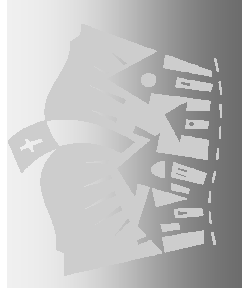


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# The Trinity Messenger

January 2008



## Join *The Cup of Our Life* Lenten Series

Surprise! Easter is early this year. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, February 6. Lent is a time preparation for Easter, a time to recall the growing Christ—especially his 40 days of testing and prayer in the wilderness.

Mary Jane Fothergill invites you to take part in a spiritual growth group for seven weeks before Easter. The group will be using *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. You will use "your favorite cup" as a symbol of your inner spiritual journey. Each day there are selected

readings and exercises around a theme about your cup—such as "cup of sacrifice" or "empty cup." Then there is a weekly service for sharing and praying what we each experienced during the week. There are two options to meet each week on Wednesdays during Lent—one group will meet at 10:00 a.m. and one at 5:00 p.m.

February 6 Introduction and bring your favorite cup

February 13 "The Cup of Life"

February 20 "The Open Cup"

February 28 "The Chipped Cup"

March 5 "The Broken Cup"

March 12 "The Cup of Compassion"

March 19 "The Blessing Cup"

You are invited to add a new rich experience to your life during Lent. Mary Jane suggests that you order a book off the internet or let her know if you want her to get you one. For more information call Mary Jane Fothergill, 503-364-3426.



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Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
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### 2008 Flower Chart is Posted!

The 2008 altar flower chart is posted in the front hallway of the church. Is there someone you would like to honor, or someone you would like to provide flowers in memory of? Now is your chance to pick a date for 2008. Please print your name and information clearly on the chart and be sure to mark whether you will provide the flowers or wish to have them ordered for you. For more information, please contact the church office.



### Fellowship Hosts

Our thanks to the following groups for hosting fellowship time on Sunday mornings:  
**January** – Board of Trustees  
**February** – UMW

For more information please contact Lois Hagededt, 503-364-7222 or Ann Petersen, 503-399-0515.



## United Methodist Women

The UMW Executives will meet Monday, January 14, 9:45 a.m. at the home of Dena Noland, 2232 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE

#711. There will be a business meeting, budget planning and program decisions made for 2008. A potluck luncheon will then be served. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Carpooling will depart from the south side of the church at 9:30 a.m.

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**Men's Bible Study Breakfasts** have been cancelled for the month of January. Contact Ralph Burnley, 503-364-6333, for more information.

### “Keep Going!” Scholarships Awarded

In 2005, the Church Council created the “Keep Going!” Scholarship Fund with money that was earmarked for “scholarships,” separate from the Trinity Foundation Scholarship which is awarded to high school seniors who are entering college.

The “Keep Going!” fund is administered by the education committee for the purpose of granting scholarships to students who are members of Trinity and are continuing in their second, third or fourth years of post-secondary education, and students enrolled in graduate education relative to pursuing full-time employment in church ministry, including, but not limited to, ordination.

This fall, five Trinity members received \$200 each for their continuing post-secondary education: Jill Severson, Christine Spenner, Kent Spenner, Alicia Webb, and Jennifer Webb. Congratulations, students—keep up the good work!

## JOY Group

Joy Group will meet for dinner at the Great Wall Buffet, a Chinese buffet, 2875 Commercial St. SE, Saturday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is



invited to join the group for this time of fellowship. Please contact Bob Hawkes, 503-363-8219, for more information.

### MerriMakers

The MerriMakers will meet on Saturday, January 19, 5:30 p.m. at the Great Wall Buffet, 2875 S. Commercial Street.



## Thank You

Thanks to Judy Chartier, for supplying two lovely Christmas centerpieces for decorating the church.

Donations of the extra crayons and pencils, which were left over from the children's Christmas bags that were distributed at the Lord's Cupboard from after Thanksgiving until Christmas, are being donated to Four Corner's Elementary School. The extra Christmas bags were picked up by the Salvation Army for distribution at one of their sites. Thank you to all who help purchase items for this annual local mission outreach project!

*Alice Paltridge and the Mission Task Force Team*



**From the Paltriges**

Dear Trinity Friends,

This is to wish you God's continued blessing as we change the center of our church life to Morningside UMC. We have been affiliated with Trinity for fifteen years and will always treasure the good experiences and friends we have had with the church.

Our change is not due to anything that has happened at Trinity, but to

changes in our personal lives and situation.

As many of you know, in late September Alice had a blackout while driving and there was an accident. We are very thankful that though the car was demolished, no one was seriously hurt. For three months Alice has not been able to drive as the doctors have tried to discover what caused the incident. Art has a day light only license and needs to confine driving to only what is absolutely necessary.

Our home is almost 15 miles per round trip from Trinity. (Morningside is about one third that distance from us.) As we have learned to cope with this, we have become very conscious of just how far we are from the center of church activities. Along with this has come a rise in gas prices and we also are mindful of the fact that we all need to exercise economy in the use of fossil fuels in order not to add any more to Global Warming. Under these circumstances we feel that it is the best stewardship of our resources to relocate to Morningside. We also expect to meet there more beautiful people like yourselves.

We hope that even after the change we will have many opportunities to enjoy your fellowship. We will, after all, still belong to One Church.

In Christ,  
*Art and Alice Paltridge*

## Pastor's Message

*Janet Burkhardt*

Changes  
in  
2008



Not once! Not once in this new year of 2008 have I written the wrong date. Usually it takes me anywhere from one week to two months after January 1 to get it right. I have been known to forget which decade and century we are in!

With the New Year comes a new slate of church leaders, and the need for the congregation to recognize and bless our leaders for the coming year of ministry. During the *Wesley* worship service on January 13 we will have a time of recognizing our elected church leaders for 2008. Worship consultant, Marcia McFee reminds us that as Christians "our first call to ministry is baptism, and an installation celebrates the next call, to serve the community."

I am so thankful for those who have said "yes!" to serving the community. I am also thankful for those who would like to serve but are not able, and to those who are not leaders, but are wonderful supporters.

Please support our fearless, faith-filled leaders! If you are unable to attend the *Wesley* service on January 13, please pray this prayer for our leaders, from the Book of Worship, at least once this week.

*Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church. Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service. Keep before them the example of our Lord, who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all. Let them share his ministry and consecration, that they may enter into his joy. Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Janet*

## New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Bob and Donna Gibbs, who joined the church on December 16 at *The River* worship service. Bob was baptized and Donna confirmed her infant baptism. Pray for God's blessings on them both!



## Western District Spiritual Renewal Event

The 2008 Western District Spiritual Renewal Event is titled "Ministry in Daily Life: Connecting God's Story to Our Story." It will be held Saturday, February 9 in McMinnville from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This event is for all Western District clergy, lay leadership and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of how their story and their church's story connect to God's story. Paul Adams, minister of Spiritual Formation at

McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, and Rhoda Pittman Markus, Christian Education and Outreach Coordinator at Forest Grove UMC, will lead us in exploring our topic. The McMinnville Praise Team and the Rev. Kate Conolly, our Western District Superintendent, will lead us in worship. We'll have a wonderful lunch catered by Rev. Mark Pederson, and a Cokesbury mini-store will be present at the event. Registration is \$15 per person, and covers lunch, snacks, all materials and child care for children ages 0 to 8. The event is appropriate for middle-school youth and older! Registration is due by January 30 (January 22 for those requesting child-care). Brochures and on-line registration are available at [www.umoi.net](http://www.umoi.net) and then click on "Western District." Contact Linda Grund-Clampit, Western District Administrative Assistant, at 503-581-3969 or [wdumc@wvi.com](mailto:wdumc@wvi.com) with any questions. A copy of the brochure may also be picked up at the church office.

### Lord's Cupboard Needs These Items:

- Top Ramen Noodles
- Canned Tuna
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

You may drop these off at church on Sunday mornings or during office hours Monday through Friday.



Formation in Nonviolence  
for Personal and Social Change  
**Creating a Culture of Peace**  
**Friday - Sunday, January 19-21, 2008**  
Queen of Peace School Library  
4227 Lone Oak Rd SE & Friendship St. SE,  
Salem, Oregon

**Helping You Grow Stronger:** You've been practicing nonviolence your whole life. This retreat will help you take your practice deeper and farther. It will challenge your definitions of violence... and nonviolence. You will experience the power of nonviolence to transform and liberate. Through small group discussions, role playing, meditation, writing, and sharing personal stories, you will explore the creative and energizing effects of nonviolence.

**Good News For The World:** In the 20th century, nearly two-thirds of the world's population were involved in nonviolent revolutions. You will learn from real-world examples of individuals, groups, and entire societies that used nonviolence as a tool against oppression and as a means of liberation. Hundreds of people around the United States have experienced *Creating a Culture of Peace*. They have gone on to apply their

experience to actions and projects they choose—in their communities, their nation, even internationally.

**Nonviolence Is Not For Super People:** It's "available to weaker parties" (Vatican II). You don't have to be an expert on Gandhi or Martin Luther King. You don't have to be an experienced activist. Teenagers, adults, and seniors can enjoy and learn together.

**Janet Brown** comes to us from Salem, Oregon. She brings decades of experience in teaching, peace activism, and nonviolence training. Janet served on the national council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, from 2005-2007, which produced *Creating A Culture Of Peace*.

**David Bellefeuille-Rice** has been active at St. Michael's Parish, Olympia, WA for 25 years. He names his wife and children as his greatest teachers of nonviolence. David is an apprentice mediator for the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center. David and Janet co-facilitated a 3 day *Creating a Culture of Peace* training at St. Michael's Parish, Olympia, June, 2007.

For more information call 503-585-5436. Fuller details found at [www.ofor.org](http://www.ofor.org).

*Creating a Culture of Peace* is based on program and content developed by the Fellowship of Reconciliation & inspired by the Pace E Bene Nonviolence Service.

# DOLLAR\$&CENTS

by Pat Gillespie, Treasurer

Trinity is a very giving congregation! Through December 30, contributions to the budget were twice the average of the other 11 months. Included were \$1,600 received for the Christmas Offering and \$1,000 for unbudgeted Shared Giving.

We have received 97 percent of our anticipated pledged income. This is 3 percent less than the projected amount, based on the previous 6-year-average for this time of year.

Total income received is 2 percent lower than the budgeted amount.

Our expenses are slightly above budgeted amount.

The total borrowed from Dedicated Funds is \$14,000. This is \$6,000 less than the total amount borrowed at the end of 2006. We are moving in the right direction!

## 2007 Financial Status through December 30

	Actuals	Budget
Income	205,085	208,346
Expenses	<u>202,027</u>	<u>201,876</u>
Profit (Loss)	3,058	6,470

The Christmas Eve offering was dedicated for Trinity's *Good Sam Fund* and *Congregations Helping People*, and other special gifts were received in December.

- Lord's Cupboard received \$3,800.
- Good Samaritan Funds received \$512
- Congregations Helping People received \$888
- Contributions to the Oregon Coast Relief Fund were \$30

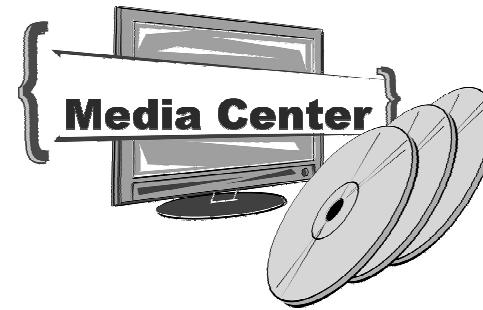
Thank you for all the financial support in 2007.

If you have questions or comments please talk to Pat Gillespie, put a note in his church box or e-mail [pdgill65@msn.com](mailto:pdgill65@msn.com).



## Human Relations Sunday—January 20

In January—on the Sunday before the birthday observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.—United Methodist congregations observe Human Relations Day. The special offering supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.



## This Church is a Member of the Regional Media Center

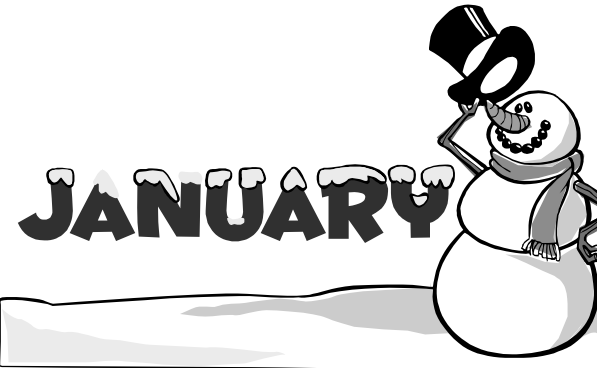
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Dear Trinity Friends,

I and my family would like to thank you so much for all the Christmas cards and gifts we received. Many of them involved food—always a hit at home! You are a blessing to us!

I also want to thank all the people who helped in so many ways to make Trinity's Advent and Christmas worship services special. Last, but not least, it was a pleasure for me to attend the Christmas parties that many of our groups and organizations hosted. All and all, it was a merry and blessed Christmas, indeed!

*Pastor Janet*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Wesley Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>11:00 a.m.</b> The River Worship	<b>14</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open <b>9:30 a.m.</b> UMW Executives @ Dena Noland's <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard <b>7:00 p.m.</b> SPRC	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>1:30 p.m.</b> Lydia Circle  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Cub Scout Den	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open    <b>7:00 p.m.</b> CHP Board at FUMC	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard	<b>19</b>     <b>5:30 p.m.</b> MerriMakers meet at Great Wall Buffet
<b>20 Human Relations Sunday</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Wesley Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>11:00 a.m.</b> The River Worship <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship at Lancaster Village	<b>21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Office closed <b>8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</b> Camp Leadership Training at TUMC <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Ruth Guild Circle <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Finance Committee	<b>22</b>    <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Cub Scout Den	<b>23</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Messenger</i> deadline <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> Office closed     <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Church Council	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Game Night at TUMC for everyone!	<b>26</b>     
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Wesley Worship <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Christian Education <b>11:00 a.m.</b> The River Worship	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <i>Messenger</i> folding  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Outreach Group	<b>30</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open  <b>1:00-3:30 p.m.</b> Lord's Cupboard  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</b> Office open		



**January Birthdays**

- 15 Scott Albritton
- 18 Rachel Jungling
- 22 Troy Ellis, Sr.
- 23 Alicia Webb
- 27 Kay Ivie
- Neomia Riffey
- 28 Wally Greven
- 30 Bryan Akin

**January Anniversaries**

- 16 Bob & Jeanette Pierce