

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for July 27, 2020

Imagine a woman preparing a loaf of bread. The kingdom of heaven is like the leaven she folds into her dough. She kneads and kneads until the leaven is worked into all the dough.
(Matthew 13:33)

July 26 Preaching: The Kingdom of God is like...

The parables that we hear in the scripture lesson this morning mention small, mundane, or secret things that become valuable only when someone recognizes a new purpose in the place or object, and then sees a newfound value. For instance, the mustard seed – so small that it would be easy to lose and just a weed grows from it, and yet God’s beloved creatures can find a home in the plant that comes from that seed. The yeast folded into the bread dough is tiny yet makes the bread mighty in size and texture. The field is not desirable until someone finds a hidden treasure there, and the pearl is just one of many, until it is recognized as “special” and of great value. And who doesn’t appreciate the beauty of shimmering fish, but fish can get pretty stinky if they are inedible and so are left to rot.

These parables are revolutionary – they speak about having power structures turned upside down, where Great power comes from small things, or by using knowledge that only you may have about a situation. Perhaps a modern-day parable would be: Once there was a person who saw a horrible injustice taking place. Instead of walking away feeling powerless, they took out their cell phone and made a video recording of what was happening, and the world started to wake up.

This week, I would invite you to write your own parable.

Here is mine.

The Kingdom of God is like... Once upon a time, a woman who had already lived 2 lives, and was hiding a 3rd life from herself and those around her, went to a counselor who asked her if she was safe at home with her husband. All of a sudden, she realized that she had been living a lie and began to tell the truth to herself and people around her thus beginning a new life of ministry because she was willing to shed light onto a dark and hidden story so that other people might be able to escape from their secret life.

Amen.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

Sunday's Worship

Sunday's worship theme was "The Kingdom of God is like..." Just when you thought we were done with parables, Jesus tells 5 more! The scripture lesson was Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video is available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. (See the last page for all the links.)

Quick ZOOM Links:

Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

August 2, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

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Marion Alta Staebler Weitfle

Mother, Teacher, Outdoor Enthusiast, Friend

Marion Weitfle, 94, passed away peacefully in her home with family by her side, on July 18, 2020. She was born on July 10, 1926, the third of five children born to Norman and Helen Staebler of Turner, Michigan. She loved growing up on their farm with her siblings, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins nearby.



While attending college in Michigan, Marion met and soon married Jack R. Weitfle of Idaho Falls, on October 29, 1945. Together they had 7 children. Marion is survived by all of her children: Jackie Boskoff, Teresa Lippert, Debora Cross, Kimberly Jockusch, Margaret Hanson, Paul Weitfle, Allison McGeachin, as well as eight grand children and 5 great-grandchildren. Fortunately, all of her children got to spend time with her in the last few months of her life's journey. She was also grateful for a visit from her sister, Helen Mae and brother-in-law Ed Hickey, of Anaconda, Montana.

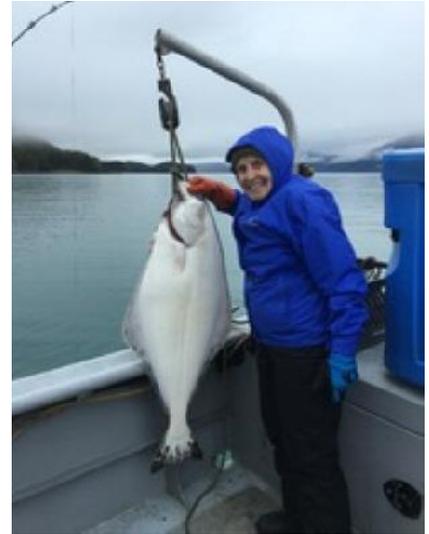
A champion and advocate of education, Marion completed her Bachelor's degree in Education from Idaho State University. She continued her education and achieved two Master's degrees as well, one in Education Administration and another in Speech Pathology. She taught middle and high school students Language Arts in the Idaho Falls area for over 30 years. The teacher in her extended well beyond her years of public school service, she spent summers as a 4-H leader teaching her own and neighboring children various skills like sewing, canning, baking and gardening. She became Idaho's first female driver's education instructor and for several years, she taught First Aid and CPR for the American Red Cross, where she also volunteered to help victims of disasters.

Marion loved the outdoors; she spent many weekends at Harriman State Park where she enjoyed cross-country skiing and volunteering her time and expertise as a Lifetime Member of the Nordic Ski Patrol. In the 1970's Marion joined the Sierra Club, where she ventured to the John Muir Trail and although mid-way she sprained an ankle, she completed the 214 mile self-supported hike, including suspending her bear box of food high up in the tree tops at each overnight camp. She also enjoyed many whitewater-rafting trips on Idaho's

scenic rivers. Later in life, she enjoyed several amazing trips to Alaska where she hiked with her family, picked blueberries and cranberries and successfully reeled in salmon and halibut!

Always a farm girl at heart, for decades she loved growing vegetables and flowers in her garden, she raised chickens and even bought a horse so her kids could learn to “get back on”! Many of her happiest hours were spent making beautiful quilts with several of her daughters. Over the years, she enjoyed her friends at the United Methodist Church where, for many years, she played in the bell choir. Marion was also very active in Eastern Star (75 year member) and the Social Order of Beauceant (50 year member) where she had many life long friends.

No formal services are planned, you can honor Marion’s memory by showing kindness and compassion to others, supporting education for all, and by taking a deep breath of mountain air and preserving nature for future generations. The family suggests donations may be made to the American Red Cross or the Sierra Club.



Working on the church.

Rob has completed the restoration of the two doors entering the Mary Dawson Hall. He will work on rehanging them this week.



FISH School Supply Program

The mission of our school supply program is simple. We provide school supplies to those families for whom their purchase would create a hardship. Over the years, with the help of over 50 volunteers, we have developed an efficient and economical way to do this. During the past school year FISH provided backpacks, filled with requested supplies, to over 740 students in Districts 91 and 93. As we are challenged by the present pandemic, we are determined to accomplish our goal in whatever new and innovative way is necessary. Our financial contributors are facing their own difficulties and the school districts are trying to determine what this next school year will look like. Could you consider a generous donation to make it possible for us to once more fulfill our mission in these trying times? Contributions may be made through your church or may be mailed directly to FISH, P.O. Box 2236, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.



Bev Kemp - FISH Chair - bevmkemp@gmail.com - 208-569-6149

UMW Update

The Fourth of July has passed and as a child I always felt summer was half over. What strange times we are living in. Some of us still feel our summer hasn't been able to start yet. However, even though we cannot meet for unit meetings and circle, we still must face the consequences of this pandemic. It is a world pandemic, which means our mission outreach is just as critical if not more so. Our pledges to mission still must go on. Please, please give to our missions. Donations can be sent to Joni Pace or to the church office. Let us all pray that our work will still carry on and make a difference. The Executive Board is making plans for our August 13th ice cream social. More information will be given at a later date. Stay well and hope to see you all soon.

Mary Nagel



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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.



Monday Theology on Tap 7:00 pm ZOOM Link:

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Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

- Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Gold Bond Powder - Travel Size
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Ice Cream
- Canned Soup (hardy)
- Beef Stew (pop top lid)
- Chili with meat
- Ramen Noodle Packs
- Vienna Sausage

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 page 3 or the Trinity Facebook page.

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Checkout all the Worship Videos

Each Sunday Worship videos will get posted on Trinity's Facebook page ([Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls](#)). 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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