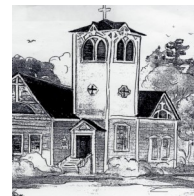


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The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church of Port Townsend is to be a welcoming ministry; to nurture spiritual development, fellowship and outreach.

Spotlight: John and Kathy Duffner

By Harvey Crow

John and Kathy Duffner are two of our newest members at Trinity United Methodist Church, and they bring with them a wealth of life experiences, giving, caring and sharing.

John and Kathy have been married since 1999 and have raised eight children in the Great Falls, Montana area. Three children are in college, one is in the Army and another is in the Air Force. They are also grandparents to eleven grandchildren.

Growing up in Montana, John remembers that his dad was the sheriff in Blaine County and that made conversation at the dinner table always very interesting. As a youth, he enjoyed the usual activities that growing up in the beautiful state of Montana provided...hunting, fishing and camping. At school, he enjoyed playing football and golf.

Kathy was raised in Colorado and she remembers never being very far away from her animals...her horses, dogs and cats. Her childhood memories are filled, she recalls, with activities that focused on school, the home garden and a church-centered life with parents and siblings that were fun and creative. Her dad ran the computer data programming service at the University of Montana. Her mom was a loving, stay at home mom, who occasionally worked at Bon Marche department store.

As a young man, John gravitated to the military. He took course work that provided him with certification as a fuel compliance officer. This would later pay off with a career in the Federal government. His service in the army inevitable led him to the Viet Nam conflict where he worked on helicopters.

Years later, as an army reservist, he was called to serve in the Middle East campaigns of Desert Storm and Desert Shield. His job there was support logistics and water supply and distribution. John is now retired from both the Federal government and the US Army.

Kathy has worked in the medical field since 1992 as an LPN. Her most recent position was managing a small assisted living home. Prior to nursing, she had a variety of positions in the retail arena.

John and Kathy especially enjoy traveling. Their recent trip to Costa Rica was entertaining and educational. They have traveled and worked with the NOMADS (Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service) and have done youth and mission work with YWAM (Youth With A Mission) as mission builders. Their work with YWAM has provided them with the unique opportunity to interact with young peo-



ple around the world. Living in their travel trailer for four moths in Arizona, they worked with NOMADS, serving the various and diverse needs of the church community. John and Kathy first met **Laurel** and **Wendell** while they were doing volunteer work at the Discovery Bay YWAM project.

Human interest movies and comedies are their favorites, along with healthy food and chocolate anything.

What John and Kathy like most about Port Townsend is the natural beauty of the area and the friendly people, the small town atmosphere, the activities and, of course, the church. They express that they have been so blessed and touched by the warm and genuine welcome this church family has extended to them. And, of course, we feel blessed to have them with us as they settle into their North Beach home!



Pastor's Log October 2011

One of the excuses I hear from people who are not coming to church is that they think we always talk about and want their money. Someone said, "Money talks and mine only says good-bye."

They are partially right because we do pass the offering plates around each Sunday morning. But you know we do not always ask, beg or plead for it. In fact, my money sermons are almost non-existent.

Why I want to talk about money today is to announce that Trinity UMC, at this moment in time, is debt free. In 2003 we borrowed \$30,000 from the Methodist Foundation to replace a crumbling foundation, install a new heating system, update the kitchen and fix the tweaked bell tower after the earthquake.

Those were uncertain times at Trinity. The church was destined to be closed in 2000 but a small, tenacious group of folks decided differently. They rolled up their sleeves and went to work with money making programs such as the Candlelight Concerts. They told the story and invited others to join them at "poor little Trinity".

Our Victorian building had suffered from many years of financial and maintenance neglect. There were not enough dedicated people to save the building and its ministry. Like the Phoenix, Trinity has risen from the ashes to an active, solvent, generous, friendly congregation of approximately 150. Yahoo!

We have selected a strategic planning committee to look into the future at Trinity, with help from a consultant from the Annual Conference.

In other matters, I am sure that you know that **Laurel** and I will be leaving in June for retirement after 12 years. We will be gone from the church and community for at least one year so that your new pastor will have time to get established.

Please plan to give your new pastor the same support and cooperation that we have received. This isn't a swan song because we will still be with you until the end of June.

Blessings,



Board of Trustees Report

By George Williams

PEWS

We are waiting for the stripper to find healthy assistants to move the pews around while stripping. Now expect pews in the sanctuary in October.

PEW CUSHIONS

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

SUMMER TASKS

The southwest wall painting is complete. If weather permits we will do

other painting tasks. We hope to replace more discolored stained glass storm protectors when we can afford to do so. Many of these will require professional installation.

\$27,000 BEQUEST

The two approved recommendations for use of the \$27,000 bequest are \$5,000 for final tuning and voicing of the Son of Silberman organ and about \$3,000 for a new recording system for the sanctuary.



Don and Sheila Burrell along with John and Kathy Duffner joined our Trinity family on Sunday, September 4. Welcome!



Wendell welcomes new members Jill Buhler, Marcella Younce, Joyce and Bill Brown on Sunday, August 28.



Candlelight Concert
Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM
 By Dan Purnell

Seasons Turning
Time and Memories

October's Candlelight Concert will feature a variety of performers celebrating the season change to fall. **Nan Toby Tyrrell** will perform several fall melodies on the Petrof Grand Piano. She will be supported by clarinet and guitar played by **Paul Becker**. Soloist for the performance include: **Linda Bach, Perry Spring** and **Marj Iuro**. **Helen Lauritzen** will be the piano accompanist. The concert will be held at **Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 PM.**

Nan Toby says *"the songs of the program will reflect the changes in fall and the passing of time and with the memories we keep in our mind and heart."* Such songs as **September Song, Autumn Leaves, Stardust and Memory** will be performed by the soloists and Nan Toby.

Tyrrell is an accomplished pianist and has performed in many venues in the Port Townsend area. In addition to her musical talents, Tyrrell is active in the community tutoring children and leading creative art workshops.

Tyrrell's supporting musicians and soloists are well known in Port Townsend. **Paul Becker** has a long history of musical talents, including clarinet, guitar and saxophone. In addition Becker has been a member of Wild Rose Chorale for the past 10 years.

Linda Bach, lyric soprano, has performed at previous Candlelight Concerts. Bach is a member of the Rain Shadow Chorale and was a featured soprano soloist with the vocal ensemble's performance of **Mozart's Requiem**. **Marj Iuro** is in her twelfth year as the Choir Director for Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Iuro also sings with the Port Townsend Community Chorus and is a member of the Wild Rose Chorale. Completing the group, **Perry Spring**, has been engaged in choir coordination at Bet Shira Congregation and performing with the Port Townsend Songline's chorus since 2007.

Tyrrell concludes, *"These friends of mine are sharing their voices for a program of wonderful music which reflects how time goes by as we treasure those moments."*

Doors open at 6:30 PM, **Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Taylor Street, across from the Community Center, Uptown** – admission is by a suggested \$10 donation (children admitted free) to benefit local Port Townsend agencies and Trinity's music and historic Victorian restoration program. Refreshments will be served following the performance. **Call: (360) 774-1644 for further information.**



Bible Readings

October 2
16th Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20
 Psalm 19
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 9
17th Sunday After Pentecost
 Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 16
Laity Sunday
18th Sunday After Pentecost
 Exodus 33:12-23
 Psalm 99
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

October 23
19th Sunday After Pentecost
 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46

October 30
Reformation Sunday
20th Sunday After Pentecost
 Joshua 3:7-17
 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 Matthew 23:1-12

Annual Charge Conference
Thursday, October 27
7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
All are encouraged to attend!



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, 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 Paterson** (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.



Pipe Organ Report No. 48: On the Baroque Organ

By Stan Goddard

On Saturday, September 10, 2011 the sale of a truckload of antique organ pipes was held in the church parking lot. **Clint Meadway**, the designer of our baroque organ, decided to close up his repair shop and give away a considerable number of old organ pipes in preparation for selling his home. He wondered whether we would like to have them rather than see them trashed. On one of his last trips to work on the organ he delivered them to us where they found a home in my truck.

A number of different types of wooden pipes of various eras were involved in the load. Some were Hook and Hastings pipes dating from the Civil War period, others were from a theatre organ from the 1920s. The condition varied from nearly pristine to injured with amputated toes. The challenge was to turn them into funds that could help pay for the voicing of the baroque organ.

I couldn't stand the idea of burning them without an attempt to find them new homes. We decided to sell them at one price, namely \$5 each regardless of size or condition or manufacturer, simply as Americana. This activity received a major boost from **Charlie Bermant** of the *Peninsula Daily News* who ran a story about the nut with a truckload of

pipes who would be selling them from the parking lot to other enthusiasts. The sale time was set from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday. The guys attending the Men's Breakfast were a great help in putting out tables and getting the pipes unloaded. While we were still eating breakfast a number of people inquired about the pipes (a good sign in the yard sale business). With several people's help the crowd was accommodated and a version of a "dog and pony" show was performed using a small vacuum cleaner for a source of air so that interested people could hear what a particular pipe sounded like and how it was tuned.

It got really exciting at times as there was so much action. **Beth Mackey** was frequently in my pockets making change and helping people. The end result was a lot of fun that ended with all the pipes finding a new home by noon and us with a little over \$1000 for the Organ Fund. We met some very interesting people in the process, many of whom were in town for the Wooden Boat Festival.

The ideas that people had for these pipes were just incredible. My faith in the fellow "nuts" of PT was vindicated!



Holy Communion

By Donna Purnell

What a privilege it is for me to set up for Holy Communion each month. I follow in the very able footsteps of our dear Jean Stanks who had this position for a number of years.

Communion is one of two sacraments in the United Methodist Church, the other being Baptism. Communion is the expression of God at work in each of us.

Through Communion we receive grace through Jesus Christ and other Christian people. It is the experience of fellowship with Christ and with the whole congregation to have our spiritual needs met.

Thank you for this opportunity.



Kali Hill and Lilly Hoyo assist in lighting the candles for Sunday service.



Book Review

By Molly Jacobson

90 Minutes in Heaven

By Don Piper with Cecil Murphey

For 25 cents at a garage sale, I picked up this supposedly true story of death and life, written by an ordained minister. It's quite a story! In January of 1989, as **Don Piper** was driving home from the annual Baptist General Convention of Texas on the north shore of Lake Livingston, his small red car was smashed by an 18-wheeler crossing the center line and hitting him head-on. The medics at the scene pronounced him dead. Another Baptist minister arrived, and on learning the situation, told the police officer he wanted to pray for the man in the red car. The officer obviously thought this was strange and told him it was a real mess, but **Dick Onerecker** was compelled to go ahead. He sang and prayed for the healing of internal damage for this stranger. After 90 minutes, Don began to sing with him. But then it became very hard to convince the EMTs there that this man was alive after all.

After that, it was harder still for Don Piper to make the transition back to life, after what he called 90 minutes in the most beautiful place he'd ever seen or could have imagined. He had to go through the agonizing weeks of pain and recovery. He had to endure the trauma of learning to wear an experimental bone-growth device called a fixator on his left leg to prevent amputation and to walk again. He should have been in worse shape than he was, but after the accident thousands of people prayed for him. Part of why it took so long to write the book was that it was very hard for him to share his experience of heaven, even with his family. He's a skeptic, he says, and can only tell what happened to him. In heaven he saw family members and friends. Everything was brilliantly intense; the love, the light, the music.

Reverend Don Piper has appeared on numerous TV and radio programs. These days he travels all over the United States, goes on cruises as a speaker, and a movie is in the works. You can find him on www.donpiperministries.com.

Katie's Blog

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



I Lost My Cucumber, A Little PT Ambience

By Beth Mackey

This morning on our usual Saturday outing, **Stan** and I went to Farmers' Market a few blocks away in Uptown, Port Townsend. It is a very colorful, musical, sensual delight complemented by visits with lots of friends and acquaintances.

Our first stop was at our favorite vegetable stand which is a work of art to behold. I bought rich, green broccoli and a nice cucumber. From there we ambled through the market buying a few more items and ending up at the corn on the cob truck where we bought 2 large ears from Yakima.

We walked home and started to unload our treasures when I said to Stan, "I've lost my cucumber!" It was no where to be found in our assortment of bags.

Of course, I went right back to the market, went to the corn man and asked if I had left my cucumber on his truck. "No, he replied. Sorry." I walked slowly through the market glancing back and forth towards the cornucopia of colorful products. No cucumber.

The same vegetable man was at his booth tidying up his lovely wares. I said to him: "This morning I bought a broccoli and a cucumber and when I got home I didn't have the cucumber." He replied: "Go ahead and take one". "Oh", I said, "I have to pay you." He smiled and leaned toward me whispering in my ear, "I have lots of cucumbers".

I happily walked home with my gift from the kind veggie man. No cucumber will ever again taste as good as this one did.

Care Packages for Katie

If you would like to send a care package to **Katie Campbell** in the Arctic Circle, here are some things she could use:

Gift cards to Fred Meyer, Full Circle or Amazon.com

Anything milk chocolate

Tazo green tea

Starbucks coffee, ground

Cotton gloves

Warm hats

Homemade cookies



Please call the church office at **385-0484** for Katie's mailing address.

OPPORTUNITIES, OUTREACH AND MORE

UMW Activities, Study Groups, Women's News

By Beth Mackey, Chairwoman

♦ Women's Book Club Update

Do you enjoy reading and discussing a good book? Join the Trinity Women's Book Club on Monday, September 26th as it resumes its activities for the 2011 - 2012 season.

We gather on the last Monday evening of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Fellowship Hall usually for one hour.

Jump into this group and, if you choose, bring an idea for a book you would like to recommend as a choice for the group. The topic may be Christian based or just a good book that you enjoyed and want to share. The group will select a book to read and discuss. These discussions are lively, thought provoking and fun.

Come to Trinity Church, Fellowship Hall at **7:00 P.M. Monday, September 26th** for the start of a new season for book lovers.

See you there!

Adventure Night

Join us on **Saturday, October 8** at **5PM** in the Trinity Fellowship hall for a special "Movie Night".

We will have our usual soup and salad fare to start the evening. Then after the meal, we will have a slide show and stories about a boating adventure that took **Dave Weeding** and four companions all around Vancouver Island. These men were at sea for a total of 38 days. They experienced a variety of beautiful places and encountered many interesting creatures-human and otherwise.

Bring your questions, and plan to enjoy the evening. We may even fire up the popcorn machine!

**Trinity UMC Annual
Charge Conference
And All Church Meeting
Thursday, October 27
7 P.M.
In the Fellowship Hall**

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

The United Methodist Women's (UMW) group will reassemble for the 2011-2012 season on **Thursday, October 13th at 12:00**, Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Bring a bag lunch if you wish. Coffee and tea will be available. See what this organization is about within the larger picture of the Methodist district and where we can fulfill our mission of fellowship and service.

Hope to see you there!



Need Some Help?

Weeds-be-gone by Madeline

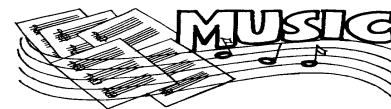
Madeline Thompson is a weed-ing-gardener extraordinaire. Just ask **Shirley Williams** or **Laurel Ankeny** who have hired her a number of times to aid with those back-breaking jobs. Contact Madeline at **385-2782**.

Death by Shutterspeed...

....is the title of **Natalie Norvell's** web site that contains a collection of her phenomenal photography. The site is organized by her college class assignments. It is a delight to behold. Please visit: natalie-norvell.weebly.com/. Way to go, Natalie!

In-Home Care

Registered, licensed Nurse's Aide available for in-home care. Flexible hours and references available. Call **Mary Hedberg** at **385-2307**.



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, October 28, at 6:00**. All are welcome!

Knit Wits will meet at Carlyn's home, 538 Fillmore Street, **1:00 on Wednesday, October 5**.

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, October 8, 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.

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9 — noon

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday



Farewell to the McCulloughs! Ann and Ron will be heading back to sunny Florida soon. Pictured with them are granddaughters, Lillian and Rosemary. We'll miss you!

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.

October

Happy Birthday!

- 9 Shirley Williams
- 12 Ann McCullough
- 14 Bonnie Brock
- 17 Margaret Rice
- 18 Colleen Swantner
- 24 Carlyn Stark
- 25 Donna Purnell

**Have we missed your special day?
Please let us know by email or
phone!**

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.

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