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Tracyton Tidings

March, 2013

Holy Thursday (the 28th)

Dinner/Service

5:30pm

Easter Sunrise Service

6:00am

Easter Brunch

8:00-9:30am

Easter Egg Hunt

9:30am

Easter Sunday Service

(One Only)

10:00am

*Daylight Savings Time begins
March 10th. Set your clocks
AHEAD on Saturday night*



TRACYTON TIDINGS
Tracyton United Methodist Church



Tracyton United Methodist Women

This looks like a great class for the newly formed

Tracyton United Methodist Women

Officers as well as new members! Since being in mission is what we're all about!

Gods work being done
around the world



Being in Mission Is Not a Choice!

or, in other words, **Mission Planning for Your Church**

Free Workshop. April 13, Des Moines UMC 22225 9th Ave. So, Des Moines, WA
Des Moines UMC invites all involved in Mission/Social Action/Advocacy, or who
have a passion for this ministry to attend a Saturday, April 13 workshop to help
identify what mission really is; where and what a mission field is; tips and guidelines
to help develop a balanced and focused Missions Program and more! There will be
time to raise your questions and hopefully get some answers, and time for small
group discussions to begin planning your own focused program. Please join with
your fellow United Methodists to explore these and other questions during this
event, facilitated by Lynn Magnuson. The day begins with check-in at 8:45 am and
adjourns by 2:00 pm.

The idea for this workshop originated from someone asking how to develop a bal-
anced church mission program. The need is so great; how do you say 'no' to good
and worthwhile requests for help while still actively reaching out. It can be over-
whelming!

Lynn Magnuson, workshop facilitator comes to the April 13
event with a background of outreach ministry experience
through a variety of professional endeavors. She has led mis-
sion interpretation events, evangelism workshops and mission
trips around the world. Lynn has worked as a fund-raiser and
educator for local and international non-profits, including
Church World Service, for the past 30 years. She is a Certified
Lay Servant and active in the Annual Conference, the Tacoma
District and Gig Harbor UMC.



Although the workshop is free, donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of
lunch. We kindly request that you register your attendance in advance so we have
enough chairs, handouts, refreshments and lunch. Please email Rosalee Mohney at
rmohney@comcast.net or call 206-870-1456 to register and indicate needed childcare
ages 6 mos. - Grade 4. Please email or call by Monday, April 8 to register your at-
tendance.

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MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Food Bank Sunday 	4	5 Visitation 6:30pm 	6 Choir Practice 6:00pm 	7 Prism 6:00pm	8	9 8:15am Deep Roots Training 
10  TUMW Officers 1:00 	11	12 Finance 6:00pm Church Council 6:30pm 	13 Choir Practice 6:00pm 	14 Prayer Shawl 4:00pm  Prism 6:00pm	15	16
17 TUMW Charity Knitting Group 2:00-4:00 	18 Introductory Class Prism 6:00pm	19 SPRC 6:00pm 	20 Choir Practice 6:00pm 	21 Women's Circle 6:30pm  Prism 6:00pm	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 	25	26 Trustee 6:00pm 	27 Choir Practice 6:00pm 	28 Dinner and Service begins at 5:30pm  No Prism	29	30

31st Easter Sunrise Service 6:00am Easter Brunch 8:00-9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am Easter Sunday Service (One Only) 10:00am


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**TRACYTON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
CHARITY KNITTING GROUP**

**We'll start off making hats, booties and blankets
For the newborns at Harrison Hospital
And see where we go from there!**

Don't know how to knit! We'll teach you!

COME AND JOIN US

SUNDAY, March 17TH, 2013

2PM TO 4PM

Questions: Ask or call Sally Klein 662-8964



We're off to a good start with Food Bank donations: 102 pounds of food and \$175. Please remember the first Sunday of each month is "Food Bank Sunday". Both food and money donations are welcome.

Sunday Paper Sales

All proceeds go to the church. Get the news and local information as well as the Sunday shopping fliers and support your church at the same time.

In 2013, we have collected \$47.25



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 10, 2013



Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere.

Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps us keep our promise that 100 % of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project-not on home office costs.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

Some Wonderful News!



*I don't know how many souls in the church may know that Dotty received a "clean bill of health" from the cancer by her Doctor a couple weeks ago. Any way, I would like to put a short acknowledgement of thank you to all those that held her In their prayers for her healing. The cancer is gone but she will be under surveillance as is seen fit. I don't know what to say other than: Thank you all that gave of your prayers to our Lord in her behalf.
John Holly*

TRACYTON TIDINGS

Adult Classes

Every Sunday at 9:45am

We are beginning the book *Fresh Air: the Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life*, author Jack Levison helps us to find and experience the everyday presence of the Holy Spirit. Our class facilitator is Mr. Jim Klein. . All are welcome and encouraged to join us for an hour of insight and learning.



Children's Classes

Every Sunday at 10:00am



Our children will be starting their Easterific Curriculum for Lent and Holy Week. If you know any children that would like to come please invite them, all are welcome! And if you are interested in helping out maybe one Sunday a month, we can use your hands and experience.

Church Directory

Coming soon we will be taking pictures for a new directory. We hope all will participate. A photo directory is such a helpful tool. This also gives us a chance to update your personal profile so we have your current information on file. Dates and times will be announced soon.



Name Tags

We have been seeing several new faces lately. With newcomers and visitors joining us for Service and upcoming holiday events it would be nice if we could remember to wear our name tags, it does help to put names with faces. If you don't have a name tag please let the office know.



Questions?
Talk to Sally Klein

WE WILL BE STARTING A NEW CLASS IN APRIL

PRISM® Weight Loss Program is a Christian oriented program. It is a complete, 24 plus weeks program divided into four or more six-week phases. The program is based on the belief that people with weight problems and poor eating behaviors can be restored to emotionally whole, right-weighted individuals. Through the use of seven key principles, we desire to give everyone the ability to become the person they were created to be. Any program can help you lose weight, but most leave you unprepared to continue after weight loss. This program will help you learn to accept and identify with the "TRUE YOU," the person you were created to be. PRISM® focuses on transforming your attitude about food, the activity of eating, and most important, your attitude about you! The daily curriculum and video series focus on your attitude becoming right and true. This attitude transformation will produce the right actions to support the person you were created to be!



This is exciting news!!!

The combined weight loss for the first 6 week Phase of PRISM was 113 pounds and the combined inches lost was over 80 inches!!

One persons loss was a whopping 24 pounds and another person lost just over 24 inches!

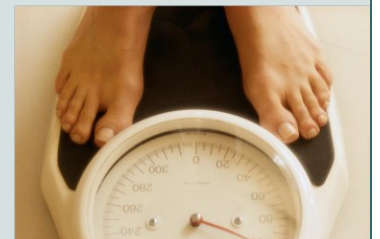
If that doesn't make you want to join the next session – I don't know what will?

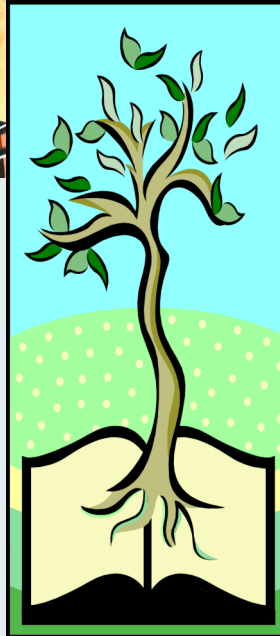
There will be an introductory meeting on Monday, March 18th at 6pm for those who want to join the new class in April.

Are you ready to take control of your life and shed some extra pounds and inches before Summer?

Now is the time to start!

Contact Sally Klein
at 662-8964.



CANCER PREVENTION STUDY-3*Research today for a cancer-free tomorrow.*

Western Washington is fighting back against cancer by hosting enrollment sites throughout Kitsap County for the American Cancer Society's new research study, Cancer Prevention Study-3. By joining the study, you can help researchers better understand the genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors that cause or prevent cancer, which will ultimately save lives.

Who can join the study?

The study is open to anyone who:

- Is willing to make a long-term commitment to the study, which involves completing periodic follow-up surveys at home
- Is between 30 and 65 years old
- Has never been diagnosed with cancer (not including basal or squamous cell skin cancer)

To enroll, go to:

www.cps3kitsapcounty.org or contact TUMC office at 373-6425

For more information about the Cancer Prevention Study-3, please visit www.cps3kitsapcounty.org,

Seattle/Tacoma Districts' Training Day

The theme for the day is:
**Deep Roots, Abundant Harvests:
Making Engaged Disciples**

We will explore, discuss & study with keynote speakers & workshops designed for those in Lay Servant Ministries (formerly Lay speaker Ministries), Church Finances, Trustees, Lay Leaders, Staff Parish Committees & more!

Registration will begin at 8:15 am & the day will end around 4:15 pm. The \$13.00 registration fee includes all materials, plus lunch. Registration is online only & will be 'live' on Monday, February 25 at 8pm. After February 25th, the late registration fee will be \$25. Your on-time registration is important because it helps us plan meals, seating for workshops, and child care needs.

Date: March 9, 2013

**Where: Kent United Methodist Church
11010 SE 248th St., Kent, WA**

Register at: <http://conta.cc/UT8h49>



**Kitsap Interfaith Network
presents a community
lecture by:
Amy-Jill Levine
First-Century Judaism:
Jesus' Jewish Context**

Sunday, April 14, 2013

4-6 pm

**Bremerton United Methodist Church
1150 Marine Drive, Bremerton**

**This is a free event, open to the public,
however seating is limited! Please re-
serve your seat by calling the church
office (360)373-4992 or joining via
EventBrite
(<http://kitsapinterfaithnetwork.eventbrite.com>)**



Help Tracyton UMC every time you shop online
iGive really is as simple as it sounds. iGive members can generate donations by shopping at any of the 1200+ stores. There are no costs, obligations, nor any-hidden fees. The iGive Button makes it simple. It's all free and ever so easy to be socially-conscious! If you do any shopping online you could be generating \$\$\$ for TUMC just by shopping through iGive. There's 1276 socially-responsible stores helping to make donations happen. If you haven't already, please check this site out, it's amazing the places you can shop and help out your church at the same time.

Here's the link: <http://www.igive.com/rIMyNvg>

**Or call the office and we'll see if we
can help you get set up.**

Thank you

We are very grateful to everyone who donated Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancake Mix & Money for our annual Sweetheart Brunch!! We have an amazing congregation! The kids thank you too, they will be going to various camps this summer. We are still accepting donations for scholarships. If you would still like to donate please when writing a check out put **Camp** in the memo spot, if cash please place in an envelope marked **Camp!!** God Bless you all!! Shannon Davidson :0)

Easter Baskets



It is the tradition of Tracyton United Methodist Church to provide an Easter basket for every child who attends our services on Easter morning. The baskets and toys have been ordered, but we could use some individually wrapped candy to top them off. If you could bring in a bag of treats this month we will make sure they get put in a basket. Thank you. Jeanie Johns



Every day in Kitsap County a child somewhere is placed in a temporary foster home; most of the time the children come with only the clothes on their backs. The Kitsap Foster Care Association established a closet at the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) office for Kitsap County to provide foster parents with essential clothing for at least a few days. The closet stocks pajamas, diapers, pull-ups, formula, under garments, socks, coats and clothing. Most of these items are new, but some are like-new. Many churches and organizations help keep the closet stocked, but we have a real need right now for pajamas in children sizes 5-10 for boys and girls. We are also very low on socks in children's sizes. All donations to the closet are tax-deductible. If you can help, please bring your donation of pajamas or socks to the church. Thank you. Jeanie Johns



Easter Brunch



From Palm Sunday thru Easter we hope you will join us for all the wonderful opportunities we have to come together to celebrate, contemplate, remember and give thanks.

We have Hosts, we have kitchen help, but we could use the following items to round off our Easter celebration. We'll have a sign up sheet and need a minimum of:

- 5 to 6 Dozen eggs
- 2-3 lbs of sausage
- 1-2 lbs of lean ham
- 1-2 lbs of bacon
- Frozen Shredded Hash Browns

We begin with the waving of the Palms on Sunday the 24th. Then on Holy Thursday the 28th we will share **Supper and Service** at **5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our **Easter Sunrise Service** will be at **6:00am**. A pancake breakfast will be served before our Regular **Easter Sunday Service** at **10:00am**.

Don't forget to Spring Forward your clocks.



*Sunday
March 10th*



We are hoping to have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids this year also. But to make sure there are no health risks we will be using plastic eggs with treats and surprises inside. If any of you would like to bring in Plastic Eggs or mini-wrapped candies we will see that they are put to good use.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Dr. Overman, my college theology professor, helped me realize that a person didn't have to check their brain at the door of the church; I could bring my mind to faith; I could – and *should* – think carefully, critically, and still be Christian. Overman's foundational course for us was "History of Christian Thought." One tool we picked up from him was the distinction between "*that-ness*" and "*what-ness*." To say *that* this letter exists, is a different matter than explaining *what* it is, or how it came to be. To say *that* God exists is a different matter than explaining *what* (who, how, why) God is. To say *that* in Christ the world is reconciled to God is different from explaining *what* that reconciliation is, how it works, why.

My second-cousin Rebecca Parker (Katherine Parker's aunt!) has written a couple books. With Rita Nakashima Brock, she wrote *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering, and the Search for What Saves Us* (Beacon Press, 2001). With Rita she also wrote the tremendous *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire* (Beacon Press, 2008). Rebecca and Rita write with a passion and clarity that might make you forget they're among the best of scholars. If you are divinely dissatisfied with the too-simple message that you will find salvation by suffering and self-sacrifice, as Jesus suffered and died on our behalf, then *perhaps* this book is for you. Or perhaps not.

I need to use a little care in how I recommend the first book, because it carries so much pain, so much damage, in the authors' stories, and it brings us in contact with so much pain and damage in some of our own stories, that I wonder whether some readers might be too fragile to follow it through to the hopeful conclusion.

I need to use a little care in how I recommend the works, too, because some will take great offense at their challenge to a near-foundational idea in the Christian faith, the Christian doctrine we have come to call "the atonement." Our doctrine says *that* atonement happens. We believe *that* we are made one with God in Christ. (At One. At-one. Atone!) But over the centuries, we have gotten tangled in the many ways we have come to imagine *how*. The books' challenge is not to the "*that-ness*" of atonement – the authors rejoice in God's Presence with us. The challenge relates to the "*what-ness*" we assign to it. There are several "theories of the atonement," attempting to explain *what* it is, but the "*that-ness*" is not in question.

Rebecca and Rita tell their stories ... stories that parallel in a terrible way the sufferings of so many people, so many of us ... and even the suffering of Jesus as he was tortured and murdered. They tell of the tendency and instruction in Christian culture, for them to bear suffering as a God-given duty, or as a means toward their salvation, as the suffering and death of Jesus was God's intention for him. They tell of this; but they do not accept the suffering as good, as redemptive, as saving. Yet ... and this is the key ... salvation comes. At-one-ment is discovered. The Presence ... the divine Presence is revealed to have been with us all along.

"Salvation begins with the courage of witnesses whose gaze is steady. Steady witnesses neither flee in horror to hide their eyes, nor console with sweet words. ... They help to restore souls fragmented by violence. They accompany the journey to healing. ... Nothing can separate us from the love of God." (*Proverbs of Ashes*, p. 250f)

Palm Sunday is March 24. Easter is March 31. During this Holy Week, as I follow the track of Jesus through betrayal and rigged trial, torture and death, I will be thinking of Rebecca's story and Rita's – and your stories of damage at the hands of others as well. I pray I will be for Jesus, and for you, a steady witness, who will not shrink back from the harm, or make excuses, or look for too-facile "silver linings," or give up.

And this Easter, I will join with you, and with Christians across the world, in giving thanks that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God.

Love,
Wes