



# The Trinity Times



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## SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS! OUR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Last month we held a luncheon in honor of all of the volunteers here at Trinity. Thanks to Melinda for all her great photos!



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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

*As General Conference continues, I wanted to share a news article with you from NPR that is exciting for me and all who want to see the 'official' policy of the United Methodist Church become more open and inclusive to all of God's children:*

United Methodists from around the world meeting at their General Conference in Charlotte, N.C., have voted on steps that could end the church's ban on LGBTQ+ clergy and same-sex weddings.

The proposal, called regionalization, essentially would allow different geographic regions — North America, Europe, Africa, and the Philippines — to make their own rules about ministry.

One of the architects of the plan, Rev. Dee Stickley-Minor, said she looks forward to being part of a denomination in which the United States isn't the center of gravity.

"I celebrate that this is a beginning of a new way of being a worldwide church," she said, "where our voices are actually heard, and we can begin to listen to one another in new ways."

By reorganizing the United Methodist Church in this way, it's far more likely that its ban on same-sex marriage and LGBTQ+ clergy could be lifted in the U.S while allowing churches elsewhere to make their own rules.

Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, the incoming president of United Methodist Council of Bishops, said the vote sends a clear signal that the United Methodist Church is ready to embrace a new way forward.

"Yes, it decenters the U.S., but it also dismantles colonialism, giving us sense of agency, a sense of autonomy while still keeping us connected missionally," she said.

Malone describes the regionalization plan as keeping the church "one body" but with a variety of expressions around the world.

A big concern in recent years has been how there appears to be a will to lift bans on LGBTQ+ clergy and same-sex marriage in the U.S, but that sentiment is not widespread in other parts of the world, especially in Africa.

Rev. Emmanuel Sinzohagera of the United Methodist Church's Burundi Conference said he is pleased with this reorganization plan.

"What matters in Africa may not necessarily matters to you, to the U.S. church, and what matters to you as church may not necessarily matter to the African Church," he said.

The regionalization plan passed with 78% of the vote but still needs to be ratified by local annual conferences. They'll take up the measure in the coming year.

Meanwhile, separate proposals to remove restrictive language about LGBTQ+ clergy and same-sex weddings globally are on the agenda next week for this United Methodist General Conference. But the regionalization vote could make those proposals less contentious and perhaps less likely to pass.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Zoe Ann Dudley, Finance Chair

### FIRST QUARTER:

The Finance Committee received permission to update you on the Financial Status of TUMC on a quarterly basis from this Newsletter forward. If you have any questions at any time, you are always invited to request information.

- Through March Trinity has received over \$25,000 from congregants that have made lump sum payments to their EOGs. This definitely helps Trinity's Cash flow.
- When these payments are "annualized" it becomes apparent that some other Monthly EOG commitments are behind – through March we are at only 81% of monthly commitments, OR AT \$6,500 BELOW EXPECTATIONS. Some of these issues have been cleared up. Thank you for paying attention to your EOGs and for your willingness to contribute.
- Our TOTAL income (EOGs, rent, non-EOG donations, Candlelight Concerts, Etc.) is at 75% through March
- THE GOOD NEWS is that our Expense budget is right at expected spending: 99.3%.

### OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST:

Due to the hard work of the crew who cleaned, painted and readied for sale the apartment formerly owned by Ray Grier, we received \$5,500 as a donation for all the work our crew put in. Many thanks to Ted Olson and all those who followed his Lead. THANK YOU TO ALL!!

We purchased a CD with initial funds from Aldrich (with more to follow we are told) from First Security Bank. We have made money on that account in the first quarter.

With past drop in the stock market in the past couple of years, we are finally seeing a slight comeback which has been reflected in our Endowment Fund investment with Faith Foundation Northwest.

You will be seeing a revamp and update on our Trinity website soon. With summer coming and visitors looking for churches to attend and newcomers looking for a church to attend and join, we were most grateful for a donation to cover the hours required to improve our Online appearance.

Your Finance Committee continues to take seriously and work hard to manage our financial health. Thank you to ALL for creating this Opportunity to Serve.

# Help Needed with Rummage Sale



Would you like to help in any of these areas?

- Tuesday through Thursday (May 28-30) mornings set up and pricing
- Friday and/or Saturday help during sale, mornings or afternoons
- Friday and Saturday morning pre-sale set-up
- Saturday after sale clean-up

Let Kathy know if you would like to join in on the fun.

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## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, May 23, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Bobbi Nikles and Jeri Canote

## *Irresistible Antiques*

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Bobbi Nikles and Jere Canote, a local fiddle and guitar country music band performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 PM** for one set with no intermission.

The performance will also be streamed live at <https://trinityumcpt.org/> 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 Bobbi and Jere's chosen charity, Olympic Angels. Olympic Angels' mission is to walk alongside children, youth, and families in the foster care community by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.

Port Townsend based fiddler Bobbi Nikles has performed in a wide array of bands: old-time, Irish, Jazz, and contradance. Her fiddling is luscious and rhythmic. She has contributed to Strings magazine with articles on bowing technique and instrument evaluation and she founded and directed the acclaimed day camp "Fiddlekids" in Berkeley, CA. She teaches at camps, workshops, and in her private studio, and has been on staff at Port Townsend's YEA Music! program, at Cen-



trum's Festival of American Fiddle-tunes, and at Wooden Boat Festival. Her playing incorporates a 30-year depth of knowledge and experience. Bobbi has appeared on many KPTZ programs and performs the closing music for "Cats in our Laps".

It all started for Jere when he received a guitar for Christmas while in high school in California. He began singing and performing with his twin brother Greg as the Canote Brothers. They moved to the Puget Sound area in the early 1980's and played for nearly two

decades with dance caller and musician Sandy Bradley, doing festivals and a weekly live radio show on KUOW. Along the way, Jere picked up the banjo, the ukulele, and the harmonica. The twins then forged a career performing and teaching their own brand of Americana. They have taught all over the country and been featured at Centrum festivals. The Canote Twins—a documentary about Jere and his twin—was completed and is shown widely at venues throughout the country.

Jere and Bobbi both moved to Port Townsend and found in each other a kindred musical spirit! They specialize in lively fiddle tunes, antique swing & blues, and country songs old and new!

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.

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## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

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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!

Thursday, July 25  
**Jim Nyby**  
Folk, blues, ballads & gospel

Thursday, August 22  
**Buzz Rogowski**  
Original compositions on piano

Thursday, September 26  
**Joe Euro**  
Neo-classical guitar



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!  
NAMI



Last Month's  
Concert with  
Chris Gilbert &  
Friends





## FAITH, PEACE, AND JUSTICE LIBRARY NOTES

By Margaret Engle

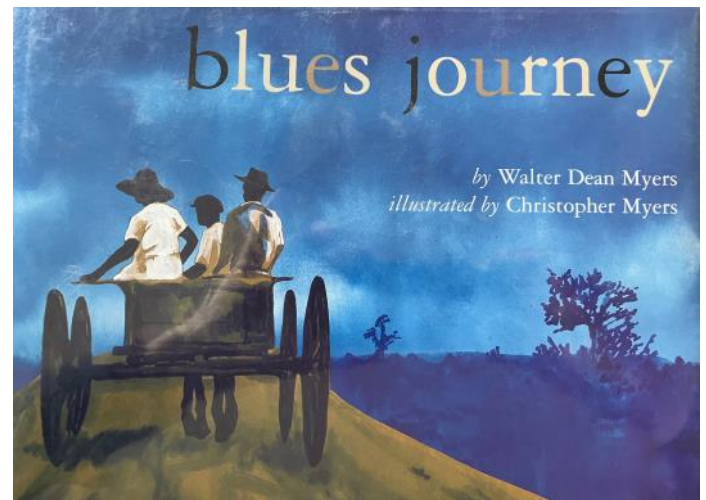
**Looking** for a non-fiction thriller? Please consider checking out *Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America and the Woman Who Stopped Them* by Timothy Egan. In a review, the Washington Post asks, "Why are people drawn to demagogues? Why have millions of citizens of democracies chosen, from time to time, over the centuries, to pledge fealty to leaders whose actions – political and personal – are obviously repugnant?" Egan, "a meticulous researcher and skilled storyteller", describes how such a man in 1920s resurrected the Klan movement and infiltrated all levels of the US government and especially Protestant church leaders. Once you start reading this book, most likely, you will not want to put it down.

If you are looking for a short read or a book to share with children, consider checking out *Whale In The Sky* by Anne Siberell. Illustrated with color wood cuts, this is a retelling of the PNW Native legend in which Thunderbird saves Salmon from the Whale.

Or if a music fan, consider *blues journey* by Walter Dean Myers and illustrated by Christopher Myers. "The blues, America's music, is recognized throughout the

world...and in the rich poetry of the blues lyrics, one finds the history of the black experience delivered from the hearts of the people who lived it."

Please do take a few minutes before or after church to peruse the library or the books in the red library truck in the Fellowship Hall. Remember, just write your name and phone number on the book card and put the card in the basket. Thanks for using our Faith, Peace, and Justice Library.



### **(Pastor's Log continued from page 2)**

Despite there being official bans on LGBTQ+ clergy and same-sex weddings, many local geographic conferences of the church — especially in the U.S. — choose not to enforce them.

Many congregations, displeased at that non-enforcement, chose to leave the denomination, which is the second largest Protestant one in the U.S. Some became independent congregations while others joined a more conservative moment called the Global Methodist Church.

The deadline for "disaffiliating," as it was called, from the United Methodist Church was last December. More

than 7,600 — about one quarter — of its congregations voted to leave. With the most conservative congregations gone, the path forward became clearer.

Bishop Tracy Smith Malone says she was overjoyed to be presiding at Thursday's regionalization vote, which comes after years of strife within the denomination. "I had to contain myself," she said, smiling broadly. "We get to be the workers in the vineyard, but this is God's vision."

*In Christ,  
Pastor Tony*



## TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Sarah Heiner, Trinity UWF President

A group of 13 gathered for our April luncheon on the 12th. After a brief business meeting, Vicki Long read a wonderful devotion and prayer, and then we heard from our speaker, Trinity's own Brian Hageman. Brian is a career Washington State Park Ranger and grew up in the system with a father who was also a Ranger. Brian, his wife Brandi, and their children moved to Port Townsend in 2013 when he became the interim manager at Fort Worden State Park. He subsequently had his role expanded to become the Olympic View Manager for Washington State Parks, covering forty properties including the near-Trinity Rothschild House, Fort Flagler, Anderson Lake, and Old Fort Townsend, in addition to Fort Worden.

Brian captivated his audience with tales of life in the Park trenches, both humorous and otherwise. Climate effects were discussed, as well as ongoing and hopefully upcoming projects. It was a fantastic presentation and he claimed to enjoy our potluck lunch options as well! He encouraged all Trinity members to get the most out of the beautiful parks around us, and discussions will be underway for future UWF outings to some of our local properties, especially the Fort Worden museums and the Rothschild house which many seemed interested in.

Going into May we send out best wishes to all our members undergoing health or other personal challenges. Special prayers for Bess Anne Corwith, who



was absent celebrating her birthday in Hawaii, and then will be heading to Mayo clinic for a major operation in early May.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Friday May 10th-potluck and spring get-together at Zoe Ann Dudley's home. Call Sarah or Zoe Ann for directions, and contact Sarah by text or email if you will need transportation.
- Friday June 14th-potluck and presentation at TUMC by Marine Science Center
- No meetings July and August
- Trinity Garage sale new dates May 31, June 1

## May Celebrations!

### MAY Birthdays

- 2 Paul Nebel
- 3 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

### MAY Anniversaries

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

# MORE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON PHOTOS





# TRINITY RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY, MAY 31 AND  
SATURDAY, JUNE 1

WE NEED:

Household, Gardening, Sports, Books,  
Records, CDs, Art, Toys, All Holiday  
Decorations, Linens, Furniture

ANYTHING, except clothing



New this year-PLANTS!! Pot and label your splits as you garden.

To drop off at church, bring on Sunday through Wednesday mornings or call Kathy O'Shea. We will take furniture the week of the sale, but if you have medium to large pieces and need to get them out of the house sooner, please call Kathy FIRST so she can find a place to put them.

## 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)

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### OLYMPIC PRIDE

June 8th at Pope Marine Plaza. We're looking for folks to staff our booth. Times/schedules are in the works, and you can contact Kelly von Volkli for questions or to sign up: [ptvonvolkli@gmail.com](mailto:ptvonvolkli@gmail.com).

### TRINITY TIMES

The deadline to submit articles for the June Trinity Times is **TUESDAY, MAY 28**.

Remember that we take a break in July and August, so June is our last newsletter until the September edition.

### ADBOARD

Our next Administrative Board meeting will be on **Sunday, July 28**. All are welcome,

### YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

If you have not seen your birthday or wedding anniversary in the bulletin or newsletter, lists please send yours to the office, so we can celebrate with you! Thanks!  
[trinityumc@olympus.net](mailto:trinityumc@olympus.net)

### Autumn Market!

Our Autumn Market will be on **Saturday, November 2nd**

Details coming soon, but for now you might start thinking about what you would like to contribute:

- Gift Basket
- Artwork / Crafts
- Cookies or Other Goodies
- Auction Item

### ONLINE GIVING

Remember that you can make donations conveniently online. On our website click 'Donate' (in the menu bar) then 'Donate Online' Or you can use the following link or QR code to take you there. Then you can click the 'DONATE' button that will take you to our Vanco page (*Vanco is approved and suggested by the UMC to use.*)

On our Vanco donation page you can make one-time or recurring donations to our General Fund, Candlelight Concerts, charities, Maintenance Reserve, our Pipe Organ, and more.

[tinyurl.com/trin-donate](https://tinyurl.com/trin-donate)



### MINISTRY GROUP LUNCHES

**Does Your Small Ministry Group Want to Sponsor a Sunday Lunch?**

We are going to try something new in place of Taco Sunday on the last Sunday of each month. We are inviting committees and other small group ministries to sponsor a lunch.

- June 30: Strategic Communications
- July 28: Church Council
- August 25:
- September 29:

You can find more details in our weekly Office Updates.

# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY



*Last month we forgot to mention that this was the 20th year we decorated the Easter cross!*

*The oldest photo I could find is the one above with the Henspeter's daughter-in-law in 2009.*





## IN OUR PRAYERS

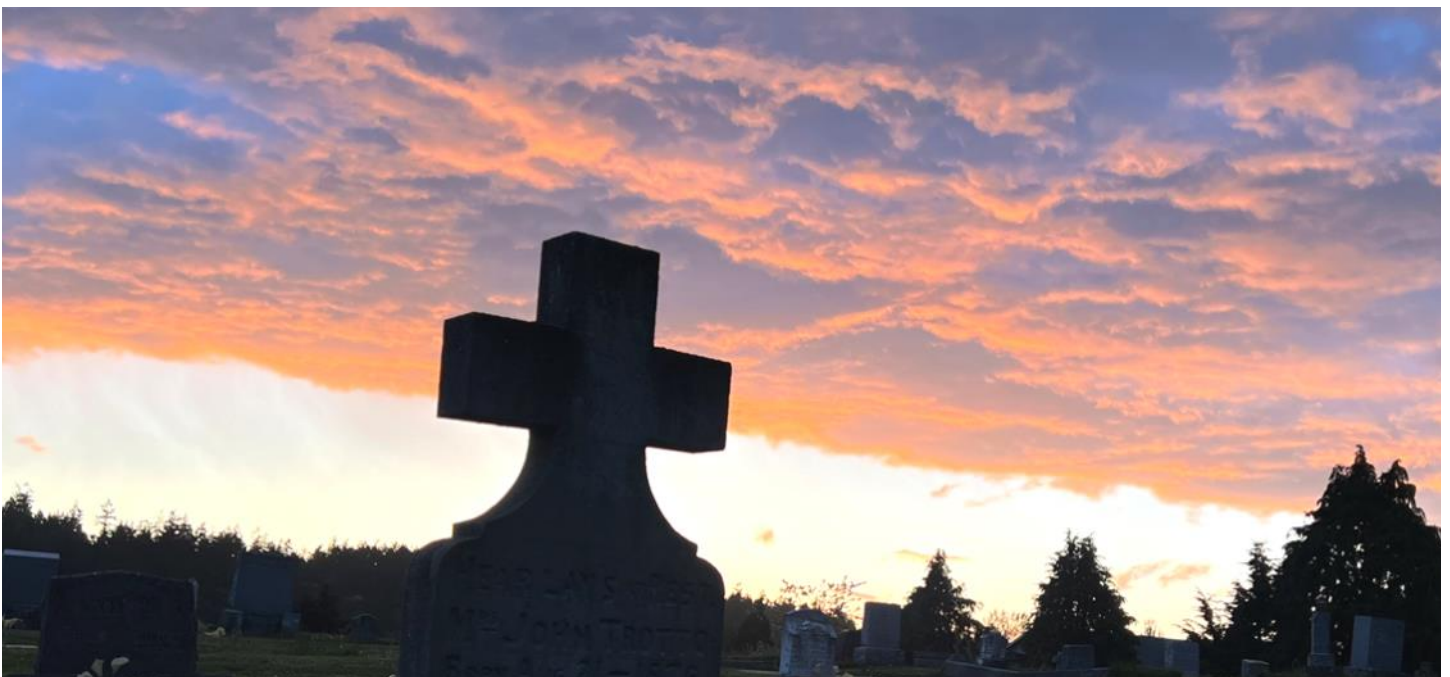
Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Juanita Campbell, Pinky Dale, David Engle, Steve Freeman, Ray Grier, Dee Hammonds, Jim, Clayton LaPlant, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, Soren, Maura Walsh's Mom and Stepdad, and Pat & Clint Webb.**

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.





## 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  
 Kathy O'Shea..... Sunday volunteer scheduling  
 Marlene Colvin..... Schedule, train money counters  
 Bess Anne Corwith..... Candles & paraments  
 Vicki Long ..... Communion prep

**MAY 5**  
 Liturgist: Kelly von Volkli  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Harvey Crow  
 and Marlene Colvin

**MAY 12**  
 Liturgist: Sally Helman  
 Flowers: Marlene Colvin  
 Coffee: Marlene Colvin  
 Snack Table: Marlene Colvin  
 Fellowship Friends: **you guessed  
 it—Marlene Colvin**

Money Counters: Melinda  
 LaPlant and Sally Helman

**MAY 19**  
 Liturgist: Vicki Long  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Donna Purnell  
 and Beth Kissinger

**MAY 26**  
 Liturgist: Mary Hedberg  
 Money Counters: Donna Abbott  
 and Chris Walvatne

## BIBLE READINGS

**Sunday, May 5**  
 6th Sunday of Easter  
 Psalm 98  
 Acts 10:44-48  
 1 John 5:1-6  
 John 15:9-17

**Sunday, May 12**  
 7th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 1  
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
 1 John 5:9-13  
 John 17:6-19

**Sunday, May 19**  
 Pentecost  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27  
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Sunday, May 26**  
 Trinity Sunday  
 Isaiah 6:1-8  
 Psalm 29  
 Romans 8:12-17  
 John 3:1-17





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

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