



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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January 2016 Tidings



*“Those whose eyes are always cast towards the ground
will never see the stars”*

~ Unknown

Where are you casting your eyes as this New Year begins, toward the ground or toward the stars? I came across this folk saying as I was preparing to lead epiphany worship for the Lane Clergy Colloquy. Epiphany is celebrated on January 6 but it is more than just a day of celebration that marks the presentation of the gifts of the Magi to the infant Christ. Epiphany is a season in the liturgical cycle of the church following Christmas and ending with the start of Lent. For me an epiphany is a time of discovery, a time of opening oneself to awe and surprise to see and hear from a new perspective.

Since January 1, Trinity UMC has two people rather than just one person appointed to pastoral leadership. In my role as Senior Pastor, I am an ordained elder appointed to Trinity by our bishop to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. Ryan is now appointed $\frac{1}{4}$ time by our District Superintendent as a lay person in ministry as the associate pastor at Trinity. In addition, Ryan will work an additional five hours per week in youth ministry.

As we live into this new way of doing and experiencing pastoral ministry, my hope is that both Ryan and myself as well as the congregation will experience some epiphany moments. What can we each discover about how God is calling us to all be in ministry to one another and to our neighborhood? How can we discover and use the gifts of ALL to carry out our mission as a church? What are the surprises that will delight us in this year to come? How can we cast our eyes toward the stars?

I plan to use the additional hours away from my work as pastor at Trinity for both personal renewal and exploration of sharing the story of Messy Church with others. My new days off will be Thursday and Friday. I will be in the church office on Monday- Wednesday. Ryan will be providing any emergency pastoral care on Thursday and Friday and we will take turns covering on Saturday.

I pray that as you begin this New Year, we will look to the stars and discover how God is breaking into our individual and communal life. I am grateful to be pastor and I am excited to see how God will lead us to be lights of hope in the River Road community in 2016.

Be the hope,

Pastor Roberta



Well it's official; as of January 1st I became your Associate Pastor. Shortly after I began my career in vocational ministry here at Trinity as a Children's Ministry Associate I met with Pastor Roberta and we talked about this call I was feeling. I knew I wanted to serve the church, and I was pretty sure I wanted to serve in pastoral leadership. A couple of years and a lot of careful discernment later I began the steps to become a certified candidate for ministry in the UMC. This process culminated with approval from the District Committee of Ordained Ministry which allowed me to start my education to become a pastor.

After a 9 month experience as an Apprentice Pastor in Seattle I returned to Eugene and became an intern at both Trinity and Ebbert Memorial UMC's over the summer. In the midst of the two internships I also attended the Claremont School of Theology in Southern California where I completed over one hundred hours of classroom education that included courses on United Methodist Polity AND Policy, homiletics (sermons), Engaging in the Mission Field, Pastoral Care, Basic UMC Theology and Doctrine, History of the Church (I loved this course), History of the Methodist Movement, and Church Administration.

By completing this coursework I am poised to be licensed as a Local Pastor in the United Methodist Church. I have one more requirement before I am licensed, so in the meantime our District Superintendent, The Rev. Gwen Drake has assigned me, with the Bishop's Cabinet blessing, to be lay pastor at Trinity.

Being a Lay Pastor means that I am your pastor, but I do not have sacramental authority. This means that I can't consecrate the communion elements or preform baptisms. Once I become a Licensed Local Pastor I will have sacramental authority under the supervision of the District Superintendent. A Licensed Local Pastor is not ordained; therefore, my sacramental authority can only be practiced within my appointment at a local church, whereas Ordained Clergy, like Pastor Roberta, have sacramental authority for life whether or not they are serving a congregation.

It is my goal to become ordained clergy, but there is a lot that I need to do first. Starting this summer I will be heading back to The Claremont School of Theology to continue my education, also in the fall I will begin working towards finishing my college education which is the first step to becoming ordained clergy.

As far as pastoral leadership is concerned at Trinity you can expect to see me preaching at least once per month. My other responsibilities include sharing pastoral care duties with Pastor Roberta, leading the youth program, assisting in the administration of the church business, and serving as pastoral leadership for the Relate and Connect Ministry Team, and the Hospitality Ministry Team.

I am excited to be on this journey! I am also comforted to know that I have your support and encouragement. I look forward to getting to know you all even more, and serving as a spiritual leader for this wonderful community of faith. God is creating and doing great things here at Trinity. Thanks be to God!

Feel free to contact me or drop by during my office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm.

In Peace,

Pastor Ryan

January Worship

January 10	Sign of Promise	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-23
January 17	Sign of Wonder	Isaiah 62: 1-5	John 2: 1-11
January 24	Sign of Call	Psalm 19	Luke 4: 14-21
January 31	Sign of Rejection	Psalm 71: 1-6	Luke 4: 21-30



January Messy Church at Trinity UMC will be held Saturday, January 16 4pm-6pm.

Join us for fun activities, family crafts, celebration and dinner. It's fun for the entire family! The theme this month is *Faithful Waters of Life* and we'll be making coffee filter snowflakes, homemade snow, doing some watercolor painting and building our own sandwiches for dinner. Please bring a potluck side dish to share with others. Our December Messy Church was a lot of fun and we had over 60 in attendance! If you've never been to Messy Church we invite you to come by and meet this wonderful group of families. Come check out what Messy Church is all about!



We Now Offer Online Giving at Trinity UMC! If you're already comfortable on the computer please visit <http://trinityumceugene.org/online-giving> to set up your online giving account. You can use this feature for one-time giving or for recurring donations. You can also donate to the endowment fund as well as the roof fund and shared ministries. If you would like help setting up your online account, please call the church office to schedule appointment with Jennifer.



Trinity Ukulele Band Practice is held the first and third Sunday of each month following worship. It's never too late to join! Need a Ukulele? No problem! We have them to loan out to you. This is a beginning band so even if you've never played before this is the perfect place for you to learn. Call the church office with questions.

February Trinity UMC Tidings Deadline is February 18th

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



Winter Activity Fair will be held after worship on Sunday, January 31st in the Fellowship Hall. Come and check out the fun activities Trinity United Methodist Church has planned for the winter. Do you have an activity or class you would like to sponsor? Painting? Photography? Game Night? An outing? Please contact Dave Chavez and share your idea! Email Dave at dave97404chavez@yahoo.com.



Leadership Team Meeting will take place Saturday, January 9th 9am – 12pm in the Fireside Room. The Executive Leadership Team will meet immediately following the Leadership Team Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact Pastor Roberta at robertaegli@comcast.net.



Safe Sanctuary Training for staff and volunteers who work with children, youth and vulnerable adults will be held at Trinity UMC on Saturday, January 30th 1pm-4:30pm. This training is open to anyone in the Crater Lake District but is mandatory for staff and volunteers working in the church. Please call the church office to register.



Lane Blood Center will be holding a Blood Drive at River Road Park on Saturday, February 9th 2:30pm-5:30pm. Each single donation can help up to three Lane County patients. Contact Lane Blood Center to schedule an appointment. You must be 16 years of age to donate and weight at least 110 pounds and be in good physical condition. Save a life – donate blood!

Financial Corner

Condensed Statement

As of 11/30/2015

Income:	YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges & Plate	\$127,146.30	\$132,733.34
Rental Income	\$33,757.92	\$33,612.35
Other Income	\$7,893.90	\$6481.02
Total Income	\$168,798.12	\$172,826.71
Total Expenses	\$168,850.10	\$185,464.41
Net Income (Loss)	\$-51.98	\$ -12,627.70

Don't Forget to Turn in Your 2016 Pledge Card

January Thank Offering will go to Trinity UMC Music Fund

We provided 40 hams/turkeys to needy families this year through FISH during then Thanksgiving & Christmas Holidays

Thank you!!

January Birthdays: 3rd Chris Haubrich, 5th Danny Cleland, 10th Ronda Haxby, Justin Edwards, 15th Peter Thurston, 20th Donna Anderson, 21st John Monsen, 22nd Alberta Steadman, 24th Shirley Pardovich, 25th John Griffin, Barb Olson, 31st Colton Stephens. **Anniversaries:** 11th Don & Carol Schmale, 15th Laura & Peter Thurston **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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