



Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

News Update for April 30, 2020

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It rained for 40 days and 40 nights while Noah, his family, and two of every kind of animal were kept safe in the ark. Joseph's father Jacob, who was renamed Israel by God, was embalmed by the Egyptians for 40 days. Moses went up the mountain and spent 40 days and nights with God receiving the Ten Commandments; and lay prostrate before the Lord for 40 days when the Israelites refused to receive them. Spies were sent ahead into the promised land and observed for 40 days and 40 nights how best to overthrow the people there. For 40 days, the Philistine Goliath taunted the Israelite army before David slayed him with a slingshot.

God asked Ezekiel to lay on his left side for 40 days to pay for the sins of the house of Israel, and then to lay on his right side for 40 days to pay for the sins of the house of Judah. Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to prepare for ministry after being baptized. After being raised from the dead, Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples before ascending into Heaven.

This Sunday marks 40 days under Idaho's "stay at home" order. We know that all United Methodist Churches in the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area are to remain closed for at least another 30 days. It is time for us to have some conversation about what the long haul for living with the COVID-19 pandemic may look like. We know that school, shopping, concerts, movies and meals at restaurants will be different experiences than they once were.

Church will be different also. When we resume communal worship in the Sanctuary, it is likely that everyone will need to wear a mask. Since singing requires exhaling a lot of air that moves much further than speaking does; we

might not sing. Even though we will be excited to see each other, no hugs or handshakes will be shared. Still there will be so much that will feel familiar: scripture, prayer, communion and seeing our siblings in Christ face to face.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings,

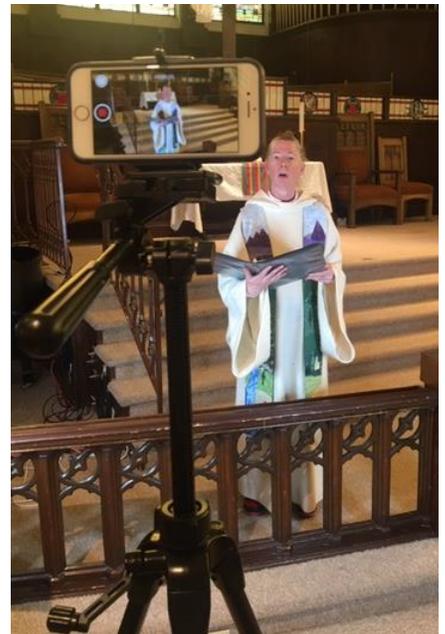
Rev. Ruth

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- 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

This Week's Worship

Our church staff is busy making this Sunday's worship video. This week's video is all about the "Gentle Shepherd" and there will be sheep and gates and other things that are familiar in Idaho. The scriptures will be John 10:1-10 if you would like to reference them before you watch the video. As always, the video will be available on Facebook on Sunday morning and by Monday on YouTube.



Pew Restoration Project

The center pews have all been repaired. On Monday Rob will begin replacing them in the sanctuary with the additional leg room. He still has to adjust the center legs to match the new floor location and fasten them down.



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.



Look for the Zoom invitation from Ruth on the Trinity Facebook page.

Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?

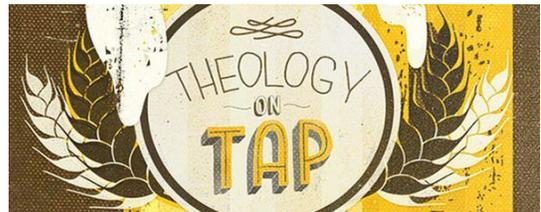
The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have



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.

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/trinityidaho)). 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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