

From Peggy's Pen

42 weeks. It's been 42 weeks since I've had the privilege of leading worship on a Sunday morning in the sanctuary. 42 weeks of continuing to adapt and adjust, to learn something new, filled with some anxiousness and definitely some sleepless nights.

You see, it was December 8, 2019 that I was last able to lead worship on a Sunday morning at Trinity UMC. The following Friday, I went to, what I thought would be my normal my weekly doctor's appointment. It was at the appointment that they discovered my blood pressure was quite high, and I was admitted to the hospital, and on Sunday, December 15 at 6:55 p.m., our daughter Lillian was born. And I began my maternity leave.

On March 15, 2020 the last Sunday of my maternity leave, I attended worship and helped facilitate a meeting following worship. And that was it. The pandemic was announced, leadership decided we would move to online worship, and online we have been. We've made some changes, moving from my kitchen table to back into the sanctuary. We were able to add music, thanks to the wonderful talents of Tammy and Jane.

I will be honest, these 42 weeks have been a rollercoaster of emotion, energy, and uncertainty. And we're not done yet. Even though we will resume in-person worship on October 4, we will continue to connect to our online and radio communities. We will be taking precautions to create as safe of space as possible. We will continue to learn and grow together.

For those who are ready to regather for in-person worship, I look forward to seeing you on October 4, and for those who are not quite ready, for whatever reason, I hear you, I see you, and I pray that you will continue to connect with us, and allow us to be your church home to grow in your faith and deepen your discipleship.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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Covid - 19 Updates
September 25, 2020

On Thursday, September 24, the Administrative Council, after hearing recommendations from the regathering team, decided to it is time to regather and offer in-person worship beginning **Sunday, October 4, 2020.**

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
- 2) Please RSVP to the church office either by email or phone – this will help us to know who worships with us each Sunday, and be prepared to welcome visitors
- 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
 - 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 would 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 in 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.

The Finance/ Administrative Council of the Trinity United Methodist Church met on Thursday, September 24, 2020, 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM teleconference. Members who connected to the teleconference meeting: Pastor Peggy Hanson, Gary Linn, Terri Keene, Cynthia McNeill, Bob McNeill, Syd DeVries, Jane LaFollette, Tammy Gilbery, LeeAnn Paananen, Cathy Collins, Brian Hanson and Lynn Larsen.

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

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Terri Keene moved/Syd DeVries seconded to **approve the August 27, 2020 minutes with Pastor Peggy taking vacation on October 18 and not October 8** as printed. **Motion carried.**

Cathy Collins, Church Accountant, reviewed the Cash Balance and Financial Statements with the Admin Council. She also reported work will begin soon on the 2021 Church Budget. Syd DeVries moved/Sue Holloway seconded to **approve the Cash Balance Statement. Motion carried.**

Sue Holloway moved/Jane LaFollette seconded to **move the Staff Pastor Parish report to this time of the meeting. Motion carried.** Cindy McNeill, Staff Pastor Parish Chair, reported she has met with the office staff, custodian and Pastor Peggy regarding salary compensation. LeeAnn Paananen recused herself from the discussion on the office staff salary compensation. Sue Holloway moved/Terri Keene seconded to **approve the salary compensation of \$13.77/hour for LeeAnn Paananen and Norma Nodlund, office staff, and \$12.00 /hour for Tanya Trueheart, custodian. Motion carried.** Pastor Peggy recused herself from the discussion on her salary compensation. Cindy stated with the current financial situation due to COVID-19 and giving being down, the pastor's salary will remain the same for 2021 and in six months a review will be held on pastor's salary and the church's financial situation. Cathy Collins recommended to review the pastor's salary compensation and the church's financial situation on a quarterly basis. Cindy will make the change to review those two items on a quarterly basis. This recommendation will be brought to the Admin Council and Charge Conference on October 22, 2020 for approval. Sue Holloway moved/Syd DeVries seconded to **rescind the proposal Cindy McNeil made for a six month review on the salary compensation and the church's financial situation in six months to a quarterly review beginning January 2021. Motion carried.** Pastor Peggy and LeeAnn returned to the meeting.

Discussion was held on the reopening of the church sanctuary for worship services on October 4th. Terri Keene moved/Sue Holloway seconded to **reopen the church sanctuary on October 4, 2020. Motion carried.** Pastor Peggy will provide information during her online Sunday Service on September 27 on the reopening of the church services.

Bob McNeill, Trustees Chair, reported new tires have been put on the plow truck. Volunteers will be needed to plow the snow this coming winter. Many little maintenance projects were completed during the Work Day that was recently held.

Pastor Peggy reported Nicole Davis has resigned from the Education committee. The youth group will gather together on October 7th in the CMC. COVID guidelines will be followed. She has started to make plans for the Advent season. The nomination committee will meet on October 4th for the 2021 church year. Plans are in the works for the youth to sell Christmas greens. The youth will follow COVID guidelines when selling the Christmas greens. She and her family will be taking vacation on October 18th and Jerry Simmons will be preaching.

Lynn Larsen, Member Care, stated she and her team called church members to take a survey on returning back to worship services in the church. Sue Holloway, Missions, reported on the diaper drive, sending out Thanksgiving and Christmas cards to Adopt-A-Platoon, shoe boxes for Christmas and Meals on Wheels. Tammy Gilbery and Jane LaFollette, church musicians, will alternate playing the piano on Sundays.

Pastor Peggy made a side note that some of the Admin Council members are not receiving the information sent out on the council meetings via email. She and her office staff will work on this problem.

There was no further business to come before the meeting.

The next Finance/Administrative Council meeting and Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m., CMC.

Pastor Peggy closed the meeting with the Church Breakthrough Prayer.

Lynn Larsen, Recording Secretary

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

We will gather on **Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.**

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!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!!!

We are looking for musicians willing to share their gifts with us on Sunday mornings! Either through a special music offering or by helping lead our congregational songs. If you'd be interested in sharing your gifts with the church, please contact Tammy Gilbery at tammygilbery@icloud.com or 605-641-5166.

**BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

Birthdays

- 10/2 Stacy Helmin**
- 10/3 Sandra Howell**
- 10/4 Suzanne Phillips**
- 10/5 John Hauge**
- 10/6 Barb Stott**
- 10/6 Terry Weisenberg**
- 10/7 Jacqueline Pearson**
- 10/8 KC Phillips**
- 10/10 William Pearson**
- 10/12 Lenyx Thorp**
- 10/13 Eli Heisinger**
- 10/16 Winifred Ferris**
- 10/17 Daniel Logan**
- 10/20 Cameon Jacobson Wefso**
- 10/20 Pastor Peggy Hanson**

Anniversaries:

- 10-25 Lee Ann and Wayne Paananen**

**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

Pastor Peggy will be on vacation
October 14-19, 2020

Thank you

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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James 2:14-17

Common English Bible

Showing faith

¹⁴ My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it?

¹⁵ Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat.

¹⁶ What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs?

¹⁷ In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

Staying Connected!

As we prepare to regather for worship, beginning October 4, 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/>

*Make sure to "like" the page and then tune it at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning for worship

*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.

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!

Selling of the Greens!

Starting Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Youth will be selling Christmas Greens to help support youth to go on mission trips, conference youth events, and summer camp

Greenery Sales will end on Sunday, October 25, 2020

*Our hope is to be able to distribute and hang garlands on Sunday, November 22, 2020

*Weather and delivery allowing

Please see a member of the youth group or Pastor Peggy for more information and to order.

Save the date: Annual Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Thursday, October 22** in the Christian Ministries Center at 6:30 p.m. as part of the month Administrative Council Meeting.

The purpose of the annual charge conference is to highlight the important ministries occurring within our church, and doing the business that needs to be done, such as presenting a draft budget, lay leadership, clergy compensation, and updating membership records.

All are welcome to join us for this important meeting.

Please note, that there may be times during the meeting when only members of the church are able to vote, but that will be explained during the charge conference.

Please wear a mask.

Youth Group Kick-Off Gathering

***Wednesday, October 7 2020**

All youth 6th-12th Grade are invited to join us
for a night of fellowship and fun!

**Jr. High (6th - 8th Grade) meet 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) meet 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.**

Please let Pastor Peggy know if you'll be attending
605-223-1222 (cell) or mstempson@iliff.edu

For youth group updates text @tumcyg2021 to 81010
(Must be over 13 years of age to receive texts)

*Please note this date is subject to change due to Covid-19

United Methodist Women

I will share with you some of the message from our Dakotas Conference United Methodist Women President, Marsha Timm of Elkton SD. She wrote in Dakota Links recently: "Greetings my Sisters, I am slowly adjusting to this "new normal". I thank God for my continued health and that of my family. I thank Him for technology that I may communicate with my children and grandchildren. I was recently reminded that God's love is everywhere, and His promises endure forever. My prayer is that each of you stay safe and healthy and confident in those Promises."

In excerpts from an email from our own President, Suzie Pearson writes: "I can't tell you how much I miss our meetings and seeing all of you. I want you to know I pray that God will protect you and your families from all harm and illness as this pandemic continues to increase daily in our county and our state. I ask that you pray for all the teachers custodians, paraprofessionals, staff, children and their families as this school year begins and there is so much fear and stress."

She concludes: "Even Jesus questioned things His father asked of Him and I truly believe even Jesus suffered from depression when times were rough, but His first priority was pleasing His Father. He trusted Him and knew that everything God the Father told Him was right. He was even obedient to God when He took His last breath. Jesus' obedience to His Father should serve as a model for our trust and obedience to Him and know that He will see us through these trying times. Don't beat yourself when you think you've "messed up". Know that God loves you and will help you through everything the way He loves Jesus with an unfailing and unconditional love. He will never love you more or less than He does right now. Keep your chins high and a smile on your face for God will see us through."

Perhaps we will be able to meet in November. Watch for that announcement later on.

Remember that United Methodist Women is open to any woman who wishes to engage in the UMW Vision: "Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."

Joyce Darling, Trinity United Methodist Women Secretary



"You've got the wrong man, I tell you! — I'm John the *Methodist!*"

**TUMC TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

In Attendance were Bob McNeill, Mike Darling, Wayne Holdcroft, Larry Howell, 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.

Lee Ann made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26th meeting. Second by Wayne and approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Bob is still working on getting paint bids for the church exterior.
2. Liquid Asphalt has us on the schedule to fix the heaved pavement on the Northwest end of the CMC. It is expected to be repaired by mid to late October. Wayne asked if it would be possible to change the gutter system in an effort to avoid the same problem in the future. This will be looked into.
3. The sprinkler system has been shut off. Wayne and Cindy did a great job keeping the lawns healthy and looking good.
4. Plow Truck is in place and has new tires.
5. The snow plow schedule needs to be completed. Bob will get with John Hauge on getting one created.
6. Work Day went well. Bob thanks everyone who came to help. Most projects were completed except some cleaning in the sanctuary, varnish on the sanctuary window sills and repainting the CMC conference room. LeeAnn and Bob will schedule a day to paint the conference room and Lee Ann will finish the tasks in the sanctuary.
7. An invoice still has not been received from HomeMasters and many requests from Bob.

New Business

1. Brotherhood Mutual has requested to give us a quote for liability insurance on our buildings. It was decided it would be a good idea to get quotes from a few companies since it has not been done in a while.
2. The neighbors tree fell down onto Church property during last storm. Since it is not in the parking lot or a hazard, it was decided to leave it laying for the time being.
3. The Church's Covid Task Force has recommended that we start to regather in the sanctuary for worship on October 4. It will be official if the Admin board approves the recommendation.
4. There has been an offer to start and pay for the renovation of the Wesley room to create a nursery. Pastor would like the youth rooms to be finished first.
5. The Youth are scheduled to regather on October 7. Pastor Peggy work with them to create a plan for painting and decorating the old office rooms.
6. Charge conference will be October 22 at 6:30 pm with the District Superintendent in attendance.

The meeting was closed in due form.

Next meeting will be October 22, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the CMC.

OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (CMC)	2 Please RSVP for worship by today	3 Men's bible study at 7:30 a.m. Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
4	5	6	7 Christmas Greens go on sale Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)	8 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (CMC)	9 Please RSVP for worship by today	10 Men's bible study at 7:30 a.m. Annual Conference (Online)
	Resumes in - Person Worship Nominations meeting at 10 a.m. Kiwanis	PEO Chapter L				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Christian Education Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the CMC	Office Closed	Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)		Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (CMC)	Please RSVP for worship by today	Men's bible study at 7:30 a.m.
					Pastor Peggy on Vacation	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Kiwanis	PEO Chapter L	Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)	Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (CMC) Meeting Night Charge Conference	Please RSVP for worship by today	Men's bible study at 7:30 a.m. Work on Youth Room at 10:00 a.m.
	Pastor Peggy on Vacation					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Greens sales End	Kiwanis	Staff Meeting at 12:30 Youth Group 5:30-8 (CMC)		Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (CMC)	Please RSVP for worship by today	Men's bible study at 7:30 a.m.

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.

Estimated Cash available for September, 2020

Cash Balance as of 9-20-20 \$46,755

Estimated expenses remaining in September

Sept P&I	2,155
Month end payroll	2,800
Est. Sept apportionment*	753
Estimated remaining bills	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	(\$6,708)

Accounts Payable (taken from Aug balance sheet)	(\$70,396)
Add back: PPP loan to be forgiven	\$13,100
Add back: Sept payments	<u>\$9,587</u>
Subtotal	(\$47,709)

Estimated Income remaining in September

Estimated offering 9-27-20	<u>1,000</u>
Subtotal	\$1,000

Estimated cash balance at 9-30-20 (\$7,662)

Member giving:

9/1	3,365
Sept EFT	1,460
9/9	1,534
9/14	485
9/20	1,570
9/27 est	<u>1,000</u>

Projected total \$9,414 X 8% = \$753 Estimated Conference Apportionment*

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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.

