

News Update for August 3, 2020

I love the last line of today's scripture lesson: "There were 5,000 men there, not to mention all the women and children." Isn't that just the way our society works? There's a whole bunch of big ol' important people who get counted, and then there's the "also present." Jesus, throughout his whole ministry, was about the "also present."

Today, we have seen the miracle of baptism, the sacred mark of God taken upon our body that we might truly understand we are part of something really good, and really important.

And now, as we hear the Word, we are reminded of the reason that the good and important thing exists in the world is so we can care for each other. The disciples told Jesus, "Oh, we're way out here in the middle of the boonies, you should send people away so they can get food for themselves. It's a long way to town, and by the way, we don't have enough money to take care of us, let alone the others present."

And yet Jesus called them and said, "*You feed them here.*"

Trinity, you have been doing a good job of feeding people here in the past few months, not just walking away, not just hoping someone else will do it, but doing it yourself, right here. And so it is particularly important that today, as we run the entire gamut of God's love, (by the way we do that every day,) that we take a few moments to remember how important it is to feed people. You see, this scripture is always mentioned as the Miracle of the Feeding of the 5000, but when we dive into the Word, it is the very same language that we hear for Communion. Jesus fed bodies, and souls.

Remember, in the scripture this morning, Jesus took the loaves, blessed them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to share among the people. And that is when everyone was fed. In the United Methodist Church, Communion is always open to everyone, no matter your age, no matter your background, because it's God's way of feeding you. Listen to the words as we bless communion today and I offer you an opportunity to partake of the bread and drink of the wine.

On the night that Jesus gave himself over to death, knowing that he had made too many political folk angry, he took time to share a meal with his friends, the disciples.

It was a meal where they shared their lives together; they may have laughed and cried together. It was likely scripted, and they knew exactly what to say and when to tip their glass of wine.

But then, Jesus went off script. He took the bread and thanked God for it, breaking it, saying, "*Take and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*"

And then at the close of the meal, he took up the cup and thanked God for the fruit of the vine within it, saying to those watching, "*Drink from this, all of you, it's my whole life poured out for you, every single drop, nothing withheld. Drink this and do it in remembrance of me.*"

And so, in remembrance of these mighty gifts in which God gave birth to the church and offers salvation to all, we eat broken bread, remembering that it is Christ's love that makes us whole, and we drink from the cup of salvation, knowing that God's gift to us is life, not suffering and death.

So gracious God, bless these gifts of bread and juice; bless those who will receive bread and juice, wherever they are, and bless those who remember that your Word of Love is the Word that prevails.

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 "In Christ's Hands, Amazing Things Happen." It was about Jesus' willingness to feed everyone, including those who sometimes don't even get counted. There is a special treat of two baptisms in the worship. The scripture lesson was 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 is available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. (See the last page for all the links.)

"There were 5,000 men there, not to mention all the women and children." Mt 14:21

Quick ZOOM Links:

Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

August 9, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

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Theology on Tap

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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.

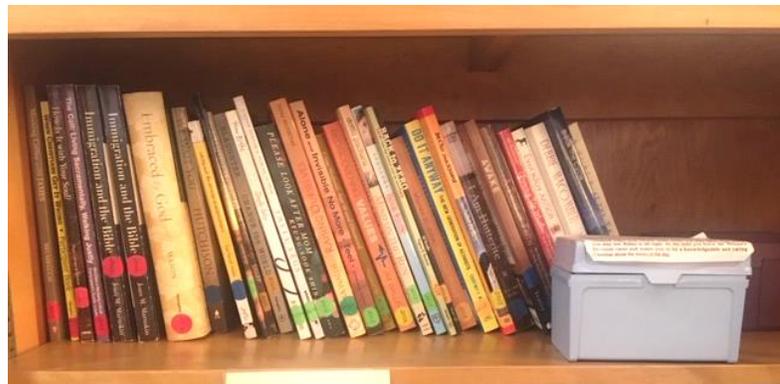
Updated 7/29/2020 Don Rohde

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.

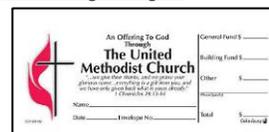
Starting August 1 until August 15, United Methodists are being asked to honor teachers who have made an impact in their life. They are invited to give to a local United Methodist church and share a special message about how a teacher has shaped their life. Please encourage your church families to pay 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?

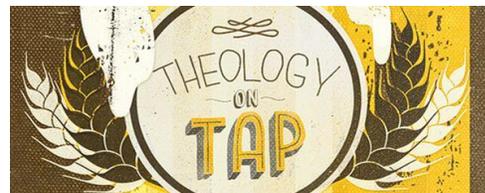
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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:

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Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

Top Needs:

- Disposable Razors
- Body Wash (large)
- Shampoo (large)
- Conditioner (large)
- Deodorant (stick)
- Ice Cream
- Dryer Sheets
- Hand Soap
- Gold Bond Powder - Travel Size
- Shaving Cream
- Laundry Soap Pods
- 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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