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Trinity United Methodist Church  
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Loving our neighborhood,  
Loving God.



Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug? Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be—beautiful!

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*The Trinity Messenger*



### New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins February 10

Beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, February 10, Trinity will have one worship service, 9:45-11:00 a.m. The children's Sunday school class will meet 11:00-11:45 a.m. and the adult classes will have the option of meeting either before or after worship.

This "new" blended service will feature a diversity of music including the organ, anthems by the chancel choir and praise band, congregational singing of praise songs, songs from the *United Methodist Hymnal* and from the hymnal supplement, *The Faith We Sing*. Both the chancel choir and praise band will be participating in worship each Sunday. There will also be opportunities for informal sharing and faith-sharing.

The change to one service was proposed by the Worship Team and was affirmed by a strong majority of the Church Council on January 24.

In the near future, the worship team will explore holding a monthly evening worship service. This informal service would most likely feature praise music, faith sharing and fellowship.

The search for someone to fill the praise band leader position continues. In the meantime, our choir director, Paul Martin, will continue to conduct both the choir and the praise band.



"What's with getting ashes smeared on your forehead?" What may seem to some a strange ritual has been for centuries a meaningful way for Christians to begin Lent, the six-weeks leading up to Easter. This year Ash Wednesday is February 6. You will have three opportunities at Trinity to receive ashes: at the 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. sessions of *The Cup of Our Life*, and at the Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:30 p.m.

Ashes are a reminder of our mortality, and the urgent need to turn away from sin and re-turn to God. The worship service is a good time to make a commitment to a Lenten discipline that will help take you a step farther on your spiritual journey. Everyone is welcome at *The Cup of Our Life* sessions and the worship service. Receiving ashes on your forehead is optional.

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Tim Bulletset, Custodian

### Lord's Cupboard

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
1:00-3:30 p.m.

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1-800-593-7539  
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### Easter Lilies & Azaleas Orders Being Taken Now

On Sunday, January 27, youth began taking orders for Easter lilies and azaleas. Cost for one plant is \$9.00. Orders must be into the church no later than Sunday, February 17. Call the church office, 503-585-8851, for more information.

### Next Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, Feb. 6  
10:00 a.m.

Dates covered:  
February 17-29



### Fellowship Hosts

Our thanks to the following groups for hosting fellowship time on Sunday mornings:  
**February** –  
UMW  
**March** –  
Worship Team

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



### JOY Group

The Joy Group will host a work, eat and play day at the church February 9 starting at 3:00 pm. We'll work a couple of hours then break for a potluck. Afterwards there will be games and/or joyful fellowship.

There are several projects that we can work on including removing excess items from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the education wing, cleaning up the alcove in the upstairs old cry room, sorting through the old church posters and deciding what we want to keep and what to remove. The use of pick-ups or vans will help.

Pat & Dianna Gillespie are contact people for this. Please let us know which projects you are interested in working on and if you have a pick-up or van for hauling away excess items. Also please bring hot dish, salad or dessert and your favorite game. Drinks and table settings will be provided. For more information phone: (503) 363-6496, or e-mail pdgill65@msn.com

### MerriMakers

Change ! Change ! Change !

Consensus of those attending our January meeting was that now might be the time to make the major shift from evening to day-time meetings. There were not enough people present to select a coordinating committee for 2008 or to make that decision.

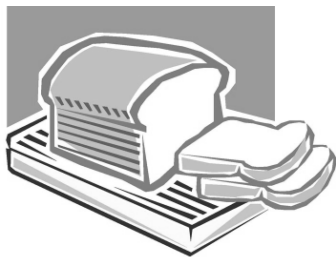
We will have an organizational and decision making gathering on Sunday, February 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel/fireside area. Bring a "Sweetheart Dessert" or finger food to share; your input, ideas and willingness to serve.

We will be determining which day to select for our meetings; although that can be very flexible for program planning. The choice will probably be between a Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. Please come prepared to vote your preference. Show your interest in continuing a MerriMakers group by your presence at this very important meeting. Mark your calendar now.

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### Mission Task Force

Mission Task Force will be meeting February 12 at 1:00 p.m. We will be discussing our goals for the future. All members are encouraged to attend and the meeting is open to anyone that wants to participate.



## United Methodist Youth Schedule

### Saturday, February 2

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

*Xplosion* Leadership Team

If you would like to participate on the *Xplosion* Leadership Team, meet at Morningside at 8:00 a.m. Bring \$5.00 for lunch. We will travel by van to Portland and return by 4:30 p.m. Note: this is an optional youth activity!

### Sunday, February 3

Youth will collect donations for the *Souper Bowl of Caring*.

### Sunday, February 10

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Topic to be determined

### Friday, February 15-

### Monday, February 18

Hammer Camp –

Senior High Youth Only! If you are in Senior High and want to help clean-up some of the devastation at Camp Magruder this is your chance! There is no cost to attend Hammer Camp, however, you must register on-line at [www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org) and you should do it soon, since the available spaces are going quickly!

### Friday, February 15-

### Saturday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Friday-Noon, Saturday

Lock-in, Middle School Youth Only!

Plan on fun, food, games, movies, did we mention food? Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, jammies, toiletries and \$5.00 to offset the cost of food. (Friends are welcome.)

## United Methodist Women

All women are invited to Trinity United Methodist Women's Unit meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 9:30 a.m. in the fireside room. Come and learn about the work Methodist women are doing to reach out to places in Salem, mission projects supported in the U.S. and around the world. The program will be *Giving Makes Mission Possible*. Devotions will be by Pat Moe and Karen Atwood. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting. Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share and your own tableware. Mary Martha Circle will host the unit meeting. Come fellowship with us, meet new friends, see long-time friends and learn about the work UM women do as we reach out and are about the Lord's work.

The UMW are happy to let you know that \$2,935.79 was the amount cleared by the Holiday Bazaar. Thank you for your support. We will be deciding which places in Salem that we will be encouraging and supporting the gifts from our budget.



## Signs of Lent

### Worship

At each Sunday morning worship service during Lent, we will explore seven encounters with Jesus, as well as a corresponding element the story brings to mind. Each Sunday there will also be an item for you to take home to remind you of that week's encounter with Jesus.

### Sand

**February 10** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Matthew 4:1-11 – The Temptation of Jesus

### Wind

**February 17** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

John 3:1-17 – Nicodemus

### Water

**February 24** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

John 4:5-42 – The Woman at the Well

### Earth

**March 2** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

John 9:1-41 – The Blind Man

### Rock

**March 9** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

John 11:1-45 – Lazarus

### Tree

**March 16** – Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 27:11-54

### Light

**March 23** – Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18 – The Resurrection

### Weekly Devotional Inserts

Each Sunday, the worship bulletin will have a *Signs of Lent* devotional insert for you to take home for reflection on during the week. The bulletin insert will include questions and suggestions related to the scripture focus from the worship service. These weekly bulletin inserts will be available in lieu of a single devotional booklet for Lent that we have provided in the past. There will be a few extra inserts available for the upcoming weeks. If you know in advance that you will miss a worship service, you can still obtain a bulletin insert for that week.

### Sunday Morning Adult Class

During Lent, a class focusing on *The Signs of Lent* will be held on Sunday mornings, in the library. The group will use a DVD that incorporates stunning works of art to help engage the heart and open the mind. The class is designed to guide participants through a process of reflection and discovery using art, scripture, discussion and prayer.

## A Lenten Challenge from Our Lay Leaders

Normally during the Lenten season persons of faith vow to deny something in their life to build their spiritual life leading up to Easter. The Lay Leaders of Trinity would like to challenge the laity, that in addition to giving up something, that each person vow to take on some connection at Trinity to build their spiritual journey. There are many ways this could be done.

Some suggestions are:

- vow to attend at least one Sunday morning church school class during this period
- if you have not yet worked at the Lord's Cupboard, volunteer to work, at least once handing out food
- attend a *Cup of Our Life* session
- attend the Western District Spiritual Renewal Event in McMinnville on February 9
- if you have been elected to a church committee or work group, vow to faithfully attend every meeting during this period

There are numerous other ways you can add something to your spiritual journey. If you, the laity, take on this challenge, you will find that blessings will be yours in abundance during this time!

Lay Leaders,  
*Kathy Webb, Jerry Rempel and  
Harlow Atwood*

## The Cup of Our Life Lenten Series

We will have two groups meeting each Wednesday starting February 6: one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. Bring the book, *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp, and your favorite cup. We will read together “Day 1” and dedicate our cups to start our spiritual Lenten journey. Rev. Janet will be with us and give you an opportunity to receive ashes on your forehead. *The Cup of Our Life* has a daily reading and prayer time, along with a weekly service of sharing and praying together. She has very creative and inspiring ways of stimulating spiritual growth using the symbol of the cup. We have 12 people committed to the series. If you would like to join us, please call Mary Jane Fothergill, 503-364-3426.

### Are You Having Difficulty Hearing or Seeing on Sundays?

Hearing devices are available. You can find them on the counter in the narthex. It is also helpful to move closer to the front. There are also large print hymnals available on the counter in the narthex. The usher can provide a large print bulletin for you also. If you are chilly in the sanctuary, help yourself to a small blanket—several are located on the pew in the narthex.



Thank you to Kathy Webb for unlocking the church building, turning on the heat and making coffee for the *Leadapalooza* camp leadership training which took place on Monday, January 21. There were camp deans and leadership folks from all over the region who came to Trinity for this workshop. The cooperative Bread Youth Group was also a big help in preparing, serving and cleaning up the lunch for the 30-35 adults taking part in this day long event. Bob Severson also came in to help lock up the church after the event. What a blessing to have these people give of their time to help out!

Thanks to Roger Hagededt for stepping in to repair a faulty toilet at the last minute and making the great sliding shelf for the coffee hour cabinet!

A big thank you to Larry Rhoads for all of the “minor” repair work he has been doing around the church—in the kitchen, hallways, and roof (plus who knows what else he has done without anyone being aware of it)!

## Men's Bible Study



This men's group will begin a new study on February 7, 6:15 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on Ryan Road. The new study will be from the *Companions in Christ* series. All men are invited to join this breakfast study group. Please contact Ralph Burnley, 503-364-6333, for more information .



A long-time, faithful member of Trinity, Marjorie Walters, died January 8. She moved to Indianapolis a few years ago. A memorial service was held for her at the New Paradigm Christian Church on January 26. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Memorials may be sent to:  
Church Outreach Fund  
New Paradigm Christian Church  
6202 N. Carrollton Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Rev. Joe Harding's memorial service will be held at Trinity UMC on Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.

## Send Some Love and Prayers

Some of Trinity's people can't attend our services, but you can send your prayers and best wishes to them. Our membership directory has their addresses and phone numbers. We encourage you to contact these people:

Rachel Alderin	Pearl Hatfield
Maxine Allen	Eva Hisel
Gretchen Anning	Pauline Housley
Ruth Beach	Pat Johnson
Neoma Beebe	Ethel Jones
Marilyn Clapsaddle	Alice Pope
Carolyn Cooper	Neomia Riffey
Claudia Dethloff	Helen Schafer
Emaleen Dickey	Amy Ullakko
Viola Dunigan	Darrell & Donna
Clara Epperson	Wheeler
	Opal Zielinski

Thanks,  
*Outreach Group*

### Lord's Cupboard Needs These Items:

- Top Ramen Noodles
- Toilet Paper
- Large Plastic Grocery Bags

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



## Lenten Day of Prayer: *Come Away with Me*

Join others on February 16, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 401 E. 33rd Street, Vancouver, WA for a Lenten Day of Prayer. In our busy lives, we rarely take a day apart to ground ourselves in God's love presence. During this one-day retreat, we will engage our imagination, our senses, and scripture through a variety of prayer practices. In the midst of challenging his followers to change the world, Jesus invited them to "come away to a deserted place and rest" (Mark 6). As we face daily challenges in our work and ministry, we too are invited to spend time apart centering ourselves in prayer. We will begin and end our day of prayer in a time of worship.

Call Denise McGuiness, 360-750-6868, or email [livingtreecs@comcast.net](mailto:livingtreecs@comcast.net) to register. Registration fee is \$30 if you register before February 9, \$35 after. Bring a brown bag lunch.

*"To pray is to come to the center of all life and all love."* Henri J. M. Nouwen



## OF CARING Coming Up February 3

On Sunday, February 3, many sports fans will be stationed in front of the television to enjoy the Super Bowl. But on that day, volunteers for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* will head the line-up in an event to fight hunger. The *Souper Bowl of Caring* is a youth-led event where thousands of youth from churches across the country join in the fight against hunger and poverty right in their communities.

On Sunday, February 3, you may want to dash out of worship to begin several hours of pre-game TV viewing. That's fine! But on the way out, please take time to drop a dollar into one of the large soup pots held by a youth. Half of each dollar collected will be donated to the Jason Lee Food Bank. The other half of each dollar will be donated to Trinity's Lord's Cupboard.

Just to make things interesting, the youth once again are engaging in a little friendly competition . . . the church that collects the most money per capita of the folks in attendance that Sunday wins. Trinity has won the last two years; let's defend our title!


## School of Theological Studies Returns!

The 33rd Annual School of Theological Studies will be held on the first two Saturdays in February (February 2 and 9) in the Putnam University Center at Willamette University.

Four two-part courses will be offered:

- "Young Adults and the 'Emerging' Church" led by the Rev. Courtney McHill, associate pastor, First United Methodist Church, Corvallis
- "The Role of Religion in Public Life" led by Willamette professors Steve Green (law) and David Gutterman (politics)
- "Justice for Oregon Farm Workers" led by Steve Witte, regional director, United Farm Workers, and Andrea Cano, director, Oregon Farm Worker Ministry
- "The Bible in America: Weapon in the Culture Wars or Source of Ancient Judeo-Christian Wisdom?" led by Willamette professor emeritus Lane McGaughy (religious studies)

Classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; coffee and tea will be available at 9:00 a.m. There is a \$10 registration fee (\$8 if received by January 31). For a course brochure and/or a registration form, please contact the Office of the Chaplains at 503-370-6213.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard	<b>2</b> 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Youth– <i>Xplosion</i> Leadership Team in Portland
<b>3 Souper Bowl</b> 9:00 a.m. Wesley Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Education 11:00 a.m. The River Worship 6:00 p.m. Worship at Lancaster Village with Holy Communion	<b>4</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard  7:00 p.m. Trustees	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  9:30 a.m. UMW Unit Meeting Potluck luncheon  7:30 p.m. Cub Scout Leaders	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open 10:00 a.m. Lenten Spiritual Group 10:00 a.m. <i>Messenger</i> deadline 1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard 5:00 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Group 7:30 p.m. Ash Wed. Service	<b>7</b> 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard  7:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering Keizer Clear Lake UMC	<b>9</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Western District Spiritual Renewal Event  3:00 p.m. JOY Group Clean-up, potluck and games at TUMC
<b>10 1st Sun. in Lent</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Christian Education 1:30 p.m. MerriMakers at TUMC 4:30-6:00 p.m. Youth Group at Morningside UMC	<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  9:30 a.m. UMW Executives 1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard  7:00 p.m. SPRC	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open 9:30 a.m. TLC 11:00 a.m. <i>Messenger</i> folding 1:00 p.m. Mission Task Force 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. Lenten Spiritual Group 1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle 5:00 p.m. Lenten Spiritual Group 5:30 p.m. Lay Leaders 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  7:00 p.m. CHP Board at FUMC	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Office open  1:00-3:30 p.m. Lord's Cupboard  Sr. High Youth Hammer Camp at Magruder Mid High Overnight at Morningside UMC	<b>16</b>



**February Birthdays**

- 1 Alexandra Paulus
- Jeanette Pierce
- 2 Doug Sams
- 3 Joanne Hamilton
- 5 John Bray
- Bob Hawkes
- 7 Ariel Shafer
- 8 Sheyanne Loose
- 13 Adele Nix
- Laura Spenner
- 15 Ken Horn
- Joyce Schmidt