

News update for March 1, 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

- Friday** (March 3rd)
- Office Closed
 - 7:00pm N.A.
- Saturday** (March 4th)
- 9:00am UWF EEME Meeting on Zoom in L3
 - 1:00-2:00pm Leroy Meyers Viewing
 - 2:00-3:00pm Celebration of Life Interment at Fielding Cemetery
 - 3:45pm Leroy Meyers Reception
- Sunday** (March 5th)
- 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** (March 6th)
- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2
- Tuesday** (March 7th)
- 7:00pm NA Book Study
- Wednesday** (March 8th)
- 10:00am Upper Room
 - 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom
 - 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts
 - 7:00pm Troop 6 Scouts
- Thursday** (March 9th)
- 6:30pm Meetup With Jesus” in Parlor

Worship Plans for 3/5

Theme: "Tapping Into the Power"
 Sermon: "To Understand Being Saved"
 based on John 3:1-17

Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, a man with some clout among his people. He came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness to question Him.

Teacher, some of us have been talking. You are obviously a teacher who has come from God. The signs You are doing are proof that God is with You.

Jesus replied, I tell you the truth, only someone who experiences birth for a second time can hope to see the kingdom of God.

But I am a grown man. How can someone be born again when he is old like me? Am I to crawl back into my mother's womb for a second birth? That's impossible!

To this, Jesus said, I tell you the truth, if someone does not experience water and Spirit birth, there's no chance they will make it into God's kingdom. Like from like. Whatever is born from flesh is flesh; whatever is born from Spirit is spirit. Don't be shocked by My words, but I tell you the truth. Even you, an educated and respected man among your people, must be reborn by the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. The wind blows all around us as if it has a will of its own; we feel and hear it, but we do not understand where it has come from or where it will end up. Life in the Spirit is as if it were the wind of God.

Nicodemus stammered, "I still do not understand how this can be."

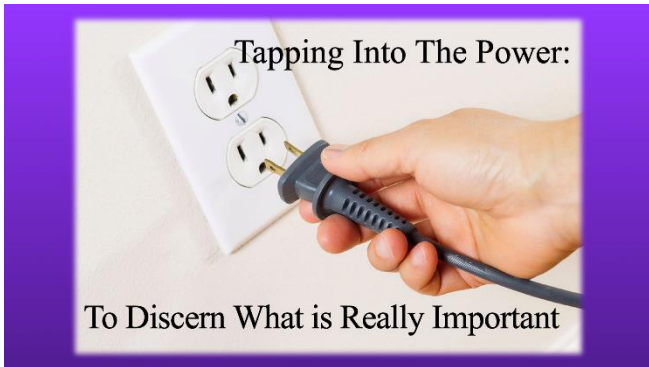


Jesus then told him, "Your responsibility is to instruct Israel in matters of faith, but you do not comprehend the necessity of life in the Spirit? I tell you the truth: we speak about the things we know, and we give evidence about the things we have seen, and you choose to reject the truth of our witness. If you do not believe when I talk to you about ordinary, earthly realities, then heavenly realities will certainly elude you. No one has ever journeyed to heaven above except the One who has come down from heaven – the Son of Man, who is of heaven. Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. In the same way, the Son of Man must be lifted up; then all those who believe in Him will experience everlasting life.

God expressed love for the world in this way: God gave the only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not face everlasting destruction, but will have everlasting life. Here's the point. God didn't send the Son into the world to judge it; instead, He is here to rescue a world headed toward certain destruction.

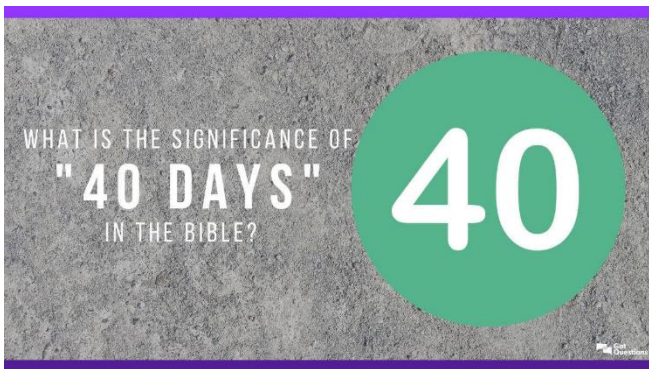
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Last Week's Sermon 2/26



Today is the beginning of a preaching series called "Tapping Into The Power." We will be looking at the various ways we are invited to tap into the power of God, and the human power dynamics that can prevent us from accessing the divine power of love and spiritual wholeness.

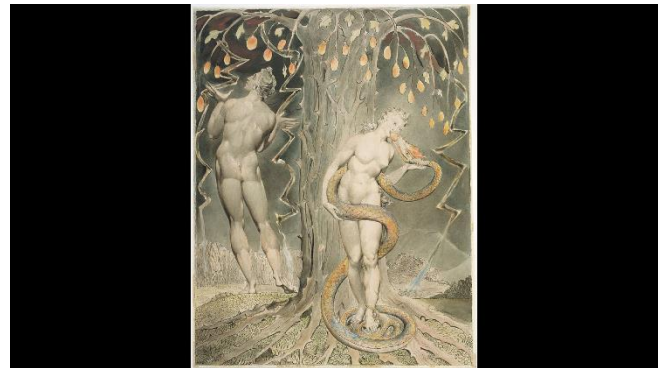
Please envision plugging an electric cord into the power outlet on the wall or into your electronic power supplies. The cord can only plug into one power supply at a time. If this is the God outlet, and this is the all the human stuff outlet, we have to make a choice.



We have now entered into the 40 day season of Lent. It actually covers a span of 46 days, but the 6 Sundays are considered to be "little Easters" so they are not counted as part of Lent. Both of our scripture lessons this

morning refer to 40 days. It's an important number in the bible. Whenever we see this numerical reference in the bible – and we do about 150 times; it usually involves testing, trials and probation.

The great flood in Genesis was caused by 40 days and nights of rain. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain with God receiving the 10 commandments. The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before crossing into the Promised Land. Jesus fasted and was tempted by the Satan in the wilderness for 40 days.

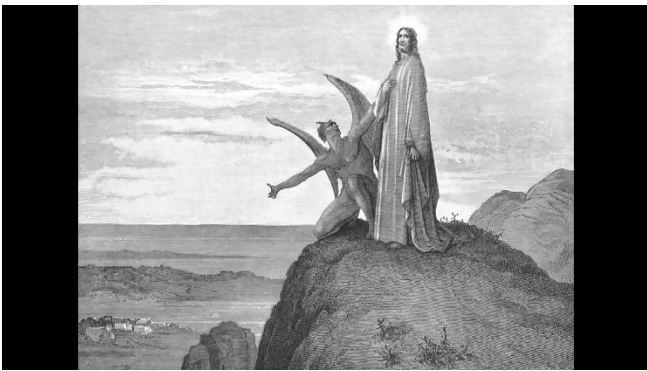


A couple of weeks ago we talked about the difference between Hell and Gehenna, the dump outside of Jerusalem where the fires smoldered all the time. In kind of the same way, the Satan, and the Devil are two different characters. The Satan is an interlocutor, think slick district prosecutor who seems to be able to make you incriminate yourself in a crime, even if you are innocent. The Devil is a more modern character who is the embodiment of evil. Sometimes the word devils, plural, is used to describe demonic possession.

We first meet the Satan in the Garden of Eden as he tricks the humans into taking a bite of that forbidden fruit so that they can have a shortcut to wisdom and be more God-like.

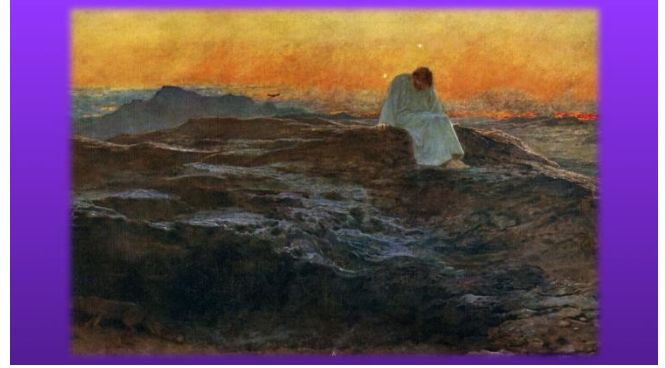


We bump into the Satan in the book of Job when he makes a bet with God that if Job becomes miserable enough, Job will curse God. Here's a representation of the Satan smiting Job with boils.



Today the Satan is once again at work, this time trying to trick Jesus into trading his *God given* power for some magic human schemes.

The Satan tries to use the very basic human desires of food, power, and love, against Jesus.



And in the middle of all this, the Satan tempts Jesus with perhaps the most powerful and cruel temptation of all. The temptation to believe that we are unloved. Humans will do anything to feel loved by family, friends, a significant other, anyone, while all along God's love is unfailing and all encompassing, even if we don't recognize it. We struggle to plug into the power of human love which is often withheld in order for one person to brandish power over another.

May this 40 day Lenten season be a time of discernment of what is really important in our lives. May we be empowered by God as we follow Jesus to the cross. May we come to know the Christ who loves us. And may we be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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John Wesley Quote

Is there no man who careth for these souls? Doubtless there are some who ought to do so. But many of these, if I am rightly informed, receive large pay and do just nothing.



Lent 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

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 Thurs. at 6:30 in the parlor
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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Anniversary's

March

Harder, John & Kathy 03/07

Birthdays

March

Bottcher, Lily	03/01
Enkhjargal, Kristy	03/03
Jakovac, Chad	03/03
Jakovac, Chelsey	03/03
Brown, Josie	03/04
Hampton, Elenore	03/04
Robertson, Camron	03/04
Jensen, Art	03/07
Mullin, Sheila	03/10
Gaskill, Chelsea	03/11
Cole, Ruth Anne	03/12
Castillo, Adellyna	03/13
Caveness, Rosella	03/13
Croson, Mike	03/15
Brown, Scott	03/16
Sene, Jared	03/16
Castillo, Giovanni	03/19
Newey, Sherry	03/19
Miles, Marcie	03/20
Empey, Heidi	03/21
Hruska, Analea	03/21
Summers, Gene	03/25
Gates, Dianne	03/27
Anderson, Jim	03/28
Perez, Leslie	03/28
Demopoulos, Thomas	03/29
Clemons, Bill	03/30
Trickey, Sharen	03/30
Wade, Whitney	03/31

LeRoy Carl Meyer



Obituary

LeRoy Carl Meyer, 92, of Idaho Falls, passed away February 24, 2023, at Lincoln Court Retirement Community.

LeRoy was born on February 17, 1931 in Wisner Township, Iowa, one of 8 children born to George H. and Martha (Lemke) Meyer. The family moved to a farm outside of Barnesville, Minnesota, when LeRoy was seven. He spent his childhood working on 4H projects and helping with all of the chores and responsibilities that come with farming life.

He graduated from the Minnesota Barnesville High School in 1949 and completed one year of college at North Dakota Agricultural College, but then enlisted in the US Marine Corps at the beginning of the Korean conflict. He was an aircraft technician and later taught classes at the base in Jacksonville, Florida. While stationed there, he met his wife, Mary, at a USO dance. They were married on 4-18-1954.

After completing his military service, having reached the rank of Staff Sergeant, he went on to earn his Bachelor's in 1957 and his Master's in 1960, degrees in Electrical Engineering from North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo,

North Dakota. He earned his doctorate from the University of New Mexico in 1966.

In 1965, he went to work for EG&G Inc, where he worked as a lead engineer and manager on various scientific programs, including the effects of radiation on electronics, environmental programs, and the effects of aging electrical equipment at nuclear power plants. In 1977, the family moved to Idaho Falls when LeRoy was transferred to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. He was a supervisor in the nuclear power reactor fuel research program. As part of those responsibilities he studied the rods from the Three Mile Island disaster. He also taught electrical and computer engineering courses at the University of Idaho satellite campus in Idaho Falls. He retired from INEL in January 1995, but continued teaching.

After retirement he continued to be an active member of the community. He served as the Head Usher at Trinity for decades, greeting members and visitors with a smile and a bulletin. He volunteered with the AARP, helping people complete their taxes until the "numbers got too small" for him to see. He was an active member of the American Legion, serving in the honor guard for military funerals.

He enjoyed playing checkers and other board games, and making wine. Summer found him tending his garden, especially his large raspberry patch.

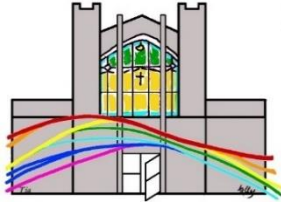
He was preceded in death by his siblings, Leona Abbas, Wilma Fredericks, Melvin Meyer, Idella Holland, Donna Mae Eid, Joyce Braton, and Gerald Meyer; his beloved wife, Mary; and two of his sons, Larry and Timothy.

Viewing: Saturday, March 4 at 1pm
 Celebration of Life: March 4 at 2 p.m
 Military Honors: will be performed by the Bonneville County Veterans Memorial Team and Marine Corps Honor Guard.

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

- **Every 1st Sunday: Soup Potluck**
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3rd Sunday: Scout Brunch**
This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit
- **Every 4th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish

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



United
Women
in Faith

local unit will meet at Trinity UMC in the library. The subject is titled "Water Justice For Women" presented by Rochelle Killett.

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.

Here's the preview of the EMEE 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.

Our next regular meeting will be on March 9th at 1pm in the church parlor. The program will be on prayer and self-denial (spiritual growth). Our hostess is Bev Kemp. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

GNW Laity Leadership Training

2023 GNW LAITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Hosted by:
The Alaska, Oregon-Idaho & Pacific Northwest
Conferences of The United Methodist Church



On Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon PST via Zoom, staff from across the GNW Join Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, district superintendents and staff of the conferences of the Greater Northwest Area for online training for local church leaders.

The training will start with words of greeting and worship, followed by a message from our new bishop. The second hour will allow participants to receive focused training in one of several workshops on

- Managing Financial Assets,
- Engaging In Conflict,
- Working With Staff (Lay, Clergy Or Volunteer),
- Exploring Single-Board Governance, And A
- Spanish Language Cohort.

<https://gnw-reg.brtapp.com/2023GNWLLT>

Registration is required to receive the Zoom invite, but there is no fee.

Appointing a pastor

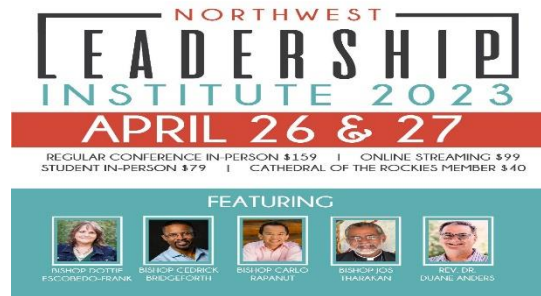
In The United Methodist Church, clergy appointments are made annually by the bishop. This unique system of deploying clergy dates back to John Wesley.

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.

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

Stained-Glass Restoration

Richard recently sent these packages containing the two stained-glass ventilator windows on to the truck.

After the windows arrive at Nzilani Glass Conservation in California.

The windows will be disassembled and cleaned. It includes having new custom-made glass created to use in the restoration of the windows. 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.



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!

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

UMCOR SUNDAY


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