

Embracing New Beginnings: A New Year, A New Hope
Hello Friends,

As the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, a wave of anticipation and excitement sweeps across the globe. It's not just the changing of the calendar; it's a symbolic transition—a chance for renewal, growth, and a fresh start. The arrival of the New Year brings with it the promise of new beginnings, igniting a spark of hope that transcends borders and cultures. As we bid farewell to the old and welcome the new, let's delve into the significance of "New Year, New Hope."

Before we embark on the journey of a new year, it's essential to reflect on the one that's coming to an end. The ups and downs, successes, and challenges—all contribute to our personal and collective growth. In the tapestry of time, every experience weaves a unique pattern, shaping us into the individuals we are today. Acknowledging the past is not about dwelling on mistakes but learning from them, finding strength in resilience, and cherishing the moments that brought joy and fulfillment.

The New Year represents a clean slate, an opportunity to hit the reset button and redefine ourselves. It's a chance to let go of past grievances, forgive those who may have wronged us, and, most importantly, forgive ourselves. As we turn the page on the calendar, we carry with us the lessons learned, leaving behind the weight of regrets and embracing the freedom that comes with a fresh start.

While resolutions are a common tradition, setting intentions goes beyond a list of goals. Intentions are rooted in purpose and mindfulness, guiding us towards a more meaningful and fulfilling life. Whether it's fostering stronger connections, prioritizing self-care, or pursuing a long-neglected passion, the act of setting intentions propels us towards positive change. Intentions are the compass that steers our actions and decisions throughout the year.

Gratitude is a powerful force that transforms how we perceive the world around us. As we step into the New Year, let's cultivate gratitude for the people, experiences, and opportunities that enrich our lives. Taking a moment each day to reflect on the things we are thankful for can shift our focus from what's lacking to what's abundant, fostering a positive mindset that fuels hope and optimism.

Change is a constant in life, and the New Year invites us to embrace it with open arms. Whether it's a change in career, relationships, or personal habits, growth often accompanies transformation. Instead of fearing the unknown, let's view change as an opportunity for self-discovery and evolution. As we navigate the uncharted waters of the future, remember that every change brings with it the potential for new opportunities and experiences.

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to lose sight of the importance of human connections. The New Year provides a chance to prioritize and nurture relationships—with family, friends, and even ourselves. Building and maintaining meaningful connections contribute to our emotional well-being, creating a support system that helps us weather the storms and celebrate the victories.

The optimism and hope we cultivate within ourselves have a ripple effect that extends far beyond our individual lives. Acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity create a positive ripple, touching the lives of those around us. As we embrace the spirit of the New Year, let's be mindful of the impact our actions can have on the world, inspiring hope and fostering a sense of community.

In essence, "New Year, New Hope" encapsulates the spirit of renewal and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. It's a reminder that, no matter what challenges we may face, the dawn of a new year brings with it the promise of growth, resilience, and the unwavering belief that a brighter future is within reach. As we embark on this journey, let's carry with us the lessons of the past, the intentions for the future, and an open heart ready to embrace the transformative power of hope. Cheers to a new year filled with endless possibilities and the courage to embrace the journey ahead!

Happy New Year,
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TRINITY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We begin our new year on Thursday, January 4, 2024, meeting at the CMC at 12:30. Business items will include installation of officers and planning for the Souper Starz community meal on January 25. Sharon Narem will lead the Pledge Service as the program. Mona Tinker and Carolgene Peters are the hostesses for the meeting.

Previous to the UWF meeting, Adopt A Platoon cards will be prepared beginning at 10:30. Come to participate if you are able. Sue Holloway will treat the workers to chicken noodle soup. We are aware of what a worthwhile project this is, worthy of our time and effort.

All women are eligible and welcome to attend at 10:30 and at 12:30. We hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas from the women of Coffee Break Bible Study!



We are a group of women who love to learn about what God is teaching us in the Bible. We love it! As our numbers grow (we are now up to 19), so does the closeness of our friendships. The age of the group members range from 4 to almost 90. We laugh a lot and sometimes even cry together. All women are welcome. 2023 ended with a lovely Christmas party at the home of Jane and Gary LaFollette. Their home is beautifully decorated for Christmas, and Jane served a wonderful brunch. Thank you, Jane!!

The women of CBBS are, of course, concerned with what goes on in our families and church but also with what is going on in our little town and the world.

A Christmas Prayer

Loving and gracious God, who came to us in the form of a weak and vulnerable newborn, born to parents who lived in an oppressed and occupied land, may we learn from your wisdom and your power that came to us in this humble way.

We do not hold you responsible for the horrific suffering and hatred in our world today. On the contrary, we thank you for your compassion, your grace, your forgiveness of our sins, and the eternal life you have given us through your death and resurrection. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen

Missions and Outreach Ministry

Meals On Wheels: Our next delivery week is January 8th through the 12th. Contact Sue: 605-920-7788. The route is smaller so takes less than an hour.

Adopt-A-Platoon: We will start the New Year by assembling Valentine's Cards to those who could use a little reminding that they are loved and appreciated. The cards will be assembled on January 4th around 10:30 am in the CMC, soup will be served to those who are able to help with the cards. Ten boxes were sent to those who have responded to previous letters, that's over 60 men and women on land and the sea. Keep the men and women on the USS Gerald R. Ford and the USS Bataan in your prayers, which are in the Mediterranean Sea.



Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets throughout the year. This study is held on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am in the CMC. This is a dedicated group of men that welcome anyone who wants to attend. For information, contact the office or Syd DeVries at 510-910-3594.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study will be meeting on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the CMC. They start with coffee, goodies and prayer, followed by the Bible Study which typically lasts about an hour. This is where they read passages of the Bible together and answer, discuss, share responses to the lesson questions. They end the meeting with prayer and prayer requests. All are welcome to join in this great time of study and conversation. Any questions can be directed to Shelli DeVries at 209-480-9974.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children are welcome to participate in Sunday School. The curriculum is based on the stories of Jesus. If you are interested in helping with our sweet young children, please contact the office at 584-1328.

Church Pictorial Directory

The church directories are here and in the office. If you had your picture taken, you will receive a free directory. Please stop in the office to pick up your new directory.

LENTEN STUDY

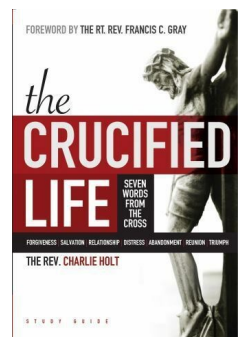
Pastor Jason will be leading a Lenten study entitled The Crucified Life. This curriculum provides a space in which we can listen to Jesus' final words from the cross. As we listen, we understand and identify with His suffering in a way that challenges us, transforms us, and ultimately brings us hope.

It centers on the Seven Last Words spoken by Christ on the cross:

- Forgiveness: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,
- Salvation: Today you will be with me in Paradise,
- Relationship: Woman, behold your Son, behold your mother,
- Distress: I thirst,
- Abandonment: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me,
- Reunion: Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit,
- Triumph: It is finished.

The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, Feb. 21 & 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, at 6:00 pm in the Christian Ministry Center.

If you would like to attend the study & purchase the book (cost is \$6.00), please contact the office.





Please remember our homebound members
by sending them a greeting card



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Our Wonderful
Hymn Dingers
Handbell Choir



with a beautiful
performance on
December 10, 2023

GOT MUSIC?

Are you looking to provide special music during worship service? We would enjoy hearing you sing, playing your instruments, sharing your musical talents, please contact the office.

Are you wanting to help with worship through song? Come practice with the praise team on Sundays at 8:00 am

I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Psalms 104:33

Contact Information for
Pastor Jason Christensen
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Pastor Jason will be holding coffee hours at Lotus Up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Please stop by for a visit.

He will honor the Sabbath on Fridays.

There are no minute from the Administrative Council/Finance Committees as they didn't meet in December.

The Board of Trustees didn't meet in December so there are no minutes to report.

CPR/AED CLASS

Lead-Deadwood Monument Hospital EMT's will be providing education on how to use the AED and perform CPR, and will be offering optional certification through the American Heart Association. Certification costs 20 dollars. Two classes will be offered either on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:00 pm or Friday, January 26th at 1:00 pm. Please see the signup sheet in the CMC or call the office. If you have further questions, please contact Carol Holdcroft (720-270-7331).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Jan. 5-Helen Auer
Jan. 5-Maxine Morcom
Jan. 8-Judy Hink
Jan 8.-Cindy Specht
Jan. 10-Marta Artz
Jan. 15-Connie Berscheid
Jan. 15-Sue Holloway
Jan. 15-Mary Wagner
Jan. 18-Sylvia Haux
Jan. 20-McKayla Norton
Jan. 27-Jane LaFollette
Jan. 29-Landen Mattson
Jan. 31-Eric Kusters

Anniversaries:

Jan. 6-Steven and Laura Stewart
Jan. 30-Jim and Cheryl Wolff

SERMON SERIES:

Lessons from the Desert (Jan. 07-Feb. 11)

01/07-The path to the promise land is not easy.

01/14-When we think there is no way, God creates a way.

01/21-We may feel as if we are lost and God forgot us, but God is always with us.

01/28-God is always fighting for his people.

02/04-God provides a way we never expected.

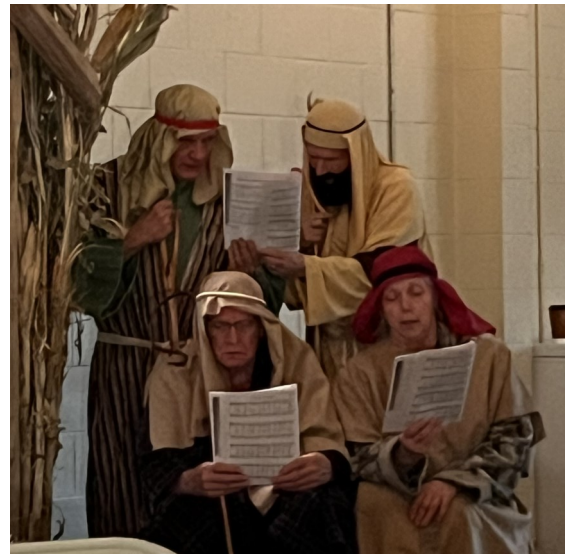
02/11-Sin can take us farther down the wrong road than we want to go.

Hymn Dinger Handbell Choir

The handbell choir will practice on January 16th and 23rd. They play during worship service on Sunday, January 28th.



Live Nativity Photos



January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Office Closed NEW YEAR'S DAY No L/D School	2 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 L-PEO 1-3	3	4 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Platoon Cards 10:30 UWF 12:30 Pastor at PCL January 4—January 6	5 Exercise 9:30	6 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am	
7 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Communion Sunday 1st Sunday after Epiphany	8 Pastor PCL 11-2 SC Potluck Noon Kiwanis 5:30 pm	9 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30	10 Staff Meeting 10:30 Bide-A-Wee 12:00	11 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	12 Exercise 9:30 Worship Spearfish Canyon Care Center, 10:30	13 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am	
14 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Human Relations Sunday	15 Office Closed MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY No L/D School	16 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Bells Practice 3:30 L-PEO 1-3	Meals on Wheels January 8-12				20 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am PEO 8-12
21 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	22 Pastor PCL 11-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due	23 Pastor Jason Coffee Hours 9-11, Lotus Up Exercise 9:30 Bells Practice 3:30	17 Amer Aux 6-8 pm CPR/AED Class 6:00 pm, CMC	18 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am Meeting Night	19 Exercise 9:30	27 Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am	
28 Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Handbells Play 4th Sunday after Epiphany	29 Pastor PCL 11-2 Kiwanis 5:30 pm	30	24	25 Pastor's Meeting 8-10 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30 am SC Cards 1-4 pm	26 Exercise 9:30 CPR/AED Class 1:00 pm, CMC		
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Trinity United Methodist Church is a welcoming congregation where God can be found in worship, music, and fellowship. Children always welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.



Happy New Year 2024

