

News update for February 23, 2023

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Trinity Homeless Services

Homeless Services are available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services that are authorized by Rev. Ruth.

This Week at Trinity

Thursday (February 23rd)

~~6:30 pm Admin Council via Zoom~~

Friday (February 24th)

- Office Closed
- 7:00pm N.A.

Sunday (February 26th)

- 9:30am Donuts before worship
- 10:10am Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship on Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
- 11:30 Fellowship Potluck Brunch
- 7:00pm N.A.

Monday (February 27th)

- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2

Tuesday (February 28th)

7:00pm NA Book Study

Wednesday (March 1st)

- 10:00am Upper Room
- 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom
- 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts
- 7:00pm Troop 6 Scouts

Worship Plans for 2/26

Theme: "Tapping Into the Power"
(this will be a series throughout Lent)
Sermon: "What Do We Need to Live?"
based on (Matthew 4:1-11)

Creator Sets Free (Jesus) followed the guidance of the Spirit, who took him into the desert wilderness to be tested by Accuser (Satan), the evil trickster snake.

For forty days and nights Creator Sets Free (Jesus) ate nothing. His body became weak, and his hunger grew strong.

When the evil snake saw that Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was weak and hungry, he came to him and whispered in his ear.

"Are you the Son of the Great Spirit?" he hissed. "Prove it by turning these stones into frybread."

"The Sacred Teachings are clear," Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said. "Human beings cannot live only on frybread, but on all the words that come from the mouth of the Great Spirit."

The evil trickster then took him to the Great Spirit's sacred lodge in Village of Peace (Jerusalem). He set him at the very top, high above the village.

"Prove you are the Son of the Great Spirit and jump down from here!" the evil snake taunted him. "Do not the Sacred Teachings also say, 'His spirit-messengers will watch over you to keep you from harm. They will even keep your foot from hitting a stone'?"

"Yes," Creator Sets Free (Jesus) said back to him, "but they also say, 'Do not test the Great Spirit.'"

Once more the evil trickster took him to a high mountain and showed him all the great nations of the world with their power and beauty.

"All of these I will give you," the snake said smoothly, "if you will highly honor me and walk in my ways!"

"Get away from me, Accuser (Satan)!" he responded. "For it is written in the Sacred Teachings, 'The Great Spirit is the only one to honor and serve.'"

The evil trickster could think of nothing more to test him with, so he slithered away to wait for another time. Then spirit-messengers came to give comfort and strength to Creator Sets Free (Jesus).

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Last Week's Sermon 2/19

Title: "We too, Are Changed"
based on Matthew 17:1-9



To be transfigured usually refers to a change of appearance, but it is a deep change, almost from the inside out. To be transformed is a change of being, and often is caused by something experienced, so it happens from the outside in. Today, as we ponder what happened when Jesus was transfigured, may we too be changed.



When James, John, and Peter were invited by Jesus to go on a field trip. — just them, not the rest of the disciples, they must have been excited. When they got to the top of the mountain and realized that they alone were witnessing Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah, I'm certain that they could hardly believe what was happening!

The reality was though, they were at the top of the mountain with sensory overload. The disciples were overcome with how shiny Jesus was. They couldn't believe their eyes at the sight of Moses and Elijah. They could not believe their ears that they had heard the voice of God in the Holy Mist. There at the top of the mountain, living out their dream of seeing the ancestors of the faith, and hearing the voice of God, the disciples were terrified!

The disciples were faced with the fact that this was a life changing experience! They had come to the top of the mountain with Jesus, and they were at a high point in their life. After this day, they would be changed, transformed into new people who would interact with the world differently than they had before.

Thankfully, after the stammering start of Peter trying to DO something when there was nothing to be done, the disciples were able to just listen. When they stopped doing, and started listening to God, Peter, James,

and John heard important information. They heard God make the same proclamation that they had heard on the day of Jesus baptism "this is My Son, listen to him", and they were able to indeed, listen to Jesus, and trust him when he touched them in their time of fear, and then to follow Jesus instructions not to shoot their mouths off about what they had been privileged to see that day. Jesus had been transfigured, and the disciples had been transformed; they too were changed.



So, I try not to give you "trust God" sermon very often. I think that historically, the church has often told folks to "'trust God' no matter what your gut tells you" in order to better control the masses, but sometimes "trust God" is really good advice! But it's hard to do, and even harder to explain to people what happened. I took this picture of the back yard yesterday. The snow was gleaming with diamonds! But today, what stands out is not the brilliant glimmer of my experience of the yard shining like God's hope and love, but the shadows of what the world has to say.

In order to really see and hear God, we must be transformed from the skeptics that we may currently be, into the obedient servants of God willing to follow Jesus, even if we don't know where we are going — or why we are doing it!



Nine years ago, about this time of the year, it was announced that my appointment to the UMC in Florence Oregon would be ending as of June 30th. When this time comes, pastors wait with un-ease for the phone to ring. Which District Superintendent will call... from what geographic area, and what particular church will they tell you "the Bishop has discerned that XYZ will be your next appointment"? You are given 24 hours to reply, and your answer is supposed to be, "of course I will go."

But when that call came, and the District Superintendent told me where my next church would be – I knew I could not go. That was not the church that God was calling me to. I did not yet know where God wanted me to go, I just knew it wasn't that church the the D.S. was telling me about at the other end of the phone line. A couple of weeks later another District Superintendent called me about another church. Once again, I knew I could not go there – and I told the D.S. that.

Now you need to understand that I had pretty well committed career suicide by turning down not one appointment but two; and I was scared. But there was a third call, and it was from a D.S. asking me to come to Trinity. I have never regretted that season of letting Jesus touch me and say "do not be

afraid" or of letting God transform my fears into at least a few moments of courage.



So I would love to say at this point that once I listened to God and let my life be transformed, I was fixed forever. But that is not true. Nine years later I find myself waiting for that call; and I'm scared to death. Lord, help me to be transformed into the obedient servant of God willing to follow Jesus, even if I don't know where I am going!

Amen.

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John Wesley Quote

I have frequently observed that there are two very different ranks of Christians, both of whom may be in favor of God- a higher and a lower rank. The latter avoid all known sin, do much good, use all the means of grace, but have little of the life of God in their souls and are much conformed to the world. The former make Bible their whole rule, and their sole aim is the will and image of God. This they steadily and uniformly pursue, through honour and dishonor, denying themselves, and taking up their cross daily; considering one point only-how may I attain most of the mind that was in Christ, and how may I please him most?



Lent 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lent is Here!

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, the day that Christians begin the season of Lent by accepting the mark of an ash cross on their forehead to represent that we are mortals who mess up (sin) and that God is always ready to shower us with love and forgiveness never-the-less. Lent is a time when Christians prepare for the joy of Easter when we celebrate Christ's victory over death by rising from the grave on the third day. One of the ways we do this is by taking on a Lenten Discipline.

Lent is 40 days long, excluding Sundays, which are considered "little Easters" and you are released from your Lenten discipline. Traditionally, fasting was the preferred Lenten discipline, but in the United Methodist Church, Lenten disciplines are aimed at growing closer to Christ and each other rather than focusing on penitence through suffering. Six weeks is long enough to begin forming a new habit, but not so long that it seems like forever if you can't abide by the discipline that seemed like a really good idea until you started doing it! One last note, it can be helpful to use the buddy system when you practice a discipline. I will be keeping you in my prayers.

Lenten Discipline Suggestions:

1. On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, come to "Ashes for Anyone" at the

Broadway Bridge anytime between 11a and 2p to receive your ashes or come to Trinity "In the Sanctuary" any time between 4p and 6p. on.

2. Share in the "Meetup With Jesus" gatherings at the time and place to be announced.
3. Read a book for spiritual growth. (give pastor Ruth a call for some suggestions)
4. Read through the entire Gospel of Matthew, or read the Passion Story in all of the Gospels.
5. Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, and readings.
6. Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
7. Give myself a gift of three hours to do something I always say I don't have time to do.
8. Find a way to go to bed earlier or sleep in so I get enough rest.
9. Make a list of people with whom I need to reconcile. Pray for them and let Jesus guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.
10. Take control of my life by _____.
11. Go to all of the Holy Week services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
12. Take one hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.
13. Give up a grudge or a replay in my head of a past event.
14. Forgive someone who has hurt me.
15. Dance my prayers to a favorite piece of music.
16. Take on some loving task:
17. Plan to visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.
18. Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched my life.

19. Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service:
20. Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.
21. Begin to recycle waste from my home and workplace.
22. Give blood and recall the cross.
23. Spend time in solitude each day.
24. Pray about who you could become a mentor for; act on that prayer.
25. Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.
26. Decide to become a member of the church and speak to the pastor or lay leader.
27. Rebuke the spirit of criticism and my own tongue out of control.
28. Find a way to live out the baptismal promise to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression" in the power and liberty God gives us by _____
29. Pray for refugees from war. Ask God if there is more you should do.
30. Call someone you haven't seen in a while and need to reconnect with.

(signed) _____
 (date) _____

Blessings,

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Ashes To Go on the Bridge

Once again Ruth provided Ash Wednesday ashes to people passing by on the Broadway bridge. There are many people that want to get ashes but do not have the time to go to or have lost connection with their home church. This Wednesday required extra dedication from Ruth because the temperature was 10 degrees with 27 mph north wind giving a wind chill of -20 degrees. Sharing Gods love in Eastern Idaho can be challenging during the winter



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blessed Ash Wednesday

Birthdays

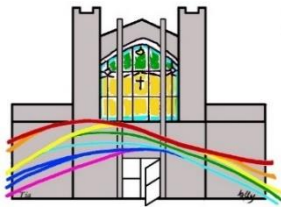
February

Oliver, Johnathan	02/21
Oar, Ruth	02/22
Bottcher, Hayden	02/23
French, Tim	02/23
McBurney-Rebol, Jesse	02/25
Mower, Savon	02/25
Oliver, Daniel	02/25
Pickens, Logan	02/25
Borland, Kathy	02/28
Mahnami, Dan	02/28
Stewart, Don	02/28
Tuckett, Jake	02/29

Trinity Leadership

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; Open Position

Chair of Staff/Parish Relations
 Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
bevmkemp@gmail.com

Chair of Trustee
 Don Rohde (860)810-3227-
donrohde@aol.com

Chair of Finance
 Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

Scouts make brunch after church (every 3rd Sunday) - This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit

- **February 26th** Potluck Brunch
Bring your favorite dish
- **March 5th** Potluck Brunch
Bring your favorite Soup.



- **March 12th** Potluck Brunch
bring your favorite dish
- **March 19th** Scout Brunch



Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - January 31, 2023



Income	\$10,634.93
Expenses	\$15,455.19
Net Income	<\$4,820.93>

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

UWF NEWS

The Sage District will hold an EMEE (Every Member Enrichment and Education) meeting on March 4th. It will be a Zoom meeting beginning at 10:00. Our local unit will hold the meeting at Trinity UMC in the library. The subject is titled Water Justice For Women presented by Rochelle Killett.



United
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in Faith

The following was sent as a preview of the event:

For Women, water is personal. In our homes, we have cheap reliable sources of water, but across the world in a single day, women will spend a collective 200 million hours obtaining water for themselves and their families. Sadly, many of them do not have safe, available water. In the Bible there are countless stories of water and women. In this program we will consider the current global situation for women and water and some reasons for injustice. Interwoven will be the thirst that drives us both physically and spiritually for the water Jesus provided for the woman at the well.

Join us Saturday, March 4th. Registration is free. Please bring your lunch. Snacks will be provided. Call MARY NAGEL (208-522-9880) for more details. I hope we can get a good attendance for this very interesting event.

Northwest Leadership Institute

Once again the Downtown Campus of Cathedral of the Rockies (717 N. 11th St. Boise, ID 83702). Will host the NLI that is a two day training to gather leaders to think, dream, worship and connect as we together find the path forward in the post-pandemic church.

Come to Boise and join our three newest Bishops in the Western Jurisdiction for a time of dreaming, visioning, and strategizing as we write the next chapter together.

In-Person

Regular Conference (2/1 to 4/26)	\$159
Student	\$79

Online Streaming

\$99

Appointing a pastor

In The United Methodist Church, clergy appointments are made annually by the bishop. This unique system of deploying clergy dates back to John Wesley.

United Methodist pastors are itinerant - sent, not called or hired. "Itinerancy" refers specifically to the commitment by pastors to go and serve wherever their bishops send them.

In the early days of Methodism in America, a pastor, usually [a circuit rider](#), might be sent to serve multiple churches in a large region. This practice became the basis for the system the United Methodist Church uses today. When bishops consider appointments, they consult with others who know the congregation and community, including the district superintendent, the pastor, and the pastor-parish relations committee of the local church.

Across

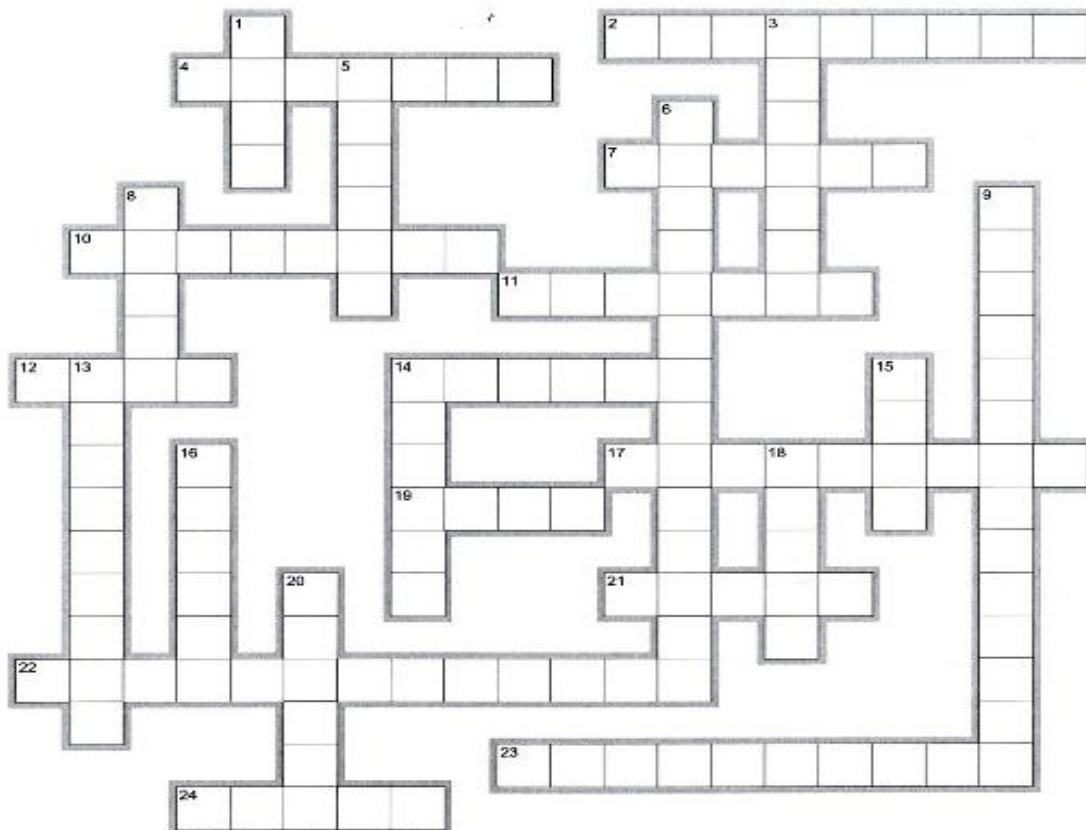
- 2. Mother of John the Baptist
- 4. Man whom Jesus raised from the dead
- 7. The earthly father of Jesus
- 10. Short tax collector
- 11. Tax collector who wrote became a disciple
- 12. Temple prophetess
- 14. He found no guilt in Jesus, yet sentenced him to death
- 17. Father of John the Baptist
- 19. Doctor and New Testament writer
- 21. Disciple who was also called Peter
- 23. Blind beggar healed by Jesus
- 24. The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Down

- 1. The mother of Jesus
- 3. Father of disciples James and John
- 5. Peters brother
- 6. The forerunner of Jesus (3 words)
- 8. The Tempter
- 9. Man who issued decree for census (2 words)
- 13. He asked "How can a man be born again?"
- 14. The disciple who called Nathanael to follow Jesus
- 15. Writer of the second gospel
- 16. Mary's very busy sister
- 18. He had John the Baptist beheaded
- 20. Official whose daughter was healed by Jesus.

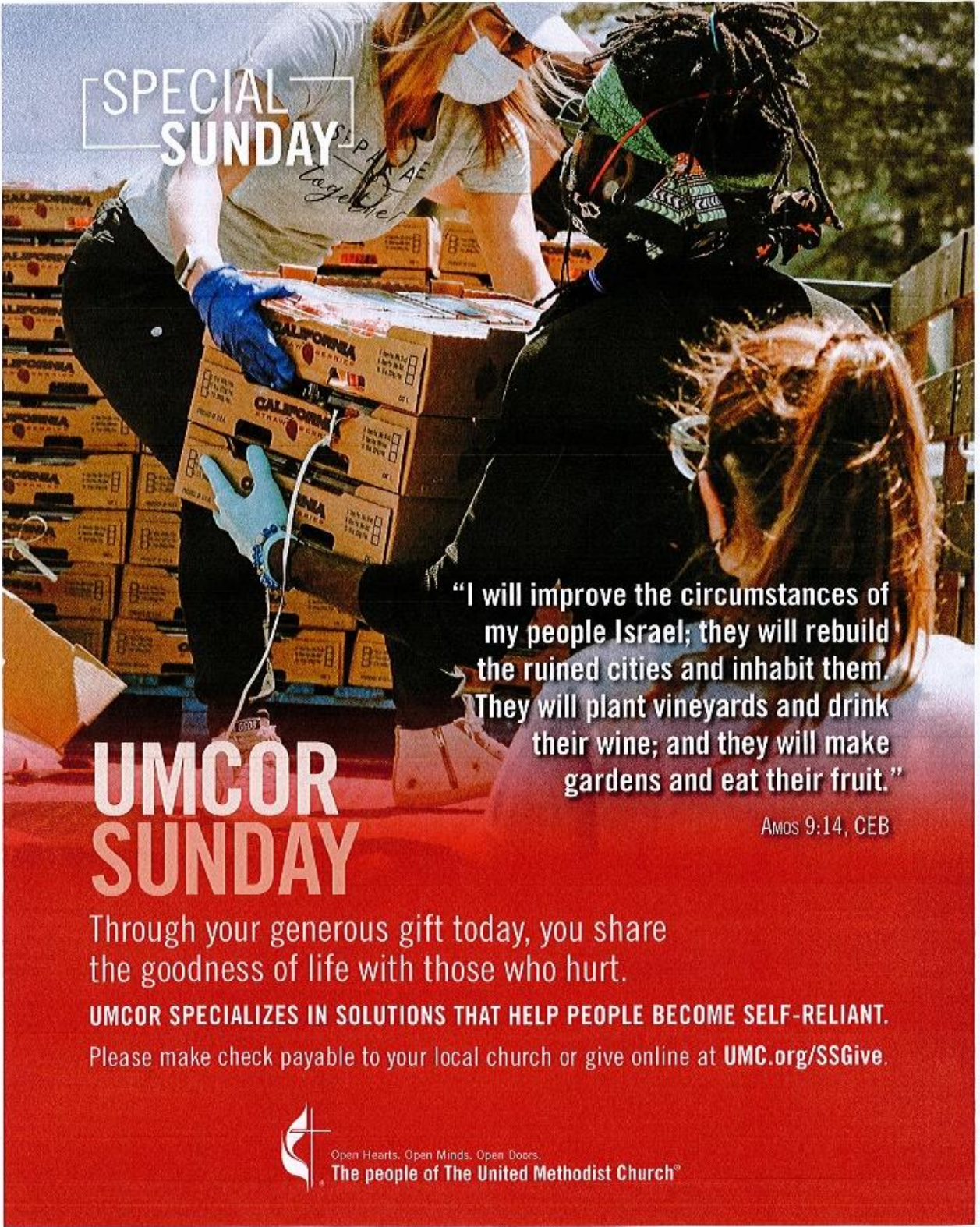
Characters in the Gospels

How many of these people from the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John do you know?
Clues appear on the next page.



EclipseCrossword.com

March 5th UMCOR Sunday



SPECIAL SUNDAY

“I will improve the circumstances of my people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; and they will make gardens and eat their fruit.”

AMOS 9:14, CEB

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Stained-Glass Restoration

Today Richard assisted the truck driver to load the shipping container containing the two stained-glass ventilator windows on to the truck. In about three days the windows will arrive at Nzilani Glass Conservation in Oakland California.

This is the beginning of the restoration that will include having new custom-made glass created to use in the restoration of the windows. The windows will be disassembled and cleaned. Three pieces of the glass will be sent out to the glass fabricator who will recreate the color, grain and texture of the 100 year old glass. The new glass will be used for this restoration, and it will also be kept in inventory for future restoration. The windows will be restored, reassembled, and returned to Trinity.

The restoration is paid for by a grant from the Idaho Heritage Trust and private donations from members of the congregation.



Answers to the Crossword puzzle

Across

- 2. Elizabeth
- 4. Lazarus
- 7. Joseph
- 10. Zaccheus
- 11. Matthew
- 12. Anna
- 14. Pilate
- 17. Zacharias
- 19. Luke
- 21. Simon
- 23. Bartimaeus
- 24. Jesus

Down

- 1. Mary
- 3. Zebedee
- 5. Andrew
- 6. John the Baptist
- 8. Satan
- 9. Caesar Augustus
- 13. Nicodemus
- 14. Philip
- 15. Mark
- 16. Martha
- 18. Herod
- 20. Jairus

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20	Shrove Tuesday 21	Ash Wednesday 22	23 6:30pm Admin Council Via Zoom	24 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	25
Lent 1 26 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.	27 7:00pm N.A	28 7:00pm N.A	March 1 10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts	2 6:30pm "Meet up with Jesus" starts!	3 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	4 10:00am UWF EMEE Meeting
Lent 2 5 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Soup Bruch 7:00pm N.A.	6 7:00pm N.A	7 7:00pm PEO BG Meeting at Shively's 7:00pm N.A	8 10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Finance Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts	9 1:00pm UWF	10 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	11
Lent 3 12 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.	13 10:00 am F.I.S.H 6:00pm GS Leadership Meeting 7:00pm N.A	14 6:30pm Trustee Meeting 7:00pm N.A	15 10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts	16	St. Patricks Day 17 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	18
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