

The Circuit Rider

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From Pastor Desi

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year around the beginning of October, Christians around the world pause to remember Saint Francis of Assisi, a man who lived more than 800 years ago, yet still inspires us today. Francis was known for his deep humility, his care for the poor, and his joyful embrace of all God's creation. He believed that every living thing — birds, beasts, and human beings alike — are our brothers and sisters under the loving care of our Creator.

One of the traditions that has grown from Francis's witness is the **Blessing of the Animals**. It is a time when we bring our beloved pets — dogs, cats, birds, horses, and more — before God in gratitude for the companionship and joy they bring us. For Francis, animals were not just possessions, but fellow creatures that reflect God's creativity and goodness.

When we gather for this blessing, we are reminded of something larger than ourselves: that God's covenant of love extends

to the whole creation. In a world often marked by division and destruction, this act of blessing becomes a sign of peace and reconciliation. It is a way of proclaiming that God delights in life — all life.

So I invite you to join us for this special service of the Blessing of the Animals, here at Trinity UMC, Sunday October 12 at 12:30 pm. Bring your pets, or even a photo of an animal you love, and let us together give thanks to God. May this celebration renew in us a spirit of wonder and responsibility — to care not only for our pets, but for all creation, so that every living thing might thrive.

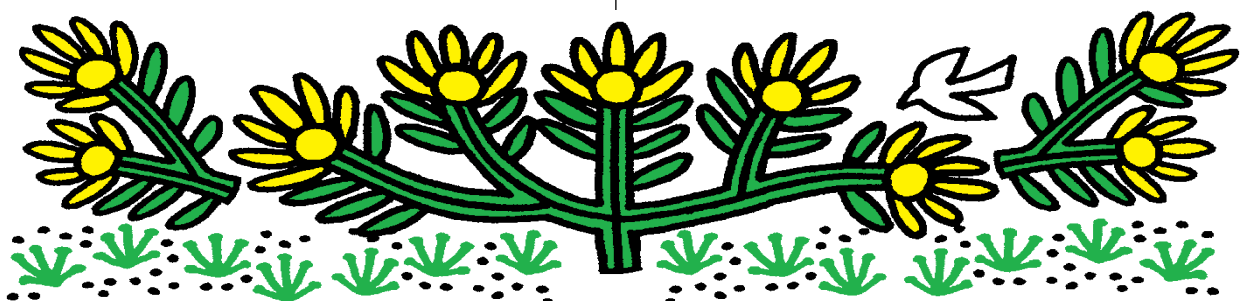
As Saint Francis himself prayed: *"All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made."*

With joy in Christ,

Pastor Desi



St. Francis, pray for us





World Communion Sunday Special Offering

Sunday, October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday is observed on the first Sunday of October to celebrate and nurture the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. Our donations fund scholarships for U.S. and international students as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity and access to training for under-represented students.

Please prayerfully consider how you might support this important tradition.



Clallam Children's Choir Dinner Volunteers Needed

The Clallam Children's Choir ministry is looking for additional people to join our dinner team. Dinner team members provide a simple dinner for a group of 15 children and adult volunteers. These dinners enhance our music program by promoting a sense of fellowship and community. The meal can be anything you like - Costco pizza, baked chicken, and macaroni and cheese were all popular entrees last year. Set-up and clean-up assistance is provided by the CCC team. We meet on Thursday afternoons, with dinner being served at 5 pm. For more information, or to join our team, please contact Kathy Wraith at klwraith@gmail.com or 925-683-5341.

Harvest Celebration, October 19

A harvest celebration, in the form of a baked potato bar, will be held immediately after the Sunday service on October 19. Reservations for the buffet-style meal, which will include LaVeta's chili, apple cake and ice cream, will be taken after church in the fellowship hall on September 28, October 5 and 12. As you reserve your spot, there will be an opportunity to make a \$5.00 donation to cover food costs. All are welcome.



This is the 134th year of the Harvest Celebration!!

TUMC Safe Parking Program

The program is fully operational. Our partnering agencies have identified three or four possible guests, but we're still waiting for formal applications. A packet of valuable information is now available for Safe Parking volunteers and may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following services on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 and at the church office during the week. Copies will be available in the Safe Parking shed to be picked up during a volunteer shift. Many thanks to all who have worked to make this ministry possible.

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: #352

Checks can be made payable to Trinity UMC, indicating the Advance # on the memo line.



Be There. Be Hope.

Call for Submissions

Advent 2025 Devotional

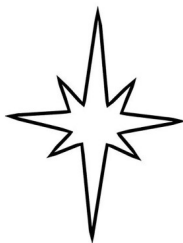
Expectation

Olympic View Church and Trinity United Methodist Church - Sequim are collaborating this year on an Advent Devotional for our congregations.

We are seeking written submissions from members of both churches. The overarching theme is **Expectation**, with subthemes of Hopeful

Expectation, Loving Expectation, Joyful Expectation, and Peaceful Expectation. Submissions should be no more than a total of 200 words and include: Scripture verse(s), Personal Anecdote and/or Reflection, Brief Prayer, and Call to Action. Written submissions will be edited for space and clarity. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Pastor

Desi pastor@sequimtumc.org) by **October 10**.



Mentoring Program Event

Our Mentoring Program will have its first event on October 28 at 5:30 PM. TUMC will provide a simple meal and members who would like to participate in mentoring will each be setting up a table with items from their careers.

Families can show up and learn about different career paths and connect with members of TUMC who have knowledge and skills to share. If you have a student in your life who is exploring what they want to do after high school, this would be a great event to invite them to!

If you have not completed training for this program or the Pen Pal program, and wish to participate, we will be offering another training on October 4 at 9:00 AM at the church in the Disciple Room. If this time doesn't work for you, we will find a way to get you set up.

Please reach out to Megan Coelho at meganmcoelho@gmail.com or text me at (360) 809-9741 if you want more information. I do work full time and I have a houseful of gremlins. If you're trying to reach me and I'm not responsive, it's not personal! I know that I

have answered or viewed messages during a moment of chaos and then forgotten the event entirely. Just text or email me again if I haven't responded timely.



Mark your calendars:

Roots & Wings:

Puget Sound District Training

The Pacific Northwest Conference of

The United Methodist Church

Laitly and clergy of the Puget Sound District are invited to attend this annual training event. In an effort to make the event more accessible, once again Roots & Wings will be on different dates in different locations across the district. You are invited to attend one or both sessions, as they will each have some variation of content.

The dates and locations are:

**Saturday, Oct. 25 – Community UMC,
Port Hadlock**

Saturday, Nov. 15 – Haller Lake UMC, Seattle

Each host church will have an opportunity to share about successful ministries in which they are actively engaged. There will also be a selection of workshops to choose from, including such topics as Immigration, The Circle of Indigenous Ministries, Faith Land Initiative, Environmental Stewardship, Older Adult Ministries, and Lay Servant Ministries. The hope is that participants will gain ideas to help grow current ministries or inspiration to try something new.

Lunch will be provided. The cost to attend each session is \$30 per person. Scholarships are available upon request. To register go to the PNW Conference website: <https://www.pnwumc.org/event/roots-wings-puget-sound-district-training/>



Living as United Methodist Christians: Inquiry and Refresher Course

Sundays, November 2, 9, and 16
11:30am – 1:00pm, includes light lunch
Everyone welcome!

Pastor Desi and other church leaders will cover topics from church history to Christian beliefs and more. This class is for everyone interested in a refresher on Methodism and Christianity, and those interested in joining the Trinity UMC congregation.

We're hoping to cover everything on the 2nd and 9th - and then the 16th would be for folks who want to join.

Little Free Pantry Needs for October

- Single serve cold cereals
- Single serve (precooked) rice bowls
- Hearty soups
- Small cans of pork & beans
- Small cans of sausages

Thank you!



Financial Recorder Position Needed

Do you have basic computer skills and a couple of hours twice a month to give to the church? You would be responsible for ensuring that checks and identified cash are accurately credited to their respective donors, and that other funds are accounted for. This is a shared position, twice a month.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, see Scott Owens, or let Marian, in the office, know.

To Trinity United Methodist Church
Thank you for your recent donation to Sequim Wheelers, A Wheelchair Bike Program
Team Sequim Wheelers
Tom Conelly, Secretary



Note: Sequim Wheelers gave rides to Tim's Place participants.

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

Thank you for allowing Pet Emergency Group to use your parking lot during our fall fundraiser, Pet Day 2025. We are so excited to take over this beloved event from KSQM FM Radio and hope it will be a huge success for the health of our Pets!

Please accept our enclosed donation as appreciation for your generosity.

All the best and many blessings,
Laura Segil

TUMC Finance Report

	Operating Fund	
	August 2025	Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 46,057.04	\$331,290.06
Expenses	<u>\$ 38,733.10</u>	<u>\$335,531.94</u>
Difference	\$ 7,323.94	(\$ 4,241.88)

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, email: financechair@sequimtumc.org or call 626-833-4183.

Donate Online

[Donate Online Here](#)

On the TUMC 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.





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 October that will be the 3rd and the 17th.**

We 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.

October Monthly *Coffee Connect:* Let's Mingle and Chat!



**Friday, October 24, 2-3 pm
at Hurricane Coffee, 104 W Washington St.**

This monthly meetup is an opportunity to connect with fellow coffee enthusiasts and members of our vibrant TUMC community. Join Randy Grubbs and David Ham this month to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere that encourages meaningful interactions. Let's sip, chat, and create a stronger sense of community together!

TUMC's Ministry Leaders Mini-Retreat

Saturday October 11, 9am-12pm

We hope to have representation of all TUMC ministries, leaders, and staff members - especially as we are looking at some changes for 2026. This retreat is a continuation of the work we have been doing with Rev. Gregg Sealey, church consultant. Please sign up by Sunday October 5 so we have enough materials and food.

TUMC STAFF

STAFF

Pastor:
Office Manager/Bookkeeper:
Music Coordinator:
Accompanist:
Choral Director:
Organist:
Sight & Sound Coordinator:

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OUR MISSION

Welcome • Grow • Empower • Serve