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SPOTLIGHT ON KAY HARRIS

I was born in Kansas City, grew up on our family farm, and lived in Kansas for most of my life. I earned my Bachelor of Science in medical laboratory technology from Southwestern College, a small Methodist school in the middle of the state, and interned at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

At Southwestern I met and married the love of my life, Jim. We raised two kids together and were married for 53 years, until he passed away in 2016. Jim enjoyed a long career in Kansas public schools as a coach, teacher, principal, and superintendent.

I spent my career as a Laboratory Director for hospitals and reference labs, retiring from Quest Diagnostics. That year, I was asked to take a one-year contract as Director of the

Medical Laboratory Technology program at a small residential community college in Oklahoma. I taught a full load of classes, including Clinical Chemistry I and II, Hematology, Immunology and Blood Banking, and Microbiology. I kept signing renewal contracts and was hired as director of the Allied Health Department, responsible for the Medical Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapy, and Surgical Technology programs. During that time I also received my Master's degree in education.

The MLT program needed a lot of care, from recruiting students to getting new or used equipment for the student laboratory, to maintaining contacts with clinical sites and connecting students with future employers. An administrator with a major medical facility in the area once



called to ask how many students I had graduating. When I told him, he said "I will take them all."

All of a sudden, I had spent 15 years working in the collegiate educational system of Oklahoma. So I retired

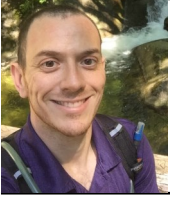
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The mission of the Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming ministry to all persons equally; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.



PASTOR'S LOG

By Pastor Tony Brown

Dear Church,

On pages 12 & 13 in this newsletter you will find my attempt at helping everyone to understand the way our church structure functions entitled, "How Does the Church Structure Work at Trinity UMC?" In order to try and keep it as simple as possible I have greatly simplified the process and chose to leave some information out. Here's that information to supplement the insert:

1) Some of the other committees and groups in the church at this time are:

- α) The Kitchen Committee - This group was formed by the Trustees and you can see some of the work they have already done in remodeling the kitchen. They are currently working on more plans and report to the Trustees for approval. Dan Purnell is currently the chair of this committee.
- β) The Library Committee
- χ) The Member Care Team - This group helps the

pastor support the emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental needs of the congregation. They keep in contact with those who are homebound or going through difficult times.

- δ) Communication/Newsletter Staff
- ε) Olympic Angels
- φ) Racial Justice Group

2) Every year the church conducts an internal audit and every so often does an external audit.

3) The pastor's salary is set at our annual Church Conference. Our Church Conference is scheduled this year on Saturday November 16th at 3:30pm.

Hopefully all this information will help everyone to better understand how decisions are made in our church. If you'd like any more information or have questions feel free to reach out to me. Thanks to everyone who serves in all these various capacities to support the mission and ministry of Trinity UMC.

In Christ,

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again, and then was invited to volunteer as part of the President's Emergency Program for AIDS Relief, or "PEPFAR," under the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

My first PEPFAR assignment was in Nigeria, conducting two weeks of workshops helping local medical professionals improve standards and testing to diagnose and prevent HIV/AIDS infections. I returned to Africa two more times, to Tanzania and Lesotho, where I taught Microbiology, Chemistry, Hematology, courses that I had taught at the college. I did four more assignments – three in southeast Asia and one in Kyrgyzstan – before finally retiring for good!

How did I end up in Port Townsend? After Jim passed away, I had moved to Phoenix to be near my son Brad and his husband. They had previously lived in the Pa-

cific Northwest and were anxious to return. Brad accepted a position with the Northwest Maritime Center and they moved here last December. Six months later, I decided the time had come to relocate to the Pacific Northwest. My daughter Kim and her husband have lived in Silverdale for nearly 30 years, and Jim and I always enjoyed visiting the area and spending time with our two wonderful grandchildren, now grown. My granddaughter is a nurse in Portland, and my grandson is starting his vocational and technical education, and hopes to become an electrician.

I am very happy to be in Port Townsend! I see the boys often and love being close to my Silverdale family, too. I have already met new friends here and am enjoying the local amenities and culture. I'm grateful to have found a new church home here at Trinity United Methodist.



RACIAL JUSTICE NEWS

By Margaret Engle

Orange Shirt Day - "Every Child Matters"

In Canada and the US, Monday, September 30 is "Orange Shirt Day" or "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation" or "National Day of Remembrance." This day was chosen because it was the day that for generations, Indigenous children were taken from their homes and forced to attend residential boarding schools. "Orange Shirt Day" was inspired by Phyllis Webstad's experience of having her new, orange shirt, given to her by her grandmother, taken away from her at a residential school.

The UMC's involvement in residential schools "... is about more than admitting past wrongs, but also the salvation of the soul of the church and uncovering its role in rectifying the innumerable and unimaginable harms of genocide."

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 11, 12:00-2:00, Presentation on Indian Boarding School put on by JUJustice Washington. Speakers will include Theresa Sheldon, Tulalip Tribes, who will talk about issues from a national perspective, and Jewell James (Lhaq'temish, Lummi) who will speak about his experiences as a former student and its impact on Indigenous communities. This is a Zoom presentation and info how to register will follow. Call Margaret Engle with questions.

[boarding_school_justice.pdf \(naicumc.com\)](#)

[Remembering Native American Victims of U.S. Schools | United Women in Faith \(uwfaith.org\)](#)

[Phyllis' Story-Orange Shirt Society \(orangeshirtday.org\)](#)

["Kill the Indian in him, and save the man": R. H. Pratt on the Education of Native Americans | Carlisle Indian School Digital Resource Center \(dickinson.edu\)](#)



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, 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



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, October 24, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

Kevin Ayesh

Autumn Sonata - Autumn Rhapsody

In-Person, Online & On the Air

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Kevin Ayesh, a classical pianist who will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, October 24, 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 donation proceeds from this concert will go to Ayesh's chosen charity, Olympic Neighbors, whose mission is to create home and community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Ayesh's Candlelight Concert program will feature Beethoven's Sonata in B-flat Major, Opus 22, perhaps the most "classical" in structure of all of Beethoven's sonatas. Brahms' beautiful Intermezzo in A Major, Opus 118 will follow, and the program will conclude with Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, in celebration of that work's 100th anniversary.

Ayesh has presented concerts and master classes throughout the United States (he has performed in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Dis-

trict of Columbia), as well as in Canada, England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and Hong Kong. As a North Carolina Visiting Artist for four years, he appeared before thousands across that state, performing as many as 50 recitals in a season. He has been a featured guest recitalist and clinician at the Lindlar International Piano Festival in Germany, the Star Valley Junior Music Festival in Wyoming, the Gene Marcus Piano Festival at Purdue University-Fort Wayne, and the USA Piano Camp at the University of South Alabama.

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, October 24

Kevin Ayesh
Classical piano

Thursday, November 14

Tom Melancon
Singer guitarist, Americana

Thursday, December 19

Toot Sweet
Clarinet Quintet

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Quimper's Watch
Sea Shanties



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

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Last Month's Concert *with* Joe Euro





UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Sarah Heiner, UWF President

Our UWF Chapter met at 11:30 am for our first visit following the summer break at the Cape George Clubhouse, on the Discovery Bay waterfront. Eleven women gathered for our usual potluck, visiting, election of officers for the next year, and discussion of old and new business.

We opened with a quote found by Sarah in the British Columbian Parliament Building in Victoria, CA. It concerns the concept of “Reconciliation” and we talked about how there has been a lot of hurt and need to reconcile with others in modern America, not just about racial injustice, but also familial, community, and national issues. Sarah will post the quote on our bulletin board.



A brief election was held by verbal vote, per member choice. The current officers, Sarah Heiner, Debra Olson, and Zoe Ann Dudley were re-elected. Zoe Ann and Debra offered their reports, updating us on our checking account balance and confirming that our October meeting will be in the church Fellowship hall, with Diane Baxter from the Marine Science Center as our speaker. A lively discussion of other ideas for future speakers was held and members are encouraged to bring specifics to Debra.

Sarah requested a vote on inviting our UWF sisters at First United Methodist Church in Port Angeles to share our Christmas sing-a-long and luncheon in December, and this idea was adopted. Marlene and several other



members also requested that we reach out to the UWF chapters in Coupeville, Port Hadlock, and the women of the Methodist church in Sequim as well, as it has been a tradition to get together in the past. The plan is to have this get-together back in Trinity's sanctuary, to hold a larger group.

Sarah introduced three items of new business for us all to consider, and all were supported by the membership. First, we have resolved as a group to have a group read of a book choice from the UWF 2024 Booklist, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. The book is available on Amazon for Kindle and paperback, and also at our county and city libraries. We will plan to have our discussion at our meeting in January 2025.



Secondly, it was decided that individual members will volunteer to help with the group at Wacky Wednesday, assisting Anita-Louise, Ross, and Donna, pending approval from Pastor Tony. As of this writing, this is a go, and a sign-up will be brought by Donna to our October meeting. Lynn in the office has also informed Sarah that members who wish to volunteer will need to fill out a background check application to work with the children. Lynn will provide and process this after receiving our list.

Our third new project, suggested by Zoe Ann and approved by the board and members, is for our UWF chapter to create a "Medical Emergency Supply" area in the upstairs near the sanctuary for use if needed for anyone in the building experiencing a healthcare emergency. Sarah will look into the costs of a simple stethoscope, electronic blood pressure cuff, and pulse oxygen meter and notify the members at the October meeting of the price before purchasing. In addition, she will look into availability of a used wheelchair for



us to own, and will check to see if ECCHO will sell us one, rather than just lease. Our proposed location will be in the corner of the foyer, free of interference from other items, and possibly using the cupboard in the side board there pending approval from Moira. A wheelchair can be stowed along that wall for quick access. The opportunity to host an informal Basic Life Support refresher seminar, without formal testing and certification, at the church was also discussed and will be pursued by Sarah.

Kathy asked that members also spread the word that Dragonfly pre-school is looking for more enrollment and this was discussed at the end of the meeting. All members had questions requiring more information from the Dragonfly owner and this was discussed. An item has since been put into the weekly office update e-mails with the website information.

After a prayer, all headed for home and ready for our new season of sisterhood!





TRUSTEES' UPDATE

By Kathy O'Shea, Trustee Chair

Highlights of September Meeting

Full meeting minutes are posted monthly in the Fellowship Hall, on bulletin board next to Finance report

- **Status of Exterior painting** - plans are to complete painting old entrance and a few touch-up spots. Opaque plexiglass covers are removed from alley-side stained glass windows and will be replaced with new plexiglass. We will be getting estimates for contracting out the high work for next year.
- **Stained Glass Window** - waiting for second estimate on the repair work to be done on the Benson-Short Memorial window.
- **Preschool and Homeschool Enrichment** - both schools are in session. Dragonfly Academy meets M, W, F in the childcare building and Cottage School meets Tu and Thu, 9-4 in Fellowship Hall. Please be courteous and do not go in these areas when school is in session.
- **Elevator** - we are waiting for a part to be sent from Savaria. This part was ordered when still under warranty.
- **Tree removal** - we hired Gray Jay Tree Service to remove 3 large dead trees, trim back limbs from the main electrical wire leading to the rental apartment and remove several huge limbs that broke and were hanging in the neighbor's yard on their fence.
- **Music** - Maggie Hawley has tuned our piano in the downstairs music room and the room will be ready for use by mid-September.
- **Security System** - the security alarm (not fire and water) has been giving us problems. Ted Wimer has taken on this project and is working with Hi Tech Security to resolve the issue.
- **Community Facility Use** - We would like to increase the community's use of our lovely and convenient facilities. Please keep this in mind when you are attending community non-profit organizations that may need a new meeting spot.

BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, October 6
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 13
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 20
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 27
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52





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PRESCHOOL

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

OCTOBER 6

Liturgist: Kelly von Volkli

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Harvey Crow
and Chris Walvatne

OCTOBER 13

Liturgist: Mary Hedberg

Coffee: Marlene Colvin

Money Counters: Sally Helman
and Sheila Burrell

OCTOBER 20

Liturgist: Vicki Long

Coffee: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: Donna Purnell
and Beth Kissinger

OCTOBER 27

Liturgist: Ron Portin

Coffee: Marlene Colvin

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)

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed **October 7-14** for vacation and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

KITCHEN REMODEL PRESENTATION

Please join the Kitchen Remodel Committee on **Sunday, Oct. 13th** in the Fellowship Hall after our church service to hear Susan Harter present our concepts for updating efficiency and safety in our Trinity kitchen.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OF TRINITY

UWF is meeting up again, after a summer break. You can contact President Sarah Heiner if you have questions and/or would like to attend a potluck lunch, which usually includes a short educational program. Luncheons are the **2nd Friday of each month**.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year's Charge Conference will be held at Trinity on **Saturday, November 16**, at 3:30 (*SPRC meets at 2:30*).

TRINITY TIMES DEADLINE

Articles and photos need to be received by the office by **October 22** for our next publication. Please e-mail your items to the office at trinityumc@olympus.net.

YOUR TRINITY GROUP

If you would like to write a blurb about your Trinity group events (luncheons, meetings, church projects, etc.) and want to invite others to join in, you are most welcome to email this to Lynn in the office to include in these announcements and/or weekly Office Update e-mails.

If you want to write an article for the Trinity Times, please feel free to toss me your idea, too! trinityumc@olympus.net.

FUNERAL & SAFETY FORMS

Please contact the office if you would like either of the forms below snail/e-mailed to you, whether you fill them out for the first time, or to update them:

Funeral/Memorial Service Information Form—to help your loved ones pre-plan your memorial service. We keep a copy of this in the office to have at hand for Pastor Tony.

My Safety Plan—in case of emergency. It has contact info, medications, etc.

October Celebrations!

Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4 Amanda Abbott | 14 Bonnie Brock | 24 Casey Finedell |
| 7 Melinda LaPlant | 14 Lydia Brown | 25 Donna Purnell |
| 9 Shirley Williams | 16 David Engle | 26 Wade Maxwell |
| 10 Dakoda Drewry | 19 Elizabeth Boyle | 27 Isaiah Abbott |
| 12 Ann McCullough | 19 Joe Caldwell | 27 Pinky Dale |
| | 19 Mary Hill | <i>No anniversaries this month.</i> |

How Does the Church Structure Work at Trinity UMC?

Church Building and Property

The Trustees are in charge of the church building and property. Each year they submit a proposed budget request to the Finance Committee for the next fiscal year. As long as their decisions fit within the budget approved for them by Finance and by the Church Council they have complete autonomy in their decision making. If they need more money than what the budget provides they either pull from our "Maintenance Reserve" fund or go back to Finance and then to Church Council for final approval.

Finances

The Finance Committee is responsible for setting the church budget each year. Once finalized they submit it to Church Council for approval. They are responsible for approving any changes to the budget during the year which then must be approved by Church Council.

Mission and Ministry

Some of the committees that exist under the Mission and Ministry of the church are: Candlelight Concerts, Handy Helpers, the Clean Team, United Women of Faith, and others. These groups make their own decisions but if money is needed or the property impacted then they go to Finance or Trustees and finally to Council.

Worship

Pastor Tony works with our musicians to plan and design worship services. Pastor Tony is in charge of Worship, but if money is needed or the building is impacted then decisions are run through Finance and Trustees and onto Church Council.

Staff

Our staff is overseen by our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). They are responsible for setting the salary for our staff each year. Finance must approve salaries each year during the budgeting process. Apart from that this group makes all decisions concerning staff, including the hiring and firing of staff. Each year the SPRC does staff evaluations for all our staff.

Church Council

As explained above the Church Council approves the budget for the next fiscal year. Additionally they approve any needed changes to the budget or fundraising requests. The Council also has the responsibility for setting goals for the church and hearing reports from the other committees in the church and working to support the work of all the mission and ministry of the church.

If you have any feedback or ideas for the church please speak to the appropriate committee regarding your ideas. All meetings (except for SPRC) are open to anyone who would like to attend. For Staff related issues please speak to the chair of the SPRC. Additionally if you'd like to serve on any committee please talk to Pastor Tony.

Our Current Church Leaders Serving On Church Council



David Engle

Church Council Chair



Zoe Ann Dudley

Finance Chair



John Miller and Beth Kissinger

Candlelight Concert Chairs



Kathy O'Shea

Trustees Chair



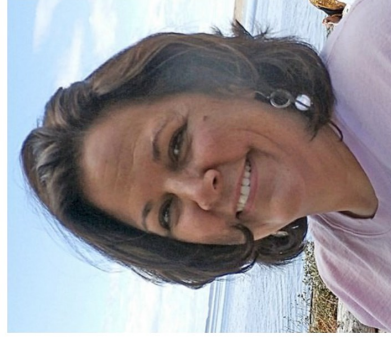
Sarah Heiner

United Women of Faith



Dan Purnell

Lay Leader



Sally Helman

SPRC Chair



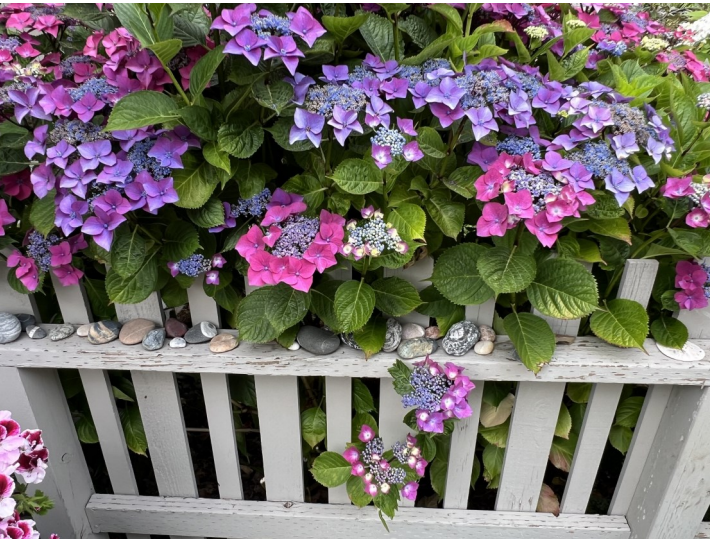
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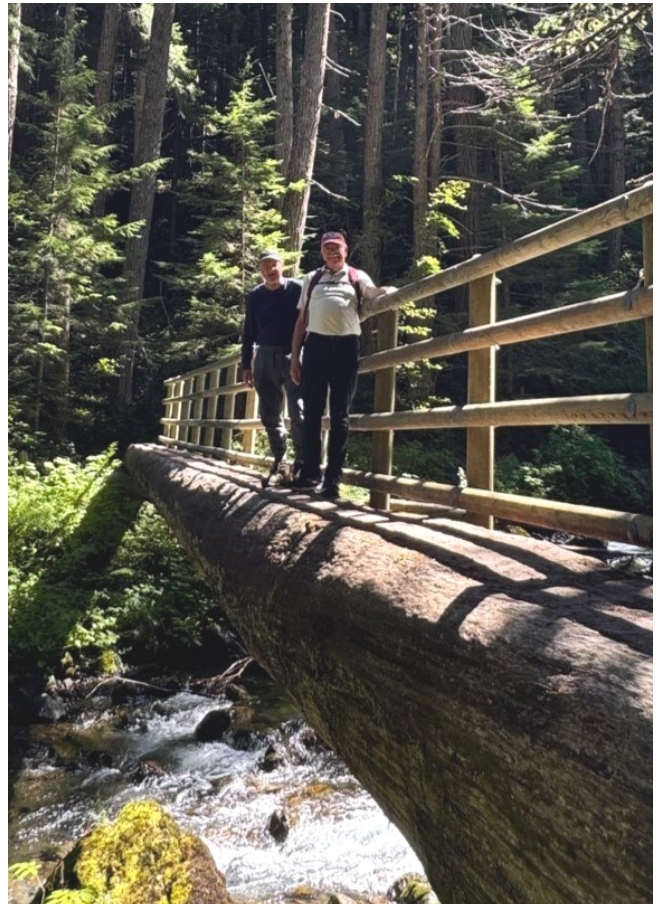
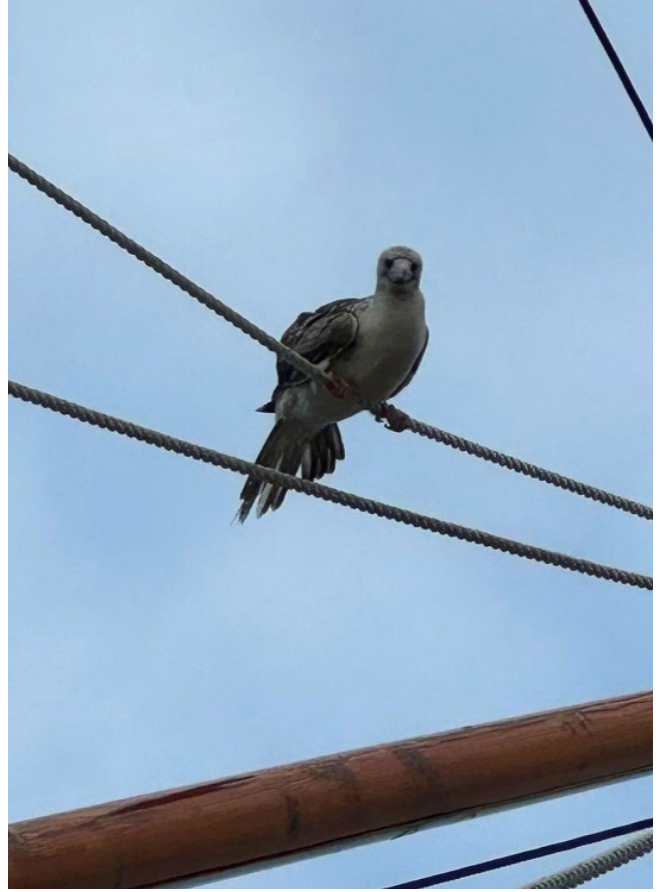
Handy Helpers

If you would like to learn more about all of our leaders and groups within the church please contact our office administrator, Lynn Zephyrna at trinityumc@olympus.net or 360.385.0484.

TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY







October 2024

Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir 7 Pub Theology (offsite)	2 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1.30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday Food Bank Sunday 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	7 <i>office closed</i> 12 Bible Study	8 <i>office closed</i> 10 Trustee Mtg 12 Finance Mtg 5:30 Voice Choir	9 <i>office closed</i> 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1.30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	10	11 11:30 UWF Lunch	12
13 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Blood Pressure Check Presentation of kitchen remodel after worship	14 <i>office closed</i> 12 Bible Study Indigenous Peoples' Day	15 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir	16 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1.30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	17	18	19
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27 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship Taco Bar Sunday! Church Council after worship - all are welcome	28 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study	29 9-12 Office Open 5:30 Voice Choir	30 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11 Souper Wednesday 1.30 Wacky Wednesday 5:30 Bell Choir	31	Charge Conference - Saturday, Nov 16, 3:30 (SPRC 2.30)	

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and Rebirth in the world.*

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