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May your birthday bring you all life's simple joys . . . wrapped in God's love for you!
 Please let us know the date of your birth so we can celebrate with you!

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Deacons' "Warm Clothes" Drive

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity was able to donate to Hopelink:
 25 scarves, 23 hats, 43 pairs of gloves, 38 pairs of socks,
 3 blankets, 3 pairs of boots and 7 jackets.
 God bless everyone who contributed!

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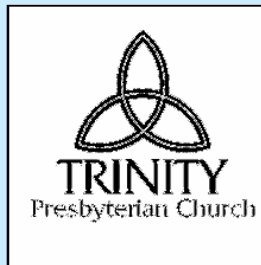
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Biography - Dawn Jarvis



Where were you born? In a little house in the woods by Padilla Bay in Anacortes, WA.

When did you become a Christian and who led you to the Lord?

When I was a sophomore at the U of W, my father had a massive heart attack. I went to see Dr. Cowie at University Presbyterian Church to ask him to pray for my father. He led me to the Lord and told ME to go pray for my father. I thought a "professional" Christian's prayers would be better than mine. I didn't know how to pray for healing, but I simply put my hand on Dad's arm and silently asked God to help him. Miraculously, my father improved and lived another five years, and I began to pray with expectation.

Single or Married? I married Harvey Jarvis, a dear friend from Roosevelt High School & the U of W, on July 22, 1955.

Children? A son and three daughters arrived within four-and-a-half years. (Jeff, Cameron, Susan & Karin)

Grandchildren? Nine. The first one will be married in July, 2010.

Best job you ever had? I always loved my jobs and usually felt as if I were being paid to play. The first, just out of high school, was as the Artist's Assistant at Acme Press. The most fun was working in the Display Dept. at Frederick and Nelson's department store downtown.

Worst job you ever had? It wasn't really bad, but during the Easter season, while waiting for an opening in the Display Dept., I wore a costume as the Easter Bunny's helper in the big corner window. Friends pressing their noses against the glass and waving made me feel as if I were on display, but the children being photographed were adorable.

Current Job? Retired. However, over the years I have done calligraphy, paintings, illustrations for books and magazines, and designed and decorated interiors of shops and houses.

Hobbies? Sculpting, making, collecting and costuming dolls, gardening, writing stories, poems, and songs, and now writing my Life Story.

Share a turning point in your life and explain how God's hand was evident? In 1968 I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and my life became full of adventure and miracles as I came to truly know God.

What's the darkest valley you've been in and how did God help you through that time? In 1960, we lost everything in a moving van that burned in the Mohave Desert. A week later I learned that I was pregnant with our 4th child. Loss is difficult, but while

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some material things are necessary, and some are fun and beautiful, they are not Life.

When my husband was only 47 years old, he was stung by bees and had the worst stroke one can have and still live. In the hospital, I placed my hands on him and said, "Lord, You love him, please help him." Through my hands, God saved Harvey, and He became constantly, vividly present in my life. He inspired my writing and worked so many miracles that my license plate is MIRACLE. Nearly thirty years later, my husband is still alive and, although paralyzed on his right side, he can walk without a cane and can drive a car. Aphasia is a problem for him, but we have traveled overseas, continued to live in the beautiful hillside home we built, and have had many delightful years together. Laughter is truly the best medicine.

What do you feel is the most significant "Life Lesson" you've learned? God's love is the greatest power that exists. He loves each one of us far more than we can imagine and wants to give us a higher, better, more joyful, abundant life than we could ever hope for.

If you had only 24 hours left to live, how would you spend that time? I would gather family, friends and my dear Shiba doggie so we could enjoy each other and praise God for having given to me the most wonderful life!

Capital Campaign Report for Nov. 30, 2009

A Capital Campaign for the years 2007-2010 was initiated in January 2007.

The TOTAL GOAL is \$80,000

During November we received \$1971 for the Capital Campaign and \$128 for Capital Mission. Total donations received toward the Capital Campaign by end of November, 2009 were \$73,052.83. Of this, \$7,305.77 (10%) has been set aside for our Capital Mission Project. The Annual Report will provide information giving through the end of December, 2009.

Our Campaign ends at the end of March. We are very close to our goal. Keep up the good work. Thanks to all for your faithful giving to this project.

Lenten Series

This year Lent begins early, on Feb. 17. We will again have an Ash Wednesday service and then, on subsequent Wednesdays, have a series of Lenten small groups as we did last year. This year the intent is to provide individuals with a Tool Box for Christian Spiritual Development. A simple supper will be provided at 6:00 pm. Small groups for all ages will follow. One small group will meet on Sunday mornings for those unable to attend in the evening. Sign-ups will begin the last week in January. Please plan to attend this meaningful series as we prepare for the greatest day of the church year--- EASTER!

Care and Communications Team

This is one group at Trinity of which you likely have never heard. But soon this will change. We had originally been known as the Visitation Team; however, recently we have chosen to update ourselves and our methods. We used to be the ones who called on people and kept in touch with shut-ins. Our aim was to be certain that no one "fell through the cracks."

But things have changed over the years, and it is not as easy to visit. Our schedules and those of the people we serve have changed. Needs are different. What we are able to do has changed as well. Our aims and goals remain unchanged. We continue to strive to find those who are not well or have other issues and keep them in the eyes and prayers of the church.

Would you like to be a part of this team? You would be more than welcome. If you have questions or comments, please contact Hallie Stegelvik at any time.

Youth Ministries

Chris McLaughlin, Youth Director

What about Our Great Commission?

Several weeks ago, I learned something interesting about the olden days. And when I say olden days I am talking about when Jesus and His disciples walked this planet over 2,000 years ago. I learned that in school, Jewish children learned and memorized the Scriptures. By age ten, they had the whole Torah memorized! By then, they would decide who was able to go on to the next level of school and who would start to apprentice someone or learn the family trade. The ones that moved to the next level worked on memorizing all of the Hebrew Scriptures, Genesis through Malachi, by age 14 or 15! After this, the best of the best would go on to disciple to a Rabbi and learn from him. This is what these teenagers strove for - what they wanted most. It's like becoming the next Bill Gates in their time.

The interesting thing about all of this, and what makes Jesus stick out so much, is that Jesus chose those that were rejected in the first place to be His disciples. When I looked up the word disciple, I found it meant a student or follower. Jesus chose fishermen, tax collectors, and people of other professions to be His students or followers. He chose twelve men that had been rejected by others to spread His gospel.

After Jesus is resurrected, He visits the disciples one last time and tells them in Matthew 28: 19-20;

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

After this Great Commission in the Bible, the disciples are then called apostles. When I look up apostle in my concordance, it means they are now representatives or messengers of Christ and His Gospel.

The great thing about all of this is that Jesus now has millions of disciples and apostles, like many of us. Word has been passed down over thousands of years to us today, as each new generation accepts the Great Commission.

Learning things like this gives me hope. It gives me hope, because Jesus chose those who others didn't think were good enough. Looking at different aspects of our lives, there is always someone better. Someone faster, someone stronger, someone smarter, someone more skilled - the list goes on. But Jesus chose me, and He chose you. Jesus chose us to be representatives and messengers; to do things differently, like He did. That is what makes us stick out - when we do things differently than others, when we go against the grain.

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ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians. (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995)

So, per capita is both a designated cost to the church, but also an opportunity for all to participate actively. Opportunities often have costs associated. This is a lot like much of what we do at Trinity.

(Contents courtesy of Dennis Hughes, pastor at Northminster Pres and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery)

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Dan's Musical Musings

Dan Shelhamer, Music Director

We have just finished another glorious Advent season. Usually, during Advent, we have a different theme each week of celebration – Hope, Peace, Love, Joy, or sometimes Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary. There is a song that came out a few years ago entitled “Angels Unaware” by Michael W. Smith. (There is also a wonderful book by Dale Evans about their Down Syndrome child – well worth reading.) Some of the lyrics to the song are, “Who’s that stranger there beside you? Don’t be smug and don’t be cruel - maybe we are entertaining angels unaware.”

How do you know when you are in the presence of angels? Angels are not necessarily identified in the human manner but, sometimes, through the Spirit manifesting itself in and through humans. In the Bible, angels are spiritual beings, without earthly, material bodies, appearing in many forms. Many times they are surrounded by brilliant light, and their appearance inspires great fear and awe, since they often have tremendous powers.

Who are the angels among us? Surely, many of us would say something like “The preacher who brings God’s word with power and authority,” or “The choir which sings so beautifully of God’s love and grace,” or “The missionaries who go to distant countries and endure hardship and privation to bring God’s word to all.” Certainly, these are the angels we are aware of – what about “Angels Unaware?”

Maybe it’s the guy on the street corner, panhandling – and yet giving us the opportunity for us to show God’s love in giving. Maybe it’s the gruff boss or co-worker who gives us the chance to show forgiveness and forbearance. Maybe it’s a family member who sees us every day for what we really are – and yet, nevertheless, loves us unconditionally.

Take a moment right now, recognize a few Angels Unaware in your own life and thank God for sending them your way.

In Christ,
-Dan

Pledges & Adult Offering for 2010

The generosity of our congregation has again been proven. The written pledges received for 2010 giving, combined with the continued giving levels of other members and friends as done in 2009, exceed \$200,000 - an increase of about 5%. This amount of giving is only for Trinity's "general" budget. Many of you also provide additional giving to specific mission teams, funds, or activities (Deacons, Capital Campaign, Hopelink, etc.). These are very substantial amounts for a congregation our size and indicate your strong support of the work Trinity is doing. Thank You Very Much.

Book Group

Trinity's Book Group meets on January 21, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Our book this month is *Abide with Me*, by Elizabeth Strout. This story takes place in a small town in Maine, in the 1950's, a favorite place and time for this author. In this book, a young minister struggles to regain his calling and his happiness, after a profound loss. The community he has served so loyally must also come to terms with its own strengths and failings as it tries to help their minister. From a review on Random House's website: “Elizabeth Strout draws readers into the details of ordinary life in a way that makes it extraordinary. All is considered – life, love, God, and community – within these pages, and all is made new by this writer's boundless compassion and graceful prose.”

Please join us at the home of Donna Coumbe for a discussion of this book. Anyone is welcome to join this group, even if you have not read or finished the book. Suggestions for new titles for future months' discussions are always welcome.

Pastor's Corner

Randy Butler, Pastor

You have probably heard me talk about *Unbinding the Gospel*, a book by Martha Grace Reese. Around the country many are finding it a very effective tool for deepening the Christian spiritual life and for evangelism. The discussion and the practices developed in the Unbinding series are as meaningful and constructive as anything I have seen for helping mainline churches rediscover a passion for God and for sharing the good news.

In November, the Session agreed to enter into a cohort with six to eight other Presbyterian churches in the North Puget Sound area to use *Unbinding* as a way of growing in and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Starting in 2010, leaders from these churches will meet on a regular basis, and we will also have a coach to guide us through a two-year process of unbinding the Gospel in our lives.

You will hear more about this in the coming months. The Session has read the book, and a group of women has also studied it. In the new year, a larger group of women will begin a study, and I hope that a group of men will do the same. This kind of study and emphasis on spiritual growth takes place best in small groups, and so there can be a number of groups reading and studying *Unbinding* at the same time. If you want to start a group, let's talk about it.

The best way to define what *Unbinding the Gospel* is about is to say that **it is a way of deepening our own experience of God together and discovering along the way that others could benefit by this experience as well.** There is a hunger in our day for meaning and community and spiritual connection with God and with others. My prayer is that we will explore this together in the years ahead and open up our hearts in new ways so that the Gospel is indeed unbound in us and in our community.

Happy New Year!

About Per Capita ...

What is per capita? There are at least two answers to that question. One answer is, for the current year, per capita is **\$40.44**. That is the amount, per member, that Trinity will pay to carry its fair share of the administrative costs of the Presbytery of Seattle, the Synod of Alaska-Northwest, and the General Assembly. That may seem to be an odd amount, but the actual cost is determined and then divided by the number of members.

If you use giving envelopes, you may have noticed an envelope in your box labeled “Per Capita” to encourage you to donate this amount. Whether you donate it separately in the designated envelope or along with your regular giving, Trinity must pay the designated amount for each active member reported at the end of the year.

The second answer is the official definition approved by the 207th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1995:

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian Church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing

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Christian Education Notes

Donna Saltzberg, CE Director



Each new year brings new and exciting possibilities. I will begin this new year attending a conference for those serving in Educational Ministry through the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE).

The theme of this year's conference, "Awake My Soul," is from Psalm 108.

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! Awake, O Harp and Lyre!

I will awake the dawn, I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples and

I will sing praises to you among the nations.

For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,

and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Psalm 108:1-4

The Seattle Presbytery has asked me to attend as one of two P.O.I.N.T. (Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching) people. POINT is a network of individuals with expertise in Christian education organized across the country through each presbytery and Congregational Ministries Publishing, Congregational Ministries Division of the PC (USA). The local network, consisting of two volunteers and the resource center staff of each presbytery, where applicable, is designed to assist congregations with curriculum selection and other Christian education needs.

Gail Lane of Lake Burien Pres (the other POINT person) and I have coordinated our workshop registrations so we don't duplicate the sessions we attend, and cover a maximum number of topics.

I will be attending the following workshops:

Singing Psalms with Children

This workshop will present how to pass on our love for psalm singing to our children and youth

and examine examples of it from various musical genres.

Creating Summer Ministries

Participants will explore options in summer programs that meet the needs of today's children while understanding many churches are limited in the number of volunteers needed to implement traditional VBS. It will offer ideas for preschool and elementary children, along with family events and community outreach.

Narrative Theology

This workshop focuses on intergenerational education and Biblical narrative as a model to share God's word.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Presents and explores the creation of shawls that are given to share God's grace and loving embrace.


Living Waters for the World

There's a five-day mission-focused VBS which looks at suffering now and how we can help. It explores our responsibility to care for the world's precious resource of water. An overview of materials will be presented, including Bible stories, mission activities, crafts, songs, and recreational activities.

I'm looking forward to the coming year and the honor and privilege of serving as a POINT person in 2010. It will be an awakening experience to explore the new and creative ways to share God's love and the amazing miracle of Christ's redemption at Trinity.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you love God and his children? Consider joining our Workshop Rotation Team as a volunteer. Besides Bible story and craft workshop leaders we are looking for cooks, table parents and game leaders for our Wednesday night program. Contact CE Director Donna Saltzberg for more info!



Trinity on the Web

www.trinpc.org

Our website has been updated during November and December. The Menu bar has a link to directions and a Google map. You will now find scriptures for Daily Devotions in the section titled Resources. You will also find a link that allows you to look up Bible passages if you know a few words of the verse or if you know the citation. Sometime after the first of the year, we hope to be able to make digital recordings of Pastor Randy's sermons (rather than the tape recordings currently being made) so that those can be posted. There is now a section about us as a church. This provides a welcome message, as well as our mission statement and a statement of beliefs using the Presbyterian Church USA Brief Statement of Faith.

One of the additions we want to make to our website involves pictures of people in the church engaging in the various activities. We believe this will personalize the website, and those looking at it will be able to envision themselves with the people at our church. Several individuals have been taking pictures of our gatherings that might be used. Our intent is to include people in small or large groups with the activity identified but without any individuals identified. You might appear if we have a picture

of the whole congregation worshipping or of everyone attending a Ladies' Tea. In some instances, we may include a small group such as women making shawls. **If you do NOT want your picture to be included in this way**, please let Janice Ellis or the office know and we will make sure that a picture with you as a focus is not used. We will start adding pictures at the end of January.

We will be changing the overall look of the website sometime in the future. Feedback about what you like about the current website, what you think could be improved, and ideas for changes are welcome. Janice Ellis is the acting web master; you can contact her at jirellis@comcast.net. Your announcements and events will be added when that information is provided.

WINTER WoRM GOD'S TOP TEN



We have a fantastically fun WoRM series planned for Winter 2010. Starting on January 10th, we'll begin a super new round of Rotation

Workshops designed to teach our grade school students the Ten Commandments and how they apply to our lives today.

**Sundays 11:00-noon
Wednesdays 5-7:00p.m.**

Sunday sessions will begin January 10th. Wednesday session will begin on January 13th and run 5 weeks ending on February 10th.

Registration for our Wednesday night sessions begins January 3rd. Watch your post holiday mail for the registration brochure.

Check out God's Top Ten!

1. God Is Number One
2. Don't Bow Down To Idols
3. God's Name Is Holy
4. God's Holy Day
5. The Honor Roll!
6. Let Life Live!
7. Be True To Your Mate, Mate!
8. Thou Shalt Not Steal
9. Tell The Truth!
10. Be Above It, Never Covet

Worship Bags are BACK!

Starting on January 3rd, worship bags will be available in the upper narthex for children pre-K through 4th grade.

A child-size coat tree will be placed near the stairs by the sanctuary. Hanging on hooks on the tree will be children's Worship Bags, containing a children's bulletin, crayons, paper, and stickers.

The children may pick these bags up as they enter the sanctuary and return them as they leave. These bags have encouraged children to enter fully into worship by providing helpful teaching aids appropriate for them.