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The Outreach

Trinity United Methodist Church—237 N. Water, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

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Sunday Schedule:

9:00am—Praise & Rejoice Service 10:00am—Sunday School

11:00am—Traditional Worship

5:00pm—Youth Groups

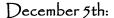


The purpose of
Trinity United
Methodist Church
is to build a safe
and nurturing
Christian community
that follows God's
will in reaching out to
identify and meet
spiritual needs in a
changing world.



Advent & Christmas Worship @ Trinity

December 4th: The Wesley Bells will be having Christmas Matinee at 3:00pm



The Wesley Bells will be playing both worship

services

The Wesley Bells will be having their Christmas

Concert @4:30pm & 7:00pm

(Childcare will be provided for both)

December 12th:

UMW will spoil us again with their Holiday Treat

Sale before and after worship services and there will

be Christmas Communion during Worship

December 19th:

Choir Cantata during Worship

December 24th:

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00pm—Family Worship Service with Children's

Pageant and then 9:00pm & 11:00pm — Traditional

Lessons and Carols with Wesley Bells, Chancel

Choir and Candles (Childcare is Provided)

December 26th:

There will only be one service @ 11:00 am

Offerings

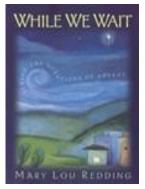
On the first real snow day of the year, I stayed home and cleaned house. As I was working washing windows and walls, scrubbing window sills, sorting papers, cleaning closets, I found myself thinking that I was doing an awful lot of work that people would never notice. If the window sills weren't perfectly clean, no one would know. If the closets were messy, no one should be looking into them anyway. As I thought these things, I realized how much cleaning the unnoticed things around the house was like preparing my life for Christ. There are areas I need to clean in my own life that no one else would ever notice. If I think negative and ugly things, no one would ever know. If my thoughts are cluttered with old thoughts and lazy thoughts, no one would notice. I would be the only one to know these things, so why bother taking the time and effort to do all this cleaning?

Advent, like Lent, is a time of repentance and preparation. During Lent we cleanse ourselves in preparation to share in Christ's death and resurrection. During Advent we purify our hearts and lives in preparation to share in the coming of Christ in the past, in the present, and in the future. We readily acknowledge that we cannot purify ourselves enough to be worthy to be in God's presence, but that the coming of Christ, the death of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, and the eternal life we will share with him are all gracious gifts from God. Even so, that does not absolve us from our responsibility to live out our faith through good and faithful living. During this season, we cleanse ourselves from the muck that gets in the way of our relationship with Christ.

I need to clean the house so that I can feel clean and good about myself and my home. I need to clean my mind, my heart, my life, so that I can feel good about transparency. The "cleaner" we are, the more "pure" our lives, then the more transparent vessels we can be for Christ to shine through. I am going to work on cleansing by reading scripture, by praying more diligently, by being intentional in not only showing grace, but in thinking gracious thoughts, and by continuing to question my priorities.

I invite you to join me during this Advent season to prepare your life for the coming of Christ.

Grace and Peace, Brenda



Advent Class Still Has Openings

There is still time to attend an new Advent Sunday School class which began November 28. The class will meet for the next 4 Sundays and is called While We Wait. It will focus on

Advent as God's deepening search for us. The waiting experiences of Tamar, Zechariah and other Bible persons will be shared. The class will be taught by Dorothy Mandiloff and will meet in Mary Dawson Hall at **10:00** am



THANK YOU TO THE
HEARTS AND HAMMER
GUYS FOR HELPING US
MOVE BOXES,
ETC. TO OUR

RENTAL HOUSE. WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH ALL YOUR HELP.

~~RICHARD AND MARSHA JONES



Missions News...









<u>UMCOR – (United Methodist Committee on Relief)</u> School Bags – (3rd Annual Idaho Falls Workshop)

A group of 12 people came to Trinity and cut fabric for school bags on Oct 19. We cut almost 100 but would like to reach a goal of having 150. If you can help cut more bags or can sew them we need your help. We have received lots of donated

fabric so have enough to make more bags. We plan to complete this project by mid January 2011 so they can be taken to the UMCOR Warehouse in Salt Lake City.

Contact: Betty Anderson – 523-8272 Items Needed to fill the school bags:

Yellow pencils

12" ruler (30 cm)

Blunt scissors

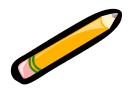
Boxes of 24 crayons

Pink erasers (2 ½") Hand held pencil

sharpeners

Notebooks (spiral) or packs of loose leaf ruled paper (8 1/2" x 11")

***Please take donated items to TUMC Office. Thank You.









NIRDA NEWS (Nicaraguan Rural Development Agency)

When you receive this information a team of 5 mission volunteers will be in Nicaragua. We will be gone from Nov. 30 – Dec. 11. We will celebrate the graduation of the 6th class of high school students that NIRDA has supported. We will also attend the graduation of a class of 6th graders too. Our goal is to communicate the value of learning to these students and there parents. Many children drop out of school after 6th grade or before. Many of the parents are illiterate too.

We plan to work with the community members and plan to have various classes and activities with children, youth and adults similar to VBS. We will be teaching English, music, science, sewing, crafts and possible more. We also hope to work with community people to do construction work on a building that needs more work to make it usable as a library.

Another focus will be the awarding of scholarships to high school graduates who want to seek additional vocational training. We have received money from a generous donor that can be used for this purpose. We have many graduates interested and they have filled out applications for a possible scholarship. We have more students interested then we have money but we hope this will give students motivation to stay in school and see that education is a way to help support their families in the future.

The team members will be Jim and Betty Anderson, Jill Ecklesdafer, Alene Huntsman and Marjorie Sargent. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and work in this rural area of SW Nicaragua. We will be staying in Managua a few days but most of the time in Jinotepe which is close to our rural communities. We hope the weather cooperates and that the roads in and out of the communities are in good condition.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with you when we return. We will try to bring some Nicaraguan coffee back and will share it with anyone interested. We thank all of you who have supported us financially and we will need continued support as we go forward with our work. All donations can be given to Trinity UMC designed for NIRDA.

We are dedicated to making a difference one student at a time.

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Worship Volunteers

KEEPCHRISTIN CHRISTMAS



We are so busy getting ready for the upcoming Christmas

Season, we are

sometimes running in circles. We have several 'ring-outs' planned for many groups in the community throughout

December. Additionally, Wesley Handbell Choir presents its "Ring in the Season" handbell concerts on Saturday, December 4 at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all and warming your hearts with music this Christmas season.

Jim DahIgran



Sunday, December 5th

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Counters: Ron Ayers & Ted Watanabe

Coffee Hour: Margaret Jobe, Lillian Weinberg

& Eleanor McCarthy

Sound/Radio: Jakob Bryan & Daniel Sene

Liturgist: Richard Jones

Sunday, December 12th

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Counters: Beth Brochu & Ron Hilker

Coffee Hour: Bill & Sue Wallin & Margaret Plastino

Sound / Radio: Max Harrison & Nancy Copp

Liturgist: Marilyn Taylor

Sunday, December 19th

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Counters: Jim Anderson & Jerry Christian
Coffee Hour: Paul & Betty Schwanedissen &

Jim Anderson

Sound / Radio: Jakob Bryan & Kay Rice

Liturgist: Ron Ayers

Friday, December 24th

Greeters: Volunteers Needed
Coffee Hour: Coffee Team
Sound / Radío: Jared Sene

Liturgist: Gene Summers & Rob Farnam

Sunday, December 26th

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Counters: Les Miller & Kathy Harder

Coffee Hour: Coffee Team

Sound / Radio: Jacob Robinson & Deborah Jackson

Liturgist: Walt Weaver

***December's Praise and Rejoice Worship Leader is Daniel Sene Thank You!

By love serve one another, Galatians. 5:13

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ADYENT SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Here is a list of the special
Advent offerings for the
upcoming weeks, as we anticipate
the celebration of Christ's birth.
Local: Shepherd's Inn

<u>Snake River District:</u> Rev. Jorge Rodriguez and Wilder Mission UMC

OR-ID Conference: Conference Camp Program

World: Heifer International;

Christmas Eve: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas season again this year. If you would like to purchase one or more in Glory to God or in honor or memory of a loved one...Contact Tiffany in the office to purchase yours...or pick up a form on Sundays You may take your poinsettia home after the 11 pm worship on Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12 per poinsettia.



TUMC Happenings...

Wesley Hand Bell Choir...

Cordially Invites You to Its Annual Ring in the Season Hand Bell Concert....

Matinee on December 4

at 3:30 pm

Full Concerts December 5

at 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

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Dinner Group Information:

We know that many of you may have been wondering if dinner groups were going to form this year. Wonder no longer! They are! We are in the process of

gathering names of those interested in joining a dinner group--new and "old" members. If you are interested, please let the Trinity office know of your wishes or e-mail Sheryl Schaffer at sdschaffer@cableone.net or call Sheryl at 524-2910.

Because the busy holidays are coming up here at the end of the year, groups will be formed and can begin planning to meet after the first of the year 2011. If you are currently in a dinner group, perhaps your group would like to continue to meet until new assignments are announced.







We have a new children's library downstairs @ Trinity. Feel free

to come, & look or, borrow! This can be an easy resource to enjoy the joy of reading with you children and grandchildren.

TUMC Happenings cont...



OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS & WINTER FESTIVALS:

The third annual Olde Fashioned Christmas &

Winter Festivals exhibit will open to the public on Saturday, December 1, 2010 at the Museum of Idaho. Nativities, Santas, Gingerbread Houses and Christmas Miniatures will be on display, as well as displays depicting and explaining other Winter Festivals. There is no entry charge as the exhibit is a gift to the community by the museum and Chesbro Music, the major sponsor so come often and take time to enjoy the detail in the displays.



"Meeting One Another and

Finding God At Life's Crossroads..."

It takes many hands to do the work of a woman. We would like to invite you to be a part of this fellowship. Each woman in our church community will have an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other women.... to empower each other through support, prayer and faith.

Together we will share each others blessings and hardships. We will meet the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the church. Child care will be provided.

This is what the LORD says:
"Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.
But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'
Jeremiah 6:16

FIT TEMPLES

Do you not know that that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19

A new group is starting - Fit Temples. We will gather in Mary Dawson Hall at 9:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, beginning October 5, to exercise to gospel music using aerobics DVDs from the program called Body Gospel. Body Gospel was designed by Donna Richardson Joyner, who was nominated to the President's Council on Fitness and Nutrition by both President Bush and President Obama. The music is uplifting and the focus is on praising God with our bodies as we make our temples more fit and more glorifying to God. The "Body Gospel Saints" on the DVDs come in all sizes, ages (gray hair, even!), fitness levels, and degrees of gracefulness. All you need are a water bottle and good shoes for exercising.

No performance anxiety! Our motto is "Do what you can, rest when you need to, and have fun!"

If you have questions or concerns (or would like Fit Temples to meet in the evenings) call Patti Edwards at 524-4973.

UMW

Purpose statement:

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Contact Us 208-525-2014

The Annual Christmas UMW Unit Meeting will be held December 9, 2010 in the Parlor at 1:00PM. The Executive Board will be the hostess. Marilyn Taylor is leading a special Christmas program. Lynda Montgomery, a Conference Officer, will lead the installation of the 2011 Officers. The Mission Offering has been designated to go to the Shepherd's Inn, located in Idaho Falls. The Shepherd's Inn provides young women, ages 18 to 26, a non-denominational Christian home where they will receive professional help, loving support, housing and education during their pregnancy. The Shepherd's Inn offers refuge to women as they sort out the difficulties of an unexpected pregnancy. The atmosphere of the home does not look or feel like an institution, but provides the comfort and security of a family home. UMW feels that the Shepherd's Inn is a mission area to support at this time of our Savior's birth.



Our annual "Holiday Treat Sale" will be held December 12 following both services. Please support this fund raiser with your baked items and homemade candies. All proceeds go towards our mission outreach of Women, Youth and Children.



Don't forget to turn in your estimate of giving cards!!! The church needs them to create the 2011 budget. God has always been so generous with us...Let us give thanks for our blessings. Please pledge in any amount within your means....no amount is too little

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Who Started This Christmas Stuff?

A woman was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable; and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many selves, she finally made it to the elevator with her two kids.

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year. Overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened and there was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two kids in with her and all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the car, everyone heard a quiet calm voice respond, "Don't worry, we already crucified Him." For the rest of the trip down the elevator it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

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His Birth

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Opportunities to Serve...



Volunteers Needed~~

We provide the volunteers needed the 4th Sunday of every month @ the soup kitchen. This is a very worthy cause, and it takes a lot of hands to accomplish it. If you can volunteer, meet @ the community center on boulevard around 11:30am. Childcare will be provided during volunteer hours!



Books For Bush Elementary!

It is back to school time, and that means the Book Ladies will once

again be back at Bush School. Last year we handed out a record number of books. 503 students each chose a book to keep and take home. Please join us and have fun watching a student find a book as well as a passion for reading.

We hand out books on the third Thursday of each month, from 9:30 to noon.

For more information call Trudy Esparza 523-0423, Teresa Dixon 522-0633, Marilyn Taylor 523-2630, Joanne McCray 522-5649, or Joy Christian 522-6793.

FISH, a program of the Regional Council for Christian Ministries, has started collecting school supplies for distribution to area children during the 2010-2011 school year. Last school year, FISH gave out school supplies to over 524 children! Any school supplies are needed and welcome - especially needed are paper (college and wide-rule) and larger backpacks. Call the RCCM office (524-9935) if you have any questions - thank you!



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Prayer Concerns

Doris Benway (PJ's Stepdaughter) found out that her cancer has returned

Cully & Flo Culbreth's son died, prayers for peace & healing

Larry Reed, Jean Greenhalgh's brother living with Terminal Cancer

Jerry Strom, who had a minor stroke

Joni Pace's brother in law was diagnosed with terminal cancer

Jim Schaffer, peace & healing from the death of his father

Chuck Lepper in the hospital

Richard Kunter's brother in law was hit by a car in Thailand and is in very serious condition

Peggy Allison who is undergoing cancer treatment

Bob Schuman at IF Health and Rehabilitation

Peter Isaksen's wife died unexpectedly

Larry Cole (Roy's Dad) in the hospital with Congestive Heart Failure

Lola O'Steen's mother and family

Cathy Bohan : Peace, Healing, and Strength

Kary Ledbetter with the death of her father



Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving Colossians 4:2



As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will. You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it's harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken. You'll fight with your best friend. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll

eventually lose someone you love. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt because every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back. Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin.











Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Frí	Sat
Jesus is the reason for the season			9:00 B-fasts @ O'Bradys 10:00 Prayer Shawl 12:00 Sisters 6:30 Bells of Joy 7:30 Boy Scouts	9:30 UMW Executive 9:30 Fit Temple 6:30 Missions 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Chancel Choir	3 9:30 Community Partners	4 8:00 Boy Scouts 3:00 Bells Concert
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Expect the next Outreach to arrive around January 1, 2010.

Worship with Trinity in October at 9:00 & 11:00 am

December 5, 2010	December 12, 2010	December 19, 2010	December 24, 2010	December 26, 2010
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Faces Near The	Faces Near The	Faces Near The	Children's Story:	Sermon:
Manger: Joseph: The	Manger: Shepherds:	Manger: Mary:	Children's Pageant	Faces Near The
Face in the	The Faces of	Facing the		Manger: God with a
Background	Strangers	Unexpected		Human Face
Scripture:	Scripture:	Scripture:		
Matthew 1:18-25	Luke 2:8-20	Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-7	44	Children's Story:
				Miracle of the Axe
Children's Story:	Children's Story:	Children's Story:	dreamstime.com	Head
A Plague Averted	Solomon Becomes	Solomon Chooses,	Christmas Eve	
	King	Uses Wisdom	Services	



If you can't be with us in person, join us on the radio every Sunday at 11:00 am, KBLY 1260 AM or KBLI 690 AM.

Each Sunday's order of worship is available on our website, tumcif.org, as well as podcasts of portions of previous Sundays' worship services.