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**The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church of Port Townsend is to be a welcoming ministry, to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.**

## SPOTLIGHT: TNT AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Tonya Brinkley, photos by Dale Kelley and Laurel Ankeny

Fall has to be my favorite time of year. The changing colors of the leaves, the crispness in the air, and of course the fall smells and flavors. Most of all it is when the teens return to Trinity!! October brings pumpkin carving and November is stocking decorating for Dove House. By far, my favorite activity is that I get to see the teens creating something they are proud of.

I am excited that this month we will also be having a visit from Carmen Bitzer who will be teaching us a little about DAPL (Dakota Access Pipeline) and how the water protectors are helping all of us. We will learn a Native craft and how we can support this important movement.

The Sunday School classes have begun to practice for the Christmas Program and have started working



with Chris Walvatne to learn more about the bells and a song we can perform at the Christmas program, keeping us very busy!! We are also studying the Kings of Israel and the Commandments. **Dates to keep in mind... December 17th will be the Children's Program Practice and Party from 10 to 1 and the Christmas Program will be December 18th during the Sunday worship service.**



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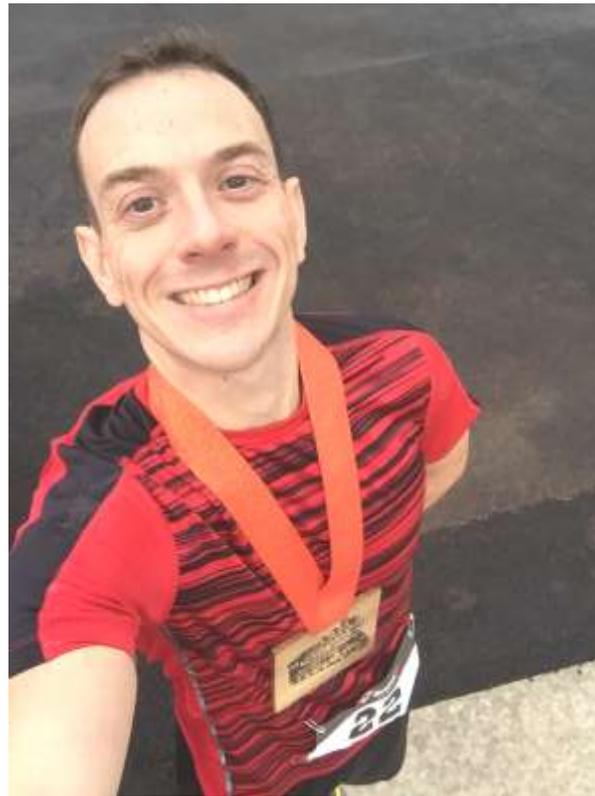
## PASTOR'S LOG

By Pastor Tony Brown

**/** finally did it! After thinking for years that I'd like to run a half marathon I finally jumped in and did it on Saturday, November 5th. I run a few times a week, but the most I ran in preparation for it was 8 miles. As you probably know a half marathon is 13.1 miles. That's the equivalent of running from the church to Fat Smitty's, and I guess I realized that, but truly grasping that distance did not set in until after running the 10th or 11th mile. Now, it's done, and I do not have to sit around hoping to one day do a half marathon – I did it. I am a half marathon runner. Now on to a marathon?...We'll see.

It seems that so much of practicing my Christian faith takes place in yearning, hoping, talking, and dreaming about doing it one day...one day I hope to live like Jesus. I pray for peace, I put my trust in the hope I have in Christ, I yearn to love like Jesus, and on, and on, and on. More often than not, in my own life, practicing Christianity has less to do with 'doing' and more to do with 'believing'. Yet, Jesus, and the writers of the Bible did not allow for a faith that was not actively lived out daily. Christianity is something that is meant to be DONE, not something that is to simply be believed. In fact, I am beginning to think that it is in doing Christianity that we acquire faith. If we spend our whole life believing in Jesus, hoping to be like Jesus, praying for peace, and yearning for joy in God but we never jump in and just do peace, hope, love, and joy are we really ever followers of Christ?

Peace, hope, love, and joy are the individual themes of each of the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Each week we will sing, talk, and pray about each of these items, but if we do not DO peace, hope, love, and joy then what's the point?



I recognize that so many of us are overwhelmed with tasks at this time of the year, and for me to be asking for you to do more may seem a bit overbearing. However, as Christians, our focus at Christmas should be on Christ and the peace, hope, love, and joy He brings to humanity. If we make it through the Advent /Christmas season with the best decorated tree, the most scrumptious treats, the best gift wrapping, and hundreds of

Christmas cards sent out but have not done peace, hope, love, and joy in God, then have we really celebrated Jesus?

By the time you read this I will have already handed out our Advent devotional. It is a simple one page calendar with opportunities to 'do' our faith. There are scripture readings to go along with each day that should be read to enlighten the task at hand. It would be best to read it first thing in the morning so that as the opportunity arises you can 'do' Christmas. I will also have already challenged you to 'Do Peace' from our first Sunday in Advent together. As we move through the season of Advent I will continue to chal-

lenge us to 'Do Hope', 'Do Love', and 'Do Joy'. When we arrive at Christmas my hope is that all of us jumped in and did it rather than simply praying and yearning for it. Come Christmas day may all of us be able to say 'I have been and am a follower of Christ'. Our great and high calling is not simply to pray for and yearn for the ideals of Christmas, but to 'BE' Christmas in our community and our world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Tony



CANDLELIGHT CONCERT  
Thursday, December 15, 7:00 PM  
By Dan Purnell



## *The “Belles” of Christmas!*

### *Celebrate their 21<sup>st</sup> Year of Christmas Concerts At Trinity Gala Holiday Performance*

The *Choral Belles*, an all women Chorale, will perform on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for **Trinity United Methodist Church’s Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert**. The *Choral Belles*, directed by Mary Lou Montgomery, have become a Christmas Tradition at Trinity and will provide a beautiful evening of sacred and secular Christmas music. The traditional favorite carols of this joyous season will make you want to sing along with the Chorale – and they just might invite you to do so!

The Choral Belles are celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> Year of providing musical joy to our Port Townsend and surrounding areas during this Christmas Season. Mary Lou Montgomery and the Belles always looks forward to rejoicing their last concert of each Christmas Season at Trinity. They include additional Christmas Carols not normally performed as well as a Special Musical Interlude. This year, a special piano performance by Jolene Visser and Patricia Hauschildt will include “*Ukrainian Bell Carol*” by Heyde & Tedesco and “*Sleigh Ride*” by Leroy Anderson. Both of these renditions are for **“One Piano with Four Hands!”**

The *Choral Belles* Christmas Program will include favorite carols such as “*I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm*”, “*A Gospel Christmas*” (a swinging spiritual) fun for singers and listeners alike; “*Cool Yule*”, Pachelbel’s “*Canon*”, and “*Christmas Lullaby*” both

of which are beautiful blends of voice and flute. The program will have a mix of traditional Christmas carols and some favorite secular songs. Montgomery says of the Choral Belles, “*Our Mission Statement ‘Service thru Music’ has inspired the Belles to reach out to retirement centers, service groups, churches and others. This past year we have presented our music to 55 such venues.*”



Doors open at 6:30 PM, Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Taylor Street, across from the Community Center, Uptown – admission is by \$10 donation; children admitted free. The proceeds from this concert will benefit the Jefferson County *Toys for Tots Foundation*. All toys purchased will be given to children in Jefferson County. Don Olsen is the

Regional Director for Jefferson County Toys for Tots. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Call: (360) 774-1644 for further information

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Spotlight on our Halloween Party—continued from page 1





## DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

By Molly Jacobson

### MERRY CHRISTMAS !

*Poem, author unknown*

I feel the winds of God today  
 Today my sail I lift  
 Though heavy oft with drenching spray  
 And torn with many a rift.

**If hope but light the water's crest**  
 And Christ my barque will use  
**I'll seek the seas at his behest**  
 And dare another cruise.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Betty Prentice

**UMW** met on November 8<sup>th</sup> for a lunch of delicious quiches, salads and desserts. We were fortunate to have a wonderful program by Karen Griffith of Port Ludlow, entitled, **“In the End, What is There to Think About“**. **At the business portion of the meeting, prior to lunch, we voted to disperse checks to the following charities this month, as our fiscal year ends November 30:** Jumping Mouse, UMCOR for Hurricane relief, Up from the Ashes, Standing Rock, Trinity Music Scholarship, Operation Smile, Baby Stay (for Trinity's new drop in day care), and District UMW Student Travel Fund which came to a total of \$2240.

**UMW will be having a “Down Home” Christmas luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with social time at 11:30 am and lunch served at noon. We have invited the UMW from Community Church in Hadlock to join us. Trinity's talented music team of Terry Reitz and Randy Stillwell will be providing Christmas music as we sing our favorite Christmas carols. All of the ladies of the church are invited to join us. Please RSVP to Margaret Engle, 344-2049, or Carolyn Stillwell, 344-2355, if you will be able to attend, as this will help them to know how many to prepare for.**

UMW is excited to provide homemade Christmas cookies for the Carols and Cookies event which Terry Reitz has planned for December 10, noon to 3 pm. This is a fundraiser for the Music Scholarship Fund, which helps our own youth, as well as those from the community (ages 4 to 18) by paying for music lessons, workshops, and even providing instruments for the budding musicians. Several of our members have signed up to bring 4 dozen homemade Christmas cookies, which will be prepackaged and given as thank you gifts to those who donate to the Music Scholarship Fund. Note-boxes of handmade chocolate covered cherries will also be available for a donation to the scholarship fund.



## IN OUR PRAYERS



Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: Mike Abercrombie, Wendell Ankeny, Frank Atanosoph, Joyce Brown, Juanita Campbell, Karin Davis, Nick Edgar, Stephanie Hillman, Tim and Rebecca Janning, Trish Johnson, Mandy Jones, Marvin Lamprecht, Rachel Munoz, Lorraine Newman, and Phyllis Nielsen (Beth Mackey's sister).

Please pray for healing and support for our Trinity family, friends, family members and all those who are lonely, grieving, in need, homeless or looking for work and for peace in our world.

Also, remember in our prayers all those in the military and pray for all in harm's way and for their families and all 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.



# Christmas and New Year Events & Celebrations!

## Cookies & Carols

Saturday, December 10, Noon-3 PM.

Celebrate the season with Christmas Carols and purchase boxes of cookies. While supporting our Stanks-Nichols Scholarship Fund. on Saturday, December 10, noon till 3PM

## Children's Christmas Play Practice and Party

Saturday December 17th, from 10 AM-1 PM

## Christmas Caroling for Shut-ins

Sunday, December 18, 4-7 PM

Come dressed in your best festive Christmas outfit! You don't need a great singing voice, just a desire to brighten Christmas for others.

## Christmas Program

Our children's Christmas Program will be part of Sunday, December 18th worship service.

## Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 6 PM

Please join us for our special Christmas Eve Service.

## Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Day, 10 AM

We will have a short service with plenty of Christmas Caroling!

## **Potluck at Carlyn's** will be on **New Year's Eve, starting at 6 PM.**

We will celebrate on New York time—9 PM—so everyone can go home early.



## Announcements

### Listening Class

Wednesdays at 3:30 PM, through December 21.



Trinity Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30 PM.

Wherever you are on Wednesdays at 9 pm, let's join together in prayer for our building project!

**This month's potluck** at Carlyn Stark's House will be on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 6 PM. We'll ring in the new year at 9 PM (when the ball drops in NY) so everyone can go home early. 1237 Clay St.

### Children's Church Classes

- ◆ 0-3ish in the Nursery
- ◆ 3ish-7ish downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ 7ish and up in the Office
- ◆ They will be studying what the pastor's message is in a fun age appropriate learning environment.





## FINANCE COMMITTEE

By Sally Helman

### END OF THE YEAR GIVING

It's hard to believe that 2017 is just around the corner. Many of us may be concerned about getting through the holidays without going into debt. But if you happen to be on the other end of that spectrum, considering your options for end of the year *tax deductible/charitable giving*, please strongly consider **contributing to Trinity's Cash Reserve Fund**. This is the account recently started to help us out with things like possibly urgent (and most likely unexpected) building repair needs and budget shortfalls.

During recent Stewardship Moments, you may have heard me mention that our Finance Committee is projecting a significant shortfall of \$7000, by **this year's** end. This should be offset almost entirely by our expenses being less than anticipated *and* any difference beyond that will be made up from our Reserve Fund.

Thanks to a great response from the Stewardship Campaign, the 2017 budget is looking to be quite manageable. Thank you all for your Estimate of Giving cards and your intended generosity.

October 2016 income was \$13,019, representing a deficit of \$600. Expenses came to \$14,894 or 108% of the budgeted amount.



## CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

By Beth Mackey

Something wonderful happens every 4th Thursday at Trinity - Candlelight Concerts! About 15 years ago we were 12 people strong and needed to raise awareness about our wonderful little church at 609 Taylor Street across from the community center, Uptown Port Townsend. Thus, the idea of Candlelight Concerts was born. Of course, the idea received 100% support and enthusiasm by then Pastor Wendell Ankeny.

Mary Immel, now of Mesa, Arizona, and I, came up with the idea of the concerts and who knows how many participants and how much money has been raised over these many years? The wide variety of talent has been local and excellent, and Trinity has become known as a place for good music followed by excellent treats and fellowship.

Dan Purnell has continued this incredible event and has been very successful at recruiting local talents to this day.

Thank you all for your support and attendance at the Candlelight Concerts at Trinity. Keep on coming and enjoying this wonderful community and church event.

## BIBLE READINGS

December 4  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (UMH 795)  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

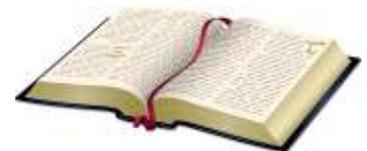
December 11  
3rd Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18  
4th Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24  
Christmas Eve  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

December 25  
Christmas Day  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)  
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

December 31  
New Year's Eve  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46





## CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN CONTINUING COVERAGE...

By Jill Buhler, Cornerstone Campaign Spokesperson

**F**inally, we've gone from "wait and see" to "let's roll!" Now that we're nearly good to go, we have a fully committed team working on the details:

The next really big date: January 1 will not only usher in a new year, but a flurry of Requests For Proposals (RFP) from the building committee to several local contractors to attract bids for our project. The RFPs will include plans for the new building, but without kitchen appliances, which will be purchased separately by the kitchen committee. The basement remodel is not included.

Architect and builders: Don Olsen and Bill Brock are working with builder Malcolm Dorn to fine-tune our plans. Using his expertise to cut costs where possible, Malcolm prepared a rough estimate of building costs before we go to bid. He and his right-hand man John Edwards presented the estimate to the committee on November 14. The bottom line: \$489,000 for construction of the new building and demolition of the old. The estimate does not include building permits, hazmat removal, kitchen appliances, interior elements such as flooring, lighting, window and door

trim and other elements, plus labor on some tasks that we hope to complete with volunteer help.

Speaking of volunteers, our own Don Campbell is donating his expertise, labor and at-cost materials for the all-important Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system! Don put together a comprehensive plan for a reliable, effective, easy to understand, simple to maintain, flexible for the future system, which he presented to the building committee. He estimates his recommended in-floor heating and hot water boiler systems for the new construction and the remodel of the current fellowship hall will cost **about \$25,000. Don's work will save us thousands of dollars.**

Other construction deliberations include using manufactured trusses versus timber frame with glue lams; wood post vs. steel posts for basement floor supports; changing the restroom arrangement to 3 unisex rooms; and using standard door sizes where possible **rather than the 7' called for in the plans.**

Permits and city stuff: With the major hurdle cleared, our building guru Bill Brock is on pace with

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the city planning department to complete the final permits.

**Social Hall Planning Group (SHPG):** Anyone who has endured a home construction project knows there are zillions of important details to consider. Lucky for us, the look and feel of our new social hall is in excellent hands with Laurel Ankeny and Susan Harter, along with Matt Harter, Casey Finedell, Jeff Krida, Carolyn Stillwell and Donna Purnell. They are researching appropriate flooring, lighting and paint, with special attention to acoustics, historical and **decorating aspects, and have already made “field trips” to local suppliers.**

Along with the practical considerations, ambiance will play a huge role in the decisions. As Laurel says, **“We imagine the space being warm, welcoming, user friendly, and with attention to minimizing maintenance.”**

To ensure that we **“get it right the first time,”** Susan drafted a comprehensive survey for the building committee and gave us a very impressive **“Interior Design 101; Why it’s Important” presentation complete with “mood boards” that use pictures of furniture, color samples and wall coverings that define different styles and what kind of moods they evoke.** More importantly, she made a scale model drawing of the new fellowship hall along with same scale tables and chairs so we could determine how different arrangements affect the maximum occupancy of the room.

Next, the group will meet with our architect to ensure the design ideas are historically fitting, mesh with the architecture, and are appropriate for an older congregation.

As Susan notes: **“This is the process interior designers follow on big group projects, to make sure everyone’s input is heard while maintaining a coherent overall design. After all the lovely work that has been done, we don’t want to end up with an interior design mish-mash!” Under Susan’s expert guidance, and the team’s hard work, that’ll never happen!**

**Kitchen Committee:** Judy Olsen and her team of Don Olsen, Betty Prentice, Joan Flowers and Marlene Colvin are working on specifications for appliances, cabinets, countertop materials, shelving and pantry storage. They provided the committee with a written estimate of \$35,000 to cover the cost of appliances, which include a new commercial refrigerator, freezer and convection oven, along with other gently-used items.

**Cornerstone Campaign Finance Committee:** Dale Kelley, Stan Goddard and Beth Bradley are preparing a kick-off campaign after January 1, when we receive the bids back from the contractors. They are also compiling a detailed income and expense account **for a current financial snapshot. “We need detailed, accurate budget transparency for our congregation; no surprises!” Dale asserts.**

Thanks to the diligence and hard work of so many of our congregation who are donating their time and expertise, **we’re on a roll to a beautiful new space where we can bring more of God’s work to our community. It doesn’t get any better than that!**

As always, we welcome your comments and questions. Trinity is your church, and the Cornerstone Campaign is your project. We hope to see you on Monday, December 12, 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



# Thanksgiving at Trinity!



## A GLORIOUS SUNDAY

By Beth Mackey

Thanks to Marlene Colvin, Joan Flowers, Dale Kelley and Betty Prentice, the altar at Trinity was gloriously decorated in Thanksgiving and Autumn colors. Very uplifting!

The extensive buffet after church services on Sunday, November 20, was beautifully presented and all who wanted to participate in the delicious food and fellowship were able to do so.

We are truly blessed to have the generosity of spirit of such gracious people at Trinity. Thanks to Tony Brown, Pastor, Terry Reitz, Organist, Judy Schuller, Choir Director, Accompanist Diane Thompson, James Baird, Custodian, and all who keep Trinity a lovely place to worship and to enjoy fellowship in Christianity.





## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS — YOU KEEP TRINITY VIBRANT!

### VISIT OUR VOLUNTEER SIGNUP CORNER!

If you walk down the stairs you'll see signup clipboards on the wall. You can sign up here for Fellowship Friends, Childcare, Wednesday Night Dinners, and Worship Service. Thank YOU for all you do!



#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

December 7— needed

December 14—Betty, Joan and Dale

December 21— *no dinner*

December 28—*no Dinner*

#### CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Master of Ceremonies: Dan Purnell

Money Counters: Marlene Colvin & George Williams

#### NURSERY CHILDCARE

December 4—Jen Caldwell

December 11—Jan Crow

December 18—

December 25—

#### FELLOWSHIP FRIENDS

December 4—Beth Mackey and Stan Goddard

December 11—

December 18—

December 25—

*We have several Sundays with no one signed up. Will you help? Signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!*

#### SUNDAY SERVICE

##### DECEMBER 4

Liturgist: Dan Purnell

Greeters: Henry & Cindi Jones

Ushers: Joan Flowers & Dale Kelley

Money Counters: Betty Prentice & Harvey Crow

Acolyte: Aiden Hill

##### DECEMBER 11

Liturgist: Harvey Crow

Ushers: Carolyn & Randy Stillwell

Money Counters: Sally Helman & Kellie Nyby

Acolyte: Devon Helman

##### DECEMBER 18

Liturgist: Margaret Rice

Ushers: Al & Colleen Gawle

Money Counters: Donna Abbott & Marlene Colvin

Acolyte: Dakoda Drewery

##### DECEMBER 25

Liturgist: Ron Rivas

Money Counters: George Williams & Marlene Colvin

# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Food Bank Offering Communion Sunday 10 Worship Service 11 Fellowship Time	5 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study	6 9-12 Office Open	7 9-12 Office Open 9AM Wednesday Workers 3:30 Gift of Listening 5 Teen Night & Dinner 5:30-6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 NA Meeting	8 11:30 UMW Luncheon	9 12-3 Cookies & Carols	10 12-3 Cookies & Carols
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18 10 Worship Service w/Childrens' Program 11 Fellowship Time 4-7PM Christmas Caroling	19 9-12 Office Open 12 Bible Study	20 9-12 Office Open	21 9-12 Office Open 9AM Wednesday Workers 3:30 Gift of Listening 7:30 NA Meeting	22	23	24
25 10 Short Worship Svc with lots of Caroling! 11 Fellowship Time Potluck!	26 Office Closed this Week	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 9AM Wednesday Workers 7:30 NA Meeting	29	30	31 6PM Potluck & Celebrate New Year's Eve at 9PM 1237 Clay St.

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# Celebrations!

## December Birthdays

- 3 Kim McCullough
- 6 Dan Purnell
- 7 Jill Buhler
- 10 Terri McCullough
- 12 Lorraine Newman
- 14 Sara Davis
- 17 Don Campbell
- 18 Starla Brown
- 18 Scott Hill
- 18 Charlie Telling
- 19 Keith Jackson
- 22 Pat Webb
- 28 Bill Colson

## Anniversaries

- 14 Bill and Cathy Colson



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