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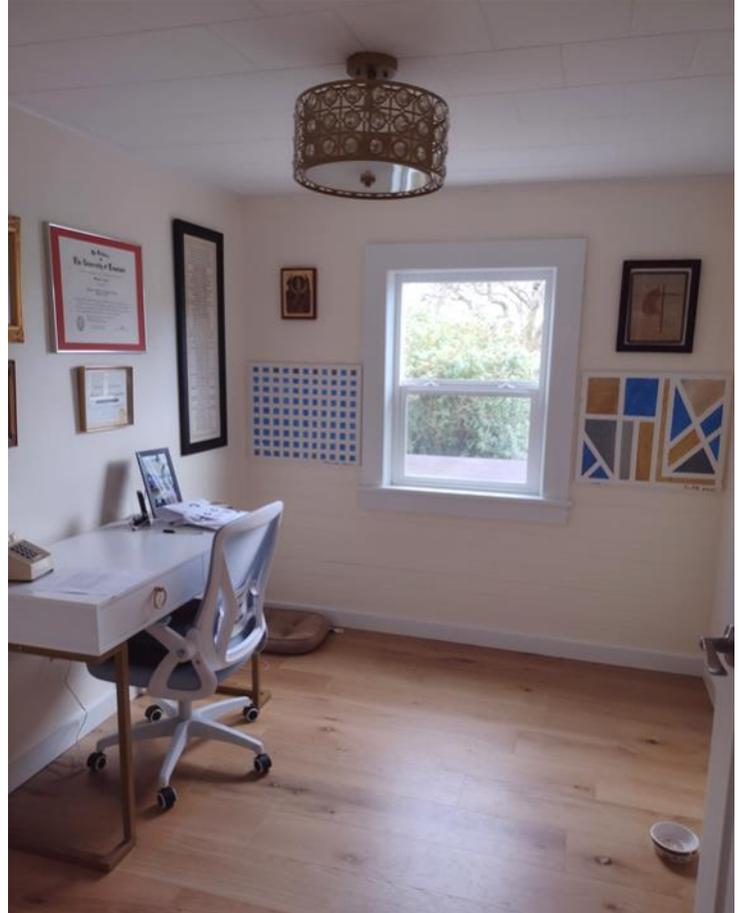
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## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW OFFICES!

Have you seen our new offices, yet? They're gorgeous!

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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*

Dear Church,

I recently sent an email out about a need for helpers on Sunday mornings to work with the children. If you were at church on March 30th you saw that we had 3 young children. As you probably are aware it can be difficult as a parent and even embarrassing to sit with young children during church. I know that our church doesn't mind children making noise during the worship service, but it can be uncomfortable for the family (especially if it's their first time attending). So, I'm asking us to step up and be prepared to offer something for young children on Sunday mornings when they attend.

A possible way to do this is to have people take one or two months a year. Our safe sanctuaries policy requires us to always have 2 adults present. So that this responsibility does not fall on a few people we will need a team to make this happen.

I so much appreciate Anita-Louise, Ross, Donna, and Brooke for helping me out with Wacky Wednesday. Because of their work we have witnessed our group grow in number and in spirit. It's not something I could have done on my own without them. Praise be to God that we have so many teens coming on Wednesday where they are loved and have found a safe place at a church (most for the first time in their lives ever stepping into the door of a church).

I know you as a church would like to see more young families. In order for this to happen we need you. Even if you don't feel you have the skills to lead, maybe you could be an assistant?

Additionally, Miriam told me yesterday "Daddy, I wonder if we had a part-time youth worker like at my other church I attend if that would attract young families with children". Years ago Trinity had a youth worker, but when we went through the church split over LGBTQ+ issues in 2018 we had to reduce our spending because we lost many who supported the church financially to make this possible. Maybe it's time for us as a church to begin that conversation. I see this as an investment in our church and in the future of young people. Just a thought for discussion :)

If we want young families we have to be prepared to make this a welcoming place for them. Would you consider being a part of that in some way?

In Christ,  
Pastor Tony ■





## TRUSTEES' UPDATE

By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

**Office and Apartment Remodel:** the office remodel is complete except for the tweaks that all projects have. We had amazing help with construction, wiring, painting, moving everything over and keeping us well fed and well "coffeed". All was completed in 2 1/2 months! And as always it was such a great bonding experience for all of us. The final cost for materials is \$8,500. We had a generous donation of \$1,500 to go towards the painting, reducing our cost to \$7,000. We do still need to buy blinds for all of the windows. The next project to convert the old office into a 1 bedroom rental will start in early April. The design portion is currently underway.

**Gardening:** We will be having our annual Spring Clean day soon, to remove evidence of winter storms and spruce up the yards and flower beds. (TBD)

We are also looking for people who like to garden on a small scale, but regularly. The idea is to have people take ownership of certain areas of the church grounds. We already have a couple of flower beds spoken for but there are more spots. We want this to be fun and not overwhelming. If interested, contact Mary Hedberg or Ted Olsen.

### Wish List:

Our TV in the Fellowship Hall died. It has been handy to have for presentations and we hope to replace it. If

anyone is upgrading their home TV and has a working TV, we would be interested. Please let any of the Trustees know.

We will need to get appliances for the new apartment: electric stove, microwave/hood, refrigerator, small stackable washer/dryer. Again, if anyone is upgrading their own appliances, we would love your old ones, if great condition. Please talk to Kevin O'Shea.

Our new conference room is larger than the old one so we can accommodate a larger table; this would allow us to offer this space to larger groups rather than the Fellowship Hall. If anyone has a table with several leaves, we would be interested. Again, contact any of the Trustees.

**Please Remember:** anyone can attend Trustees meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am. Meeting minutes are always posted in the Fellowship Hall or contact Kathy O'Shea for an electronic copy.

Thank you for your support,

*Your Trustees: George Williams, Bill Brock, Harvey Crow, Mary Hedberg, Maggie Hawley, Ted Olsen, and Kathy O'Shea ■*

## April Celebrations!

### APRIL 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

### APRIL Anniversaries

2 Charlie and Sally Helman, 2005



## TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Sarah Heiner, UWF President

**O**ur UWF gathering for March was attended by 10 members for lunch and a presentation by Sarah on how to stock a home first aid kit. In addition, the members reviewed and discussed the contents and usage of the emergency medical kit that UWF has provided for the church, located in the right-hand cabinet of the foyer sideboard. We discussed that our outstanding missed item is still an emergency wheelchair to be kept on the church's main level for use in case an attendee at a service or other event needs assistance not severe enough to call 911. Sarah has made a contact with ECCHO and is waiting for input from them about how much of a donation from UWF will be needed to obtain a gently used wheelchair.

In addition, there was a consensus from the members that a Hands-Only CPR class is the next step in emergency preparedness not just for UWF, but for the congregation in general. Sarah pointed out that there is an information card on the simple steps to take for CPR in the medical cabinet, provided by Shirley Williams, RN. Sarah will bring up the idea of a church-wide educational session on this with Church Council.

Zoe Ann, our treasurer reported a balance of \$589 in the UWF checking account, with plans for at least one more donation still pending in April.

Debra, our VP, updated us on upcoming sessions. April

is our planned field trip, sponsored by Brian Hagemann in his job for the WA State Parks, to the Rothschild House. A vote was taken and the decision made to push our April meeting back a week to **Friday, April 18th**, as the Rothschild House Museum will not be open yet for the season on the 11th. We are scheduled to carpool to Terry and Mark Reitz's home in Quilcene in May for our Spring luncheon on May 9th.

Kathy O'Shea spoke with the members about an idea to hold a spaghetti dinner sometime this year in support of Ukraine or other causes that have been severely affected by our new federal administration. A lively discussion ensued. This will be pursued further on a general church level.

Finally, Sarah advised the group that, as of March, no one has volunteered to be considered for either the President or Vice-Presidential spots in UWF that will be vacant as of September. After a heartfelt discussion by several members, it was concluded that each member would pray about whether they wish UWF to continue in its current monthly status, less often, or be placed on indefinite hiatus. If the latter, Zoe Ann pointed out that the checking account balance in September should be closed out and donated as the members see fit. This subject will be discussed again in May at our luncheon at Terry's.

Moving forward into Lent with reverence. ■



# THE PROPHET: ON DEATH

by Kahlil Gibran

Then Almitra spoke, saying, We would ask now of Death.

And he said:

You would know the secret of death.

But how shall you find it unless you seek it in the heart of life?

The owl whose night-bound eyes are blind unto the day cannot unveil the mystery of light.

If you would indeed behold the spirit of death, open your heart wide unto the body of life.

For life and death are one, even as the river and the sea are one.

In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowledge of the beyond;

And like seeds dreaming beneath the snow your heart dreams of spring.

Trust the dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity.

Your fear of death is but the trembling of the shepherd when he stands before the king whose hand is to be laid upon him in honour.

Is the shepherd not joyful beneath his trembling, that he shall wear the mark of the king?

Yet is he not more mindful of his trembling?

For what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun?

And what is it to cease breathing but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?

Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing.

And when you have reached the mountain top, then you shall begin to climb.

And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance.

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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

Marlene Colvin..... Schedule, train money counters

Debra Olson ..... Communion Steward

### APRIL 6

Liturgist: Miriam Brown

Greeter: Sheila Burrell

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Harvey Crow  
and Melinda LaPlant

### APRIL 13

Liturgist: Ron Portin

Greeter: Vicki Long

Coffee: Marlene Colvin

Money Counters: Sally Helman  
and Sheila Burrell

### APRIL 20 - EASTER

Liturgist: Dan Purnell

Flowers: Marlene Colvin

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Donna Purnell  
and Beth Kissinger

### APRIL 27

Liturgist: Vicki Long

Coffee: Marlene Colvin

Money Counters: Donna Abbott  
and Marlene Colvin



## TRINITY RACIAL JUSTICE NEWS

By Margaret Engle

**During** this challenging time in our country, check out the information below about justice opportunities:

The Jefferson Interfaith Action Coalition Sanctuary Network (JIAC/SN) meets in April on Tuesdays, 12:15-1:15, at First Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

1) Saturday, April 5 from 1-2 PM, East Sims Way at Jefferson Street is "The Hands OFF! National Day of Action - Port Townsend Fights Back" demonstration. This national mobilization day is a message to the world that many do not consent to the destruction of our government and our economy to benefit billionaires. A core principle behind all Hands Off! Events is a commitment to nonviolent action and the expectation that all participants seek to de-

-escalate any potential confrontations with those who disagree with this action.

2) I attended the Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA), "Train the Trainer Know Your Rights" program designed for congregations who want to know the laws about ICE and Border Patrol and to be ready to help undocumented immigrants. Please let Margaret Engle know if you are interested in learning more.

3) Finally, please consider reading this recent Atlantic article, 'America is Watching the Rise of a Dual State.' <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2025/05/trump-executive-order-lawlessness-constitutional-crisis/682112> ■

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## TRINITY HIKING GROUP

By Nancy Stevens

**Happy** Spring to all of you! What crazy weather we have had lately - cooler and damper than we like for enjoying the trails - and it has made it more challenging to pick good days for our hikes. Yet we all agree that it is important to get outside to enjoy the beautiful scenery of our precious corner of the world as much as possible! We love the fresh air, exercise, and fellowship - and we welcome anyone who would like to join us, including your friends and neighbors! If you or someone you know would like to be on the notification list for future hikes, please email Nancy Stevens at [nstevensnow@gmail.com](mailto:nstevensnow@gmail.com).

Our hikes are 3-5 miles in length and we stick to easier trails. Most of the hikes are in the Port Townsend area. When we travel a bit further for some favorite trails, we carpool and pack a lunch to enjoy. Being on the list does not obligate someone to show up, but it does give them an opportunity to join us when they can.

By the time you read this, we will be approaching our 8th anniversary of this hiking group! Our first hike was April 7, 2017 - wow! We have walked lots of miles, on a variety of trails, with an ever evolving group of people, and we feel so blessed to be able to continue doing what we love! ■



## HANDY HELPER REPAIR MISSION

Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey of areas of interest.

We had 24 people respond!

### Do you need help?

- Yard Work
- Computer/Electronics
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Carpentry
- Emergencies
- Painting
- Sewing
- Driving
- Eldercare

### Do you want to help?

- Visitation
- Housekeeping
- Phone (appts, Checking in, etc.)
- Small Handyman items
- Cooking
- Childcare



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

**Contact Ted Olson (360-344-2945) or Kevin O'Shea (203-917-0258)**



## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, April 24, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Michelle Huang

## Classical Connections

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Michelle Huang, a concert pianist from Seattle, who will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, April 24, 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 of \$15 per person. You are most welcome to attend whether you choose to donate or not. Half the proceeds will go to JCIRA (Jefferson County Immigrants' Rights Advocates) who "support the rights of immigrants and their families, giving priority to those who live or work on the Olympic Peninsula and immigrant detainees within Washington State, through access to legal services, standing witness, family support, community education and advocacy."

The program Huang will be presenting at the Candlelight concert is one that really speaks to her. The idea of connecting the past to the present, that the living composers are often influenced in some ways by masters from the past. This concert will present three sets of composers. Impressionist composer Claude Debussy and contemporary Australian composer Natalie Williams, Romantic pinnacle Johannes Brahms and American composer Missy Mazzoli, and Ragtime giant William Bolcom and one of his students and a professor of composition at the University of Colorado, Carter Pann. These three sets of pieces are without a doubt, connected to one another through rhythms, harmonies,

styles, and musical languages. Audiences are invited to hear the newly composed pieces through the lens of the old masters.

A native of Taiwan, Huang enjoys a rewarding career as a dynamic soloist and chamber musician. She is equally at home

performing music ranging from the esteemed masters to the novel voices. Since moving to Seattle in 2021, she has collaborated with musicians from the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Philharmonic, and Seattle Pro Musica to curate and present innovative programs. She is happiest when playing concerts that allow her to storytell, to make connections, and to create an expansive and imaginative listening experience for the audience.

She has appeared as a guest artist across the continents, giving concerts, lectures, workshops, and master classes. As a devoted educator, she held teaching positions at Lincoln Memorial University, Edward Waters College, and Virginia Commonwealth University. In addition to collegiate teaching, she maintains a vibrant private teaching studio in Seattle, where she works with



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## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

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Thursday, April 24

**Michelle Huang**  
Classical Pianist

Thursday, May 22

**Vesper Trio**  
Classical Music Trio

Thursday, June 26

**Lino Rivera**  
Classical Piano and More  
*Back by popular demand!*

Thursday, July 24

**John Miller**  
Folk Guitar

Thursday, August 28

**Terry Reitz**  
Organ

**Our Candlelight Concerts  
have raised donations for  
these charities:**

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

## RUMMAGE SALE

Put **August 22 & 23**  
in your calendars  
for our next  
Rummage Sale!  
Contact Jennie  
Williams if you  
have questions.

More info coming  
soon.



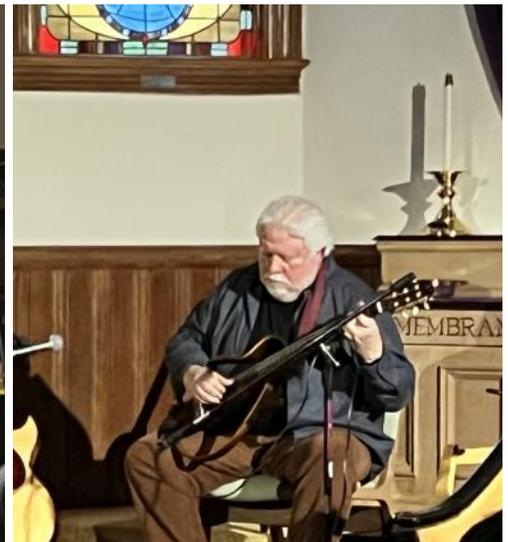
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a group of piano students  
with immense talent.

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. ■



February Candlelight Concert with  
Tony Lu



March Candlelight Concert with  
Joe Euro

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER GARDEN

Our Prayer Garden could use a few more plants. Do you have someone you wish to remember? Plant a plant in their memory. If you wish to do this, contact Marlene first.

Remember - the garden is mostly shade. It gets little sun. Buy a plant that is perennial (one that comes back every year). Color does not matter.

### EASTER SEASON

April 13 - Palm Sunday Service

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6PM

April 20 - Easter Sunday:

- 6AM Sunrise Service **behind Maritime Center** (downtown)
- Pancake Breakfast at Trinity, after Sunrise Service
- Easter Service, 10 AM - remember to bring noise makers and fresh cut flowers!

### TRINITY TIMES

Articles and photos need to be received in the office by **Tuesday, April 22** for our next publication. Please e-mail your items to the office at [trinityumc@olympus.net](mailto:trinityumc@olympus.net). Thanks!

### DEAR CHURCH

In an effort to shorten our announcement time and keep our focus on worshipping God on Sundays, only announcements pertaining to Trinity UMC and our church activities/ministries should be announced on Sunday mornings. Some Sundays our announcements have lasted for as long as 15 minutes. If you have an announcement that you want to share with the church that **does not pertain to Trinity UMC and our church activities/ministries** then please send your information to Lynn for approval by me and we will include them in the newsletter and weekly email updates.

Also, please remember that the prayer time for joys and concerns need to be kept to personal prayer concerns. For example, a prayer might be "please keep my cousin in your prayers as she's going through a difficult time". A joy might be "I want to thank God for the news of a new grandchild on the way". Something that would not be appropriate would be "I want to celebrate that we have a new Mayor that is so much better than the last one" or "I want to ask for prayers for a new piece of legislation concerning frogs to get passed" :)

If you have any questions about the new announcement procedures, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Tony*

## BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, April 6  
5th Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 13  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Luke 19:28-40

Thursday, April 17  
Maundy Thursday  
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 18  
Good Friday  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

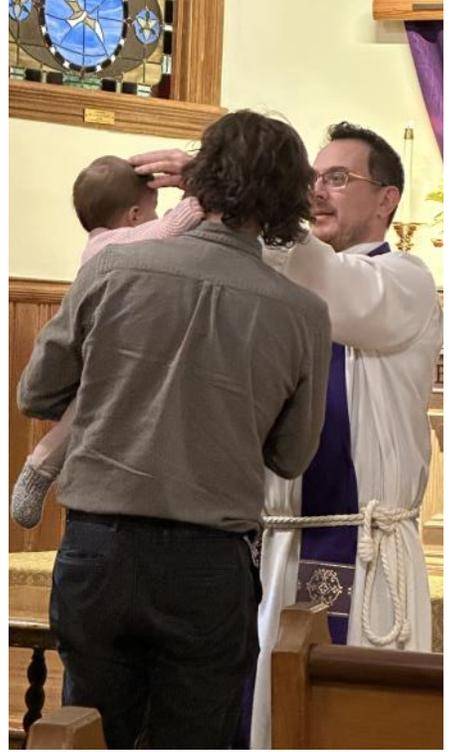
Sunday, April 20  
Easter Sunday  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 27  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
Psalm 118:14-29

Acts 5:27-32  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY





## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please** remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Juanita Campbell, Emmett Engle, Steve**

**Freeman, Ray Grier, Dee Hammonds, Jim** (family friend of Paul McDevitt), **Clayton LaPlant, Roland & Fred Lesta, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Mark Reitz, Lisa Reynolds, Ron Stowell, Lisa Verschueren, Maura Walsh's Mom and Stepdad, and Pat & Clint Webb.**

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. ■

Trinity Event Calendar

April 2025

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|---|--------|----------|
| 6   | 7<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>12 Bible Study</b><br><b>1 Member Care Mtg</b> | 8<br>9-12 Office Open<br>10 Trustee Mtg<br><b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>                 | 9<br>9-12 Office Open<br>9 Work Wednesday<br>9:30 Clean Team & Coffee<br>11:30 Souper Wednesday<br><b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b><br><b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>  | 10<br>9-12 Office Open<br>9 Work Wednesday<br>9:30 Clean Team & Coffee<br>11:30 Souper Wednesday<br><b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b><br><b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>   | 11     | 12       |
| 13<br>10 Worship Service<br>11 Coffee & Fellowship  | 14<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>12 Bible Study</b>                            | 15<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>                                  | 16<br>9-12 Office Open<br>9 Work Wednesday<br>9:30 Clean Team & Coffee<br>11:30 Souper Wednesday<br><b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b><br><b>5:30 Bell Choir</b> | 17<br><b>6pm Maundy Thursday Service 11:30 UWF Luncheon</b>   | 18     | 19       |
| 20<br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br><b>6am Sunrise Service behind Maritime Center</b><br><b>Pancake breakfast @ Trinity</b><br>10 Worship Service<br>11 Coffee & Fellowship | 21<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>12 Bible Study</b>                            | 22<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>5:30 Voice Choir</b><br><b>Trinity Times Deadline</b> | 23<br>9-12 Office Open<br>9 Work Wednesday<br>9:30 Clean Team & Coffee<br>11:30 Souper Wednesday<br><b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b><br><b>5:30 Bell Choir</b> | 24<br><b>7PM CANDLELIGHT CONCERT</b><br><i>Michelle Huang</i><br><i>Classical Piano</i>   | 25     | 26       |
| 27<br>10 Worship Service<br>11 Coffee & Fellowship<br><b>11:15 Church Council Mtg</b><br><b>Taco Bar Sunday!</b>  | 28<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>12 Bible Study</b>                            | 29<br>9-12 Office Open<br><b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>                                  | 30<br>9-12 Office Open<br>9 Work Wednesday<br>9:30 Clean Team & Coffee<br>11:30 Souper Wednesday<br><b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b><br><b>5:30 Bell Choir</b> | <p>For <b>Souper Wednesday Book Study</b>, follow Pastor Tony's emails which will keep you up on dates and books.</p> <p><b>Contact Pastor Tony before attending your first Bible Study or Pub Theology</b>, to make sure it has not been canceled due to illness, weather, etc. (<i>We do not usually meet on holidays.</i>) <b>This is good to do before going to ANY recurring event for the first time.</b></p> |        |          |

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

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