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SPOTLIGHT ON TRINITY'S 2025 GIVING CAMPAIGN

The economic world we live in today makes it exceedingly difficult to meet our financial obligations. The cost of heating fuel, which keeps our sanctuary warm, building supplies to maintain our beautiful building and food to support the hungry continue to increase.

But our Trinity Family rises to the occasion year after year. **THANK YOU!!** While some churches have closed their doors, we continue to grow in spite of the ongoing challenges. Your opportunity to support our mission is **NOW. We begin our 2025 Budget Planning in November.** We will work hard to plan for payment of salaries, maintenance of our property, support for our Church Programs and our local and international outreach.

PLEASE let us know how much you are able to contribute to the health and well being of our work. With the hand of Jesus on our backs we will succeed yet another year to accomplish the work of Jesus Christ in our world.

Thank you, Your Finance Committee.

You can use the Estimate of Giving (EOG) form in your Sunday bulletin, or see page 3 for the form and how to submit your EOG using our website.

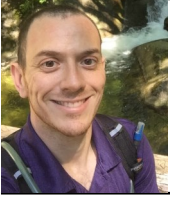


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The mission of the Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming ministry to all persons equally; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.



PASTOR'S LOG

By Pastor Tony Brown

Dear Church,

Our Church Building is such a vital part of the ministry that Trinity plays in Port Townsend. While a church building is not the "church", how our building looks and operates plays a huge part in attracting newcomers. As the United Methodist Hymn tells us "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together". However, the building and its operational function and upkeep reflects volumes to the public on whether we are welcoming and inviting or not.

In the 12 years I've been here as pastor I have never witnessed the church building and grounds look as beautiful and cared for as it does today. Everything



from the prayer garden to the recent painting has made our building look much more loved and cared for than I have ever seen. This hasn't happened by accident but by the hard work of many dedicated volunteers putting countless hours into it.

What amazes me is that the current plans by our incredible Trustees will only continue to make things better. We currently have plans to continue to approve ADA accessibility, repair stained glass, and continue to improve our kitchen (among many other items). There again are many dedicated volunteers that we are grateful to for all of this.

Again, while the church building is not the church, you can truly get a sense of a congregation by the way the interior and exterior of the building looks. A run down and non-functional building can send the message that the church is tired, old, and doesn't have much passion. A fully functional and clean building and grounds can send the message that we are vibrant and on the move. Think about it this way, if you see a restaurant that is run down and ugly how does that impact your

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My Trinity United Methodist Church

Estimate of Giving (EOG) for 2025



Name(s) _____

I/we plan to give to the **GENERAL FUND**:

\$ _____ Please circle your option below.

weekly monthly quarterly one-time

If one-time or quarterly, when can it be expected to reach Trinity? _____

Annual total: \$ _____

Please do not combine your EOG with other funds. You may include your plan to donate to other funds below (optional).

Fund: _____ \$ _____

weekly monthly quarterly one-time

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weekly monthly quarterly one-time

Please submit this EOG card by **December 1st, 2024**:

- in the offering plate
- mail to Trinity UMC, 609 Taylor St, Port Townsend, WA 98368
- use the form on our website: trinityumcpt.org under DONATE

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

We will confirm your EOG by e-mail.

If you want to leave a note or special instructions, you may use the back of this card.

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likelihood to eat there. To me it's a reflection on the quality of their food. Same thing is true with a church building.

I want to thank everyone who has labored so much to make our church building what it is today. We are sending a message to our community that we care about who we are and that we have set the table in a clean place for people to come and find spiritual nourishment.

In Christ,
Pastor Tony





CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, November 14, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Tom Melancon

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Tom Melancon, a singer and songwriter from Seattle, who will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, November 14, 2024, 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 of \$15 per person. You are most welcome to attend whether you choose to donate or not. Half of the donations from Melancon's concert will be given to the Society of St. Vincent De Paul East Jefferson County, <https://svdpejc.org/>, whose mission is to respond to the emergency needs of people in our community by offering financial assistance and referrals as necessary.

Tom Melancon grew up in Northern Nevada and played bass guitar with several local bands in Reno, earning notice as an accomplished live performer, recording musician and songwriter. Since moving to the Pacific Northwest over 20 years ago, Tom has continued to play bass guitar with local bands, but also started turning his focus more to songwriting and solo performance.

Tom joined Mark Huff from Nashville, Tennessee, on several PNW tours in 2016 and 2017. In 2019, Tom formed his current band American Flats, a melodic Americana Band with soaring vocals, excellent harmonies and engaging musical performances. American Flats has earned a reputation as a heartfelt, passionate

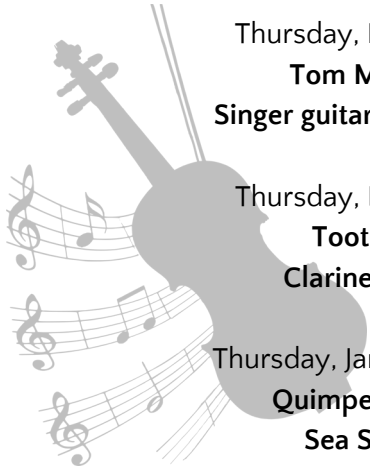


rock band, playing local venues and festival such as The Showbox, Bite of Seattle and the Royal Room. AF Released their first EP "Nevada" to a sold-out show at the Royal Room in February and is getting quite a bit of play on the streaming platforms.

When Tom plays solo, he brings a mixture of the hard-hitting Americana that American Flats delivers along with other heartfelt Folk-Rock songs that he's written and recorded. The vibe is dusky vocals with a hint of the open spaces of Nevada and the heartbreak of being alive in a complicated world.

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 but not mandatory for in-person attendees.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES



Thursday, November 14
Tom Melancon
Singer guitarist, Americana

Thursday, December 19
Toot Sweet
Clarinet Quintet

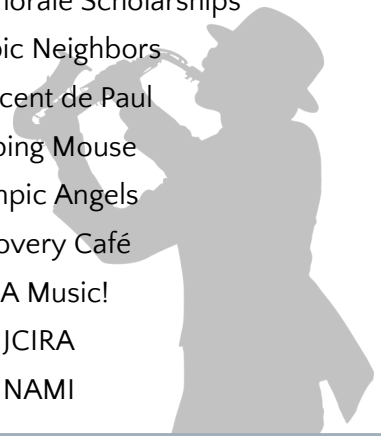
Thursday, January 23, 2025
Quimper's Watch
Sea Shanties

Thursday, February 27, 2025
Tony Lu
Piano

Thursday, March 27, 2025
Mike & Val James
American Songs from the 40s to the 80s

**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!
- JCIRA
- NAMI



Last Month's
Concert
with
Kevin Ayesh





UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Sarah Heiner, UWF President

Our October 11th meeting was enjoyed by 10 members who gathered to enjoy our potluck and then hear an outstanding, educational, and inspirational presentation from Diane Baxter, the Chair of the Port Townsend Marine Science Center.



Business was handled swiftly by the board and we welcomed Kay Harris as a new member of our group. Our treasurer's report was updated and then Debra gave us the schedule for our next three meetings, which is as follows:

November 8th - potluck and crafting project organized by Debra, finishing the fabric gift bags she has prepared by attaching the ribbon closures.

December 13th - we will be hosting women from the UWF chapters in Port Angeles, Coupeville, and Port Hadlock for our Christmas potluck and carol sing-along. This will take place in the fellowship hall and then up in the sanctuary. Music will again be provided by Sarah on piano, Mary Hedberg on dulcimer, and Libby Schnick on violin. As of now, we have a very enthusiastic response from Port Hadlock and Coupeville, awaiting more information on numbers in November. Sarah is going to plan to do a potluck dish sign-up list as we will have more attendees to feed!

January - we will have our potluck followed by a group book discussion of "The Girl with the Louding Voice." (Available at the PT library and on Amazon in paperback and Kindle.)



Ideas for next year include medical courses on basic life support, a trip to Rothschild House, a field trip to Heronswood garden in late spring, and a lecture from the Gleaners next fall.

Sarah was also given the go-ahead by the group to purchase the items we discussed for our church medical emergency cabinet. We are still going to be looking for a gently used wheelchair.

Ms. Baxter's video presentation completed the program and we were updated on the many things happening at the PT Marine Science campuses. Any members interested in further personal involvement are encouraged to go the website at PTMSC.ORG and go to the volunteer tab as they are rebuilding their volunteer corps following the pandemic.





TRINITY HIKING GROUP

By Nancy Stevens

"*Wild* is the music of autumnal winds, amongst the faded woods." I am sure we can all relate to those words of William Wordsworth, as we have certainly been experiencing some strong winds lately. We pray that you, your home and trees are safe. Hiking on the windy days can be quite exhilarating - especially as we hear the tall PNW trees creaking overhead and watch them sway. It is mesmerizing and a good reminder to be cognizant of our safety.

We continue to have fun hikes as a group and hope you and/or someone you know will consider joining us! We hike 3-5 miles, stick to easier trails, stay close to home most of the time, and enjoy the fellowship of hiking with friends. We love to see new faces in the group. If you would like to be on the notification list for upcoming hikes, please send your name and email address to Nancy Stevens at nstevensnow@gmail.com.





IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Juanita Campbell, Deborah (Kim Clark's**

wife), Steve Freeman, Ray Grier, Dee Hammonds, Jim (family friend of Paul McDevitt), **Clayton LaPlant, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Lisa Reynolds, Soren, Carolyn & Randy Stillwell, Ron Stowell, Lynne Stryker, 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.

As you scan the Prayer List in the weekly bulletin or the monthly Trinity Times please know the names represent real people with real situations that need our prayers. Tony and I update the list every few months to keep it relevant. It's Trinity's way of letting the people on the list know that we see them and are aware of what's happening in their lives.

Blessings, Donna Purnell

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

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, November 3
All Saints Sunday
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 10
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 17
26th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 24
Reign of Christ Sunday
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4-8
John 18:33-37

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VETERANS' DAY

The office will be closed and there will be no Bible Study on **November 11th** for Veterans' Day.

YEAR-END DONATIONS

For your donation to count as a contribution for this year, please note these delivery dates:

- **In Person** – Physically received by the church by Dec. 31
- **US Postal Service** – Postmarked by Dec. 31
- **Credit Card** – Approved by the credit card issuer by Dec. 31
- **If you post-date a check for next year**, please write a note on a post-it and attach to your check, or put it in an envelope with a note – otherwise the money counters **will** deposit it that day.

Please start your process with enough time for late mail, computer glitches, snow days, etc. Thanks!

If you have questions, please contact the office.



TRINITY'S CHARGE CONFERENCE

We're holding our Charge Conference on **Saturday, November 16, at 3:30** (SPRC meets at 2:30). It will take place in the Sanctuary. For those of you not familiar with Charge Conference, it is an annual business meeting of the church. The active members of the meeting are Pastor Tony, several Trinity leaders, and Mark Galang, our District Supervisor. There will be voting for the election of leaders/committee chairs and Tony's salary package for next year, plus a few other items related to Trinity will be discussed or reported on. All are welcome to attend – you do not need to be an official 'member' of the church.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING (EOG)

EOG forms will be available in person at worship, in the November newsletter, and online at trinityumcpt.org under 'Donate'.

Please submit your form by December 1. *If you do not get a confirmation from the office within 2 weeks of submitting it, it means we have not received it—please contact the office.*

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

- 1) **Bill Pay through your bank**—you can have a payment automatically sent every month. Please talk to your bank to find out how to do this – they often offer it for free.
- 2) **Online through Vanco**—the link is on our website: <https://trinityumcpt.org/donate/donate-online/>. This has a link to our secure Vanco page. *(Using a bank account—with routing number—costs Trinity lower fees than credit and ATM cards.)*
- 3) **Snail-Mail**—you can mail checks directly to the church: 609 Taylor St, Port Townsend, WA 98368.
- 4) **In person**—and, of course, you can drop cash and checks in the collection plate if you attend in person.

TRINITY TIMES DEADLINE

Articles and photos need to be received by the office by **November 26** for our next publication. Please e-mail your items to the office at trinityumc@olympus.net.

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Ron PortinOrgan Tech

John Miller..... Sound, Tech, Musician

Devon Helman..... Zoom Tech

Matt HarterLive Video Tech

Ron Portin Fold and collate bulletins

Dan PurnellLiturgist scheduling

Marlene Colvin..... Schedule, train money counters

Debra Olson Communion Steward

NOVEMBER 3

Liturgist: Debra Olson

Greeter: Sarah Heiner

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Sheila Burrell
and Chris Walvatne

NOVEMBER 10

Liturgist: Benni Rogge

Money Counters: Sally Helman
and Marlene Colvin

NOVEMBER 17

Liturgist: Beth Kissinger

Greeter: Vicki Long

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Donna Purnell
and Beth Kissinger

NOVEMBER 24

Liturgist: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Donna Abbott
and Marlene Colvin

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



Handy Helper

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)

TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY










November 2024

Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Communion Sunday Food Bank Sunday 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	4 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study 1 Member Care Mtg	5 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir 7 Pub Theology (offsire)	6 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wed [last day] 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	7	8 11:30 UWF Lunch	9
10 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Blood Pressure Check 11:30 Kitchen Mtg	11 office closed no Bible Study Veterans Day	12 9-12 Office Open no Trustee mtg 12 Finance Mtg 5:30 Voice Choir	13 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 1:30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	14 7PM CANDLELIGHT CONCERT Tom Melancon	15	16 3:30 Charge Conference All are welcome (2:30 SPRC meets w/Mark)
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24 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Thanksgiving meal after worship	25 9-12 Office Open no Bible Study	26 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir Trinity Times deadline	27 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee no Wacky Wednesday no Bell Choir	28 	29	30
					1 Turn clocks back tonight	2 Turn clocks back tonight

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

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