



# The Trinity Times



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## SPOTLIGHT ON SUNDAY SPRING WORKDAY

By Kathy O'Shea



### And it was!!

Our 1st Annual Sunday Spring Workday was a HUGE success!!

We had approximately 55 people who stayed after our abbreviated service on May 4, to help weed, dig, plant, mulch, trim, clean, repair and improve things both inside and outside. We also had a great crew setting up and cleaning after a tasty Taco lunch. By noon the church sparkled, and we were fed.

My favorite parts were the laughter and camaraderie that was heard and seen everywhere. Thank you all for embracing our experiment with gusto. Because of your positivity it was a wonderful day. ■

(more photos on page 4)



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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.*



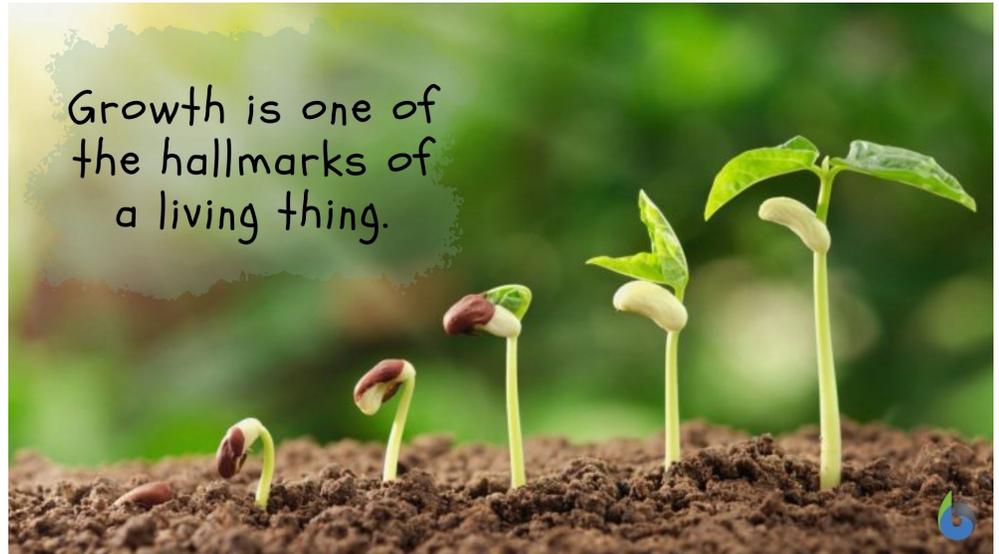
## PASTOR'S LOG

By Pastor Tony Brown

Many of you may not realize it, but in addition to all the other hats that Kathy and Kevin O'Shea wear around our church they also have been tracking attendance for us for the past year. They've been doing this so that we can get a feel for whether we are growing or not, and so that we can check in with people who have not been here and make sure they are doing ok. The member care team follows up with Kevin and Kathy's tracking so that the group can reach out to those who we haven't seen in awhile. I can not thank them enough for this valuable way they are serving our church.

The good news is that we are definitely a growing church. Our average attendance in 2024 was 55. Our average attendance so far in 2025 is 64. That is an increase of nearly 20% year to year! Our goal each year as a church is to increase our attendance by 10%. Church, WE HAVE DOUBLED THAT!!!! That is amazing growth for a church in our time. Many churches are simply excited to see that attendance has not dropped year to year. Unfortunately many are seeing continual declining attendance and membership. That's not the case for us, and it's all because of how amazing our congregation is and how hard we work to be welcoming, inviting, loving, and exciting!

If we continue this trend, which I believe is totally doable, then by 2026 we will see 76 on average. In 5 more years (2030) we will have grown to over 100 on average!



I truly believe this is possible if we continue to do what we've been doing. As we say in the south "No need to fix what ain't broken". We are neither a broken or dying church! We are a church that truly is on fire displaying the love of God to those inside and outside of our community of faith.

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In Acts 2 we read "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers...and God added people daily to the community". God is on the move at Trinity! The

Spirit is truly at work! We are on the cusp of a bright future all because of you! Keep up the good work Trinity!

In Christ,  
Pastor Tony ■



## RUMMAGE SALE

By Jennie Williams

**ANNUAL** ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE...and it is coming sooner rather than later....**Friday and Saturday, 9AM-3PM, 22 and 23 August.** Now is the time to begin to sort out those Holiday decoration crates, your tool spot, that garden shed, the attic (if you're lucky enough to have one). What could you do with all that EXTRA storage area? Think of the dollars you'll save. No need to add on, or rent a Storage Unit once you've identified those donations.

Not to overlook that space where your vehicle squeezes into...the dreaded garage...imagine how perfectly wonderful it would be to have enough room on BOTH sides of the car to enter and exit. Just think, no more rain dripping down your passenger's neck while they wait for you to reverse onto your spacious, by comparison, driveway. No more checking to see if the neighbours have passed by before opening your garage door...wouldn't want those Nosy Parkers judging the jumble inside. After all, one must Keep Up Appearances.

Best dreams about ALL THAT SPACE you will reclaim. Consider the justified(?) superior attitude, at least a sense of a job well done, you shall experience as each nook and cranny of your home becomes so very tidy. You might even author a Book, a best seller, and give lectures to others on How To Do This the Right Way. Quite inspiring, those dreams...

We will most happily receive your items, after 1 July, as our designated storage area, the room off the Fellowship Hall, is needed to rest the tables and chairs from the Hall while that carpet is being cleaned. We will have the ability to transport large items at a later date. We actually take most anything, EXCEPT Clothes.

Lots and lots and lots of volunteer positions available. No experience needed. More of that in a bit. Questions, etc. Jennie Williams, 360-344-2366 (being a dinosaur, this is not a cell phone, does not text, does sport an answering device), [just15may@gmail.com](mailto:just15may@gmail.com). ■



## TRINITY RACIAL JUSTICE NEWS

By Margaret Engle

The UMC General Board for Church and Society, GBCS, released 4 position statements to provide opportunity for congregations to have "meaningful dialogue, model social witness, and take action from the perspective of the UMC."

These relate to:

- 1) A call for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- 2) A just peace for Palestine and Israel
- 3) A call to reject violence against transgender persons
- 4) A stand against the dismantling of DEI policies

Open the link below to read the position statements and to find link to Pastoral Letters. On this link, one may also subscribe to receive emails from GBCS.

<https://www.umcjustice.org/latest/church-and-society-releases-four-new-social-justice-position-statements-6280> ■

## RUMMAGE SALE

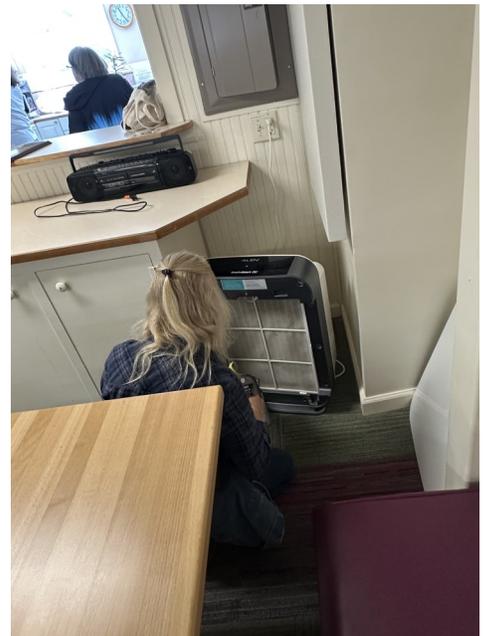
Mark **August 22 & 23** in your calendar for our next Rummage Sale!

We're taking items after July 1—most anything EXCEPT clothes. Coveted volunteer positions still available!

Contact Jennie Williams.



More pics from Sunday  
Spring Workday!







## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, June 26, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Lino Rivera

## Light and Love

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

**Trinity** United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Lino Rivera, a classical pianist, who will be performing at the Candlelight Concert series at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 26 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 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 Rivera's chosen charity, Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County.

Born in the Philippines, Rivera has performed as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist, chamber musician and accompanist on three continents. He makes it his mission to advocate and premiere contemporary works; to explore and meet the artistic, creative, and technical challenges of piano transcriptions; and to discover and perform obscure solo piano repertoire throughout the ages. Rivera maintains active concert engagements across the country, and is a regular performer, teacher, and

chamber music coach at music festivals here and abroad.

The program will feature two types of piano transcription or piano arrangement:



Literal transcription is where the transcriber takes each note of the original work, written for another instrument, and adds an aspect or layer of difficulty for the pianist. The selection presented here is *Bach's Chaconne in D minor for solo violin*, transcribed for the piano by Brahms;

Partition or reduction is where the transcriber could not possibly enhance or add notes to the original text, but simply adapted the extensive orchestral score for piano solo in an effective manner idiomatic to the instrument. This is the art of extracting the essence and meaning of the original text, and rewriting them for ten fingers. The selection presented here is Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture* for orchestra, transcribed for the piano by the Russian pianist Vyacheslav Gryaznov.

Another work in the program is a Washington state premiere of California pianist and composer Richard Cionco's *Lux Aeterna* (2024). From the composer's

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notes: "Lux Aeterna finds its origins within the Catholic Mass, meaning Eternal Light. Richard Cionco's Lux Aeterna suggests a broader secular message, where in our world, as we experience it historically and currently, holds forces both evil and good--a timeless narrative...Compositionally, the music unfolds episodically, utilizing thematic transformation techniques throughout. Two emotionally opposing themes are juxtaposed and transformed texturally and rhythmically, finding resolution in the end."

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. ■

## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

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**

Thursday, September 25

**Mike Carroll**  
**Classical Piano**

Thursday, October 23

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

Thursday, November 20

**Jean Lenke**  
**Jazz Vocalist**

**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

*Last Month's  
 Concert with  
 Vesper Piano  
 Trio*





## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please** remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Steve Abercrombie, 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, Anita-Louise Marley, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Mark Reitz, Lisa Reynolds, Ron Stowell, Nikki Tsuchiya, Lisa Verschueren, Maura Walsh's Mom and Stepdad, Pat & Clint Webb, and Wendy.**

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. ■



*Benni Rogge did the oath of allegiance last month and is now a US citizen!*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

### JUNE 1

Liturgist: Mary Hedberg  
 Greeter: Vicki Long  
 Flowers: Marlene Colvin  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Sheila Burrell and Melinda La Plant

### JUNE 8

Liturgist: Ron Portin  
 Greeter: Sheila Burrell  
 Coffee: Marlene Colvin  
 Money Counters: Sally Helman and Chris Walvatne

### JUNE 15

Liturgist: Benni Rogge  
 Greeter: Marlene Colvin

Flowers: Marlene Colvin  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Marlene Colvin and Beth Kissinger

### JUNE 22

Liturgist: Vicki Long  
 Coffee: Marlene Colvin  
 Money Counters: Marlene Colvin and Melinda La Plant

### June 29

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

# Summer Celebrations!

## June

### JUNE Birthdays

- 3 Vicki Long
- 12 Ray Grier
- 13 Randy Stillwell
- 14 Kellie Nyby
- 19 Ron McCullough
- 20 Maura Walsch
- 23 Nancy Stevens
- 24 Jacob Hill

- 25 John Miller
- 25 Cheryl Wagoner
- 26 Beth Kissinger

### JUNE Anniversaries

- 17 George and Shirley Williams, 1961
- 21 Clint and Pat Webb, 1959

## July

### JULY Birthdays

- 5 Diane Thompson
- 8 Jen Caldwell
- 13 Miriam Brown
- 16 Claire Martin
- 18 Erik Allen
- 21 Molly Jacobson
- 26 Sharon Wimer
- 30 Ross Mayeda

### JULY Anniversaries

- 8 Dalene and Don Edgar
- 28 Adrienne and Jim Nichols

## August

### AUGUST Birthdays

- 1 Isaac Abbott
- 1 Mary Hedberg
- 4 Marla Moriarty
- 5 Charlie Givens
- 10 Amaya Abbott
- 10 Donna Abbott
- 10 (little) Elizabeth Boyle
- 12 Jenny Maxwell

- 13 Jan Crow
- 16 Cathy Colson
- 20 Charlene Kay Heise
- 22 Linda Lee Tatro
- 23 Matt Harter
- 25 Teresa Rosekrans
- 26 Charlie Dick
- 27 Sheila Burrell
- 29 Tonya Brinkley

- 30 Emanuel Abbott
- 31 Rebecca Krida

### AUGUST Anniversaries

- 14 Bill and Bonnie Brock
- 18 Dan and Donna Purnell
- 27 Bess Anne and Jeff Corwith
- 29 John and Beth Kissinger-Miller

## 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)**

# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY





## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY TIMES

Our newsletter is on summer break. We will return in September. In the meantime, our monthly calendar will be posted in the Fellowship Hall and will be e-mailed to you, as well.

### KENYA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

It's getting closer! **Saturday, June 14, 6pm.** Make sure you get your tickets ahead of time from any of the volunteers going to Africa. Or for tickets or questions you can contact Pastor Tony.

### TRINITY AT PT PRIDE

Stop by Trinity's booth at the Pride event and say 'Hi!' It's on **Saturday, June 7,** in downtown PT.



**THE ABSOLUTELY INSIDIOUS  
AND UTTERLY TERRIFYING  
TRUTH ABOUT CAT HAIR**

**JUNE 20  
5:30 PM AND 7:30**

Come see the Wacky Wednesday Theatre Group perform a comedy about cat hair! Proceeds benefit the Food Bank and our after school program.

## BIBLE READINGS

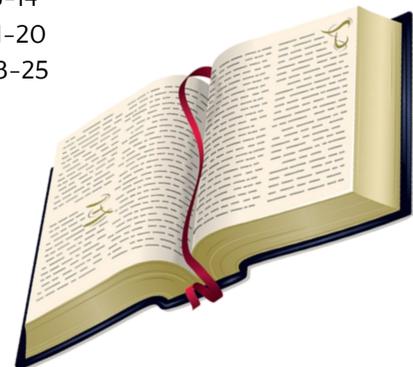
Sunday, June 1  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Psalm 97  
Acts 16:16-34  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,  
20-21  
John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 8  
Pentecost  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday, June 15  
Trinity Sunday  
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

Sunday, June 22  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Kings 19:1-15a  
Psalm 42  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 29  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62



# June 2025

## Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Food Bank Sunday 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	2 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study 1 Member Care Mtg	3 9-12 Office Open 7 Pub Theology (offsite)	4 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday	5	6	7
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22 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship 11:15 Ad Council	23 9-12 Office Open 10 Finance Meeting 12 Bible Study	24 9-12 Office Open	25 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday	26 7PM CANDELIGHT CONCERT Lino Rivera Classical Pianist	27	28
29 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Taco Bar Sunday!	30 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary will be closed for carpet cleaning all day and evening.	<p>* Aug 22 &amp; 23 - Rummage Sale</p> <p>- For Souper Wednesday Book Study, follow Pastor Tony's emails for dates and book titles.</p> <p>- It is best to contact the chair or organizer before attending ANY recurring event for the first time to make sure it has not been canceled due to illness, weather, etc. (We do not usually meet on holidays.) This includes Bible Study, Pub Theology, Finance and Trustee meetings, etc.</p>				

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

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