

Trinity Times

From Peggy's Pen:

"Does anyone else feel troubled by the fact that the name of next year is literally 2020 won?"

As I was preparing what to write for this month's newsletter, I stumbled across this joke (thanks Facebook!) and I just started laughing.

The truth is, 2020 has truly been a year for the books. There are those who have lost, and there are those who have gained. There are those who have grieved and those who have celebrated. Maybe you've experienced all the emotions this year, and have felt overwhelmed by all that these last 12 months have held. But however today finds you as you read this article and newsletter, here is what I can tell you with certainty. 2020 didn't "win" anything. Yes, 2020 has been a year on both a personal and a global level, but in my time on this earth, there have been many seasons and times, when it's been a year...

The Light came into the world, and the darkness cannot and will not extinguish it. The Light of Jesus continues to shine in our darkest, dirtiest, and most challenging days. The Light of Jesus shines when we celebrate and experience joy. The Light of Jesus has come. The Light continues to come. The Light is hope. The Light is possibility. The Light is Grace. The Light is Love.

As you enter into 2021, where will you focus your energy? Although the pandemic isn't done yet, and we are still not gathering in person, the church is still being the church. The church is still reaching out, being the hands and feet of Christ, sharing the Light and Love of Christ! There is hope in Jesus.

For many, 2020 fell short of meeting expectations. But for me, 2020 taught me a lot. It reminded me that each day is a gift, nothing is guaranteed in life, and that I must continue to keep my focus on Jesus – my constant, and the One who will always exceed all my expectations. I pray that you, as you look towards and enter into 2021, will set your eyes and focus on Jesus and not on the things of this world.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

Trinity United Methodist Church 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.

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Covid - 19 Updates

January 28, 2021

On Thursday, January 28, the Administrative Council, after hearing recommendations from the regathering team, decided to it is time to regather and offer **in-person worship beginning Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 17, and the following Sunday, February 21 will be our first regathering Sunday worship.**

Here are the modifications that we are making to do our best to provide the safest in-person to the best of our abilities.

- 1) Please wear masks at all times.
- 2) The ushers will record your name as you enter the building to be able to keep track of those who are in attendance that day. For visitors we will also ask for their contact information
- 3) Pews will be marked for available seating and the ushers will help guide you, we will be seating front to back, and dismissing back to front.
- 4) We will continue to offer worship to the online community and via the radio on KDSJ 980 AM
- 5) Here are the modifications to the sanctuary:
 - a) All song books, paper, and pens/pencils have been removed
 - b) Pew cushions would be removed from the sanctuary – if you want to bring your own pillow to sit on, you may
- 6) Here are the modifications that will happen for worship, with masks being worn
 - a) Call to worship would be done with pastor and liturgist
 - b) 2 songs, singing the 1st verse only, singing softly
 - c) Lord's prayer will be shared in a normal to quiet voice
 - d) No passing the peace, plates, or bulletins
 - e) The cry room and kids busy bags will not be available
 - f) Children's moment would take place, kids would remain with their family (no coming forward) – Sunday School for children will not be happening at this time.
 - g) Worship will be approximately 30-40 minutes
 - h) Communion elements will be prepackaged
 - i) Offering and loose change would be collected at the back of the sanctuary
 - j) Joys and Concerns would not be shared at the beginning of worship - would need to be texted or written down ahead of time
 - k) No fellowship time in the CMC following worship, and no lingering in the sanctuary following worship – if you would like to have conversations Outside, following worship, you may.

We are striving to provide authentic, Spirit-filled, God centered worship. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions of how we can improve worship – please let us know. Thank you for your continued prayers and connections.

TUMC Administrative Council and Finance Meeting Minutes

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council/Finance meeting was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., via ZOOM. Members present: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, Sue Holloway, Syd DeVries, Shelli DeVries, Terri Keene, Jacque Fuller, Brian Hanson, Cindy McNeill, Bob McNeill, Tammy Gilbery, Theo Rogers, Jane LaFollette and Lynn Larsen.

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

There were no changes to the agenda. Sue Holloway moved/ Tammy Gilbery seconded to **approve the December 17, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.**

The Financial Statements were reviewed. Tammy Gilbery moved/Brian Hanson seconded to **approve the Financial Reports** as printed. **Motion carried.** Sue reported on the church's VISA bill account with Interfaith Credit Union. Some of the names on the VISA account need to be removed and other names need to be added. Sue Holloway moved to **remove Jim Hoff, David Vardiman, Terry Weisenberg and John Hauge from the account, keep Terri Keene on the account, and add Margaret Hanson and Sue Holloway to the VISA bill account with Interfaith Credit Union. Motion carried.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, stated the committee met to discuss a few of the minor repairs that have been done. He informed the Admin Council our church has been given a 2004, 15 passenger Van from the Spearfish United Methodist Church. They will be getting the van in a couple of days from the Spearfish church. He has researched the cost of insurance for the van, the trustees will check out the condition of the van and they also may have a mechanic look at the van before a decision is made to keep the van. Bob reported the next project they are looking at is the remodel of the Wesley Room, painting the hallway and putting in a nursery room.

Pastor Peggy reported she attended a writing retreat at Lake Poinsett. Sandy Howell's funeral services will be held tomorrow. The youth group is going well. Camps for 2021 will be limited this year. Only 50% of the number who normally attend will be able to attend camps this year. If anyone is interested in attending a camp this year, please let her know so she can get you on the list.

Tammy Gilbery, Worship Committee, noted she and Jane LaFollette are taking turns playing at the Sunday worship services. Plans are in the works to have a drive through Ash Wednesday service.

Shelli DeVries, Christian Ed Chair, noted there have been no Sunday School classes or Bible studies due to Covid-19. She is hoping to have a Vacation Bible School this summer.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care, reported Valentine cards are being sent to church members who are shut-in or in a nursing home/ assisted living.

Sue Holloway, Missions, noted our church will be doing Meals of Wheels the week of February 21st. The Adopt-A-Platoon program is going well and currently 150 cards are being sent out. St. Patrick's Day cards will be sent out to troops in March.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, informed the Council we no longer have a custodian and will have to start searching for a new one. Getting a new custodian may take 6-8 weeks. She has put together a schedule and will be contacting church committee chairs to help get volunteers from their committees to help clean. Theo Rogers volunteered her time to help with the cleaning. Sue Holloway moved/Tammy Gilbery seconded to **advertise for the custodial position. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on Covid-19 and the possibility of reopening of the church. After much discussion, Syd DeVries moved/Terri Keene seconded to **reopen the church under the conditions that were previously taken the last time we reopened the church and as soon as Pastor Peggy can put these plans in place.** Syd DeVries amended his motion to add **to reopen no later than February 17, 2021. Motion carried.**

Sue Holloway moved/ Tammy Gilbery seconded to **change the Finance/Administrative Council meetings from the fourth Thursday of the month to the third Thursday of the month. Motion carried.**

The next Finance/ Administrative Council meeting will be held Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

No Drive Up Communion

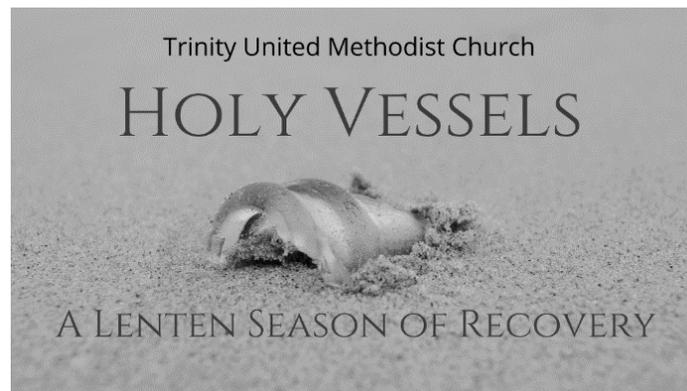
Worship Services will resume in the Sanctuary on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Sundays, starting February 21 which is the first Sunday of Lent.



Since Communion will be offered for the Ash Wednesday service and every Sunday through Lent, **there will be no Drive Up Communion on February 7.**

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Peggy at 605-584-1328 or 605-223-1222.

Lent 2021



Lent is a season of reflection, growth, and deepening our discipleship as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It was during Lent last year when all the Covid awareness and precautions began. And, although we celebrated the resurrection at Easter, the Spirit's power at Pentecost, we journeyed through Advent and Christmas – it still feels as if we've been living in a season of Lent. The Lentiest Lent there has ever been.

Dr. Marcia McFee, creator of the Holy Vessels series, states, "Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten "season of recovery" for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken."

It is my hope and prayer that you will join us for this Lenten Season of Recovery. Through worship experiences, devotions, and connect to one another and our community.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 with Ash Wednesday, and will conclude with the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Ash Wednesday worship experience will be held in the sanctuary.

**The Power of Prayer
Break Through Prayer Meetings**

We will gather on **Saturday, February 6, 2021**

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 also, ask that you wear a mask.

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**

2/4—Campbell, Jason
2/4—Vardiman, David
2/10—Martin, Jean
2/11 —Gilbery, David
2/16—Percy, Corliss
2/17—Fuller, Pete
2/19—Jones, Paula
2/20—Mattson, Delaney
2/24—Thorp, Justin
2/25—Berry, Dorothy
2/25—Heisinger, Clarissa
2/27—Cooper, William
2/27—Weisenberg, Luke
2/28—Richards, Reed
2/28—Thorp, Tyneal
2/28—Thorp, Zayah

Notice for TUMC February Newsletter from SPPRC

HELP WANTED: Are you or might you know someone who would be interested in filling our custodial position at the Church/CMC? We are looking for a capable & reliable person to provide approximately 12 hours weekly cleaning. To get more details, please call our office. Until we can find a custodian, we are asking for volunteers to help out.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: We are looking for a team of volunteers to take turns helping with the weekly cleaning of the Church/CMC. Job includes vacuuming, sweeping, dusting & sanitizing bathrooms and other commonly used areas. Our goal is to find enough couples/partners/teams to sign up on our weekly calendar so we can share the workload and no one team works more than a few hours once a month. Could be fun! Please call the office at 584-1328 if you can lend a hand.

Mission Committee

Missions:

Adopt-A-Platoon: The Ladies have been extra busy this month. We sent 150 cards with New Year's greetings in the first week of January and then Valentine's 2 weeks later. With the donations from some of our congregants, 3 boxes were sent to Angelica who is a graduate of Lead High and the 2 young men that we have had communication with from our cards. Adopt-A-Platoon has purchased 5000 blankets to send to our troops and is in the process of purchasing disposable hand warmers. If you have the ability to support this organization, they would greatly appreciate it. If you would like to help with reaching out to our deployed military, please contact Sue, 920-7788

Below is a Christmas Card from Jeff and a St. Christopher fish that he received from Polish soldiers. If anyone can help with the translation, please let me know. Jeff appears to be in Eastern Europe so his mail is taking way longer than those going to the middle East. His Christmas card is dated Dec. 7 and arrived January 25th. I heard from Kevin from Custer and he is beginning his packing out process and should be home by Valentine's Day.

Meals On Wheels: Our next week is Sunday, February 21 thru Saturday, February 27th. Pastor Peggy has encouraged us to 'Reach Out' and this is an excellent way to minister to our community. It is a fun activity especially if you work with a partner. Please contact Sue to volunteer, 920-7788.

Peace,
Sue Holloway, Chair



Education Committee Update for Newsletter January 2021

As the new year of 2021 begins, the Education Committee has a short update. This past Fall of 2020, in spite of the growing covid cases of our area, Trinity church was still able to offer a few Bible Studies. In September/October, Coffee Break Women's Bible Study held a 7 week class meeting in the CMC and on zoom entitled *Did Jesus Say That?*. Our group was small, but we did enjoy being together (in a social distanced manner) to hear the actual words of Jesus on how to live for today and prepare for tomorrow. In December, Pastor Peggy offered a four week Advent zoom study based off Adam Hamilton's book *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* which examined the names of Christ used by the gospel writers and explored the historical and personal significance of his birth.

All in person Bible studies have been put on hold until it is safe again to meet in person. Coffee Break Women's Bible study plans to start up again in the Fall. Men's Bible Study will not meet for at least a few more months.

Our committee is planning on holding VBS (or some variation of this popular program) this summer at our church. We will keep you posted in the coming months!

Submitted by Shelli De Vries

UMW

Since the United Methodist Women's group here at church has not been able to meet recently due to the covid pandemic, this article will focus on what has been happening within the district level of United Methodist Women (UMW).

United Methodist women is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States, and in more than 100 countries around the world. The principles and values of UMW include promoting the following: 1) the empowerment of women, children and youth, 2) anti-racism and multiculturalism, 3) inclusion and equality, 4) fair labor practices, 5) economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability. The vision of UMW is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

The Dakotas Conference is one of many UMW Conferences in the United States based on geographical location. There are four districts within the Dakotas Conference: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast. Our church belongs to the Southwest District. Most of the forty-eight churches in our district have active UMW groups. Although we haven't met in person since last March, I am happy to report that Trinity's UMW group of ladies is thriving and active with a wonderful group of caring ladies.

In addition to the National UMW's mission, the Dakotas Conference UMW has its own mission team goals. "We will let the light of Christ shine by 1) community building, 2) study, 3) mission projects, and 4) responding to social issues."

The Southwest District has a leadership team that meets a few times a year to plan events, activities and projects within the district to fulfill the UMW mandate. There are about thirteen leaders on this team and include two Trinity members: Joyce Darling as Social Action/Education officer and Shelli De Vries as the new District Secretary. With missions as a clear focus, did you know that out of the 2021 budget of about \$33,000 the SW District is pledging 21,000 for missions?

A January 23 Zoom meeting was held by these leaders to discuss upcoming events and relevant business. Spring Focus, Mission U and the District Annual Conference are three important events that are upcoming. The theme for this year is "Knitted Together for God's Good Work" and this theme will be incorporated into the activities at these events.

Spring Focus will be virtual this year with a prerecorded program. The program will include three topical studies (about 20 to 30 minutes in length). A devotional, singing, skits, and promotionals of the UMW legacy fund and reading program will also be included. Each church is asked to gather a small group of women, if applicable, to participate together in this Saturday program which will be held in March or April.

Mission U will also be virtual. The dates set are July 8-11 but options for meeting are still being considered. Looking forward to September 10th and 11th, the District Annual Conference is planning for an in person event in Pierre. Ladies of all ages at Trinity are encouraged to join us at these events and to bring a friend! Joining together with women of faith for fellowship, learning and action is important and also a special blessing. Together, let's do the Lord's work by reaching out in love and service to others!

Estimated Cash available for January, 2021

Cash Balance as of 1-22-21	\$58,195
<u>Estimated expenses remaining in January</u>	
Jan P&I	2,204
Month end payroll	3,150
Est. Jan apportionment*	812
Estimated remaining bills	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	(\$7,166)
Accounts Payable (taken from Dec balance sheet)	(\$68,739)
Add back: Jan payments	<u>\$10,858</u>
Subtotal	(\$57,881)
<u>Estimated Income remaining in January</u>	
Estimated EFT	350
Estimated offering 1-24-21	1,000
Estimated offering 1-31-21	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	\$2,350
Estimated cash balance at 1-31-21	(\$4,502)
Member giving:	
1/11	850
1/19	4,181
1/22	2,770
EFT est	350
1/24 est	1,000
1/31 est	<u>1,000</u>
Projected total \$10,151 X 8% = \$812 Estimated Conference Apportionment*	

Please send Valentine Cards to Our Congregation

Harold and Betty Bender
122 Wall St.
Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
611 W Main St Apt 34
Lead, SD 57754

Jean Dyer
Edgewood Vista
540 Falcon Crest Drive, Apt. 159
Spearfish, SD 57783

Yvonne Foreman
Box 165
Deadwood, SD 57732

Sandra Hansen
Golden Ridge Regional Senior Care
200 Montana Ave. #116
Lead, SD 57754

Doris Adamson
52 Dunlap Ave
Deadwood SD 57732

Judy Hink
806 Upper Addie St
Lead SD 57754

Orin Aldrich
321 Addie
Lead SD 57754

Barbara Harvey
1233 Silver Brook Ln
Spearfish SD 57783

Peggy Cleveland
Golden Ridge Regional Senior Care
200 Montana Ave #104
Lead, SD 57754

Dorothy Berry
West Hills Village
255 Texas Street Apt. 107
Rapid City, SD 57701

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Kiwanis	PEO Chapter L Recording Worship at 3:30	Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)	Finance Meeting at 5:30 via Zoom	Pre-School Screening 9 a —2:30 p (CMC)	Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship online at 9 a.m. NO Drive thru Communion 10:30-11:00 a.m.	Kiwanis	Recording Worship at 4	Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship online at 9 a.m.	Presidents' Day Office Closed		No Youth Group Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 p.m. In Person	Meeting Night		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship In Person at 9 a.m. First Sunday in Lent	Kiwanis		Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)			
28						
Worship In Person at 9 a.m. Second Sunday in Lent						

TUMC TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2020

In Attendance were Bob McNeill, Mike Darling, Jim Wolff, Wayne Holdcroft, John Hauge, Pastor Peggy Hanson and Lee Ann Paananen

Bob opened the meeting.

Pastor blessed the meeting with a prayer.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by John and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Bob is still waiting for insurance bids.
2. Wayne fixed the light marque sign.
3. John fixed the wall outside the Wesley Room.
4. Jerry Pontius fixed the heat in the Johnson room. He also fixed the heat in the Sanctuary. It was the controller.
5. Bob painted 2 walls in the CMC conference that had mismatched paint spots.
6. Bob looked into locking thermostat covers. They are \$23 a piece at the hardware store. Peggy found some on Amazon for \$15. Bob will measure and make sure they are the right size.
7. John ran the dishwasher 3 times. It needs to be run at least once a month. Lee Ann will do this.
8. The faucet at the parsonage is fixed.
9. Rerouting the drain off the CMC roof still needs to be looked into.

New Business

1. John made a motion and Lee Ann seconded to accept the van from Spearfish Methodist Church pending review of the van by the committee and approval of the Administrative council. We will review costs and usage after a year. The cost of full coverage insurance is \$962 a year. Lee Ann will check on liability insurance cost compared to full coverage. Peggy, Jim and Lee Ann will get the van on Monday.
2. Peggy reported that we have a benefactor who has offered to pay for the Nursery Project in the Wesley Room. The partition is expected to cost \$1206.00. We need a TV and sound for streaming the services, cribs, etc. Peggy, Jim, Bob and LeeAnn will work on a plan.

Bob closed the meeting with the Breakthrough Prayer.

Next meeting is to be determined.

Contact Information for Pastor Peggy Hanson

Pastor Peggy is currently not holding "coffee shop hours," but is in the office. She will continue to honor the Sabbath on Fridays. And you can reach her at 562-505-6363 or 605-223-1222 or mstempson@iliff.edu

*Please note that Pastor Peggy and Brian rarely answer the landline at the parsonage and the best way to contact them is through cell phone and email.

Thank you

Staying Connected!

As we prepare to regather for worship, beginning February 17, we want to continue to maintain connecting with you and many others who have found our church during these times.

Facebook:

*For those who are interested, and not yet sure how to watch Facebook – go to <https://www.facebook.com/LeadTUMC/>

*You do not have to be on Facebook to watch worship – our page is public and so you can watch it from your internet browser.

*If you are on Facebook, please make sure to “like” the page and then tune it at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning for worship

*We have been recording our worship services from the sanctuary to include music and more participation, and help be back within our building.

*All Facebook videos are then posted to our website within 24 hours.

Online Giving:

Your continued generosity to the ministries and mission of Trinity United Methodist Church. You are able to go to www.leadtumc.com and click on “Online Giving”. Or if you would prefer, you can still mail in or drop off your contribution at the office, at **7 S Main Street**. (Please note the church office address, our offices are no longer at 111 S Main Street)

Radio:

We will be streaming our services live on the radio as well at the same time we are having our Facebook live service! Check out KDSJ 980 AM station. *If you'd be interested in sponsoring a broadcast, the cost is \$25 each Sunday.*

Worship Kits:

Worship Kits will continue, and if you would like to receive a worship kit and were not previously on our list, please let the church office know, and we will either email or mail them to you.

Weekly Emails:

Would you be interested in receiving a weekly email that will share the calendar of events, upcoming events, etc? Because we won't have bulletins in worship, we are exploring having this as an option. If this is something you'd like, please let the office know. Thank You!

Zoom Fellowship:

Would you be interested in participating in a Zoom fellowship time? Grab your coffee/tea/water/lemonade, and your favorite snack, and join us following worship for a time of fellowship and catching up. We are exploring offering this on Sunday mornings after worship from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (except on the first Sunday of the month). Please let the office know if this is something you'd like to join and we'll send you the Zoom link. And if you have any questions about Zoom, or connecting to Zoom, we would be happy to help and do a test run with you.

Video Messages:

We're exploring creating video messages of greeting, faith sharing, and more as part of worship and to share with one another. Would you be interested in creating a video message? Do you or someone you know have the gift of video editing? Please contact the office and let us know!

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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.



Heavenly Father, during
this Lenten season, give me
a new and expanded vision for
my life. Help me to live full of
faith. Teach me to find hope
in the face of adversity.