



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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March Tidings

Grace Notes

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*“Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice
is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock.”*

(Jesus, Matthew 7: 24 {CEB})

Our Lenten season theme, Practices on the Path, is based on the Sermon of the Mount from Matthew 7-24. We are to put the words of Jesus into practice as we follow him on the path discipleship. During this month, there will be a variety of opportunities for you to put your faith into practice. During Sunday worship we will highlight the different practices.

I encourage you to attend worship regularly this month. If you are not able to be present every Sunday, be sure to check out the weekly devotion that I am sharing in print form on Sunday morning and electronically through Facebook connections to a new blog at messyfaithwalk.wordpress.com.

In addition, I challenge each of us to commit to engage in a new faith practice each week. In my sermon last Sunday, I encouraged everyone to find a commitment buddy for lent to share both the joys and challenges of committing to a new practice. Here is the list of lent practices to choose from:

This week I will...

- Read the assigned chapter for “*We Make the Road by Walking*” and then call and discuss the questions at the end of the chapter with at least two other people.
- Read the scripture for next Sunday slowly three times each day. As you read, listen for what God is saying to you. (look at the back of the bulletin for specific text)
- Invite an acquaintance who I know is having a difficult time to coffee or lunch to get to know them better
- Give Generously through the *Giving From Abundance Calendar* Imagine No Malaria suggestions
- Choose a 24 hour period of time to fast from TV, Food, Coffee, or Worry
- For the very first time, Volunteer to work at FISH Food bank, Family Diner or other community serve
- Pray daily for the renewal of the Spirit at Trinity UMC. I will pray especially for the Spirit to work through the March 14th *Multiply your Impact* all-church workshop led by Rev. Beth Estock
- Attend the noon prayer short worship at Trinity UMC
- Call and make an appointment to visit one of the Home- bound members at Trinity UMC. Don’t know who they are? Contact the church office for phone number and address
- As you read the news each day this week, pray for the areas that are in turmoil

Let’s have fun as we commit to engage in practices of faith this month. Put out a challenge (remember the ice bucket challenge that was all the rage last summer) to another person to join you in a specific faith practice. This list is meant to be a starting place for your imagination regarding faith practices on the path.

One practice that I challenge each and every one who has an interest in Trinity UMC to accept is to attend the Multiply your Impact workshop on **March 14th from 10 am to 4pm** with Rev. Beth Estock. This workshop is a vital step in bringing clarity and focus to our mission as a community. All voices are needed. Lunch will be included. **If there is 45 people (or more) in attendance on March 14th, I will consent to have the Trinity youth class pour a bucket of ice water on me after worship on March 22nd!**

May we draw closer to God, to each other, and to our neighbors as we walk the path of Lent engaging in practices of faith.

Blessings on the road,

Pastor Roberta



Neighborhood Pastor Office Hours at Fred Meyer Starbucks on Tuesday Afternoon -

Pastor Roberta will be 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 3:30- 6:30pm every Tuesday afternoon (unless she gets called away for a pastoral emergency.)



Lent Worship—Practices on the Path - During our Lenten worship we will be focusing on the practices of faith on the path of discipleship. Last spring we had people share their 'this I believe' witness that helped us learn each other's story. This Lent we will expand that series by having a "This I Practice" witness during Sunday morning worship.



Memorial Service Info – We said goodbye to two special people in our congregation in February. **Doris Rickman** passed away Friday, Feb. 20th. The memorial service for Doris will be held Saturday, March 21st at 11am. **Henry Rust** passed away Feb. 24th and his memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 2pm. Please call the church office for more information.

March - Easter Worship Schedule

03/01/15	Practice on the Path - SEE	Matthew 5: 17-48	Chapter 28
03/08/15	Practice . . . PRAY	Matthew 6: 1-18	Chapter 29
03/15/15	Practice . . . FAST FROM WORRY	Matthew 6: 19-7:12	Chapter 30
03/21/15	Messy Church	4pm-6pm	
03/22/15	Practice . . . BE GENEROUS	Matthew 7: 13-29	Chapter 31
03/29/15	Practice . . . MAKE PEACE	Zechariah 9: 9-10 (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	Chapter 32
03/30/15	Noon Prayer		
03/31/15	Noon Prayer		
04/01/15	Noon Prayer		
04/02/15	Practice . . . SIT AT TABLE <i>Maudy Thursday</i>	John 13-17 (<i>Service @ 7pm</i>)	Chapter 32a
04/03/15	<i>Good Friday</i> (no service at Trinity)	Psalm 77 (<i>Read at Home</i>)	Chapter 32b
04/04/15	<i>Easter Vigil Service 7pm</i>	<i>Worship of Fire, Word Water & Table</i>	
04/05/15	Easter Sunday (Easter Egg Hunt will take place following worship on Easter Sunday)	Luke 24: 1-32, Ezekiel 37: 13-14	Chapter 33

***** Lent Noon Prayer will be held at the church on Wednesdays beginning February 25th until April 1st.**



Meetings This Month – Messy Church Planning Meeting March 2nd at 7pm in the Fireside Room. **UMW Board Meeting** will be held Wednesday, March 4th at 10am in the Fireside Room. The **UMW will have a combined Unit Meeting** Wednesday, March 11th at 10am in the Fireside Room. **UMW Mission Blanket Party** will be held Wednesday March 18th at 10am in the Fireside Room. There will be a **Facilities Team Meeting** Monday, March 16th at 7pm in the church office.



All Church Work Party – Do you have a couple of hours to help clean-up the church for Easter? We will working inside and outside (weather permitting) on Sunday, March 8th immediately following worship. Please wear your work clothes and bring cleaning supplies if you have them. We need cleaning solutions, rags, buckets & ladders. Lunch and beverages will be provided. We need everyone’s help!! Thank you.



HOLY COMMUNION **Would you be willing to serve communion during Lent?** We will be serving communion every Sunday in March so we need quite a few servers. **Never served before? No worries!** The office will give you instructions and there’s always someone standing by to help out. Please call the church office today if you are interested. We also need servers the 1st Sunday of each month.



February Messy Church was great! The kids learned about and were served communion and they enjoyed a delicious soup dinner made by Trinity volunteers (thank you!) March **Messy Church Planning meeting will be held Monday, March 2nd** 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!



Come To the Waters--- Thank you to those who attended the Introductory Come to the Waters class & luncheon in February. Classes are continuing on Sunday evenings March 1, 8, 15, 22. On the 29th we will meet at 4:00 due to the confirmation class at 5:00 that Sunday.



Ukulele Band starts Sunday, March 1st following worship. You are welcome to bring your own Uke or borrow one from Trinity. Amber Dellsite will be giving lessons so no experience is necessary. Come join the fun as we make a joyful noise here at Trinity.



Multiply Your Impact Seminar with Beth Estock will be held at Trinity on Saturday, March 14th from 10am-4pm. Beth will lead us through conversations based on our neighborhood Mission Insite study and the results of the church wide 36- degree survey. Beth will direct our focus to give specific, achievable and measurable answer to these questions. **Don’t forget about the Ice Bucket Challenge** – if 45 or more people show up for the seminar, the youth group will get to dump a bucket of ice water on Pastor Roberta following worship on March 22nd! Lunch will be provided. Beth is an ordained elder in the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Conference who works as a church re-vitalization consultant for the Path 1, where she leads and coaches churches throughout the United States in revitalization. Beth also leads a house church network in Southwest Portland.



First UMC will host the 16th Annual That's My Farmer Celebration on Tuesday, April 14th from 6pm-8pm. Meet local farmers and learn about sustainability while tasting some delicious seasonal snacks. A suggested donation of \$10 at the door will go directly to the Low Income Fund. Patty Hine will present: Regenerative Organic Agriculture & Climate Change. There will also be lots of door prizes! Call 541-607-0106 for more info.



One Great Hour of Sharing will take place Sunday, March 29th. Your gift covers the operating expenses of UMCOR and allows 100% of your designated donations to get to those who need them most. Learn more at www.umcsgiving.org/OGHS

Financial Corner

Condensed Statement

As of 01//31/2015

Income:	YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges & Plate	\$10,851.40	\$12,066.74
Rental Income	\$2604.50	\$3055.85
Other Income	\$12.00	\$321.22
Total Income	\$13,467.90	\$15,443.81
Expenses	\$16,711.03	\$16,682.05
Net Income (Loss)	\$-3,243.13	\$-1,238.24

Roof Update

We need to replace the roof over the Fellowship Hall before the next rainy season. We have set a goal to raise \$20,000 by September and so far we've raised \$1,390.00. Please watch for upcoming updates and fundraising opportunities in your weekly bulletin. Be sure to mark your check "Roof Fund" when making a donation.

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

The February Thank Offering Collected \$219 for Youth Camp Scholarships! Thank you for supporting the Youth at Trinity UMC!!

United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 4 th	10:00am	Board Meeting	Fireside Room
Wednesday, March 11 th	10:00am	Combined Unit Meeting	Fireside Room
Wednesday, March 18 th	10:00am	Blanket Mission Work Party	Fireside Room
Thursday, April 9 th	10:00am	Sort Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 10 th	10:00am	Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall

March Birthdays: (1st) Shirley Carpenter (9th) Pearl Shorey (17th) Terry Robinson (20th) Linda Robinson (27th) Toni Cleland (29th) Lynn Egli

Anniversaries: No March Anniversaries

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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