



SPOTLIGHT ON DEBRA OLSON'S 'VIRTUES' ARTWORK

Linda Kavelin Popov, along with her coauthors of the book "A Pace of Grace", states: "Virtues are at the heart of the value system of every culture on earth and...are a universal vocabulary of character, a context that enables people to integrate spirituality into everyday life, whatever their belief system. They are God's grace to us, a gift in our lives."

You have more than likely seen the three framed Virtues pieces in the beautiful foyer of our church. You may have taken some time to study them more closely. If not perhaps you will accept my invitation to take a few moments to reflect when standing before them. Each small collage includes a Virtue along with a saying or quote to initiate contemplation. Virtues can guide in decision making, heal a relationship, solve a problem, provide focus and give comfort.

Here are some suggestions to help in gaining meaning from these works:

- Consider one or several Virtues and what they mean to you. How have they influenced you and how you treat others?
- Imagine how practicing a Virtue may change your life. Take "Initiative" for example: If you leave hesi-



tation behind, what will be accomplished? If you believe in your own creativity, what ideas may arise, what problems can you solve?

- If you journal, write about a Virtue and its meaning for you.
- Talk about a Virtue with a friend.
- Choose a Virtue before you walk away. Try to live it throughout the day.

Blessings,
Debra

See full photo of 'Virtues' on page 3

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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,

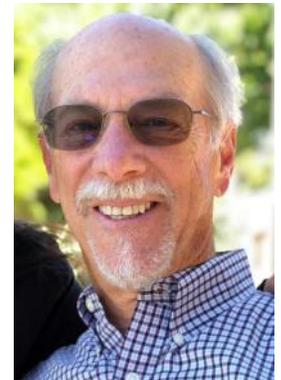
On April 30th our newly formed "Strategic Planning Committee" met for the first time. The group is being led by David Engle and includes me, Dan Purnell, Benni Rogge, Miriam Brown, Jeff Krida, Jan Crow, and Brian Hageman. This group will meet for the next year in order to help our congregation think about what it means to be "church" in a post pandemic era and in a post building project era following the completion of our highly successful Cornerstone Project. This group consists of every generation in our church and includes long time members and new members.

Proverbs 29:18 tells us that, "where there is no vision the church suffers". While our church has plenty of programs, ministries, and outreach that are benefiting many, I strongly believe that we need to think about what our church will look like in years to come. Our main goal in meeting and planning is to think together about the question and seek to understand where God might be leading us into the future. We will be communicating with the entire congregation and appreciate any input that you might have as we seek to find a common vision for our future.

So, we are asking you to take an honest look at all aspects of our church and see what is working well and what might be some challenges that we face now and into the future. What new things might the Holy Spirit be calling us to begin in our church, if any? What changes might God be moving us towards? Who are the people in our community that God wants us to offer the good news to in word and action? How can we, as a congregation, continue to deepen our spiritual connection to each other and to God?

These are not easy questions to answer, and no one person or group can answer them alone. This truly takes the input of all of our church in order to make our planning successful. So feel free to chat with any of these people and offer your insight. We will also be giving you opportunities in numerous ways to share your hopes, thoughts, and prayers for how Trinity can meet the needs of God's people at this time in history. Stay tuned...

In Christ,
Pastor Tony



WELCOME TO TRINITY!



Our newest members: Brian & Brandi Hageman, Paul McDevitt & John Sabol, Jennie Williams, Benni Rogge, Sharon & Ted Wimer. Welcome!



Debra Olson's 'Virtues' Artwork



FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Zoe Ann Dudley, Finance Chair

The Finance Committee is happy to report that as of the end of April we are:

- At 171.35% of income.....largely due to the lump sum of EOG payments
- 103.1% over budget.....which means we are holding soundly to our budget
- 100.2% of anticipated YTD Expenses....which means we are spending wisely
- \$2,771 under budget on payroll largely due to Lynn taking unpaid vacation
- Our endowment account, at this time, is trending upward but still at a loss
- Cornerstone is holding a balance of \$4,800 with monthly payments of \$1,001 for our mortgage. The pledges made in the beginning of Cornerstone are making these continued payments possible. THANK YOU!!!

The Trustees requested an increase in insurance for our buildings and contents. This was a wise assessment. We were able to approve this request with money from our Maintenance Reserve, combined with money from the funds allocated for pest control of the parsonage, which was discontinued.

These numbers have been obtained through thriftiness and careful consideration of each and every expenditure, in addition to hundreds of volunteer hours in maintenance and management.

We balanced our 2023 Budget with anticipated income from Fund Raisers. We have two planned, the first of which is a Garage Sale at our church on June 2nd and 3rd. Take this opportunity to clean out items you no longer want or need and help support the work of our treasured Trinity United Methodist Church. The 2nd is our Craft Bazaar & Silent Auction in November.

We make a REMARKABLE TEAM. Thank you for your love of our church and for all the joy we share loving Jesus TOGETHER.





TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Nancy Stevens, UWF President

Our Trinity women gathered on April 14th to enjoy a delicious potluck luncheon, warm fellowship and to listen to the very interesting Betsy Davis, Executive Director for the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building, share her journey and the path the school has taken and what the future holds. It was a very uplifting presentation and we are all blessed to have this school in our area and to have Betsy at the helm! We hope you will visit their website and learn more about the fabulous things they are doing!

The next UWF potluck luncheon/meeting will be on **Friday, May 12th, at 11:30** in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. The presentation will be given by Dr. Sarah Heiner - it will be the second part of her presentation on preparing for end of life. This talk will be focused on

the basic documents that are helpful as we each prepare. We hope you will join us!

UWF will not have our regularly scheduled meetings in June, July or August. We are planning to have a summer picnic during that time. We will notify you when those plans have been made. Another item to note is that our September meeting will be Friday, September 15th. At that meeting we will elect officers for the year. Nancy Stevens will be stepping down as President (after serving 5 years) and Melinda LaPlant will step down as Secretary (after serving 3 years). We appreciate all they have done for our organization. Please consider serving as a UWF officer for next year and make a note on your calendar to attend the meeting in September and help choose the new leaders. We wish you all a wonderful summer!

May Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joe von Volkli
- 3 Sabrina Hill
- 4 Warren Walvatne
- 6 James Caldwell
- 7 George Williams
- 8 Harper Allen
- 9 Laurel Ankeny
- 9 Jim Nyby
- 10 Rane Maxwell
- 14 Sally Helman
- 25 Susan Harter
- 28 Carolyn Stillwell

29 Ron Portin

31 Ed Davis

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Susan and Matt Harter
- 15 Charlie Dick and Marla Moriarty
- 18 Margaret and David Engle
- 19 Ron and Shirley Rivas

Thank you all for celebrating my 45th birthday. I really appreciate all the cards and gifts that I received. You all spoil me and it is a joy to be your minister! - Pastor Tony





CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, May 25, 7:00 PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Toot Sweet

"At the Movies"

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts hosts Toot Sweet, a local clarinet quartet, which will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, May 25 2023, 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 \$15 per person. Half of the proceeds from this concert will go towards YEA Music! The YEA Music! mission is to provide the youth of East Jefferson County with musical opportunities including instruments, instruction and performances. [YEA Music!](#) is currently working to develop and support an East Jefferson Symphony Orchestra for High School music students in the area.

The program theme for this concert is "At the Movies", featuring a variety of songs from various popular films, old and new. There will be music from various genres: animated film, thrillers, sci-fi, musicals and more. In the process of an enjoyable evening, you'll learn about the music, the composers and the instruments.

Toot Sweet's members are Vicky Blakesley, Mark Holman, Jan Proeb-

stel 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. Masks are required for in-person attendees.

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



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

Thursday, May 25
Toot Sweet

Thursday, June 22
Lino Rivera

Thursday, July 27
Summertime Singers

Thursday, August 24
Clay Bartlett

Thursday, September 28
Caitlin Kelly

Thursday, October 26
Tom Melancon

Our Candlelight Concerts have raised donations for these charities:

OlyCap

Food Bank

Dove House

Gatheringplace

Bayside Housing

Habitat for Humanity

Wild Rose Chorale Scholarships

Olympic Neighbors

St Vincent de Paul

Jumping Mouse

Olympic Angels

Recovery Café

YEA Music!

NAMI



SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Ron Portin.....Organ Tech

John Miller Sound, Tech, Musician

Devon Helman Zoom Tech

Matt Harter..... Live Video Tech

Melinda LaPlant and Ron Portin.... Fold and collate bulletins

Dan Purnell..... Liturgist scheduling

Kathy O'SheaSunday volunteer scheduling

Marlene Colvin Money Counter scheduling, training, etc.

Bess Anne Corwith Candles & paraments

Vicki Long..... Communion prep

MAY 7

Liturgist: Harvey Crow

Greeter: Melinda LaPlant

Money Counters: Chris Walvatne and Melinda LaPlant

MAY 14

Liturgist: Kelly von Volkli

Flowers: Marlene Colvin

Money Counters: Sally Helman and Harvey Crow

MAY 21

Liturgist: Beth Kissinger

Money Counters: Donna Purnell and Beth Kissinger

MAY 28

Liturgist: Vicki Long

Money Counters: Donna Abbott and Marlene Colvin



TRINITY HIKING GROUP

By Nancy Stevens

Happy Anniversary, Trinity Hiking Group!

We celebrated our 6-year anniversary on April 7 with lunch at the Taqueria (because it was raining)! It has been a glorious experience walking the beautiful PNW, meeting and getting better acquainted with so many lovely people, and exercising various parts of ourselves over these years! During that time we have hiked 389 times, covered 1,717 miles and averaged 4.5 miles per hike - that is amazing! There is no way to quantify the wonderful experiences, the breathtaking views, and the heartfelt conversations along the way. Thanks to everyone for participating!

We would love to have you and your friends join us, so if you are interested in being on the notification email list - please send your email address to Nancy at nstevensnow@gmail.com



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rummage Sale!

Our sale is almost here, so keep cleaning and clearing out your closets for items you no longer need and bring them to Trinity. WE want them! *No clothes or shoes, but jewelry and other accessories are welcome.*



You can drop them off on Sundays after worship, or if you want to bring them in during the week, just make sure Lynn is in the office and she'll let you in.

We have folks who can pick up items, if needed. **If you have LARGE FURNITURE, it is important to call Kathy BEFORE bringing to the church.**

If you would like to join us for the fun facilitating the sale, contact Kathy O'Shea (203-241-1510).

June 2 & 3 (Fri & Sat)

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29

The office will be closed and there will be no Bible Study or Refuge Recovery

'Death is nothing more than an entrance ramp to a new highway.'

(Quote from 'God came near', by Max Lucado)



Craft Bazaar & Silent Auction Baked Goods, Too!

Thanks to your enthusiasm, we will hold our Craft-Cookie sale on Saturday, November 4th!

Now is the time to start working on your craft so you can spread it out through the year.

If you have questions, please contact Debra (debolson747@yahoo.ca) or Marlene (littleredhen321@gmail.com)



CHARLIE & MARLA HAVE MOVED

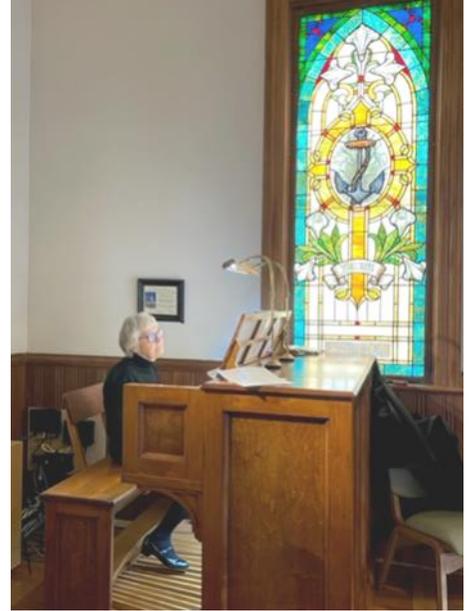
If you would like their new address in Tennessee, you can either contact them directly (their email and phone numbers have not changed) or email the Trinity Office and we'll get it to you.



TRINITY TIMES DEADLINE

Articles and photos need to be received by the office by **Tuesday, May 23** for our next publication, **which is the last one until September**, as we take a summer break. Please e-mail your items to the office at trinityumc@olympus.net.

TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY





BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764)

1 Pet 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14

6th Sunday of Easter;

Mother's Day

Acts 17:22-31

Ps 66:8-20 (UMH 790)

1 Pet 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 21

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792)

1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28

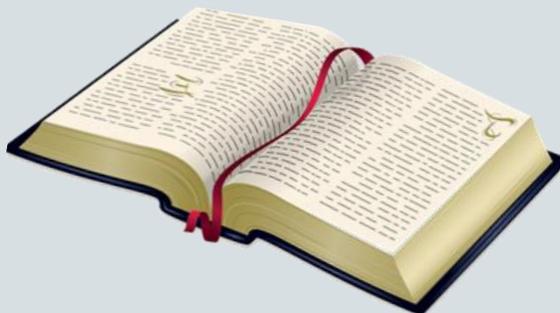
Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

1 Cor 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Jennifer Benoit, Chuck and Ginny Bracken, Juanita Campbell, Cecil, Diane Delmar, Drewery Family, Kris Fairbanks, Steve Freeman, Teresa & Fermin Gonzales, Ray Grier, Addison Kinchen, Clayton LaPlant, Lu, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Anita Louise Marley, Karen and Tom MartinsDias, Marla Moriarty, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, and Mike and Satsu Surratt.**

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.



May 2023

Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study 1:30 Refuge Recovery	2 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir 7 Pub Theology (offsite)	3 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Food Bank Sunday 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Blood Pressure Check	8 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study 1:30 Refuge Recovery	9 9-12 Office Open 10:30 Trustee Mtg <i>NO Finance Mtg in May</i> 5:30 Voice Choir	10 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell 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 11:30 UWF Luncheon	13
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28 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Taco Sunday!	29 Rummage Sale Prep Office CLOSED for Memorial Day No Bible Study No Refuge Recovery	30 Rummage Sale Prep 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir	31 Rummage Sale Prep 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	<i>June 1 - Rum Sale Prep</i>	<i>June 2</i> RUMMAGE SALE!	<i>June 3</i> RUMMAGE SALE!

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



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