



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ROOTED IN CHRIST † GROWING IN FAITH
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May Tidings

Grace Notes

"I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing."
Genesis 12: 2

As Yahweh God gives instructions to Abraham to leave the country that he has known all of us life and journey to a new land, he is informed that he and his descendants are blessed to be a blessing. Being blessed by God is all about sharing God's blessing with others. This verse from Genesis has been the foundational DNA of Trinity United Methodist Church over its entire history. For over sixty years, this church has been blessed to be a blessing to the neighborhood. One of the prescriptions given to us from the October 2014 consultation was to get more clarity and focus regarding how we are to be blessing to our neighbors.

Over the past month, the executive leadership team (Carolyn Loucks, Phil Means, Judy Mortimore, Pat Rankin and myself) in consultation with Judy Piercey, our consultant coach, reviewed the details and conversations from the all church workshop on March 14th, 2015. At the March workshop, led by Rev. Beth Estock, we learned many demographic details about the neighborhood and the people specifically who reside within two miles radius from the church. We also learned about our current demographic make-up as a church in comparison to our closest neighbors.

All of the demographic details were foundational to our lively discussions throughout the day as we focused on our goal to bring more focus and clarity to our current mission: ***to form disciples of Jesus Christ as we gather in love, grow in faith and go out in hope to transform the world.*** If you want specific details, there is a two page synopsis of the March 14th workshop that you can receive by asking Jennifer in the church office for a copy (541-688-3269).

The Executive leadership team took all the material presented and discussed at the workshop, studied it, prayed over it and then wrote down on paper who we have discerned God is calling us to be a blessing for today and in the next years to come. This is our final report to the congregation:

Who are we gathering in love?

With analysis to the demographic groups currently in the Trinity United Methodist Church and the neighborhood within two miles of the church, **we will gather in love... families of all shapes, sizes and age.**

- Single and Dual parent families of children preschool to youth
- Singles and couples 45 years of age and older who are rooted in the neighborhood, interested in spirituality but are diverse in their expression
- Grandparents and their grandchildren
- Families of retirement age who are deeply rooted in the community

What are we going to transform in the world?

We are going to **transform the lives of people** we come in contact with both inside and outside the walls of Trinity United Methodist Church. By providing a loving and radically welcoming space we will empower people to explore their spirituality and deepen their relationship with God, others and the world as they follow in the way of Christ.

May we continue to reach out to bless others as we embrace the many blessings we have been given as we daily follow in the way of Jesus Christ.

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Roberta

May Worship

May 3	Psalm 146, Acts 11-40	Uprising of Partnership Holy Communion	McLaren, Ch.37
May 10	Deuteronomy 15:1-11 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15	Uprising of Stewardship	McLaren Ch. 38
May 17 th	Isaiah 40: 27-31 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15	Uprising of Perseverance Debut of Ukulele Band	McLaren Ch. 39
May 24	Pentecost Sunday!! Wear RED!! Romans 8: 22-27 Psalm 104: 24-35	Alive in the Spirit Ryan Scott preaches Pastor Roberta, worship leader	McLaren Ch. 40
May 31	Galatians 3: 19-4:7 John 15: 1-8	Confirmation Sunday & Holy Communion Celebrate this special day with six confirmands	McLaren Ch. 41



Prayer Phone Chain – The Trinity UMC Phone Prayer Chain is up and running! Thank you Marilyn Mars, Charlotte Worstell, Judy Mortimore, Fern Rundall, Joyce Kimura, Shirley Carpenter, Ann Brown, Reba Edwards, Bonnie Thompson, Dorothy Robbins, Kathy Cleland, Pam Bray, Pat Rankin and Rick Ramsey for signing up. The prayer chain will be used to pray for our regular attenders regarding medical emergencies, placement on hospice and death. Please call the church office to be placed on the prayer chain. **Miss the sign up?** Call the church office and we'll add you to the chain.



Activity Fair – Please join us after church on May 17th for Trinity UMC's first **Activity Fair and Finger Food Potluck!** We will have several fun activities available throughout the summer and we would love for you to see what's available and sign up for your favorites. ***Are in interested in coordinating an activity?*** Have you always wanted to start a book club, find walking partners, see live bands with friends or do something else of interest? If so, please contact Amanda Wooldridge at 541-914-4781 amandakiska@yahoo.com or Dave Chavez 541-968-1981 or dave97404chavez@yahoo.com and let them know you're interested. We are looking for ways to have more FUN together as a church as well as increase our fellowship opportunities. We hope to see you there and don't forget your finger food dish to share. Thank you!!



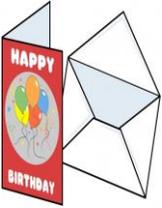
Neighborhood Office Hours with Pastor Roberta at Fred Meyer Starbucks on Tuesday Afternoon Pastor Roberta is holding weekly neighborhood office hours. If you want to drop by and chat, if you have a question, or if you just want to hang out with the pastor, join her on Tuesdays late afternoon at the Starbucks inside the Fred Meyer store on Division Street. She's there from 4pm-6pm every Tuesday afternoon (unless she gets called away for a pastoral emergency.)



Thanks to those of you who attended our recent Communion Training. The communion steward(s) for May 3rd is Pat Rankin, May 31st is Nancy Mills (moved up a week), July 6th is Loretta Wolfenbarger, August 2nd is Barb & Dan Olson, September 6th is Reba Edwards, October 4th is Richard Kaiser, November 1st is Fern & Jim Rundall & December 6th is Elaine Brown. Please notify the church office as soon as possible if you cannot serve on your assigned date.



April Messy Church was a lot of fun! The kids made butterflies and caterpillars and celebrated Earth Day. **May Messy Church theme will be *All God's Critters*.** Activities will include making Critter Mix, a Bird Family Feeder, Critter Puppets and Fishy Critters. We'll have a sandwich bar and chips for dinner. **Join the fun Saturday, May 16th 4pm-6pm.**



Card Ministry - Are you called to reach out to share God's love with others? Every Sunday, cards are prepared to send out in love to members of Trinity UMC who are in need of some love and care. In addition to the homebound members, these cards are sent to others who are either grieving or dealing with a health issue. Be sure to stop by the small table on the north end of the fellowship hall and write a note of encouragement. **There is also an updated address list for our homebound members available.** Be the hope!



We Need Your Help – We are in need of a small group of people who would be willing to serve on the **Trinity Event Support Team**. Your duties would include setting up tables and chairs for memorials and other special events of the church and light clean up after the events. This is especially important for memorial services – we have one on May 9th at 11:00am and need help. Please call the church office if we can add your name to our list of those we can call on to help with these tasks.



ERT Training - United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the UMC invite you to participate in Early Response Team Basic & Advanced Training on July 11th. It will be held in the Portland area but the exact location is still being decided. The cost of the training is \$25 for materials and background check but scholarships are available. To sign up or for more information please contact Becky Platt at ORIDUMVIM@gmail.com or call 503-680-5015. Advanced training offering is dependant on interest.



Together We Make a Difference – United Methodists joined Christians around the world in a prayerful response to the earthquake that has claimed thousands of lives in Nepal and neighboring China and India. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is planning to offer assistance through international and local partners, including United Mission to Nepal, a longtime church partner. UMCOR approved a grant of \$90,000 on April 27 to GlobalMedic, which will help earthquake survivors access clean water by providing household and public water-filtration units. **If you would like to support the response to the earthquake in Nepal, donations can be made online through UMCOR or checks can be given to Trinity UMC church office or placed in the offering plate.** Be sure to write UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line. Thank you!



Neighborhood Happenings – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will be holding **Vacation Bible School July 12-16 9am-3pm daily**. All children grades K-6 are welcome to join the fun! The theme will be "*What Matters Most?*" Cost is \$40 per child for first 2 family members; \$10 for each additional child. Scholarship money is available. Registration forms are available in the narthex or in the church office. Registration deadline is Friday, July 10th. Call 541-688-2027 for more information. **River Road Park will be holding an Hawaiian Luau BBQ with Elvis** as the special musical guest on Friday, June 12th 6pm-8:30pm. Tickets cost \$25 and includes luau dinner and entertainment. Call 541-688-4052 to register.



Spotlight on a Trinity UMC Renter – Country Lane Classroom rents 3 rooms from Trinity where they operate a private school that gives home schooled children an opportunity to learn in a classroom setting. There are 25 children grades K-4th enrolled in their part time program this year but they will be expanding to 5th grade next year. They are here Tuesday-Thursday each week and they study science, math, as well as other core classes and enjoy down time on our playground & singing in our chapel. If you are interested in finding out more about their program visit <https://countrylanecclassroom.wordpress.com>.

Financial Corner

Condensed Statement

As of 02/28/2015

Income:	YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges & Plate	\$33,837.43	\$36,200.06
Rental Income	\$9397.75	\$9167.15
Other Income	\$195.73	\$513.18
Total Income	\$43,430.91	\$45,880
Expenses	\$48,705.13	\$50,043.29
Net Income (Loss)	-\$5274.22	-\$4,162.90

Thank you for Supporting Trinity UMC

If you haven't turned in your yearly pledge card, it's not too late to turn it in to the church office.



For a more detailed Financial Statement, please see visit the bulletin board located in the Fellowship Hall or in the church office.

FISH Thank Offering Raised \$ 452.00!

May Thank Offering will go to the

Trinity UMC Youth Activity Fund

United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

Wednesday, May 6th	10:00am	Board Meeting	Fireside Room
Wednesday, May 13th	10:00am	Combined Unit Meeting	Fireside Room

May Birthdays: 3rd Aryanna Kiser, 7th Karen Berlin, 9th Bob Dick, 10th Tom Rydbom, 11th Alicia Beebe, 12th Al Kimura, 15th Ely Cleland, 18th Danny Stephens, 19th Dorothy Robbins, 25th Ann Brown, 30th Russ Sirotek and 31st Kathy Cleland

Anniversaries: (7th) Shelley Reed & David Proudfit (10th) Pam & Don Bray (20th) Mark & Donna Anderson. Congratulations!

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.

Trinity United Methodist Church

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