

Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

You may remember the children's television classic *Sesame Street*, and perhaps recall how each show was sponsored by a different letter of the alphabet? This column is like that today, except instead of a letter, this writing is brought to you by a whole word, and that word is... *invitation*.

I want to invite you into a month of very interesting worship and spiritual growth. It begins with **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**, a special day of global Christian togetherness. It will be followed by **COWBOY SUNDAY**, a day of wrasslin' and ropin' with Scripture. Hats and kerchiefs encouraged! My favorite fall Sunday, **OKTOBERFEST**, will contrast the solemnity of the text with the healing reality of engaging in joyful community, and will led musically by my latest venture,

Oompah For One. We wrap it all up with **REFORMATION SUNDAY**, and I imagine a bit of Halloween (and our annual Trick or Trunk) thrown in for good measure. You are invited! Please join in the purpose-driven, reverent fun!

This invitation carries hidden within it a larger invitation to be more involved and invested in community as a lifestyle. Too many of us spend too much time alone, stewing in our own juices. It will be good to intentionally create a month where laughter and joy and healthy interaction can flourish. If you allow yourself to participate, I can pretty much guarantee that you will be uplifted and feeling good when you return home.

The final general invitation is to engage more frequently in our own Trini-

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Our Purpose
To **ENGAGE** people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will **GROW** in Christ-like compassion, and **SHARE** the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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ty community of faith, not just on Sunday. Although our *primary* together time is Sunday morning, there are quite a few other events, leadership teams, and groups that could enrich your life in exchange for a bit of time and effort. The church, however organized, has always been of and for *the people*, so you are a crucial ingredient in the mix, and I want to personally invite you to mix more often!

Let's make October a festival month of community building... invite your friends if you can. Come every Sunday if you can! What we can create together is immensely grander than what we can cobble together alone. **YOU ARE INVITED!**

Office Schedule News

Rich will be on vacation beginning on October 14 and will return on November 4. During that time, the office will be sporadically staffed. In the event of an emergency, Mary Wahl has agreed to accept calls and to refer the situation to the proper person. Mary's phone number is (530) 321-5218. Thank you for your understanding.

Submitted by Rich Wolff

Trick or Trunk

Trinity's annual Trick or Trunk event will take place on October 27 following the 10:30 service in the church parking lot. There are two ways to participate. You can decorate your vehicle and hand out goodies to the children. Or you can bring children to the parking lot after church to trick or treat at the decorated vehicles. This event is a good fellowship opportunity with other Trinity attendees.

Submitted by Rich Wolff

UWF, Healthbridge, Etc

A Home Décor Opportunity You Won't Want to Miss!

It won't be long before it's time for the annual Christmas Bazaar. In the meantime, we have other seasonal "home décor" items suitable for holidays that will happen *before* our bazaar! Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter and 4th of July items such as table runners and wall hangings, lovingly and skillfully crafted by Barbara Edgar, will be available for you to purchase for your holiday decorating! They will be displayed during the coffee hour in Hadley Hall on Sunday October 6th. All proceeds will go to the UWF as part of their annual giving to local charities. Take a look! You'll find something you "just gotta have!"

Help for Children Around the World

Recently Pastor Dave and I met with Jon Halsted and Melanie Azarcon of Healthbridge Global, a mission that Trinity UMC supports. They shared some moving information about their work in Romania toward supporting the thousands of orphans that remain (still) in the wake of the 1989 revolution in Romania. The children in the state orphanages suffer multiple types of trauma: most have endured emotional, physical or sexual abuse – or all of these. Healthbridge Global is supporting a program called "Rise Together" that helps some of these children heal and become productive adults. The program currently serves 35 children per week on a rotating basis, but plans to expand to 100 children per week within 3 years. "Rise Together" is the work of one of these former orphans and his wife and incorporates the gospel into their work of helping these traumatized children heal. They are nearing completion of a new facility that will help the program reach their long-term goals, and they could use some help with the final expenses. Plus, there is an opportunity for matching funding if they can raise enough before the end of the year. Healthbridge Global also supports several other programs. One provides children in an area of Egypt access to pediatric healthcare for the very first time. 99% of the 1.4 million people in this region are Muslim and those receiving healthcare through that project, have the opportunity to have their first exposure to the gospel as they receive physical care.

If you are interested in supporting Healthbridge Global in their mission to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world through health care, you can find some of their brochures at the Church and Society table in Hadley Hall on Sundays, or visit them at <https://healthbridgeglobal.org>

--Katya Yarosevich

UWF (United Women in Faith)

The UWF women are gearing up for the Christmas Bazaar on December 6 & 7! If you have any tea towels – completed or not – please turn them in to Neva Wacker. Also keep an eye out for any other opportunities to help. Many of our members are getting older in body (not in spirit!) so we can always use help setting up, help during the bazaar and help taking everything down. You'll enjoy some wonderful fellowship if you do!

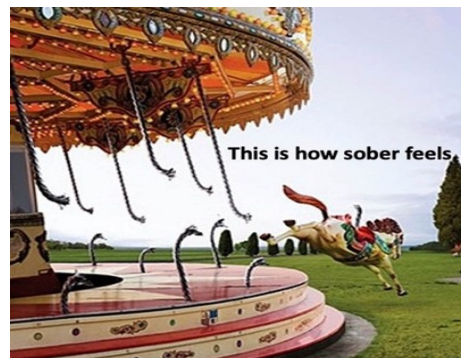
6th Street Center for Youth Needs

UWF was blessed to have an update from Jennifer Zellers of the 6th Street Center for Youth. Jennifer shared with us the wonderful work that this organization does. Trinity UMC has long supported this organization with financial and food donations, and they are very grateful! **They could also use donations of men's underwear, jackets, socks, warm clothing and tents.** Bring these donations to add to the first Sunday food donations, and we will make sure they get to 6th Street Center for Youth!

-- Katya Yarosevich, President

Come Hear Some Great Stories!

If you would like to be blessed by stories of people who have successfully battled their addictions, join us October 13th for a "Dinner With a Side of Hope." This dinner supports "Paths Straight to Recovery," a Christian program that provides support and a sober living facility for men working their way out of addiction into productive drug & alcohol-free lives. Being freed from addiction has been compared to being a carousel horse that escapes the endless carousel! "Paths Straight to Recovery" has helped many men in this process; success is greatly enhanced by the presence of Christ in their lives! If you are interested in joining us for a delicious dinner, a silent auction and hearing these uplifting stories, see or call Katya Yarosevich at 530-228-0215.



**CHAT PRESENTATION AND SHORT
FILM SET FOR OCT. 12.**

Leslie Johnson and Bob Trausch will be at Trinity on Saturday, Oct 12 at 5 pm to present a wonderful short film about CHAT's history and accomplishments throughout CHAT's first 10 years. You might see a lot of familiar faces! After the film, Leslie and Bob will share updates about the exciting new housing project CHAT currently has in development, and how you can become a supporter. CHAT is expanding our recurring donor program, and is rolling out a new "planned giving" program as well, with the goal of helping CHAT continue its great work far into the future. CHAT is eager to show this new, 24 minute film at faith communities throughout Chico, but wanted to start with Trinity, and get your feedback first. Please tell us what you think!

We hope to see you all there. Finger food and ice tea provided.

Submitted by Leslie Johnson

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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Our sermon series continues today with readings from Acts 6-7, selected verses focusing on Stephen and his brief but astonishing life. The message will be called “Resistance Is Futile!”, and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Sunday, October 13 COWBOY SUNDAY

Continuing in Acts, chapter 8, we shift our focus to Philip, and the most inclusive story in the entire Bible. “Three Strikes and You’re In!” will be the provocative message today. You are invited to wear Western dress to enhance this fun and informative morning.

Sunday, October 20 OKTOBERFEST SUNDAY

Acts 9 recounts the world-changing conversion of Paul, who journeys from persecuting Pharisee to the greatest missionary in the history of Christianity.

The message “Resistant Yet Compliant” will explore this grand story in considerable and interesting detail...

Sunday, October 27 REFORMATION SUNDAY

“King-Sized Sheets for a Twin Bed World” is the concluding sermon of our eight-week series from the book of Acts. Peter and his obedience to God’s vision are why we even have Christianity all these centuries after its near extinction. Join us for the grand finale!