

## News Update for August 3, 2022

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**Trinity Day Shelter Hours**  
**9am to 3pm**  
**Mon - Fri**

### This Week at Trinity

#### Wednesday (August 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- **Upper Room** via Zoom 10:00 am
- **Gather at the Table** Zoom 6:30 pm
- **Troop 6** Mary Dawson Hall 7:00 pm

#### Friday (August 5<sup>th</sup>)

- **Office Closed**

#### Sunday (August 7<sup>th</sup>)

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:10a (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>)
- **Seventh Pentecost Sunday**

#### Monday (August 8<sup>th</sup>)

- **NA Just4Today2** 7:00 pm
- **Book club** 7:00 pm
- **Theology on Tap** via Zoom 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday (August 9<sup>th</sup>)

- **Trustee Meeting** via Zoom 6:30 pm
- **Cub Scouts Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm
- **NA Book Study** 7:00

#### Wednesday (August 10<sup>th</sup>)

- **Upper Room** via Zoom 10:00 am
- **Finance Meeting** via Zoom 6:30 pm
- **Troop 6** Mary Dawson Hall 7:00 pm

## Worship on 8/7

### Lesson from Christian Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.*

*By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.*

*All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be*

*called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

(NIV)

## UWF News

Hi, all. Can you believe August is here?! Where did the summer go?! We're



United  
Women  
in Faith

looking forward to our ice cream social on August 11th at Ruth Oar's home. The address is 811 Jeri Avenue. The executive committee will be providing the goodies. Invite a friend or 2 and join us at Ruth Oar's home at 1:00 for food, fun, and fellowship. We hope to have a big group to start off the 2022-2023 year for United Women in Faith at Trinity United Methodist Church. See you soon!

Also when at the church this summer check out some books from our reading program. The books are in the UWF library (UMW) in the parlor. There are some excellent reads both fiction and nonfiction. See you at Mission U!!!

Mary Nagel & Lyndell Bradshaw

## Crockpot Meals Needed



Compassionate Care Need!  
We need crock pot or casserole meals for the homeless people that stop by the Day Shelter.

We will provide the cooking container and the ingredients, as necessary. Please help with all the love in your heart. Contact Don in the office. **Next available dates are: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Also, donations of canned food (with pull-tops) would be greatly appreciated.

Examples of greatest needs are:

- Pasta (E.g.: Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats, soups, spaghetti sauce

**Thanks** to Ann, Jill & Mary, Tricia, Nancy, Cindy, Heather, Dixie, Kay, Kathy, Bev, Jo Ann & Gary, and Marcia & Tommy, Hersh, Sherry and Tammy for their preparation of food, generous donation of time, and compassion in helping with feeding the hungry.

## Anniversaries

### August

Douglas & Betty French	16 <sup>th</sup>
Ed & Jane Simmons	16 <sup>th</sup>
Mark & Laura Carroll	19 <sup>th</sup>
Casey & Marybeth Eikelberger	24 <sup>th</sup>

## Birthdays

### August

Ben Oliver	4 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Milam	5 <sup>th</sup>
Olivia Lower	6 <sup>th</sup>
Rob Brochu	7 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Eld	7 <sup>th</sup>
Wendy Nobles	7 <sup>th</sup>
Patti Wade	7 <sup>th</sup>
David Armstrong	8 <sup>th</sup>
Nanette Johnson	8 <sup>th</sup>
Connor Carroll	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jakob Bryan	11 <sup>th</sup>
Sophia Griffith	13 <sup>th</sup>

## Center for Hope hair maintenance



*The Center for Hope is offering simple trim, maintenance of current style, or clipper cuts to the homeless and those with financial limitations.*

AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 2022 FROM 9 AM-12 PM  
AT THE CENTER FOR HOPE  
530 E. ANDERSON IDAHO FALLS, ID 83401

## Sawtooth Camp News – August 3, 2022



Senior High Youth from Southern Idaho were campers at Sawtooth Methodist Camp the last week of July. These youth were so excited to reconnect with friends from the past year and make new friends. The time to study, pray, laugh, cry, sing, hike, play, worship, celebrate and more with other youth and staff can help these youth as they move forward with life decisions that are made during these teen years. The staff members, who return, are also excited to see old friends, and make new friends with these students. This year the Dean of the Senior High camp was Matt Gaskill. He grew up in Idaho Falls and was a part of Trinity UMC. He now lives in Moscow, ID, but takes time each summer to be on the

staff for Jr. High and Sr. High Camps. His camping experience as a youth meant so much to him that he returns to support today's youth. This was his first year as Dean. When we visited in June, he was excited to be the Dean of the Senior High Camp. Many other staff members were former campers at Sawtooth Camp when they were young.



This past week we had Alexi Jensen, Savannah Jensen and Hunter Warnke attend Sr. High camp. Matt and Brandi Warnke provided the transportation up and back. It is a big challenge to travel the 4 hours up and then back. Thank you!

The transportation of these youth was provided by the Trinity families and friends too. We thank you all for your support through prayers, encouragement, money, and time to make a difference in the lives of our youth. The Sawtooth Camp is remotely located in an alpine valley 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho on the North Fork of the Boise River. This camp was acquired almost 100 years ago from a rancher and the support of people in the Twin Falls area. The foresight of the early Methodist people to acquire this camp (approx..120 acres) as an investment for the future, has



helped to shape the lives of many folks through the years.

Thank you for continuing to support these youth with your prayers and money so these kids can have this opportunity. Trinity's Scholarship Fund helps so much by giving these youth new experiences in a safe and loving location with a staff of people willing to support youth in their formative years. This has been a mission of the United Methodist Church for over 100 years.

Funds can be added to the Scholarship Fund at any time throughout the year.

Betty Anderson

Coordinator for children & youth at TUMC.

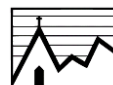






## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status for January 2022 to June 30<sup>th</sup>



Church  
FINANCES

Income = \$ 69,108.68

Expenses = \$ 93,633.46

Difference = (\$ 24,524.78)

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

## John Wesley Quote

*With what astonishment and veneration may we look into our souls where there are such hidden stores of virtue and knowledge! Such inexhausted sources of perfection! We know not yet what we shall be, nor will it ever enter into the heart of man to conceive the glory that will be always in reserve for him.*



THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

## Sermon from 7/31

### Guarding Against Greed

Luke 12:13-21 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43



I am he as you are he  
as you are me  
and we are all together...

If you are at all familiar with the Beatles song "I am the Walrus" from their 1967 film *Magical Mystery Tour*, you'll likely recall (and hopefully appreciate) the deft hand the song's writer, John Lennon, plays by reaching into a mixed up bag of nonsensical imagery to talk about the virtues of togetherness and the pitfalls of estrangement. Building a flawed yet fantastical world atop a foundation of childhood memories, poems, nursery rhymes, architectural wonders, and philosophical contrasts, Lennon engages in a lyrical takedown of that which he considered to be divisive in his day: corporate greed, moralistic judgment, misplaced ideologies, and uninformed, overzealous idolatry. These were the elements — according to some

interpretations of his expressed worldview — that are constantly at work, keeping us from coming together as an undivided whole. And if, indeed, you are a true fan of the song, there is a good chance that after gathering up and reassembling the parts of your mind that were blown by the incredible musical arrangements of the song's producer George Martin — a little time, space, repeated listens, and research might have allowed you to uncover the origin of the barely there snippets of dialogue we hear scattered and buried throughout the mix: fragments of speech lifted from a dramatic reading of Shakespeare's *King Lear*, a story, itself of deceit and division fed by a spirit of greed that

spreads across the stage and page like a sickness. *King Lear*, you might know, is the story of a monarch who - in his old age -



decides to divide his power and vast holdings amongst his three daughters, basing his decision solely on their expressed love for him: whoever loves him most, or at least expresses that love best, will walk away with the largest share. What follows is a tale of mayhem, murder, and misdirection as one daughter is completely disinherited for choosing to be honest and the others, driven by greed become mortal enemies. By the end of the tale, Lear, his



daughters and a host of others are dead — and it is clear that most everyone the audience has seen cross the stage, as tragedies tend to go, is in the end a loser.



Perhaps this is the type of tangled mess Jesus, in his wisdom, refuses to get pulled into in our reading from the Gospel of Luke. In the text we read that as Jesus is teaching, “someone in the crowd” tries to enlist him as an arbitrator of a family dispute. “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me....” He says. But Jesus, according to one translation, replies with a pretty strong rebuke. “Hey you,” he says, “who set me to be a judge or arbitrator between you?” before turning back to the crowd and encouraging them to be on guard against all kinds of greed.” Jesus then tells parable commonly referred to as “The Rich Fool,” but we’ll stick for a moment with this exchange that’s taken place between Jesus and the unnamed petitioner because often, in engaging this passage — by going directly to the parable — we miss out on a significant theme. That is, while we tend to focus on the greediness of the character involved in the parable and his foolishness for storing up what he will not be able to use, his abrupt undoing often allows us to gloss over a message that sits beneath the surface: the message that while

greed is often the start of trouble, the true threat lies in division that follows, as division often fosters destruction of social bonds, which ultimately leads to death.

So, here’s a little historical context that might shed light on the message that Jesus is trying to get across, a message that might be a bit muddled and confused if we only view it through our contemporary lens. Some might wonder what the big deal was. Why wouldn’t Jesus step into the fray in the name of fairness and tell the brother — that greedy brother to share the inheritance? Why should he be allowed to keep it all to himself? Well the truth is, the brother set to gain the inheritance wasn’t the problem in this episode. That is, unlike in our time, he wasn’t the one who would have been considered greedy in his own day. Rather, it was the person asking Jesus to step in and act as an agent of division who was acting in a questionable manner. See, according to Hebrew law a father’s property, in becoming an inheritance, was often considered to be a singular whole that should be kept, for the most part, intact. What was ideal, then, was that the oldest son would receive the lion’s share of a parent’s possessions with the understanding that he would take care of the rest of the family, including widows and women in the clan who remained unwed. By keeping an inheritance relatively intact, the ideal of what the Bible calls “living together” or “living among brothers” was achieved, and the clan had a better chance of surviving. Religious scholars liken it to streams of water, which, if “divided into too many channels are swallowed up by the earth and become unproductive.” Division, it would seem, was the harbinger of death and this, I



believe, is part of what Jesus was getting at. In fact, another account of this exchange, taken from the apocryphal Gospel of Thomas — which predates the Gospel of Luke — has Jesus saying, “O man, Who had made Me a divider?” He then turns back to his disciples and asks, “I’m not a divider am I?” The answer, of course is no. Jesus, we can conclude from the text, sees himself as one who has come to unite — not unlike the descriptor of the divine work that plays out across our Psalm, performing actions that foster the comforting and coming together of the restless and distressed.

“Take care!” Jesus says, “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed...”



Greed which, whether for property, power, or privilege, invariably functions as an agent of discord: discord that leads to division, which in turn tips into forms of domination that all too often culminate in death.

I come to you here in Idaho Falls, at a time when the dirge of division seems to be ringing in everyone’s ears. Your denomination, The Methodist Church, is in the midst of a chaotic, conflictual split. Your congregation, like so many others across the country and indeed the globe have seen members fall off, fall out, or go

elsewhere for various reasons. It would seem that we are in, what medical terminology would deem a stage of actively dying. It is a conundrum, of course, that I don’t necessarily know how to address and I certainly know that I can’t fix. But I do feel that I can at least acknowledge it in a public way and in doing so offer my support and understanding. This, I’ll do today, by sharing words from the Chinese sage of ancient days Lao Tzu who once said that to be “deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”

I, for one, am deeply grateful for the people in my life who have, over the years and through their light and love, served as agents of reflection through which I can see the ways many ways I have yet to grow. I am thankful for the folks who have, through their own actions of self-reflection, shown me that there are an infinite number of angles from which we can each view ourselves, perspectives that allow us to reinforce the strengths that keep us going while helping us push past and renegotiate our shortcomings. I am so happy to add you all here, to that number. I believe that it is through our acts of being dutiful in



relationship that we find ourselves gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and delivered from our distress.

It is via our relationship to God and by extension the way that God is revealed in and through others, that our thirsts are truly satisfied, our hungers filled. This, I believe is unfailing antidote to the death brought on by division: division born of a greed that would, for instance, preach a monopoly on the gospel; a greed that would have us readily step into a fray that Jesus himself refused to engage; a fray that dares to suggest that God's steadfast love



— an indivisible inheritance that is intended for all those who cry out to the Lord in their trouble — can be divided in a way that leaves some to wander in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town, left rather to dwell in their distress both hungry and thirsty. It is in this spirit that I recognize and acknowledge the deep gratitude I feel in knowing that you all have chosen to make your congregation a place of gathering, a place of welcome, a place of sharing in that inheritance and I can only hope that in the coming days, weeks and couple of months I'm here, despite any challenges or difficulties that still lie ahead, we can love each other in a deep and honest enough way to fuel the courage and strength needed to keep any further divisions at bay. Rather, let this church say:

I am he as you are he

as you are me

and we are all together...

Thanking the Lord for his steadfast love,

For his wonderful works to humankind.

Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Alphaeus

## BWA and UMC Informational Webinar

The Greater Northwest Area treasurers will be hosting an informational webinar on August 10th at 6:30 p.m. PT. **Any church that has or is considering hosting a Boy Scout Troop or unit should plan to have at least one church leader attend the webinar.** Brant Henshaw (PNW and Alaska Conference Treasurer) and Candace Clarke (OR-ID Conference Treasurer) will be available to answer questions.

During the webinar, the treasurers will be covering updates on the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) settlement, the new [Affiliation Agreement](#) and the new [Facility Use Agreement](#), and will attempt to answer questions you may have on moving forward with this area of ministry in your community.

[Register now!](#)

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## Thank you, TrinityUMC!



*Trinity UMC, you're amazing! The whole Annual Conference got to celebrate you as we watched the video of the day shelter during our session in June! You are excellent stewards of the gifts & resources that have been entrusted to you. Keep up the good work in all that you do!*

Thank you for your faithfulness in ministry and mission through an exceptionally challenging couple of years. You continue to be the church, to follow Jesus, and to love your neighbors. May you be blessed again and again as you constantly grow deeper in your faith and broader in your love for the children of God.

With deep gratitude,

*Karen*

Rev. Karen Hernandez,  
Sage District Superintendent



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## Staying Connected

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Each Sunday Worship videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>).

If you go to Trinity's web page ([www.TUMCIF.org](http://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>

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## Trinity Leadership

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Below are the names and contacts for the leadership positions for the next year. Please let the appropriate leader know how you are willing to serve.

- Bev Kemp - Chair of Staff/Parish Relations  
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- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance  
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