

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for August 6, 2020

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

(Psalm 42:1-6, NRSV)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It can feel paralyzing every time another marker comes along of something that *is* happening, or *won't be* happening, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Today the tears are falling because I am going to be gone for a few days. Normally I would be eager and playful at the thought of heading up to Sawtooth Camp for most of a week. Yet, perhaps because of how out of control life feels these days, I am apprehensive, almost to the point of fear, about what might happen in my absence.

Will I go? Yes. Because time spent by the river will heal my soul while I mourn the passing of my mom, and recharge from months of working too many hours each week.

Will I go? Yes. Because all of you deserve to have me at my best, with a full spiritual cup so that I may share God's strength and love with you freely.

Will I go? Yes. Even though I keep finding pitiful excuses to stay home and the tears are flowing. By the time you get this I will be on the road. I will be back in the office next Thursday morning. Until then, Pam or Don can direct you towards any pastoral care you might need.

There will be a fresh worship video up on Trinity's Facebook page and YouTube Channel on Sunday morning. The video will give you a chance to admire the beauty of the instruments donated to Trinity this week for our guests without adequate shelter to play while they are here. There will also be a prayer and connect Zoom meeting at 10:15. You can find the links elsewhere in this newsletter.

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 "When even the wind is against you, take Jesus' hand." The scripture lesson will be Matthew 14:22-33, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. 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 9, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVJiczNtaE83UT09>

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Theology on Tap

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Reopening Committee - Phase 2

In Phase 2 the church staff is allowed back full time. Pam will be in the front office from 9 am to 1pm Monday - Thursday. Volunteers are also allowed in the church building as needed for the homeless mission work and producing worship videos. Technically the church building is still closed to the general public.

<h2>We are in Phase 2</h2>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Updated 7/29/2020 Don Rohde</p>



You can stop by and ring the doorbell and someone will come out and talk with you or you can make an appointment with Ruth for next week and she can setup a "Physically Safe" conference.

You will 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.

Working on the Church

Today Rocky Mountain Boiler is here replacing steam traps and replumbing the Parlor radiator into the education wing zone to give us a warm Parlor next winter. This is part of the program to save money by not running the big electric heaters in the parlor each time we wanted to have a meeting. The heaters were costing us over \$150 per month to use.

Steam traps hold the hot steam in the radiators until the heat is gone and it condenses into water which can drain back to the boiler. When a steam trap fails, live steam gets sent back to the boiler and the boiler room fills with steam. We have a program of replacing 2 of the 26 steam traps each year so there should not be unexpected failures.

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?

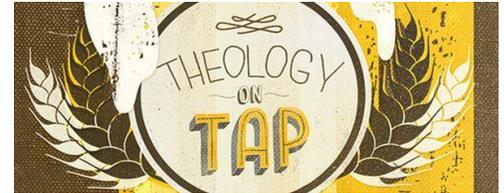
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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
- Hand Soap
- Gold Bond Powder - Travel Size
- Shaving Cream
- Laundry Soap Pods
- Canned Soup (hearty)
- 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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