

Trinity Times

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From Peggy's Pen:

The church is decorated beautifully, joy and excitement are in the air, Christmas music rings in our ears, and the smells and familiarity of Christmas is upon us! As we enter into one of the busiest times of the year, I have developed a new mantra: "Christmas happens every year, there is no reason it should have the ability to sneak up on me." This year it's going to be different, at least I hope it's going to be different.

The truth is, no matter how far in advance or how thought out plans are, there is always going to be a little bit of chaos. And this is the truth not just for the Advent and Christmas Season, it's an everyday – life truth.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it seems as if the ads in the stores shine brighter of making sure to find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. The scenes of the holiday shoe peace filled and serene pictures, calm and silent. The reality, this is a drastic contrast to the very first Christmas. It wasn't and isn't about the gifts that are shared, but the one that was given that very first Christmas, that was filled with its own type of chaos.

I hope that you will join us this season, as we see how God's greatest gift to the world came through Christ. And in turn the gift of Christ, we are able to experience and receive the gifts of hope, love, joy, and peace. Join with me as we share in the *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*.

Peace

Pastor Peggy Hanson

The Finance and Administrative Council members of the Trinity United Methodist Church met on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Members present: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, David Vardiman, Jerry Pontius, Jim Wefso, Cameon Wefso, Syd DeVries, Terri Keene, Tammy Gilbery, Debbie Vardiman and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order and opened with a devotion and prayer.

David Vardiman moved /Jerry Pontius to **approve the October 18, 2018. Motion carried.** There were no changes made to the November 15, 2018 agenda.

David Vardiman gave the October/November Financial Reports. Jerry Pontius reported that he had visited with Lisa Koppman, UBS rep. Her recommendation is that we sell the SA Foreign investment keeping it in cash. Jerry Pontius moved/ Jim Wefso seconded to **approve selling the SA Foreign investment account keeping the money until UBS makes a different recommendation. Motion carried.** Jim Wefso handed out the UMC 2005 Investment Policy to see if it is still current. He will bring this policy back for the first reading at the January meeting with any recommendations for changes. David Vardiman moved / Cameon Wefso seconded to **put \$250.00 into the Christian Education Fund from Undesignated Funds. Motion carried.** It was noted that Finance committee is looking at our current insurance carrier costs and compare them with other insurance carrier costs. Debbie Vardiman moved/ Terri Keene seconded to **approve the Financial Reports** as presented. **Motion carried.**

Cameon Wefso reported the Trustees are still working on the issues of lighting at the church and CMC. Roofing at the church, due to hail damage, has been completed and the roofing at the CMC is pending. A crack in the flame sign has been detected and trustees are getting estimates on the repair cost. We are waiting to hear on the Builders Grant approval. An insurance question has been raised regarding the Deadwood Church sanctuary stain glassed windows. The trustees are gathering more information.

Pastor Peggy Hanson reported 28 students including herself attended DakYouth Conference in Aberdeen this past week-end. Halloween gathering at CMC was attended by 155 children/adults, 24 people volunteered their time, and many provided treats and candy. Charge Conference will be held at the Methodist Church in Spearfish on November 18th. Included in that meeting will be our Nomination Report. The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held on November 20th. The bake sale and offering from this service will go to support the ministries of Lead/Deadwood/Whitewood Ministerial Association.

The Blue Christmas service will be held December 21st at our church. We will be having two Christmas Eve services—4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Discussion was held on where the offerings from these two services that are undesignated will go to. Tammy Gilbery moved/Cameon Wefso seconded to **give the undesignated offerings from the Christmas Eve services to Good Shepherd Health Clinic in Spearfish and The Lord's Cupboard. Motion carried.** It was noted 18%-20% of the Lead-Deadwood community go the Good Shepherd Health for health services. This clinic serves the northern hills people with health care for those who do not have insurance.

Pastor Peggy reported that at the Pastor/Parish meeting both the committee and she agreed for her to come back next year as our pastor.

The children's Christmas program will be held the 3rd Sunday in December. At the November 18th service, Bibles will be given to the third graders. Member care provided a church service with communion at the Dorsett Home on November 2nd. UMW noted the Home Show held was successful as was Sue Holloway's bake sale for missions. Caroling and taking cookie treats to shut ins will take place on December 16th. Pastor Peggy will be providing an Advent study. A thank you was extended to Terri Keene for conducting the worship service on November 11th. Terri also thanked Carolgene Peters for the wonderful children's sermon she gave. There were no memorial or missions reports.

Debbie Vardiman moved/David Vardiman seconded **to take out \$300 from the Biker Breakfast funds to purchase 8 feet long light weight tables. Motion carried.**

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m., CMC.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting in prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS: See articles for info

Tues evenings 5:30 pm Advent Bible study
Thurs mornings 9:30 am Bible Study
Sat mornings 7:30 am Men's Bible Study
Sunday mornings: 8 am Bible Study CMC
Sunday mornings: 10:30 am Bible Study CMC
All are welcome to join in any or all Bible Study classes.
Dec 1 Breakthrough prayer meeting 9:30 am (Church)
Dec 2 Confirmation 1-4 pm CMC
Dec.6 UMW & Presbyterian women meet for meal
Dec. 16 No change for a change offering
Dec 16 Children's Christmas Pageant
Dec. 21 Blue Christmas Worship Service 7 pm TUMCV
Dec. 24 Christmas eve Services 4:30 & 7:00 pm
Dec 25 Merry Christmas!!

Contact Information for Pastor Peggy Hanson
Cell Phone: 562-505-6363 or 605-223-1222
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Sabbath Day (Day Off): Friday
On most Tues. mornings, I plan on working from the coffee shop. Feel free to come and stop by at Lotus Up, I would love to hear your thoughts, to pray and be present with you.
*There will not be coffee shop hours on Tues 12/25 & 1/1

Christian Education Report

The Christian Education committee meets the 1st Thur of each month at 5:30pm in the CMC small conference room.

We welcome you to join us.

Adult Bible Studies:

Sunday Mornings at 8am in the large conference room at the CMC. Studying Guardrails. Terri Keene leading.

Sunday Mornings at 10:30am in the small conference room at the CMC. Studying The Names of God. Debbie Vardiman leading.

Tue evenings at 5:30pm at the CMC. Studying Advent Bible Study. Pastor Peggy leading.

Sat. mornings at 7:30am at the CMC. Men's Bible Study – Be a Winner. Syd DeVries leading.

All classes and times are listed on our website www.leadtumc.com

The children's Christmas program will be presented during regular worship service on Dec. 16, 2018 at 9 am. All children in attendance that morning will be invited to participate. Questions may be directed to Tammy Gilbery or Pastor Peggy.

Children's Sunday School is each Sunday during worship service. The children are dismissed to the Sunday School rooms upstairs following the Children's Moment in the worship service. If you would like to lead the class time with the children one Sunday you may call the church office 584-1328 and speak with Pastor Peggy.

The 2019 TUMW officers are Jane Hallberg, President; Carol Scott, Vice President; Joyce Darling, Secretary; and Sharon Narem, Treasurer.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the bake sale and holiday tables successful at the Send Hope Home Party on November 3.

We were happy to host Sharon Mason after church on November 11 to express our appreciation for all the good work she did for our group and the entire church through the years.

Please participate in these opportunities for service and witness to our faith in this Christmas season: dates for your calendar:

- DECEMBER 6 10 AM FILL COOKIE TRAYS AT CMC (Cookie bakers, please bring cookies before that time)
- DECEMBER 6 12 NOON CHRISTMAS POTLUCK WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AT THEIR CHURCH
- DECEMBER 9 CAROLING AND DELIVERING COOKIES TO OUR OWN CHURCH MEMBERS 3 pm to 5 pm followed by coffee, cocoa & cider @ the cmc
- DECEMBER 16 11 AM CAROLING AT GOLDEN RIDGE FOLLOWED BY A BUFFET LUNCH WITH RESIDENTS (A sign-up sheet will be available so we can give the facility a number of those attending)

Christmas Gifts



That Won't Break

Advent Sermon Series and Study

Join us every Sunday in Advent, beginning December 2, as we explore the gifts that continue to be shared throughout seasons and lifetimes. Through the ultimate gift of Christ we will seek to gain a greater understanding of the gifts of hope, love, joy, peace, and of course Christ himself. These are gifts that won't go out of style, that won't lose value, that won't be the next trending fad, and definitely won't break.

There will be study offered in addition to the Sunday morning worship; offered on Tuesday nights, at 5:30 p.m. beginning **November 27, 2018**. If you would like to have a copy of the book for your own discipleship and/or participate in the class, they are available. The cost of books will be a \$10 donation (not mandatory) that will go towards our Christmas Eve offering. If you were not able to attend our first class, I hope you will still consider joining us on Tuesday evenings December 4-18.

We hope you and your family will join us as we seek to understand how the greatest gift we could ever receive this Christmas came over 2000 years ago in a humble stable, the gift of love and salvation; the gift of Jesus Christ.

Advent Wreath:

If you would like to help share in the lighting of the Advent Wreath during worship in Advent on Sunday mornings or on Christmas Eve, please contact Pastor Peggy.

The Power of Prayer Break Through Prayer Meetings

We will gather on **Saturday, December 1 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Johnson room to begin our time of prayer. We begin with sharing any God sightings or God-insights that we have felt God has placed on our hearts. We share about how we can be in prayer for our church and the ministries of our church.

We hope you will continue to join us for our 1:11 (p.m. or a.m.) prayer!

Almighty God, we ask you to breakthrough in our lives and in the life of our church, unleashing Your power without limit; to do what only you can do within us, to do all the great things you have in store for us and for this community. Amen!

Thank you for joining us in this important ministry of breakthrough prayer



In the midst of the Holiday Happenings there are times when we are feeling blue and it is hard for us to connect with the celebration of the season. We know that this year you have experienced a great loss of a loved one and this may be the first Christmas without them. We recognize the pain, grief, and challenges that come with this time of year. Please know you are not alone.

You and your family are cordially invited to join us for

Blue Christmas Worship Service

Friday, December 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

111 S Main Street

Lead, SD 57754

(605) 584-1328

We gather to acknowledge the pain, grief, loss, and other challenges that come with this holiday season. Through music, scripture, and prayer we will pause and take time to acknowledge our pain, but will also look toward the hope and the promise to come.

Please share this invitation with the whole family and your friends



Christmas Eve Services

4:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

We will have 2 Christmas Eve Services this year at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services will include special musical offerings, a time for children, and sharing the light of Christ while singing *Silent Night*.

We are looking for people who are willing to be Ushers and Greeters, along with Liturgist and families to light the Advent Wreath. Please contact the office if you're willing to assist with these ministries:

605-584-1328

Christmas Eve Offerings

This year during our Christmas Eve offering we will be focusing on sharing the light of Christ to our communities. All undesignated offerings will be divided between 2 great organizations: The Lord's Cupboard and the Good Shepherd Clinic.

The Lord's Cupboard continues to help offer support and love during a time of need for those who live with food scarcity. The Lord's Cupboard services are offered to each guest with respect and dignity. The greatest need comes at the beginning of each year, following the holiday season. The Lord's Cupboard is willing to stand in the gap to help meet a need, and share the light of Christ. Through this offering you too are helping to stand in the gap and to share the light of Christ.

The Good Shepherd Clinic in Spearfish offers compassion-filled and free medical care to those without medical insurance. About 18% of the Good Shepherd's Clinic live in the Lead-Deadwood communities. The Good Shepherd Clinic feels that they are sharing the light of Christ through this mission and ministry. Through this offering you too are helping to shine the light of Christ.

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and sharing the light of Christ to the world!

TUMC November 2018 Finance Committee Newsletter

All November 2018 church expenses are forecast to be paid in full by the end of the month with no anticipated outstanding liabilities remaining. The projected end-of-month (November) available undesignated cash balance is forecast in the amount of **\$17,479**.

The parsonage and church roofs have been replaced and the contractor paid in full for the parsonage and a deposit only on the church. The CMC roof is scheduled for repair perhaps yet this year. The significant increase in the checking account balance reflects the insurance funds which have been temporarily deposited into the Property Maintenance Fund account, pending completion of the June hail damage repair projects.

The Administrative Council approved the following financial motions.

1. To sell the UBS Operating Account - SALE TOTAL S.A. FRANCE FUND and hold the proceeds in the UBS account as cash funds, pending future investing.
2. Purchase 3-4 new 8-ft long tables, budgetary estimate of \$300, to be funded from the Biker Breakfast Fund. Subsequent discussions changed funding to be made from undesignated funds.
3. Trustees are evaluating potential insurance providers. A temporary hold has been placed on the Acuity Insurance Premium December payment pending a decision.
4. The transfer of \$250 of undesignated funds into the checking account Christian Education Fund.

November 2018 End of Month Forecast

Cash balance November 15, 2018	\$132,865
Estimated Member Giving and EFTs for balance of November	\$ 3,000
Estimated remaining November bills	(\$ 6,932)
<u>Accounts Payable and outstanding checks, as of October 31st</u>	<u>(\$111,454)</u>
Forecast Available Undesignated Cash in Checking Balance	\$ 17,479

Memorial savings account balance on November 15, 2018 **\$ 6,942**

UBS Accts Available Cash – Contained in the full Financial Report

Capital Projects Acct. **\$ 4,267** - Page 20

Operating Acct. **\$ 7,777** - Page 30

YTD (Thru October)

Budgeted Donations & Other Income	\$154,894
Actual Donations & Other Income	\$154,229
Budgeted Expenses	\$161,957
Actual Expenses	\$145,414

Note: Actual November donations in bold font, estimated donations in light font.

11/5 - \$2,142, 11/11 - \$1,882, Oct. EFTs - \$1,860, 11/18 - \$1,500, 11/25 - \$1,500: Projected Total \$8,884 X 16% = \$1,421 Estimated Conference Apportionment.

TUMC Trustees Minutes

November 15, 2018

Present: Mike Darling, Bob McNeil, John Hauge, Cameon Wefso, Peggy Hanson, and David Vardiman

Opening Prayer – Pastor Peggy opened the meeting with our break through prayer

The minutes of October meeting were approved as written.

Old Business

Lighting issues

Emergency exit lights –

CMC – John reported that the battery in the exit light in the CMC was bad so he replaced it and it is now working. He will order batteries for the remaining exit lights in the CMC. They cost \$18-40 each; he ordered the less expensive one and we will see how long they last.

Sanctuary – Pastor Peggy reported that the two exit lights in the sanctuary that aren't working don't have battery issues, they need to be replaced. The cost of replacement with an LED fixture is \$60 each plus installation.

Front sign lights – Cameon will contact Phil Reausaw to see if he can replace the lights on the front sign when he comes up to fix the exit lights.

Hail Damage – update –

Water spots on the ceiling – HomeMasters removed the shingles on the church roof and it rained before they could be replaced. This caused water spots to form on the interior ceiling. Their insurance will cover the cost to paint over them. Bob McNeil got an estimate for the painting (\$3876) and he will get a second one. Cameon will send Randy the estimate.

CMC Roof still pending – still leaking – HomeMasters is still planning to get the roof done this winter if weather permits.

Damage to Flame & Cross sign – John contacted the insurance adjuster about the damage to the Flame and Cross and he sent them a photo of the damage. They said to get it repaired and submit an invoice. He also contacted Rosenbaum Signs to get an estimate on the repair.

Builders Grant – approval still pending

Property insurance review for insurance for 2019 – Pastor Peggy and Cameon have been working with two insurance companies that specialize in church properties. Mike Fisher with Church Mutual has been out to take photos and is working on a quote. Dustin Strand with American Church Group of the Dakotas will be out next Wednesday to take photos. Cameon will be out of town and needs a Trustee to meet him and show him the three properties – Mike Darling volunteered.

Outside of Deadwood Grant Application for Church Residing – Cameon reviewed the grant application. John asked that she send out the application via email for additional review and comments. Bob agreed to be the contact person.

During the discussion of the property insurance and the Deadwood Grant application, the ownership and insurance of the stained glass from the Deadwood Church was brought up. None of the current trustees know if the stained glass in the sanctuary is owned by the church or on loan from the Deadwood Historic Preservation. Cameon will ask at Administrative Council if anyone knows the status. She will also talk to Mike Runge about the status of the remaining stain glass stored in Deadwood.

Budget – David Vardiman reported we currently have \$74,820 in the maintenance account; this includes \$71164 from the hail insurance claim (balance \$3656). There is \$4506 in the capital improvement fund; this includes \$3600 in the HVAC fund (balance \$900)

Next meeting – January 17, 2019

When Cameon receives the insurance quotes, she will send out an email to the trustees for evaluation and vote.

Birthdays:

12/3 Karen Auchampach
12/5 Wayne Harford
12/7 Clancey Pullen
12/8 Tyler Pearson
12/12 Otto Hallberg
12/12 Christopher Heisinger
12/12 Rocky Mattson
12/13 Barbara Mattson
12/14 Garret Lux
12/19 Maddisen Larsen
12/20 Chad Larsen
12/21 Butch Oien
12/22 Carolgene Peters
12/22 Angie Daugherty
12/26 Miranda Rainey
12/30 Cynthia McNeill
12/30 Teah Pray

Anniversaries:

12/1 Sharon and Norman Mason
12/2 Jane and Otto Hallberg
12/7 Doris and George Adamson
12/13 Sandy and Jeffery Munson
12/27 Barbara and Robert Harvey

Sharon Mason Honored



Women's Chorus

December 30 is a 5th Sunday. the "Sunday ladies" will sing a Christmas carol during worship (Practice at 8:30 that morning)

JANUARY 3, 2019 is the next meeting for UMW in the CMC

Change to make a Change

For the month of December, we won't be doing our loose change on Sunday Dec. 16th.

However during our Christmas Eve Services all **undesignated funds** will be evenly split to go to support the Lord's Cupboard and the Good Shepherd Clinic in Spearfish. We will resume our Change to make a Change offering in January 2019.

Here are our updates!

January: Mission Trip to Honduras, we collected \$169.75

February: Money for Hygiene supplies for the LDHS, we collected \$128.20

March: Money for Post-Prom Breakfast, we collected \$126.07

April: Camp Scholarships, we collected \$388.00

May: Clothe-A-Kid, we collected \$202.22

June: Vacation Bible School, we collected \$103.54

July: United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), we collected \$184.63

August: Teen Court, we collected \$114.21

September: UMCOR Health Kits, we collected \$149.00

October: The Lord's Cupboard, we collected \$189.46

November: School Lunches, we collected \$158.78

Thank you for your support of local and global missions.



December



Trinity United Methodist Church - Youth

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2 Confirmation 1-4 p.m. 	3 	4	5 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30— Greenfield Sr. High 6:30-8	6 	7	8 Allison Zellers Parent's Night Out 4 p.m.—8 p.m.	
9 Christmas Caroling 	10 	11	12 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30— Sr. High 6:30-8	13	14	15	
16 Children's Pageant Christmas Caroling @11 	17 	18	19 No Youth Group	20 No Youth Group	21 Blue Christmas at 7 p.m. at TUMC	22 	
23 	24 Worship @ 4:30 p Worship @ 7 p 	25 Merry Christmas 	26 No Youth Group	27	28	29	
30 	31 No School	 Christmas Break					



Parents' Night Out

Saturday, December 8

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

**Trinity United Methodist
Church**

7 S Main Street

Pre-School to 5th Grade

Let Trinity United Methodist Church Youth and Adults help you have a night out! We'll spend the evening with your kids—sharing in dinner, doing special holiday activities, and having fun!

Suggested \$10 donation per child (max \$40 per family). There will be a brief informational form we'll need filled out and if you would let us know you're joining us ahead of time—we would appreciate that!

605-584-1328

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21st Annual Community Christmas Celebration Dinner

December 24th at the CMC. Serving times are 11-2.
Free of charge.

Have picture taken with Santa for free.

Donations of cash or non-perishable for the Lord's
Cupboard are appreciated but not required.

To have a meal delivered, call by Sunday the 23rd by
noon to Sue at 920-7788.

To volunteer during the meal, call Pat at 722-2155.

This event is possible through the generosity of our
community.