



# The Trinity Times



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## SPOTLIGHT ON WORK SUNDAY

We had another successful and FUN Work Sunday! And here are the pictures to prove it ;) ■



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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,

"What does a pastor do?" That's a question I've been asked often over the years. Even my kids wonder what my job is when I'm not leading worship on Sundays. Each week I spend between 12-15 hours planning worship, mainly spent on researching and writing my sermon and practicing it, but I also gather the information for the bulletin and choose the songs. As the pastor I attend all the committee meetings and work with the committee chairs to help them with needs they have. Currently, while we are looking for a new Trustee Chair, I am leading the meetings and filling in the gaps. For Wacky Wednesday I plan and prepare activities and buy food each week for the kids. I also prepare and lead Bible studies on Mondays and the book study for Souper Wednesdays. I spend many hours each week on the phone and in person with church leaders and those who need pastoral care. Some of

these conversations come from my relationships with the Wacky Wednesday kids and their parents, offering guidance and pastoral care when they need it. Then there are the special events throughout the year that

arise such as the Kenya Mission trip and the Wacky Wednesday play and yearly trip.

It's all a lot to pack into a 3/4 time position, but I enjoy it. Each week brings its new challenges and rewards. I think being a pastor has to be one of the most rewarding jobs in the world, even though it can get very stressful at times.

Serving as Trinity's pastor since 2012 has been one of the greatest experiences of my life and I can

write many books about it if I had the drive to do so. Looking forward to many more as your pastor!

In Christ,  
Tony ■

**-WARNING-  
I'M A PASTOR  
ANYTHING YOU  
SAY OR DO  
COULD END UP  
IN MY SERMON.**



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: **Steve Abercrombie, Juanita Campbell, Emmett Engle, Steve Freeman, Ray Grier, Jim** (family friend of Paul McDevitt), **Clayton LaPlant, Roland & Fred Lesta, Beth Mackey & Stan Goddard, Anita-Louise Marley, Danvelo Munderu, Tom Olson, Recovery Café, Tom Reimer, Mark Reitz, Lisa Reynolds, Ron Stowell, Nikki Tsuchiya, Lisa Verschueren, Maura Walsh's Mom and Stepdad, Pat & Clint Webb, and Wendy.**

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. ■



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Jennie Williams

**Are** you interested in becoming party to some of the best moments of being Old/er? Ready to become comfortable with the onset of 2nd Childhood? Reliving those wonderful books, games, and toys of your Youth? (They (who is 'They?') don't make them as they used to.) Do you find that knock-knock jokes are really quite funny? Could you be the single person that an unknown youngster will one day speak of in their Church, saying "Of course, I remember so-and-so. Started my Faith journey in that group". And of course, they might say something dreadful, too---

Are you looking for a new friend, one with unformed opinions, who might listen to your stories with a new ear. And who might share stories of their own.

If so, this is your opportunity to participate in a newly forming Children's Sunday School program. We might not have many children as yet... However, with the oc-

casional child in attendance, not to mention the upcoming Holidays, this is a fine time to prepare.

Generally thought, the class will last approximately 20-25 minutes. You will not be required to write a syllabus. A bag will contain items to complete a small craft, resources for a short Bible story of your choice, and a simple, suggested agenda will be provided. The group will meet in a pre-established corner of the Fellowship Hall. Church requires that we submit permission to conduct a background check and watch a few videos regarding child-safe practices. You will/must have an approved adult partner, and Pastor has volunteered Lydia and Miriam to be helpers.

We will meet **12 October, after Service in the Library**, to answer questions and site tour the space reserved for this endeavour. Thank you in advance for your commitment to the future of the youngest in our Family. ■





## FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Zoe Ann Dudley, Finance Chair

**Another** summer comes to an End!! MANY projects have been completed with more on the horizon.

Our Finances have supported the creation of our Second Apartment, largely due to the savings of hundreds of volunteer worker hours. Our total expenditure was \$11,550.00.

We completed the Exterior Painting of our incredible historical church. The last phase was contracted out this summer of 2025 to reach the higher elevations at \$14,769.00.

Salaries and Benefits of four on staff have been met YTD.

We have suspended our monthly Apportionment payments of \$1,781.35. We will however be in a position to pay 100% by the end of 2025, which is in accordance with all the NW District guidelines.

We paid \$960.80 to have the sanctuary, library and fellowship hall carpets cleaned. This was previously budgeted for 2025.

Our income to-date from Candlelight Concerts is \$2,808, which is divided equally between Maintenance Reserve and our General Fund.

At our September Finance meeting we voted unanimously to grant SPRC's request for a salary Cost of Liv-

ing increase for Pastor Tony Brown. This will be effective January 1, 2026.

Our BIG NEWS is that, after in excess of SIX YEARS of work, we have received a significant inheritance from the Arthur Aldrich Trust. This influx of funds will be used for the payment of legal fees to secure said funds, to repay some of our accounts from which we

have borrowed, taking them back to forestated minimum balances, and to establish some accounts for unforeseen and unexpected events that inevitably occur. When a remaining balance is determined, carefully analyzing the use of the funds will be our Goal!!

For those interested in further details, our monthly Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall and our monthly Finance meetings are Open To All.

THANK YOU for your support of our Church, both in attendance and in your financial contributions, but most of all for your Love and Care of our Church Home and all the beautiful people with whom we share THIS GREAT LOVE!

In Christ's Name,  
Zoe Ann Dudley ■



Kathy and Zoe Ann with Notary Heather Boies, signing Aldrich final papers!

## October Celebrations!

### Birthdays

- 4 Amanda Abbott
- 7 Melinda LaPlant
- 9 Shirley Williams
- 10 Dakota Drewry
- 12 Ann McCullough
- 14 Bonnie Brock

- 14 Lydia Brown
- 16 David Engle
- 19 Elizabeth Boyle
- 19 Joe Caldwell
- 19 Mary Hill
- 24 Casey Finedell
- 25 Donna Purnell

- 26 Wade Maxwell
- 27 Isaiah Abbott
- 27 Pinky Dale

### Anniversaries

- 6 Austin Sparks and Eli Grous, 2020



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

By Kathy O'Shea, UWF President

**Welcome to all ladies of TUMC:  
members, regulars, visitors, friends and neighbors**

### NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

We started our new year with a lively group of 17 women on September 13. This was our meeting to elect new officers, discuss meeting on a new day of the week for 2025-2026 and talk about new activities.

#### Our new officers are:

- President - Kathy O'Shea
- Secretary - Chris Walvatne
- Vice-president- Margaret Engle
- Treasurer - Zoe Ann Dudley

**New meeting Dates:** The results of the survey given out at the meeting and at church the following week showed that Thursdays are the best day for our pot-luck lunch meeting but we are changing to the 3rd week of the month at 11:30 A.M. Another change that I am thrilled about is the addition of 3 Saturday meetings. We will meet on the 3rd Saturday for a pot-luck brunch at 10 A.M. for our December 20, March 21 and June 20 meetings. (No Thursday meetings those months.)

**New Activities:** The Staff Parish Relations Committee is planning on celebrating birthdays once a month dur-

ing Fellowship time. UWF was asked if we would take on the responsibility of providing a cake each month. We agreed and Jenni Williams volunteered to get this birthday celebration rolling.

Our new VP, Margaret, suggested that we revive an old community service project: Xmas stockings for Dove House children. Dove House was very excited about having handmade stockings for each of the children that they support. We will begin this project at our Thursday, October 16 meeting. We will probably need to take some home to finish sewing and then our Wacky Wednesday kids will help decorate. I love having a multi-generational project!! We are hoping the Dove House will come as our November speaker and to receive our finished stockings.

Some of our goals this year are to make deeper connections with each other, enjoy conversations and activities, learn about things going on in our town and county and to find ways to contribute to our community. I hope that you will join us whenever you can... ■



United  
Women  
in Faith

## BIBLE READINGS

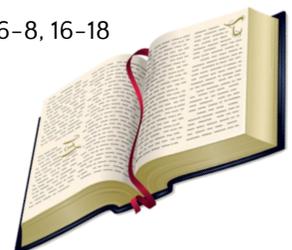
Sunday, October 5  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 12  
18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 19  
19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 26  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14



(Spotlight photos continued from front page.)







## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, October 23, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Mike & Val James

Mixed Bag II, a Collection of Songs Covering Different Eras and Styles.

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Mike and Val James, Port Townsend singers and instrumentalists, who will be performing at **Trinity United Methodist Church** on **Thursday, October 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 of \$15 per person. You are most welcome to attend whether you choose to donate or not. Half the proceeds will go to NAMI Jefferson County. They are a non-profit, grassroots, self-help, support, education, and advocacy organization for people with severe and persistent mental illnesses and their family members and friends. Their mission is to empower families and individuals living with mental illness to better understand and cope with the special challenges posed by this kind of illness.

Mike and Val James will be performing an evening of music that they term a "Mixed Bag" – a collection of songs which cover different eras and styles. If you're fond of those lovable jazz standards, classic folk with a flair, or originals with an unexpected twist, you'll enjoy this concert! Mike and Val have performed to a variety

of audiences in concerts, festivals, and private venues in the northwest and internationally for over 25 years. They accompany themselves on guitar(s) and also enjoy performing with numerous musicians in the Port Townsend area. They will be accompanied by Bruce Cannavaro on bass. Their broad musical

styles range from the traditional, to 1940's, through 1980's. Their music has influences from Folk, Blues, Jazz, Maritime, and includes originals, even songs for kids.

Mike James is a retired educator/counselor who lives with his wife, Val, in Port Townsend, Washington. He grew up in Michigan and moved to the Seattle area in 1983. He has been involved in music all his life and enjoys performing solo or with others at various venues, including concerts, festivals, or

backyard jams. Everything from jazz to folk, to maritime and music for kids are fair game to him.

Val James, whose mother sang with Bing Crosby on the radio and in films, just can't get those wonderful tunes out of her head. She recently released a CD "Just Makin' It Up" which includes all original tunes.

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, October 23  
**Mike & Val James**  
 Songs from the 40s to the 80s

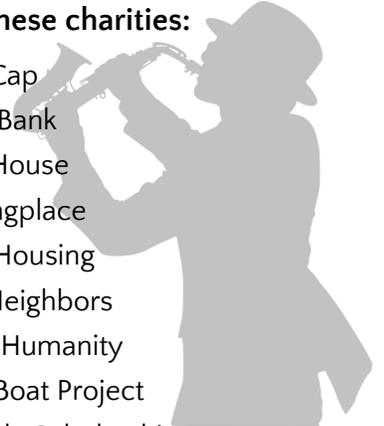
Thursday, November 20  
**Jean Lenke**  
 Jazz Vocalist

Thursday, December 18  
**Wild Rose Chorale**  
 Acapella Choral Group



**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



## 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 Colvin .....Schedule, train money counters  
 Debra Olson..... Communion Steward

**OCTOBER 5**  
 Liturgist: Debra Olson  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Chris Walvatne and Sheila Burrell

**OCTOBER 12**  
 Liturgist: Kelly von Volkli  
 Flowers: Marlene Colvin  
 Money Counters: Sally Helman and Melinda LaPlant

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

**OCTOBER 26**  
 Liturgist: Sarah Heiner  
 Money Counters: Marlene Colvin and Donna Abbott

# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY





## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY'S CHARGE CONFERENCE

We will be announcing the date of our annual Charge Conference soon (date TBD), which will take place in the Sanctuary.

Info on how the format has changed this year, and also for those not familiar with Charge Conference:

It is an annual business meeting of the church. The active members of the meeting are Pastor Tony, Ad Council members, and a local Elder who will be presiding.

There will be voting for the election of leaders/committee chairs and Tony's salary package for next year, plus a membership report. **They have removed most of the miscellaneous details from the agenda.**

All are welcome to attend - you do not need to be a 'member' of the church.

### TRINITY TIMES

Articles and photos need to be received in the office by **Monday, October 27** for our next publication. Please e-mail your articles and photos to Lynn in the office at [trinityumc@olympus.net](mailto:trinityumc@olympus.net). (*I'm experimenting with a different deadline schedule, so it is changed to a Monday this month.*) Thanks!

### SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE

Starting **October 4th**, we will open the church up to the public, 9am-noon on Saturdays. Organ music by Terry, Maggie, and Ron starting 11am (sometimes earlier). Tell your friends!

### Handy Helper Mission

Do you need a hand with small projects around the house?

Do you need a ride to an appointment?

Do you need clothing mended?

Do you need help in the yard?



**Projects done lately:** Install water heater, change smoke detector batteries, water garden while out of town, install washing machine and dryer.

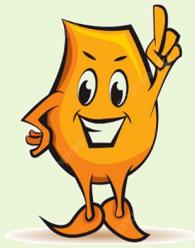
Handy Helpers does all of that and much more. **Give us a call for help or to be a helper.** This work is done at no charge or you can make a donation to the church.

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

*DON'T MISS OUT ON THE JOY OF SHARING WITH OTHERS*

### SOUPER WEDNESDAY

Super Wednesdays Book Study is now starting at 11am.



### ATTENTION PLEASE

For questions or suggestions please contact any of our board members:

Kathy O'Shea, President

Chris Walvatne, Secretary

Margaret Engle, Vice President

Zoe Ann Dudley, Treasurer

### New Schedule for the United Women in Faith Meetings

**3rd Thursday** of the month at 11:30 for Pot-Luck lunch

with either a speaker or craft project

EXCEPT

December, March and June when we will meet for Brunch with either a speaker or craft project on the **3rd Saturday** of the month



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

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