

The Circuit Rider

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From Pastor Desi

Dear Church Family,

In her poem *And the Glory*, Ann Weems writes:

We who were no people
are named anew
God's people,
for he who was no more
is forevermore.

Amen! Praise God—we are Easter people! This year, we celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord, on April 5. And yet we also proclaim that “every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song” (William M. James). We live as Easter people in a Good Friday world. We do not have to look far to see despair, hunger, anger, and division. We witness poverty, illness, and deadly conflicts. And still, in the midst of this, we are called to be Easter people. The Apostle Peter reminds us that in the midst of trouble, we are to be a “living hope,” in a troubled world. “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

As we celebrate new life in this spring season, we marvel at budding trees, blooming flowers, and the return of robins. These signs of life remind us of the new life and “living hope” Jesus calls us to embrace. I pray that the season of Lent has helped you grow in spiritual practices and has given you living hope.

Now the question becomes: How will you be an “Easter person” today? Megan McKenna reminds us, “The undeniable sign of resurrection is joy, bringing a sense of hope to others that is tangible and irresistible.”

And we can ask: How will we, as a church, bring Easter joy into a Good Friday world?

May we be people of Easter joy. May we embody that hope. And may the light of the Resurrection shine through us in all we say and do.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Desi



Holy Week and Easter Services

Please invite friends and family to join us as we celebrate the most sacred week in the Christian year. Several of our services are in collaboration with Olympic View Church again this year



Palm Sunday

March 29, 10am, at TUMC

Commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling a prophecy and foreshadowing His victory over death.

Maundy Thursday

*April 2, 5pm, Olympic View Church,
503 N. Brown Road, Sequim*

Remembering washing of the feet and the Last Supper where Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples.

Good Friday

April 3, 2pm, at TUMC

Reflecting on the Passion of Christ and His crucifixion and death at Calvary.

Easter Sunrise Service followed by a community potluck breakfast.

April 5, 7am, at John Wayne Marina upstairs in the Marina building (both service and breakfast)

shared by Olympic View and Trinity UMC

Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you are attending the breakfast.

Easter Sunday Service

April 5, 10am, at TUMC

Celebrate the triumphant Resurrection of Jesus

with joyful hymns and special music, featuring a brass quintet from the Sequim City Band. Arrive early and enjoy their prelude.



Communion Workshop

**Sunday, April 19 and April 26, 11:15 p.m.
Sign up in the Fellowship Hall**



For Communion

Servers and everyone who wants to learn more about Holy Communion in the United Methodist Tradition

Do you ever wonder: "Why do United Methodists often use grape juice?" or

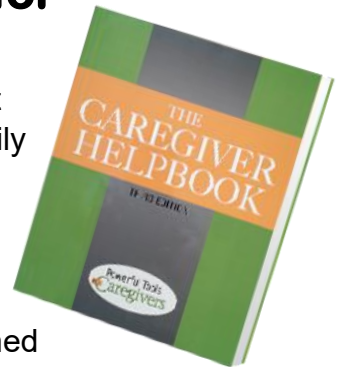
"What do United Methodists believe about the presence of Christ in the bread and cup?"

Would you be interested in taking Communion to folks who are homebound or in helping serve Communion during worship? Then this workshop is for you! It will provide an overview of the United Methodist understanding of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Contact Pastor Desi for more information.

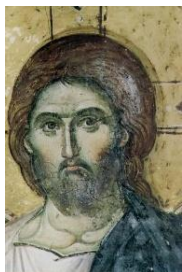
Powerful Tools for Caregivers

One of the greatest challenges of being a family caregiver is maintaining one's own physical and emotional health. The Powerful Tools for Caregivers class is designed to: help a caregiver reduce personal stress; communicate feelings and needs; use community services; deal with emotions such as anger, guilt, and depression; and make tough care-giving decisions.

This six-week class will be offered again at TUMC on Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30am, from April 21 through May 26. The fee is \$30 which covers the cost of the book. Please sign up by calling Judy Croonquist, 360-582-1370 or Barb Parse, 360-683-2113.



New at TUMC: Taizé Prayer Service 4th Wednesday of Every Month in the Sanctuary at 6:30PM



On the 4th Wednesday of each month, with the next one April 22 at 6:30pm, Trinity UMC will offer a Taizé prayer service in the sanctuary.

In 1940, when World War II started, a Swiss Protestant, Brother Roger, founded the order of Taizé. Taizé is a tiny community, just north of Cluny in southeastern France. Brother Roger and other Protestant and Catholic brothers developed a monastic prayer cycle of silence, music, scripture, and contemplation. From this humble beginning came the Taizé prayer service.

Today, churches of many denominations around the world hold Taizé prayer services. Taizé worship includes candlelight, icons, prayers, readings, silence, and repetitive musical chants. In Taizé's simple, meditative services, icons are spiritual tools that provide a visual focus to encourage stillness and support prayer. Grounded in the belief in the incarnation, icons act as "windows" into divine reality.

This contemplative worship service offers an opportunity to step away from the commotion of everyday life and experience silence, while centering on the Lord. You are invited to come and listen to what God is saying to you and find peace in this troubled world.

(Image: *Christ Pantocrator*, 6th Cent., St. Catherine's Monastery).

To TUMC,

A big thank you from Jan Smith: The beautiful quilt is a treasure. I loved the card, too, signed by so many.

I'm healing slowly and not winning too many races with my walker.

Gary is a big help, and so I will be helping him heal from his surgery the 2nd of April.
Janice and Gary Smith



Native American Ministries Sunday Special Offering April 19, 2026

This special offering is one of six taken churchwide in United Methodist Churches. It honors Indigenous heritage, supports UM Native American ministries and provides scholarship funds. 50% of donations remain in local conferences. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might support this offering.

Little Free Pantry Needs for April

- Cans of chicken, tuna, Spam
- Hearty soups
- Small cans of baked beans
- Single serve peanut butter and/or small jars



Thank you for your ongoing support of our Little Free Pantry.

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is open! Everyone is invited to share books for people of all ages. Feel welcome to put your gently used books in the Little Free Library!

Circuit Rider Deadlines

Articles for the May *Circuit Rider* will be due April 20. Subsequent deadlines are May 19 and June 22.

TUMC Safe Parking Program Update



The TUMC Safe Parking Team continues to adjust the admission process to make it more accessible to guests yet maintaining safety for all. The team hosted a luncheon for our non-profit partners to obtain feedback as to how we can be more flexible. A number of recommended changes are in the process of being implemented. For example, the intensity of case management will vary depending on the needs and goals of the guests. Additionally, team members will be present at the initial intake, whereas in the past, only non-profit Out Reach staff would handle it. Existing volunteers are encouraged to sign up for at least one slot a week if possible, and new volunteers are needed.



Sequim Beautiful Day: “Caring is Contagious”

April 25, 9am to Noon

Volunteers from Sequim churches and area organizations gather at the Boys and Girls Club at 9am for the meet-and-greet before going off to the projects; then meet back there for a meal and closing at noon. Projects include beautifying, painting, fixing, and more at a variety of sites around Sequim. Businesses often donate items such as paint and bark.

Sign up in the fellowship hall if you would like to volunteer or lead the TUMC team. For information contact Jim Lewis at jnlewis12@gmail.com.

Walk On With Hope – A TUMC Choir Concert

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of music and unity at “Walk On With Hope”, the 2nd annual TUMC and community choir concert featuring the TUMC Choir, Clallam Children’s Choir, and Olympic Theatre Arts Singers. Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received. Come experience the power of voices joined in harmony—lifting spirits and lighting the way with hope.

WALK ON WITH HOPE

A Community Choral Concert

Saturday, May 2 • 3:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
100 North Blake Avenue, Sequim

Featuring performances by:

- TUMC Choir
- Clallam Children’s Choir
- Olympic Theatre Arts Singers

**An uplifting afternoon of song,
community, and hope.**

Admission: Free

A free-will offering will be received

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Emergency Responses to catastrophic events:

UMCOR International Disaster:

Advance #982450

UMCOR US Disaster & Recovery:

Advance #901670

PNW Conference Disaster Fund:

Advance #352

To support disaster relief, you may issue a check to TUMC and note the Advance # in the memo section.



Be There. Be Hope.

TUMC Finance Report

Operating Fund

	February	Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 43,454.11	\$ 80,969.37
Expenses	\$ 36,067.33	\$ 70,310.51
Difference	\$ 7,386.78	\$ 10,658.86

Note: At our current spending rate, TUMC has four years of reserves for the operating fund. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Finance Chair Scott Owens, 626-833-4183 or email: financechair@sequimtumc.org

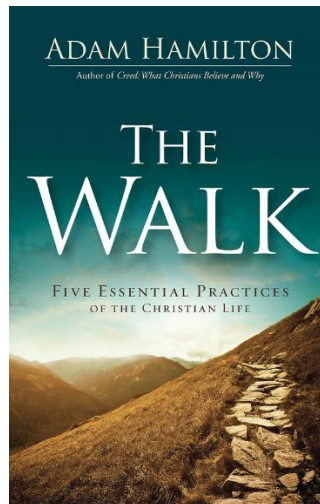
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On the TUMC

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website is an opportunity to donate electronically. Find the Donate button at the bottom of the Home Page or click on the Donate page tab. Then click on the button where you will find several options for making your donation.

Or...Use this QR code...It links you to the Donate page on the TUMC website. Use the camera on your cell phone. Hover over the code and *myvanco.com* appears. Click on this link and you are at the Donate page.



Women's Spiritual Growth Study Group

The Monday morning women's spiritual growth study group will begin a new study entitled, *The Walk*, by Adam Hamilton April 20, from 9:30 to 10:30.

In this study, Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Books will be available for purchase. If you are interested in joining us contact Barb Parse at 360-683-2113.



The TLC Team Needs You!

On the first and third Fridays of the month, a team of men and women get together for light maintenance around the church—both inside and out—jobs big and small. **In April they will meet on April 17.** Note: No TLC on the first Friday, April 3, Good Friday.

They meet at 9:30am beginning with prayer at the front of the church; all then go to their various assignments from a list compiled by Karen Eldridge. At the end, everyone sits down to enjoy coffee and delicious treats while socializing. (Pastor Desi will be joining them whenever she can.) *Won't you* join the TLC team? If interested, call Karen at 360-504-2650... or just show up! You'll be welcomed!

Morning Prayer

Every Thursday at 9:15 am
in the Disciple room

Pastor Desi leads this prayer group which is for anyone who wishes to come. It lasts 45 minutes, and has a simple structure.



Third Thursdays at Trinity

For Families with
Kids grades K-12

Looking for a mid-week break, with some fellowship and fun? Join us for "Third Thursdays at Trinity" on April 16, 5:30–7:00 pm. We'll share a simple, joyful pizza dinner for families with kids, grades K-12 with some optional games and activities. To sign up or for more information, contact Trinity UMC at church@sequimtumc.org or 360-683-5367.



TUMC CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Desi Larson

Organist: Pauline Olsen

Accompanist: Donna Grubbs

Choral Director: Dr. Jerome Wright

Music Coordinator: Betsy Noland

Sight & Sound Coordinator: Lawrence Charters

Office Manager/Bookkeeper: Marian Needham

Ministers: Congregation Members

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pacific Northwest Conference Website: www.pnwumc.org

Official United Methodist Website: www.umc.org

OUR MISSION

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