotlight continued from page 1)**

*The self-forgetful life seen in the cross must always be with us; in the rose we see the renewal of life always possible through hope and faith.*

*The subtle hint of the Olympic colors with the verdant green of foliage, the blue of the bordering and interior waters, with sunshine colors subdued in the gray of prevailing overcast, all blend in a décor quite faithful to the window's Victorian setting.*

*All is embraced in the traditional Gothic arch which in itself depicts the shape of "praying hands" and the profile of the "candleflame".*

*May there always be sufficient interior lighting for those on the outside to see the window as a guide to victorious living!*

*May those on the inside, in all kinds of weather, see a spirit and form reminding one of our saving faith in Jesus*

*Christ our Lord!*

*Let this Memorial be a doxology in time. AMEN"*

As this beautiful window has aged, just as we all do, repairs need to be made to keep it safe for the next 50 years or more. George Williams, supported by the Trustees and by your past monetary contributions, is organizing the repairs that will be done by a professional stained-glass company from Seattle. We are in need of another person to assist him. I am hoping that after reading this article and looking with fresh eyes at the window, someone will be inspired to step up to help George in this task.

We thank all who made this glorious gift to our church and our community. We honor them by continuing to enjoy its beauty and by maintaining it for future generations.



## TRINITY HIKING GROUP

By Nancy Stevens

**Spring** is here and we couldn't be happier! Our dear Hiking Group will be seven years old on April 7, 2024! It has been a fabulous ride - great adventures with an awesome group of people! We are all so blessed to share these experiences. During these seven years we have hiked more than 437 times and covered more than 1,912 miles! We have averaged 4.38 miles per hike - that average is getting a little smaller each year, just as we are getting a little older!

We would love to have you join us for some fresh air, exercise and fellowship! Our hikes vary from 3 to 5 miles and are on easy trails. We stay near Port Townsend most of the time - with a few trips to favorite trails around the area now and then. If you would like the opportunity to join us when you can, please send your contact information to Nancy Stevens at [nstevensnow@gmail.com](mailto:nstevensnow@gmail.com). Being on the email notification list does not obligate you to show up - rather, it enables you to stay informed and join us when it works for you.



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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Ron Portin ..... Organ Tech  
John Miller ..... Sound, Tech, Musician  
Devon Helman ..... Zoom Tech  
Matt Harter ..... Live Video Tech  
Ron Portin ..... Fold and collate bulletins  
Dan Purnell ..... Liturgist scheduling  
Kathy O'Shea ..... Sunday volunteer scheduling  
Marlene Colvin ..... Schedule, train money counters  
Bess Anne Corwith ..... Candles & paraments  
Vicki Long ..... Communion prep

### APRIL 7

Liturgist: Debra Olson  
Coffee: Ron Rivas  
Snacks: Ross Mayeda  
Fellowship Friends: Jennie Williams  
Money Counters: Melinda LaPlant and Sheila Burrell

### APRIL 14

Liturgist: Beth Kissinger  
Money Counters: Harvey Crow and Sally Helman

### APRIL 21

Liturgist: Sarah Heiner  
Coffee: Ron Rivas  
Fellowship Friends: Sarah Heiner  
Money Counters: Donna Purnell and Beth Kissinger

### APRIL 28

Liturgist: Jeff Corwith  
Money Counters: Donna Abbott and Marlene Colvin

## HANDY HELPER REPAIR MISSION



### Off to a Great Start!

**Jobs done so far:** replaced worn faucet, hauled yard debris, stacked wood, fence improvement

**Handy Helper**

## DON'T MISS OUT ON THE JOY OF SHARING WITH OTHERS

### Can you assist with:

Raking, hauling debris, stacking wood  
Small painting jobs  
Small plumbing repairs  
Simple carpentry jobs  
Changing light bulbs  
Setting up a computer or remote control  
changing smoke detector batteries

**Help through this project is available to our congregation and community. Spread the word!**

**Contact Ted Olson (360-344-2945) or Kevin O'Shea (203-733-1840)**

*' You pass this way but  
once. Any good you can  
do, do it now. '*



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## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BABY SHOWER!

April 21st we will be hosting a baby shower for our Foster family. The congregation is invited to be part of the celebration by providing gifts for the expected baby boy if you so choose. **Due to privacy issues of the Foster system it is a closed event** but we invite you to bring in wrapped gifts for the baby boy, to any of us listed below. Your participation in this way is much appreciated. Below are the items the family is requesting:

- Baby wipes
- Swaddles
- Baby food mill
- Onesies
- Sheets for mini-crib
- Reusable cloth diapers

This is a special family and we have all had the pleasure of helping them over the last several months!

Donna and Dan Purnell  
Chris Walvatne  
Sally Helman

Annalee McConnell  
Jan and Harvey Crow  
Kevin O'Shea

### TRINITY TIMES DEADLINE

Articles and photos need to be received by the office by **Tuesday, April 23** for our next publication. Please e-mail your items to the office at [trinityumc@olympus.net](mailto:trinityumc@olympus.net).



## *Annual Rummage Sale!*

Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29

Spring is here and it's time to clean your closets and basements of your unused items and WE want them. At the moment, we do not have storage space at the church.

### GOT PLANTS???

As your garden wakes up, consider splitting and potting your extras for our new GARDEN section at the Rummage Sale.

Check with Kathy (203-241-1510) if you must get your items out of your house now or if you have questions.



# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY











## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please** remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Juanita Campbell, Pinky Dale, David Engle, Steve Freeman, Ray Grier, Dee Hammonds, Jim, Clayton LaPlant, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, Soren, Maura Walsh's Mom and Stepdad, Pat & Clint Webb, and David Weeding.**

Please pray for healing and support for our Trinity family, friends, and family members.

Pray also for those who are lonely, grieving, in need, homeless or looking for work, and for peace in our world.

Also, remember in your prayers all those in the military, and pray for all in harm's way and their families, as well as those who have lost loved ones to war.

Please pray for those innocents who have died and those affected by war and violence throughout the world.



## April Celebrations!

### Birthdays

- 1 Katie Allen
- 8 Terry Reitz
- 11 Ron Rivas
- 11 Bess Anne Corwith
- 14 Clint Webb
- 15 Margaret Engle
- 15 Gail Jenkins
- 17 Juanita Campbell
- 19 Tony Brown
- 20 Avery (Becky) Helman
- 27 Dick Driver
- 27 Brian Hageman

### Anniversaries

- 2 Charlie and Sally Helman, 2005

## BIBLE READINGS

### 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35  
Ps 133 (UMH 850)  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

### 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12  
Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19  
Ps 4 (UMH 741)  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

### 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40  
Ps 22:25-31 (UMH 752)  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

April 2024

Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	2 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b> <b>7 Pub Theology (offsite)</b>	3 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 4:30 Wacky Wednesday <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	4	5	6	
7 <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	8 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	9 9-12 Office Open 10:30 Trustee Mtg <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>	10 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	11	12 11:30 UWF Luncheon	13
14 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>Blood Pressure Check</b>	15 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	16 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Finance Mtg</b> <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>	17 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	18 <b>6PM Tony Lu Concert</b>	19	20
21 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	22 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	23 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b> <b>Trinity Times Deadline</b>	24 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	25 <b>7PM CANDLELIGHT CONCERT</b> <i>Chris Gilbert</i> <i>Folk Songs from the British Isles</i>	26	27
28 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>Taco Sunday!</b> <b>AdBoard after worship in the Library</b>	29 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	30 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>	<b>United Women in Faith (UWF) LUNCHEONS</b> <b>Apr 12 @ Trinity</b> - Presentation: Trinity's Brian Hageman, Director of JC Parks and Fort Worden <b>May 10 Spring Fling @</b> Zoe Ann & Harry Dudley's home - (possible speaker TBD) <b>June 14 @ Trinity</b> - Presentation: Marine Science Center <b>July &amp; August</b> no meetings - Happy Summer!			

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*Pray for Love, Peace, Justice  
and Rebirth in the world.*

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