

The Circuit Rider

Trinity United Methodist Church
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From Pastor Desi

Dear Church Family,

In Acts, we're given a glimpse of the very first Christian community. We read that they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. They shared what they had, cared for one another, and made sure no one was in need (Acts 2:42–47). Their faith wasn't private or abstract—it was visible, tangible, and deeply communal.

Jesus himself said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). And just before his ascension, he called his followers to go and make disciples, teaching others to live the way he had taught them—and promising that he would be with them always (Matthew 28:19–20).

Again and again, scripture reminds us: being a Christian is not simply about what we say—*it's about how we live.*

It shows up in prayer.

In learning and growing in faith.

In gathering at the table.

In caring for those in need.

In living out the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

And yes—ultimately, it shows up in love.

Not a vague or sentimental love, but a love that is active, generous, and sometimes costly. A love that reflects the heart of Christ.

As we move into the coming months, I invite you to reflect with me:

What does it mean to live as a Christian today?

Where is God calling each one of us not just to believe—but to act, to serve, to love?

My prayer is that, in all we do—both as individuals and as a church—others might truly come to know who we are...

...by our love.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Desi



New Pastor Coming to TUMC July 1



Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth intends to appoint Rev. Vonda McFadden as Pastor of [Trinity United Methodist Church](#) in Sequim, WA, beginning July 1, 2026.

Rev. McFadden, a Licensed Local Pastor in the PNW Conference, most recently served Kelso United Methodist Presbyterian Church.

WALK ON WITH HOPE

A Community Choral Concert

Saturday, May 2 • 3:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
100 North Blake Avenue, Sequim

Featuring performances by:

- TUMC Choir
- Clallam Children's Choir
- Olympic Theatre Arts Singers

An uplifting afternoon of song,
community, and hope.

Admission: Free

A free-will offering will be received



Peace With Justice Special Offering Sunday, May 10

This is one of six United Methodist Special Offerings taken during the year. Donations for Peace With Justice support UMC ministries and causes that work for peace and fairness worldwide.

- Half of the funds collected stay local and support ministries that promote peace, fairness, and education in our PNW Conference.
- The other half supports UM efforts across the U.S. and beyond. Grants are made available to churches and organizations working on initiatives that promote peace, challenge injustice, and empower underrepresented communities—especially Ethnic and Minority Local Churches. To learn more about grant applications email: grants@umcjustice.org.

Checks may be made payable to TUMC, indicating: "Peace With Justice" in the memo section.

Blood Drive at TUMC

Friday/Saturday, May 22 & 23

11am-5pm Friday; 9am-3pm Saturday

If you have questions or wish to make an

appointment, please

call: 1-800-398-7888.

Photo ID required.

*The need never stops...
please donate blood.*



TUMC Sanctuary Maintenance

It has been close to 30 years since our entire Sanctuary has been painted and new carpet installed. As part of facility maintenance, and to improve safety due to aging carpets, TUMC Trustees and Worship Committee have worked diligently with consultants and contractors to move forward with a plan for Sanctuary maintenance.

We are grateful that, due to many faithful and generous gifts over the years, we are able to complete these necessary maintenance projects. We thank God we are blessed with the resources in our Capital Improvement fund for this vital work.

After reviewing several bids, we have contracted with Paul Taylor of TLC Painters for the painting which is scheduled for May 4 – 8.

The carpeting will be installed later and we will notify you of the dates. This will require moving the pews into the hallway and possibly the Fellowship Hall. 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

TUMC Safe Parking Program Update

To date, six people have applied to the TUMC Safe Parking Program. Four have been approved, and three have participated on a regular basis. Current volunteers are encouraged to sign up for at least one slot a week. New volunteers are needed.

Please don't park in the Safe Parking area between 5 pm and 8 am. That area is East of the Church, between the David White Building and the Safe Parking Shed. Thank you.



TUMC Annual Plant Sale - Saturday, May 16

Welcome to the merry month of May! Spring is finally here! You are cordially invited to join us at our annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16. It will be held out in front, under the portico, rain or shine, beginning at 9am and ending at 1pm. You can look forward to tomato and vegetable starts along with Marilyn Toth's fantastic double blossom petunias, herbs and wonderful surprise offerings donated by our members and friends.



For those of you wishing to donate your potted plants, we will be receiving them on Friday, May 15, from 9 until 11am at the church or on Saturday morning before the sale begins.

Third Thursdays at Trinity For Families with Kids, Grades K-12

Looking for a mid-week break, with some fellowship and fun? Join us for "Third Thursdays at Trinity" on May 21, 5:30–7:00 pm. We'll share a simple, joyful pizza dinner for families with kids, grades K-12 with some optional games and activities. To sign



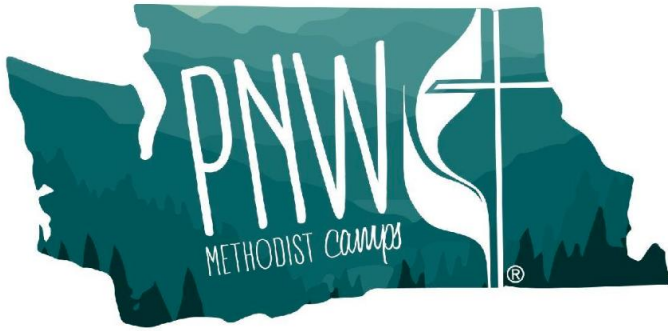
up, or for more information, contact Trinity UMC at church@sequimtumc.org or 360-683-5367.

Morning Prayer

**Every Thursday at 9:15 am
in the Disciple room**

Pastor Desi leads this prayer group which is for anyone who wishes to come. It lasts 45 minutes, and has a simple structure.





May Noisy Can Offering Sunday, May 31 for Pacific Northwest UMC Camping Ministries

Our PNW Conference has four camps: Camp Indianola (Indianola, WA), Lazy F Camp (Ellensburg, WA), Ocean Park Camp (Ocean Park, WA) and Twinlow Camp (Rathdrum, ID). Our donations will help support camperships for kids who might not otherwise be able to take part in the camp programs.

For those who are new to TUMC, we take a Noisy Can Offering (NCO) on the last Sunday of the months that have five Sundays. The “noisy” part is dropping our loose change into the cans; “quiet money” (checks or cash) is also welcome. Checks should be made out to TUMC, *indicating May NCO in the memo section.*

Our Missions Ministry team chooses the recipients, but we are always willing to consider suggestions that you may have.

Criteria for Noisy Can Offerings are:

- Groups must improve the lives of vulnerable people locally and internationally (disabled, homeless, seniors, youth, etc.)
- NCOs are not to be used for a group’s administrative expenses.
- Must have broad appeal to the church.
- Project must be clearly defined.

As I move to Gig Harbor, WA I want to thank my dear friends at TUMC for the years of faith and fellowship and beautiful music we shared before my health wouldn’t allow me to attend in person.



I also thank you for all your prayer support, and the meaningful memorial service for my husband, Frank, last May. The memorial committee, Pastor Desi, and all in the music and technology teams made it a truly beautiful celebration of life!

I’m moving to The Lodge at Mallard’s Landing (a senior living home)
My address is:
Melody Romeo, 7083 Wagner Way, Unit 228,
Gig Harbor, WA, 98335.
Phone will continue as 360-461-5595

God be with you all!
Melody Romeo

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all ever so much for your prayers and encouragement during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. I received many cards, calls, text messages, flowers and home visits. I definitely felt each and every one filled with love, healing, and hope for a full and complete recovery. The prayer blanket is a continuous blessing and reminder that I am loved. Love heals all!

Sincerely and full of gratitude,

Kathleen McGlynn

Lay Leader and proud TUMC member

Easter Sunday Celebration

I am so happy and thankful for our church and all the special music, lilies, special gifts and treats and the joyful scripture and our uplifting sermon by Desi.

The church was so happy, more people than any Sunday, and a blessed communion. Thank you again for all our volunteers and our very lovely bulletins.

Most Sincerely, Mary Bell

TUMC: Little Free Pantry Needs for May

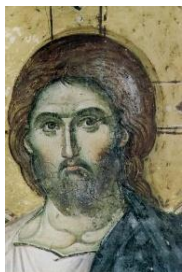
- Canned chicken, tuna, Spam
- Precooked bowls of rice
- Cans of hearty soup
- Jars of peanut butter and/or single serve packets



As the need for food and the prices for supplies grow, we continue to be very grateful for food donations that help supplement our budget.

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!



Taizé Prayer Service

May 27 - 4th Wednesday of Every Month in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm

In 1940, when World War II started, a Swiss Protestant, Brother Roger, founded the order of Taizé. Taizé is a tiny community, just north of Cluny in southeastern France. Brother Roger and other Protestant and Catholic brothers developed a monastic prayer cycle of silence, music, scripture, and contemplation. From this humble beginning came the Taizé prayer service.

Today, churches of many denominations around the world hold Taizé prayer services. 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.

(Image: *Christ Pantocrator*, 6th Cent., St. Catherine's Monastery).

TUMC Finance Report

	Operating Fund	
	March	Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 31,367.23	\$112,336.60
Expenses	<u>\$ 38,418.88</u>	<u>\$108,729.39</u>
Difference	(\$ 7,051.65)	\$ 3,607.21

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

Donate Online

[Donate Online Here](#)

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.





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 May they will meet on May 1 and 15.**

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. (Pastor Desi will be joining them whenever she can.) Won't you join the TLC team? If interested, call Karen at 360-504-2650... or just show up! You'll be welcomed!

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Emergency Responses to catastrophic events:

UMCOR International Disaster:

Advance #982450

UMCOR US Disaster & Recovery:

Advance #901670

PNW Conference Disaster Fund:

Advance #352

To support disaster relief, you may issue a check to TUMC and note the Advance # in the memo section.



Be There. Be Hope.

Circuit Rider Deadlines

Articles for the June *Circuit Rider* will be due May 19. Subsequent deadlines are June 22 and July 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

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Church Office, 360-683-5367 church@sequimtumc.org

Pastor Desi's Cell Phone: 360-406-0461 / email: pastor@sequimtumc.org

Church Website: www.sequimtumc.org

Pacific Northwest Conference Website: www.pnwumc.org

Official United Methodist Website: www.umc.org

OUR MISSION

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