

News update for January 22, 2023

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John Wesley Quote

By these marks, by these fruits of a living faith, do we labour to distinguish ourselves from the unbelieving world, from all those whose minds or lives are not according to the Gospel of Christ. But from real Christians, of whatever denomination they be, we earnestly desire not to be distinguished at all; not from any who sincerely follow after what they know they have not yet attained. No: "whosoever doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother."



This Week at Trinity

Friday (January 27th)

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

Sunday (January 29th)

- 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
- 7:00pm N.A.

Monday (January 30th)

- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2

Tuesday (January 31st)

- 7:00pm NA Book Study

Wednesday (**February** 1st)

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

News from Staff Parish Relations Committee

Trinity Moving to 1/2 Time Appointment

As I am sure you are all aware, Trinity's budget ended 2022 in the red. We can make this up out of reserves this one time but cannot continue doing this. As a result, SPRC has requested that our District Superintendent and the appointive Cabinet appoint a half time pastor to Trinity for the year beginning July 1, 2023. As a result, Rev. Ruth's last day at Trinity will be June 30, 2023 since she is currently serving in a full time. We are saddened that this step is necessary but we cannot make a financial commitment we are unable to fulfill. The appointment process is just beginning and SPR will keep you apprised of any developments as soon as we know them. Part of this process is a request from the D.S. to the congregation to provide three pieces of information;

- 1) What you consider the critical skills and characteristics for our pastor.
- 2) What you would consider beneficial but not critical.
- 3) What you consider irrelevant to serving Trinity. Please let me know your thoughts by phone (208-569-6149) or email (bevmkemp@gmail.com).

The more input we have, the more likely it is that our new Pastor will meet Trinity's needs. Please keep the appointment process and the future of Trinity in your prayers.

Bev Kemp, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee

Meetup with Jesus

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Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

UWF News

It has been a memorable year for the United Methodist



United
Women
in Faith

Women. More specifically we have adopted a new name. We are now to be known as United Women in Faith. It includes a new look, a new feel and improved programs designed to welcome new women to our sisterhood and to nurture our current members.

We will maintain the legal name United Methodist Women while operating as United Women in Faith. We are still officially under the Women's Division. We remain the official women's organization of the United Methodist Church.

No matter the outcome of the United Methodist General Conference, churches will leave the denomination and the denomination will change. Our new name lets women know they can remain a part of our organization.

We have a new mission statement: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Our new Board President, 'Ainise 'Isama'u, feels we are creating more opportunities for engagement with more women through new programs embodying our core values. She said, " Things change. People change. But God remains, and that continues to be the purpose behind everything that we do in this organization."

Our new logo features our new name. The words United Women in Faith is next to a Christian cross colored in muted yellow, blue, orange and green which reflects our forward-looking faith and the diversity of the organization and God's World.

Are we still a part of the United Methodist Church? -Yes. We are still the only official women's organization of The United Methodist Church, and our legal name will remain United Methodist Women.

Can we be members if our church leaves The United Methodist Church? - Yes. Changes to the by-laws allow for women to be involved and be leaders in our organization even if they become affiliated with another denomination. Our new name makes our organization more inclusive.

Will these changes affect our local unit here at Trinity? - All of our traditional structures on the conference, district and local levels remain intact.

Brand is a term associated with commercial marketing. Brand is a term used to describe what people can expect to experience when encountering one another. It encompasses the things we do, our outlook, our messages and our actions. Rebranding United Methodist Women means we are refreshing and updating our programs, our resources and outreach efforts.

President 'Isama'u says rebranding is figuring ways and programs that keep the good stuff happening but also creates spaces where younger women of all ages can find a home.

She says she wants women from every walk of life to join us. We want to be a group who invites everyone to the table.

This is indeed an exciting time for our organization as we move forward. Our strengths and steadfast Christian faith are needed now more than ever. We stand together united to continue to put love in action.

See you February 9th.

Trinity Homeless Services

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In December the Trinity Homeless Services was open for 17 days and 56 people signed in. Because some people came back many times during the month this represents 15 different people.

We provided 43 showers and 12 loads of laundry. During the subzero weather we provided 15 nights in hotel rooms (donated by a most generous member of the congregation) and gave out 7 artic sleeping bags.

We have also provided 160 gallons of clean drinking water to people dry trailer camping in the cold.

The homeless services are available 20 hours each week and are monitored by our shelter assistant Ryan Atwood and Rev Ruth Marsh. Ryan greets people at the door and monitors their activities while they are in the church. Ryan is the lay pastor for the Chubbuck and American Falls churches and is attending college.



Homeless Services are offered during office hours: Monday – Thurs 9:00 am – 2:00pm.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

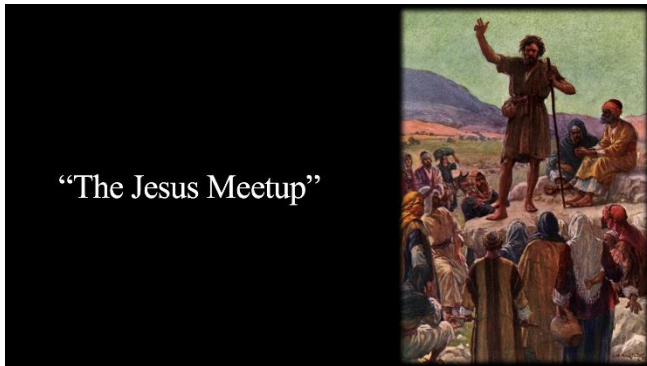
- **January 29th Potluck Brunch** bring your favorite dish to share.
- **February 5th – Soup Sunday.** Please bring your favorite soup and bread. (Chili is a soup)
- **February 12th Potluck Brunch** bring your favorite soup and bread. (Chili is a soup)
- **February 19th - Scouts Brunch** Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) – This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit



Sermon 1/22

Theme: "Come and See"

Sermon: "The Jesus Meetup" based on the Gospel of John 1:29-42



A meetup is a gathering of folks with a common interest. This painting of John the Baptist preaching about the One whom he will declare to be the Lamb of God is kind of the first Jesus Meetup.



I love the part of today's pericope in the Message translation where Jesus says, "Come and see. Follow Me, and we will camp together." The New Revised Version of the bible renders the 14th verse of the Gospel of John as, "and the Word became flesh and lived among us." That likely sounds a bit more familiar to you. However, a literal translation of this verse in Greek can be: "The

Word became flesh and pitched a tent among humans."

The gospel of John makes it clear that God values being in relationship with humankind. If we follow the example of Jesus who sought out relationships with people who were struggling, we too realize that hanging out together is what God-life is all about.

So I've been thinking about this "relationship thing" and how we could live into a modern paradigm of the kind of community that Jesus exemplified by "pitching a tent" and living among us. What happened in this scripture was that Jesus started a Meetup.



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If you are interested in this concept and would like to be one of those folks that I can depend on to dream a concept like this into reality, come talk with me during lunch after worship. Let's start a "Meetup With Jesus" group at Trinity!

Amen.

*Reverend Ruth Marsh (she, her)
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Anniversaries

Bean, Deborah & Mike 01/25

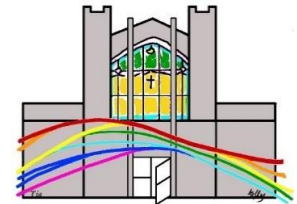
Birthdays

Marsh, Ruth 01/25
Denning, Jeff 01/26
Denning, Trudy 01/26
Ford, Ellie 01/26
Schaffer, Laura 01/28
French, Betty 01/29
French, Theo 01/29
Zwygart, Maddix 01/30
Griffith, Leo 01/31

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

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - December 31, 2022



Income	\$162,544
Expenses	\$178,156
Net Income	<\$15,612>

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

Big Sky Hand Bell Festival

Interested in ringing in the Big Sky hand bell Festival?

The First Presbyterian Church is creating a hand bell choir for this festival with any neighbor Churches interested in joining. We will meet once a week (TBD) to practice for the festival. To sign up or ask questions contact:

Leah Zumberge- leahzumberge@gmail.com

Big Sky Hand bell Festival
2023

April 28-29- Kalispell, MT
Clinician: Ellie Hodder



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.

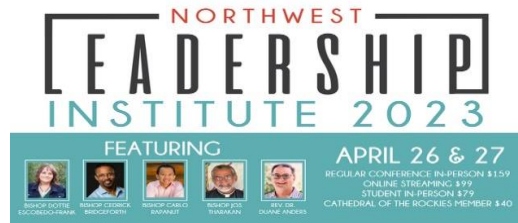
Come to Boise and join our three newest Bishops in the Western Jurisdiction for a time of dreaming, visioning, and strategizing as we write the next chapter together.

In-Person

Early Bird Special (Until 1/31)	\$129
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. The needs and desires of the pastor and the congregation are considered, but the mission of the church comes first.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Coffee & Donuts 10:10am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Soup & Bread 7:00pm N.A.	30 7:00pm N.A.	31 7:00pm N.A.	FEBRUARY 1 10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Gather at the table 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts	2	3 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	4
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12 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.	13 6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm N.A.	14 Valentine Day 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 6:30pm Trustee Meeting via Zoom	17 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	18
19 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Scout Bruch 7:00pm N.A.	20 7:00pm N.A.	Shrove Tuesday 21 6:30pm Pancake Dinner & Races 7:00pm N.A.	Ash Wednesday 22 10:00pm Upper Room 11:00am Ashes for Anyone 4:00pm Ashes 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts	23 6:30pm Admin Council Via Zoom	24 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.	25
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