



Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

News Update for May 11, 2020

*"But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
With your faithful help rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters."*

(Psalm 69:13-14 NRSV)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

For weeks I have been taking things off the calendar. This feels like a very strange activity because usually I spend a fair amount on time putting things on the calendar. I have taken business trips to Legislative Assembly, Annual Conference, General Conference, and Jurisdictional Conference off my schedule. Vacation time, long-term planning time, Scout hiking trips, and minor medical treatments all have been removed. Meeting after meeting, B.S.A., A.A., N.A., C.M.A., P.E.O., UMW, F.I.S.H., and local church committees all have been canceled or meet by Zoom. It is no wonder I have been feeling a sense of loss of lately, and I look forward to the time that I can return to adding events to the calendar.

When we get back to a new normal however, I plan to be a little more thoughtful about how I spend my time. I pray that you too may come away from this season of pandemic with a new sense of how your time is best spent.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings, Rev. Ruth

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

This Week's Worship

Yesterday's Worship video was about "Seeing the Risen Christ in the Places We Go." While the theme sounded like it should be about exploring the glories of travel, we think instead about home. The scriptures were John 14:1-14 if you would like to reference them before you watch the video. As always, the video is available on Facebook and our YouTube channel. (See the last page for all the links.)



God's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together. You know where I am going and how to get there.

John 14:2-4 (the Voice)

Pew Restoration Project

Today Rob is cleaning the construction dust off the floor of the sanctuary. This afternoon he will be replacing the pew cushions, Bibles, pencils and hymnals. That will bring to completion the Pew Spacing Project.



Sunday Morning Gathering of Prayers by ZOOM

The Sunday morning Zoom call is a good opportunity to chat about the morning scripture lesson, share your prayer requests, to see each other and hear each other's voices.

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 10:15am 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.

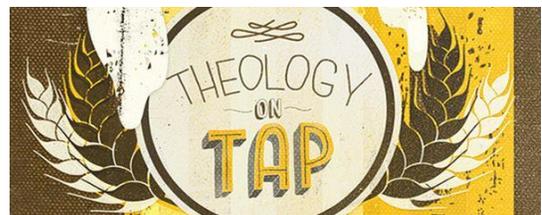
Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?

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 whether 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 afternoons 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*

Trinity United Methodist Church - www.tumcif.org

Mother's Day Blankets

Your gift of \$10 helps to make this work possible.

If you would like to donate, please send an additional donation with your regular offering to Trinity.

Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of someone.

The food bank in Snohomish County, Washington gave away 60 blankets in an hour or so. One blanket went to couple with two young children. They said that they are now living in stable housing, but they needed a clean blanket for their baby. Churches across the country support the CWS Blankets program so that more moments like this can happen each year.

