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SPOTLIGHT ON 2025 (AND BEYOND)

By Pastor Tony Brown

Dear Church,

As we are well into 2026 now and planning all of our events for the year, I am still reflecting on all that God has done through Trinity in 2025. And the word that keeps coming to mind is gratitude.

This past year, our average worship attendance grew from 55 in 2024 to 64 in 2025—an increase of nearly 20%. That kind of growth does not happen because of a program or a plan. It happens because of you. It happens because of the love you show one another, the welcome you extend to visitors, the invitations you make, and the countless ways you live out your faith each day.



We saw that faith lived out through your care for this church. More than 55 people participated in our Spring Workday, and many of you returned again for our Fall Workday—planting, cleaning, repairing, and improving our church. Because of your dedication, this building continues to be a place of welcome and ministry for our entire community.

Our Trustees and many others—gave countless hours this year. Because of their leadership and your generosity, we completed our office remodel and continue working to improve and care for our facilities.

You also served our community in powerful ways. Our Annual Rummage Sale raised over \$4,500 to support ministry. Trinity members volunteered with the YMCA Food Scarcity Project, helping provide food for local families. United Women in Faith and our Wacky Wednesday youth made 100 handmade stockings for Dove House, sharing Christ's love with those in need.

Our youth ministry continues to be one of the greatest signs of hope for Trinity's future. Through the leadership of Anita-Louise Marley, Ross, Donna, Brooke, and others, Wacky Wednesday has become a place where

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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.



teens find belonging and faith. This year, 13 teens performed *The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair*, raising funds for their summer trip and our local food bank. This year they will be doing another program on June 6th to raise money for the Northwest Immigrants Rights Project.

We also saw incredible ministry through our mission work. Twelve members of Trinity traveled to Kenya, where they built a home for a family of seven, provided medical care to more than 1,000 people, gave deworming medication to over 800 children, and helped support sustainable farming efforts. Because of your generosity, Trinity is helping establish catfish farms that will provide ongoing income and support for churches and communities there.

Our ongoing ministries also continued to flourish. Our Hiking Group celebrated its 8th anniversary, completing nearly 500 hikes and walking more than 2,100 miles together. Our Faith, Peace, and Justice Library, under Margaret Engle's leadership, continued helping us grow in understanding and faith. Our Candlelight Concerts, Christmas Concert, and weekly worship services filled our sanctuary with music, joy, and community. We also launched our Children's Sunday School program, planting seeds of faith in the next generation.



March 2026

We celebrated the faithfulness of so many among us, including Marlene Colvin, who was honored with the Habitat for Humanity Golden Hammer Award for her years of service.

Church, none of this happened because of one person. It happened because of all of you.

It happened because you showed up.

It happened because you gave generously.

It happened because you served others.

It happened because you trusted God.

I truly believe that God is at work at Trinity. I see it in the new faces joining us. I see it in the relationships being formed. I see it in the ways you care for one another and this community.

Thank you for being the church.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us for the remainder of 2026.

In Christ,
Pastor Tony ■





UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Kathy O'Shea, UWF President

Our February meeting brought out the craft designer in all of us. Linda York (our local master spinner) led us in this yarn project. My kind of project—no right or wrong way to do it and you can talk to people at the same time. Thank you, Linda; we had a great time.

March 21 will be our next Saturday Potluck Brunch meeting. Olympic Area on Aging is coming to present a nationally acclaimed program called "Dementia Friends". From their website: "Dementia Friends will help us better understand changes someone may be experiencing as well as ideas to help us be better neighbors, friends and community members." I imagine that everyone has a friend or relative struggling with dementia. This program is intended to help us all be more comfortable and knowledgeable in how we help our dear friends remain active in our community. As the program is around 45 minutes long and we want time for questions, we will not have the business portion of our meeting.

Ongoing projects:

We are collecting personal hygiene products for Dove House. Look for the pink box in the Fellowship Hall. A list of needed items is above it. We have already delivered 2 large trash bags full. As with many non-profits, there is great need and anything is appreciated. Thank you all.

UWF members are providing our monthly Birthday Cake at Fellowship Time after church. We are transi-

tioning to having the Birthday/Anniversary celebration on the first Sunday of the month. March will be the second Sunday and then starting in April we will have our cake on the 1st Sunday.

Our exercise program, designed for those with arthritis or any joint issues, is held every Monday at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to everyone.

NEXT MEETING:

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 AT 10:00AM

Potluck Brunch

Hope you can join us! Please invite your friends and neighbors. ■



WIRELESS ACCESS

Bill and Matt installed a wireless access point in the Fellowship Hall. The TV is connected to this. Below are all three networks available at Trinity.

Networks: **UPSTAIRS:** Trinity 24 or Trinity 54

FELLOWSHIP HALL: Trinity Fellowship 24 or Trinity Fellowship 54

OFFICE: Trinity Office 24 or Trinity Office 54

Password is the same for all, and is posted on our fridge.





CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, March 26, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Kevin Ayesh

A Musical Springtime Bouquet

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Kevin Ayesh, a classical pianist who will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM** for one full 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 donation proceeds from this concert will go to Ayesh's chosen charity, Olympic Neighbors, whose mission is to create home and community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Ayesh's Candlelight Concert program will feature Beethoven's ever-popular Pathétique Sonata, followed by a "beautiful springtime bouquet" of lyrical and passionate works by a variety of Romantic composers: Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff.

Pianist Kevin Ayesh has presented concerts and master classes throughout the United States as well as in Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Iceland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and China. As a North Carolina Visiting Artist for four years, he appeared before thousands across that state, performing as many as 50 recitals in a season. He has been a featured guest recitalist and clinician at the Lindlar International Piano Festival in Germany, the Star Valley Junior Music Festival in Wyoming, the Gene Marcus Pi-



ano Festival at Purdue University-Fort Wayne, and the USA Piano Camp at the University of South Alabama.

Ayesh is the recipient of many prizes and awards, and has been a finalist in several national and international competitions. He served for nearly 30 years as head of the music department at Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, North Carolina, and is currently Adjunct Professor of Piano at Spartanburg Methodist College in South Carolina. A native of Wichita, Kansas, Ayesh received his Bachelor of Music degree with highest honors from the University of Texas at Austin; his master's and doctorate degrees are from the University of Maryland.

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, March 26

Kevin Ayesh

Classical Pianist

Thursday, April 23

Mike & Val James

Jazz and Folk Music

Thursday, May 28

Jill McAnally & Kevin McConnell

Original and Classic Country, Blues, & Swing

Thursday, June 25

Lino Rivera

Classical Pianist

Thursday, July 23

Tom Melancon

Classic Rock

Thursday, August 27

Buzz Rogowski

Composer and Keyboardist

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

Friends of Public Health

Food Bank Growers

St Vincent de Paul

Jumping Mouse

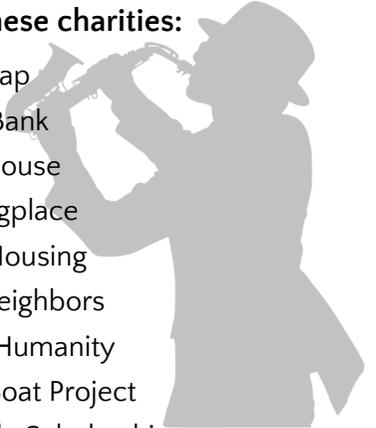
Olympic Angels

Recovery Café

YEA Music!

JCIRA

NAMI



CONFERENCE ROOM GALLERY

"Port Townsend Portraits"

Check out our installment in the Conference Room Gallery. It will set you once again marveling about this beautiful place we live in!

Paul Nebel and his late wife Jean moved from Arizona to Port Townsend over 15 years ago. Paul was taken by the different landscapes and architecture here, a strong contrast from the desert dryness and terra cotta colors they left behind. He was captivated with this, new to him, place. The abundance and colors in plant life, along with historical Victorian commercial and residential buildings, moved him to take up his camera and explore the town, engaging in its beauty and history. You are invited to take a few moments to share his experience and perhaps be reminded of how you too, were taken by this special place we call home.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDICAL KIT IN ENTRY

Remember: we have a full MEDICAL KIT - including FIRST AID SUPPLIES - in the entry. Look for the label on the right hand side of the big cabinet.



FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The Food Bank tells us that they're biggest need right now is protein, so in addition to any other food donations you would like to make, we are emphasizing one type of protein each month (in "shelf-stable" or nonperishable containers) that we'll deliver to the Food Bank. There is a basket near the new entry door to place your donations.

March's emphasis is for SPAM. If you want to write a check, **please make it out to TRINITY UMC and write 'Food Bank' in the memo.**



ATTENTION

SCHEDULE FOR THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UMW) MEETINGS

3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30AM for Pot-Luck lunch with either a speaker or craft project

EXCEPT

March and June at when we will meet at 10AM for Brunch with either a speaker or craft project on the **3rd Saturday** of the month.

For questions or suggestions please contact any of our board:

Kathy O'Shea, President Chris Walvatne, Secretary Margaret Engle, Vice President Zoe Ann Dudley, Treasurer

SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE

Every Saturday, 9-12, our Sanctuary is open to the church and community for meditation, music and conversation. Please join us! And invite your friends.

HEARING ENHANCEMENT TECHNOLOGY IS AVAILABLE

Hearing enhancement technology is available. We have a Hearing Loop System that works in the main sanctuary (not the balcony or side room). Hearing loop systems transmit sound from a microphone directly into listeners' hearing aids or cochlear implants, free from ambient or background noise. You may need to ask your provider if your hearing aid has a 'telecoil' or 't-coil', and have them program or activate it for you.

YOUR TRINITY GROUP

If you would like to write about your Trinity group or its events (a great way to invite others to join!), please contact Lynn in the office to include in the Trinity Times newsletter as a short notice or as our Spotlight!

SPOTLIGHT

If you want to write a Spotlight for the Trinity Times, please feel free to toss me your idea! trinityumc@olympus.net

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Spring Forward!

Remember to turn your clocks forward an hour on Saturday night, March 7, for DST

Photo by Steven Pavlov

TRINITY TIMES DEADLINES

TUESDAY, March 24th is the 'soft' (*preferred*) deadline for articles and photos to be received for the next newsletter. The absolute latest is **Monday, March 30th at noon**. Please e-mail your articles and photos to Lynn in the office at trinityumc@olympus.net. Thanks!

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

We now have a handful of Large Print bulletins each Sunday. You can ask the Greeter for one when you enter the church on Sundays.

T-SHIRTS

If you'd like a Trinity t-shirt Pastor Tony can make you one for a cost of \$6.30 (*covers ink and high quality iron-on transfer*).

All you need to do is bring him a blank shirt or sweatshirt of your choice (*needs to be at least 50% cotton...100% is the best*) and pick which design here you'd like. Any color will work, but white and lighter colors work best.



Tony will collect shirts every Sunday and return the finished shirts the following Sunday. (*Larger images can be found in Pastor Tony's previous e-mail and our weekly e-mail Office*)

PETER & THE WOLF

Our upcoming children's performance of 'Peter and the Wolf' will be performed here at Trinity on **Sunday, March 22 at 3pm**. More info will be announced soon.

EASTER / LENT SEASON AT TRINITY

March 29 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - 6PM Maundy Thursday Service

April 5 - Easter Sunday

- 6:30AM - Sunrise service behind Maritime Center downtown.
- Pancake breakfast at Trinity after Sunrise service
- 10AM - Worship with flowering cross



HANDY HELPERS

"Fellowship with Repairs on the Side"

A sample of the work that we do:

Change smoke detector batteries, hard to reach light bulbs

Pruning, mulching, weeding, dump runs

Install safety bars, handrails

Fix leaky faucets, toilets

Water plants when you are out of town

Rides to doctor appointments, Candlelight Concerts, church

****Drink coffee with you****

Give us a call for help or to be a helper. This work is done at no charge or you can make a donation to the church.

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



Handy Helper

PETER AND THE WOLF

Our children's concert is March 22nd at 3PM. Rehearsals begin Sunday, March 1st. We will need help at the door with the donations basket and helping folks with programs and seating, but most important - please invite your children, grandchildren and friends to Peter and the Wolf and assure them that no living creatures have been or will be harmed for this performance. Organ tours will be available after the concert.

The choirs and their families will be gathering at Terry and Mark Reitz home Sunday, March 1 at 4 PM, for nibbles, tunes and conversation. Bring a nibble and a tune or two and join us!

Thank you - P A T W is going to need everybody's support...I'm hoping it will turn into a twice a year event. There are so few children's concert around. Contact Terry Reitz if you have questions. ■

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, March 1
2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 15
4th Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:9-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sunday, March 8
3rd Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 22
5th Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



March Celebrations!

Birthdays

- 1 Paul McDevitt
- 1 Deb Olson
- 2 Aiden Hill
- 3 Charlie Helman
- 6 Colleen Gawle
- 7 Adrienne Nichols
- 9 Laura Munn
- 14 Ted Wimer
- 17 Ted Olson
- 21 Marlene Colvin
- 21 Dalene Edgar
- 23 Jeremy Allen

Anniversaries

- 4 Ron and Ann McCullough, 1965
- 11 Dick and Jackie Driver, 1977
- 27 Harvey and Jan Crow



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Steve Abercrombie, Jonathan Bakin, Juanita Campbell, Zoe Ann Dudley, Emmett Engle, Steve Freeman, Ray Grier, Beth Hawley, Clayton LaPlant, Roland & Fred Lesta, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Anita-Louise Marley, Melissa & Julie, Danvelo Munderu, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Tom Reimer, Lisa Reynolds, Barb Sachi, Ron Stowell, Nikki Tsuchiya, Lisa Verschueren, Maura Walsch'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. ■

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 ColvinSchedule, train money counters
 Debra Olson..... Communion Steward

MARCH 1
 Liturgist: Janice Parks
 Greeters: Marlene Colvin and Kelly von Volkli
 Collection Plate: Paul Nebel and Zoe Ann Dudley
 Money Counters: Harvey Crow and Marlene Colvin

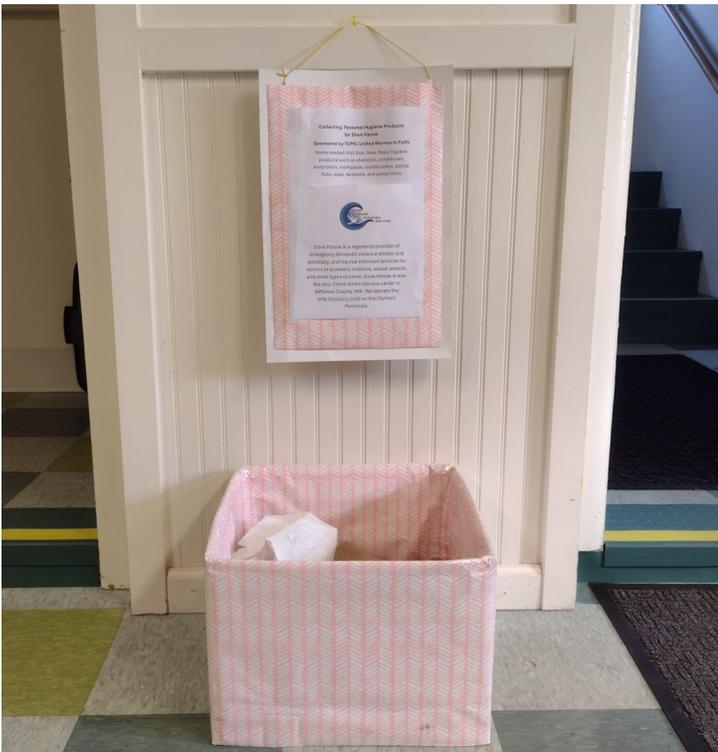
MARCH 8
 Liturgist: Paul Nebel
 Greeters: Jennie Williams
 Collection Plate: Paul Nebel and Zoe Ann Dudley
 Money Counters: Sally Helman and Chris Walvatne

MARCH 15
 Liturgist: Ron Portin
 Greeters: Kathy & Kevin O’Shea
 Collection Plate: Paul Nebel and Ron Rivas
 Flowers: Kelly von Volkli
 Money Counters: Donna Purnell and Beth Kissinger

MARCH 22
 Liturgist: Brian Hageman
 Greeters: Sheila Burrell and Georgia Thomatos
 Collection Plate: Paul Nebel and Ron Rivas
 Money Counters: Sheila Burrell and Melinda LaPlant

March 29
 Liturgist: Beth Kissinger
 Greeters: Georgia Thomatos
 Collection Plate: Paul Nebel
 Money Counters: Donna Abbott and Marlene Colvin

**Kitchen Crew for March:
 Maura Walsch, Jennie Williams,
 George & Shirley Williams**



DOVE HOUSE COLLECTION

Trinity United Women in Faith is Collecting Personal Hygiene Products for Dove House Advocacy Services

Items needed: Full size, new, basic hygiene products such as shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, and especially tampons and panty-liners.

The Collection Box is in the Fellowship Hall.

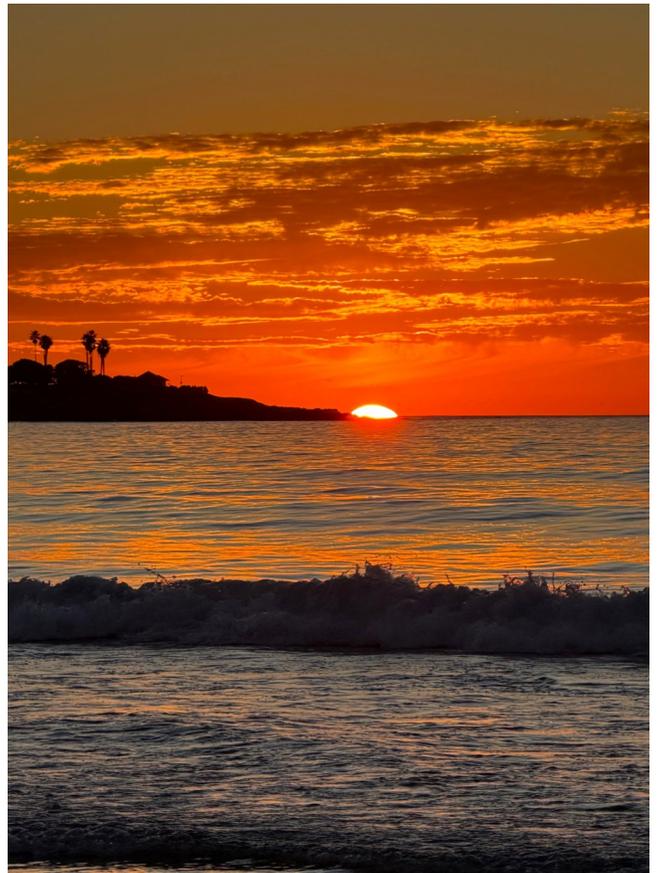
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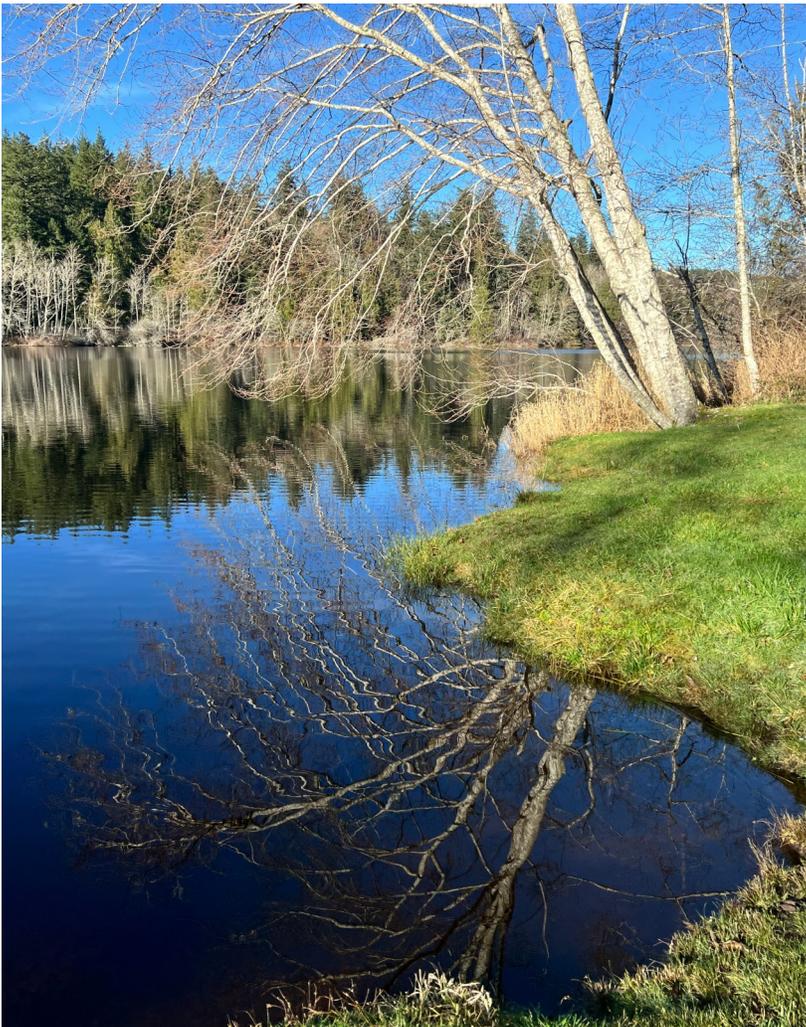
TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY



↑ Superbowl Sunday Party at Trinity







March 2026

Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship 1st Peter & Wolf Rehears 5 Pub Theology (offsite)	2 9-12 Office Open 11 Exercise Class 12 Bible Study 1 Member Care Mtg	3 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Vocal Choir	4 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	5 5 Knitting Class	6	7 9-12 Trinity Open House with Organ-Playing
8 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship 11:15 Church Council	9 9-12 Office Open 11 Exercise Class 12 Bible Study	10 9-12 Office Open 10 Trustee Meeting 12 Finance Meeting 5:30 Vocal Choir	11 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	12 5 Knitting Class	13	14 9-12 Trinity Open House with Organ-Playing
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22 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship 3 Peter & the Wolf	23 9-12 Office Open 11 Exercise Class 12 Bible Study	24 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Vocal Choir Newsletter Deadline (soft deadline)	25 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	26 5 Knitting Class 7PM CANDLELIGHT CONCERT <i>Kevin Ayes</i> <i>Classical Pianist</i>	27	28 9-12 Trinity Open House with Organ-Playing
29 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Taco / Salad Bar Sunday!	30 9-12 Office Open 11 Exercise Class 12 Bible Study Newsletter Deadline (final)	31	<p>Before attending ANY events for the first time, please contact the group or the office - events and meetings are sometimes postponed due to travel, illness, weather, etc.</p> <p>April 2 - 6PM Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>April 5 - Easter Sunday</p> <p>* 6:40AM - Sunrise service behind Maritime Center downtown.</p> <p>* Pancake breakfast at Trinity after Sunrise service</p> <p>* 10AM - Worship with flowering cross</p>			

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

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