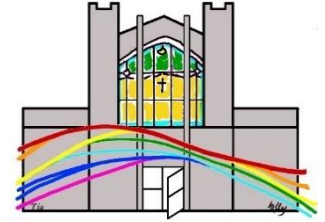




“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



**News update for January 18, 2023**

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**John Wesley Quote**

Beware of indulging gloomy thoughts; they are the bane of thankfulness. You are encompassed with ten thousand mercies; let these sink you into humble thankfulness.



To Miss March 1775-7

**This Week at Trinity**

**Friday** (January 20<sup>th</sup>)

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

**Sunday** (January 22<sup>nd</sup> )

- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> )

- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2

**Tuesday** (January 24<sup>th</sup>)

- 7:00pm NA Book Study

**Wednesday** (January 25<sup>th</sup>)

- 10:00am Upper Room
- 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](mailto: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

## This Sunday's Worship 1/22

Theme: "Come and See"

Sermon: "The Jesus Meetup"

Scripture: (John 1:29-42)

*The next morning, John sees Jesus coming toward him. In eager astonishment, he shouts out:*

*Look! This man is more than He seems! He is the Lamb sent from God, the sacrifice to erase the sins of the world! He is the One I have been saying will come after me, who existed long before me and is much greater than I am. No one recognized Him – myself included. But I came baptizing with water so that He might be revealed to Israel. As I watched, the Spirit came down like a dove from heaven and rested on Him. I didn't recognize Him at first, but the One who sent me to baptize told me, "The One who will baptize with the Holy Spirit will be the person you see the Spirit come down and rest upon." I have seen this with my own eyes and can attest that this One is the Son of God!*

*The day after, John saw Him again as he was visiting with two of his disciples. As Jesus walked by, he announced again:*

*Do you see Him? This man is the Lamb of God, God's sacrifice to cleanse our sins.*

*At that moment, the two disciples began to follow Jesus, who turned back to them, saying: What is it that you want?*

*The disciples replied, We'd like to know where You are staying. Teacher, may we remain at Your side today?*

*Come and see. Follow Me, and we will camp together.*

*It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they met Jesus. They came and saw where He was staying, but they got more than they imagined. They remained with Him the rest of the day and followed Him for the rest of their*

*lives. One of these new disciples, Andrew, rushed to find his brother Simon and tell him they had found the One who is promised, God's Anointed who will heal the world. As Andrew approached with Simon, Jesus looked into him and proclaimed, "your name is Simon, and your father is called John. But from this day forward you will be known as Peter, the rock."*

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## Meetup with Jesus

**Let's start a "Meetup with Jesus" group at Trinity!** Meetup is an online platform that helps folks to connect with people who share a common interest. Some Meetups are in person, some are online and some are hybrid. An example of a Meetup group is the one that my brother-in-law, Joseph, belongs to. His group found each other online by searching for people interested in learning Spanish. Once the group formed, they hired a Spanish language tutor and now get together every week at a coffee house to learn and practice Spanish.

**Let's start a "Meetup with Jesus" group at Trinity!** Our common interest is following the Jesus way. We could study a book together, we could share meals together at a location the group chooses, we could enjoy the great outdoors together, we could explore spiritual practices together, we could do service projects together, or we could do something that I haven't thought of or listed. The Meetup can be in-person, online or hybrid.

I'm willing to lead, but I need some help from you! When would you like to meet? — days, evenings, weekdays, weekends, and how often? I also need a few committed

participants to share in the fun, fellowship and learning! I figured we would start out with Trinity folks and branch out from there once we get a rhythm going. Please let me hear from you soon. I'd like to get underway by February 20th. **Let's start a "Meetup With Jesus" group at Trinity!**

Blessings,  
Rev. Ruth

## UWF News

(Much of the following was taken from the March/April, 2022 and July/August, 2022 Response Magazines)

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

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Potluck Brunch** - bring your favorite dish to share.
- **January 29<sup>th</sup> Potluck Brunch** bring your favorite dish to share.
- **February 5<sup>th</sup> – Soup Sunday.** Please bring your favorite soup and bread. (Chili is a soup)
- **February 12<sup>th</sup> Potluck Brunch** bring your favorite soup and bread. (Chili is a soup)
- **February 19<sup>th</sup> - 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



## 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!

## Sermon 1/15

"You Also are God's Beloved"  
based on Matthew 3:13-17



This morning I want to make sure you know that God loves you. It is also true that when you or I mess up, and we will, because we are human, God’s heart is broken because those instances usually lead to harm of ourself or others. The gospel scripture lesson that we just heard tells of God’s willingness to be directly engaged with humans. God risked everything to come in human form as Jesus to live among us, to teach healing and wholeness, and to love extravagantly with a human heart. Baptism is God embracing the human body; Jesus' body, like we heard in the Good News, the body of every person ever baptized, and the gathered Body of Christ present this morning. Like Jesus, you also are the beloved of God. Amen.

Ha! Gotcha! You might have thought that I was done with the amen, but there is more! Like – what does the United Methodist Church believe about baptism? I’m so glad you asked! On the United Methodist Church website there are some frequently asked questions and the answers to them:



**Can I get baptized without the congregation that I worship with being present?** Usually the answer is no, unless the baptism happens on someone's deathbed. You see, baptism is not an act that imparts something just to you, it is an act that brings you into a spiritual relationship with the whole body of Christ. You are becoming one with them and they are becoming one with you.



**Why does the Methodist Church sometimes Baptize infants?** As the circumcision of male children is the initiatory act into God's covenant with the Hebrew people (see Genesis 17:9-14), baptism is our initiation into the new covenant in Jesus Christ.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter offers the promise of baptism without regard to age, saying it is for those present, their children, and those far away (Acts 2:38-41). Later in Acts, we read of Paul and Silas baptizing Lydia and her household, and later their jailer with his entire family (Acts 16).

We continue this practice by baptizing the children of those who reaffirm their baptismal vows, receiving them into God's mighty acts of salvation.



**Because baptism is an act of God**, initiating us into the universal church, "the sacrament is to be received by an individual only once,"

**Do I have to be baptized in order for God to save me?** No. God is free to offer God's salvation at any time, including if for some reason you have not been baptized by the time you die.



**If I am baptized, does that mean I will be saved no matter what?** No. Baptism begins God's work of saving us by beginning the work of renewing us fully into the image of Christ. The key word here is beginning. Baptism starts the process. It does not complete it. We can choose by our action or inaction to let the work begun go dormant and have no fuller effect.

**How does baptism relate to salvation?** We say baptism is the "ordinary" or "instituted" means of justifying grace. It is the usual way God has offered the church to enable people of any age to experience the justifying grace of God and the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Salvation normally begins taking root in people's lives here. From here we are invited to keep growing in sanctifying grace until by God's grace and our faithful response we are "made perfect in love in this life."

**Does it matter how I was baptized, whether by immersion, pouring, or sprinkling?** No. What matters is that you were baptized in water in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit by someone authorized to do so. If you were, we believe you have received Christian baptism. We do not re-baptize those who have already received Christian baptism. By Water and the Spirit, our statement on baptism, explains, "The power of the Spirit in baptism does not depend upon the mode by which water is administered, the age or psychological disposition of the baptized person, or the character of the minister. It is God's grace that makes the sacrament whole."



**If I was baptized in another Christian tradition, may I receive communion in The**

**United Methodist Church?** Yes. We welcome all baptized people of all ages to the Lord's Table.

**Do I have to be baptized to receive communion in The United Methodist Church?** You do not. You only need to understand that Communion is God's gift of love given freely. If you are not yet baptized, we will also counsel you toward baptism.



**Does baptism make me a member of The United Methodist Church?** Yes, it does. You are considered a baptized member in that local church and in The United Methodist Church from that point forward. However, in order to become a full member, you must be able to choose for yourself if you want to become a full, or "professing" member of the United Methodist Church.

So there you have it! God loves you and desires to be in a public relationship with you.

Amen. And this time I really mean it!  
*Reverend Ruth Marsh (she, her)*  
 (208) 419-7870  
 Trinity United Methodist Church

## Anniversaries

Bean, Deborah & Mike 01/25

## Birthdays

Carney, Kevin 01/19  
 Bailey, Donna 01/20  
 Bryan, Keenan 01/20  
 Miller, Les 01/20  
 Gonzalez, Akeelah 01/21  
 Miller, Kathy 01/21  
 Tibbetts, Penny 01/21  
 Brown, Irene 01/23  
 Nagel, Mary 01/24  
 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](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

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

Chair of Finance  
 Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

## 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](mailto: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







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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