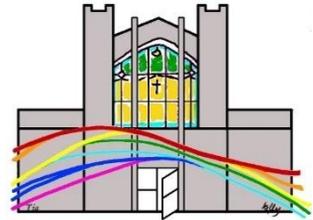


Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



News Update for July 30, 2020

Peter said, “Reconsider your lives; change your direction. Participate in the ceremonial washing of baptism in the name of Jesus God’s Anointed, the Liberating King. Then your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours.”

(Acts 2:38, The Voice)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It was a wonderful week at Trinity! You will want to be sure and watch the worship video that will get put up on Sunday morning. I got special permission from the District Superintendent to do a baptism in the building and the worship video also includes communion so you will want to grab a bread product and some sort of drink as you prepare to watch.

When Victor and Jessica Agustinus contacted me about baptizing baby Jasmine, I had to be extra creative. Currently the only way to have people in the sanctuary is in the context of creating a worship video. We also opened a Zoom meeting so there would be witnesses for the baptism. The baptismal liturgy was only slightly altered in order to accommodate using Zoom.

An additional joy was the fact that an extra bonus baptism took place also. Trinity’s piano player, Qüæçk, had planned on being



baptized at Easter, but those plans changed when we quit having in-person worship. When I made the call for any who wanted to be baptized, Qüæçk stepped away from the piano and up to the Baptismal font.

Much of what has been happening at Trinity over the past few months has focused on the important work of taking care of our neighbors. It was delightful to have an opportunity to facilitate sacred moments in the life of the congregation this week.

Remember that I am available to you by phone or in person (with careful physical distancing and face mask) at just about any time. Please let me know if you would like to stop by for an in-person visit.

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 will be "In Christ's Hands, Amazing Things Happen" It is about Jesus willingness to feed everyone, including those who sometimes don't even get counted. The scripture lesson will be Matthew 14:13-21, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. You will also want to be prepared with bread and juice for communion. The video will be available on our Facebook page on Sunday morning and on our YouTube channel on Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)

Quick ZOOM Links:

Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

August 2, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVjczNtaE83UT09>
Meeting ID: 460 907 9844 Password: 089437

Theology on Tap

August 3, 2020 07:00 PM America/Boise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVjczNtaE83UT09>
Meeting ID: 460 907 9844 Password: 089437

Working on the church.



Rob has rehung the two doors entering the Mary Dawson Hall. They now close smoothly and join in the middle without having to close them together. The trim has been replaced and repainted.



Reopening Committee Update

On July 28 we got word that our “Reimagining Our Lives Together” plan had been accepted. Many thanks to the reopening team that worked so hard on it. What this means is that we are now in Phase 2. This will not be a big change for us since we had been operating the homeless shelter and now the day support for the homeless.

The two big changes will be that volunteers are allowed to be in the church building. Also, we will be allowed to have up to 10 people involved in creating the worship videos.

We still need to wear face masks and respect the 6-foot physical distancing requirements. High risk people should continue to stay away for their own safety.

We are in Phase 2

- 1. Face masks are required in the building.**
- 2. 6-foot physical distancing is required.**
- 3. High risk population please stay home.**
- 4. No in-person worship allowed.**
- 5. Entrance limited to staff, designated volunteers and persons receiving services.**

Updated 7/29/2020 Don Rohde

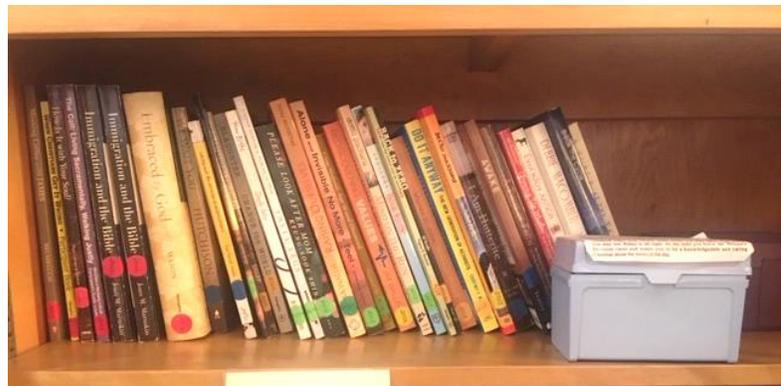
UMW Update

It is with a heavy heart that the UMW Executive Board decided to cancel the Ice Cream Social in August. Due to the Corona Virus, we felt it is not time to have social gatherings. We have missed five meetings (including the Sunshine Circle) where Mission money would have been collected. Please mail your pledge money to Joni or the church office (237 N Water Avenue, 83402). Our mission work must go on. Hopefully, we can all meet in September.



The United Methodist Reading Program has a variety of books on various topics that help fulfill the mission of United Methodist Women, which is to help women, children, and youth financially and turn love into action. When you read the books in the Reading Program list, you are called to action, whether in prayer, giving to mission, advocacy or going on a mission trip to help women, children, and youth. (This excerpt was taken from a notice by Katie Willis in the UMW 2020/2021 Program Book.)

Our UMW library is open at Trinity. Just call ahead, wear a mask, and check out these great books we have made available. Happy reading!!!!



Mary Nagel



A familiar quote reminds us, “Teachers encourage minds to think, hands to create and hearts to love.” #IGiveUMC wants to inspire you to support local United Methodist churches by donating in honor of influential teachers to continue the act of kindness.

Starting August 1 until August 15, United Methodists are being asked to honor teachers who have made an impact in their life. They are invited to give to a local United Methodist church and share a special message about how a teacher has shaped their life. Please encourage your church families to pay tribute to these amazing role models and mentors, along with posting about their gift on social media and challenging others to do the same!

Proverbs 22:6, CEB, tells us: “Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it.” Indeed, it takes a village to raise a child. Teachers can be defined in a multitude of ways, whether they are schoolteachers, Sunday school teachers, clergy or parents stepping into the roles of professional teachers.

Do you have a teacher in mind as you read this? Sow a seed in a local church, just as your teachers have sown in you. Together, we can continue to support our church’s mission and celebrate our teachers by giving to local churches. Will you join us?

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

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



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:

Jul 27, 2020 07:00 PM America/Boise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVjczNtaE83UT09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844 Password: 089437

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](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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