

Trinity Times

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From Peggy's Pen

Well, here we are – entering into the year of 2019. For some, there is an excitement to say hello to 2019 and farewell to 2018. There are others who greet 2019 with an anxious trepidation, not sure what this year has in store for them. Usually around this time of year, we start talking about resolutions, making changes and promises to ourselves and to others. A new year seems to hold so many possibilities.

The reality, it's is our choice of how we want to approach and live into this New Year. The same things that we struggled with in the previous year don't just disappear because we changed a calendar. They continue to exist. The habits that we formed, both healthy and not as healthy are still part of who we are. Often we wish that as we enter a new year, that all the problems and struggles would disappear, but we know that's not the case.

If we want to have changes in our lives, that means we have to make a choice and a conscientious choice at that. We have to be intentional about making the changes – to set realistic goals, work to achieve those goals, and it helps to have someone, or a small group, help to hold you accountable.

The same thing is true with our Faith and Spirituality. We are all works in progress and need to make continuing on our journeys of faith. God wants to work within each and every one of our hearts. God wants to transform them to look more like Christ in this world. That takes making changes. Setting realistic goals, and being willing to be held accountable. It takes saying "yes."

There are many ways you can make active changes, to make 2019 a year of deepening your faith and your discipleship. Commit to prayer and scripture. Join/Facilitate a Bible Study. Participate in worship as an usher, liturgist, or creating an opportunity for fellowship. Join an area of ministry such as leading Sunday School, helping connect with folks in our community through outreach, or how we can share the light of Christ through Missions. Let's start 2019 right!

Pastor Peggy Hanson

TUMC December 2018 Finance Committee Newsletter

All November 2018 church expenses are forecast to be paid in full by the end of the month with no anticipated outstanding liabilities remaining. The projected end-of-month (November) available undesignated cash balance is forecast in the amount of **\$3,864**.

Please note our year-to-date church total contributions are about \$5,000 below our budget.

The parsonage, church and CMC roofs have been replaced with some additional CMC work delayed until spring. The majority of the roofing invoice has been paid with an outstanding retained deposit amount pending full completion on the CMC.

November motions:

1. To sell the UBS Operating Account - SALE TOTAL S.A. FRANCE FUND and hold the proceeds in the UBS account as cash funds, pending future investing - Complete.
2. Purchase 3-4 new 8-ft long tables, budgetary estimate of \$300, to be funded from the Biker Breakfast Fund. Subsequent discussions changed funding to be made from undesignated funds. Four tables purchased – Complete.
3. Trustees are evaluating potential insurance providers. Evaluation complete decision made to continue with Acuity - Complete.
4. The transfer of \$250 of undesignated funds into the checking account Christian Education Fund - Complete.

December motions:

1. Transfer \$67.97 from Biker Breakfast to the Special Projects – Halloween Party fund to offset extra expenditures.

December 2018 End of Month Forecast

Cash balance December 15, 2018	\$110,792
Estimated Member Giving and EFTs for balance of November	\$ 3,000
Estimated remaining November bills	(\$ 7,745)
<u>Accounts Payable and outstanding checks, as of October 31st</u>	<u>(\$109,911)</u>
Forecast Available Undesignated Cash in Checking Balance	\$ 3,864

Memorial savings account balance on November 15, 2018 **\$ 6,942**

UBS Accts Available Cash – Contained in the full Financial Report

Capital Projects Acct. \$ 4,465 - Page 20

Operating Acct. \$ 16,470 - Page 30

YTD (Thru November)

Budgeted Donations & Other Income	\$165,109
Actual Donations & Other Income	\$169,794
Budgeted Expenses	\$177,642
Actual Expenses	\$159,667

Note: Actual November donations in bold font, estimated donations in light font. **12/2 - \$2,832, 12/9 - \$4,145, Nov. EFTs - \$1,860, 12/16 - \$2,128, 12/23 - \$3,000, 12/30 - \$1,500: Projected Total \$13,965 X 16% = \$2,234 Estimated Conference Apportionment.**

UPCOMING EVENTS: See articles for info

Thurs mornings 9:30 am Bible Study
Sat mornings 7:30 am Men’s Bible Study
Sunday mornings: 8 am Bible Study CMC
Sunday mornings: 10:30 am Bible Study CMC
All are welcome to join in any or all Bible Study classes.
Jan 3 UMW meets at 12:30 in CMC
Jan 17 VOTA concert in Rapid City
Jan 18-19 Winterfest
Jan 20 Change for a Change offering- Kids sing
Jan 25-26 Winter Connection Storm Mtn
Jan 31 Souper Starz in the CMC 5:30 pm

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Sabbath Day (Day Off): Friday

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

Please note there will be no coffee shop hours on Tuesday, January 1 or January 8, 2019

The Christian Education committee meets the 1st Thur of each month at 5:30pm in the CMC small conference room.
We welcome you to join us.

Adult Bible Studies:

Sunday Mornings at 8am in the large conference room at the CMC. Studying Christianity. Terri Keene leading.

Sunday Mornings at 10:30am in the small conference room at the CMC. Studying The Names of God. Debbie Vardiman leading.

Thur. mornings at 9:30am in the large conference room at the CMC. Women’s Bible Study – Be a Winner. Shelli DeVries and Sylvia Haux leading.

Sat. mornings at 7:30am at the CMC. Men’s Bible Study – Be a Winner. Syd DeVries and Rocky Mattson leading.

All classes and times are listed on our website www.leadtumc.com

Children’s Sunday School is each Sunday during worship service. The children are dismissed to the Sunday School rooms upstairs following the Children’s Moment in the worship service. If you would like to lead the class time with the children one Sunday you may call the church office 584-1328 and speak with Pastor Peggy.

Thank you to Tammy Gilbery, Helen Auer, Theo Rogers and the children for the wonderful Christmas pageant.

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Dear Church Friends,
For those of you who took the time this past year to send cards, send your church bulletin, visit, call, give rides, sing carols, and pray for our shut-ins and assisted living/nursing home residents, the member care committee thanks you for your loving care of these very special people in our church.

May God bless you all.

Lynn Larsen, Carolgene Peters, Joyce Darling, Jan Peppmeier, Pam Palmer and Dave Palmer

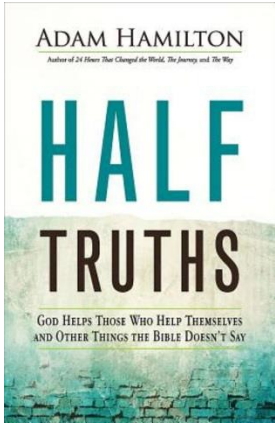
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Confirmation class: The first Sunday of each month starting in March. Sunday afternoon at 4pm in the large conference room at the CMC.

UMW

Next meeting will be January 3 at 12:30 in the Christian Ministry Center

New Sermon Series! Begins January 20

You're invited to join us as we dive into *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* beginning January 20. Together we will explore simple sounding Christian phrases that capture an element of truth, but miss the point in important ways. From "Everything happens to a reason" to "Love the sinner hate the sin," along with other platitudes.



We'll begin our series with "Everything Happens for a Reason," and then we will continue with "God Helps Those Who Help Themselves," "God Won't give You More Than You Can Handle," "God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It," and concluding with "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin." We hope you'll join us for this captivating series!

If you would like to read along, or would be interested in a small group discussion group on Tuesday nights, please let Pastor Peggy to get you a book. Thank you!

Attention All Youth!

Grades 6th – 12th

Winter Connection

January 25-26, 2019

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 "Is there an App for that?" Through worship, learning, small groups, mission, projects, food and fellowship we will grow in our faith and continue to build our trust in God, even in the most difficult times of life.

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

Registrations (both form and money)* are due by Thursday, January 16, 2019.

*Scholarships are available

VOTA

VOTA *Free* Concert

Thursday, January 17, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Rapid City First United Methodist Church

VOTA was the band that played at DAKYOUTH 2018

They loved the Dakotas so much they wanted to come back!

Come check them out!

If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Peggy



Nativity 2018

Change To Make A Change

Last year we began "Change To Make A Change" on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This is an expansion of the "Loaf of Bread" offering that used to take place. During the year of 2018, our children collected **\$1913.86** for local, national, and worldwide missions and ministries! Your loose change really added up!

As we enter into 2019, we are excited that we will be continuing this ministry and are so thankful for the help of our young disciples and for your generosity! This will continue on the third Sunday of the month. Your loose change can be paper or coin and will help make a change in the lives other others as we support a mission/outreach project!

For the month of January, on Sunday, January 20, 2019 our change to make a change will go to support the Dakotas Medical Mission Trip to Honduras. The offering collected will go to support the medications and supplies needed to offer medical care, especially to children in need.

WINTERFEST

TUMC has been asked to participate in the activity over the January 18-19th weekend. On Friday, we will be a part of the Progressive Chili Feed. On Saturday, the front room will be converted into the "Kid Zone" so families with young children can warm up with various activities including a craft table, hot coca and cookies to decorate, toy area and a reading area for quiet time. Then next meeting of the Winterfest Committee will take place on Thursday, Dec. 27th so more information is forth coming. If you are interested in helping with the chili feed, please contact Pastor Peggy. If you would like to help with the Kid Zone, please contact Sue Holloway.

Souper Starz

TUMC is hosting the first Souper Starz of 2019 on Thursday, January 31st. We will need to make about 3 soups to be served starting at 5:00pm.

Sue Holloway will be presenting on Clothe-A-Kid and would appreciate your attendance to vote on this project.

The cost is \$10 per person with \$5 going to the organization that receives the majority of the votes. Those interested in helping, please contact Pastor Peggy.

2018 TRUSTEES REPORT

In 2018 the Trustees received several generous donations from the Cecil Nelson Memorial, which allowed us to complete some big projects that have been pending for several years. These included replacing the vinyl flooring and repainting the Johnson Room, replacing the vinyl flooring in the CMC kitchen & bathrooms and installing a sprinkler system for the church & CMC lawn.

In June, the church buildings all received extensive hail damage. The roofs have been replaced, but painting trims, rafters, siding and repair of cross and flame are still pending.

In the fall we installed a projector system in the church and updated the second floor Sunday school rooms and hallway with new LED light fixtures, and fresh paint.

On our spring and fall church work days we completed cleaning projects, minor wall repair and paint projects, partially patched the parking lot wall, reduced the height of the south retaining wall due to tilt, and completed the regular preventative maintenance.

With the help of the finance committee, we established an accruing fund for the HVAC system so when the time comes to replace furnaces in the CMC, we will have money set aside for that purpose.

Throughout the year our Trustee's work on numerous projects large and small to maintain and improve our church. They build custom screen windows, repair and paint walls, awnings, and doors, repair the dishwasher and hot water tank, trouble shoot water leaks and various plumbing problems, plow the parking lots and make sure the boiler system, and furnaces are in good working order. When you see Larry Howell, Don Rogers, Don Daywitt, Dean Geiman, John Hauge, Bob McNeill and Mike Darling, please let them know how much you appreciate all they do for our Church.

Projects for 2019 include completing the repair of the retaining wall and patching the large parking lot wall, replacing the ballast lights in the CMC with LED fixtures, installing electronic locks on the church and CMC to better control access and set aside money in the HVAC fund. Pastor Peggy has applied for a Builders Grant that would assist us in moving the church offices to the CMC for better visibility and accessibility and convert the current offices to youth space. We are also applying for an Outside of Deadwood Grant to replace the old wood siding on the church with siding that is more durable. If you are interested in contributing to any of these funds, please note it on your contribution and on the contribution envelope.

Thanks for all your support!

Cameon Jacobson Wefso
2018 Trustees Chair

Birthdays:

Jan 5 Helen Auer

Jan 5 Maxine Morcom

Jan 8 Judy Hink

Jan 8 Cindy Specht

Jan 10 Marta Artz

Jan 11 Shirley Millard

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

Trinity UMW

Fun & fellowship guided the Trinity United Methodist Women as they celebrated the Christmas season.

On December 6 cookie plates were prepared for carolers to distribute on the afternoon of December 9. Thank you to everyone who made cookies and participated.

Also on the 6th the members joined the Presbyterian ladies for a lovely Christmas luncheon and program. Our group will host next year's event.

The residents of Golden Ridge welcomed over 20 carolers on December 16. It was a lot of fun for everyone.

We invite all women of the church to attend the January 3 meeting at the Christian Ministry Center at 12:30. Happy New Year!



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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!	2 No School No Youth Group	3	4	5
6 Zoe Frauen Preaching!	7 Ashley Lary	8	9 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30—Mattson Sr. High 6:30-8	10	11	12
13 Youth 2019 Meeting at 10:45 Confirmation 1-4	14	15	16 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30—Teah & Theo Sr. High 6:30-8 RSVP for Winter Connection.	17 VOTA Concert @ 7 p.m. at Rapid City First UMC	18 No School	19
20 Loose Change & Kids Sing	21 No School	22	23 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30— Sr. High 6:30-8	24	25	26
27	28 Kailee Bertrand	29	30 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30—Mattson Sr. High 6:30-8	31 Souper Starz at 5:30 in the CMC		

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KINDNESS

- The older you get the more you realize that kindness is synonymous with happiness - Lionel Barrymore
- Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence or learning- F. W. Farber
- A part of kindness consists in loving people more than they deserve.- Joseph Joubert
- Kindness is the truest revealer of a person's greatness.
- Most bread cast upon the water returns with butter and jam on it.