



# The Trinity Times



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## SPOTLIGHT ON THANKSGIVING DINNER

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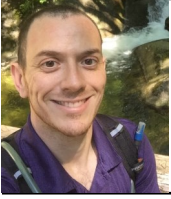


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*The mission of the Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming ministry to all persons equally; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.*



## PASTOR'S LOG

By Pastor Tony Brown

**When** we were in TN recently for Thanksgiving we drove past the exit for The Virgin Pocket Wilderness near Crossville and I told Miriam and Lydia how amazing it was (we didn't have enough time to do the hike). The Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness area south west of Crossville is hands down one of my favorite hikes in East Tennessee. It is an 8 mile hike that descends hundreds of feet passing 4 waterfalls along the way. This picture is of the largest of the falls: Virgin Falls, which is 110 feet tall. While they are big waterfalls, the most amazing thing about these four waterfalls is that they all spill into sink holes into the earth and eventually reemerge combining all together into the Caney Fork River. On the hike you will find yourself strolling along a fast moving stream when all of the sudden it falls over the edge of a cliff and disappears into the earth, not to be seen again until it flows out of the ground into the river. It is an incredible jewel of a place with extremely rare geological features.



I like the fact that these four waterfalls are all visible individually and then disappear for awhile only to find their fulfillment together in the one river. Big Laurel Falls, Sheep Falls, Big Branch Falls, and Virgin Falls all are unique and beautiful on their own, but so powerful and life giving when they come together.

This reminds me of the Advent season and our tradition of lighting the four candles each Sunday. Each week we witness the lighting of a new candle, and take a moment to pause and reflect on the mystery and truth of what each one of those candles represent; Dec

1st—Hope, Dec. 8th—Peace, Dec. 15th—Joy, and Dec. 22nd—Love. And, each week we see those candles go out, only to reemerge all together on Christmas Eve forming the completed circle encompassing the one Christ candle that is lit. Hope, joy, love, and peace, all find their completion and fulfillment when they reemerge on Christmas Eve through the lighting of the Christ Candle, and the recognition that all have come together in this one person, Jesus Christ.

That is what the line means in the song O Little Town of Bethlehem when we sing, "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight." In Christ, we find the completed work of God. Christ is the fulfillment of God's work, and is the reason for our hope, peace, joy, and love. When we jump into that mighty river, being baptized in the Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ, we wade in the culmination of those four candles and their symbolism. We experience the completion of what the ancients expected and prayed for centuries; the coming reign of Jesus Christ, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

On Christmas Eve we will gather together at 6pm to light the final candle, the Christ candle. All the other candles point the way to the culmination of our advent season, but on Christmas Eve we will light the final candle. Together we will stand in awe of the mystery of the divine attributes of God being poured fully into the one person of Jesus Christ. A baby in a manger. We hope you will join us!

In Christ,  
Pastor Tony



## Trinity Christmas Concert

Diane and Terry are putting together a Christmas Concert for **Sunday, December 22, at 7pm.**

There will be organ solos, organ-piano duet, vocal and bell choir music, a reading of "Twas The Night Before Christmas" and singing (with the audience) of Christmas carols.



## United Women in Faith Christmas

Our December Christmas potluck and sing-a-long is coming up on **December 13th from 11:30 to 2pm.**

A food sign-up sheet is on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be joined by UWF members from Port Angeles and Coupeville.



## In-House Bazaar

The gift baskets we asked you to make are packed full and varied, "dressed in bows" and ready for sale, along with aprons, reusable fabric gift bags, flannel pillow cases, some handmade cards, Dick and Jackie Drivers' hand made jewelry and cards, and a few other handmade bits to choose from!

The items will be set up after church on Sundays, for Candle Light Concert, and UWF luncheon all during December for your convenience. Don't wait too long however, or what you are thinking about may be finding a home under someone else's Christmas tree!

So bring your gift/wish list, and wallet (cash or checks only this time) and have fun shopping!



## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, December 19, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Toot Sweet *Winter Serenade*

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Toot Sweet, a local clarinet quartet, who will be performing on **Thursday, December 19, at 7:00 PM** for one set with no intermission.

The performance will also be streamed live at <https://trinityumcpt.org/concerts/> 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 is free, with a suggested donation of \$15 per person. Half of the proceeds from this concert will go towards Habitat for Humanity, East Jefferson County. Habitat's mission is "Seeking to put God's love into action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

The program theme for this concert is "Winter Serenade", featuring holiday music in various musical styles. During the evening you'll learn about the music, the composers and the instruments. There will also be a sing-along segment to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

Toot Sweet's members are Vicky Blakesley, Mark Holman, Jan Proebstel and Nancy Peterson. All of these wonderful musicians have played the clarinet since they were young, and Holman and Peterson have been



involved in music professionally. The Toot Sweet quartet members perform in other local groups as well, including the Port Townsend Summer Band, Sequim Band, Port Townsend Orchestra, the Port Angeles Symphony, and Poulsbo Community Orchestra.

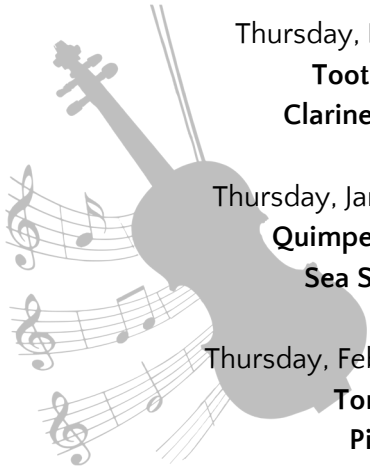
Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 609 Taylor Street, across from the Community Center, in Uptown. Attendees should plan on arriving early – doors will open at 6:30.

Please join us for a fun and enjoyable evening of music by Toot Sweet!

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## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

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Thursday, December 19

**Toot Sweet**  
**Clarinet Quintet**

Thursday, January 23, 2025

**Quimper's Watch**  
**Sea Shanties**

Thursday, February 27, 2025

**Tony Lu**  
**Piano**

Thursday, March 27, 2025

**Mike & Val James**  
**American Songs from the 40s to the 80s**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

**Michelle Huang**  
**Classical Pianist**

**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

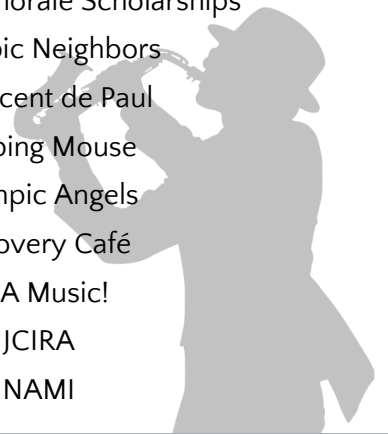
Olympic Angels

Recovery Café

YEA Music!

JCIRA

NAMI



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Last Month's  
Concert  
*with*  
Tom Melancon





## TRUSTEES' UPDATE

By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

I am sure that you have noticed that one of our stained-glass windows is missing. This is a good thing. Under the supervision of George Williams, Dahl Glass removed the Benson Short Memorial window, crated it and took it to the studio of Seabeckian Glass Works. The window had sagged, most likely due to the earthquake that affected the Bell Tower. Seabeckian glass will be working to repair the braces and solder where needed as well as repair a couple of cracked panes. No date on its return, but the reports are that all is going very well.

The second thing that you may have noticed is that we are missing one of our chandeliers. This is not a good thing. When a local electrical company was doing work to investigate why no power was getting to the fixture, the glass dome was dropped. We are reaching out to as many antique lighting companies as we can find to look for a replacement dome. No luck so far. We apologize for the lack of light on that side of the sanctuary.

The third item is the elevator. We are awaiting a new circuit board. Unfortunately, we do not have an estimated time of delivery. Hopefully, we will have a Christmas Elevator Miracle.



## YOUR PHONE AS A VALUABLE TOOL FOR YOUR SAFETY!

By Shirley Williams

At any time, you could fall, have an accident or a health care incident. It would be helpful for those who want to help you, to have access to your health information. For example, the medications you are on, major health issues, such as having diabetes, seizure disorder, allergies, cardiac issues, etc.

Many of us carry "smart phones" that can provide that information to others without knowing your password to it. But first you need to add that data to your phone. First, collect the information on a work sheet, the names of your medication, the health issues that would need immediate attention, and your contact persons. Once you have all that information, then you can start putting it on your phone. The following document may help you get started.

Adding Emergency Information to your **iPhone** lock screen:

- 1) On the main screen, tap the health icon (little red heart). Then tap your picture (initials) in the upper right corner. At that screen, tap Medical ID.

- 2) Enter any information or edit any information you want to be available to emergency responders, such as current medications, emergency contacts, location of advanced directive or living will. Be sure to indicate on that screen to share on emergency calls and lock screen.

Adding emergency information to your **Android** Phone:

- 1) Go to lock screen, look for "emergency" then "view Emergency info".
- 2) Fill in the emergency information, then add "emergency contact" on lock screen.

**Doesn't apply to your phone?** Lock your phone and swipe up to bring up the prompt for your unlock method. Tap on the Emergency or Emergency Call Button. Swiping and tapping the button is how Responders can view your information.

# More Thanksgiving photos

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS KAY HARRIS  
& REBECCA GLERUM!





## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please** remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Juanita Campbell, Steve Freeman, Ray Grier, Dee Hammonds, Jim** (family friend of Paul McDevitt), **Clayton LaPlant, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, Soren, Carolyn & Randy Stillwell, Ron Stowell, Lynne Stryker, 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.

## BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, December 8  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Malachi 3:1-4  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 1:68-79  
Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 15  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

Sunday, December 22  
4th Sunday of Advent  
Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55

Tuesday, December 24  
Christmas Eve  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 29  
1st Sunday after Christmas  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:15-21

Sunday, January 5  
2nd Sunday after Christmas/  
Epiphany  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 12  
1st Sunday after the Epiphany  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 19  
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 26  
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21



## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### *Christmas Season at Trinity*

**United Women in Faith  
Christmas Luncheon**  
Friday, December 13, 11:30AM

**Candlelight Concert – Toot Sweet**  
Thursday, December 19, 7PM

**Trinity Christmas Concert**  
Sunday, December 22, 7PM

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
December 24, 6PM

**In-House Church Bazaar**  
*After Sunday worship,  
Candlelight Concert,  
and United Women in Faith  
Luncheon*

### TRINITY TIMES

Reminder that we do not publish a January newsletter, so the next deadline to get articles and photos to the office is **January 21**. [trinityumc@olympus.net](mailto:trinityumc@olympus.net). Thanks!

### YEAR-END DONATIONS

**For your donation to count as a contribution for this year, please note these delivery dates:**

- **In Person** – Physically received by the church by Dec. 31
- **US Postal Service** – Postmarked by Dec. 31
- **Credit Card** – Approved by the credit card issuer by Dec. 31
- **If you post-date a check for next year**, please write a note on a post-it and attach to your check, or put it in an envelope with a note – otherwise the money counters **will** deposit it that day.

**Please start your process with enough time for late mail, computer glitches, snow days, etc. Thanks!**

If you have questions, please contact the office.



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

There will be no **Ad Council meeting** in December.

There will be no **Bible Study** December 23 & 30.

**The office will be closed** December 30 – January 3.

**Souper Wednesday** will not meet December 25 & January 1.

**Voice and Bell Choirs** will not meet Dec 24 – January 1. We will resume on January 7 & 8.

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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

### DECEMBER 1

Liturgist: Kelly von Volkli  
Coffee: Ron Rivas  
Money Counters: Melinda  
LaPlant and Marlene Colvin

### DECEMBER 8

Liturgist: Kevin O'Shea  
Greeter: Vicki Long  
Money Counters: Sally Helman  
and Harvey Crow

### DECEMBER 15

Liturgist: Vicki Long  
Coffee: Ron Rivas  
Money Counters: Donna Purnell  
and Beth Kissinger

### DECEMBER 22

Liturgist: Dan Purnell  
Money Counters: Sheila Burrell  
and Marlene Colvin

### DECEMBER 29

Liturgist: Ron Portin  
Coffee: Ron Rivas  
Money Counters: Donna Abbott  
and Marlene Colvin

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## HANDY HELPER REPAIR MISSION

### Off to a Great Start!

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

### 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)**

*Marlene submitted this quote:*

**If there had been 3 wise women instead of 3 wise men, those wise women would have:**

- Asked directions
- Arrived on time
- Helped deliver the baby
- Cleaned the stables
- Made a casserole
- Brought practical gifts

And there would be

*Peace on Earth*



## *December & January Celebrations!*

### **DECEMBER Birthdays**

- 6 Dan Purnell
- 7 Jill Buhler
- 12 Lorraine Newman
- 16 Ruth Kohl
- 17 Don Campbell
- 18 Scott Hill
- 18 Charlie Telling
- 21 Maya Boyle
- 22 Pat Webb
- 28 Bill Colson

### **DECEMBER Anniversaries**

- 4 Nancy and Alan Stevens
- 14 Bill and Cathy Colson

18 Ted and Sharon Wimer, 1965

20 Brian and Brandi Hageman

### **JANUARY Birthdays**

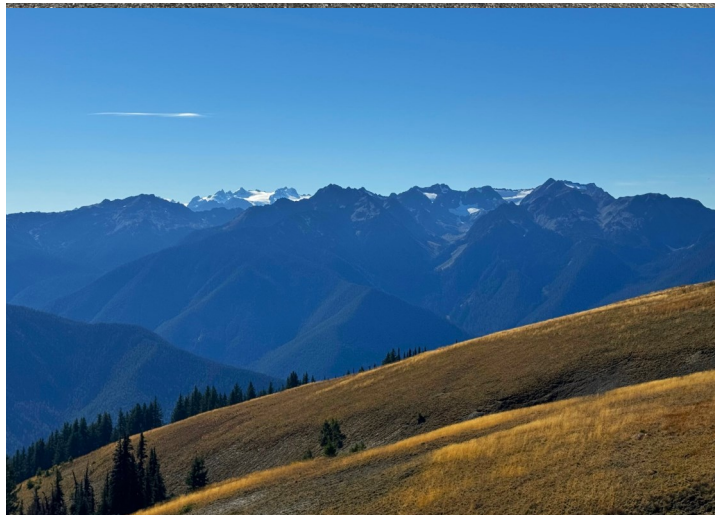
- 1 Will Kenney
- 16 Alan Stevens
- 21 Jeff Krida
- 21 Mary Weeding
- 24 Eli Allen
- 26 Ciara Abbott
- 30 Benni Rogge
- 31 Lynn Zephyryna

### **JANUARY Anniversaries**

- 2 Tony Brown and Eric Incoy

# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY








# December 2024

# Trinity Event Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<b>Food Bank Sunday</b> 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	2 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b> <b>1 Member Care Mtg</b>	3 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b> <b>7 Pub Theology (offsite)</b>	4 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	5	6	7
8	10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <i>no Kitchen Mtg</i>	9 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	10 9-12 Office Open 10 Trustee Mtg <b>12 Finance Mtg</b> <b>5-6 Voice Choir</b> <b>6 Vocal Choir Potluck</b>	11 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	12	13 <b>11:30 UWF Special Christmas Luncheon &amp; Sing-a-long</b>	14 <b>3 Wild Rose Chorale Concert with Trinity Bell Choir</b>
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22	10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>7 Trinity Christmas Concert!</b>	23 9-12 Office Open <i>no Bible Study</i>	24 9-12 Office Open	25 	26	27	28
29	10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>Taco Bar Sunday!</b>	30 <i>office closed till Jan 6</i> <i>no Bible Study</i>	31 <i>office closed till Jan 6</i>	<b>Bible Study resumes January 6</b> <b>Voice and Bell Choirs resume rehearsals on January 7 &amp; 8</b> <b>Next Church Council Meeting is Sunday, January 26 at 11:15</b>			

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

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