



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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April Tidings

Grace Notes

*“Jesus responded, “Go, report ...what you hear and see. Those who were blind are able to see...
Those who were deaf now hear. Those who were dead are raised up.
The poor have good news proclaimed to them”
Matthew 11: 4, 5 (Common English Bible)*

What **good news** do you have to report? What have you seen and heard? Are you ready to be a witness to those who are raised up to new life? We have four gospels in the bible, four different channels of communication of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. One story is not enough, even the four gospels may not be enough since in recent years other gospels have been discovered that did not make it into the final canon of the bible. The word gospel literally means **good news!**

Over the past few months, the topic of communication has been on the forefront on my work as pastor. In this newsletter you have received a final report and the communication implementation plan. These two documents complete the work of the communication task force began to meet in December 2014 and has been hard at work to complete the prescription work from the October consultation. The plan that we have developed includes thirteen different channels of communication. Each channel is specific to who it is directed and what kind of information is shared. Over the coming six months, the implementation of the plan will proceed. Yearly the plan will be reviewed and revised as needed. **This is good news!**

There are signs of spring all around and signs of new life at Trinity United Methodist. At our Easter Vigil on Saturday evening April 4th, one adult and four youth will be baptized, marked with water as beloved children of God. They will become faith partners as they affirm their commitment to continue to grow in faith at this place we call Trinity United Methodist Church. **This is good news!**

On March 14, twenty five people gathered at the round tables in the fellowship hall. The group spent six hours engaging in dialogue as we learned about our neighborhood and clarified our mission under the facilitation of Rev. Beth Estock. We learned about demographics and mosaics and listened to various viewpoints in our table discussions as we kept our ears open to the voice of God moving amongst us. There is still work to be done but we made tremendous progress in clarifying the answers to the two prescription questions; 1) who we are gathering in love and 2) what are we going to transform in the world. Prior to the town hall meeting at noon on April 26th, you will receive a document with a clarified mission statement. **This is good news!**

So I ask again, what **good news** do you have to report? One thing that we discussed as a communication task force is that this plan will work as long as we all take responsibility for asking questions of clarification. Good news does not really change lives until it is passed on! So my friends, as Jesus instructed the first disciples, we too are asked to go and report where we have seen things that looked dead brought to life, where we have seen through the perspective of others, and where we have passed on the good news of our own transformation to our neighbors who long for good news. **This is good news!**

Come and celebrate the good news of new life at Trinity this Easter season.
Blessings on this journey,

Pastor Roberta

Holy Week Worship Schedule at Trinity

Thursday, April 2nd Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm

Experience the Last Supper through scripture, song, and Holy Communion. The service ends as the Altar is stripped bare for Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday, No formal worship at Trinity but the sanctuary will be open from Noon to 1:00 pm for prayer and reflection. There are formal worship services being held at Eugene First UMC and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church both at 7pm.

Saturday, April 4th Easter Vigil Worship at 7:00 pm.

Explore the elements of Fire, WORD, Water and Bread as we first gather around a resurrection fire in the courtyard. Hear the salvation stories of the WORD, Celebrate the Waters of baptism of five new Trinity Faith partners and then conclude with an Easter feast of bread and cup.

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Come at 10:00 for coffee and sweet rolls. Celebration worship with choir and the return of Alleluia's at 10:30 am. Bring your children to the Eggstravaganza that begins immediately after worship and concludes with an egg hunt on the front yard at 12:15 pm. Please bring flowers for the Flowering Cross.

April Worship Schedule

Theme—Arise Today!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>We Make the Road</u>
4/4/15	Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm		
4/5/15	Arise and Live!	Ezekiel 37: 13-14, Luke 24: 1-32	Chapter 33
4/12/15	Arise in Fellowship	John 20: 1-31, Psalm 133	Chapter 34
4/19/15	Arise in Discipleship	John 21: 1-15, Psalm 25: 1-10	Chapter 35
4/26/15	Arise in Worship	Psalm 103: 1-13, Acts 2: 41-47,	Chapter 36



Prayer Request - Pastor Roberta, Amber Dellsite and the Confirmands, Ely Cleland, Emily Fulcer, Caelyn Wooldridge-McLain, Justin Edwards & Anna Ford will be at a Confirmation Retreat April 17th-19th at Suttle Lake. Danny Trump is also a Confirmand but will not be attending the retreat. Please be in prayer for them.

All Church Town Hall meeting after worship on Sunday, April 26th. Led by members of the leadership team, this is a time of conversation and not a debate. It is holy conferencing. The purpose of holy conferencing is to assist the body in listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit in our midst so that we can discern God's will for us. It is not an opportunity for each of us to try to change everyone else's mind.



Trinity Ukulele Band meets every other Sunday following worship. You are welcome to bring your own Uke or borrow one from Trinity. Come join the fun as we make a joyful noise here at Trinity. This month we will meet Sunday, April 12th and April 26th



Neighborhood Pastor Office Hours 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.) There will be no Pastor Neighborhood Office hours on April 17th. Pastor Roberta will be on an Easter Retreat April 6th-8th.

Meetings This Month – Messy Church Planning Meeting March 30th at 7pm in the Church Office. **UMW Board Meeting** will be held Wednesday, April 1st at 10am in the Fireside Room. The **UMW will have a combined Unit Meeting** Wednesday, March 8th at 10am in the Fireside Room. **The Leadership Team** will meet Saturday, April 11th from 9am-1pm in the Fireside Room. There will be a **Facilities Team Meeting** Monday, April 20th at 7pm in the church office.



HOLY Communion Training will be held Sunday, April 12th following worship. We serve communion the first Sunday of each month, every Sunday during Lent and several times during Advent. If you've never served before or need a refresher we invite to take part in this training. Communion is a very important part of worship and we need your help. Thank you!



March Messy Church was a lot of fun! The kids made passports and traveled through the stations of Holy Week. April **Messy Church Planning meeting will be held Monday, March 30th** at 7pm in the Fireside Room. Please consider volunteering for Messy Church or preparing a meal – we would love to have you join our team! The April Messy Church theme will be New Life – please join us!

Financial Corner

Condensed Statement

As of 02/28/2015

Income:	YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges & Plate	\$22,070.01	\$24,133.40
Rental Income	\$5,962.25	\$6,111.50
Other Income	\$13.07	\$342.20
Total Income	\$28,045.33	\$30,587.10
Expenses	\$31,575.84	\$33,441.80
Net Income (Loss)	\$-3,530.51	\$-2,854.70

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Collected \$496.25!

The April Thank Offering will benefit FISH

United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 1st	10:00am	Board Meeting	Fireside Room
Wednesday, April 8th	10:00am	Combined Unit Meeting	Fireside Room
Thursday, April 9th	10:00am	Sort Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 10th	10:00am	Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall

UMW Rummage Sale will be held Friday, **April 10th from 8:30am-3pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We have lots of furniture, household items, clothing, a lawn mower and electronics. If you have items you would like to donate please bring them Thursday April 9th during setup. If you need to drop them earlier please call the church office to make drop-off arrangements.



April Birthdays: 4th Pam Bray 8th Jim England 11th Sharron Smith 12th Shane Kiser, Bryn Wooldridge-McLain 14th Dorothy Angst 20th Jana Trump 22nd Beth Ferris 23rd MJ Toumine 30th Russ Owens

Anniversaries: 11th Danny & Kathy Cleland 27th Scotty & Linda Parson

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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