



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NATIVITY SET

By Kathy O'Shea

Have you ever wondered who made this beautiful Nativity Set that we use every Christmas? Well, I did. With a little research I found that this is the creation of Mary Louise Krida, mother of Jeff Krida.

This is the story according to Jeff: *"My mom was very involved with our local Temple Lutheran Church in Philadelphia where I grew up, and the pastor's son there was my best friend all through high school. My Mom did everything at Temple Lutheran Church and made several holiday decoration scenes for the chancel. This Christmas one was her favorite and was used at Christmas time at the church from about 1961 until about 1970 when we moved to Washington, DC, and then was used in the Methodist Church in Silver Spring, MD, for another decade.*

All parts were of her own design and made by hand. It always seemed to give her as much joy every year as it did to the members of our churches. I am so happy that is still bringing joy to everyone at Trinity today. I am sure



she will be looking down from Heaven again this year and loving seeing them by the Trinity altar".

We are very blessed that this lovely Nativity has been a part of our tradition since the Kridas relocated to Port Townsend. Thank you Mary Louise!

(See close-ups on page 2)

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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

Lent begins this year on Valentine's Day. We will start this journey together at the **Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 6pm** as we usually do with the receiving of ashes on our foreheads in the sign of the cross. I hope you will try and make it out to this service.

So, what exactly is Lent? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up

something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

I'd encourage you to sign up to receive daily Lenten devotions delivered to your email from the following website: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/email/>

If you'd rather receive a printed copy of these devotions I do have about 20 of them printed. We will also be using these devotions during our **Lenten Souper Wednesday meetings beginning on February 21st**. I hope your Lenten season is a meaningful one as we prepare for Easter Sunday!

In Christ,
Pastor Tony



Close-up photos of our Nativity Set, from page 1



TRINITY RACIAL JUSTICE NEWS

By Margaret Engle

In all cases, please remember that “Justice takes Courage.” It’s not just the courage to participate in action, as did those marchers and bus riders of the past, but it is the courage today, to stay engaged, to continue to read and discuss issues, and to counter and respond to derogatory jokes and comments. It also takes much courage to “Do the Work”, to be reflective and consider how to respond to “unwanted thoughts and images” that flutter up in one’s mind.

For those interested in excellent investigative journalism, consider borrowing from our Faith, Peace, and Justice Library, “Investigative Reporting Hate and Extremism in 2023” published by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Whether you choose to read, “A Portrait in Faith and Resilience: Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church,” “Antisemitism: An Engine for anti-Black Racism” or one of the other 5 short articles, you will find informative content and excellent conversation starters.

Please remember, if it is a magazine, simply borrow and return. If it is a book or video, write your name and phone number on the card and place the card in the basket. There is no set return date. Thank you for using our library.

Please join United Women in Faith across the US and support two important justice bills. First, Lift Your Voice to End Corporal Punishment in Schools. Follow the link to send an email to officials with one click. <https://p2a.co/vUKRTtL> United Women in Faith knows that corporal punishment affects too often Black and Indigenous students. Please also support The Ending PUSHOUT Act of 2023 to address discriminatory and punitive discipline policies that criminalize and push out Black girls and other girls of color out of school. Send an email with one click. <https://p2a.co/5rHY0nq>

Thank you!

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Ron Portin.....Organ Tech
 John Miller Sound, Tech, Musician
 Devon Helman..... Zoom Tech
 Matt Harter..... Live Video Tech
 Ron Portin and Melinda LaPlant.... Fold and collate bulletins
 Dan Purnell..... Liturgist scheduling
 Kathy O'SheaSunday volunteer scheduling
 Marlene Colvin Money Counter scheduling, training, etc.
 Bess Anne CorwithCandles & paraments
 Vicki Long..... Communion prep

FEBRUARY 4

Liturgist: Dan Purnell
 Greeter: Sheila Burrell
 Money Counters: Sheila Burrell and Melinda LaPlant

FEBRUARY 11

Liturgist: Vicki Long
 Money Counters: Sally Helman and Chris Walvatne

FEBRUARY 18

Liturgist: Kelly von Volkli
 Money Counters: Donna Purnell and Beth Kissinger

FEBRUARY 25

Liturgist: Debra Olson
 Money Counters: Marlene Colvin



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, February 22, 7:00 PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Michael Carroll

An Evening of Classical Piano

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Michael Carroll, a classical pianist, who will be performing at the Candlelight Concert series at Trinity United Methodist Church on **Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM** for one set with no intermission. This will be a live concert with doors opening at 6:30 PM.

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 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. Half of the proceeds from this concert will go to Carroll's chosen charity, [Jefferson County Foodbanks](https://www.jeffersoncountyfoodbanks.org/), whose mission is to serve county residents by providing food to those in need in an equitable manner, while maintaining an attitude and atmosphere that recognizes the dignity of each individual.

Carroll's concert program will include musical selections from some of the classical greats: Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Chopin. According to Carroll. "I

tried to decide if there was a theme that would suggest why these composers go together, but I couldn't except for the fact that they are all among the best piano pieces of their respective composers."



Pianist Michael Carroll began piano study at age eight and studied with several teachers, most notably Robert Van Meter at Clarion State College in Pennsylvania. Since moving to Seattle in 1990, he has played numerous recitals and chamber music performances and has soloed in concertos by Haydn, Mozart, Poulenc, Bartok and Grieg. An experienced choral and vocal accompanist, he has performed with many Seattle area ensembles and soloists and for ten years was the staff pianist and program annotator for Seattle's Thalia Symphony Orchestra. He is currently co-

director of the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series. He lives and teaches in Port Ludlow.

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.



Our Christmas Candlelight Concert with so many of YOU performing was a fantastic success!

January's Concert with Mike & Val James



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

Thursday, February 22

Michael Carroll
Classical Pianist

Thursday, March 28

David Michael
Classical Harp

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.

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!

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TRINITY HIKING GROUP

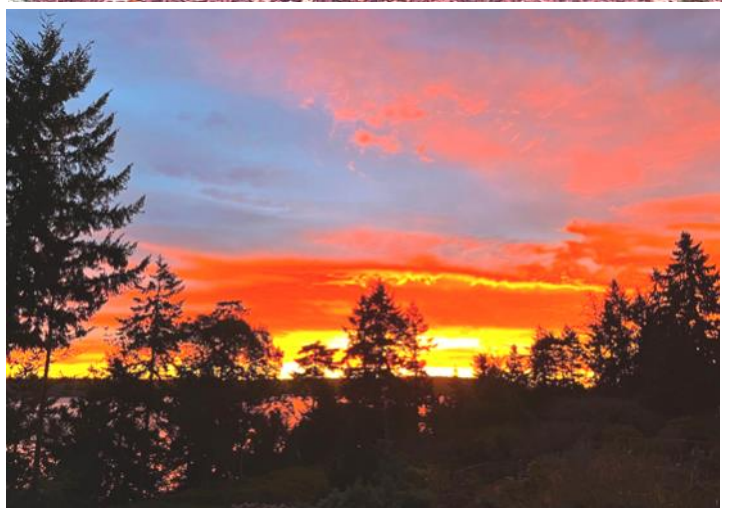
By Nancy Stevens

Greetings to all Nature Lovers!

Though our hiking schedule for 2023 was interrupted by injuries, travels and weather, we did manage to complete 52 hikes, walking 214 miles - that gives us an average distance of 4.1 miles per hike! Not bad!!

We are hoping to have a more active year in 2024. We need a little help from the weather so we can get out more regularly. At this time we are taking advantage of dry and above-freezing days to enjoy some fresh PNW air and get some exercise! The real bonus is the fellowship of sharing the trails with our warm and welcoming group!

If you are interested in being on the email notification list for hikes and/or want to receive emails sharing some photos from our outings, please send your name and email address to Nancy Stevens at nstevensnow@gmail.com. Being on the email list does not obligate you to show up - it merely gives you the opportunity to do so when you can. Most of the hikes are in or only a short distance from Port Townsend. When we venture further away, we try to carpool. The hikes are generally between 3 and 4.5 miles and on relatively flat terrain. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Stevens.





TRUSTEES' UPDATE

By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

Happy 2024 to you all! We have been busy making plans for the new year, and I want to share with you our 3 big projects and how you can help.

Exterior Painting

As soon as the rainy season is over, we plan to do as much exterior painting as possible. We will focus on the Clay Street side of the building and the old entry. We plan to have scaffolding and perhaps a lift to get to the high places that are in need of a lot of love (and scraping and priming and painting!).

Kitchen Flooring and Island

We have a dedicated group of folks that are working on selecting an appropriate floor to replace the worn floor in the kitchen and coffee area. They are also

working up plans on how to improve the island to give us the maximum usable workspace. We will be looking for interior painting help prior to the floor installation.

Stained Glass Critical Repair

Our beautiful stained-glass window by the stairs to the balcony is in need of critical repair by a professional. We need a small group of interested people (we have one, so far) to help us find a qualified stained glass repair company and organize this restoration. There is no physical work needed from these volunteers, just phone calls and conversations.

Thank you for your continuing help in keeping our historic building in good shape now and for the future.

Kathy



FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Zoe Ann Dudley, Finance Chair

Many thanks to your Finance Committee for three months and many hours of analyzing to determine how we can meet our expenses while staying within our income. Our expenses will increase \$20,000 in 2024 due to an increase in utilities, inflation affecting every aspect of expenses AND assuming the mortgage payments from Cornerstone. We factored in a 100% commitment to our Apportionment, which increased in 2024 and we gave salary increases to Pastor Tony, Lynn Zephyrna as Office Manager and Webmaster, Diane Thompson as Choir Director, Accompanist and Bell Choir Director, and Terry Reitz as Organist.

We have a balanced budget for 2024!!!

With Our pledges (EOGS), which have increased over 2023, and with the outstanding effort made with the two fundraisers in 2023, we balanced with the need for \$3,000 to be raised in 2024 by fundraisers. We also had income in the form of a very small percentage from the Aldrich Trust settlement.

A copy of the 2024 Budget will be posted in the Fellowship Hall for your information. We have worked together to create a strong and optimistic outlook for 2024. Thank you to each of you for making this happen for our Trinity Family.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCING TRINITY'S HANDY HELPER SERVICE

What: Group of people wanting to lend a helping hand for small jobs such as small home repairs, yard work and light hauling. This service will be available to anyone in the community.

Why: We believe that God's love can be seen in caring for others and by sharing our time and talents with all people. We also believe there is a need in our community for help with small jobs around the home.

Who: Anyone interested in helping with this ministry is welcome. You do not have to be an accomplished carpenter, as we hope to have jobs that fit many skill levels.

Cost: These services will be offered at no cost. Donations for materials or to the church would be accepted.

More details call Ted Olson (360-344-2945) or Kevin O'Shea (203-733-1840)



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 14, 6PM—Ash Wednesday Service

Monday, February 19—Office closed and there will be no Bible Study for Presidents' Day

TRINITY TIMES DEADLINE

Articles and photos need to be received by the office by **Tuesday, February 20** for our next publication (*January & February are combined in early February*). Please e-mail your items to the office at trinityumc@olympus.net.

OLYMPIC ANGELS

Our Trinity OA family is expecting their first biological child in late May or early June. This is exciting news as they have two foster daughters in their 20's, an adopted son who is nine, and twin eight-year-old girls they have fostered since June of 2022.

Please say a prayer that this continues to be a healthy, happy pregnancy for their family!

The Trinity OA Team A:

Donna and Dan Purnell
Jan and Harvey Crow
Annalee McConnell
Chris Walvatne
Sally Helman
Kevin O'Shea

February Celebrations!

Birthdays

5 Cielo Maxwell
6 Kelly von Volkli
7 Sarah Heiner
8 Anita-Louise Marley
9 Hollis Kenney
10 Levi Abbott

10 Dan Boyle
10 Jim Murphy
13 Karen Anderson
14 Ellienne Thornton
15 Makayla Abbott
15 Linda Jangaard
16 Madeleine Boyle

19 Kathy O'Shea
21 Devon Helman
22 Chris Walvatne
23 Brandi Hageman
25 Harvey Crow
27 Scott Rosekrans

Anniversaries

9 Joe and Kelly von Volkli
10 Ron and Shirley Rivas
13 John Sabol and Paul McDevitt
15 Don and Juanita Campbell

TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY







IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Juanita Campbell, Cecil, Pinky Dale, Diane Delmar, Drewery Family, David Engle, Kris Fairbanks, Lisa Flick, Steve Freeman, Teresa Gonzales, Ray Grier, Dee Hammonds, Addison Kinchen, Clayton LaPlant, Lu, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Marla Moriarty, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, Soren, Marla Walsh's Mom and Stepdad, Pat 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.



BIBLE READINGS

February 4

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 11

Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 18

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 25

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38



February 2024

Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Communion Sunday Food Bank Sunday 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship AdBoard Mtg after worship	5 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study	6 9-12 Office Open 7 Pub Theology (offsite)	7 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	8	9 11:30 UWF Luncheon	10
11 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Blood Pressure Check	12 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study	13 9-12 Office Open 10:30 Trustee Mtg 12 Finance Mtg 5:30 Voice Choir	14 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 6 Ash Wednesday Service	15	16	17
18 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	19 Office Closed no Bible Study	20 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir Trinity Times Deadline	21 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	22 7PM Candlelight Concert Michael Carroll: Classical Piano	23	24
25 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Taco Sunday!	26 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study	27 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir	28 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	29		

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

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