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SPOTLIGHT ON TRINITY HIKING GROUP - 8TH ANNIVERSARY!

By Nancy Stevens

Our awesome hiking group has passed another milestone! On April 7, we reached our **8th Anniversary!** It is hard to believe we have been gathering for these wonderful get-togethers for 8 years! For those of you who have been along for the ride, take a little time to reflect on some of the times we have shared - the places we have walked, the beauty we have witnessed, and the ways we have supported and encouraged one another along the way. We are so happy to be part of this group! And now for the statistics: we have completed **490 hikes**; walked **2,130 miles**; averaging **4.35 miles per hike!** That is quite an accomplishment! Thanks for the memories! We look forward to seeing what our 9th year will bring! ■



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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

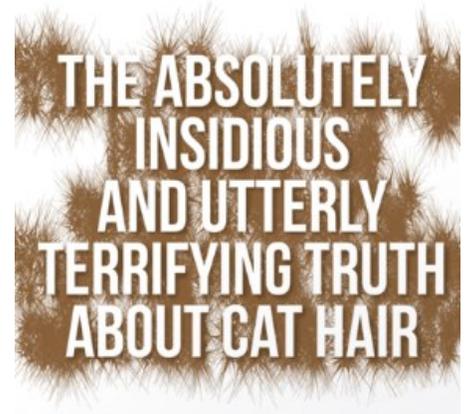
I want to call your attention to two very important dates in the life of our church.

The first is **June 14th** when we will have our **Kenya Fundraising dinner and silent auction**. The Kenya team (12 people) will be working at the Methodist Biointensive farm in Meru, Kenya. The biointensive farm

exists to: increase the livelihood of the small farmer by teaching conservation and biodiversity; teach small families to grow food and maintain a cow and calf and other livestock on less than an acre of land; provide facilities for training the small farmers, and create awareness of technologies that are safe, efficient, and affordable. Additionally, our team will hold medical clinics and build at least one home for a family without a home. You can see the menu for the dinner on this page. Tickets will be \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. If you have anything that you could donate for the silent auction we would be very appreciative as well.

The second date is **June 20th** where our Wacky Wednesday group will be performing a play for the church and community entitled "**The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair**". The play is a comedy telling us that *cat hair is infinite. No matter how much hair you brush off of a cat, there will always be more. Always. Cat hair has existed since the beginning of time, and it will be here long after cockroaches have become extinct. It is the secret driving force behind business and politics, and is plotting the downfall of humanity even as we speak. Unbelievable? Find out for yourself in this insidious and utterly terrifying tale, which is also totally hilarious, easy to stage, and suitable for an insanely large cast.*

Brenda! Put down that brush! Step away from the cat!



Tickets for the play range from \$15-\$25. There will be **two performances at 6pm and 8pm**. Half of the proceeds from the play the teens would like to donate to our local food bank and the rest will help to supplement the cost of our Wacky Wednesday summer trip. There are 13 teens involved in the play and they hope to sell enough tickets to raise \$4,000.

I hope you will mark your calendars for the 2 events to support those in need here in our community and in Kenya and to support our amazing teens who come every Wednesday! If you'd be willing to help sell tickets for either event please let me know.

In Christ,
Pastor Tony ■

**Kenya Fundraising Dinner
and Silent Auction**

June 14th 6pm

Appetizers

Selection of Walk
Around Appetizers

Salad

Spring Salad with Pear and Feta
and Vinaigrette Dressing

Main Course

Wild Caught Artisanal Ahi Tuna
with Toasted Sesame and Dill
or
Roasted Stuffed
Portabella Mushroom
and
Roasted Asparagus with Sweet Onion
and
Roasted Mushroom Risotto

Dessert

Cheesecake or Chocolate Mousse

620 Tyler St. Port Townsend



FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Zoe Ann Dudley, Finance Chair

HAPPY SPRING! As always your Finance Committee has been working diligently to set our finance stage for 2025, and as a result have balanced the Budget with a deficit of \$13,000. On our posted balance sheet we show \$23,684, if you have been following the posted monthly reports in the Fellowship Hall, but in reality because we had a roll over balance from 2024, it is \$13,000. We balanced the budget with a category of "other fund raising" as we do each year, and each year the funds are raised. Thus our budget balances at \$216,202.80 for Total Expenses and Income. We have our Rummage Sale scheduled this summer and this brings in approximately \$4,000.00 or more. We expect the balance of the income from the money left to us by the Arthur Aldrich Trust to arrive in the next few months as well. As always we welcome ideas for fund raising.

Additional income will come from the rental of our second apartment rental being constructed where our office was. The expenses for the construction of the new office, and soon to be constructed second apartment, came from a \$25,000 CD taken out with a portion of the first income of the Aldrich Trust. From our one year investment we made \$1,000 in interest. As you were informed with a lovely acknowledgment of the work done by many of our congregants, we saved \$53,000 in labor with the creation of the office space.

We track **WEEKLY** expenditures vs income, all actuals with **MONTHLY** spread sheets and Profit and Loss statements and a **MONTHLY** annualized report. ALL of these reports are posted and open for questions at any time. Finance Meetings are open to anyone who has questions as well.

We are pleased to welcome Kathy O'Shea as a new member of the Finance Committee as a representative of the Trustees. She is replacing George Williams who gave many years of dedicated service in this capacity. I also attend monthly Trustee meetings, giving financial reports and having a better understanding of the upcoming financial needs for the maintenance and care of our historic structure.

Many thanks to Dan Purnell, Paul Nebel, Ron Rivas, Pastor Tony Brown and Lynn Zephyrna for all the many hours of work they provide as Finance Committee Members and **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OUR MINISTRY.**

MOST SINCERELY,
Zoe Ann Dudley
Finance Committee Chair ■

May Celebrations!

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

Anniversaries

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



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, May 22, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Vesper Piano Trio

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host the Vesper Piano Trio. The group will be performing at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 22, 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 of \$15 per person. You are most welcome to attend whether you choose to donate or not. Half of the proceeds from this concert will be donated to [Olympic Neighbors](#), whose mission is to create home and community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

The Vesper Piano Trio brings together three Seattle natives who have built their musical relationships and friendships with each other over the course of decades. Violinist Caitlin Kelley, cellist Emily Hu, and pianist Thomas Lee are among the most in-demand classical musicians in the Seattle area, maintaining diverse performance careers as recitalists, soloists, chamber musicians, symphonic players, and pedagogues.

Their individual careers include frequent appearances with the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Opera, Pacific Northwest Ballet, and the 5th Avenue Theater, along with performances in venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

The Vesper Piano Trio will present a program of classical chamber music featuring the works of Joseph Haydn, Jennifer Higdon, and Felix Mendelssohn.



For more information on the Vesper Piano Trio, please visit www.vesperpianotrio.com

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, May 22
Vesper Piano Trio
 Classical Music Trio

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

**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

RUMMAGE SALE

Put **August 22 & 23**
 in your calendars
 for our next
 Rummage Sale!
 Contact Jennie
 Williams if you
 have questions.

More info coming
 soon.



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

MAY 4
 Liturgist: Janice Parks
 Money Counters: Chris
 Walvatne and Marlene Colvin

MAY 11 - MOTHER'S DAY
 Liturgist: Debra Olson
 Flowers: Marlene Colvin
 Coffee: Marlene Colvin
 Money Counters: Donna Purnell
 and Harvey Crow

MAY 18
 Liturgist: Beth Kissinger
 Money Counters: Donna Purnell
 and Beth Kissinger

MAY 25
 Liturgist: Sally Helman
 Money Counters: Donna Abbott
 and Melinda LaPlant



TRUSTEES' UPDATE

By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

Trustees' Report -Highlights of April Meeting

Apartment Remodel: Work had begun to transform our old office into a lovely 1 BR apartment. The kitchen cabinets are being picked up as I write this. The project is in the "teardown and rearrange" stage at the moment, with a big hole in the bathroom floor for access to the crawl space. You will see little piles of the dirt removed scattered in low spots in the lawn. Thank you to those dedicated workers that have been at the worksite for the last 2 weeks. If you have plumbing or electrical skills or you love crawling in small spaces, PLEASE contact Kevin O'Shea.

Church Wide Work Day, SUNDAY MAY 4: We will be having our annual Spring Work Day on a Sunday this year. Church will be only 30 minutes followed by an hour of chores then a delicious potluck lunch. There will be indoor and outdoor projects; something for everyone of any ability. Please come and find out how fun it is to garden and clean with a group. Questions? Ask Kathy or Tony

Chandelier: We have all of the chandeliers installed and working in the Sanctuary. Thank you Bill Brock for supervising this long and complex project.

Last Month's Wish List:

- 1) Fellowship Hall TV-Thank you Melinda LaPlant for the donation of a large TV!
- 2) Appliances- The owner of Liberty Bay Cabinets has donated all of the kitchen appliances for our new apartment. WOW! Thank you, Charlie!

Security system: Please remember to double-check that the doors are completely shut (give the door a firm pull) and locked before leaving the building.

Next Trustees meeting will be May 13 at 10am. Anyone can attend Trustees meetings. Meeting minutes are always posted in the Fellowship Hall or contact Kathy O'Shea for an electronic copy.

Thank you for your support,

Your Trustees: George Williams, Bill Brock, Harvey Crow, Mary Hedberg, Maggie Hawley, Ted Olsen, and Kathy O'Shea ■





IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **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, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Mark Reitz, Lisa Reynolds, Ron Stowell, Nikki Tsuchiya, Lisa Verschueren, 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. ■

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!

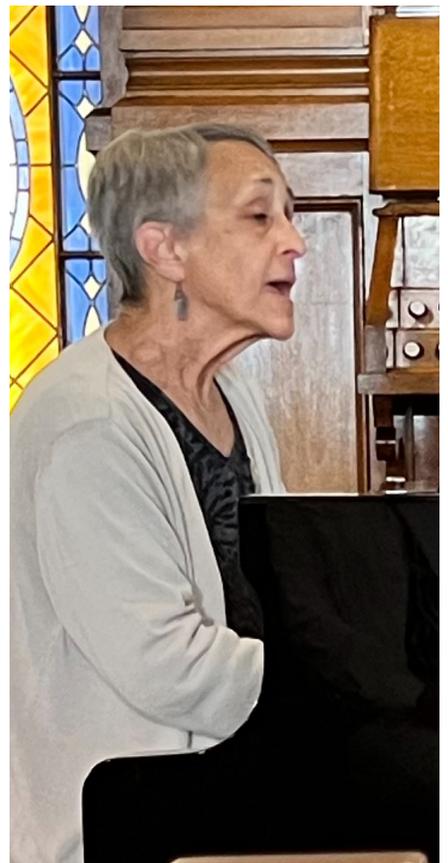
Contact Ted Olson (360-344-2945) or Kevin O'Shea (203-917-0258)

Two dogs inside you. One of them is mean and evil. The other is good. The mean dog fights the good dog all the time. He was asked: which dog usually wins? He answered, 'The one I feed the most'.

TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY

Easter





EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 4 - WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO WORSHIP DAY

On May 4th we will be having "Wear Your Work Clothes to Worship Day". We will have a brief 30 minute service with communion and then join together as a congregation to do work outside and inside the church building. There will be opportunities for all age levels and abilities to work to beautify the church property and building. Our goal is to have at least 50 people working for an hour towards this. After we work for an hour we will have lunch together in the fellowship hall. We should finish with worship, work, and lunch by 12:30. Dress your worst for this service! I will be leading worship in my work clothes as well. It will be an unusual but fun time for us all and help us to get to know one another better. Hope you'll join us!

TRINITY TIMES

The deadline to submit articles for the June Trinity Times newsletter is **TUESDAY, MAY 27**.

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

BABY SHOWER!

UWF Group (and anyone who wants to contribute): In case you weren't able to be at our last meeting, it was announced that food for Eli and Austin's baby shower would be "Brunch" themed. So, any eggy, bacony, fruity, or yummy sweet bake will be appreciated! The event is planned for after service on **May 18th**.



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We would love to have more things to auction off, so if you have items or services you would like to donate to our Silent Auction to raise funds for our Kenya trip, please contact Pastor Tony.

Thanks!

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 26

The office will be closed and there will be no Bible Study on Memorial Day.

BIBLE READINGS

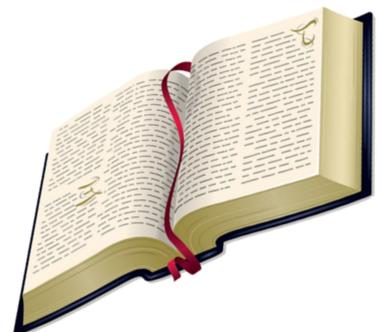
Sunday, May 4
3rd Sunday of Easter
Psalm 30
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Acts 9:36-43
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 11
4th Sunday of Easter
Psalm 23

Sunday, May 18
5th Sunday of Easter
Psalm 148
Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 25
6th Sunday of Easter
Psalm 67
Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29



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

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