



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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January Tidings

Grace Notes

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As we take down the 2014 calendar and replace it with the 2015 it is always a good time to look back to learn from our past as we also make plans for a new year. For this January grace notes, I wanted to share the strengths of our congregation that were identified by the consultation team this past fall. These three strengths are core to who we are as a congregation that we need to take time to celebrate.

This next year we will come together as a congregation and use these strengths to work on the prescriptions we have been given to become an even more healthy and vital church of 2015 and beyond. The work has already begun:

- The communication task force; {Pastor Roberta, Jennifer Williams, Cortney Helikson, Kristyn Stephens, Terri Griffin, Judy Piercey (coach) and Greg Nelson (director of communications for Oregon- Idaho conference)} has already met and will continue to work diligently in January to complete a communication audit and develop a communication plan that will be shared widely with the congregation.
- The executive leadership team; { Pat Rankin, Judy Mortimore, Carolyn Loucks, Gary Wildish(whose term ends at the end of 2014), Phil Means(who replaces Gary in 2015) and Pastor Roberta all met with our coach Judy Piercey in December to begin work on developing a church-wide process to clarify our mission a church. That work will continue in January so look for details of the plan!

All of the work that we do is built on our strengths. We have much to be thankful for. Take time to read through that have been identified and give thanks for all those who have come before in the history of Trinity UMC. Next month our challenges will be posted in this space. Let us continue to keep walking the road of being alive in the story of Jesus as we turn the calendar to a new year.

Blessings on the road,

Pastor Roberta

Ralph Steadman's Memorial Service



The passing of Ralph Steadman on Christmas Eve has been a shock and filled all who knew Ralph with deep grief. Ralph's memorial service is scheduled for **Friday evening January 16th at 7:00 pm** at the Wildish Theater in downtown Springfield. Pastor Roberta will officiate and the service will be a celebration of all of Ralph's loves: family, church, acting, friends, radio, etc. etc. etc. We will miss you Ralph and our prayers continue for Alberta, his sister Kathy, his children Claire and Joe and all his extended family and friends.

Trinity UMC 2014 Consultation Report Strengths

1. Bold in Reaching Out The congregation, in the spirit of Jesus, has a heart for the River Road neighborhood and a strong commitment to serving those outside of themselves. In developing connections with Howard Elementary School and the River Road Park District, Trinity is becoming creative in their desire to “be a blessing” (Gen. 12:3). Developing Messy Church was innovative and courageous in connecting to families with children who would otherwise have no connection to the church and Christianity. There will be continued fruit in strengthening Messy Church, creating adult faith development, and deepening ties to the River Road community.

2. Love for One Another and for This Church The people of Trinity have a deep and strong love for one another. They express this love through acceptance, care, and welcome. They desire to know each other as friends. This love is not superficial but is grounded in Jesus’ love for them. Small circles of deep and long-time friendships are a source of strength and continuity. The people of Trinity desire a common vision. They want to be in one accord as they move forward. They can see the Holy Spirit at work in their lives and are hopeful for a future in the neighborhood.

3. Resource Rich Environment Trinity has a strong history of quality ministry rooted in the United Methodist tradition. It is well respected in the River Road area of Eugene, and is blessed with:

- Capable disciples willing to follow Jesus Christ and eager to share their gifts in ministry
- People of different generations and varying socio-economic levels
- Highly useable and accessible facilities
- Endowment funds and annual financial support from the membership
- Meaningful worship experiences
- Strong pastoral leadership willing to take risks
- Skilled staff and leaders committed to this congregation’s health and vitality



Formed in Community Membership Class— Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity UMC? Are you asking yourself what and why membership is important? Pastor Roberta will be leading a three week dialogue on church membership beginning January 11th from 12pm-2pm in the Fireside Room. Classes will continue January 18th & January 25th. Please let the church office if you are interested in attending or if you have any questions.

Egan Warming Center will be activated at our facility on Wednesday, January 28th as part of the effort to count the homeless in our community. They will activate regardless of the weather. Our facility has had several days of successful activation in the past month. Egan is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved please email info@eganwarmingcenter.org.



Meetings This Month – Messy Church will have a planning meeting Monday, January 5th at 7pm in Fireside Room. A **Leadership Team Meeting** will be held Saturday, January 10th from 9am-1pm in the Fireside Room. The **Worship Team Meeting** will be held Saturday, January 17th at 9am in the church office. There will be a **Facilities Team Meeting** Monday, January 19th at 7pm in the church office.



Over 50 children and adults came together for activities & fun including a delicious chili dinner provided by members of the congregation. January Messy Church will be held Saturday, January 17th from 4pm-6pm. If you haven't come to Messy Church we invite you to drop by and see what it's all about. Messy Church is looking for volunteers to help with crafts and dinner. Call the church office for more information.

Financial Corner

Condensed Statement

As of 11/30/2014

Income:	YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges & Plate	\$130,287	\$134,750
Rental Income	\$30,537	\$33,782
Other Income	\$25,059	\$18,025
Total Income	\$185,883	\$186,557
Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$185,052	\$196,174

Thank you for turning in your 2015 Pledge Cards. If you have not yet turned in your card it's not too late. You can drop it off at the church office or place it in the offering plate.

Thank you for supporting Trinity UMC!

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

Each month we will be highlighting a different expense in our budget to help you see your dollars at work here at Trinity.

Thank you supporting Trinity UMC!

United Methodist Women Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 7th	10:00am	Board Meeting	Fireside Room
Wednesday, January 14 th	10:00am	Miriam Circle	Fireside Room
Wednesday, January 14 th	1:30pm	Ruth Circle	Bonnie Thompson's

January Worship Schedule

1/4/15	Jesus the Learner	Luke 2: 39-52, I Kings 3: 16-28	Chapter 19a
1/11/15	Jesus the Beloved	Luke 3: 1-222, I Timothy 4: 6-16	Chapter 19b
1/17/15	Messy Church	4pm-6pm	
1/18/15	Jesus the Adventurer	Isaiah 61: 1-4, Luke 4: 20-30, Luke 5: 1-11	Chapter 20
1/25/15	Jesus the Miracle Worker	John: 2: 1-12, Psalm 36: 5-12, Mark 1: 21-28	Chapter 21

January Birthdays: (1st) Kay Morrison (3rd) Chris Haubrich (5th) Danny Cleland (10th) Ronda Haxby (18th) Brian Day (21st) John Monsen (22rd) Alberta Steadman (24th) Shirley Pardovich (25th) John Griffin & Barb Olson (31st) Colton Stephens

January Anniversaries: (11th) Don & Carol Schmale



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