

Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

News Update for April 27, 2020

Jesus told them: “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, at the very gates. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ~ But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only God.”

(Matthew 24:32-33, 35-36 NRSV)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

When Trinity will be able to gather in person for worship in the Sanctuary is a bit like when the disciples asked Jesus for a prediction about the end times. Jesus answer was basically - only God knows! (so do your best to love God, neighbor and self until then). Bishop Stanovsky has made it very clear that all of the United Methodist Churches in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington are to stay closed until at least May 30th. Yes, she is aware that Governor Little has a plan that would allow churches to reopen as soon as May 1st if Idaho has passed several health and preparedness markers - which we have not yet done.

So, as we wait, enjoy the signs that summer is near, at the very gates, and take a few moments to thank God for the blessings of air, sunshine, water, earth and time. Speaking of time, have you been remembering to use your time to connect with others in the congregation or in various circles of acquaintances? Have you used your time to tend to yard work that may have gone undone in previous years because you were “too busy”? Have you



used your time to create beauty in your heart or physical surroundings? Perhaps today is a good time to notice new rhythms in life.

As always, if you would like to know more about Trinity's ministry that is happening while the congregation is absent from the building, please call me.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth (office 208-522-7921)

This Week's Worship

This past Sunday's worship video is available on Facebook or YouTube. It includes a blessing over Communion elements, so you may want to have some bread and juice on hand when you watch it. The scriptures were Luke 24:13-35 if you would like to reference them before you watch the video.



Pew Restoration Project

Rob is about 68% done with the reattaching of the seatbacks on the pews. This week's work will involve lots of filling and staining of the screw holes. The next challenge is the middle supports for the pews which were custom cut for the waves that might have developed in the sanctuary floor over the last

century. After the pews are moved back into position, the center braces will be removed and adjusted to provide the proper support.



Sunday Morning Gathering of Prayers by ZOOM

Have you been calling in to the Sunday morning Zoom call? It is a chance to get back in touch with your church friends and find out how everyone is doing, you might even share a story and a prayer request.

If you are new to Zoom and would like some training and a practice a Zoom session call, text or email Don Rohde (860-810-3227 – DonRohde@aol.com) and he will set up a practice Zoom call so you can figure out how to run the program and get all the settings right while you are at home and Don is at church. Then you will be ready for this Sundays 10:15 Zoom Meeting. Zoom is free and once you learn it you can use it to contact your family and friends.



Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?

The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have already donated stimulus money to Trinity so it can be used for ministry. If your income has not been negatively impacted by COVID-19, I would ask that you prayerfully consider if you can afford to do this also.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- a. delivering your regular giving personally
- b. going to Trinity's website and give via credit card or PayPal
- c. calling the office and give via credit card
- d. signing up for bill-pay at your bank so they can send a check
- e. or, using US Postal Service to send a check

Theology on Tap - The Home Edition

Theology on tap is going strong with the weekly Zoom calls. On Monday afternoon check the Facebook page for the Zoom meeting number and password. At 7pm pour your favorite beverage, warm up an appetizer and be prepared to think deep thoughts with your Monday night community. Call or email the office if you want to be added to the Theology on Tap Facebook group.

Checkout all the Worship Videos

Each Sunday Worship videos will get posted on Trinity's Facebook page ([Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedMethodistChurchIdahoFalls)). If you go to Trinity's web page (www.TUMCIF.org) you can find a link to the Facebook page. Be sure to "like" and "follow" Trinity's Facebook page if you want our content to show up in your personal Facebook feed. Please call Ruth at 208-419-7870 if you have difficulties finding the videos.

Check Trinity's YouTube channel for videos of weekly worship at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

Please know that I am holding you and the entire Trinity community in my daily prayers. - *Reverend Ruth Marsh*

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Latest Upper Room issue available for free download

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Since churches are unable to meet and gather safely in their buildings during the coronavirus pandemic, The Upper Room is offering the May/June 2020 issue, both in English and Spanish, as a free, downloadable PDF. The Upper Room also has created a web page featuring resources to help create and maintain spiritual wellness during anxious times.

https://www.upperroom.org/special-editions?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWXPJNFPXWmlOMIZrTIRReiIsInQiOiI3cmRvM1JwT0hyRDc4R2ZkMmtPbkJJeVpxTTdySVJSOEplOUhuTHA5SDYyNU45QjQ1Y0dIT0hUUUVdRTXkxUk1NUTNVUGtZQ0E3S0NnMXhQVm8zNHFuc2V5WjB4T0RYb0Y2T082VGJIWVIxNWFD RGpjaFBFU1BhXC9YTVwvN0oxTzIzIn0%3D