

Trinity Times

From Peggy's Pen

How often do we stop and count our blessings? There have been nights when I toss and turn – restless thinking of all the things that didn't get done, and the more I still have to do. I worry about tomorrow, and what it may hold in my life, for my loved ones, and for this world. And it seems to only ramp up during the holiday hustle and bustle. This year it's exacerbated by the concern over the ability to purchase and receive gifts either because of shipping or because they're potentially stuck on the ship.

But the season isn't about all the things to be done. The season isn't about all the shopping, commercialism, and consumerism. It's about something so much bigger and so much more. It's about the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ – and the blessing that he is!

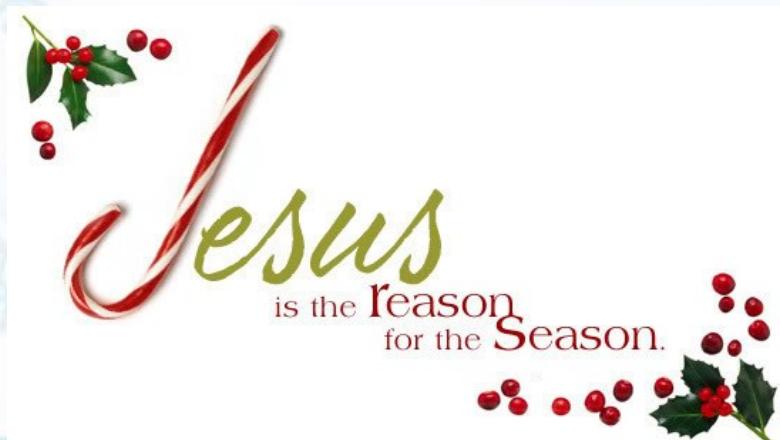
As I write this, I can hear Bing Crosby's voice crooning in my head as I hear him sing, "When you're worried, and you can't sleep/count your blessings instead of sheep, and you'll fall asleep, counting your blessings" from White Christmas. It's time. It's time to stop and count our blessings. To remember everything we have to be thankful for. To give thanks for those who, although may not be with us anymore, have left a lasting impact in our lives.

This has been a year – filled with ups and downs. And it's easy to get caught up and not focus on what Advent and Christmas are all about. This advent we will journey with the Grinch and learn how his heart grew three sizes. It is my hope and prayer that as we journey together we will remember our blessings, we will allow the Spirit of Christmas to fill us, shape us, transform us. So that our hearts, can continue to grow, filled with the love we have for Jesus, and share that love with the world.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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Trinity United Methodist Church Charge Conference and Admin/Finance Meeting
November 18, 2021

The Trinity United Methodist Church Charge Conference and Administrative Council/Finance meetings were held on Thursday, November 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Members present: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, Sue Holloway, Cindy McNeill, Jim Wolff, Brian Hanson, Jane LaFollette and Lynn Larsen.

Gary Linn called the meeting to order and welcomed Rev. Rob Ruedebusch, District Superintendent of the Southwest District , to the Charge Conference meeting.

There were no changes to the agenda.

District Superintendent, Rev. Rob Ruedebusch, conducted the Charge Conference meeting. He opened the meeting with scripture and devotion, "Why Jesus.". He asked the members to tell him what were some of the positive things our church has done during this past year that would be inviting for people to want to attend our church. Members shared easy access to radio, Facebook and website for Sunday services, congregational care to keep members informed on events in the church, Bible studies, Sunday School for kids, Biker Breakfast, mission work, and sending greeting cards throughout the year to Adopt-A-Platoon.

It was noted our church has no candidates for ministry.

The Lay Leadership Nominations were reviewed by the members noting two positions, Member at Large 2022 and Christian Education Chair, have not yet been filled. **All voted aye for the Leadership Nominations for 2022.**

The members reviewed the Membership Report that included the first vote by action of Charge Conference to remove two members, Chad Berglund and Angie Daugherty. **All voted aye to affirm the Membership Report.**

Cynthia McNeill reviewed with the members the Clergy Compensation worksheet. **All voted aye to affirm the 2022 Clergy Compensation for Pastor Peggy Hanson.**

Other reports reviewed in the Charge Conference booklet were the Pastor's Report, Finance Report, Facilities Report, and Trustees Report.

Rev. Ruedebusch reported on the Dakotas Annual Conference and the work they are doing in Rural Ministry Initiative, Camps, Conference Youth Ministries, Breakthrough Ministry Grants, Foundation, Clergy Preparation and Higher Ground. He gave an overview of the upcoming General Conference currently scheduled for August 29-September 6, 2022. As this portion of the meeting came to an end, he thanked those who came and concluded it with prayer.

The Administrative/Finance meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

Sue Holloway moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve the October 21, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.**

The Financial Reports were reviewed. Brian Hanson moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **approve the Financial Reports** as presented. **Motion carried.**

Jim Wolff, Trustees, reported there is still work to be done on the security system. Parts to complete the security system have been ordered but are taking their time to get here. They will be installing a stainless steel backsplash behind the new stoves in the CMC.

Pastor Peggy Hanson reported Harold Bender's memorial service will be tomorrow. This past weekend she and youth from our church attended DakYouth in Aberdeen. The number in attendance at this youth conference was 246 coming from 27 churches in the Dakotas.. The greenery has arrived and will be delivered at the beginning of next week. The community Thanksgiving services will be held on Wednesday, November 24, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church at 7 p.m. She and the family will be going east for Thanksgiving. Advent begins on November 28th. During Advent she will be leading an Advent study. The Children's Christmas Program is planned for December 12th.

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Pastor Peggy reported the quality of the sound system on the Sunday worship services through KDSJ is not good. The cost for this worship service with KDSJ is \$25/week. She recommended to the Council we discontinue paying \$25/week for this service until the sound system can be fixed. Sue Holloway moved/Brian Hanson seconded to stop temporarily at the end of November the broadcast of the church service through KDSJ until we can provide a quality communications system. Motion carried.

Sue Holloway reported 260+ Christmas cards were sent out to Adopt a Platoon program. Work is beginning to prepare filling showboxes with an assortment of items that will be sent to the Rosebud Reservation. UMW has invited the Presbyterian women to a Christmas potluck on December 2nd.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care Chair, reported the church members are being asked to send Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to our church members who are shut-in or in nursing/assisted living residences.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, reported the committee is still looking for a replacement in the church office.

Sue Holloway stated SOUPER STARZ will begin on January 27th. She asked the council if our church could host this event if we could get help to make and serve the soup. Jim Wolff moved/Sue Holloway seconded to host SOUPER STARZ at the CMC provided we can get help to make and serve the soup on January 27th. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Christmas Eve offering. In the past we have shared some of the offering given at the Christmas Eve service to a community entity that provides services to our communities. Jim Wolff moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to give the undesignated offerings from the Christmas Eve service to the Boys and Girls Club. Motion carried.

The next Administrative Council/Finance meeting will be held Thursday, December 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Mission Committee:

Adopt-A-Platoon: The Ladies outdid themselves this month by addressing and writing a short note in over 260 cards. They were shipped off to the Headquarters of AAP in Texas by November 15th so they could go into the Holiday boxes which will be received before Christmas. Our next batch will be Valentine's Day cards but we need help with creating them on the computer. Normally, cards are not available until late January which is too late to get them distributed, addressed and returned to the church before sending them down to Texas. My usual source doesn't do Valentines and St. Patrick's Day so someone handy and far more computer literate than me, is needed to create our cards. Please call Sue, 920-7788 if you can help.

Meals On Wheels: Our next delivery week is Sunday, Dec. 12th through Saturday, Dec. 18th. Call soon to request the day that works best for you.

Shoebox Christmas: During the week of December 6th, the 4 Methodist churches will collate all the gifts and boxes before making 1 trip to the Native American Freight Company in Piedmont. It's not too late to donate new toys, art supplies, crafts, books, candy or new mittens/gloves and scarves. All items may be brought to the CMC during business hours or social hour after service. If you have questions, please call Sue

The Power of Prayer Break Through Prayer Meetings

We will gather on **Saturday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m.**
(Please let Pastor Peggy know if you're planning on attending).

We will gather in the sanctuary for our time of prayer.
We ask that you use the front door and please let Pastor Peggy know if you're planning on attending.

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. In addition to this, we will be prayer walking the sanctuary, CMC, and surrounding outside areas.

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!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- Dec. 3 Kar Auchamenpach
- Dec. 7 Clancey Fisher
- Dec. 8 Tyler Pearson
- Dec. 12 Otto Hallberg
- Dec. 12 Rocky Mattson
- Dec. 13 Barb Mattson
- Dec. 14 Garret Lux
- Dec. 15 Lillian Hanson
- Dec. 19 Maddisen Larsen
- Dec. 20 Chad Larsen
- Dec. 21 Butch Oien
- Dec. 22 Carolgene Peters
- Dec. 22 Angie Daugherty
- Dec. 26. Miranda Rainey
- Dec. 30 Cynthia McNeill
- Dec. 30 Teah Pray

Anniversaries:

- Dec. 1 Sharon and Noman Mason
- Dec. 2 Jane and Otto Hallberg

Contact Information for Pastor Peggy Hanson

Pastor Peggy is still not holding “coffee shop hours” but is happy to meet with you for food, coffee/tea – just let her know. She hopes to restart them in the New Year – she is just looking for the right location.

She will continue to honor the Sabbath on Fridays. And you can reach her at 562-505-6363 or 605-223-1222 or at her new email: pastorphanson@gmail.com

Thank you

Trustee Meeting Minutes
Attention All Youth!

Grades 6th – 12th

Winter Connection

January 28-29, 2021

Storm Mountain Center and 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 “Gather Round/Bring it In” based off of Luke 5:1. 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 a fun activity (which is still in the works), and outreach projects.

Registrations (both form and money)* are due by Wednesday, January 19, 2021.

*Scholarships are available

**Adults and Parents: if you’re interested in attending as a chaperone – please let Pastor Peggy know

We're Hiring!

Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC) in Lead, SD is seeking a permanent part-time administrative assistant (approximately 15 hours). Duties include marketing, social media, office work, and assisting those who come into our office. Salary dependent upon experience. For more information, contact Trinity UMC at 7 S Main Street, Lead SD, 605-584-1328.

Trinity United Methodist Women

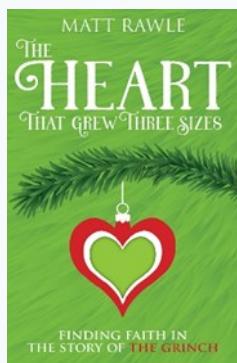
December 2021

Greetings from Trinity United Methodist Women. At our November meeting we elected officers for the 2022 year. President: Bonnie Brooking; Vice-President: Carol Scott; Secretary: Joyce Darling; and Treasurer: Sharon Narem.

We successfully hosted our annual “South Dakota’s Largest Home Party to benefit Send Hope in early November. UMW wishes to thank the Trinity Youth for serving the hot lunch for our event. In addition, the Youth helped vendors move heavy boxes during both set up and take down. They even served coffee and donuts before the doors opened! The vendor fees raised \$660; the UMW bake sale raised \$528, and the Lutheran Ladies donated their bake sale proceeds of \$228 for a total of \$1416.00 raised for the United Methodist Church’s Medical Mission: Send Hope. Thank you everyone for this generous outpouring of love.

On December 2 we will host the Presbyterian Women at the CMC for our Christmas Luncheon (pot luck). All women are invited to attend; please join us at noon for lunch and a short program. We will have a Mitten Tree for you to decorate with kids/teens mittens, hats, etc. These warm items will be donated to Youth and Family Services.

On Sunday, December 12, Trinity UMW will host an afternoon of caroling and then a hot soup pot luck. (Bring crock pot of soup, or crackers, or cookies... or just yourselves. Pot lucks always have an abundance of food.) Everyone interested in caroling is asked to meet at the CMC at 3:30. With address list in hand, we will spread Christmas Joy around the Lead area. The hot soup pot luck will be at 5pm at the CMC. All are invited; please join us for the hot soup dinner even if you were not able to carol with us.



Advent Sermon Series and Study

Rev. Matt Rawle's *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in The Story of The Grinch*.

This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture

“We don’t know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In the new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Including, how did the Grinch’s heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that could change our lives?”

Pastor Peggy would like to offer a Bible Study in addition to sharing in this sermon series.
Sundays at 10:30 a.m. beginning November 21.

Please let Pastor Peggy know if you plan on attending the Bible Study



Blue Christmas

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 challenge 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*

Tuesday December 21, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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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 Story Luke 2:7-14 (King James)

7And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10	6 Mahjong Worship at 9 Kiwanis	7 PEO Ch. L. in CMC at 12 p.m. Bells Rehearsal Grief Group at 5:30	8 Youth Christmas Party 6:30-8 p.m. Dinner at 6:30	1 Youth Group 6:30-8 p.m. Dinner at 6:30	2 CBBS at 9:30 a.m. UMW Christmas Event at 12 p.m.
12	Children's Pageant and Northern Hills Brass Band! Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10 Christmas Caroling And potluck	13 Mahjong Worship at 9 Kiwanis	14 Grief Group at 5:30	15 Grief Group at 5:30	16 CBBS at 9:30 a.m. Meeting Night (No Trustees)	9 CBBS at 9:30 a.m. Festival of Trees 5-7 at Opera House (Bells Playing)
19	Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10	20 Mahjong Worship at 9 Kiwanis	21 Grief Group at 5:30 Christian Education at 4:45 p.m.	22 Newsletter Deadline	23 No Youth Group	10 CBBS at 9:30 a.m. Blue Christmas Service at 7 p.m.
26	Music practice at 8 Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10	27 Mahjong Worship at 9 Fellowship at 10	28 Grief Group at 5:30	29 No Youth Group	30 No Youth Group	11 Men's BS at 7:30 am Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30
						18 Men's BS at 7:30 am CMC Private Rental
						19 Merry Christmas!
						24 Christmas Eve Services 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
						25
						31 Happy New Year!

Please help us acknowledge our wonderful staff during this Christmas Season. A basket will be located on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can place your cards and donations. Please join us in showing your appreciation for all the good work they do throughout the year. Our wonderful staff include: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Secretary Norma Nodland, Administrative Assistant Lee Ann Paananen, and Custodian Stephanie Stevens. Thank you for helping show how much we appreciate them.— Staff/Pastor Relations Committee.



**Please send Christmas Greetings
and Love to Our Congregation**

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Evelyn Berstch
Edgewood Vista
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Spearfish, SD 57783

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Peggy Cleveland
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Senior Care
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Chuck and Winnie Ferris
312 Main St.
Deadwood, SD 57732



Christmas Eve Worship Services:

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.

Christmas Eve Offering

This year during our Christmas Eve offering we will be focusing on sharing the light of Christ to our communities. Half of all undesignated offerings will be given to the Boys and Girls Club.

The Boys and Girls Club in Lead continues to meet the need and provide a safe place for children to go after school, during breaks from school, and summer programming. The program continues to help children to learn, grow, and be mentored by some amazing staff through activities, homework help, food, and through the power of presence.

Your generosity will help financially support the Boys and Girls Club and help continue to provided these needed services and programs to the Lead-Deadwood communities.

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



TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

The board of Trustees met on Nov. 18, 2021. In attendance were Bob McNeill, Pastor Peggy, Jim Wolff, John Hauge, Larry Howell, Wayne Holdcroft and Lee Ann Paananen

Pastor Peggy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected. Jim/John

Old Business

- a. Wayne reported on the security update. Ubiquiti is a company in the US that Wayne has been trying to get our security supplies from. They have some but not all of the equipment needed. There are companies in other countries that have the equipment in stock but are more expensive with unknown reliability and customer service. It was decided to wait for supplies from Ubiquiti.
- b. The new stoves in the CMC kitchen have been installed and the wiring for the stoves and fans were rewired by Koala Electric.
- c. The storage and shelving for the Choir Bells were discussed. Bob will check into it further.
- d. Snow blower is ready to go and the heat tape is plugged in. **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DEAN GEIMAN for removing the large piles of snow after the last snow storm.**
- e. John repaired the radiator in the plow truck and is ready for winter.
- f. Wayne repaired the tables in the CMC.
- g. The old furniture was taken to the dump.

New Business

- a. It was mentioned that there are additional tables in the CMC that need repair. This will be checked into.
- b. After discussion, it was voted on and approved to spend up to \$300 for Stainless Steel backsplash to go behind the new cook stoves in the CMC. Lee Ann/Jim
- c. There is still a minor electrical repair that was not addressed by Koala Electric when the new stoves were put in the CMC. Bob will contact them to repair.
- d. It was decided to break out the old concrete in the Lord's Cupboard Entry and replace the concrete landing in the spring.
- e. There is a leak in the sink at the parsonage. Bob is working on repairing it. If it doesn't work, he'll call a plumber.
- f. Trustees helped Pastor Peggy cut garland from 50 ft lengths to 16 ft lengths.

Bob Closed the meeting at 5:41 PM

There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2022

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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.

