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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fellowship 7:00p Middle & High School Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study	4	5 7:00p Deacons Meeting	6 7:00p Choir 7:00p Middle & High School Group	7	8	9
10 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fellowship 7:00p Middle & High School Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study	11	12 7:00p Session Mtg.	13 5:00p WoRM 7:00p Choir 7:00p Middle & High School Group	14	15 7:00p Game Night (Bethany)	16
17 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fellowship 7:00p Middle & High School Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study	18	19 5:00p Presbytery Mtg.	20 5:00p WoRM 7:00p Choir 7:00p Middle & High School Group	21 7:30p Book Group	22	23
24 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fellowship 7:00p Middle & High School Group 7:00 Adult Bible Study	25	26 7:00p Ministry Teams	27 5:00p WoRM 7:00p Choir 7:00p Middle & High School Group	28	29	30/31 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Cong. Mtg. 7:00p Youth Grp. 7:00p Adult Bible Study

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Session Highlights– December 8, 2009

The Session and Deacons met together over dinner to discuss our faith journeys and our hopes and goals for Trinity. Randy gave a presentation on leadership in the midst of adaptive change. Session and Deacons then separated for their own meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Adult offering receipts for November: \$19,840.00. A one-time gift of \$1,000 was earmarked for Shoreline Community Care. Capital campaign contributions to date: \$73,052.83 (\$65,747.06 for building use and \$7,305.77 for mission). Expenses: \$21,106.52 (included \$1,423.50 for repairing a leak in the original wing roof). Pledged payments to General Assembly, Per Capita and Wycliffe are current. The Shoreline Bank working balance closed the month at \$4,298.18. Pastor Butler and the Session thanked Gene for his service as church treasurer during the past years.

Contributions received for the December 6 concert by The Holy Ghost Travelin' Band and other musical groups totaled \$1,222, with 50 percent designated to support the Church of Mary Magdalene and 50 percent to go to the Band. The Missions Ministry Team voted to match the Mary Magdalene portion; therefore, that group received an amount equal to the total giving at the concert.

Seattle Presbytery has approved per capita apportionment, assessed for each active member on the church rolls at the end of 2008, to be **\$40.44**, the same as for 2009.

Pastor's Report: (Randy Butler)

- "Unbinding the Gospel" group is moving ahead with five to seven churches in the North Puget Sound Presbytery participating along with Trinity. Cost for Trinity may need to be only \$500 rather than \$1,000 as anticipated.
- "Embracing Shoreline Schools" may offer future opportunities for Trinity to be of help in the neighborhood. He also is communicating with Shoreline City neighborhoods' liaison.
- Pastor Butler said Youth Director Chris McLaughlin indicated that his attendance at the November Youth Workers' Convention in Atlanta was very worthwhile.

Presbytery: Elders Gordon McPherson and Gene Coumbe reported on their attendance at the November meeting of Seattle Presbytery at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church.

Session Actions:

- Approved the newly elected elders and deacons for office and scheduled Sunday, January 10, 2010, for ordination and installation.
- Scheduled the annual congregation meeting, to receive annual reports and other business of the church, on Sunday, January 31, following worship.
- Elected Gordon McPherson as clerk for the year 2010. Retiring Clerk Harlean Mandell was thanked and given a standing ovation for her 17 years of service as clerk.
- Sherri Officer, Janice Ellis and Ivan Ellis elected as elder commissioners to the January 19 Presbytery meeting at the John Knox Presbyterian Church.
- Authorized extending our current year budget until a final 2010 budget is approved.

Ministry Team General Discussion:

It was suggested that ministry team chairpersons ask present team members if they are able and wish to continue serving in that capacity during 2010.

Facilities—Elaine Carey reported on roof repairs, landscaping plans, and preparation of a MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) book following recent building inspection by the Fire Department. Both interior work on the building and exterior work on the landscaping continue.

- **Adult Spiritual Development**—Janice Ellis reported on coming events.

An adult Christian education series on The Confessions will be taught by Janice Ellis in January.

Lenten celebrations will begin with Ash Wednesday worship service on February 17. Weekly spiritual growth options for all age groups will continue through March 31.

A women's small group is meeting together and praying around "Unbinding the Gospel."

Planning for more women's ministry opportunities (such as the movie night & the retreat) continues.

Further communication to the congregation was suggested.

- **Finance**—Gordon McPherson presented a preliminary budget for 2010, with a projected gap of \$30,000 at this point.

- **Personnel/Administration**—Ron Hecht reviewed recommendations for 2010 salaries following his ministry team's annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff (pastors and all employees). The Pastor was excused during discussion of the proposed pastoral terms of call which are to be voted on by the congregation at its January 31 meeting.

Web Site: Janice Ellis reported on changes being made to the church web site. Look at www.trinpc.org.