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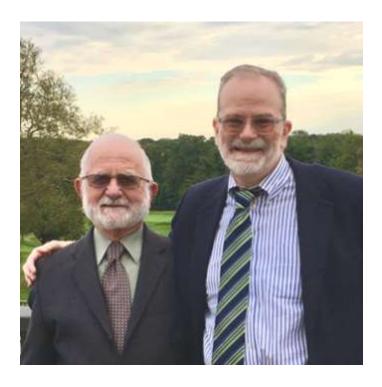
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SPOTLIGHT ON JOHN SABOL & PAUL McDevitt

In August 2021, we moved to Port Ludlow after living in Seattle for almost 30 years. John is originally from Maine and Paul from New Jersey. We've travelled all around the world, but the Pacific Northwest is home. Both of us were raised Catholic, but stopped going to church long before we met each other in 1994.

In 2009, we finally felt the urge to find a church home. After a short search we decided to become members of All Pilgrims Christian Church on Capitol Hill in Seattle, not far from where we lived. Then in 2010, we were married at the church with a big ceremony including opera songs! We liked it so much that in 2013 we did it again! This time we received a marriage license to make it official. You know they say that the third time's a charm. So, don't be surprised if you hear wedding bells again!

Moving out of Seattle, the place where we met, married, and shared a home for 25 years has been a difficult but ultimately, positive transition. In reality, Seattle moved on without us. We hardly recognize the city that we fell in love with so many years ago. And so many of our friends have retired and moved away. We were ready for a change!



We are now both retired and looking forward to a slower pace of life. We love travel, wine, music, our dogs Murphy and Ginger, the outdoors, good times with friends over a home-cooked meal and lively dis-

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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,

Sunday is always a wonderful day at Trinity, but we have church on Wednesdays as well...just a bit differently. Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20 that "whenever 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, I am there". Church doesn't always look like Sunday mornings, but according to Jesus' words, it's still church.

Church begins on Wednesday with our incredible Trustees and their helpers and our awesome "Clean Team". As many as 20 people can be found at Trinity cleaning our building, changing light bulbs, working to make our sound and audio better for streaming, and numerous other projects that

need to be done to make our building a welcoming space. Afterwards these people sit and enjoy coffee and cookies together and connect about life issues.

Church on Wednesday continues at 11am when we have our Souper Wednesday study. We just finished the book "Lunchladies Bought My Prom Dress" and enjoyed a different homemade soup at each study. I can't tell you how much I've fallen in love with soup since we began this program - there have been so many varieties to enjoy! We will begin another study on November 8th called "Experiencing Christmas". The study will help us to get ready to enjoy the Advent/ Christmas season in a new way. If you'd like a book please let me know.

Finally, Church on Wednesday concludes with the Wacky Wednesday program from 1:30-3pm. Above you'll see a picture of our group from two weeks ago



where they went around together door to door to collect food for the Wave Food Drive. We provide a safe and fun experience for the kids where we try our best to love them like Jesus does. I think the growth in this program shows that the Spirit is on the move.

So, what's our average attendance at worship? Well, I'd have to respond, "which worship service are you talking about? Sunday...or...Wednesday?" On Wednesday there are as many as 40 people coming to church. No, it doesn't look like Sunday morning, but Jesus is there. and therefore it's Church.

In Christ,

Pastor Tony





TRUSTEES' REPORT By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

Trustees would like to welcome our newest member, Maggie Hawley. She is already making an impact, having painted the windowsills on Clay Street as well as the steps to the old entrance. Thank you, Maggie (and Bronson)! (See their photo to the right.)

Since this is my first newsletter update, I want to give you highlights of the summer and who deserves thanks.

- Walkway across the greenway on Taylor St. (Harvey Crow, Bill Brock, Larry Chasteen and Ted Olson)
- Signed Contracts with new childcare programs: Dragonfly Preschool meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Childcare Building, and PT Cottage School meets Tuesday and Thursday in the Fellowship Hall.
- New floor in the Childcare Building (Bill Brock, Tori Allen, Harvey Crow, Ted Olson, Marlene Colvin)
- Rebuilt door in the Childcare Building (Kevin O'Shea)
- Deer Fence to protect the Memorial Garden (Marlene Colvin, Zoe Ann Dudley, Lynn Zephryna, Bill Brock, Larry Chasteen, Harvey Crow)
- Removal of old stove (Bill Brock and Kevin O'Shea) and purchase of 2 new electric stoves and electrical work to support them (a generous donor)
- New mug holder in Fellowship Hall (Don Edgar and Bess Ann Corwith)
- Gardening Day (Mary Hedberg, Lynn Zephryna, Marlene Colvin, Bill Brock, Harvey Crow, Kevin O'Shea, Kathy O'Shea, Donna Purnell, Larry Chasteen, Ted Olson)

Pretty great summer! Thanks to all of the Trustees and generous donors of time and money.













CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Kozmopolis

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candle-light Concerts host Kozmopolis, a local folk music group. The performance will be at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, November 16, 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 Recovery Café (http://www.recoverycafejc.org/, a recovery community based on the belief that everyone deserves love and belonging and where a beautiful, safe, warm, drug-and-alcohol-free space exists for everyone.

Kozmopolis brings poignant and joyful sounds of Eastern European folk music to the Candlelight Concert stage. Featuring Port Townsend couple Mark "Kozmo" Schlenz on violin and Jane Freeburg on accordion with Dan Harrison on bass, listeners can expect rousing dance beats, lyrical waltzes, and evocative melodies from Ukraine, Romania, medieval Spain, and originals continuing the tradition.

"We play music for the Global Village," violinist Kozmo explains. "Jane was turned on to world music as a folk dancer in the 1970s, and I was obsessed with the world's fiddle music when we married in 1982.... We've



been playing together ever since." Bassist Dan Harrison, who recently transplanted to the area with twelve years performing and recording with the San Francisco area Klezmer band Hernandez Hideaway, brings creative inspiration and solid grounding to the trio. A multitalented musician and graphic artist, Dan performed his analog modular synthesis compositions as Manys Lunch Organ at Thing this August.

Kozmopolis performed in 2023 at the Juan de Fuca Festival in Port Angeles, the Brass Screw Consortium Steampunk Festival and the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend, and headlined the Backwoods Accordion Festival in Trego, Montana.

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, November 16

Kozmopolis

Folk music from around the world

Thursday, December 14

Terry Reitz

Christmas Organ Concert

Thursday, January 25

Chris Gilbert

Thursday, February 22

Michael Carroll

Thursday, March 28

David Michael



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 Jean Lenke Jazz-Quartet





TRINITY HIKING GROUP By Nancy Stevens

Our hiking group is rejoicing in the splendor of fall! The colors, crisp air, cooler temps and the crunch of leaves underfoot have been a delight! We are enjoying our beautiful local trails and traveling a bit further to catch a glimpse of the mountains in autumn.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join us on these outings, please share this email address with them (Nancy Stevens at nstevensnow@gmail.com) - we love to see new faces in our group and make new friends. Walking a trail together provides wonderful opportunities for that! Our hikes are generally between 3-4 miles and don't involve too much elevation change. Occasionally we do a more challenging trail because we have some favorites we have experienced through the years. Being on the hiking notification email list does not obligate you to show up - it just provides an opportunity to be there. We hope to see you soon!







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cussions on just about any topic. John has done many things in his life from owning and managing a restaurant, to building houses, working with developmentally disabled adults, and a long career as a licensed massage practitioner. Paul is a lawyer who spent most of his career as a federal investigator and spent a few years working as a graphic designer when he was younger.

Our love of travel has taken all around the world from Europe (Italy, France, Spain, Austria, Ireland, England, Hungary, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic) to Asia (Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand,





and Bali) to closer places such as Alaska, British Columbia, Mexico and Costa Rica. We have also taken several long road trips within the U.S. The longest being a 4,000-mile roundtrip from Seattle to Indiana to visit John's sister and her family.

We are excited to start a new chapter of our lives on the Quimper Peninsula and look forward to getting involved and getting to know all of you here at Trinity United Methodist!

November Celebrations!

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kali Thompson
- 15 Kevin O'Shea
- 19 Adam Stillwell
- 20 Stan Goddard
- 25 Jo Stover
- 28 Bill Brock

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Zoe Ann and Harry Dudley
- 13 Colleen and Al Gawle
- 23 Scott and Teresa Rosekrans

TRINITY FRIENDS

Trinity Friends started last year at this time as a way for those in our congregation to get to know each other. Formed in groups of six to eight Trinity Friends is an opportunity for small groups to spend time together in a variety of activities. Some groups may have a meal together. Another group may go for a walk or see a play together or meet for breakfast. Each group sets their own schedule and choose activities that work for them. Our Hosts are asked to organize the first activity and then others in the group take turns doing the planning. In the Spring we will choose new groups so everyone has the opportunities to meet those in our congregation. Please let us know if you would like to be part of Trinity Friends. And if you have questions please contact us. All are welcome!

- Donna and Dan





FINANCE COMMITTEE By Zoe Ann Dudley, Finance Chair

Your
Finance Committee met on October
10, 2023. We were very pleased to
welcome our New Finance Committee member Paul
Nebel. Ron Rivas, George Williams, Dan Purnell, Pastor Tony Brown and Chairman, Zoe Ann Dudley were
present.

We were pleased to approve a 5% salary increase for Pastor Tony Brown, proposed by our SPRC, effective Jan, 1, 2024.

What is most significant is that Trinity Congregants continue to provide steady EOG and NON EOG contributions through 9 months of 2023. Additionally all expense categories with the exception of Utilities are under budget. This combined with our positive Income position gives us a Net Income position of \$8,095 through September. Much of this is reflected by increased Church Service attendance and the addition of 11 new members in 2023.

- YTD September Annualized EOGs are \$655 over budget @ 100.7%
- YTD September Non-Pledge Contributions are \$3,241 over budget @ 122.7%

- YTD September Loose Offerings are \$2,022 over budget @ 167.7%
- YTD September Annualized Total EOG+Non-Pledge are \$3,896 over budget @ 103.5%
- YTD September Annualized TOTAL INCOME is \$3,349 over budget @ 102.4% (includes all donations, rents, Candlelight Concerts, etc.)
- YTD TOTAL EXPENSES are \$4,745 UNDER BUDGET @ 96.7%
- Cornerstone Pledges continue to provide monies for our monthly mortgage payment of \$1,001
- Cornerstone Mortgage payments will be paid from our Operating Budget in 2024

Beginning with our November 14, 2023 meeting, we will begin the process of creating a healthy and fiscally responsible 2024 Budget. We pray for sound decisions as we strive to take care of Trinity United Methodist Church. Your commitment to contributing to this with your dollars and volunteer help is most sincerely essential to our existence. Join us in the JOY of LOVING our church and each INDIVIDUAL MEMBER of Trinity.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Ron Portin	Organ Tech				
John Miller	Sound, Tech, Musician				
Devon Helman	Zoom Tech				
Matt Harter	Live Video Tech				
Ron Portin and Melinda LaPlant Fold and collate bulletins					
Dan Purnell	Liturgist scheduling				
Kathy O'Shea	Sunday volunteer scheduling				
Marlene Colvin Money Counter scheduling, training, etc.					

NOVEMBER 5

Liturgist: Mary Hedberg Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Sheila Burrell and Marlene Colvin

NOVEMBER 12

Liturgist: David Engle
Money Counters: Sally
Helman and Chris Walvatne

NOVEMBER 19

Liturgist: Bess Anne

Corwith

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Donna Purnell and Beth Kissinger

NOVEMBER 26

Liturgist: Jeff Corwith Money Counters: Donna Abbott and Marlene Colvin





FAITH, PEACE, AND JUSTICE LIBRARY NEWS By Margaret Engle

If you are one of the 26 Jefferson County Library patrons patiently waiting to check out Timothy Egan's new book, 'Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them', you can find this book soon in our Faith, Peace, and Justice Library. As noted by one reviewer, this book "combines Egan's diligent research with his ability to create credible, emotionally gripping scenes. It should be studied by groups and individuals sincerely wishing to understand America's past..."

Another new book is 'Do the Work, An Antiracist Activity Book'. This book, by W. Kamau Bell and Kate Schatz, includes conversations, puzzles, games, short articles, and quizzes! One example is "Bootstrapping: The

Game!" There are two ways to play, as a white person or the Other. One can play this game alone by taking both paths. Example: Perhaps you land on this square: "Valid ID required to buy boots. Give them your Tribal ID, but they don't accept it. Move back 2 spaces." Who managed to buy boots first? And what is the "bootstrapping" myth?

Please remember the "We Are One" Native Art Exhibit at the Jefferson Museum of Arts and History running through December 31. If you have friends and family visiting for Thanksgiving weekend, take them to see this. Visit on the first Saturday of the month for free admission.

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My Trinity United Methodist Church Estimate of Giving (EOG) to the General Fund for 2024

Name(s)									
\$	weekly	monthly	one-time	other	(circle one)				
If one-time or other, when can it be expected to reach Trinity?									
Special instructions/note									

Please submit your info by November 12. You can leave this form in the offering plate or mail to: Trinity UMC, 609 Taylor Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, or submit your EOG on our website: trinityumcpt.org under 'Donate'.

We will contact you to confirm your EOG.

Thank you for your ongoing Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service to Trinity!





TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
By Sarah Heiner, UWF President

Our Trinity Women's Group met for our October tober meeting on Friday, October 20th in the Fellowship Hall. After a beautiful and very timely devotion read by VP Debra Olson, Sarah read the

Treasurer's report on behalf of Zoe Ann Dudley who was out of town. We had a generous infusion of donations after the September meeting, swelling our checking account to over \$900. This ensures our ability over the next year to donate on behalf of speakers and to our preferred local charities. A big thank you to those who have donated, and a reminder to all that we are

always open for more donations to contribute to our causes.

Debra discussed options for our next meeting on November 10th. We discussed meeting for a tour of the Recovery Café at 11:00am that day, followed by either a group, individual-pay, lunch at Bayview Restaurant, or a potluck back at church. The vote was for the latter. However, after the meeting, Debra was advised that the Recovery Café will be closed on November 10th in honor of Veterans 'Day. We will table that activity to next winter or spring. Instead, Debra is looking into having a speaker from Habitat for Humanity come speak with us on 11/10 about their organization. Sarah will send out an email sometime in the next few weeks to let members in attendance at the October meeting know who will be the final speaker. Our December meeting will be a Christmas luncheon potluck and carol sing-along at Sarah's house in Cape George Colony. She will have a list of last year's carols to share at the November meeting, so that if anyone would like to add another favorite Sarah can see if she can find music she can play! This year, it will be piano only.

Sarah also brought up a book title that Zoe Ann had recommended to the board at their meeting earlier in the week. It is 'Angeline', by local author Anna Quinn. Zoe Ann feels that, though it is fiction, it speaks to the

lives of women in our church and in other faith communities. Bess Anne stated that she has already purchased the book on Kindle and that it is also available as an audiobook.



Finally, Sarah said a prayer centered around the second Fruit of the Spirit, joy and our need to keep finding and expressing it, despite these difficult times. We then enjoyed a light lunch of sandwiches, fruit and some desserts before embarking on the day's activity of completing projects for the upcoming Craft Fair. It was a busy, fun time and more than 12 women

were able to stay and work for an hour or more to help fill our "completed work" table.

Forging On with Faith! Sarah

DONNA ABBOTT GUESSED IT!

Donna guessed that the pictures below are Donna and Dan Purnell.

Thanks for playing:)







EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



A utumn Market



Craft Bazaar, Silent A uction & Baked Goods

Saturday, November 4th

Tell all your friends and come by to do some Christmas shopping, and get some home-baked goodies, too!

If you are going to furnish **Baked Food** and have any questions on delivery, please contact Marlene.

If you are going to furnish Arts/Crafts or a Gift Basket, please contact Debra Olson.

Auction items can be left downstairs Friday November 3rd.

Debra: <u>debolson747@yahoo.ca</u>

Marlene: <u>littleredhen321@gmail.com</u>

Bess Anne: <u>bacorwith@gmail</u>





TRINITY TIMES DEADLINE

Articles and photos need to be received by the office by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 21</u> for our next publication. Please e-mail your items to the office at <u>trinityumc@olympus.net</u>.

SOUPER Wednesdays

We will resume on November 8.

THANKSGIVING

Join us Sunday, November 19 after worship to share a Thanksgiving meal. Signup sheets will be available soon.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING 2024

Estimate of Giving forms will be available in person at worship, in the newsletter, and online at http://tinyurl.com/trin-eog (or go to our trinityumcpt.org and look under 'Donate').

Please submit your form by November 12. You can leave your form in the offering plate or mail to: Trinity UMC, 609 Taylor Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. *Within a couple of weeks of receiving it, we will contact you by email to confirm your info.*

When planning for this, remember that you can choose from several ways to get your donations to Trinity:

- 1) **Bill Pay through your bank**—you can set this up to have a donation automatically sent every month. Please talk to your bank to find out how to do this they usually offer it for free.
- 2) **Online through Vanco**—the link is on our website and takes you to an external website that is secure: <u>tinyurl.com/trin-donate</u>. Using a bank account (with routing number) has less fees deducted than a credit or ATM card.
- 3) **Snail-Mail**—you can mail checks directly to the church.
- 4) In person—and, of course, you can drop cash and checks in the collection plate if you attend in person.



TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY





Garnett's dedication day in his new Habitat for Humanity home!











BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER 05

23rd Sunday After Pentecost; All Saints Sunday Josh 3:7-17 Ps 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830) 1 Thess 2:9-13 Matt 23:1-12

NOVEMBER 12

24th Sunday after Pentecost Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25 Ps 78:1-7 (UMH 799) 1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 19

25th Sunday after Pentecost Judg 4:1-7 Ps 123 1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 23

Lections for Thanksgiving Day Deut 8:7-18 Ps 65 (UMH 821) 2 Cor 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19

NOVEMBER 26

26th Sunday After Pentecost, Reign of Christ Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100 (UMH 821) Eph 1:15-23 Matt 25:31-46





In Our Prayers

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: Juanita Campbell, Cecil, Pinky Dale, Diane Delmar, Drewery Family, Kris Fairbanks, Lisa Flick, Steve Freeman, Teresa Gonzales, Ray Grier, Addison Kinchen, Clayton LaPlant, Lu, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Marla Moriarty, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, and Pat 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.



Trinity 15 Times Saturday 00 11:30 UWF Luncheon Friday Thursday 7PM Cand. Concert 36 23 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 1:30 Wacky Wednesday Wednesday 11 Souper Wednesday 9 Work Wednesday 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Bell Choir **Trinity Times Deadline** 7 Pub Theology (offsite) Tuesday 10:30 Trustee Mtg 9-12 Office Open 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir 9-12 Office Open 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir 5:30 Voice Choir 12 Finance Mtg Monday 9-12 Office Open 9-12 Office Open 9-12 Office Open 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study 12 Bible Study 12 Bible Study 12 Bible Study 11 Coffee & Fellowship **Blood Pressure Check** 11 Coffee & Fellowship 11 Coffee & Fellowship 11 Coffee & Fellowship Communion Sunday Food Bank Sunday Thanksgiving Meal 10 Worship Service 10 Worship Service 10 Worship Service 10 Worship Service after Worship

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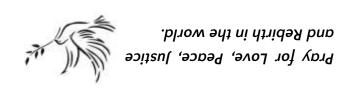
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