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November 2013



Cheese & Crackers are always needed for Fellowship Times

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Prism Every Thu 6:00pm	Fri	Sat
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3 Time to Fall Back Those Clocks!	4	5 Visitation 6:30pm Nominations 7:30pm	6	7 Prayer shawl 4:00pm Prism	8	9 TUMW Organizational Meeting 10:00am
10	11	12 Finance 6:00pm Church Council 6:30pm	13	14 Craft Group 6:30pm Prism	15	16 Bazaar By the Bay 10:00-4:00 pm
17 TUMW Charity Knitting Group 2:00-4:00pm	18	19 SPRC 6:00pm	20	21 Prism	22	23
24 One Service 10:00am Thanksgiving Dinner	25 Fostering Futures 6:30 to 8:30pm	26 Trustees 5:00pm	27	28 No Prism	29	30

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Homemade Cookies are always a hit at Fellowship Times





Dear

Tracyton Church Family,

ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through
Simplicity and Generosity

I can only begin to tell you how glad I am that on October 27, we began our four-week series, ***Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity***. The series has a little companion book by Adam Hamilton. If you haven't received your book yet, copies are available, you can pick it up at church!

These days, getting more, more, more! is considered a virtue in society. As a result, people find themselves more stressed, more dissatisfied, and more indebted. There's got to be a better way.

There is a better way, and our faith has a lot to say about it. Come and consider together how you and your household can live a life of more simplicity, more generosity, and more joy.

Last Sunday, our topic was "**When Dreams Become Nightmares.**" We saw how the American Dream contrasts with God's vision, and how God's vision brings joy that the American Dream never can. If you were unable to be with us, you can find my notes for the sermon on our website, at <http://www.tracytonumc.org/>.

This Sunday, our topic will be "**Wisdom and Finance.**" We will look closely at biblical principles of money management and discover how they apply to our daily lives. I invite you to join us for this extremely informative and practical message. You also will receive several tools that will help you in your own financial planning.

Some of you have already begun studying the book. In the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School class, or in your Small Groups, you've done the introduction, and whetted your appetite for the conversations in the coming weeks. (Everybody's welcome to the Sunday School class, even if you haven't been a regular part of it.)

There are two points I want to make concerning this month's emphasis:

1. **When considering our spiritual life, our financial stewardship, our possessions, our choices, "we must be very careful not to judge one another. We are in a position to judge only ourselves."** On this point, I am in 100% agreement with Adam Hamilton, our author. In fact, that's a quote from page 12 of his book.

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ENOUGH

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2. I do **not** say we have to agree with the book about everything. Not even about **tithing**. I love tithing, and for someone with a home and a moderate, dependable income, contributing one-tenth of income is a good benchmark of a moderately generous life. But for someone with a higher income, the tithe is too low a standard. And in the experience of many of you saints of God, the tithe goes well beyond generosity and into burdensome sacrifice. The goals of the month are in our book's subtitle: ***Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity***. It's the joy we're aiming for. Really.

October 27th "When Dreams Become Nightmares." November 3rd "Wisdom and Finance"

November 10th "Cultivating Contentment"

November 17th "Defined by Generosity"

Each sermon in the series will be posted on our website tracytonumc.org the following week

In Christ's Peace,

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Worship Design Team—Altar Flowers

Thank you to all those who provided fresh flowers for the altar this summer. The beautiful bouquets from your gardens were a joy to see each Sunday morning. As we move into a new season, I invite anyone who would like to bring an arrangement for the altar to contact me. If you have a special occasion or remembrance of a dear one you would like to acknowledge or you just want to take part in assisting to make our Sanctuary a place of beauty to share with each other, give me a call and I will schedule a Sunday for you.

Questions, suggestion, concerns are welcome!

Marilyn Winterowd mtanagirl@aol.com

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FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

This month you contributed \$50 and 40 pounds of food to the food bank. The total for the year is \$1270 and 463 pounds of food. Your generosity is appreciated by many people in need of food in our community.

Submitted by Libby Correll



MISSION NEWS

The holidays are coming and it's time to start thinking about our giving toward Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for food and the Angel Tree. This year we are going to do things a little differently. This year all names for the angel tree and Thanksgiving and Christmas food gift cards will come from our congregation. You may nominate a family you know is in need. Here is the schedule:

N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>All names must be turned in to the church office or the Missions Team (Elaine Cook, Joan Piersall, Perk Morris, Mark Smith, Libby Correll) by November 17.</p>						
3	<p>Donations for Thanksgiving food cards will be taken November 3-17. Please make checks out to TUMC and write "Thanksgiving food cards" on them. If you are giving cash, please put the money in an envelope and label it. Any donations after November 17 will be put toward Christmas food cards. .</p>					
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17	<p>Food gift cards and <i>request forms</i> for the Angel Tree will be given out at the church's Thanksgiving dinner on November 24. Please invite the families you nominated to the dinner. .</p>					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p><i>Request forms</i> for the Angel Tree gifts must be returned to the church office by December 1</p>						

D E C E M B E R 2 0 1 3

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	<p>Donation requests for Christmas food cards will be made December 1-15. Angel Tree gifts must be returned to church by December 15. If you would like to help a child on the Angel Tree but are unable to go shopping, you may make a donation and label it "Angel Tree gifts". The Missions Team will shop for you</p>					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	<p>Christmas food cards and Angel Tree gifts will be given out on December 22 or 24. If you have nominated a family who cannot be present to receive their gifts let us know. If you are unable to get the gifts to them we will try to help.</p>					

TRACYTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS PAGE

Organizational
Meeting

Bake
Sale

Charity
Knitting Group

TUMW
Gleaning Table

Quilt Auction Coming to the Bazaar!

We will be holding a silent auction for this beautiful quilt assembled by Elizabeth Burgess at the bazaar on November 16th. We will have a sign up sheet available in the fellowship hall to get things started. We will close the auction at the end of the bazaar.



Tracyton's

Bazaar By the Bay



November 16th from 10:00-4:00pm

For the bazaar the Tracyton United Methodist Women's group will be in the Kitchen making soup and sandwiches for purchase and also they will be sponsoring a bake sale. 100% of the proceeds from these two venues will be designated to sponsoring Katherine Parker, missionary in Nepal.

If you would like to donate items to the bake sale we will have a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. Donated items can be dropped off at the church during Office hours November 12th thru the 15th or on Saturday before the Sale.

Our Next Organizational Meeting Will Be Held On November 9th at 10:00am

We will be discussing how and where to disperse the funds we have collected throughout the year as well as determining the future of our elected offices. Bring us your thoughts and suggestions for our soup and sandwich sale for the bazaar. Let us know if you would like to help out by bringing something or manning the kitchen.



TUMW Charity Knitting Group

made 59 knitted and crocheted hats, mittens, slippers, and scarves in support of the

"Warm for Winter"

campaign. We had a great time learning new skills and knowing that our efforts will be keeping someone warm this winter season! Our Group will meet on Sunday the **17th from 2-4pm**

Good things are happening!

What a difference a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook can make.

By supporting your UMW you are helping to support Katherine Parker in Nepal
Dear friends at Tracyton United Methodist Church,

Greetings in Christ from chilly Nepal on this World Communion Sunday. It is quite a change for me to be thinking about sweaters and long sleeves, but the warm monsoon season is wrapping up here and I anticipate seeing the Himalayas any day now. Up until now, only the hills have been visible; the mountains have been hiding in the clouds.

I know that many of you have been anticipating an email from me and I'm sorry that I haven't sent out any updates that way. I did post one story to my blog, <http://bokashi.blogspot.com>, and several pictures to Facebook (follow me at <fb.com/bokashi>). There are more pictures and stories to come.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to spend time with you during 2013. The four months of itineration were intense with visits to over 100 churches and more than 165 potlucks, programs, worship services and opportunities for fellowship. But it was an amazing blessing to me to meet and reconnect and to share and learn. Thank you for this opportunity.



Excerpts from a letter sent to us from Katherine Parker in Nepal. You can find the complete letter on the UMW Wall



The PRISM Weight Loss Group (class 4) lost over 60 pounds these last 6 weeks! There were some really happy folks last Thursday when we weighed in!

Yipee!!

Our one year anniversary at TUMC will be in January and we invite all of you to consider joining us! PRISM is a Christian based weight loss program that has proven to be successful for men and women, young and old, healthy and not so healthy. Come on... get serious this year with that New Year's resolution to lose weight... it's a lot easier than you think and we'd love to show you how. A new class will begin in January 2014! Contact Sally Klein at 662-8964 for more information.

LANDSCAPING NEWS

We have a new, beautiful, much more accessible walkway into the Office. Once again our thanks go out to Mr. Lee Winterowd for all the hard work and time he has put into this project.



Winter is coming and the leaves are falling! It's time to start thinking about snuggling in for a spell. What a beautiful summer we've had with our new access to the backyard and gazebo area. Time just flew by. Thank you to everyone who helped make it so lovely!



NOVEMBER 24TH

Ghost Train Success!



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The kids had a ball and a lot of support was raised for KFCA (Kitsap Foster Care Association). There were almost three times as many visitors this year and fun was had by all.

Your donations of candy and treats brought a lot of OOO's and AWW's and the whole event was brimming with smiles and happy kids. As you can see in the picture above our own Jaydin and Laila Dividson were dressed for the occasion and lent a hand where needed. Your continuing support of this annual event has impacted many young lives. What better way to share God's Grace than by helping to bring a smile to a child's face.



UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

"[God's] glorious power will make you patient and strong enough to endure anything, and you will be truly happy."

—Colossians 1:11, CEV



"After I graduate, I would love nothing more than... to continue to serve the congregation that brought me up."

—Daniel Tribble
Tennessee Tech student and recipient of a United Methodist Student Day scholarship

Your generous gifts on **United Methodist Student Day** support scholarships and low-interest education loans to United Methodist students.

Learn more about United Methodist Student Day at: www.umcsgiving.org/UMSD



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CLOTHING CLOSET OPENING!

The New Beginnings Church in Bremerton is partnering with the Kitsap Foster Care Association to create a clothing closet for children. Foster families will be able to “shop” at the monthly KFCA meeting and also whenever they receive a new placement. Needy families in the community will also have access through the church. The closet gratefully accepts donations of children’s clothing (no mature adult clothing please) from newborn sizes thru teen sizes 16/18. Clothing must be clean, in good repair, and stain free. We also need hangers (especially child size) and are searching for at least two more portable clothing racks to hang coats on. We will also use items from this closet to supplement the closet at the DCFS office.



We will continue to stock the foster closet at the Division of Children and Family Services office with new items for children placed in homes by Child Protective Services. The items in this closet are chosen especially for foster children and will continue to be given to only foster children so please continue to donate new socks, underwear, pajamas and shoes because there is a need for them. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Tracyton's
Bazaar By the Bay
 November 16th from 10:00am-4:00pm

Find that extra special Christmas gift you've been looking for!

Handmade Arts and Crafts
 Bake Sale
 White Elephant Sale
 Hot Soup and Sandwiches

Tracyton United Methodist Church
 5153 Naomi St
 Tracyton

For More Information Call:

Carol at 360-692-6870
 or Shirley at 360-373-4778

CHRISTMAS FUN FOR ALL!!

The Church Craft Group is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar! It will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 10am to 4pm. We will have many homemade gifts, as well as a white elephant table. All proceeds will be going to the church.

The Tracyton United Methodist Women's group will be in the Kitchen making soup and sandwiches for purchase and also they will be sponsoring a bake sale. 100% of the proceeds from these two venues will be designated to sponsoring Katherine Parker, missionary in Nepal.

We would love for you to participate by donating items for the white elephant table, or if you are interested in being a vendor please contact us. We are thrilled to be able to once again offer this event at our church!

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

November 17 through 23

We are looking for donations of CLEAN, GENTLY USED, winter coats/hoodies, purchased hats, scarves, gloves and mittens.

All these items will be given out to local organizations that provide needed clothing to our homeless, and during the county-wide point in time count and project connect.

The first distribution of these items will be at the **"Blessing of the winterwear"** at Bremerton UMC, 1150 Marine Dr. on Monday, Nov. 18th from Noon-1:30pm. Homemade Chili and Cornbread will be served for lunch following the blessing. Questions?

Contact Pastor Marta at Bremerton UMC 373-3510

One Service only

November 24th at 10:00am
Thanksgiving Dinner to follow

Join us for this special service of
 Thanksgiving

To be delivered by our young people

Please bring your favorite family sides or
 goodies to share

We will have signup sheets in the
 Fellowship Hall

Think about jotting down that recipe to
 copy and share

Some Holiday Ideas to Consider!

U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

This idea list for alternative gift-giving comes from one of our pastors who cares about supporting locally-owned family and small businesses.. Here is an edited version of 10 ways that you can tell someone you love them without buying more stuff.

1. Nearly everyone gets a hair cut now and then. How about gift certificates to a local hair salon or neighborhood barber?
2. Making a New Year resolution to get healthy? Buy a gym membership at the local community center for a family member or friend. Exercise together and you'll be more likely to reach your fitness goals.
3. What drivers wouldn't appreciate getting their cars detailed? Small detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a book of gift certificates.
4. Instead of buying expensive gadgets and gizmos that sit around and collect dust, consider the more ordinary gifts that most people wouldn't ask for, but would probably love, such as getting the driveway plowed for the winter or sealed in the summer, or your lawn mowed and trimmed, flower-beds weeded, porch painted, downspouts cleaned, or even a round of golf at the local course.
5. There are many owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates.. Dine out in style or casually and help out the local eateries in your communities rather than the big, fast-food chains and corporate restaurants.
6. How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the average working guy?
7. Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? How about the services of a local cleaning service for a day, week or month. Free up time for Mom and you to do something fun.
8. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.. Support your local crafters and artists.. Buy a heartfelt, personal gift or make one of your own. Many churches offer holiday craft fairs at this time of year so your money can do twice the amount of good as often the church receives a portion of the crafters' sales.
9. How about going out to see a play, concert or ballet at your Hometown Theater, community dance hall, music venue or local high school?
10. Who couldn't use a hand, foot or full-body massage? Give the gift of healing touch. Your gift recipient and your local licensed massage therapist will be grateful. Nothing de-stresses a person after a long day like a good therapeutic massage.

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NOVEMBER 2013 TRACYTON TIDINGS

TRACYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Times

8:30am Early Service

9:45am
Adult Sunday School

10:00am
Children's Sunday School

11:00am Late Service

*One Service only on the
Fifth Sunday of the month
at 10:00am followed by a
potluck luncheon.*

SHARING THE
LOVE OF GOD
AND MAKING
DISCIPLES
FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION
OF THE WORLD



Take a stroll thru our beautiful Farrar Park
located just across the street from the church.
Open to the public at all times.

A multi-generational
community growing together
in the grace, love and service
of God. Children are
welcome at all services.
Should you desire, a nursery
is available for children 5
years and under at the
11:00am service.

NOVEMBER 2013 - TRACYTON TIDINGS