



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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October 2015 Tidings

Grace Notes

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

Hope in the Lord!

Be strong! Let your heart take courage!

Hope in the Lord!

Psalm 27: 1-2, 14



Last Friday evening, I spent time with Valley UMC in Veneta. I was asked to share a bit of Trinity's story of moving into risk-taking ministry. As I prayed, prepared and talked with a number of you regarding what I should present I kept coming back to these verses in Psalm 27. I realized that when it comes to work this congregation has undertaken especially since our Oregon-Idaho healthy vital church consultation a year ago this month that the fear does not really ever go away. We are called though to hope in God and act with courage to move forward rather than stand still paralyzed by fear.

The root word for courage has both a French and Latin origin. In Latin the prefix 'cor' means heart, so moving with courage is moving from the heart. The French origin for courage is 'cuer' which means to speak from the heart. Adopting the prescriptions and moving forward as we have implemented the prescriptions has taken courage and hope in God who moved us beyond our fear.

Since last October, we have worked at deepening relationships and building trust through the completion of a communication audit. The audit led to our intentional communication plan. You can see results of that with the additional bulletin boards that are organized so that it is easier to find information. We have an updated website that is the front porch of our church. I have heard from a number of people who have visited our worship that they came to know us through the website.

Our second way of deepening relationships has been to engage in the triannual activity fair. We have a relate and connect team that is responsible for organizing the fair as well as several all church events throughout the year. I hope that you have taken advantage of inviting others to join you in an interest that you have.

We have clarified our mission statement with the help of a daylong workshop with Rev. Beth Estock. We explored the results of the 360 degree survey we took as a church prior to our consultation and how 'who we are' intersects with the needs of our neighborhood. Our DNA as a congregation is to be a blessing to the neighborhood! That is why Trinity UMC became a church- to be a blessing to the rapidly growing post world II neighborhood of Maxwell Road. Since then the neighborhood has changed and to continue to be a blessing to our neighborhood, we can re-imagine how we are to be a blessing.

We have begun the final part of the prescriptions we were given a year ago as we now align our ministry with the clarified mission statement. May we put our hope and courage in Yahweh God who is calling and leading us forward to be a blessing today.

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Mission Statement

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

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Roberta



Words from Ryan - Fall is here! Pumpkin Spice everything is abundantly available. The leaves are changing and the weather is cooling. This time of year also marks a lot of beginnings. A new school year for many, adult and youth faith formation is underway, school sports season has begun, Messy Church is back with enthusiasm, we're starting a new worship series, and I started a new job.

As of September 29th I began working with Willamalane Park and Recreation District as a Site Director running the after school programs at Page Elementary School. This is a promotion for me and it's part time which allows me to remain dedicated to my responsibilities at Trinity as the Youth Pastor and Intern Pastor.

With all of this new stuff going on it can be easy to become overwhelmed. I am reminded of the words of Isaiah this time of year:

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;^[a]
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,^[b]
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
-Isaiah 40:8-9

Sometimes, especially this time of year, I feel like the grass or the flower fading more and more as each new responsibility and task gets piled on. It's in times like this that I need to remember that I can rest in God's abundance knowing in the word of God I can find rest and rehabilitation from all of life's messiness. Sometimes just having that knowledge in our back pocket as we go about our busy lives can offer us some reassurance and give us the confidence to proclaim, "Here is our God!" Even though we may fade from time to time we know that our God is still here working, creating, and making all things new!

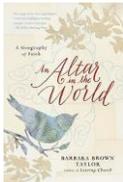
Ryan Scott

October Worship

10/4	Our God is a Rock	My Rock & My Redeemer	Psalm 19	<i>World Communion</i>
10/11	Moving Out of Scare City	Walking with Pharaoh	Exodus 1:8-14	
10/17	Messy Church	4pm-6pm		
10/18	Moving Out of Scare City	Wilderness Lessons	Exodus 15: 22-27	
10/25	Guest Preacher Ross Miller			
11/01	Moving Out of Scare City	Assurance of Abundance	Exodus 16: 1-8	<i>All Saints Day/Communion</i>



Monthly Coffee with Pastor Roberta will be held at Starbucks in Fred Meyer on Thursday, October 15th 4pm-6pm. Topic of conversation for the day: “How do we as people of faith view the unhoused of Eugene/Springfield?” You are welcome to bring other issues or concerns to the table but this topic is great starting point. Call the church office for more information. **New Attender Coffee will take place Sunday, October 18th** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. If you are new to Trinity please stop by and have a cup of coffee with Pastor Roberta.



Book Club with Pastor Roberta will begin Thursday, October 8th at 7pm at the Egli home. The book for October 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.



Advent Planning Task Force Meeting will take place Thursday, October 22nd 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 in November. Please see future bulletins and next month's newsletter for dates and times. Or you can call or email the church office for more information.



Messy Church at Trinity UMC celebrates their 2 Year Anniversary on Saturday October 17th! Games, activities, worship & dinner - Come and join the fun from 4pm-6pm! The September Messy Church had 55 attendees it was a blast!! Want to join our Messy Church team? Please contact Kristyn Stephens at kristynstephens15@hotmail.com.



Youth News – Ryan Scott, our Youth Leader, needs a couple of adults who are willing to sit in the Youth Room during Faith Formation at 9:30am to help us comply with the Safe Sanctuary Policy. You don't have to teach or participate – we just need your presence. **Luncheon for Youth and Parents** will be held Sunday, October 4th following worship. Let's get acquainted and figure out together the vision for Trinity UMC Youth Program.



Tape Worms Movie night will be held Friday, October 9th at 7pm at the Peterson home. Bring a snack to share with the group and enjoy a relaxing movie night with friends. No need to RSVP and feel free to bring a friend. Tape Worms meet the 2nd Friday of each month. Locations can vary so call the church office for more information or see your bulletin. **Please Note Date Change:** The November Tapeworms will meet on Friday, November 20th at 7pm.



Trunk or Treat – We are partnering with River Road Park again this year to participate in their Howl-O-Ween Celebration. **We need LOTS of wrapped candy** to hand out to the trick or treaters. Please bring your bags of candy to the church office before October 29th. We need 10 cars with decorated trunks to participate so if you can help out and provide a car, please call the church office so we can add you to the list.



All Saint's Day will be held **Sunday, November 1st**. If you have a loved one that you like remembered during worship, please send your information and photo to the church office no later than October 23rd. They will be honored during worship on November 1st. You can email info to office@trinityumceugene.org or drop off your photo to be scanned in the church office.



We Now Offer Online Giving at Trinity UMC! Jennifer Williams will explain the process during our Town Hall Meeting on October 11th and will show you how to get started. If your'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.



Spotlight Members at Home – This month we are spotlighting a couple of our members at home. Thank you Mary Kutz for the profiles. **Roy and Catherine Hjelmaas** were born and raised in Iowa and went to school together. They were both born on Dec. 10, 1928. And they were also married on Dec. 10th and will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Roy would fill in for Pastor Pamela on Sundays when she was unavailable. Through the years he was known to check his watch to make sure he did not go over 1 hr. for the Sunday service. Catherine assisted him in every way possible during his years as a pastor as well as teaching special education students.

Genevieve Cannon became a member of Trinity around 1996. Genevieve was the lead person for Altar Guild. She was a perfectionist and everything was just so. She was a big card shark and loved to play cards and took it seriously. She is still able to play Hearts. Genevieve loves flowers and could be vocal when it came to wanting cuttings, bulbs, extra flowers, etc. Great sense of humor with a sparkle in her eye.



Medicare Help - SHIBA representative Ellen Smith will be conducting a Medicare 101 seminar at Trinity UMC on **Tuesday, October 6th 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



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!

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Relate & Connect Activities This Month: Color Me Happy Adult Coloring Class with Jennifer Williams will be held on Saturday, October 24th 10am-12pm in the Fireside Room. Bring colored pencils or markers with fine tips. Coloring sheets will be provided. **Sewing & Quilting with Pam Bray** is held every Tuesday at 1pm in the Adult Faith Formation room. Bring a project you're working on or start something new. **Jazz Music at the Jazz Station** will take place October 18 at 2pm. Meet up at Trinity UMC at 1:30pm to head over together. **Trunk or Treat** will take place on Friday, October 30th 6pm-8pm at River Road Park. We need at least 10 cars to participate. Please call the church office if you are interested in decorating your trunk. **It's not too late to sign up for any of the events!** Sign up sheets will be available before and after worship on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can also call the church office.



Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at the University of Oregon presents the 25th Annual Choral Extravaganza Sunday, October 25th at 4pm at First United Methodist Church. Join us for a delightful evening of choral music and meet with students and friends for refreshments following the performance. The Choral Extravaganza is a benefit for the U of O Wesley Center, an outreach of the United Methodist Church to students, faculty & staff at the U of O. For more information please call 541-346-4694.



First United Methodist Church & Cascadia Concert Opera Chorus is pleased to present Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Don Giovanni* on Sunday, October 11th at 4pm. Suggested donation is \$10 and please bring canned goods for Food for Lane County. 1376 Olive Street, Eugene. For more info www.eugenefumc.org



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



Imagine No Malaria \$1 Million Goal Within Reach! United Methodist Churches throughout Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Alaska have raised over \$863,000! Crater Lake District raised over \$43,000! God is doing great things with our gifts – Since 2000, malaria deaths have dropped by nearly 60% which translates to over 6.2 million lives that have been saved. Thank you Trinity UMC for your support of this very important mission.



Johnson Brothers Poinsettias and Wreaths will be available to order beginning Sunday, October 11th. Orders must be placed by October 25th to make the deadline. 6.5" Poinsettias will be priced at \$10 each and 12" Noble Fir Wreaths will be \$20 each. Orders will be available for pick up the first week of December. Order forms will be available in your Sunday bulletin & on our website. Payment is due at the time of order. Call the office for more information.

November Trinity UMC Tidings Deadline is October 19th

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!

Financial Corner			Fundraising for the roof is underway – so far we have raised \$9,061.45. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Thank you for your donations for this very important project.
Condensed Statement			
As of 08/31/2015			
Income:	YTD	BUDGET YTD	
Pledges & Plate	\$94,386.64	\$96,533.36	
Rental Income	\$23,713.92	\$24,445.40	
Other Income	\$7,142.76	\$5,968.08	
Total Income	\$122,243.32	\$126,946.84	
Total Expenses	\$121,676.51	\$132,922.44	
Net Income (Loss)	\$566.81	\$-5,975.60	

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Our Shared Ministry responsibility so far for this year is \$11,008.68. 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!!

October Thank Offering will go to Valley West Christmas Gifts for Seniors
Last year we provided Christmas gifts for 16 residents and for many, it was the first gift they had received in years.

October Birthdays: 1st Floyd Carpenter, Arlene Guthrie 2nd Sharon Trigg Means 3rd Jennifer Williams, Ken Burdick 4th Marilyn Ashby 5th Elaine Brown 7th Marty Graves 8th Loretta Wolfenbarger 10th Sara Kidder 11th Betsey Alltucker 15th Mary Kutz 17th Linda Parson 20th Terri Griffin Sophia Cleland 22nd Marie Weidmann 25th Lou Myers 26th Skylar Schuttpelz 28th Kay Burdick 30th Laura Thurston
October Anniversaries: 2nd Floyd & Shirley Carpenter 10th Lou & Jill Myers 13th Mike & Jan Peterson 5th Daniel & Kristyn Stephens 24th Bill & LeAnn Walker **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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