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The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church of Port Townsend is to be a welcoming ministry; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.

Spotlight: Ron and Shirley Rivas

By Beth Mackey

Say hello to **Shirley** and **Ron Rivas**, recent arrivals in Port Townsend from Anchorage, Alaska where they lived for 40 years. Quite a move but a good one as it turns out. They have joined a daughter here and have not looked back.

Shirley was born in Mooringsport, Louisiana to **Charles** and **Mary Zelma Collins**. Ron's father was born in 1906 and mother in 1910 both in San Antonio. His forebears came to the United States in 1846 from the Canary Islands.

Shirley graduated from Fair Park High in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she also attended Norton Business School and Centenary College. Ron graduated from Leuzinger High School, Los Angeles, in 1963, attended college for 3 years and joined the Air Force. He confesses to having only two jobs in his life, the service and Atlantic Richfield Oil Company.

Shirley mostly worked in the oil and gas industry as a comptometer operator, stenographer, secretary and marketing administrative staff. She was contacted by United Gas Pipe Line Company to apply for a job when she was only seventeen. Her mother had to sign a minor's release. Later, Shirley worked for Standard Oil of California in the Exploration Depart-

ment pre Prudhoe Bay Field discovery.

May 19, 1980, was the first day of Shirley's new job at Prudhoe Bay.

Luckily, her boss invited her to join a tour of the field. That tour included a visit to the Central Compressor Plant.

The place is gigantic and the board room looks like the Star Ship Enterprise and is operated by one Operator. The day of the tour, that Operator was Ron Rivas. As they say, the rest is history.

A unique and memorable travel experience among many was the Parliament of World's Religion in Cape Town, South Africa where Shirley and Ron were privileged to hear **Nelson Mandela** speak.

"We decided to move because all of our children have moved to the West Coast in the past few years and our youngest, **Nathan**, kept hinting that he would like to have us nearer," says Shirley. Thank you, Nathan!

Shirley and Ron love having the water on three sides. Once they get settled in their home, she wants to take up sailing and kayaking. They love the way people walk and bike all over the place and how



friendly and helpful people are. Ron says they love the art and music events but have found they have trouble deciding which event to attend. They love the Saturday Market, Aldrich's, the Co-Op, downtown architecture, Trinity Methodist Church with its Pastor and congregation. Meeting **Wendell** and **Laurel** at the Farmer's Market was a serendipitous event. "They invited us to Trinity and we came." Ron says, "We have found the people we have met at church to be wonderful and welcoming. I was not looking for a church that Saturday so I guess you have to say that God does work in mysterious ways." Trinity is richer for this blessing because Shirley and Ron have added their wonderful voices to the choir. Such a gift!

Anchorage's loss, Port Townsend and Trinity's gain.



Pastor's Log November 2011

November is usually the time for Harvest Dinners at many churches as a celebration of the harvesting being completed and the sharing of that bountiful harvest. At my first church, during seminary, at Palmyra Wisconsin we had an annual turkey dinner just before Thanksgiving.

They had done it so many years and it was a great moneymaker but the women were just too tired to have one that year. So I volunteered to be chairperson and the men would put it on. Most of the women thought it was funny and just knew it would be a flop. But it was very successful because they all helped and it was one of the best ever.

I tell this story because it is our story too. We have grown into a significant congregation and have made a mark in our community, not with turkey dinners but with many outreach programs. Last week we presented *Peter and the Wolf* to the community with a cast of 10 and introduction our newest pipe organ with music arranged and played by **Terry Reitz** and directed by **Beth Mackey**.

Also last week our new District Superintendent **Daniel Foster** was here for our Annual Change Conference. It is too early to report year-end results but report we did. Staff Parish Committee met with Daniel to discuss procedures for our new pastor to be assigned next spring. A new budget has not been fixed do to unknown factors concerning a full time or part time pastor.

With help from friends, **Laurel** and I have moved into a much smaller house near Fort Worden as we prepare for retirement. I dislike moving because there are decisions to make like keep this, save that, store this and that, sell, or give away; you know the drill. Down-sizing is difficult because of the decisions you are forced to make. Our new address is 2112 Willow Street, Port Townsend.

Thanksgiving is less that a month away, which marks a time to give God thanks for the many blessings we enjoy daily, not just once a year. Look around. Do you have family and friends? Are you fed, clothed and healthy? You and I are part of an elite portion of the world that is blessed beyond our comprehension.

My wish and prayer for you is to walk gently on the land, enjoy your friends and family, and acknowledge your magnificent gifts from God. Have a blessed November.

Wendell



Board of Trustees Report

By George Williams

PEWS

The last of the refinished pews were installed the end of October.

PEW CUSHIONS

We are making progress on the pew cushions and hope to see the first cushions show up soon.

SUMMER TASKS

We are investigating the cost of replacing more discolored stained glass storm protectors. Some of these will require professional installation.

WINTER TASKS

The immediate tasks are to straighten and clean some of the storage areas



Be Thankful Thanksgiving Poem

Submitted by Marlene Colvin

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.

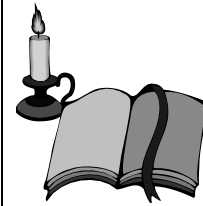
It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

New Pastor Appointment Process

Dan Purnell, Chair



Bible Readings

November 6

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 13

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 20

Reign of Christ

Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 24

Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Directory Updates

Please notify the office of any changes to your directory information. Also, if you would like copies of the *Trinity Times* sent to friends or relatives, please send us their email address.

As most everyone is aware, **Wendell** has announced his retirement plans (June 2012) to our District Superintendent, **Daniel Foster** and our Bishop, **Grant Hagiya**. This announcement begins the process of searching for a new Pastor. The United Methodist *Book of Discipline* gives the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) the authority and responsibility to coordinate this appointment process with the PNW Conference. This process is not done by the SPRC alone, but involves the input of Trinity's congregation. The appointment process will begin in earnest in January 2012. However, the SPRC has been active in beginning our process of fact finding as early as this past June.

The formal process begins with the "Cabinet" of the PNW Conference, consisting of our Bishop, the six District Superintendents, and the PNW Conference Treasurer. They will meet twice per month to access the missional needs of a church and match those needs with the gifts of Pastors within the PNW Conference. Specifically how will our new Pastor support our mission statement: *"The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming ministry; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach."*

As mentioned earlier, the Pastor search at Trinity began in June during the PNW Annual Conference. There, I had the opportunity to interview several church SPRC members that had recently gone through the appointment process. This information gave our committee a good basis to organize our search process at Trinity. Below I have presented an outline of the activities in our process:

- June 2011 – attended PNW Annual Conference and began gathering facts regarding the appointment process.
- September 2011 – met with our District Superintendent to discuss our process. Met with other local clergy to have them give me input with their experience of the appointment process.
- October 2011 – The SPRC has a private meeting with Daniel Foster during Trinity's Annual Charge Conference.

- December 2011 – the SPRC completes a document entitled "Profile for Mission and Ministry (Trinity UMC) of the PNW Conference." This gives the Cabinet complete information about Trinity, our community, our goals, our outreach ministries as well as input about what characteristic we would like to see in a new Pastor.

- January 2012 – PNW Conference Cabinet meets to begin discussions of Pastor appointments for July 2012.

- April/May 2012 – Trinity's SPRC will be presented with a candidate Pastor and have the opportunity to discuss his/her talents and how their attributes would fit with the needs of Trinity.

- July 2012—New pastor will be officially appointed to Trinity.

Between today and July of next year we have a lot of work to do. There are several issues that will need to be addressed by all of us. Some of the questions that need to be answered are, *"Do we want a Full Time Pastor or a Part Time Pastor?" "Can we afford a fulltime Pastor?" "What are all the budget impacts to Trinity of a new Pastor?" "Do we offer our Parsonage or pay a Housing Allowance?" "What are the characteristics we want in a new Pastor?"* These are just a few of the issues that need to be resolved.

These questions and many more are the ones that we of the congregation need to have input and answer – not just the SPRC. To that end, there will be several communications that will be sent to the congregation in an effort to begin to answer these questions. Look for them in our Sunday Bulletin, email & mailing communications and newsletter articles like this.

Keep this process in your prayers and please give the SPRC your input through the communications that are sent or simply contact any one of the SPRC members and discuss some of the specific needs or questions you may have.

Blessings,
Dan Purnell



In Our Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Rev. Elmer Green, Jenny Pack, Lois Haynes, Wendell Ankeny, Pauline Olson (Jeanne's mother), **Ruth Short, Alice and Harry Takata, Sienna Rose Colley** (great-niece of Harvey and Jan Crow), **Susan Wills, Emerson Haywood** (friend of Purnells), **Jeanette Colley, Angie Johnson** (friend of Rosekrans'), **Betty Henspeter, Marie Roman** (friend of Katy Campbell), **Mason Lindquist** (grandson of Laurel and Wendell), **Phyllis Nielsen** (Beth Mackey's sister), **Bill and Evelyn Freeman, Sophie Patterson** (granddaughter of Mark and Terry Reitz), **Mary Francis McCullough** (Ron and Ann's granddaughter), **Zenta Golts, Ann Mohr, Lorraine Newman, Tina Renner, Gertrude Tjemsland.**

Please pray for healing and support for our Trinity family, friends, family members and all those who are lonely, grieving, in need, homeless or looking for work and for peace in our world.

Also, remember in our prayers all those in the military and pray for all in harm's way and for their families and all those who have lost loved ones to war.

Please pray for those innocents who have died and those affected by war and violence throughout the world.

Pastor Visits

Please let **Wendell** know if you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a home visit.

Peter and the Wolf

By Beth Mackey

On Sunday, October 23, 2011, the "Truly Amateur Trinity Players" presented **Terry Reitz'** adaptation of the famous and popular "Peter and the Wolf", a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev.

The cast of characters consisted of **Wendell Ankeny** and **Trish Pint** as narrators, **Harvey Crow** as Peter, **Fred Johnson** as Grandfather, **Alice Fox** as the Bird, **Mary Jo Nichols** as the Duck, **Ray Grier** as the Cat, **Dan Purnell** as the Wolf, and **Mark Reitz** and **Stan Goddard** as the Hunters. **Beth Mackey** directed the production and **Lillian Tiller** and **Joan Buhr** were greeters and accepted donations at the door. Ray

Grier designed the very graphic masks.

We had a full house, thanks to **Jennifer Jackson's** excellent write up in the Peninsula Daily News and to the fact that the production was meant for children of the community. Terry invited the children to come forward after the production to play and get close to the organ.

The hope and plan is to begin a scholarship fund at Trinity to provide music lessons for children.

Thanks to **Laurel Ankeny** for taking photos and to all the folks who provided support through the endeavor.





A Trip to Upper and Lower Canada

By Stan Goddard

Beth and I signed up for a 10 day history and travel program with the Road Scholar Organization, formerly known as Elder-hostel (guess they are trying to attract boomers). The program consisted of three days and nights at each of three Canadian cities, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec. It was very well organized, each day began with breakfast for the group and followed up with lectures and trips to particularly interesting areas of the city.

Before Canada was granted independent status in 1867 it consisted of five colonies: Upper Canada (now Ontario), mainly settled by American loyalists after the U. S. Revolution because they were on the losing side, Lower Canada (now Quebec) settled and governed by France until the British took over after 1749 when the French were defeated by a combination British and American force at the battle of the Plains of Abraham where both of the opposing generals were killed. The other colonies, three in the maritime provinces were sparsely populated and were governed separately from London.

The Saint Lawrence River connected Upper and Lower Canada and was the primary means of communication to the interior of the continent through the Great Lakes. Upper refers to the location relative to the river's flow, hence, Upper Canada was further up the river than Quebec.

Relations between the French speaking, Catholic society in Lower Canada and the English speaking, mainly protestant Upper Canada have almost always been stressful, requiring constant attention and diplomacy to keep the country from breaking up. More on this later.

During the period between 1749 and 1776 as well as later the British were busy fighting a series of wars. In order to keep the peace and minimize the forces necessary to defend Canada from any attempt by France to regain its colony the British granted the French population in Lower Canada rights that Americans had not yet been granted. These included granting the

Roman Catholic Church complete control over religion as well as education. The church did its part in return by keeping the population tightly under control, a situation that lasted in part to the 1960's.

We learned a lot about the War of 1812 and its effect on Canada which was profound. The war broke out between Britain and the United States over the Royal Navy's constant need for seamen during the Napoleonic war. The Navy halted



The picture shows the Rideau Canal as it rises from the Ottawa River in the background. The canal was finished in 1832 as a defensive measure against another possible American invasion. It connects Ottawa with Lake Ontario through a series of lakes and rivers.

American ships and boarded them, questioned the sailors and any seaman with an English accent was removed on the spot to serve in the Royal Navy. High handed to say the least! President Madison was talked into declaring war on British possessions in the Americas, but not Britain itself, a fine point that was lost on the Brits. One result of this unfortunate war was the invasion of Canada by American troops who defeated the badly organized resistance in the Niagara peninsula. The Americans burned the town of York and its legislative buildings in 1813 before being driven off by British troops. This event had important consequences for the U.S. and for Canada. Most immediately, a strong British Naval force with elements of the Army attached entered Chesapeake Bay and burned the White House in 1814. After that things quieted down between the Americans and Canadians but the latter

have watched events in Washington with great care and concern ever since.

The nation's capital was moved from one location to another until a decision was made to locate well north of the St Lawrence River in a remote area that would be easier to defend. The chosen site, a beautiful one, was Ottawa. A major canal was built as a means of getting around that part of the Saint Lawrence River that was bordered by the United States. It has never been attacked by any threat greater than severe cold (sub-arctic) climate, we were told.

The U.S Civil war and Abe Lincoln's million man army was a major worry for Canadian politicians, who finally realized that the country needed to unite to have any real chance of remaining independent. What urged things along was that the Brits let it be known that there was no way they were going to become involved in a major land war with the United States. Finally in 1867 the politicians got it together in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The more farsseeing individuals saw what was going on with the settlement on the West in the USA and decided on convincing the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia to

join Canada and create a Dominion from sea to sea. The representatives of the western colonies would only agree if Canada committed to building a trans-continental railroad completely within Canada. Canada had little credit so it had to agree to a deal whereby the builders would be compensated by huge chunks of land in the grain belt of the West. The railroad was built and large numbers of people from all over Europe were brought in to settle the area. The great influx of immigrants enriched the Country's makeup forever, making the French permanently concerned over preserving their culture and identity. On a personal note, my family arrived to homestead on Canadian soil in the Province of Manitoba in 1912 .

I found our Road Scholar program to be very interesting and the food and the art was fantastic in Montreal and Quebec.

Ready to go back for more of that!

OPPORTUNITIES, OUTREACH AND MORE

UMW Activities, Study Groups, Women's News

By Beth Mackey, Chairwoman

♦ 2011 - Trinity United Methodist Women "Putting Faith and Love into Action"

United Methodist Women wish to report on their outreach endeavors in the past year. This includes the actions of many women and men in the church who have contributed their services and their financial contributions to our efforts.

In June of 2011, UMW served lunches to the Big Band members who gather in Port Townsend to play and present the popular sounds of big band music under the direction of **Elmer Ramsey**. They practiced at Trinity and at Manresa Castle. Members of Trinity provided and served hearty and delicious lunches to the group of about 60 people and earned \$980 for their efforts. There are some annual recipients of UMW donations. They are Mary Magdalene Shelter for Women at Seattle, Jumping Mouse Children's Center in Port Townsend receives personally selected Christmas gifts in addition to Safeway Gift Certificates for families. The Pregnancy Resources Center at Port Hadlock has received diapers and other family needs. United Good Neighbors, a monetary donation, Domestic Violence center (Dove House), financial donation, Olycap, sundries donated by Trinity travelers.

One of our goals for 2012 is to send Trinity children to camp if they wish to participate in a Methodist Church camp experience. UMW has decided to combine meetings with Knit Wits at **Carlyn Stark's** home on

the second Thursday of the month at 1:00. We know we can knit and talk at the same time! **The November meeting will be on November 10th** and will be a salad or desert potluck. If you need a ride, please call **Beth Mackey** for arrangements. All are welcome!

The Christmas meeting luncheon will be on **December 8** at an as yet undetermined site. Stay tuned for that news!

♦ **Women's Book Club Update**

Trinity Women's Book Club will meet on its usual **last Monday of the month on November 28th**. We are just beginning our new selection: *Half the Sky* by **Nicholas D. Kristof** and **Sheryl WuDunn**. The title is based on a Chinese Proverb that states that "Women hold up half the sky". The book consists of profiles of women who are oppressed all over the world and encourages involvement of people who are able to support these women and causes for their improved lives.

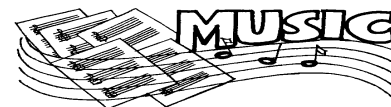
Anne Burns wrote a review of this book in the June Trinity Times if you wish to read a more detailed analysis.

We meet from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church. All women of the church and friends are invited for a lively discussion and good fellowship. See you there.

Wanted & Needed: Writers and Wanna B's

The Trinity Times staff is getting plumb worn out and need you to step up and write an occasional piece or join the monthly newsgroup for ideas. Think about it. You don't have to be Garrison Keillor or Shakespeare. Think about it. Let **Teresa** know if you wish to jump in on the endeavor. You will receive plaudits from your readers—maybe. Your Times staff will appreciate your efforts immensely. Think about it, please.

Signed,
Plumb Tuckered



Trinity Choir

The Trinity Choir provides music for our church family each Sunday. Rehearsals are held on **5:30 PM Wednesday** and **9:00 AM Sunday**. Come sing and be a part of this fun ministry!

Sing-alongs

The next potluck and sing-along will be held at **Carlyn's, 538 Fillmore Street, Port Townsend** on **Friday, November 18, at 6:00**. All are welcome!

Knit Wits will meet with UMW at **noon, Thursday, November 10**, for a salad or dessert potluck at **Carlyn's** home, 538 Fillmore.

Caregivers

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on the **first and third Sundays at 11:30** in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information about this group, please contact **Shirley Williams** or **Terry Reitz**.

United Methodist Men will meet **Saturday, November 12 at 8:00** for our monthly breakfast. Hope you can join us in the fellowship hall for food and fellowship. If you like, bring a Bible verse to share.

ASK Bible Study

meets each Sunday from **9:30 to 10:00** in Robins Hall. The current 12-week study is the Book of Ephesians.




Katie's Blog

You can follow the adventures of **Katie Campbell** on her blog at: <http://www.katie2ak.tumblr.com/>

Place fridge magnet here.

2011



	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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*Future Trinity actor, aka **Scott Hill!***

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, offering prayers for those in need, please call **Marlene** or the office to have your name added to the list.

November

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Lois Haynes
- 2 Wendi Metzger
- 2 Kalista Hill
- 3 Ev Diehl
- 5 Alice Fox
- 9 Bill Metzger
- 17 Bill Freeman
- 20 Stan Goddard
- 22 Jeanette Colley
- 25 Jo Stover
- 27 Faye Graves
- 28 Bill Brock
- 28 Tina Renner
- 29 Floyd Henspeter
- 30 Jeanne Olson

Happy Anniversary!

- 22 Wendell and Laurel Ankeny
- 23 Scott and Teresa Rosekrans

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*Pray for Love, Peace, Justice
and Rebirth in the world.*