



Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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## August 2016 Tidings

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
Isaiah 43: 19*

August marks the beginning of Revival Days at Trinity! We will participate in passionate worship with a folksy gospel twist. Methodists have a long history of revival gatherings. Typically these gatherings were done under a big tent out in the woods. These events were filled with hymns and marathon preaching. Preachers would preach for hours, but you can rest assured; I have no desire or inclination to preach anything more than 15 minutes long.

Revival was more than just a special event in the woods. They led to new professions of faith and spiritual growth. Revivals empowered people to go “all in” with their faith God. One of the factors that contributed to this renewed spirituality was the passionate worship clear gospel message. So this month at Trinity I encourage you to step out of your worshiping comfort zone and seek out new ways to experience God as we sing, pray, hear, and respond to God during worship.

It was my intention when planning this month of revival worship to encourage us to live out our faith passionately! I want to open ourselves up to experiencing God through lively worship and an encouraging message. I want to revive that passion we all have in our hearts for Jesus. Also I want us to have fun this month in worship!

On August 21<sup>st</sup> we will welcome back Pastor Roberta from her renewal leave! I will also be taking some vacation time that week. Andre and I will be heading up to North Cascades National Park and Seattle for some backpacking and adventures in the city. Working full time this summer has been an exciting and fun experience. I am extremely grateful that Trinity UMC is my first parish.

But summer isn't over yet! We still have a lot going on in August! The neighborhood fair is quickly approaching and I am laying down a challenge to the congregation that I will explain in detail below. Also, we will be kicking off the school year with a youth and children family BBQ here at the church. There's also another family movie night this month! Keep your eyes open for fun activities this month at the church.

I encourage us to all look for God in this final summer month. Seek God in the little things that bring you joy. Seek God as you BBQ with friends and neighbors. Seek God always and pray without ceasing!

In Peace,

*Pastor Ryan*

## Pastor's Challenge

At the last leadership team meeting we were thinking of ways to intentionally reach out to people to invite them to church. The thinking being that if we don't let our neighbors, friends, and families know that we want them in church how can we expect to grow as a congregation. One way we decided to intentionally welcome people is by creating easy opportunities for us to invite friends and neighbors to church. The Public Servant Appreciation Sunday was our first attempt to give you all an opportunity to invite people to church. Next I am laying down an attendance challenge to the congregation.

I hereby challenge the people of Trinity United Methodist Church to bring more guests to church than me on Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>. If I lose and you bring more guests than me to church I will donate \$50 of my own money to Imagine No Malaria. But if I win everyone who participates will have to donate an amount of their choice to Imagine No Malaria.

It doesn't matter if they go to another church or if they never plan on coming back. The point is for us to practice being a people of inclusion and invitation. Part of being a hospitable church is extending that hospitality and love as far as we can. Even if that means being with a friend or neighbor just one Sunday on their spiritual journey whether or not they ever come back to church with you.

Let's make room for company and have a little fun in the process! May God grant you peace!

### August Worship

August 7	Jesus is Coming!	Luke 12: 32-40
August 14	Look for the Signs!	Luke 12: 49-56
August 21	Miracles on the Sabbath!	Luke 13: 10-17
August 28	Confessing the name of Jesus!	Hebrews 13: 1-3, 7-8,15-16



**Messy Church Planning Meeting & Potluck** will be held at Pastor Roberta's home on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be discussing themes for the upcoming year as well as sharing ideas and hearing all about the Messy Church Conference Pastor Roberta attended in the UK. Pastor Roberta will be preparing taco soup (with and without meat) so if you have a side dish or snack you would like to add please feel free.



**We are looking for our Trinity Women's Group to grow!** Trinity Women's Group was formed after the dissolution of Trinity's United Methodist Women's organization. All women at Trinity – whether you're a member of the church or not – are welcome to participate in some or all the activities we have planned during the year. The monies collected from the Women's Group helps fund projects like Blankets for Children of the Mission, special projects like a new roof and other missions and needs of the church.

**The Women's Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 10am** in the fireside room (no meeting in August) Can't make the meeting? Contact the church and find out what's been planned. We are encouraging women in the church to plan activities, Bible studies and other events to form a strong women's community here at Trinity. Have an idea – call the church office.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**Christmas Bazaar** - One of our biggest events at Trinity is the Christmas Bazaar which used to be organized by the UMW but is now managed by Jennifer Williams in the church office. The UMW operated a large bake sale, Grandma's Attic, a sewing table with items made by Irene Berlin and pie, cinnamon roll and coffee sales. We would love to continue selling these items and perhaps add more items but we need more women (and men) to be involved to ensure the bazaar is a success.

**Jennifer is looking for some people who would be willing to serve on a bazaar committee.**

Vendors are already contacting her about renting tables and we would love to see the bazaar grow! We need people who would be willing to set-up, tear down, work the tables, bake and act as hospitality. Please contact Jennifer at the church office if you are interested in being involved. Let's make this year's bazaar the best one so far!

### Upcoming Activity Fair Events



**Tape Worms Movie Night and Potluck for Adults** is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at the home of Mike and Jan Peterson. **Tapeworms will resume in September.** Bring a dish to share with others at 7pm and then watch a movie together with friends.

**Sewing & Crafting with Friends** is held every Tuesday afternoon at 1pm in the ABC classroom. Bring a project or craft to work on with others while laughing and chatting.



**Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** is held every Thursday at 1pm at the home of Lorraine Robinson. Don't knit? No problem! We invite you to come by and enjoy conversation. Call the church office for Lorraine's address.



**Summer Family Movie Night** will be held in our Fellowship Hall on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Bring a snack to share with others and feel free to bring your friends! Look for movie titles on our Facebook page.



**We want to thank you for your generous gifts to the roof fund.** We have raised over \$17,000 and we will begin the roofing project over the Fellowship Hall in September. If you have questions about the roof project or other property concerns, please contact the church office or **attend the Facility Team meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm** in the church office. **There won't be a meeting in August.**



**Meetings at Trinity in August** – There will be an **Executive Leadership Team Meeting** on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the church office. The **Facilities Team** will NOT meet in August but will meet Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the church office.

**Financial Corner**  
**Condensed Statement**  
**As of 06/30/2016**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET YTD</b>
Pledges & Plate	\$69,88.006	\$69,250.00
Rental Income	\$20,748.00	\$20,488.00
Other Income	\$4,771.00	\$2,751.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$95,405.00</b>	<b>\$92,489.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$89,427.00</b>	<b>\$93,060.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$5,978.00</b>	<b>\$&lt;571.00&gt;</b>

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



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 means that children are home without school meals 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/](http://www.facebook.com/440maxwell/)



**August Birthdays:** 4<sup>th</sup> Davey Trump 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Peterson  
 9<sup>th</sup> Amanda Wooldridge & Julaine Wildish 20<sup>th</sup> Pat Rankin  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Lorraine Robinson 30<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Mars  
**August Anniversaries:** 8<sup>th</sup> Scott & Toni Cleland 16<sup>th</sup> Lynn & Roberta Egli 30<sup>th</sup> John & Ronda Haxby  
**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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**Office Hours:** Tuesday- Thursday 10am-2pm **Closed Monday, Friday & Holidays**

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