



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## August 2015 Tidings

### Grace Notes



As August begins, I find myself wondering how the past seven months of 2015 have flown by. Can it really be August? Throughout July we have focused on Summer Sabbath in our worship and I have enjoyed slowing down a bit, noticing the beauty of each day and spending time being 'present' to God, to nature and to others in my life. Yet this past month has flown by.

When I realized it was time to write a column for our monthly Trinity Tidings, I took a few minutes to re-read the previous **Grace Notes** from 2015. I was surprised to discover that I have never shared in print an important document that was adopted in January 2015 by the Leadership Team. I remember sharing the document at one of our town hall meetings this winter but I have never wrote about it in this important avenue of communication.

I first encountered this document last fall at a required intercultural training of the annual conference. In our Leadership Team meeting in January, we looked at each specific statement, adapted a few of them and then adopted it as a foundation for how we work together in leading this community of faith called Trinity UMC.

### **Respectful Communication Guidelines**

**Adopted by Trinity UMC Leadership Team, January 10, 2015**

- R =** Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for what you say and feel without blaming others.
- E =** Use **EMPATHIC** listening.
- S =** Be **SENSITIVE** to differences in communication styles.
- P =** **PONDER** on what you hear and feel before you speak.
- E =** **EXAMINE** your own assumptions and perceptions.
- C =** Maintain **CONFIDENTIALITY** for the benefit of the **COMMUNITY**.
- T =** **TRUST** ambiguity and be willing to act with faith in in the face of differences.

What do you think? Can you commit to use these guidelines in interacting with each other? As we move towards the fall and the long season of another presidential election cycle, treating one another with **RESPECT** is imperative. Social Media is heating up not only with presidential politics but also issues within The United Methodist Church with the upcoming General Conference in Portland in May 2016. As your pastor, I commit to keeping these guidelines foundational to how I lead this wonderful congregation.

I know that we have differences within this church; theological differences, political, social issue differences and socioeconomic differences, etc. yet we are in the business of treating each other with **RESPECT**. I do and will share my own interpretations and understanding regarding these differences but I am confident that what unites us is much stronger than our differences. There are times when I will fail, there are times when you will fail, but let us be open with each other, trusting in the grace and forgiveness that binds us to Christ and to each other.

Blessings on the journey,

*Pastor Roberta*



As many of you may know during the first two weeks of July I was attending the Claremont School of Theology in Southern California to attain my license as a Local Pastor in the United Methodist Church. I hope to put to use what I learned at Claremont here at Trinity.

Between the 10 hour days and homework nearly every night I didn't get a chance to do much of anything except focus of coursework. Consequently that meant thinking a lot about the Bible, worship, history, and education. This hyper-focused time thinking about church allowed me to examine and use some critical thinking in respect to how we "do church" as a denomination. There are some great things we do as Methodists, as well as, some things that we can improve on or maybe even do without. If you want to dive into some of the specifics I'd love to chat with you!

There are so many new and exciting new ways to reach out to people and share the news of Jesus. We just need to be able to embrace the risk and the challenge that comes with opening ourselves up to all the possibility and abundance that is available in God. This can be a simultaneously exciting and scary prospect, but that's where you come in. As followers of Christ we are called to be a community of support. We support each other in success and in failure.

I'm thrilled to be a part of the future of the Church here at Trinity. I look forward to what that future may hold. I'm reminded of John 10:16 "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock and one shepherd." So there you have it! Jesus already has the sheep, we just need to find a way to make them welcome in our fold, or perhaps we need to re-examine what our sheepfold really is.

In the end, when it comes to what the future of the Church will look like, we may agree, disagree, or fit somewhere in-between, but rest assured that we are all in the same boat moving forward together and for that we can shout alleluia!

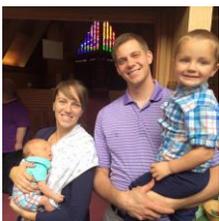
In peace,

*Ryan*

## August Worship

We move from Summer Sabbath to the focus on Summer blockbusters this month. I realize that the Pixar movies that have been chosen are not current blockbusters but if you have a movie that you would like to discuss or that you would like to invite others to view with you—give me a call! I will be on vacation from August 17-31<sup>st</sup> but would love to watch some movies with you! Ryan Scott will be providing pastoral care coverage during my vacation.

<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Summer Sabbath- Renew	Baptism and Holy Communion
<b>August 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Gospel According to "Toy Story"	Where do get our identity?
<b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Gospel According to "A Bug's Life"	Learning compassion through Ants
<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Gospel According to "Wall-E"	Rick Ramsey Preaches
<b>August 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Return to Sabbath	Pat Rankin Preaches
<b>September 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Gospel according to "Up"	Pastor Roberta and Ryan Scott



**Baby Shower** - Please join us **Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** for a baby shower to welcome Leon Larson to the Trinity family! If you haven't met Leon yet, Julia, Christian and Avery are excited to show him off! Leon was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The shower will take place at noon in the Fellowship Hall and everyone is invited. If you would like to purchase a gift for the Larson's they have asked for Pampers (size 1 or 2), gift cards to Target or Albertsons, small clothing or small toys. We look forward to seeing you at the shower!!



**Re-design of Nursery---** The Facility team approved a proposal to re-locate our nursery to the current FISH office. The reasoning is two –fold. 1) Our current nursery is a long distance from the Sanctuary. We have had an uptick in visitors with children and we want to provide a welcoming place that is close to the sanctuary for young children. The wall of windows in that office make it welcoming and inviting. 2) With the movement of the Maxwell Road preschool back into the West wing classroom—this provides more room that does not need to be

moved around for Sunday activities. The goal is to have this move done by September. We are really excited to make this change and know it will be wonderful for our families.



**Donation Sale – Please visit the chapel before August 14<sup>th</sup> to view the items that we will be releasing** through a Donation Sale. If there are items that hold meaning or significance to you or they belonged to your family, please feel free to take those items. If there are items you would simply like to have, we ask that you make a small donation for those items. **The Donation Sale will be held Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel.** Remaining items will be donated to St. Vincent’s. Items will not be priced – we will simply ask for donations. **We will not be accepting any outside items** so please don’t add to our already growing pile of things.



**Neighborhood Fair & Concert** – You won’t want to miss this year’s Neighborhood Fair to benefit Imagine NO Malaria! Our theme is *Change the World!!* Join us Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm for food provided by Kat’s Kalico Kitchen (from the Christmas Bazaar) & music provided by Portland father/daughter duo Functional Monkeys. Bouncy house, games and fun for all!. Donations for Imagine NO Malaria will be happily accepted. Invite your friends and neighbors to help us Change the World!



**Medicare Help** - SHIBA representative Ellen Smith will be conducting a Medicare 101 seminar at Trinity UMC on **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** in the Fireside Room. Ellen will help guide you through the Medicare process, answer your questions and tell you how to get further assistance. This is a community event so please invite your friends or neighbors. Open enrollment begins in October so this is the perfect time to get answers to your questions. To make an appointment with SHIBA call 800-722-4134.



**Kids in Need** - It’s time to start thinking about another school year and for many needy families in our area, the stress of paying for school supplies can be overwhelming. But studies show that having the right supplies and a new backpack can bolster the confidence of a student and they perform better in their classes. **Please drop off school supplies and**

**backpacks in the church office or in the marked box in the Fellowship Hall.** Supplies will be given to St. Vinny’s for distribution. Thank you for helping local kids! **List of Needed Supplies:** Backpacks, Thumb Drives, Scissors, Calculators, 3-Ring Binders, Glue Sticks, Crayons, Pens & Pencils, Erasers, Rulers, Colored Markers and Pencils, Folders & Wide & College Ruled Paper.



**Join us Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** for the Nursery and Children’s Room Open House here at Trinity. We will be kicking off the Fall with Deep Blue Adventures – a fun and exciting new curriculum that is sure to engage your youngster. Sherry Smith has some great activities planned so you won’t want to miss out. Open House begins at 10am in the New Nursery (formally the FISH Office). We look forward to seeing there.

**Financial Corner**  
**Condensed Statement**

As of 06/30/2015

<b>Income:</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET YTD</b>
Pledges & Plate	\$69,608.38	\$72,400.04
Rental Income	\$19,978.42	\$18,334.10
Other Income	\$2947.88	\$5626.12
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$92,534.68</b>	<b>\$96,360.26</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$92,447.57</b>	<b>\$100,085.26</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$87.11</b>	<b>\$-3,725.00</b>

**July Thank Offering for Howard School Tech Scholarships raised \$328** – enough to help 17 students pay their tech fee. Thank you!

**Fundraising for the roof is underway** – so far we have raised \$5070.00. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Thank you for your donations for this very important project.



**August Thank Offering will go to  
Holiday Food Boxes.**

**August Birthdays:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Marge Wynn 4<sup>th</sup> Davey Trump, 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Peterson, 9<sup>th</sup> Julaine Wildish & Amanda Wooldridge, 14<sup>th</sup> Nathan Kidder, 16<sup>th</sup> Reba Edwards, 20<sup>th</sup> Pat Rankin & Rose Woods, 23<sup>rd</sup> Lorraine Robinson, 30<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Mars, 31<sup>st</sup> Maxine Graves. **August Anniversaries:** 8<sup>th</sup> Scott & Toni Cleland, Larry & Pat Worley, Delwin & Carolyn Loucks, Phil Means & Sharon Trigg, 16<sup>th</sup> Lynn & Roberta Egli, 18<sup>th</sup> Richard & Jana Trump, 26<sup>th</sup> Shane & Nicole Kiser, 30<sup>th</sup> John & Ronda Haxby **Congratulations!** If we missed your special day please contact the office.

**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.



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