

## News update for December 14 2022

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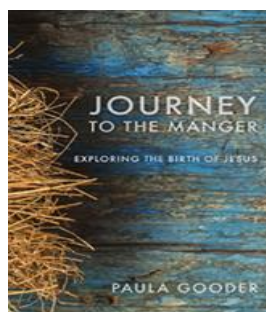
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### Advent Study & Ruth's Journey

Rev Ruth will be teaching the Advent study from this book.

We still have books if you want one!

She will also be sharing about her recent renewal leave.



### This Week at Trinity

#### Friday (December 16th )

- Office Closed
- 7:00pm N.A.
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#### Sunday (December 18th ) **Advent week 4**

- 9:30am Donuts before worship
- 10:10am Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship on Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
- 11:30am Scout Brunch
- Advent Study & Ruth's Journey
- 5:00pm Flute Choir
- 7:00pm N.A.
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#### Monday (December 19th )

- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2
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#### Tuesday (December 20th )

- 6:30pm Admin Council Meeting
- 7:00pm NA Book Study
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#### Wednesday (December 21st )

- 10:00am Upper Room via Zoom
- 2:00pm Max Harrison Funeral
- 6:30pm Gather at the table via Zoom
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#### Thursday (December 22nd)

- 7:00pm Blue Christmas Worship

## Worship on 12/18

Theme: Unbelievable

Sermon Title:

Is This What We Have Been Waiting For?

Lesson from the Christian Gospel

(Matthew 1:18-23)

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

"Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled:

Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him, Emmanuel. (Emmanuel means "God with us.")

When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he didn't have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son. Joseph called him Jesus.

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## UWF News

Happy Holidays to All!

We enjoyed a festive Christmas gathering on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There were a lot of



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in Faith

yummy treats, fun games, and caroling (with a little business thrown in). Kay Pottorff was given special mission recognition for her years of membership and dedication to the office of program resources (our UWF reading program). Thanks, Kay, for all your book reports.

A special offering was taken for Promise Ridge. The year-end giving from our unit will be \$100 to each of the following: CASA, FISH, Hospice of Eastern Idaho, the soup kitchen, and the GED program.

Remember there will be no unit meeting in January. However, it is UWF Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mary will give a "UWF Moment" during the service. Mark your calendars. The next unit meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend. For those of you who attend St.Paul's, be sure to let the ladies there know they are welcome to attend.

There will be a 6:30 family Christmas Eve service at Trinity. Betty Anderson is asking for donations of cookies and treats for after the service. Contact her if you are able to help. Thanks.

Enjoy this Christmas season celebrating the birth of our Savior!

## John Wesley Quote

An ancient historian relates that when the apostle was so enfeebled by age as not to be able to preach, he was frequently brought into the congregation in his chair, and just uttered: "Beloved children, love one another."



*Spiritual Idolatry*

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are expanding our Sunday food to add some variety.

- **December 18<sup>th</sup>** Scouts make Brunch  
Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) – This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit
- **December 25<sup>th</sup>** -No Potluck
- **January 1<sup>st</sup>** -Soup & Bread Potluck  
Brunch (Chili is considered a soup)
- **January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Potluck Brunch bring your favorite dish to share
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>** Scouts Brunch  
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## Last Week's Sermon 12/04

"Are We There Yet?"



That's the major question for the Season of Advent. Have we gotten to Christmas yet? And it is kind of the question of the Epistle lesson when talking about patience and suffering. Aren't we there yet? What exactly is the relationship between suffering and patience? For nearly 2000 years the church seems to have been championing suffering. I think that there are at least a couple of reasons that this has been the case. Number one, people truly have had to endure a lot of pain and suffering by the very nature of the fact that the world is a difficult place to live in, particularly before modern medicine. Leprosy, Plague, Small Pox, Flu; the list of diseases that make for a short lifespan goes on and on. So suffering was given a golden spin to make it seem noble.



For centuries the church told people that if you think things are bad now, and they were, just wait until the afterlife – either all your suffering will go away when you go to heaven because you prayed enough, and gave the church enough money, or – baby, you ain’t seen nothin’ yet because hell is waiting for those folks who didn’t pray or pay enough!

The second reason, I believe, and this one is a bit nobler, is that it really is when we are suffering that we learn patience. Now hear me out... When I am waiting for something, at some level, I am suffering. If it’s a good thing then I am yearning, straining at the leash, for whatever is about to happen. But I’m suffering, nonetheless, because I’m not getting instant gratification. If the waiting is in dread, for a bad outcome, then I am anxious or nervous regarding the impending event. Either way, I suffer until the thing happens.



Here is where the logic starts to break down, since most of us believe that patience is a good attribute, and some level of suffering helps us to learn patience, it is easy to jump to the conclusion that suffering is good and honorable. Please hear this important public service announcement: suffering is not intrinsically a good thing. All too often our suffering is caused by a person or institution trying to control us.

Patriarchy has also taken advantage of this fallacy to control women throughout the centuries. As soon as you can get someone to buy into the misconception that suffering is virtuous, then it is easy to treat them inequitably or even heap abuse upon them. I remember being told that I should stay with the husband who beat me in order to eventually save him from himself and turn him into a good man in God’s eyes.



The person that we may struggle the hardest to be patient with is our self. The next hardest is someone we have lots of experience with, such as a loved one. Please let me give you a personal example. I may have been known to misplace my keys from time to time... In fact, in our household, two out of three of us misplace our keys on a regular basis ... David never misplaces his keys. When this happens to me, I immediately say to myself, “You so are stupid to lose your keys like that all the time”. Now I would never call anyone else stupid for misplacing their keys, but I impose negative self-talk on myself often.

How can we find more healthy way to be patient with ourselves and others? How do we learn to show love to ourselves in the ways we often are willing to show love and care to the people around us?





Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent, this morning we lit the pink candle, the one that traditionally represents joy. Although suffering is commonly associated with patience, joy can be too! During Advent we are waiting for Jesus; in particular, we are focused on the arrival of the infant Jesus. There are few opportunities for waiting that require more patience, or can bring more joy than the birth of a baby. In Romans 8 the Apostle Paul writes "We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor." This verse is much like today's lesson from James speaking about the farmer having to be patient while waiting for rain.

Bishop Desmond Tutu said "Discovering more joy does not save us from the inevitability of hardship and heartbreak. In fact, we may cry more easily, but we will laugh more easily too. Perhaps we are just more alive.

Bishop Tutu was likely right! Maybe if we focus a bit more on joy, we can be a bit more patient without having to endure so much suffering.

Amen

*Reverend Ruth Marsh (she, her)*  
(208) 419-7870  
Trinity United Methodist Church

## Anniversaries

### December

Bill & Vanessa Clemons	20 <sup>th</sup>
James & Sheryl Schaffer	28 <sup>th</sup>

## Birthdays

### December

Davis Taylor	16 <sup>th</sup>
Micheal Benson	18 <sup>th</sup>
Christina Godfrey	18 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Smith	23 <sup>rd</sup>
John Mullin	25 <sup>th</sup>
Jo Ann Rose	25 <sup>th</sup>
Aaliyah Poulter	26 <sup>th</sup>
Everyly Goodrich	27 <sup>th</sup>
Evelyn King	27 <sup>th</sup>
Rhys, McClure	27 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Traughber	28 <sup>th</sup>
Joanne McCray	29 <sup>th</sup>
Jason Jakovac	30 <sup>th</sup>

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - November 30, 2022



Income	\$129,913
Expenses	\$167,889
Net Income	<\$37,976>

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

## Is it a Blue Christmas?

Are you depressed? Feeling hopeless, lost, or grieving this holiday season?

Service on December  
22 @ 7:00pm  
Is just for you.

Sometimes we don't feel very jolly at Christmas. If we are mourning the loss of a loved one. If our heart is broken for other reasons. Or if we just can't bear the short days and long dark nights. Let's get together where there will be love and even some hope.



## The Mitten Tree is up

The weather outside is frightfully cold,



let's warm some hands and hearts this holiday season.



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Come and join us in our Christmas activities and volunteer: – In worship or with the children and youth activities each Sunday and for Christmas Eve.

Advent is here and that means we need kids of all ages to help read liturgy and light the candles!



The kids are working on an Advent wreath craft project in the nursery. It's a multi-week activity that we hope to use on Christmas Eve.



The kids are invited to be part of the congregational choir that will be practicing during worship. This Sunday, Camille will reveal which 2 Christmas hymns the choir will sing on Christmas Eve at the 6:30 family worship.

To volunteer please contact one of these 3 persons by phone or in person:

Betty Anderson – 208-521-3039  
Rev. Ruth Marsh -208-419-7870  
Nancy Stewart – 208-521-7247

## Flute Choir by June Canon

December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm



June Canon's flute and piano students will be having a public recital in the sanctuary at 5pm, Sunday the 18th. They will be playing piccolos and bass flutes *plus* everything in between!

## Max Edward Harrison



### Obituary

Max Edward Harrison, age 70, passed away on Monday, December 5, 2022, following a brief illness.

He was born on June 27, 1952, in Emporia, Kansas, to Duane Edward and H. Jeanne Harrison. His parents divorced in 1966, and Duane married Martha Teague Hochalter. The family, now with six kids, moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and set up shop running a beauty parlor and selling windows and doors. In 1969, they settled in Idaho Falls, where he had resided since.

He attended Idaho Falls High School, and during his time there, he was an active member of the I.F. Club, manager of both the football and basketball teams, and participated in student council, Symphonic, Pep, and Stage Bands as well as the school choir.

## Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias this year for \$12.

When you order them, please let us know the name of the person you would like them dedicated to.

In memory of:

In honor decorations of: We are thankful to use them as beautiful in the Sanctuary for Advent.

You will be able to pick yours up on Christmas Eve after service.

Thank you



After graduating high school in 1971, he served as a jet engine mechanic in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, stationed at RAF Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire, England, primarily working on F-111E aircrafts. He had fond memories of being able to play his drums in local pubs on weekends throughout his active duty.

Upon returning from England, he took up playing music full time, traveling with The Dan Miller Band as their drummer throughout Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. In 1981, he began working for Chesbro Music Company in the stockroom and over his 20 plus year career, he worked his way up to become one of the top sales representatives in the company, winning countless awards and recognitions for his service and dedication to the company. He loved to share stories of traveling the open road to meet with clients, most of whom were also passionate musicians. If Max were to have a theme song, it might very well be "On the Road Again" by Willie Nelson.

Upon retirement, Max became heavily involved with the Idaho Falls chapter of the American Legion and honored his fellow veterans by attending as many military funeral services as he could. He also used his connections in the music industry to donate musical instruments to various organizations around Idaho Falls.

Max's greatest love was music, especially the drums. He consistently played throughout his life with a variety of bands, both local and traveling, including Smile, Patchwork, The Dan Miller Band, The Shelley and Kelley Band, Eclipse and many others. He was always willing and eager to load up his drum set at the drop of a hat to play with any band, church or school that needed him. He was truly happiest with a pair of drumsticks in his

hands and foot petals at his feet. "Keep on Drummin" was a motto throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Harrison; his son, Jacob (Thomas) Rodehuth-Harrison of Los Angeles, CA; his stepsons, William (Holly) Harrison of Boise, ID, and Michael Stamm of TN; stepdaughter, Charlotte (Greg) Jones of Twin Falls, ID; stepbrothers, Ron Harrison of Madison, WI, and Rob Willsey of TX; sister Konstance (Larry) Bourn of Hansen, ID; stepbrother, Phillip Hochhalter, stepsister, Edith (Don) Powell of Idaho Falls, ID; stepsister Helene (Gil) Johnson of Springville, UT; as well as eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

Max was preceded in death by his father, Duane E. Harrison, mother, H. Jeanne Willsey, stepfather, George Willsey, stepmother, Martha J. Harrison, brother, Keith Harrison and stepbrothers, Frank Willsey and Eugene Hochhalter.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Trinity United Methodist Church, the Idaho Falls chapter of The American Legion, or a local music foundation or school program in your area.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 237 North Water Avenue, with a military honors to follow. The family will visit with friends from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. at the church.



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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 leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve:

Chair of Admin Council

Robin Stewart (208)521-6358

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Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149

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Chair of Trustee

Don Rhode (860)810-3227-

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Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Advent 4</b> 18 9:30 AM Coffee & Donuts 10:10am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Scouts Brunch Advent book study & Ruth's Journey 5:00pm Flute Choir	19      7:00pm N.A.	20   6:30 pm Admin Council Meeting 7:00pm - N.A.	21  10:00am Upper Room 2:00pm Max Harrison memorial 6:30pm Gather at the table	22   7:00pm <b>Blue Christmas</b>	23  Office Closed   7:00pm N.A.	24  <b>Christmas Eve</b>  6:30pm Family Service  11:30pm Candle light Service
<b>Christmas Day</b> 25 9:30am Donuts & Coffee 10:10am Worship No Fellowship today Enjoy your Holiday 7:00pm N.A.	26  <b>Office Closed</b>   7:00pm N.A.	27  <b>Office Closed</b>   7:00pm N.A.	28  <b>Office Closed</b>  10:00pm Upper Room Via Zoom	29  <b>Office Closed</b>	30  <b>Office Closed</b>  7:00pm N.A.	31  
<b>January 2023</b> 1 <b>Happy New Year!</b> 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Soup & breads 7:00pm N.A.	2      7:pm N.A.	3   7:00pm PEO BG 7:00pm N.A.	4  10:00am Upper Room  6:30pm Gather at the table	5	6  <b>Epiphany</b>  Office Closed   7:00pm N.A.	7
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