



# The Trinity Times



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## SPOTLIGHT ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

By Jennie Williams

It is quiet in the Fellowship Hall this evening. The energy expended during the raucous bedlam of this past week replaced by the calm certainty that all is in best order for tomorrow's, Friday, surge of customers.

Such a lovely peaceful evening...with all of the credit belonging to this outstanding, generous, awesome congregation. The donators, unboxers, setter-uppers, pricers, folders, hangers, sign-makers, bag bringers, advisors, assemblers, flyer readers...the ones who wished the endeavor well, who have prayed for the event's success, who only came for a minute with a kind word of encouragement, to the neighbour with no connection whatsoever to Trinity...you're simply the very finest people.

That is the moment, seeing the Sale all sorted, that is the moment success was achieved. The funds raised will be appreciated, but shan't ever be in the same category as the Thursday night moment...

To clarify any misapprehension as to the person responsible for the event, look only to yourselves. Well done, Church, well done. Rather proud of the lot of you...

PS. We did make some money, \$4500.00 at last count.

PPS. Blessings to everyone for everything...it was fun...doesn't mean that we are not searching for 2026's 'Boss'. ■



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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

**On** July 23rd a group of 12 from Trinity went to Kenya to build a house, do medical clinics, deworm children, and work at the Methodist Bio Intensive farm in Meru. The home that we built provided a family of 7 with a needed home because their home was rotting and falling apart. The medical clinics served



more than 1000 people with free outpatient care. They received consultation with a doctor and then received medical tests and medication if they needed it. They also could see an eye doctor and receive free eye glasses if they were needed. We gave deworming medication to more than 800 children which will last for up to a year and then they will be followed up with after that. Additionally the team paid for a commercial stove and warmer so that the Bio-Intensive Farm could open a farm to table restaurant.

We are now raising funds to be able to provide two of the local Methodist churches with a catfish farm. This initial investment of \$1200 for each church will provide an income of between \$2500-\$3000 a year for each of the churches which will enable them to help people in need in their churches.

**On Sunday October 12th at 5pm we will have a thank you dinner at Trinity** and will be providing Ken-

yan food for everyone to experience. We will share stories and pictures of the trip. We will also welcome a very special guest, Bishop Catherine. She was the first female Bishop of Kenya and currently leads a rehab clinic in Meru across the street from the farm. She is looking forward to getting to meet everyone at Trinity. We hope that all of you will be able to attend!

In Christ,  
Pastor Tony ■



(more pics on next page —>



## VOLUNTEERING WITH THE YMCA FOOD SCARCITY PROJECT

By Nancy Stevens

**As** you may recall, Trinity has been helping with the summer YMCA Food Scarcity Project for several years. It has evolved from us creating bagged lunches for school-aged children, to packing bags/boxes of food for the many families they serve, to our current role of helping with the Food Pop-Ups in Port Hadlock and Port Townsend. There has always been an outpouring of gratitude for our commitment to helping the YMCA and their appreciation that they can count on us to help every year.

Many Trinity people have helped through the years and this summer we were blessed to have Linda York, Kay Harris, Gail Jenkins, and Nancy and Alan Stevens be there to assist with the project. Our role has become one of entertaining the children with crafts, etc. while their parent does the 'food shopping'. It has been great fun to spend time with these young ones - they are fun, enthusiastic and very appreciative! We hope you will consider volunteering with us next summer! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Stevens at [nstevensnow@gmail.com](mailto:nstevensnow@gmail.com). ■

## September Celebrations!

### Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Rivas
- 3 Rejeana Drewry
- 3 Eric Incoy
- 7 John Sabol
- 9 Don Edgar
- 11 Beth Mackey
- 12 Shannon Callahan

18 Donette Kimball

- 20 Jackie Driver
- 20 Jenny Pack
- 21 Katie Finedell
- 24 Zoe Ann Dudley

### Anniversaries

- 1 Stan Goddard and Beth Mackey, 2001
- 1 Rebecca and Jeff Krida
- 12 Erik and Katie Allen, 2015
- 18 Kevin and Kathy O'Shea
- 23 Warren and Chris Walvatne



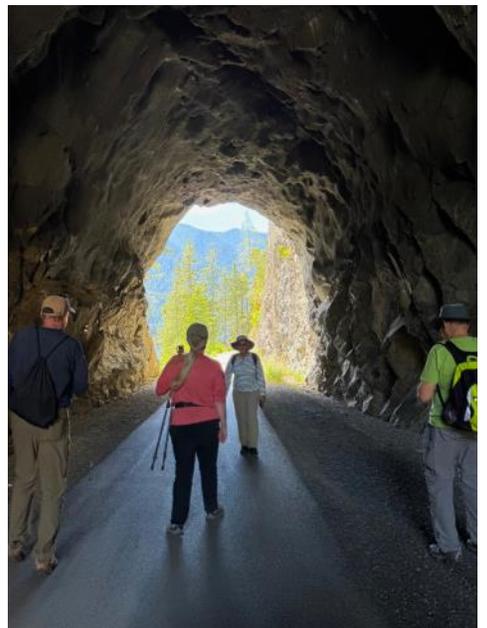
## TRINITY HIKING GROUP

By Nancy Stevens

The lack of rain, though not what we would prefer, provided lots of opportunities to get together for our hikes this summer. We appreciated the milder temperatures that we had between the heat waves, too! We have added a few new people to our regular hiking group, and we always enjoy seeing new faces on the walks - whether they come once in a while or regularly.

The hiking group will continue with our usual routine of hiking 1-2 times per week, with most hikes nearby. Occasionally, we carpool to other locations (Lake Crescent, Hurricane Ridge, Dungeness Spit, etc.). Our hikes range from 3 to 6 miles - with most of them around 4 miles, and we stick to easier trails. Hike notifications are sent out in emails weekly, and dates/times vary depending on the weather and other commitments. Getting on the list for notifications does not obligate you to show up, but it gives you an opportunity to join our friendly group when you can. We hope you will consider walking with us! If you have any questions or want to get on the notification list, please email Nancy Stevens at [nstevensnow@gmail.com](mailto:nstevensnow@gmail.com). ■







## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Thursday, September 25, 7PM

By Beth Kissinger, John Miller, and Ron Portin

# Mike Carroll

## An Evening of Classical Piano

*In-Person, Online & On the Air*

**Trinity** United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts host Michael Carroll, a classical pianist, who will be performing at the Candlelight Concert series at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 PM for one set with no intermission. This will be a live concert with doors opening at 6:30 PM.

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 \$15 per person. You are most welcome to attend whether you choose to donate or not. Half of the proceeds from this concert will go to Carroll's chosen charity, Bayside Housing, whose mission is to "strengthen community through housing, advocacy and human services supporting social and economic independence".

Carroll's concert program will include musical selections drawn from the heart of the classical repertoire: Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Chopin and Schubert with a little Americana thrown in at the end in the form of Aaron Copland and Scott Joplin.

Pianist Michael Carroll began piano study at age eight and studied with several teachers, most notably Robert Van Meter at Clarion State College in Pennsylvania. Since moving to Seattle in 1990, he has played numerous recitals and chamber music performances and has soloed in concertos by Haydn, Mozart, Poulenc, Bartok and Grieg. An experienced choral and vocal accompanist, he has performed with many Seattle area ensem-



bles and soloists and for ten years was the staff pianist and program annotator for Seattle's Thalia Symphony Orchestra. He is currently co-director of the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series. He lives and teaches in Port Ludlow.

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. ■

# Our Summer Candlelight Concerts with Lino Rivera, John Miller & Jerry Reitz



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## CANDLELIGHT CONCERT LINE-UP & CHARITIES

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Thursday, September 25  
**Mike Carroll**  
Classical Piano

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



*(Rummage Sale continued from page 1)*





## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Please** remember these people and their families in your prayers:

**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. ■



## TRINITY RACIAL JUSTICE NEWS

By Margaret Engle

**On** Sunday, August 24, the Church Council and many in the congregation voted that Trinity UMC sign the Interfaith Covenant to Protect the Sanctity of Sacred Spaces, written by Interfaith Works of Olympia. Special thanks to Brian Hageman for leading the discussion and to Dan Purnell for sharing information from the PNW Conference about their stance on immigration. ■



Pastor Sean Janssen, Grace Lutheran, and Pastor Paul Heins, First Presbyterian, spoke at the September 1 Vigil for our Neighbors. Several from Trinity attended.



The crowd listened to readings and poems interspersed with moments of silence as well as music by the Port Townsend's Women's Choir. Here is a link to one of the poems: <https://www.amnesty.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/home-by-warsan-shire.pdf>

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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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

### SEPTEMBER 7

Liturgist: Ron Portin  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Sheila Burrell and Melinda La Plant

### SEPTEMBER 14

Liturgist: Janice Parks  
 Money Counters: Sally Helman and Harvey Crow

### SEPTEMBER 21

Liturgist: Harvey Crow  
 Coffee: Ron Rivas  
 Money Counters: Donna Purnell and Beth Kissinger

### SEPTEMBER 28

Liturgist: Beth Kissinger  
 Fellowship Friends: Sarah Heiner  
 Money Counters: Marlene Colvin and Donna Abbott



## Staying true to our mission beyond politics

A message from Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth offering guidance for clergy and congregations in a time of partisan division

### **Beloved siblings in Christ across the Greater Northwest Area,**

I write to you with care and conviction regarding a matter that is drawing public attention and raising important questions for us as United Methodist leaders and congregations. A recent IRS ruling suggests churches and religious organizations may not automatically lose their tax-exempt status if they engage in political endorsements. While such a ruling may provide legal cover for partisan endorsements, it does not change who we are—or how we are called to live out our faith—as United Methodists.

Here in the **Greater Northwest Area**, we know what it means to hold diverse perspectives in community. From the bustling, tech-driven culture of Seattle to the rural landscapes of Alaska and Idaho, from Portland's creative activism to the agricultural heart of eastern Washington and Oregon, from indigenous wisdom to the voices of immigrant communities—the Pacific Northwest teaches us that diversity is not a weakness but a gift. This region shows us daily that we can listen across differences, wrestle with complex issues, and remain bound together by grace.

Our mission is clear: we exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That mission does not align us with political parties or candidates. When churches or clergy engage in partisan political endorsements, we risk diminishing our witness, distorting our message, and dividing the Body of Christ. Instead, our calling is to be a beacon of God's love, justice, and grace for all people, not a platform for political agendas.

The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church give us guidance here. The United Methodist Church affirms the integrity and independence of both the Church and the State, advocating for a relationship rooted in mutual respect, not domination or coercion. We encourage churches to speak out boldly on issues and policies from a gospel perspective. We further believe churches have a right and responsibility to educate and equip their congregations and communities to be effective advocates for justice in the wider world" (United Methodist 2025–2028 Social Principles, *The Political Community, Government Responsibilities, A., Church and Governments*).

I strongly advise all United Methodist clergy and congregations in the Greater Northwest Area to refrain from engaging in partisan political endorsements or affiliations in the name of the Church. As individuals, clergy and laity are encouraged to participate fully in the democratic process. But as the Church, our pulpits and platforms are not tools of partisan politics. They are spaces where the gospel is proclaimed, governments are held accountable, and the marginalized are defended. They are spaces where we speak and act against poverty, racism, violence, and injustice—not out of allegiance to any party but rooted in scripture and our Wesleyan tradition of faith put into action.

Our time to live our witness is now. Every disciple can have opinions, voice support, and maintain integrity without having pulpits and meeting rooms mimic our political arenas. Be the difference the world needs. Give the world an alternative view of what is possible.

Let us continue to lead with conviction and humility, always keeping our eyes on the calling to love God, love our neighbors, and embody the gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we do.

**Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth**  
*Greater Northwest Episcopal Area*

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY TIMES

Articles and photos need to be received in the office by **Tuesday, September 23** for our next publication. Please e-mail your items to the office at [trinityumc@olympus.net](mailto:trinityumc@olympus.net). Thanks!

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**Trinity's United Women in Faith (UWF)** group is meeting for our usual potluck and annual election of officers on **Friday, September 12 at 11:30am** in the Fellowship hall. Bring something for a pot luck, homemade or not. Join us for a time of visiting and planning for this year. We hope to see you all!!

### WACKY WEDNESDAY

Begins Wednesday, September 10.

### 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?

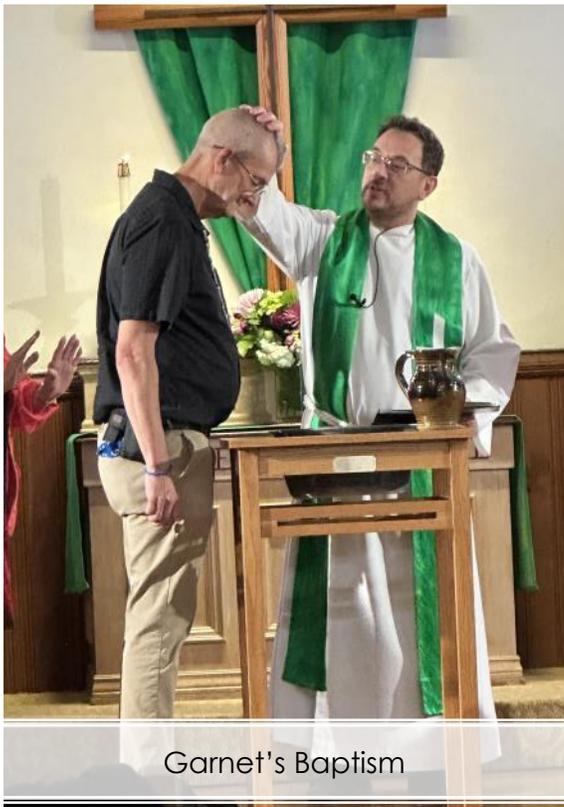


**Projects done lately:** Install water heater, change smoke detector batteries, water garden while out of town, install washing machine and dryer.

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*



Garnet's Baptism

## BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, September 7  
13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

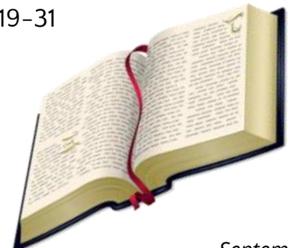
Sunday, September 14  
14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 21  
15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 28  
16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

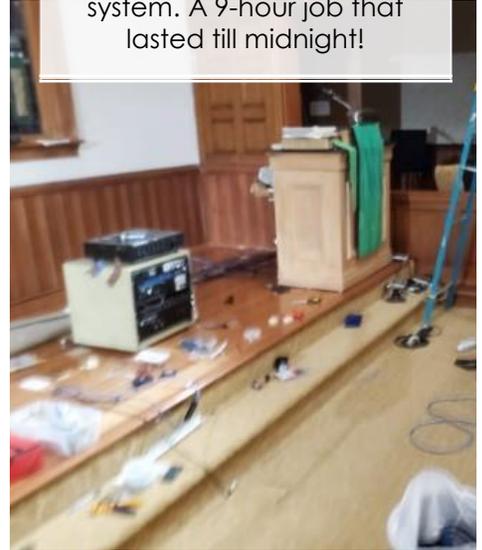
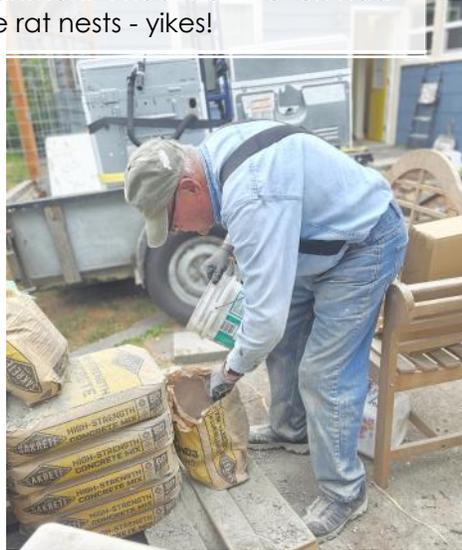


# TRINITY LIFE AND COMMUNITY



Underground crew (Kathy & Kevin) and their assistants (Harvey & Ted) working on our new apartment. I hear Kevin even had to clear out some rat nests - yikes!

John and Matt fixed the wiring for the sound system. A 9-hour job that lasted till midnight!







# September 2025

## Trinity Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed #2-Bible Study #4-Member-Care-Mtg	2 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b> 7 Pub Theology (Offsite)	3 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	4	5	6
7 <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship	8 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	9 9-12 Office Open 10 Trustee Meeting <b>12 Finance Meeting</b> <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>	10 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	11	12 11:30 UWF Luncheon	13
14 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>11:15 Kitchen Meeting</b>	15 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	16 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>	17 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	18	19	20
21 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>11:15 Ad Council Mtg</b>	22 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	23 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b> <b>Trinity Times Deadline</b>	24 9-12 Office Open 9 Work Wednesday 9:30 Clean Team & Coffee 11:30 Souper Wednesday <b>1:30 Wacky Wednesday</b> <b>5:30 Bell Choir</b>	25 <b>7PM CANDELIGHT CONCERT</b> <i>Mike Carroll</i> <i>Classical Music</i>	26	27
28 10 Worship Service 11 Coffee & Fellowship <b>11:15 Ad Council</b> <b>Taco Bar Sunday!</b>	29 9-12 Office Open <b>12 Bible Study</b>	30 9-12 Office Open <b>5:30 Voice Choir</b>				

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

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