

News Update for August 25, 2020

Today's scripture may give us more insight into the humanness of Jesus than any other. We get a glimpse of the Son of God speaking harsh words to someone, and then seemingly realizing that what he had said was hurtful. Who among us has not wished that we could take back words that had harmed our loved ones?

My, do we ever get to see the human side of Jesus today. So, the first half of the lesson has Jesus telling us, using his words, how bad words can be. He says it's not just our actions but very words, which can be as yucky as any unclean food could possibly be. Then, surprisingly enough, after being pressed by his disciples a little bit, Jesus tells a story that's almost incomprehensible. To modern ears the words are practically gibberish. Then we come to the place in scripture where the Canaanite woman enters into the story. Finally, something we can read and understand. So, the Canaanites were always counted as an outsider. Yes, sometimes it easier to say harsh words to an outsider. Perhaps it can be easier because you don't have to worry about a long-term relationship with that person. That seems to be just what Jesus had done. Maybe he was having a bad day when the woman came screaming "Lord, Lord my daughter has a demon, please heal her." Jesus then snapped back saying how his job was only to care for the children of Israel. If we read this in the original language, we read how it's not right to throw the good food for the children of Israel to the dogs. He tells her, or at least insinuates, that she is a dog, a female dog- and dogs were not normally part of a household as they are now. They were expendable, outside animals to take



care of rodents or herd sheep, cows, and goats. They were considered to be dirty and filled with diseases. Yet she manages to come back with "But lord, even the little puppies get to enjoy the food that spills from the master's table."

Now as I mentioned before, who among us has not wished we could take back words?

I've had harsh words with loved ones this week and would have liked to be able to take them back. But like toothpaste out of the tube, we cannot take them back. If we are fortunate, we get to apologize and have perhaps have our apology accepted, or not.

That is the moment we realize that what we say in the world makes a difference. It makes a difference in our own heart, as it should. What we say and the words we use make a difference. We can't fix everything, all we can do is understand that we have the power of love and the power of words and the power to realize that we may have been wrong, which I think may be the power of this particular scripture: when even the son of God realizes that he could have been wrong about what he said, and he reminds the Canaanite woman that her faith he great. Friends let your faith be great this week. Let God enter your words, let them be soft and kind. Let them be wise. Let the words you speak out to others be helpful. Let the self-talk you speak, be useful. Let us do all this in the name of the living God, who loves each of you. 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 "Making Things Right After We Say Hurtful Words." Who among us has not wished we could take back words that have harmed our loved ones? The scripture lesson was Matthew 15:10-28, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video was 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 30, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

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Progressive Dinner, not for 2020

Every year for the past 28, a progressive dinner has been held at the downtown churches. Lately, the money raised has gone to the Soup Kitchen.

Since the Progressive Dinner will not be held this year, we have been trying out various different scenarios for raising about \$375, which is the average raised from the past 4 years. None of our ideas seem to have caught anyone's imagination, so we are just asking for the money to be donated.

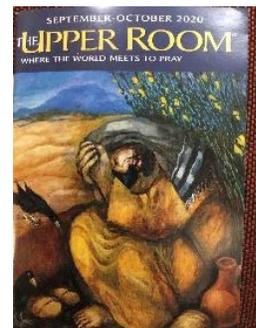
If the Progressive Dinner is something you have always done, you could donate the cost of a ticket, and on the evening of September 18th, eat salad (Trinity's course this year), and call some friends



Soup Kitchen appreciates you!

The Upper Room is Here

The latest issue of The Upper Room is now available at the office. You may stop by the church and pick one up, or if you would like to have one delivered, please call 208-522-9721 to talk with Pam or leave a message.



Free School Supplies

We have some donated basic school supplies for school kids. Please stop by Trinity and get what you need from 9-3 pm. Available now while the supply lasts.



Work around the church by Don Rohde

In Idaho it is safe to shut down the boiler mid-August. Rob drained the boiler and makeup water tanks. He flushed them out and refilled them with clean soft water. The gas is shut off and we are waiting for September cold snap. Rob is maintaining the rhythm of Trinity building.



Soup Kitchen Team Leader Needed

We are looking for a new team leader for our Soup Kitchen Mission. Kathy Harder is retiring after the September meal, having been our longstanding chef and team leader.

Team Lead – This person will be in charge of the team, making sure you have enough help (or letting us know you need help), making sure the Soup Kitchen is cleaned before everyone leaves, and you are the cook, too.

1. Create a menu, pull the meat (3-4 days in the fridge to thaw) and get everything ready to cook
2. Cook the meal on the day of the lunch
3. Holds the key
4. Calls their team to remind them of their day each month.
5. Ensures the ledger has been filled out for your meal
6. Communicates with the Community Food Basket
7. Receives the Soup Kitchen Training manual
8. Ensures that at least one person, who is present each time, has a current Food Safety Certification.
9. Ensures that the closing procedures have been followed
10. Ensures that all doors are locked before leaving.

Please contact Rev Ruth Marsh if you would like to help. (208-419-7870)

UMW Update

While summer is winding down, UMW activities never got started. Our Sunshine Circle meeting for August has now been cancelled. Please note UMW local, district and conference wide are still functioning with the “new normal.” The UMW Executive Board will keep you posted on what our September meetings will look like. Pray we can all be together soon.

Mary Nagel



Community Food Basket Volunteer Opportunities.

Gleaning – Fridays 8:30a-12p

These people will drive our truck around to local grocery stores and pick up their donations. This is a team of two people.

Warehouse help – Monday – Friday 10a-2p

Please commit to one day to come each week.

Must be able to lift 25-50 lbs. We need help unloading trucks and organizing the warehouse. Moving pallets, and putting boxes into coolers.

Food Pantry Set-up – Monday – Friday 10a-3p

Please commit to one day to come each week.

These teams put our food boxes together, and put the gleaned food away.

Food Pantry Distribution - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 3:30p-5:30p

Please commit to one day to come each week.

Collect demographic information. Bring food to cars. Finish packing food boxes.

Food Pantry data entry –

Enter all the intake forms. This can be done daily (M-F), or a few times a week. Any time after 5:30pm.

All data must be entered before the end of each month.

Soup Kitchen Team – 2nd Wednesday of every month through 2020

We need a permanent, reoccurring team on the 2nd Wednesday of every of 5-6 people to cook and hand out to-go meals.

Team Lead – This person will be in charge of the team. Making sure you have enough help (or letting us know you need help). Making sure the Soup Kitchen is cleaned before everyone leaves. Sometimes you are the cook too.

Cook – 9am-1pm (depending on what you are cooking) This person plans the meal and goes to the Soup Kitchen 3-4 days before your monthly day and pulls meat to thaw and gathers ingredients for your meal.

SUPPORT TEAM (4-5 ppl) – 11:00AM-1:30PM Put meals in the to-go containers, distribute meals, clear up.

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 public.

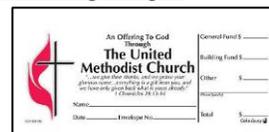
We are in Phase 2

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

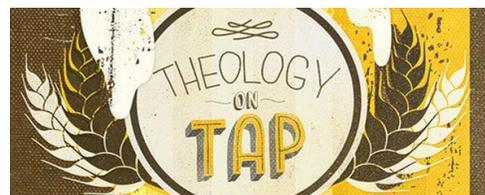
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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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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:

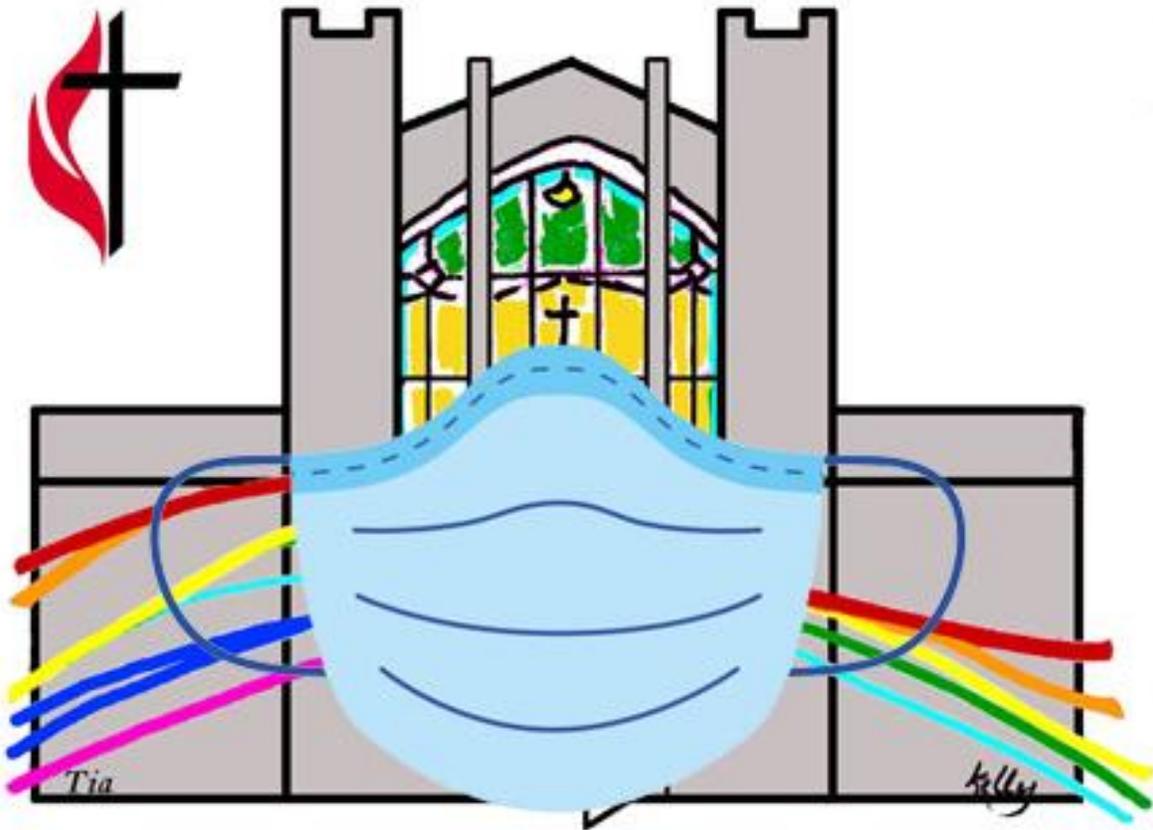
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Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

Top Needs:

- Body Wash (large)
- Shampoo (large)
- ~~Conditioner (large)~~
- Deodorant (stick)
- Ice Cream
- Mouth Wash (travel size)
- Gold Bond Powder (travel size)
- Phone charging cords
- Vienna Sausage
- XXXL, XXL, XL Ladies Underwear

We can't thank you enough for all your support of this important ministry at Trinity!



Remember to wear your mask!