

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 need of continued 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 you will set your eyes and focus on Jesus and not on the things of this world.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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Covid - 19 Updates
December 22, 2020

On Thursday, December 17, the Administrative Council, after prayerful conversation has decided to continue to forego gathering in person, and will continue to worship online and through the radio.

This decision was not made lightly, as was made in the interest and safety of all those who attend and lead worship. We understand that there are those who are disappointed, frustrated, or relieved through this decision.

The administrative council will continue to evaluate and monitor the situation and will discuss it at each meeting.

We will continue to offer worship through our Facebook page and the radio. We will put the worship service on our website within 24 hours following Sunday morning worship. We are aware that the sound has not been great for the radio services and we are working on improving that.

We continue to strive 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.

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.

Pastor Peggy will be out of the office on a writing and sermon planning retreat January 5-10, 2021 at Lake Poinsett Camp

Thank you

Minutes from Admin/Finance Meeting, December 17, 2020

The Trinity United Methodist Church Administrative Council/Finance meeting was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020, 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, 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/Terri Keene seconded to **approve the November 19, 2020 minutes** with the following changes. In paragraph 9, change Worship committee met to Christian Ed committee met. Missions Fund gave \$200 plus \$150 in donations were given to supplement the project for the shoe boxes. **Motion carried.**

The Financial Statements were reviewed. Syd DeVries moved/Tammy Gilbery seconded to **approve the November 2021 Financial Reports** as printed. **Motion carried.**

Sue Holloway, Finance Chair, reviewed with the Admin Council the 2021 proposed Church Budget. Syd DeVries moved/Tammy Gilbery moved to **approve the 2021 Church Budget**. Ten voted aye, one voted nay. **Motion carried.**

Tammy Gilbery moved/Cindy McNeill seconded to **officially remove Jerry Pontius from the UBS accounts and add Susan J. Holloway, Brian D. Hanson and Jacquelyn Fuller to the UBS accounts. Motion carried.** Tammy Gilbery moved/Terri Keene seconded to **remove Correen Dammen, Cameon Jacobson (Wefso), and David M. Vardiman as check signers; to add Susan J. Holloway and Jacquelyn Fuller as check signers, and to keep John Hauge, Terri Keene, Lynn Larsen, and Gary Linn as check signers.**

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, stated the committee met to discuss the completion of the asphalt project, the insurance bids for the church buildings, maintenance repair projects that still need to be completed and the projects that have been completed. The Youth Room project is almost complete. Sue Holloway has been finishing up the painting in the youth room.

Pastor Peggy reported the Christmas Eve service will be online at 7:00 p.m. The Christmas Eve live nativity service on Christmas Eve at the CMC can still use more volunteers. The children's Christmas pageant was recorded is online for the December 13th church service. Blue Christmas service will be held at the Homestake Visitor's Center on December 21. In January she will be attending a Reflection gathering at Lake Poinsett. There will be no worship kits in January. The youth met last night and will meet again on January 13.

Tammy Gilbery, Worship Committee, noted they are still recording the worship services.

Shelli DeVries, Christian Ed Chair, was happy to report Pastor Peggy and Tammy did a great job putting on the children's Christmas pageant. Pastor Peggy did an Advent Bible study.

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

Sue Holloway, Missions, along with other area Methodist churches, put together Christmas shoe boxes for children. Our church put together 30 plastic boxes. She was happy to report all boxes going to children were filled to the brim. Meals on Wheels for our church is the week of January 10-16. Adopt-A-Platoon is becoming a very successful mission project. One more person has volunteered to sign cards bringing up the total number of cards sent from 120 to 144. These cards are sent monthly to military men and women.

Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, noted a Pastor/Parish meeting will soon be held to welcome and train newly elected members.

Discussion was held on the Covid-19 update and the consensus of the Admin Council is to keep the church services online.

The next Finance/ Administrative Council meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

Drive Up Communion

Drive Up Communion

On Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., please come to the church parking lot to receive communion. The elements will be blessed as part of worship that morning. Pastor Peggy will be set up at the back – side door (back door facing the church), with the elements. Please drive behind the CMC, and pull up between the CMC and the church to receive communion.

When you pull up, you'll receive the pre-packaged communion elements, and invited to partake. While partaking, I will pray over you (and those in the vehicle). Take your time as you enjoy the meal the Lord has prepared for you, and while waiting to receive, please be patient and spending time praying for those who are ahead of and behind you. Please remain in your vehicle to be served.

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



We appreciate the opportunity to connect and communicate with you through the church newsletter, Trinity Times. In striving to be good stewards of our resources (financial, paper, ink, stamps, etc.), we want to make sure that our newsletters are serving their purpose. If you are reading this, and you wish to continue to receive the newsletter via mail, would like to switch to receiving it via email, or would like to discontinue receiving the newsletter, please contact the church office. If we do not hear from you, we will discontinue sending the newsletter. Also, if you have any thoughts or suggestions of how we can improve the newsletter, please also let us know.

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Answers to the Word Scrabble on page 11

countdown
celebrate
midnight
confetti
cheers
resolutions
party
sparklers
noisemaker
balloons
goals
fireworks
egg nog
Champagne
memories

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

For the month of January, we will be praying for God's presence to continue to breakthrough and break into the church and lives from home. Please continue to pray that God would guide and inspire, and that we would be open and willing to dream God's dreams and live them out in this world. May the Holy Spirit continue to ignite and connect us to God, to each other, and to all our neighbors both near and far throughout the world.

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:

Jan 5 Helen Auer
Jan 5 Maxine Morcom
Jan 8 Judy Hink
Jan 8 Cindy Specht
Jan 10 Marta Artz
Jan 13 Norma Cooper
Jan 15 Connie Berscheid
Jan 15 Sue Holloway
Jan 15 Mary Wagner
Jan 17 Curt Eide
Jan 17 Gary Hansen
Jan 18 Sylvia Haux
Jan 20 McKayla Norton
Jan 26 Ashley Sales
Jan 28 Taylor Beagle
Jan 29 Landen Mattson
Jan 31 Eric Kusters

Anniversary

Jan 1 Linda and Dennis Egemo

Mission Committee

Meals On Wheels: Many thanks to Syd & Shelli, Teah & Ron, Bob & Cindy, Vickie & John and Tyneal for their continued support of this program. They are integral to TUMC being able to provide service to our community. Our next week is January 10th thru the 16th. If you are interested in joining our crew, please call Sue at 920-7788.

Adopt-A-Platoon: Our next batch is about to go out. Two new ladies have joined our group so we will be sending out about 150 cards with letters. Thanks to several of our congregants, we have books, granola bars and a few other items to send to the 2 servicemen that responded to us and a young lady from Lead who is in Saudi Arabia. Anyone wanting to join the card writing or financially support the purchase of the cards and the monthly mailing costs, please call Sue.

Sue Holloway

Staying Connected!

We continue to want 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/>

*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.

*Please note, you don't have to have Facebook to watch our services, you can click on the link and it will take you to our page.

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. Please note there will be no worship kits beginning December 27 through the month of January. Worship Kits will resume on January 31, 2021

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.

What is a New Years Resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Youth is When You're Allowed to Stay Up For New Years

Middle age is when you're forced to

What's a Cow's Favorite Holiday?

MOO Years Day!

United Methodist Women

It's a new year, time for new direction, new actions, new thoughts. But, that would be for normal times, not for the pandemic situation we still find ourselves in. Right? That's what I thought to myself as it came time to get an article ready for United Methodist Women

Therefore, I had an excuse for not being very enthused at the prospect of writing an article. Since we are spinning our wheels, or our calendar pages, just waiting for time to go by until "normal" comes, I thought, why bother?

Then it hit me. How can I not be concerned about what is happening outside of my four safe walls? We have sisters and brothers around our community, our nation and around the world still in need, struggling for food, shelter, health and much more, sometimes doing the best they can, sometimes giving up.

Words began to come to me. Powerful words that all humanity deserves. Words that if made real in a person's life, I think make all the difference.

Being a retired educator, the Words fell into ABC order. So, what to do with those Words? For myself, I think it will be read, learn, pray, give, until such time as more creative hands-on involvement can be part of my life. To my ABC's add your own and plan to do something with your words and perhaps mine.

A	Acceptance, Achievement, Action	N	Needs, Natural resources, Neighbors
B	Believe, Bless, Build	O	Opportunity, Optimism
C	Care, Conservation, Community	P	Promise, Purpose, Protection
D	Decency, Diversity, Dreams	Q	Quality of life
E	Equality, Energy, Environment	R	Respect, Rights
F	Faith, Fairness, Food	S	Service, Security, Science
G	Gratitude, Generosity, Generations	T	Talents, Technology, Teaching
H	Health, Home, Hope	U	Understanding, Usefulness
I	Inclusiveness, Income	V	Vibrant life, Vitality
J	Justice, Joy, Jobs	W	Water, Worth, Work
K	Kindness, Kinship	X	
L	Love, Leadership, Learning	Y	Youth
M	Meaning, Mercy, Momentum	Z	Zeal

Joyce Darling, Trinity UMW Secretary, Social Action Chair of Southwest District UMW

Estimated Cash available for December, 2020

Cash Balance as of 12-14-20 \$50,234

Estimated expenses remaining in December

Dec P&I	2,155
Month end payroll	2,800
Est. Dec apportionment*	848

Estimated remaining bills	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	(\$6,803)

Accounts Payable (taken from Nov balance sheet)	(\$68,342)
Add back: Dec payments	<u>\$8,834</u>
Subtotal	(\$59,508)

Estimated Income remaining in December

Estimated offering 12-21-20	1,000
Estimated offering 12-28-20	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	\$2,000

Estimated cash balance at 12-31-20 (\$14,077)

Member giving:

12/7	5,701
Dec EFT	1,460
12/14	1,445
12/21 est	1,000
12/28 est	<u>1,000</u>

Projected total \$10,606 X 8% = \$848 Estimated Conference Apportionment*

Please send Greetings and Love to Our Congregation

Harold and Betty Bender
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Lead, SD 57754

Evelyn Berstch
611 W Main St Apt 34
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Jean Dyer
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Spearfish, SD 57783

Yvonne Foreman
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Deadwood, SD 57732

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Orin Aldrich
321 Addie
Lead SD 57754

Barbara Harvey
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Spearfish SD 57783

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Golden Ridge Regional Senior Care
200 Montana Ave #104

Dorothy Berry
West Hills Village
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Rapid City, SD 57701

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3 Worship online at 9 a.m. Drive thru Communion 10:30-11:00 a.m.	4 Recording Worship at 1 Kiwanis	5 PEO Chapter L	6	7	8	9
Pastor Peggy on a writing retreat at Lake Poinsett Jan 5-10						
10 Worship online at 9 a.m.	11 Kiwanis	12 Recording Worship at 1	13 Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)	14	15	16
17 Worship online at 9 a.m.	18 Office Closed	19 Recording Worship at 1	20 Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)	21	22	23
24 Worship online at 9 a.m.	25 Kiwanis	26 Recording Worship at 1	27 Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)	28 Meeting Night	29	30
31 Worship online at 9 a.m.						

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TUMC TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2020

In Attendance were Bob McNeill, Mike Darling, Jim Wolff, 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 Mike and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Bob is getting insurance bids for the church, CMC and the parsonage. So far, HUB Insurance in Deadwood is approximately \$400 cheaper than the others.
2. Asphalt repair was done. Moving the gutter system away from that corner of the building is still an option.
3. Six People are scheduled to plow for the winter.

New Business

1. The Light on the Outdoor sign is working.
2. Toilet in the hallway of the CMC is fixed.
3. There is a crack in the wall outside the Wesley room of the Sanctuary that needs repair.
4. Bob suggested running the fans on low in the sanctuary to distribute the heat in an effort to keep the heat bills down. There was discussion. It was decided to try it while the sanctuary is in use to determine if the fans distribute the warm air or if it only elevates the electric bill. Putting timers on the fans was suggested.
5. Three locking covers for the thermostats are till needed to keep people from changing the settings.
6. John talked to Jerry about the heat in the Johnson Room. They will determine what needs to be done.
7. Bob fixed the sink in the Johnson Room.
8. Pastor Peggy asked if someone could fix the kitchen faucet in the parsonage.
9. Lee Ann will change the wording on the outdoor sign in from of the church.
10. John said that the dishwasher needs to be run.

Bob closed the meeting with the breakthrough prayer.

Next meeting is to be determined.

Lee Ann Paananen, Secretary

This year we encourage you to take the opportunity to make all of your New Year's resolutions ones that will deepen your relationship with Christ and strengthen your soul. Here are some ways to think through this:

1. **Be open to God's grace at work within you.** As Methodists we believe that God is working through us all the time. As you consider your resolutions, spend time in prayer. Ask God what God's hopes are for you in the coming year. As the year progresses, be open to the way that God may lead you in new ways and to new places.
2. **Rewrite your current resolutions.** How can you rewrite them to keep Jesus at the center? For example, one of the most common new year's resolutions is weight loss. Rephrase "I want to lose weight" to "I am a beloved child of God. I am thankful for the body that God has given me. My body is a good body. This year I will show gratitude for my body by using it well and give thanks for the bounty of God's earth through the eating of more fruits and vegetables."
3. **Look to the example of our ancestors in faith.** Who do you admire most in the Bible or in our Methodist tradition? Whose faith do you admire in your own life? How did that person/persons grow in her/his relationship with God? How can you emulate her/his example this year?

Pray on New Year's Eve. Early in our Methodist tradition, John Wesley introduced "watch night" services on New Year's Eve. As an alternative to the drunken revels of others, Methodists would gather together for prayer, singing, Scripture reading and renewing their committment to grow in their faith. You likely already have plans for New Year's Eve. Within those plans, take a moment away from others and ask God to be present with you in the coming year and guide you deeper into your faith.

New Year Word Scramble

- utwdcnono _____
- Ebeltreca _____
- Idgitmhn _____
- Ecfotitn _____
- Hserec _____
- Sinoerustol _____
- Rpyta _____
- Apelssrkr _____
- Kinsamereo _____
- Nlaboslo _____
- Sogla _____
- Rkwesifro _____
- Gegogn _____
- Anphigcma _____
- Eirmsome _____

Congratulations to Deidra Larson and Paula Jones for winning first prize and Connie Berscheid for winning third prize in our Guess the Carols contest. Your prizes are in the church office.



Guess the Carols answer sheet

- 1) Jingle bells
- 2) Walking in a winter wonderland
- 3) Santa Claus is coming to town
- 4) Joy to the World
- 5) Rudolph the red nose reindeer
- 6) O Come all ye faithful
- 7) White Christmas
- 8) O Christmas Tree
- 9) What child is this
- 10) We 3 kings
- 11) Deck the halls
- 12) I saw three ships
- 13) O Holy Night
- 14) The first Noel
- 15) A way in a manger
- 16) 12 days of Christmas
- 17) I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus
- 18) All I want for Christmas are my two front teeth
- 19) Chestnuts roasting on an open fire (The Christmas song)
- 20) It came upon a midnight clear
- 21) Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow
- 22) Silent night
- 23) O Little town of Bethlehem
- 24) Silver bells

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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