



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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November 2015 Tidings

"I have come so that you can have life and have it abundantly"

~The words of Jesus from John 10:10



What does it mean for us to live in abundance? In our October worship we acknowledged that when we become trapped in "Scared City" our perspectives become skewed. Rather than celebrating what we already have, we long for 'more' when we are stuck in the scarcity mindset. It is easy to live in "Scared City" because that is what we hear over and over again in our media and culture. Moving out of Scared City is countercultural yet as followers of Jesus Christ we are given the freedom to live in abundance. Living in Abundance is trusting in God that we have all that we need!

Last month, the executive leadership team met with Judy Piercey, our consultation coach, as we began work on completing our third and final prescription last month, in preparation for our meeting, I pulled out the full consultation report from our consultation weekend in October 2014. I have read this report multiple times over the past year but when I pulled it out this time, as I was preaching about 'Scared City', this paragraph stood out for me:

Resources are not being efficiently used in support of the mission and vision of the church. Despite rich resources, there is a sense of scarcity. God has given the people of Trinity everything needed to fulfill their mission. An excess of ideas and agendas leads to distracted deployment and lack of impact. (Consultation Report, October 2014)

Despite rich resources, there is a sense of scarcity. God has given the people of Trinity everything needed to fulfill their mission. We have everything we need to fulfill our mission! Do we truly believe that?

This month we will explore three foundational perspectives of what we need to live in abundance: **gratitude, generosity and hospitality.** These three perspectives can break us out of living in our sense of scarcity to fully explore Jesus' invitation to live in abundance.

We have worked hard this past year as a congregation to fulfill the prescriptions that we were given to become a more vital and healthy congregation. As we move towards concluding this process let us hear these words from the Apostle Paul to the people of Philippi:

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1: 6)

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Roberta



Pastor Roberta and I spent three days in Vancouver WA recently for the Bishop's Symposium. We gathered with over 340 clergy from across the Greater Pacific Northwest Episcopal area which includes Oregon, Idaho, Washington, parts of Western Montana, and Alaska. It was wonderful to spend time with so many enthusiastic and excited individuals all working to bring vitality to the church. It was also wonderful to share with others our stories of struggle, disappointment, and failure. It's reassuring to know that other people are in this experience of vocational ministry alongside you sharing in the ups and downs of doing local church ministry.

At the symposium we spent a good amount of time learning about the "class meeting" from Dr. Kevin Watson, a Methodist history professor from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Without getting too in depth the class meeting is essentially a small group that would meet regularly for the singular purpose of asking each other: "How is it with your soul?" or "How is your soul prospering?" In the early Methodist church the class meeting was the foundation of spiritual life in the church. Corporate worship on Sunday morning was still a big deal, but it wasn't where true spiritual transformation took root.

What I am thinking through now is how this might look in today's Methodist church. How might we gather to express our lives with God? When I served at Valley and Mountain United Methodist Fellowship small groups were utilized to deepen relationships and create spiritual accountability to each other with great success.

Last week I met with Anna Salas, the youth and family coordinator at Wesley UMC. We discussed putting together a small group for our high school youth in the area. The idea of a high school fellowship in small group or class meeting fashion excites me.

As we continue to think about ways to be church please hold the church in your prayers. Also, I ask you to pray for me, as I will be praying for all of you.

In Peace,

Ryan Scott

Associate Minister

Prescription Update:

The executive leadership team (ELT) with the coaching expertise of Rev. Judy Piercey has begun work on our third and final prescription. As we continue this important work, many of you will receive a survey that was developed by the ELT at our October meeting with Judy Piercey. The completion of these surveys for each of the specific ministries that we support at Trinity will be essential in the evaluation and alignment of all of our work together.

Prescription # 3: To align the use of resources of the church with the mission, the Executive Leadership Team, in consultation with the coach shall:

- Create a comprehensive list of all programs and ministries of the church (including building use).
- Evaluate the alignment of all ministries and programs with the clarified mission of the church (see below).
- Prioritize those programs and ministries most closely aligned with the mission of the church. Pay special attention to redundancies and missing pieces.
- Focus resources on the highest priority ministries and programs.
- Intentionally celebrate and communicate the impact that Trinity is having in the areas of focus.

Clarified Mission Statement of Trinity UMC Adopted May 2015

Our mission at Trinity UMC is to form disciples of Jesus Christ as we gather in love, grow in faith and go out in hope to transform the world.

Who are we gathering in love?

Every one of every shape, size and age is welcomed in love at Trinity United Methodist Church. As we reach out to form new faith partners as a community of faith, we will focus on **River Road neighborhood single and dual parent families of children** preschool through high school to gather in love.

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.

November Worship

11/01	Living in Abundance	Exodus 16: 1-8	Communion/All Saints Day
11/08	Living in Abundance - Gratitude	Hebrews 13: 15-16	
11/15	Living in Abundance – Generosity	1 Thessalonians 5: 13-18	Pledge Sunday
11/21	Messy Church	4pm-6pm	
11/22	Living in Abundance – Hospitality	John 15: 12-17	
11/29	Mary of Nazareth: Willingness		First Sunday of Advent



Book Club with Pastor Roberta will be held **Thursday, November 12th 3pm-5pm** at the Egli home. The book for November is *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Join others for wine, cheese and conversation. You can order the book at Amazon (\$13.17 new), Cokesbury (\$10.79) or any major bookseller. **Not computer savvy?** Call the church office and we will order the book for you. You simply pay for the cost of the book and any shipping fees.



Harvest Potluck Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to roast a turkey at home, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office. If your last name starts with A-M please bring a side dish or salad to share. If your last name starts with N-Z bring a dessert. Jim Rundall has volunteered to run the dishwasher but if you'd like to bring your place settings, please feel free to do so. This is always a wonderful event and we hope you'll join us!



Advent Planning Task Force Meeting will take place Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm in the church office. Come and help us plan the worship space for the Advent season. The more people the better! Advent begins Sunday, November 29th.



Interested in becoming a Faith Partner/Member of Trinity United Methodist Church? There will be a 3-week Formed in Community Membership Class beginning November 1st at 4pm and continuing November 8th & 15th. If you are interested in becoming a faith partner at Trinity, please speak with Pastor Roberta or call the office.



November Messy Church at Trinity UMC will be held Saturday, November 21st 4pm-6pm.

Join us for fun activities, family crafts, celebration and dinner. It's fun for the entire family! Want to join our Messy Church team? Please contact Kristyn Stephens, MC Coordinator, at kristynstephens15@hotmail.com.



Family Movie Night will be held Friday, November 6th at 6:30pm in the Trinity UMC Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share with others, a comfy camp chair and feel free to bring a friend. **Tape Worms Movie night will be held Friday, November 20th at 7pm.**



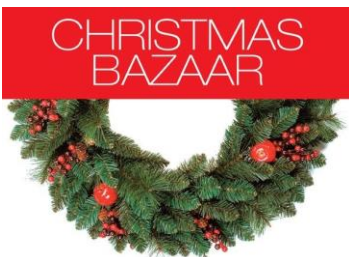
Enjoy an afternoon of Jazz at the Jazz Station on Sunday, November 15th at 2pm. The Trinity UMC carpool will leave the parking lot at 1:30pm. Come listen to some great music with friends! For more information please call Dave Chavez at (541) 968-1981 or Crystal Mills at (541)556-0274. Or visit www.jazzstation.org Feel free to bring a friend!



Lunch with Pastor Roberta and Jennifer at Indulge in Springfield will be held Wednesday, November 18th at 11:30am. If you have not RSVP'd with the office please do so by November 6th. This is a fun afternoon of lunch and shopping in one of the prettiest gift shops in town. They have a diverse menu and delicious desserts.



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.



Rent a Table - We are now taking table reservations for the **Trinity Christmas Bazaar** that will be held on Saturday, December 5th 9am-3pm. Tables cost \$20 each and will go fast so reserve yours today. Kat's Calico Kitchen will be here serving breakfast and lunch in our parking lot and the UMW will have their delicious baked goods for sale. Call the church office and speak to Jennifer Williams if you need more information. The bazaar will partner with River Road Park in advertising so we expect an even larger crowd this year!



FISH Needs Volunteers – FISH desperately needs volunteers to answer phones for food and prescription requests. You can sign up for two or more 2.25 hour shifts per month. If you can help please contact Jane Holmes at 541-933-3324. They also need someone to pick up

bread on Tuesday mornings, kitchen helpers to pack food boxes and a food purchaser. Please contact Del Hawkins at 541-342-8124 or dhawkins@hotmail.com



Cornerstone Housing offers affordable housing to low income families. They are working on several projects in the River Road/Santa Clara area. One of their projects is off of Wilakenzie and Darcy Phillips, Director of Development has invited our congregation, along with others in the community, to **take a tour on November 3rd at 3:30pm.** Pastor Roberta will be going and she invites you to join her. If you would like to carpool with Roberta, please call the church office to let us know you're interested. Take a look at their website – they are doing great work in the community – www.cornerstonecommunityhousing.org



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.



Color Me Happy Coloring Class will be held **Saturday, November 14th at 10am** in the Fireside Room. We will be making Christmas cards, coloring holiday Mandalas and engaging in some lively conversation. Come and join the fun! Release some stress from the holiday hustle and bustle. Coloring sheets are provided. Just bring your favorite markers, crayons, colored pencils or chalks.



**2016 General Conference Volunteer Sunday is November 22, 2015
The World is Coming to Portland in May 2016!**

How often do you get to invite the world to your place for nearly two weeks? This opportunity will be exactly what happens May 10-20, 2016. During that time, the quadrennial United Methodist Church General Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon. Approximately 5,000 United Methodists from around the globe will be here during that time to worship, pray, converse, and do the business of the church. Delegates from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Philippines, Latin America, and the United States will gather here to help set the direction and establish the policies for the United Methodist Church in the coming four years. This event has not taken place in our region for forty years!

While our guests will come to Portland to do business, members of the Greater Northwest Area and beyond are being asked to volunteer to provide hospitality, so that our guests feel welcome and will have what they need to conduct their business effectively in a warm and supportive environment.

In order to accomplish this, the 2016 General Conference Local Host Committee is encouraging congregations from throughout the region to encourage their church members to be a part of the volunteer corps. **Sunday, November 22** has been specifically set aside as a time for congregations to focus their attention on General Conference volunteer recruitment. To get more information or register to help, go to www.gc2016pdx.org


December Trinity UMC Tidings Deadline is November 20th

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!


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GIVE ON UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY
TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 2015

 **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**
The United Methodist Church

www.umcmisison.org/give

God invites us to respond to the call to love our neighbors, whether next door or on the other side of the globe. As United Methodists, when we each give to one another, we turn intangible love into tangible results. Together we can transform our communities and the world.

On **UMC #GivingTuesday**, you have the opportunity to express God's love in your own way to the people and projects you care about most. Give a donation to support projects and missionaries working to eradicate hunger and poverty, or say a prayer and support equipping Syrian children to play in a war free zone. Give your time to a social justice organization that is advocating to the rights of domestic workers or raise awareness and money for new churches. However you give, you help to change the world.

Join other United Methodists this year as we turn our love into action – give on Tuesday, December 1st.

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Financial Corner
Condensed Statement

As of 09/30/2015

Income:	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGET YTD</u>
Pledges & Plate	\$101,871.64	\$108,600.02
Rental Income	\$26,549.92	\$27,501.05
Other Income	\$7322.16	\$56139.06
Total Income	\$135,743.72	\$142,240.13
Total Expenses	\$135,686.19	\$149,523.93
Net Income (Loss)	\$57.53	\$ -7283.80

Fundraising for the roof is underway – so far we have raised \$9,676.45. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Thank you for your donations for this very important project.

Our Shared Ministry responsibility so far for this year is \$12,384.76 We have only been able to contribute \$609.00. This Christmas, please consider giving a gift to Shared Ministries. To read about Shared Ministries www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds

Thank you!!

**November Thank Offering will go to
*Shared Ministries***

November Birthdays: 2nd Jill Myers, 3rd Anna Ford, 6th Lesley Matson, 11th Mike Richardson, 13th Mary Jo Ramsey, 17th Cate Wolfenbarger & Shane Williams, 18th Marion McLaughlin, 20th Joyce Kimura, 22nd Shelley Reed, 23rd Charlotte Worstell, Danny Trump & Barbara Wood, 28th Megan Kidder, 29th Dan Olson & Sherry Smith. Anniversaries: 11th Terry & Lynda Robinson, 26th John & Terri Griffin.
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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