



Trinity United Methodist Church

Gather in Love. Grow in Faith. Go out in Hope.

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April 2016 Tidings



What makes Trinity UMC a place to belong? On Easter Sunday we began a multi-week worship focus exploring how the risen Christ creates a place to belong for all. All of his followers either stood at the foot of the cross in silence or abandoned him yet, without judgement; the risen Christ meets all of them with love and compassion. In relationship, Christ greets those who doubt, those who are confused, those who are afraid and those who struggle to believe. We too are invited to be in relationship with the risen Christ who meets us wherever we are in our faith journey and empowers us to create a place to belong.

Pastor Ryan has invited us to respond to the question- what makes Trinity a place to belong on Facebook and Twitter using the hashtag #APLACETOBELONG. I have included a few of my responses to that question below:

#APLACETOBELONG- **“every one of every shape size and age is welcomed in love at Trinity UMC”** is the first sentence in our new mission statement that was adopted by the leadership team after the congregational meeting with Rev. Beth Estock last spring. This is a bold vision that takes courage and risk to make a reality!

#APLACETOBELONG- our mission is to **‘transform the lives of people’** we come in contact with both inside and outside the walls of Trinity UMC. It is important for us to realize that it is the risen Christ who does the work of transformation but our task is to create space for all to explore their spirituality and deepen their relationship with God, others and the world. I remember a statement of one leader last spring, in order to transform others; we must first be transformed ourselves. How are in being transformed?

#APLACETOBELONG-we are intentionally reaching out to single and dual parent families in our neighborhood to gather in love. This is a place to belong in the newly remodeled nursery. This is a place to belong at the rocking chair in the narthex. This is a place to belong at our monthly Messy church. This is a place to belong through the building of relationships with our neighbors. This is a place to belong even if you haven't been in a church for 20 years.

#APLACETOBELONG#ATIMETOCELEBRATE! I invite you to attend worship on May 1st and stay for potluck and a town hall meeting as we celebrate the completion of the consultation prescriptions. Judy Piercey, our coach, will be our preacher that Sunday. We have worked hard and it is time to celebrate!

What makes Trinity UMC a place to belong? I want to hear from you! Share your stories via email, text, Facebook or by sitting down face to face!

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Roberta



“Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”

Psalm 150:6

Christ is risen! In this time of joy and celebration in the life of the church universal I think it is important that we take a little time to look at the parts of our life where we witness resurrection and spring is a perfect time of year for resurrection. Plants, trees, and flower beds that were just weeks ago brown and leafless are coming back to life with the most beautiful flowers and colors.

I will be using this Easter Resurrection season to seek out and create moments of new life around me. Whether that be getting out and witnessing the new life literally springing forth from the earth, or rekindling friendships that have gotten away from me.

Being a resurrection people is not always as easy as enjoying the newness of spring. Sometimes resurrection can be a little painful and complicated; doing the work of Easter starts within ourselves. We must recognize that we are often complicit in creating barriers that prohibit the Kingdom of Heaven from breaking into our lives and the world around us. We do this when we neglect relationships, when we neglect our spirituality, when we neglect our neighbors, when we become complacent and apathetic to our world as it is.

Being Easter people means that we recognize that we have some work to do. Being Easter People means taking action to rebuild broken relationships and severed ties.

So, with all this in mind I have a confession: I have not been a good friend lately to one of my buddies from high school. Over the last couple of years we haven't talked as much as we used to. He has gone through a divorce, a legal battle, he lost relationships he had built with his step-children, and he lost his job. I have not been there for him. I keep up with him via his Facebook activity or run-ins with his mother and I always think to myself I should give him a call, or we should get a beer together sometime soon, but rarely in these last couple years have I actually reached out.

It's about time that I begin to walk the walk of resurrection. This spring, just as flowers spring from the dirt, I will work harder to be a better friend and attempt to bring new life to a once meaningful friendship. It won't be easy, but knowing that God is always working to make things new gives me hope.

In this season of new life and resurrection I invite all of you to be Easter People and seek out new life and resurrection in your life and in the world around you.

In Peace,

Pastor Ryan

April Worship

April 3 rd	<i>All Are Welcome</i>	Psalm 133, John 20: 19-31
April 10 th	<i>Sacred Space</i>	Luke 24: 36b-40, I John 3:1-7
April 17 th	<i>A Place at the Table</i>	Psalm 23, I John 3: 16-24
April 24 th	<i>There is Room for More</i>	Arts 8: 26-40, John 15: 1-8



Messy Church Gathering in Portland - Trinity UMC Messy Church team is excited to be hosting Lucy Moore, the visionary who with a small team in England began the messy church international movement over ten years ago. On Tuesday, April 26th, Lucy will be leading a workshop at Rose City Park UMC from 10 am to 4 pm. If you want to learn more about messy church- this is a great opportunity. There are several cars headed up to the event. Contact the church office if you want to attend!

The April Trinity Messy Church Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 16th 4pm-6pm. If you haven't attended Messy Church we encourage you to come by and meet these wonderful families. Join us for fun, activities, worship and dinner – please bring a side dish to share with others.



Pastor Roberta Renewal Leave - May 8th will be Pastor Roberta's last Sunday in worship until August 21st. She will be combining a two month spiritual renewal leave with her month of vacation this summer. She begins her adventure at a Messy Church international conference in England May 16-18. She will then travel to Scotland to officially begin the renewal leave by spending a week at the Iona Christian Community on the western Scottish Island. Pastor Ryan will be working additional hours this summer in Pastor Roberta's absence. In addition Rev. Gary Powell and a lay team of Pat Rankin, Elaine Brown, and Jan Peterson will be available to assist in Pastor Roberta's absence.



Shared Ministry- Connectional Ministry in Action - As a reminder that the United Methodist Church is a connectional church, we celebrate the \$ 2500 that Trinity UMC was given by the Minister's Education Fund to help with expenses during Pastor Roberta's renewal leave. In addition, Pastor Roberta was also given a grant to assist in travel. **Yahoo!**



Final Consultation Prescription Report - Look for the Final prescription report to be posted and sent out via an email blast after the Leadership team meeting on April 2nd. There will be opportunity to discuss this final prescription report at the scheduled Town hall meeting on Sunday May 1st during the potluck celebration.



Now is the Time to Apply for Scholarships - The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry's 2016 Fall scholarship application period opened January 4, 2016. Visit <http://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships> for more information!

There are also scholarships available from the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference for general undergraduate education, graduate school, women pursuing education for a church-related vocation and persons in seminary. See www.umi.org/scholarships for more information. Applications for the Undergraduate Leadership Award, Ethnic

Minority Leadership Award and Conference Merit Award for the 2016-17 academic year are on the website now. They are due no later than April 4, 2016

Upcoming Activity Fair Events

Spencer Butte Hike with Pastor Ryan Scott and the Youth Group will be held on Sunday, April 10th at 3pm. Meet at Trinity and then carpool to the park. Dress for weather, bring a water bottle and wear good walking shoes.



Rising Strong Women's Spring Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 23rd 10am-3pm. A fun day of activity, prayer and friendship.. Registration forms are available at the rear of the sanctuary or in the church office. Cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch.

Tape Worms Movie Night and Potluck for Adults is held the 2nd Friday of each month at the home of Mike and Jan Peterson. Bring a dish to share with others at 7pm and then watch a movie together with friends.



Sewing Group with Pam Bray is held every Tuesday afternoon at 1pm in the ABC classroom. Bring a project to work on and feel free to ask for help.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group is held every Thursday at 1pm at the home of Lorraine Robinson. Please bring a dish to share with others. Don't knit? No problem! We invite you to come by and enjoy some great food and conversation. Call the church office for Lorraine's address.



Ukulele Band Practice is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month after worship. We are a beginners band so all levels of experience are welcome. Need a uke? No problem! Call the church office and we will get you one to use at no charge.



You are invited to take part in worship at **General Conference** and experience the love and presence of God with people from around the globe. There will be choirs, musicians and leaders from all over the world and it will be a something you won't want to miss. Opening worship will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 2pm. This service is the longest and will last about 90 minutes. On Saturday morning, May 14th at 8am there will be a unique service featuring youth from Oregon and around the world. A hip-hop dance ensemble from the Philippines will perform as well as the intergenerational marimba ensemble from Tigard UMC. Worship will take place every day of the Conference. Visit the website to find out information about speakers, performances and times.

If you aren't able to attend General Conference as a visitor you can watch live streaming of the event at www.umc.org/gc2016.



It's Time to Register for Spring and Summer Camps! - Camp and Retreat Ministries has rolled out a brand new registration system. Online registration for all of your favorite camps is now open. They welcome feedback on your registration experience. So head on over and try it out. An added bonus - Registering early gives you a discount. Visit www.gocamping.org to register for camp or to find out more information. **Camp information is also available at the rear of the sanctuary.**

Financial Corner

Condensed Statement

As of 02/29/2016

Income:	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET YTD</u>
Pledges & Plate	\$22,903.88	\$22,500.00
Rental Income	\$8,898.00	\$6,829.40
Other Income	\$603.79	\$317.20
Total Income	\$32,405.67	\$30,230.00
Total Expenses	\$33,783.84	\$30,771.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$-1,378.17	\$ -541.25

April Thank Offering

Trinity Camp Scholarships

Thank You!



Don't forget to bring your FISH food pantry donations to church on Sunday morning. They are in need of canned meats, soups, pasta sauces, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables and fruit. Summer vacation is just around the corner and kids will be home and hungry. FISH accepts cash donations as well and you can drop them in the offering plate (marked FISH) or bring to the church office. Thank you for helping to feed hungry families in our neighborhood!



Did You Know We're On Facebook? Visit our Facebook page for Mission Mondays, Theology Tuesdays, Throwback Thursdays and Funny Fridays. We also post information about upcoming events, services and prayer requests. Be sure to LIKE our page when you visit that Trinity UMC shows up on your newsfeed. - www.facebook.com/440maxwell/



Take in some delicious food, enjoy some entertaining music and help support the meals ministry at Ebbert Memorial United Methodist Church at a fundraising event –

Soothing the Heart

Saturday, April 9, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Mac's Restaurant - 1626 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR 97401

This is a family friendly event showcasing local musicians and food. The cost is a \$10 donation and \$5-6 for food and drink. There will also be a silent auction. The meals ministry at Ebbert provides free community meals in Springfield four times a week. During October through December 2015, over 2,500 meals were served. The two hot meals a week provide needed nutrition and a safe, friendly space for those who have few resources. Sack lunches are given out another two days each week. For more information about the meal program, call the church office at (541) 746-3513 or go to their website at www.ebbertumc.org. This fundraiser will help keep this ministry of feeding people in body and spirit alive and well.



Have you signed up for Online Giving? It's fast, easy and secure! To sign up online, go to our website www.trinityumceugene.org and click the ONLINE GIVING tab. Click the link and you're ready to go! If you'd like help signing up please go in to the church office and Jennifer will be happy to set you up. You can use online giving for



April Birthday: 4th Pam Bray, 8th Jim England, 11th Sharron Smith, 12th Shane Kiser, Bryn Wooldridge-McLain, 14th Dorothy Angst, 20th Jana Trump, 22nd Beth Ferris, 23rd MJ Toumine, 30th Russ Owen
April Anniversaries: 3rd Jennifer & Vernon Williams, 11th Kathy & Danny Cleland, 27th Linda & Scotty Parson.

Don't forget to join the Birthday Club! Make a donation equal to your age & we'll honor you with a "cupcake" in the Fellowship Hall. Donations help the church pay for monthly operating expenses.

April Tidings Deadline is April 22nd

We welcome your news, announcements and articles for upcoming newsletters. Please submit articles to Jennifer Williams in person or by email office@trinityumceugene.org. Thank you!

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