

The Circuit Rider

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From Pastor Desi

Holy Conferencing, Holy Connections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I must admit that every year I get excited about attending Annual Conference! For more than twenty years now, every June has meant gathering with fellow United Methodists for worship, learning, debate, prayer, laughter, voting, and reconnecting with colleagues in ministry. Whether I participate in person or over Zoom, it is one of the highlights of my year. It is true that Annual Conference includes long meetings with parliamentary procedure and endless reports. But it is also something much deeper. At its heart, it is about connection.

United Methodists are organized into regional bodies called "Annual Conferences." Trinity United Methodist Church here in Sequim is part of the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Annual Conference, while I hold my clergy membership in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. These conferences are made up of clergy and lay members from local churches who gather each year to worship together and conduct the business of the church.

What happens at Annual Conference? We worship. We celebrate retirements and ordinations. We hear reports about ministries happening across our region and around the world. We vote on budgets and policies that help guide the ministry of the church. We pray together for churches, communities, and one another. Annual Conference is also where clergy and lay members share equal voice and vote in many decisions. Every local church is represented by clergy and elected lay delegates. TUMC's Lay Members to Annual Conference

this year are MiaTanya Curran and Jana Tift. They will share highlights after they return.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed deeply in the importance of "Christian conferencing," or "holy conferencing." He saw conferencing as more than meeting and talking, but as a means of God's grace. It is listening for the voice of God together. It means speaking truthfully, listening respectfully, and remembering that Christ is present even when we do not all think alike.

I believe that is one of the great gifts of the church in our divided and noisy world. The church reminds us that we belong to one another because we belong to Christ. This season also marks a transition in the life of Trinity UMC, as my appointment concludes at the end of June and Pastor Vonda begins her ministry with you on July 1. I am thankful for the holy connections we have shared and confident that God's Spirit will continue to guide the church forward.

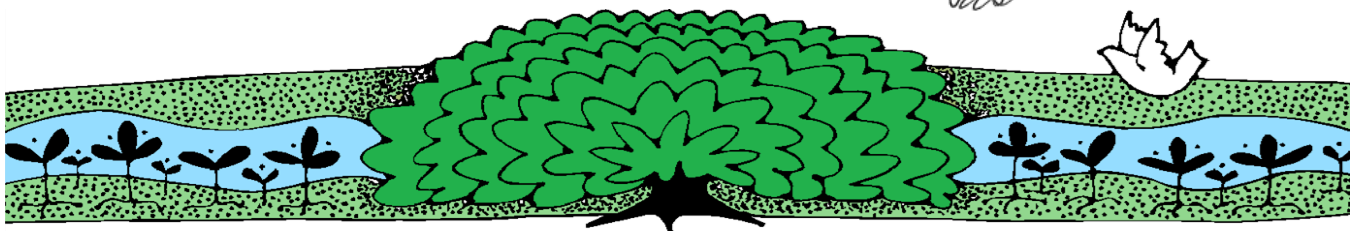
As both the PNW UMC and Ore-Ida UMC Annual Conferences approach, I ask for your prayers:

- Pray for wisdom for delegates and leaders, especially for MiaTanya and Jana.
- Pray for respectful and Spirit-filled conversations.
- Pray that in all we do, Christ would be glorified.
- Pray for Pastor Vonda, for me, and for our congregations during this time of transition.

And most of all, pray that we may continue building holy connections with God and with one another.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Desi



Farewell Luncheon for Pastor Desi, June 21

Please plan to be on hand on Sunday, June 21, for a special luncheon to honor Pastor Desi and thank her for her four years of passionate leadership at Trinity. Our Puget Sound District Superintendent Rev. Mark Galang will be with us that morning, leading us in worship. Following the service, we will share a meal in the Fellowship Hall and celebrate Desi in word and song. We hope everyone will make a special effort to be present.

There will be a large basket in the Fellowship Hall that morning, and all are welcome to place cards in the basket with personal messages of thanks and farewell for Desi. Anyone unable to attend on the 21st can drop off your card in the Church Office prior to that date. We will have sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall on June 7 and 14 to make your reservation for the luncheon. If you have any questions about the luncheon, please contact Staff Parish Chair Tom Tift (SPR@sequimTUMC.org) or Leader of Laity Kathleen McGlynn (officialbusiness@verizon.net).

Welcome Pastor Vonda McFadden on July 5



On Sunday, July 5, the Rev. Vonda McFadden will begin her ministry among us as she leads her first worship service as our new Pastor. Vonda and her husband Tom are coming to us from Kelso, WA, where she served

for 12 years as the Pastor of the Kelso Methodist Presbyterian Church. The

McFaddens are looking forward to entering into the life of our church and our community.

Be sure to be on hand on July 5 to welcome Vonda and Tom. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is planning a reception to formally welcome the McFaddens in early August.



We Welcome Katherine Parker, UM Missionary, with an All-Church Potluck Sunday, June 28, 4:30pm

Katherine Parker, a missionary for the General Board of Global Ministries, is assigned to Nepal. Trinity UMC has a Covenant Relationship with Katherine, which means we partially support her salary and also current project needs. Katherine's part of the Covenant is to share information and visit her supporting churches while itinerating in the United States.

Please join us in the fellowship hall on June 28th at 4:30 for Katherine's update and the potluck dinner. (There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you would like to help, you can sign-up.)

More Than Books: Discover the Treasure in Our Church Library...Read, Pray, Meditate, Study, Borrow a book!



There is something comforting, even spiritual, about walking into a library. The quiet. The shelves lined with

stories and wisdom. The feeling that somewhere among the pages, there may be exactly the word we need. Trinity UMC's church library is one of the hidden treasures of our congregation, and many people may not even realize all that it offers. Donations from several members of our congregation this past year has helped to expand our library's offerings. Inside our library are books, magazines, and other resources, including:

- Bible studies and devotionals
- Christian fiction and inspiring biographies
- Resources for prayer, grief and spiritual growth
- Commentaries and other materials to help us better understand Scripture and the world around us

A good book can become a companion on the journey of faith. TUMC's library is not only a place for information; it is a place for encouragement. Whether you are looking for answers, hope, inspiration, or simply a meaningful read, there is likely something waiting for you on those shelves.

If you have never visited the church library, we encourage you to stop by in the coming weeks. Browse the shelves. Borrow a book. Take one home for a friend or family member. You might be surprised by what you discover. And if you already love our library, help us spread the word. Invite someone to visit with you.

In a world filled with noise and constant distraction, the simple gift of reading

can slow us down enough to hear God's voice again.

You'll find our library just across the hall from the church office. Come explore the treasure waiting in our church library. You may find just the right book at just the right time. No need to "check out" books, just borrow and return. Everyone Welcome!

TUMC Sanctuary Maintenance - Phase Two

As part of our facility maintenance and to improve safety due to aging carpets, we have contracted with Steve Wilson of Strait Flooring to proceed with installing new carpet.

The installation will take two weeks from: Monday - Friday, June 8 - 12 and June 15 - 19. We will have worship service as usual on June 14.

This will require moving all the pews out of the sanctuary into the main hallway and possibly the Fellowship Hall. The east entrances to the building will be unavailable during the installation dates.

Please be patient as we try to accomplish this without disturbing too many of our church ministries.

Thank you for your prayerful support.
Trinity UMC Trustees and
Worship Teams

Women's Bible Study to begin a New Book

Beginning Monday June 8, 9:30am, they will be studying the book *Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleecing Frauds* by John Fugelsang.

A humorous yet informative guide that challenges far-right Christian fundamentalism by using biblical scripture to expose hypocrisy and advocate for love, mercy, and religious clarity. For information contact Barb Parse, 360-683-2113.



Seattle Girls Choir Concert Here at TUMC

Thursday, June 25 at 5pm

Prime Voci, the premier ensemble of the internationally acclaimed Seattle Girls Choir, performs here at TUMC on Thursday, June 25, at 5pm. This special concert is a send-off performance before the ensemble departs on a European tour.

The Seattle Girls Choir was founded in 1982 by our own Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Wright, who today serves as our Choir Director! Under his direction, the ensemble rose to national and international prominence, performing from Benaroya Hall to the great cathedrals of Europe.

Admission is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the choir.

TUMC: Little Free Pantry Needs for June

- Canned chicken, tuna, Spam
- Cans of vegetables
- Cans of hearty soup
- Jars of peanut butter and/or single serve packets

Our Little Free Pantry is used by many and is empty almost every morning. Sometimes we have the opportunity to chat with our guests. Without exception, they each give thanks for providing the food. Neighbors also have thanked us for the opportunity to share. Your support for this ministry is appreciated!

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is open! Everyone is invited to share books for people of all ages. Feel welcome to put your gently used books in the Little Free Library!



To Trinity United Methodist Church Congregation and Quilters,

Thanks so much for the beautiful quilt! I really appreciate it.

Lynne Lohr



Mission Notes:

Invitation: Are you interested in Missions? You are welcome to attend our meetings to see what we do. The meetings are on the 2nd Friday of the month, 10:00 a.m., in the Disciple Room.

Advance notice is appreciated. Questions? Contact Jan Kreidler

The "asks: There are so many needs in our community, county, state, country and world. Sometimes it seems like there are too many "asks". Our intention is to bring awareness of the needs and, if you are interested, how you might help. NOBODY is expected to support each and every cause. We only request that you prayerfully consider how you might help.

To give aid for disasters:

Checks can be issued to TUMC, indicating the Advance Number on the memo line.

UMCOR International Disaster:
Advance #982450

UMCOR US Disaster & Recovery:
Advance #901670

PNW Conference Disaster Fund:
Advance #352



Be There. Be Hope.

*His mercies never
come to an end;*



*they are new
every morning*

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Sequim Beautiful Day, Saturday, April 25, 2026

And it truly was a beautiful day for sunshine and fellowship. Six churches and some nonprofit groups gathered to work on different projects around Sequim—about 150 volunteers in all.

Jim and I signed up for something we know how to do—weeding! So we spent the morning weeding various areas in Carrie Blake Park along with 20 other volunteers. As token representatives of TUMC, we made sure our church was included in the news writeups. The article in the Sequim Gazette caught it, and the picture and blurb below was posted on the Peninsula Daily News Facebook page.

We're hoping more TUMCers sign up next Spring for volunteer beautification work of their dreams!



Jim Lewis of Trinity United Methodist Church went with his wife Marlene to help pull weeds near the north entrance of Carrie Blake Community Park during Sequim Beautiful Day. He said they're both Master Gardeners, and they primarily help at the Woodcock Demonstration Garden (Matthew Nash/Olympic Peninsula News Group)

TUMC Safe Parking Program Update

To date, seven people have applied for the TUMC Safe Parking Program. Five have been approved; four have participated and three are



currently active in the program. One goal of the program is to give people a safe place for getting back on their feet. Of the four who have participated, all have been connected to a primary care provider, and all have signed up for both transitional and permanent housing in both Clallam and Jefferson counties. One guest could not get a driver's license because of excessive fines (all from driving without a current license). The case manager was able to help the guest set up a payment program with the county. As soon as he made one payment, he was able to get his driver's license. On a regular basis, the guests express heart-felt gratitude for the services provided by TUMC and OlyCap.

TUMC Finance Report

	Operating Fund	
	April	Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 19,750.93	\$132,087.53
Expenses	<u>\$ 39,905.01</u>	<u>\$148,634.40</u>
Difference	(\$20,154.08)	(\$ 16,546.87)

Note: At our current spending rate, TUMC has four years of reserves for the operating fund. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Finance Chair Scott Owens, 626-833-4183 or email: financechair@sequimtumc.org

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On the TUMC

website is an opportunity to donate electronically. Find the Donate button at the bottom of the Home Page or click on the Donate page tab. Then click on the button where you will find several options for making your donation.

Or...Use this QR code...It links you to the Donate page on the TUMC website. Use the camera on your cell phone. Hover over the code and *myvanco.com* appears. Click on this link and you are at the Donate page.



Taizé Prayer Service

June 24 - 4th Wednesday of the Month in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm



Taizé worship includes candlelight, icons, prayers, readings, silence, and repetitive musical chants. In Taizé's simple,

meditative services, icons are spiritual tools that provide a visual focus to encourage stillness and support prayer. Grounded in the belief in the incarnation, icons act as "windows" into divine reality.

This contemplative worship service offers an opportunity to step away from the commotion of everyday life and experience silence, while centering on the Lord. You are invited to come and listen to what God is saying to you and find peace in this troubled world

Morning Prayer

Every Thursday at 9:15 am
in the Disciple room

This prayer group is for anyone who wishes to come. It lasts 45 minutes, and has a simple structure.



The TLC Team Needs You!

On the first and third Fridays of the month, a team of men and women get together for light maintenance around the church—both inside and out—jobs big and small. **In June they will meet on June 5 and 19.**

They meet at 9:30am beginning with prayer at the front of the church; all then go to their various assignments from a list compiled by Karen Eldridge. At the end, everyone sits down to enjoy coffee and delicious treats while socializing. *Won't you* join the TLC team? If interested, call Karen at 360-504-2650... or just show up! You'll be welcomed!

Circuit Rider Deadlines

Articles for the July *Circuit Rider* will be due June 22. Subsequent deadlines are July 20 and August 20.

TUMC CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Desi Larson **Music Coordinator: Betsy Noland**
Organist: Pauline Olsen **Sight & Sound Coordinator: Lawrence Charters**
Accompanist: Donna Grubbs **Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Marian Needham**
Choral Director: Dr. Jerome Wright **Ministers: Congregation Members**

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pacific Northwest Conference Website: www.pnwumc.org
Official United Methodist Website: www.umc.org

OUR MISSION

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