



Remember to hold  
each other tightly in  
your heart.

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

## News Update for May 14, 2020

*I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

*The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
so I shall be saved from my enemies.*

*The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of perdition assailed me;*

*the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.*

*In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
to my God I cried for help.*

*From God's temple God heard my voice,  
and my cry reached God's ears.*

*(Psalm 18:1-6 NRSV)*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Most of the time, most of us are able to deal with what comes our way, me included, sometimes though, it feels like I am being assailed from all directions at once. How can I know which way to turn for help or where to take up my defensive stance? Luckily, I don't have to figure it out on my own. I am part of a community - the beloved body of Christ known as Trinity. I worship the living God who is always good, is ever present, and is my refuge and my strength.

I have been hearing wonderful and creative ways that many of you are coping with this pandemic. Please keep sharing these ideas with each other for healthy hearts, minds, bodies and souls!

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 Sunday's Worship**

This Sunday's Worship video will be about "Showing Jesus' Love to Others." It highlights the ways our lives will be changed as we follow the command to love one another as we have been loved by Jesus. The scripture lesson will be John 14:15-21 if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. As always, the video will be available on Facebook on Sunday morning and on our YouTube channel by Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)



*Jesus said to his disciples,*

*"If you love me, it will show in the way you live out what I've told you to do.*

*John 14:15 (© 2001 Nathan Nettleton)*

## Let's Go Camping!

Here is the latest information from Rev. Todd Bartlett, Executive Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries.

*As I approach the challenge of deciding whether we should hold programming this summer, I am trying to live from the place that provides a safe sacred space for campers and guest (physical distancing, hand sanitation, increased awareness of commonly touches surfaces and more frequent cleaning, additional questions at check related to recent health history of campers and guests, and anticipating adherence to the state guidelines for operation) knowing that this time of uncertainty includes fear, worry, anxiety and distress for campers and those making the decision about sending their charge to camp. As you can imagine our incredible staff members are committed to doing what they can to create a space where campers will experience the wonders of camp with these new limitations. Yes, it will be different, and we will learn many things from this different way of being. So, at this point, we are still intending to operate as the states of Oregon and Idaho allow, as soon as we are permitted to open.*

Trinity UMC has had many children and youth attend camp each year. Most of our kids attend Sawtooth Methodist Church Camp in the mountains north of Fairfield, Idaho. The camp is planning to be open this summer as state rules allow. <https://sawtooth.gocamping.org/>

Youth have also attended Luther Heights Bible Camp which hopes to have camps later in the summer. Find more details on their web site. <https://lutherheights.org/>

Camp is a life changing experience for all the youth. We have a Camp Scholarship Fund that supports kids who want to attend. You can make a difference by sending your gift to Trinity UMC, marked as "Camp Scholarship" to support this activity.

Go to [Gocamping.org](https://gocamping.org) to register children and youth from grades 4 - 12. You will be asked to pay a small registration fee. Registering early is important so the Staff can make plans for each camp. If the situation changes all money will be refunded. Please let the Trinity staff know when you have registered. We will assist anyone interested.

For further information please call: Trinity Office (208-522-7921) or Rev. Ruth Marsh (208-419-7870 or Betty Anderson (209-521-3039).

## Pew Restoration Project is Complete!!

Rob has completed the pew spacing project. They are ready for our return to in-person worship.



## Mary Dawson Hall Floor Restoration

Rob has started on the refinishing of the Mary Dawson Hall floor. The MD Hall hosts our more rambunctious, playful, experimental, and a little bit messy events. All this has taken a toll on the floor. Rob is polishing down the wax to remove the marks and then he will apply several layers of new wax.

## 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](mailto: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?**

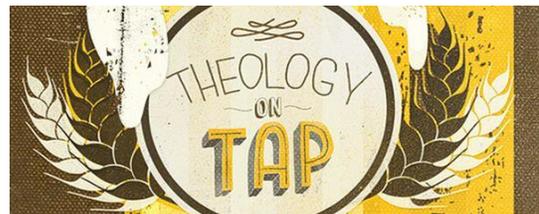
The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have



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/trinityumcifa)). If you go to Trinity's web page ([www.TUMCIF.org](http://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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