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The Pastor's Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this edition of the Trinity Times you should find lots of useful financial information, so please take a moment to nose around so you don't miss anything.

The **Profit and Loss Sheet** has an accounting of all the money that passed through our checking account in the year 2014. The **Balance Sheet** is an accounting of money that Trinity UMC has currently in various accounts (like the endowment fund) that is not available for day to day use because it is dedicated to specific projects. The **2015 Budget Sheet** is just that, the budget passed by the Church Administrative Council as a spending plan for our money in 2015. Last but not least, you

will find a **Pledge Sheet** that you can fill out and return to the church office, **or** keep at home as a reminder to yourself. On January 11 and 18 the Finance Committee presented all of this information following the 9am and 11:30am worship services. Please allow me to give a brief recap. My report looked a little bit like this picture!



For the past several years, the income at Trinity has declined by about \$10,000 per year. This is **not** because the worshipping body is stingy! Nor is it because church leadership hasn't made an effort to live

within our means. Much of this trend can be attributed to generous givers either dying or moving someplace else. The goal of the finance committee is for our little car to roll gently onto level ground. So what have we done to cut expenses? Over the past 18 months, the cost of having a full time pastor has been reduced by about \$10,000. In January of 2014 Reverend Brenda took a salary cut. When Reverend Ruth came in July of 2014 her salary was less than Brenda's outgoing salary. For many months now, our Facilities Manger has been working only 4 days per week, and the office is only open from 9am to 3pm four days per week. Another trend that has made church finances tight is the fact that people are so generous when someone makes a plea for a

“Only life lived
in the service of
others is worth
living.”
Albert Einstein

Perspective cont.

specific project. All of these projects are useful, like when the organ needed fixing several years ago, but our biggest challenge is keeping up with regular operating expenses and paying our Apportionments. Trinity is full of life most days of the week and keep the building heated and lighted from the basement and all the way up to the 3rd floor is expensive. For instance, on Monday evenings, the Praise band practices in the choir room, one group of scout groups is in Mary Dawson, another in the library, the bell choir is in the parlor or the sanctuary, the nursery is in use, and there are various scout activities upstairs

in the classrooms.

However, we wouldn't be fulfilling our purpose as the church if nothing happened here except on Sundays!

What about Apportionments? Trinity United Methodist Church's fair share of the total OR-ID Annual Conference budget of \$3,746,156 is \$31,809. This money pays for the infrastructure of being a connectional system where we don't have to recreate every wheel (like health insurance and pensions, District Superintendents to place pastors, oversight for those pastors, camping programs, etc.) and can be in

mission both around the world and just down the street through United Methodist Commission on Relief. When we don't pay our apportionments it's a bit like we are balancing our local church budget with the dollars that our sister churches give. Here is the most important thing to remember from this newsletter article—I am so grateful for the generosity of this congregation. Thank you for your faithful support of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth

Be The Change

As diapers, like other toiletries, may not be purchased with food stamps, low income working families face difficult choices in meeting their basic needs. In an effort to alleviate this problem, Stevens-Henager

College will be conducting a diaper drive between February 16th and February 28th and Trinity United Methodist Church is providing a drop off box in the foyer by the Sanctuary. The diapers will be given to FISH

to assist their clients and if enough are collected, they will be shared with other local agencies providing this service. Let's help lighten the burden on these struggling families.

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 Accrual Basis

Trinity United Methodist Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Bank of Idaho - Checking	98,395.19	17,628.67
CD 2 - Bank of Idaho	10,184.19	10,184.19
CD 3 - Bank of Idaho	20,209.28	20,209.28
Total Checking/Savings	<u>128,788.66</u>	<u>48,022.14</u>
Total Current Assets	128,788.66	48,022.14
Other Assets		
Endowment Funds	167,324.83	159,326.90
Total Other Assets	<u>167,324.83</u>	<u>159,326.90</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>296,113.49</u></u>	<u><u>207,349.04</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	2,097.02	355.29
Total Accounts Payable	<u>2,097.02</u>	<u>355.29</u>
Other Current Liabilities		
Payroll Liabilities	1,823.82	1,212.54
Wedding Deposits	400.00	200.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>2,223.82</u>	<u>1,412.54</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,320.84</u>	<u>1,767.83</u>
Total Liabilities	4,320.84	1,767.83
Equity		
Designated Funds		
Apportionment Support	0.00	(50.00)
Bell Choir	7,286.01	5,268.18
Bereavement Committee	444.16	17.20
Camp Scholarships	45.00	410.42
Capital Reserves		
Restoration Fund	4,100.00	0.00
Roof Repair Fund	4,600.00	4,600.00
Security System	0.00	130.00
Capital Reserves - Other	24,925.26	16,294.66
Total Capital Reserves	<u>33,625.26</u>	<u>21,024.66</u>
Chancel Choir	569.10	554.10
Christian Education	9.66	145.96
Church Retreat	290.72	290.72
Communion Fund	0.00	41.00
Dinner Group Donations	496.28	555.00
FISH	0.00	20.00
Floral Tributes	681.81	473.01
Giovanni medical funds	0.00	170.00
Jack Wallace Estate Gift	59,967.00	0.00
Leadership Training	270.00	270.00

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 Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13
Memorials	8,920.83	2,721.75
Mission Produce	0.00	262.02
Mission Trip Senior High	327.26	327.26
NIRDA	1,075.00	1,075.00
Other Designated Funds	145.00	50.00
Pastor's Emergency Fund	(100.04)	516.17
Pastor's Moving Fund	0.00	1,381.00
Stephen Ministry	718.79	443.79
United Methodist Men	289.56	159.56
United Methodist Women	58.50	8.50
Vacation Bible School	20.80	88.94
Video System	2,905.98	5,011.06
VIM - Honduras	3,287.00	3,287.00
Worship	50.00	0.00
Youth Ministries		
Youth Ministries - Children	377.71	342.08
Youth Ministries - Junior Hi...	294.98	485.91
Youth Ministries - Senior Hi...	450.59	140.59
Youth Ministries - Other	1,612.60	415.51
Total Youth Ministries	2,735.88	1,384.09
Designated Funds - Other	416.00	416.00
Total Designated Funds	124,535.56	46,322.39
Endowment Fund Equity	167,324.83	159,326.90
Opening Balance Equity	47,181.03	47,181.03
Retained Earnings	(47,249.11)	(46,707.50)
Net Income	0.34	(541.61)
Total Equity	291,792.65	205,581.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	296,113.49	207,349.04



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Trinity United Methodist Church
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Pledges & Regular Giving	163,826.24	173,493.63
4002 · Loose Plate Giving	4,592.11	5,395.51
4003 · Sunday School Contributions	433.75	417.54
4006 · Schaumleffel Foundation	10,000.00	8,770.00
Total Income	178,852.10	188,076.68
Expense		
5000 · WORSHIP		
5010 · Radio Broadcast	2,035.81	4,723.00
5030 · Bell Choir	0.00	259.24
5040 · Worship Supplies	2,376.49	1,786.13
5060 · Copyright Licensing	381.00	381.00
5080 · Wedding Services	0.00	50.00
5110 · Organist	670.00	560.00
5150 · Senior Pastor		
5151 · Senior Pastor Salary	39,836.52	43,073.04
5152 · Parsonage Utility Allowance	5,975.04	5,076.72
5153 · Senior Pastor Medical Insurance	15,500.00	15,480.00
5154 · Senior Pastor Pension	7,755.58	8,299.32
5155 · Senior Pastor Medical Flex Acct	16.05	144.27
5150 · Senior Pastor - Other	1,906.44	2,043.54
Total 5150 · Senior Pastor	70,989.63	74,116.89
Total 5000 · WORSHIP	76,452.93	81,876.26
6000 · PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES		
6010 · Christian Education Committee	0.00	100.43
6030 · Devotional Materials	376.77	300.93
6040 · Sunday School Supplies	1,116.89	965.66
6050 · Vacation Bible School	0.00	336.64
6060 · Youth Ministries	116.60	281.17
6080 · Camp Scholarships	0.00	543.96
6090 · Gifts to Students	0.00	95.35
6110 · Small Group Ministries	150.00	0.00
6130 · Church Picnic	189.02	0.00
6150 · Coffee Hour Supplies	787.95	458.42
6170 · Nursery Workers	64.00	0.00
6000 · PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES - Other	329.45	0.00
Total 6000 · PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES	3,130.68	3,082.56
8000 · BUILDING & PROPERTY		
8010 · Custodial Supplies	411.14	472.59
8020 · Church Maintenance & Repair	5,536.61	6,937.38
8030 · Utilities	4,022.17	3,838.61
8040 · Natural Gas	6,365.80	6,440.03
8050 · Property Insurance & Workmen's	11,154.76	10,134.00
8070 · Parsonage Maintenance & Repair	3,532.97	449.97
Total 8000 · BUILDING & PROPERTY	31,023.45	28,272.58
9000 · ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS		
9010 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,064.41	3,896.63
9030 · Office Supplies	1,955.29	1,393.28
9050 · Office Software Upgrades	857.49	454.74
9060 · Permit & Bulk Postage	520.00	900.00
9070 · Postage	353.55	716.88
9080 · Printing	1,295.24	1,440.11
9090 · Paper	69.84	0.00
9110 · Telephone and Internet	3,620.49	2,965.52
9120 · Pastor's Professional Expenses	2,353.30	2,962.01
9140 · Pastors Moving Expense	2,497.36	0.00

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January through December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Jan - Dec 13
9160 · Finance Committee	975.51	(64.57)
9170 · Staff-Parish Committee	27.29	0.00
9200 · Conference Apportionments	1,663.00	16,199.00
9240 · Staff Payroll	52,724.71	50,936.23
9500 · Uncategorized Expenses	25.00	0.00
Total 9000 · ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS	73,002.48	81,799.83
Total Expense	183,609.54	195,031.23
Net Ordinary Income	(4,757.44)	(6,954.55)
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
4001 · Designated Giving	100,442.14	33,355.07
4012 · DG Misc Church Support	412.78	600.00
Total Other Income	100,854.92	33,955.07
Other Expense		
9700 · Pass Through Expense	96,097.14	27,542.13
Total Other Expense	96,097.14	27,542.13
Net Other Income	4,757.78	6,412.94
Net Income	0.34	(541.61)

Trinity United Methodist Church

Pledge sheet for 2015

With the financial resources that God entrusts to me/us, I/we desire to join with my/our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ at Trinity IF UMC to be a blessing to this world that hungers for God's grace. I/we would like to share these resources

by:

(1) Offering \$ _____ per week/month (circle one). OR

(2) Offering _____ % of my/our income, which currently equals about \$ _____ per week/month (circle one).

Name(s): _____

(If, at any time, you wish to increase, decrease, or cancel your estimate of financial support, please

notify our church's Financial Secretary or church office at 522-7921.)

TUMC proposed budget 2015

2015

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 · Pledges & Regular Giving	170,000
4002 · Loose Plate Giving	5,000
4003 · Sunday School Contributions	500
4006 · Schaumleffel Foundation	9,000

Total Income 184,500

Expense

5000 · WORSHIP

5040 · Worship Supplies	2,500
5060 · Copyright Licensing	400
5150 · Senior Pastor	
5151 · Senior Pastor Salary	44,250
5152 · Parsonage Utility Allowance	5,500
5153 · Senior Pastor Medical Insurance	16,770
5154 · Senior Pastor Pension	7,191
Total 5150 · Senior Pastor	73,711

Total 5000 · WORSHIP 76,611

6000 · PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

6030 · Devotional Materials	300
6040 · Sunday School Supplies	1,000
6050 · Vacation Bible School	300
6060 · Youth Ministries	300
6090 · Gifts to Students	600
6150 · Coffee Hour Supplies	1,000
Total 6000 · PROGRAM & FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES	3,500

7000 · MISSION ACTIVITIES

Total 7000 · MISSION ACTIVITIES

8000 · BUILDING & PROPERTY

8010 · Custodial Supplies	500
8020 · Church Maintenance & Repair	6,000
8030 · Utilities	4,000
8040 · Natural Gas	6,600
8050 · Property Insurance & Workmen's	10,000
8070 · Parsonage Maintenance & Repair	3,750
Pastor's moving fund	500
Total 8000 · BUILDING & PROPERTY	30,850

9000 · ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

9010 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,700
9030 · Office Supplies	1,400
9040 · Office Equipment	1,000
9050 · Office Software Upgrades	1,000
9060 · Permit & Bulk Postage	1,000
9070 · Postage	500
9080 · Printing	1,000
9090 · Paper	200
9110 · Telephone and Internet	2,500
9120 · Pastor's Professional Expenses	3,500
9160 · Finance Committee	200
9200 · Conference Apportionments	31,809
9240 · Staff Payroll	57,000
Total 9000 · ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS	105,809

Total Expense 216,770

Net Ordinary Income -32,270

The Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting again on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the Library! Please feel free to come and join us! We'll See you there!



UMW

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS GIVEN LOCALLY

At the close of 2014, the United Methodist Women distributed funds locally to organizations which assist women, children and youth. The groups which received \$100 each were F.I.S.H., Women Against Domestic Violence, the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen, The Haven's GED program and Hospice of Eastern Idaho. The offering of \$225.00 taken at the December unit meeting was donated to CASA, a program in which people are appointed by the court to advocate for youth. These donations were possible because of the success of the "Unrummage" sale and the Holiday Treat sale and after the pledge to missions was paid, these funds were available to share right here in Idaho Falls.

"UNDER COVER" A SUCCESS

Donations of socks and underwear were taken to the Women Against Domestic Violence, Bush School and City of Refuge. Because of the generosity of members of Trinity United Methodist Church, people will receive new

clothing. President Joy Christian and Mary Nagel made the deliveries to the recipients, who were pleased to receive new items.

TRAFFICKING

You have seen it on the television that human trafficking is a major problem and that it can happen to any family. Be aware that this is truly a frightening experience for the victims. Pray for those who are caught in this trap, especially when there are major events with many people attending. A fact sheet was presented in the January 18th church services. Cordy Koelsch, chairman of Social Action, has brought this frightening fact to the attention of all.

BAKE SALE

Sunday, March 8 after each church service, the United Methodist Women will be holding a bake sale. Items for sale will include cookies, cakes, pies, soups, casseroles and surprises!! Come prepared to make a purchase and to help the UMW meet their pledge to missions. Joanne McCray and Bev Kemp are the chairmen of this annual

March event.

CARD PARTY

Saturday, March 21 at 1:00 p.m., the United Methodist Women will be holding a card party/game time in Mary Dawson Hall. Everyone is invited to come, bring guests and have a great afternoon. There will be refreshments and prizes. Reservations are encouraged and the cost is \$10.00 per person and will go on sale March 1st. Kathy Harder and her sister are chairing the event. Please call 208-552-3261 if you have questions or would like to help or make a donation.

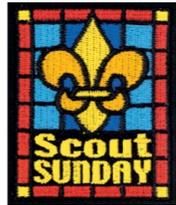
MISSIONS

The Missions committee continues to meet regularly to learn more about the mission activities of members of the church and community. Information is regularly received about F.I.S.H., the Soup Kitchen, NIRDA, UMCOR, as well as local donations of sweaters, prayer shawls and donations of quilts tied for children in the Foster Child program.



Scouting

We have a wonderful scout program chartered at Trinity. The Cub Scouts sent January out with flair with the Pinewood Derby. Cubs and their siblings raced Derby cars for the fun and competition. The Venture Crew had a very successful pancake breakfast on January 25th



and we look forward to a repeat of that down home cooking. February is Scout Month. February 8th marks the 105th year of Scouting in the United States. With regards to that, the Boy Scouts will

be hosting a Dutch oven cook out on Sunday, February 8th. Cub Scouts will be helping with a service or two during the month and we will see what the Venture Crew has for us. Thank you all for your continued support of a wonderful program.



“We must depend upon the Boy Scout Movement to produce the MEN of the future.”

Daniel Carter Beard



In the Community

Soup Kitchen

2014 totals for meals served were 48,042 guests and 62,516 meals for a daily average of 132. Thirty-one teams work to prepare and serve the meals. The Soup Kitchen is open for lunch every day of the year except Thanksgiving, when the Community Thanksgiving Dinner is served. A grant from the INL provided funds to purchase small items for gift bags that were given out on Christmas Day.

Homeless Stand Down

will be held on January 31 at the Veterans' Memorial Hall on Constitution Avenue in Idaho Falls; food, clothing and a variety of services will

be available to homeless, veterans, and precariously-housed people in the community.

The Mental Health Crisis Center

(a new facility established and funded by the 1914 Idaho Legislature) has opened at the corner of Anderson and Holmes (the old Marie Callender's/Home Design building). The facility is open 24 hours a day.

Committee Reports:

FISH served 35 families during December. They are in need of a volunteer and/or board member with computer and graphic skills. Liz

Herrmann, FISH School Supply chair, was recognized for her long-time service by the Bonneville Interagency Council with the Ben Plastico Community Service Award.

Idaho Falls Community Food Bank distributed 916 food boxes during December; 2014 totals were 11,666 boxes and 47,632 individuals (up 2000 in each category over 2013).

Island Park Ministry held a Christmas Eve service with 165 attending. The church facility is available to RCCM member churches for retreats.



FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>600 P& R Practice 700 NA Meeting 700 Bells Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>100 Prayer Group 630 Cub Scouts 630 PEO 730 Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>900 Breakfast @ O'Bradys 1000 Prayer Shawl Group 1100 Upper Room 130 NAMI 530 Finance Committee 730 Boy Scouts 730 Marnie Circle</p>	<p>5</p> <p>930 UMW Executive Board Meeting 630 Missions Meeting 700 Girl Scouts 700 Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>930 Community Partners 700 NA Meeting</p>
<p>9</p> <p>1000 FISH 100 RCCM 600 P& R Practice 700 NA Meeting 700 Bells Practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>630 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>900 Breakfast @ O'Bradys 1000 Prayer Shawl 1100 Upper Room 130 NAMI 730 Boy Scouts 730 Marnie Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>100 UWM Unit Meeting 600 Endowment Meeting 700 Girl Scouts 700 Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>700 NA Meeting</p>
<p>16</p> <p>President's Day *Office Closed*</p> <p>600 P & R Practice 700 NA Meeting 700 Bells</p>	<p>17</p> <p>100 Prayer Group 630 Cub Scouts Pancake Dinner and Races (MDH) 730 Administrative Council Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>900 Breakfast @ O'Bradys 1000 Prayer Shawl 1100 Upper Room 130 NAMI 730 Boy Scouts 730 Marnie Circle</p>	<p>19</p> <p>700 Girl Scouts 700 Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>700 NA Meeting</p>
<p>23</p> <p>600 P & R Practice 700 NA Meeting 700 Bells</p>	<p>24</p> <p>630 Cub Scouts 630 Lenten Class (Parlor)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>900 Breakfast @ O'Bradys 1000 Prayer Shawl 1100 Upper Room 130 NAMI 730 Boy Scouts 730 Marnie Circle 730 Susannah Circle</p>	<p>26</p> <p>100 Ethel Clark 700 Girl Scouts 700 Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>RCCM Lent At St. Paul's UMC 1130 Lunch 1200 Worship 1230 Lunch 700 NA Meeting</p>

	Saturday	Sunday
	7 700 AA Meeting	8 Boy Scout Sunday Dutch Oven Cook Out 900 Praise & Rejoice 1015 Sunday School 1130 Traditional Worship 400 Youth Group
	14 Youth Spaghetti Dinner 700 AA Valentines Dance	15 900 Praise & Rejoice 1015 Sunday School 1130 Traditional Worship 400 Youth Group
	21 400 JAACL Event (MDH) 700 AA	22 900 Praise & Rejoice 1015 Sunday School 1130 Traditional Worship 400 Youth Group
	28 700 AA	

Shrove Tuesday

The pancakes are coming, the pancakes are coming! You won't want to miss Shrove Tuesday Pancakes feed on **February 17th at 6:30pm** in Mary Dawson Hall. Gene Summers has been learning how to make special racing pancakes and Don Taylor will make his mom's famous traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancakes.

Bring your favorite pancake toppings to share; the ham and scrambled eggs will be ready to eat. After dinner we'll gather for the 1st annual Trinity UMC Pancake Races. Guaranteed fun for all ages and skill levels.

Looking Ahead to Lent

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2015. There will be an Ash Wednesday worship from 12:15 pm until 12:45 pm. If you are unable to attend the worship Pastor Ruth will be available for the imposition of Ashes upon request throughout the day.

The Regional Council Lenten series will begin on Friday, March 14. Lunch will be served from 11:30—noon, worship from noon—12:30, and lunch again from 12:30—1:00.

February Birthdays

Tyler Norris	2/2	David Norris	2/13
Gary Rose	2/2	Lynn Bingham	2/14
Trudy Esparza	2/3	Savanah Jensen	2/14
Arianna McClure	2/4	Ruth Byron	2/16
Tony Rutz	2/7	Leroy Meyer	2/17
Steve Holady	2/8	Nancy O'Brien	2/21
Espy Rodriguez	2/8	Jonathan Oliver	2/21
Sheryl Schaffer	2/8	Hayden Bottcher	2/23
Roberta Biorn	2/9	Tim French	2/23
Diane Croson	2/11	Joshua Borland	2/25
Shelbee Harmon	2/12	Daniel Oliver	2/25



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Journey Into Discipleship

1. God desires a relationship with us,
and is calling us toward that end,
even if we don't recognize God's call.
2. Jesus is God among us and worthy of our discipleship.
3. Being an active disciple is enhanced by being a continual learner.
4. We must experience (practice) giving and receiving love as modeled by Jesus.
5. A disciple has an active prayer life.

This year's Lenten class is named "Journey Into Discipleship" and will use these five principles to help us dive deeply into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus the Christ. Please join Reverend Ruth Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning February 24 in the parlor to share the journey into discipleship.