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From Peggy's Pen

As we enter into the month of December, we also enter into the season of Advent. And for Brian and me, the final count down until we get the privilege of welcoming Baby Hanson into this world.

Often, we think Advent is all about hearing the story of Jesus' birth anew. From the angel appearing to Zechariah and to Mary. To Mary's visit to Elisabeth, and Joseph's dream. The call for census, a long and tiring journey, with an unexpected ending – a savior born in a stable, laid in manger. The shepherds who were told of the birth by a host of angels, and magi traveling from afar.

This Advent season, we will journey with familiar characters from the Christmas story who ask the question, "What Child is This?" What child is this that was able to awaken a sleepy world into new life? What child is this that brought forth a heavenly wisdom? What child is this that was able to quench those who thirsted? What child is this that left people wondering, who is he, can he really be the messiah? What child is this that leads the earth to sing out, joining the heavenly anthem?

Advent is a time of expectation and anticipation, not just for Jesus' birth, but also for when the savior of the world, the messiah will come again. We retell the story to remember how Jesus first came to earth, in such a humble way. Jesus came into this world, the same way that you and I did, and the same way that Baby Hanson will. It is my hope that you will join us each Sunday, as we seek to understand and answer the question, "what child is this?" and invite your friends, your family, and all those who may be searching with you. May we all eagerly anticipate and look forward to the celebration as we remember the birth of Jesus, our Immanuel, and God with us!

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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All November church expenses are forecast to be paid in full by the end of November with no anticipated outstanding liabilities remaining. The Projected end of November available cash balance is ($887.00). The Administrative and Finance Committees are working to resolve the shortage by moving funds from the UBS Operating fund in the amount of $2500 to cover upcoming General fund expenses which was approved at the October Meeting.

The Administrative Council has approved the following:

1) Vision Team's Proposed Vision Statement approved.
   "Faithfully serving, teaching, and connecting to all through the light and love of Christ."
   Please pray over this vision statement we welcome your feedback as we live out our mission
   "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world."

2) A Grant has received for $3,000.00 parental leave to use for pulpit supplies and a stipend for youth leaders, while Pastor Peggy is on maternity leave.

Accounts payable and outstanding checks as of October Balance Sheet $68809.

Memorial Savings Account Balance $6941.94

UBS Accounts Available cash_ as stated on the October UBS Financial Reports:

1)	Capital Projects Acct.	Cash $2,114.48	Assets $61539.87
2)	Operating Acct.	Cash $15,694.52	Assets $159,371.14

YTD (Jan. 1, 2019 – Oct. 31, 2019).

Budgeted Donations & Other Income	$157743.89
Actual Donations & Other Income	**$133741.81**
Budgeted Expenses	$276825.81
Actual Expenses	**$147878.69**

November Donations in **Bold font**, Estimated in light font.
11/03/19 $3487; 11/10/19 $1362; EFT's $1860; 11/17/19 $978; 11/24/19 $1500**.**
Projected Apportionments $10187 X 16% $1630.

Change To Make A Change

Every month, on the Third Sunday, we will be sharing in a special offering during children's time. Our children are going to help collect any change (paper or coin), to help make a change. All the collection will go to support a mission/outreach project. Each month will be different. The mission could be local, national, and/or world-wide.

Here are our updates!

January: Mission Trip to Honduras, we collected $153.49
February: Hygiene Supplies for the Lead-Deadwood schools, we collected $135.37
March: Post Prom Breakfast, we collected $120.89 (*Corrected)
April: Camp Scholarships, we collected $271.13
May: Clothe-a-Kid, we collected $258.02
June: Vacation Bible School, we collected $98.72
July: UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief), we collected $104.40
August: Teen Court, we collected $116.34
September: UMCOR Health Kits, we collected $165.89
October: Lord's Cupboard, we collected $493.00
November: Lead-Deadwood School Lunches, we collected $147.92

For the month of December we will not be collecting on the third Sunday, but will be sharing our Christmas Eve offering with 1-2 local area non-profit organizations. We are still in the process of deciding which organizations we are able to bless, and are open to suggestions. Please contact either Pastor Peggy or Gary Linn with your suggestions, so they can be presented to the Ad Council. All undesignated offerings will be shared with this organization(s). Let's help make a difference in sharing the light and love of Christ!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

12/3 Karen Auchampach
12/7 Clancey Fisher
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
12/27 Barbara and Robert Harvey

Congratulations to Ron Pray for receiving the **Special Mission Recognition Pin** from the UMWs for his service with the youth in our schools, community and in our Church Family.

Pictured right with his wife Teah, daughter Ashlee, and grandson Carson.

Christmas Eve Worship

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

*We are looking for ushers for both services –
please contact the church office if you're able to assist
with this gift of hospitality
*For the 4:30 p.m. service, we are looking for two families to help with overflow in our CMC
(everything will be visible and shared, just not in the sanctuary)
*We are also looking for folks who would be interested in providing music offerings during the services.

*If you and your family would consider coming to the 7 p.m. service we would greatly appreciate it!

Attention All Youth!

Grades 6th – 12th
Winter Connection
January 24-25, 2020
Storm Mountain Center in Rapid City
Cost is $40

All youth are welcome to attend the annual youth event – Winter Connection in Rapid City, South Dakota. The focus of the event is "Love is..." Through worship, learning, small groups, mission, projects, food and fellowship we will grow in our faith and continue to build our trust in God, even in the most difficult times of life.

Youth will need to pack for an overnight trip, including sleeping bag , clothes for ice skating, and out-reach projects.

Registrations (both form and money)* are due by Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

*Scholarships are available

The Power of Prayer
Break Through Prayer Meetings

We will gather on **Saturday, December 7 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!
God of us all, help us to be the church that is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by faithfully serving, teaching, and connecting to all through the light and love of Christ. Amen

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

Contact Information for Pastor Peggy Hanson

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Sabbath Day (Day Off): Friday

Tuesday 9-11 a.m.
On most Tuesday mornings, I plan on working from the coffee shop. Feel free to come and stop by at Lotus Up, would love to hear your thoughts, to pray and be present with you.

*Please note I will not be at the coffee shop on Tuesday, December 24 or 31.

Home Party Update

Many thanks to all who helped with the Home Party and especially with the Bake Sale. The table fees were $660 plus the bake sale brought in $351 for a total of $1011. This amount will help get 4-5 children into the main part of Honduras for life changing surgery or medical care.

Many thanks to all the participated either by lending a hand and/or buy supporting the vendors. Special thanks to Bonnie Brookings and Carolgene Peters for organizing this event year after year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Holloway

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 from our Christmas Eve Services will be shared with 1-2 non-profit organizations.

The Administrative Council is still in the process of discerning which organization(s) would best benefit from the offering. If you know of a need within our community, please let Pastor Peggy or Gary Linn know so that it could be shared with the Administrative Council.

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

BLOOPERS IN CHURCH BULLETINS
(NOT OURS)

Thursday night Potluck Supper
Prayer and *Medication* to follow.

Christian Education

Christian Education meeting is the 1st Thur of the month at 5:30 in the CMC large conference room. You are welcomed to join us in our planning for classes for Trinity United Methodist Church. We are always looking for leaders for new and different subjects to enrich our congregation along their walk with God.

Next meeting is Dec. 5 at 5:30pm. We will be planning for the Christmas Pagent.

Current classes being offered:
Sunday morning 8:00 am in the large conference room in the CMC. Bible Study with Terri Keene. Irresistible: Reclaiming the News that Jesus Unleashed for the World.

Thursday morning 9:30am in the Johnson room. Please enter from the rear of the church. Bible Study with Shelli DeVries. Discovering Life series.

Saturday morning 7:30am in the CMC. Men's Coffee Bible Study led by Syd DeVries.

Sunday morning 10:30am in the small conference room in the CMC. Bible Study with Debbie Vardiman. The Names of God.
Children's Sunday School: Each Sunday following the children's message in worship service the children are dismissed through the side door of the sanctuary, to go upstairs for class with Miss Tammy.

If you would like to volunteer to teach the children for 1 month or more please speak with Ashlee Pray. She will be happy to add your name to the schedule. Or you may leave your name with the church office, 584-1328.

Our Children's pageant this year is being directed by Tammy Gilbery and Helen Auer.
Preparation is part of the Sunday School program. There will be one practice on Dec. 14, 2019 at the Church at 10am. Pizza will be served after practice.

The program will be presented on Sunday Dec. 15, 2019 during the 9am worship service. Please plan on all children to arrive at the church by 8:30am.

Thanks,

Debbie Vardiman

Chairman, Christian Education Committee

UMW

THANK YOU!

to **EVERYONE** who helped earn $1011.25 for Send Hope at the ninth annual Home Party on November 2. The youth served good soup and desserts to raise funds for their projects. Special thanks to Sue Holloway for her dedication to aid needy children in Honduras.

to **EVERYONE** who made t-shirt dresses for children in Honduras and to those who signed cards for Adopt-a-Platoon for those serving in the military.

to **EVERYONE** who made UMW Sunday a success on November 10. Many women and men and the office staff contributed to our service and fellowship time. We especially appreciate Suzy Pearson for her organizing skills and her message.

To **EVERYONE** who attended and helped with the potluck and fun baby shower for Brian and Pastor Peggy on November 17.

COMING EVENTS:

Presbyterian ladies will join us at noon on December 5 at the CMC for our Christmas gathering and potluck. UMW is providing the meat.

Cookie plates for our homebound and our staff will be prepared on December 12 at 10 a.m. Everyone, please bring cookies to the Christian Ministry Center.

Christmas caroling at Golden Ridge will be at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 15.

Christmas caroling to other homes will be at 6 p.m. on December 15 followed by cocoa and cookies in the CMC. All are welcome to participate.

Several ladies from the Methodist Church threw a potluck baby shower for Pastor Peggy and Brian on November 17, in the CMC.

Many people attended and enjoyed a great variety of food, games and fellowship.

Pastor and Brian received many wonderful gifts and words of encouragement that will help them to be prepared when their precious baby arrives.

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.Christ Episcopal Church Church, 631 W. Main St. in Lead, 605-584-3607.

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

UMWs sent out 191 Christmas cards to 4+ platoons in active duty. Thanks to Sue Holloway and all the ladies who participated in spreading Christmas Cheer to the men and women who are away from their families for the holidays.

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday in Advent	2	3	4 Jr. High: 5:30—7:00 Dinner at 6:30 - Murphy's Sr. High : 6:30—8:00	5	6 **Early Release**	7 Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
8	9	10	11 Jr. High: 5:30—7:00 Dinner at 6:30 - Brittanee Mattson Sr. High : 6:30—8:00	12	13	14 Children's Program Rehearsal at 10 a.m. Pizza lunch provided
15 **Kids Christmas Program** Youth hangout night *Church Christmas Caroling*	16	17	18 **No Youth Group**	19 Meeting Night	20	21 **Blue Christmas Service at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal church**
22	23	24 **Christmas Eve Worship at 4:30 & 7pm**	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

No School—Christmas Break

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Trinity United Methodist Church - Youth

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Everyone's Invited to the 21st

FREE Christmas Dinner For All!

FREE Pictures with Santa & Comet!

Community Christmas Celebration

Tuesday December 24th

11am-2pm

Being held at the

Christian Ministry Center

(Old Seaton Building)

7 S. Main St., Lead

If you need a dinner delivered, call 584-1328 by 5pm Monday, December 23rd (leave message)

Canned food or monetary donations are appreciated but not required. This celebration is being made possible by generosity of your community.

Call 645-1627 if you wish to volunteer or make a donation.

Share in the true spirit of this holiday season with your friends & neighbors!

The Finance/ Administrative Council of the Trinity United Methodist Church met on Thursday, November 21, 2019, CMC, 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, Correen Dammen, Syd DeVries, Brian Hanson, John Hauge, Deb Vardiman, Cindy McNeil, Bob McNeil, David Gilbery, Royal Brooking and Lynn Larsen.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

Royal Brooking moved/Brian Hanson seconded to **approve the October 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.**

Correen Dammen, Finance Chair, reviewed the Financial Reports. Syd DeVries moved/ Bob McNeil seconded to **approve the October Financial Reports. Motion carried.** Correen noted the Finance committee will be meeting on December 7th to discuss church endowments with Dakota Foundation. The 2020 Church Budget draft will be presented at the December Admin/Finance meeting.

Bob McNeil, acting Trustees Chair, reported the trustees are working on the siding and gutter projects. A new mailbox will be placed outside of the CMC so community members can put their newspaper subscription payments in this mailbox. The church will be using the Seaton mailbox they used when their office was in the CMC. The old church offices in the church are currently being renovated for the youth to use for their gatherings.

Pastor Peggy reported the church has received a $3,000.00 parental leave grant to use for pulpit supplies and a stipend for youth leaders, while Pastor Peggy is on maternity leave. A few adult church volunteers will help with the youth when Sean and Jerry are unable to be there when the youth meet. Rev. Dick Fisher and Pat Eidsness with be doing some of the preaching. Rev. Fisher will do funerals if needed and Pat will help with pastoral care. Peggy's maternity leave will begin December 26, 2019. There were 29 youth and 3 adults who attended a successful and fun DakYouth conference in Aberdeen. The greenery has arrived. Youth and adult volunteers will be hanging the Christmas greens in Deadwood this coming Sunday.

Debbie Vardiman, Christian Ed chair, noted the children's Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 15. Lynn Larsen, Member Care, informed the Council Thanksgiving and Christmas cards will be sent to shut-ins and nursing home residents. Royal Brooking, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, reported the new chair for this committee will be Cindy McNeil. The Worship committee is asking for anyone who may want to provide music at the Christmas Eve services, to let Tammy Gilbery know. Ushers are needed for both services and a family will be needed at the CMC to help with any overflow from the first Christmas Eve service.

David Gilbery gave an update on the problems they have had with the sound system. A training on the sound board will follow worship on December 1st.

There was no Old Business to come before the Council.

Under New Business discussion was held on the Christmas Eve offering and Pastor Peggy asked if there were any suggestions what nonprofit organizations should receive this offering. At the December Admin meeting the council will review the suggestions and decide where the Christmas offering will go.

The next Finance/Administrative Council will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m., CMC.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events

December 1-1st Sunday in Advent—"What Child is This" Advent Sermon Series
Media and Sound Board Training—Following Worship

Dec. 3 Bells Rehearsal

Dec. 5 UMW Christmas Potluck at noon in the CMC
Hymn Dingers play at the Opera House for Festival of the Trees at 4:00 pm
Christian Ed Meeting at 5:30 in the CM

Dec. 8 Hymn Dingers play for Worship
Worship Committee meets after worship in the CMC

Dec. 12 UMW preparing cookie trays for caroling at 10 am in the CMC
Deliver Christmas boxes for the Lord's Cupboard

Dec. 14 Christmas pageant rehearsal from 10 am—Noon. Pizza lunch served.

Dec. 15 Children's Christmas Pageant during worship
Northern Hills Brass Bank plays for service
Christmas caroling at Golden Ridge will be at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 15.
Christmas caroling to other homes will be at 6 p.m. on December15 followed by cocoa and cookies in the CMC. All are welcome to participate.
Youth Hangout—6—8:30 pm in the CMC

Dec. 18, 25, and Jan. 1—No Youth Group

Dec. 19 Board Meeting night

Dec. 21 Blue Christmas service at the Christ Episcopal Church at 7 pm

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 and 7:00 pm
Dec. 25 Wishing you and yours a very Blessed Christmas

Sunday Mornings at 8 am—Bible Study
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am—Bible Study
Thursday Mornings at 9 am—Coffee Break Bible Study
Saturday Mornings at 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study

Luke 2:9-14

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING AT 9 AM.

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