

# Trinity Times

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## From Peggy's Pen:

Some of my earliest childhood memories involve Downey United Methodist Church; my home church in southern California. For the majority of my life – I have always felt home within the church, with only a few exceptions during my personal rebellious and wandering phases of life.

Throughout my lifetime, the church has been a second family to me, supporting and living me through difficult times, and challenging me to be a better person and better follower of Jesus. I am still a work in progress, and that's why I firmly believe that I need the church, and am called to be part of the body of Christ connected through the church.

In September, I'll be beginning a new sermon series focusing on "finding your place" within the church and the body of Christ. We will explore the gifts we've been given, and how we are called to use them in acts of ministry and service. Together we will even take a spiritual gifts survey, and how that can help us better to be active within Trinity United Methodist Church. "Finding Your Place" will begin on September 9 and will continue through October 7, and then on October 14 we will share in a time of claiming and reclaiming our faith in Jesus as part of worship, including welcoming those who want to claim TUMC as their church home.

Check Out our Series:

**Sunday, September 9** – "Finding Your Place – In the Grand Scheme"

**Sunday, September 16** – "Finding Your Place – In the Chaos"

**Sunday, September 23** – "Finding Your Place – How to stay young an useful

all your life"

**Sunday, September 30** – "Finding Your Place – With Others"

**Sunday, October 7** – "Finding Your Place – Right Fit"

I hope that you will be able to join us for upcoming sermon series!

Pastor Peggy Hanson

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## SAVE THE DATES: New Members Class!

Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity United Methodist Church? Learning more about what it means to be a United Methodist? Remembering and renewing your faith as a follower of Jesus, and your connection to the United Methodist Church? If yes, we'd like to invite you to a New Member's Class!

Pastor Peggy will be offering a New Member's Class on **Thursday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 15 at 10 a.m.** The classes will last approximately 2 hours. (Please note that you only need to attend ONE of these classes.)

Please contact the office, or pastor Peggy to let them know that you will be attending. Also, please let us know if you would need childcare during that time for your younger children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Peggy. Thank you!

The Finance and Administrative boards met on August 16, 2018 at the Christian Ministry Center at 6 PM.

Present were Pastor Peggy Hanson, David Vardiman, Finance Chair, Gary Linn, Administrative Chair, Cameon Wefso, Trustees Chair, John Hauge, Royal Brooking, Vickie Hauge, Tammy Gilbery, Brian Hanson, Debbie Vardiman, Sharon Narem

Gary Linn called the meeting to order with a devotion from Psalm 33 V4 and prayer.

David Vardiman moved we accept the July minutes as printed. Second by Tammy Gilbery. Carried

David Vardiman gave the August finance reports. Discussion on the Conference Flex Fund rebate. Brian Hanson moved that \$3000 from the Conference Flex Fund rebate be designated for roof repairs from hail damage and the rest will go into undesignated funds.

Tammy Gilbery second. Carried.

Recommendations by Lisa on the UBS accounts will be addressed at the next meeting when Jerry P can be present.

**Discussion on the budget.** Chair Vardiman is asking that all requests from committees be in by the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting.

Copies of the budget are available for all Committee chairs.

Motion by Cameon Wefso that \$1000 from the Conference Flex Fund rebate be moved to the snow removal fund. Vickie Hauge second. Carried.

Motion by David Vardiman to accept the Finance report as presented. Tammy Gilbery second. Carried.

Old Business Finance: none New Business Finance: none

**Trustee's Report:**

Cameon reported on the Capital Improvements to be made in the Sunday School rooms.

Sound Pro will be the company used for the Projection Installation System.

Sprinkler system procedures were finalized.

Hail damage to church buildings will be handled by HomeMasters. Will check into shingle changes.

October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the the Black Hills Pioneer lease termination.

**Pastor's report:**

Pastor Peggy reported on the calendar for youth, spaces updated in the church. Lighting in the cry room has been put on a dimmer switch. The Halloween event will hopefully take place again this year. Worship: Sept 9-Oct 7 Series will be "Finding Your Place".

There will be a series of Town Hall meetings to address what's happening in our global denomination. Bishop's gathering will be at Rapid City 1<sup>st</sup> on October 30 at 6:30 pm. Charge Conference will be November 18 at 3pm at Spearfish UMC. Save the date. This Sunday, 8/19, Sherry Meister from the Dakotas Foundation will be here to help anyone who wants to have help in dreaming about Finance. Committee chairs and anyone who wants to attend.

Pastor Peggy will be out of the office the week of August 20. She will be taking vacation Sept 20-24.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:** The next Education meeting will be Sept 5th at 5:30 at the CMC. Debbie reported that VBS went very well.

**Missions:** The Prairie Hills Mission Event will be held Oct. 14 at Rapid City 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-4:30 pm.

**Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations:** Royal B reported that the ad for a complementary secretary position will be out for 2 weeks. Need to be in by the end of the month.

**United Methodist Women:** Had a potluck at the park. Next meeting will be Sept 6 at 12:30 at the CMC. All women of the church are welcome.

**Old Business:**

Chair Gary Linn reopened the tabled motion made by Debbie Vardiman to consider reducing our conference payment from 16% to 10%. The reasoning behind the motion was to put more money in our budget to enable the church to complete some of the projects that were brought up at Journey Renewal that we already had on our agenda. Information was received from the DS Kevin Kloster and Conference Treasurer Jeff Pospisil on the effects of not paying the 16% and copies of the conference budget. After a lengthy discussion the vote was a majority Nay with one aye. Motion did not pass.

**New Business:**

Motion by Sharon Narem to donate \$250 from Biker Breakfast funds to Teen Court in recognition of the youth who helped all week at the Biker Breakfast. David Vardiman second. Carried.

Next meeting will be Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Sharon Narem  
Secretary Pro-tem

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept.3 Office Closed  
Sept 5 Education meeting 5:30 CMC  
Sept 8 Breakthrough Prayer Gathering  
Sept 12 Youth Group Kick-Off!! 5:30-8 pm  
Sept 16 Breakfast Group (Bible Study) 8am CMC  
Sept 16 Change to Make a Change during worship  
Sept 16 – 22 Meals on Wheels  
Sept 16 Confirmation meeting 10:30 am CMC  
**Sept 20-24 Pastor Peggy out of the office.**  
Sept 20 Trustee's Meeting 5 pm CMC  
Sept 20 Finance and Admin Board 6 pm CMC

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Sabbath Day (Day Off): Friday

## Education Committee

Our Education meeting will be Wed. Sept 5 at 5:30pm. We meet in the CMC.

The Sunday morning breakfast group will begin meeting Sept 16, 2018 at 8 am in the large conference room in the CMC. All are welcome to join us for this wonderful time of study together.

## Save the Date!

"South Dakota's Largest Home Party" is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd at the CMC. This event is a fund raiser for "Send Hope" in Honduras which is a Methodist Mission. More information to follow in October's Newsletter.

## Updates!

There have been some exciting changes that have been in the works and we want to share with you an update!

### Media in the Sanctuary:

We are in process of having televisions and media capabilities installed in the sanctuary. An exact date has not been set for installation at the time of this article being written, but hope to have one set soon! There will be two televisions installed at the front of the sanctuary and one on the front of the balcony. We will be able to display song lyrics and sermon illustrations, to help folks connect in worship in a different way. We will be running all the media from the balcony. **And if you're interested in learning more about being part of the media team, please talk to Pastor Peggy!**

### Children's Spaces:

A small team of people met to evaluate our spaces for our children and how we can best update and utilize these spaces. In the next few weeks, you'll be invited to join with us as we clean out, and update supplies in our Sunday School Rooms, along with painting the rooms and hallways. We have changed the lights in the hallways, classrooms, and cry room. And are working on painting the cry room and installing a privacy film, so parents can look out, but folks can't look in, to provide privacy to nursing mothers.

These are some very exciting updates and have been made possible through some generous memorial gifts and donations. And we are still exploring ways to make all these spaces welcoming, friendly, and to fit the needs of the ministries we believe God is calling us toward. If you would be interested in partnering with us, either through financial gifts, time, and service, please contact either Cameon Wefso or Pastor Peggy.

## TUMC August 2018 Finance Committee Newsletter

All August 2018 church expenses are forecast to be paid in full by the end of the month with no anticipated outstanding liabilities remaining. The preliminary projected end-of-month (August) available undesignated cash balance is forecast in the amount of \$20,032.

However, during late July and early August three deposits were made including; a conference Pension & Health Flex program rebate check - \$6,778; 2018 Biker Breakfast fund raiser gross contributions - \$8,369; and the approved UBS fund transfer - \$3,401, all of which are included in the \$54,540 August 15<sup>th</sup> checking account balance stated below. A reconciled projected cash balance which accounts for proper allocation of the UBS transfer and Biker Breakfast contributions into their respective Accounts Payable funds and accounts for the Admin. Council motions shown below would indicate an **August month end projection of \$4,012.**

The Administrative Council approved the following financial motions.

- 1.) Motion to donate \$250 from Biker Breakfast fund to Teen Court.
- 2.) Motion to transfer \$1,000 from undesignated funds to the checking account Snow Removal Fund.
- 3.) Motion to pay the pending \$3,000 hail damage insurance deductible from undesignated funds to checking account Property Maintenance Fund.

### August 2018 End of Month Forecast

Cash balance August 15, 2018	<b>\$54,540</b>
Estimated Member Giving and EFTs for balance of August	\$ 4,860
Estimated remaining August bills	(\$7,042)
<u>Accounts Payable and outstanding checks, as of August 30<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>(\$32,326)</u>
Forecast Available Undesignated Cash in Checking Balance	\$20,032
	Admin. Motions (\$4,250)
	UBS fund transfer (\$3,401)
	<u>2018 Biker Breakfast (\$8,369)</u>
	<b>Revised Forecast \$4,012</b>

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

UBS Accts Available Cash – As stated in the full Financial Report – Pages 19 & 30

Capital Projects Acct. \$ 3,159  
**Operating Acct. \$ 9,175**

### YTD (Thru end of July)

<b>Budgeted Donations &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>\$111,910</b>
<b>Actual Donations &amp; Other Income</b>	<b>\$110,853</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$114,298</b>
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$98,086</b>

Note: Actual donations in **bold font**, estimated in light font. 8/5 - \$2,103, 8/6 - \$500, 8/12 - \$2,103, 8/19- \$1,500, August EFTs - \$1,860, 8/26 - \$1,500: Projected Total \$9,566 X 16% = \$1,531 Estimated Conference Apportionment.

**Budget: Requests from committees on their budgetary needs for 2019 should be submitted to the finance committee by the Sept 20 meeting.**

## Change To Make A Change

Every month, on the Third Sunday, we will be sharing in a special offering during children's time. Our children are going to help collect any change (paper or coin), to help make a change. All the collection will go to support a mission/outreach project. Each month will be different. The mission could be local, national, and/or world-wide.

This offering is an expansion of the "Loaf-Of-Bread" offering that was taking place. By diversifying, we're helping to share the light of Christ to many, many more!

Here are our updates!

**January:** Mission Trip to Honduras, we collected \$169.75

**February:** Money for Hygiene supplies for the LDHS, we collected \$128.20

**March:** Money for Post-Prom Breakfast, we collected \$126.07

**April:** Camp Scholarships, we collected \$388.00

**May:** Clothe-A-Kid, we collected \$202.22

**June** Vacation Bible School, we collected \$103.54

**July:** United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), we collected \$184.63

**August:** Teen Court, we collected \$114.21

For the month of September, on Sunday, September 16, 2018 our change to make a change will go to support Health Kits through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). These health kits will be taken to the annual fall mission fair on Sunday, October 14 at Rapid City 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist church. These donations will help support those who are affected by natural disasters. Let's help make a difference in the lives of children and youth in our community.

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## The Power of Prayer Break Through Prayer Meetings

For the month of September we will joining together for our monthly breakthrough prayer gathering on the second Saturday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. We will join together to share in a time of prayer and prayer walking. Our prayer gatherings will continue to focus on God breaking through into the ministries of Trinity UMC.

We will gather on **Saturday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Johnson room to begin our time of prayer. 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.

Beginning on Sunday, September 9 – we will be starting a new 1:11 (p.m. or a.m.) prayer!  
**Almighty God, we ask you to breakthrough in our lives and in the life of our church, unleashing Your power without limit; to do what only you can do within us, to do all the great things you have in store for us and for this community. Amen!**

Thank you for joining us in this important ministry of breakthrough prayer!

## TUMC TRUSTEES MEETING

August 16, 2018

Present: Mike Darling, Bob McNeill, John Hauge, Don Daywitt, Cameon Wefso, Pastor Peggy Hanson, and David Vardiman,

Pastor Peggy opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business**

Space Committee –We have not yet received an estimate for replacing the carpet on the second floor church Sunday School room area but that is currently outside our remaining Capital Improvements and Maintenance budgets. We do have funds to paint and improve the lighting in that area. A lighting estimate from Phil's Electric to replace the tube lights in the upper hall of the church with LEDs and to replace the fixtures in the Sunday School rooms with less institutional looking LED fixtures was reviewed and approved.

Projector System Bids – Bids from SoundPro and Haggerty's were reviewed for installation of the projector system in the church sanctuary. The bids were nearly identical except for a larger screen recommendation for the rear of the church by SoundPro. Administrative Council and Finance approved spending up to \$8000 on this project at the July meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to move forward with SoundPro for the installation of the Projection System. Pastor Peggy will coordinate the project with them.

The Sprinkler System PM Policy – Pastor Peggy went through Shut Down/Winterization and Start up procedures without any problems. The new manual will be placed in the Preventative Maintenance Manual in the Church Office and also in the Boiler Room near the Sprinkler Control Panel.

Hail Damage – Insurance appraisal and contactor bids

The Insurance adjustors report was reviewed along with the summary provided by HomeMaster Construction and a summary of a meeting with Diamond Roofing. We currently have 40-year shingles on the church roof. Both companies will include an upgrade to 50-year shingles. Diamond Roofing will perform the work following insurance estimates for Roofing only; additional work (painting, windows, etc.) could be completed by Trustees or whomever we wish to hire. They will upgrade to 50-year CertainTeed Northgate Shingles. HomeMasters will perform the work following insurance estimates for scope of work and upgrade to 50-year shingles Malarkey Legacy Shingles. They would work with the Trustees if there parts of the scope of work that the Trustees prefer to take care of. After extensive discussion, it was agreed to go with HomeMasters. Bob McNeill would like to do some more research on shingle brands. Cameon will call HomeMasters to verify we can select a different brand of shingle if we choose. She will also check with the insurance agent to see if we can apply the money specified for re-painting the siding to an Outside of Deadwood Grant we plan to apply for this winter.

### **New Business**

We received notice that BH Pioneer will terminate their lease effective October 1. We will discuss what to do with that space at the September meeting.

**Next meeting** - September 20

## A Way Forward

The United Methodist Church is a global denomination that throughout the years has wrestled with difficult topics such as slavery and the role of women in the church. During some of these times, the denomination felt it was better to divide in order to best serve Christ and the communities of followers of Christ; while in other times, it found ways to stay united and navigate the turbulent waters.

Well friends, I am here to tell you that the United Methodist Church is again approaching a crossroad as we wrestle with the topic of homosexuality in the church. Below is the brief history of this topic.

In the 1970's at a General Conference (a global representation of the UMC that happens every quadrennial), the statement "Homosexuality is incompatible with Christian Teaching" ¶161 G (*Book of Discipline* p.113) was added to the *Book of Discipline*, which is our denominations guidelines and doctrinal statements. Since this addition in the 1970's people have been trying to have the language changed or removed for a multitude of reasons.

In 2016 the conversations hit a breaking point, when the General Conference asked the Council of Bishops to find a way forward in navigating these discussions. The Bishops created a special commission of people known as "A Commission On A Way Forward" that was comprised of people from different theological, political, ethnic backgrounds. The Commission met over several months and have released 3 plans to present at a specially called General Conference in February of 2019.

In the month of October, I would like to host 3 town hall meetings to inform you of what these plans state and invite us to be in prayer for our denomination and the upcoming General Conference. During these town hall meetings, we will **not** be debating the topic of homosexuality in the church, but seeking to understand the different viewpoints, proposals and how to best be in prayer. The town hall gatherings will be held on:

**Saturday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, October 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m.**

Following these meetings, there will also be a gathering at Rapid City First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 30 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with Bishop Bruce Ough.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me. If you're unable to attend one of these town hall meetings, but would like to visit with me, I am happy to do that as well. Thank you for your time and please be in prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance and that people would be open to the Spirit.

Peace and God Bless,

Pastor Peggy Hanson



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### South Africa and Swaziland Mission Trip:

This trip took place August 15 through the 25th. We prepared a huge garden which will help feed the 1000 children 6 days a week. Some of us had the opportunity to spend most of one day working and getting to know the Lydia's Ladies sewers. After church, we drove to Swaziland where we have VBS with up to 100 children for 4 days. A few of us were on the construction team which meant hauling cinder blocks, priming and painting two rooms and a shared bath for 2 seniors after the rest of the senior rooms and care taker's room are finished. Thanks to your generosity, I was able to take 150 pounds for medical supplies and equipment to Kudvumisa Mission. They started as a transportation service to take patients to the hospital 25 miles away for the only medical care in the area. They now provide medical care and blood draws through their mobile clinic. In January, it is hoped that they open a state of the art medical clinic which only 18 months ago was an old vacant warehouse. All of this couldn't have happened without donor support like your's. Many thanks for making our donation possible.

#### Birthdays:

- 9/1 Robert Phillips
- 9/2 Norman Mason
- 9/3 Haley Lux
- 9/6 Cameran Stoflet
- 9/7 Annie Auchampach
- 9/7 Nancy Galland
- 9/9 Holly Heisinger
- 9/9 Jan Peppmeir
- 9/13 Monty Westphal
- 9/16 Charles Ferris
- 9/18 Kaman Dragoo
- 9/18 Dorothy Erhart
- 9/18 Nate Finster
- 9/22 Benjie Stoflet
- 9/24 Cara Pat Phillips
- 9/25 Robert Harvey
- 9/26 Donald Daywitt
- 9/27 Theo Rogers
- 9/28 Jane Hallberg
- 9/28 Deidra Larson
- 9/29 Peggy Cleveland
- 9/30 Danielle Reller

#### Anniversaries:

- 9/5 Sherry and Alvin Yost
- 9/12 Peter and Jacquelyn Fuller
- 9/14 Terri and John Keene
- 9/16 Robert and Cara Pat Phillips
- 9/18 Faunille and Kevin Cummings

#### Save the date: Annual Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Spearfish United Methodist Church.** We will be joining together with Spearfish, Piedmont – Grace, Sturgis, Faith, and Camp Crook United Methodist Church in a celebration charge conference to highlight the important ministries occurring at our churches, in addition to doing the business that needs to be done.

Together we will share in worship with a featured praise team, we'll hear about how we are all connected through building the kingdom of God, and share in a time to celebrate ministry!

All are welcome to join us for this important meeting. Please let the office know if you're able to attend. And we can also work on carpooling/caravanning to Spearfish.

# Youth Group Kick-Off Gathering

**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join us  
for a night of fellowship and fun!  
We'll also share in a pizza dinner!  
**5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

\*\*If you have a pizza topping preference or allergy – please let pastor Peggy know.

Please let Pastor Peggy know if you'll be attending –  
562-505-6363 (cell) or [mstempson@iliff.edu](mailto:mstempson@iliff.edu)

## New Confirmation Class!

All youth and parents who are interested in learning more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus and the Methodist Church are invited to join for a confirmation informational meeting on Sunday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Ministry Center. During this time we will discuss what confirmation is, the schedule, and expectations for the coming year. If you have any questions – please contact Pastor Peggy directly! Thank you!

# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship at Rochford @ 7	3 Labor Day No School	4	5	6 Cameran Stofflet	7	8 Breakthrough Prayer at 9:30a
9 Current Confirma- tion class at 11	10	11	12 Mania Kruske Youth Group Begins 5:30 p.m.—8 p.m.	13 Jacob Smith New members Class 5:30 p	14	15 New members Class 10 a.m.
16 New Confirmation Class Meeting	17	18	19 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30— Sr. High 6:30-8	20	21	22
23	24	25 Clarity Pray	26 Jr. High 5:30-7 Dinner at 6:30— Sr. High 6:30-8	27	28 Homecoming	29
30 Confirmation Sunday						



Chris and his wife have been coming to our Biker Breakfast since 2003 (photo Sue H)



They have come to our Biker Breakfast 4 times. From Maryland and Delaware (photo Sue H)

## Biker Breakfast Thank you

Many thanks to all who helped with the 'Biker Breakfast'. I don't have the final figures since I have been gone. We are particularly thankful for all of the help from Teen Court and the Bondslaves from Winnipeg who worked every day. I'm especially thankful for the help of my committee of Larry Howell and Carolgene Peters plus Betty Bender who did the laundry every day!