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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** (March 9<sup>th</sup>)
- 1:00pm UWF
  - 6:30pm Meetup With Jesus” in Parlor
- Friday** (March 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Office Closed
  - 7:00pm N.A.
- Saturday** (March 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Blue and Gold Banquet
- Sunday** (March 12<sup>th</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 Brunch
  - 7:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (March 13<sup>th</sup>)
- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2
- Tuesday** (March 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 6:30pm Trustee Meeting via Zoom
  - 7:00pm NA Book Study
- Wednesday** (March 15<sup>th</sup>)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
  - 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom
  - 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts
  - 7:00pm Troop 6 Scouts

## Worship Plans for 3/12

Theme: "Tapping Into the Power"  
 "Because It's All About Relationships"  
 Focus Scripture: (John 4:5-42)

To get there, Jesus had to pass through Samaria. They came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

The Samaritan woman, taken aback, and asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman replied, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?" Then Jesus told her, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst – not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

"Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

Jesus told her, "Go call your husband and then come back."

"I have no husband," she said.

"That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough."

"Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"

"Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship God neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming – it has, in fact, come – when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people God is looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before God in their worship. God is sheer being itself – Spirit. Those who worship God must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we'll get the whole story."

"I am he," replied Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."

Just then the disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn't believe he was talking with that kind of woman. No one said

what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, "Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves.

In the meantime, the disciples pressed him, "Rabbi, eat. Aren't you going to eat?"

Jesus told them, "I have food to eat you know nothing about." The disciples were puzzled. "Who could have brought him food?" Then Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work God started. As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!

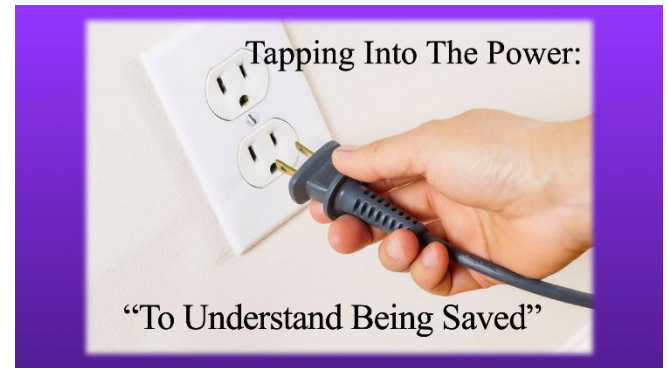
"The Harvester isn't waiting. He's taking his pay, gathering in this grain that's ripe for eternal life. Now the Sower is arm in arm with the Harvester, triumphant. That's the truth of the saying, 'This one sows that one harvests.' I sent you to harvest a field you never worked. Without lifting a finger, you have walked in on a field worked long and hard by others."

Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to Jesus because of the woman's witness: "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!" They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what Jesus had to say. They said to the woman, "We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've

heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. This One is the Savior of the world!"

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## Last Week's Sermon 3/5



Today we continue with the 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.

Once again I ask you to 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.

That can be hard and confusing, just like it was for Nicodemus.



While most of the interactions that we hear about in the gospels between Jesus and the Pharisees involve them trying to trick Jesus into speaking heresy or breaking religious laws, this conversation is different.

Nicodemus comes to Jesus with honest inquiry so that he may learn. However, Nicodemus has to come have this important talk under the cover of night because, as a high ranking pharisee he would have been put out of the synagogue if other religious officials saw him with the rabble rouser Jesus.



I can only imagine how frustrated Nicodemus must have been during this conversation with Jesus! He has come seeking doctrinal answers, and Jesus blathers on about which way the wind is blowing and being born again. For someone like Nicodemus, who has devoted his life to teaching and following the rules, the idea of living a life so dramatically different as to be described as being born again is unfathomable. It is as difficult to grasp as the wind which blows here and there. While Nicodemus is trying to wrap his brain around being born again, he misses all of the kingdom of God references that Jesus makes; and if we aren't careful, we may too. While paying attention to the being saved stuff we might get distracted away from Jesus

describing God's gifts of grace, water, spirit, love, given freely to us.



Today's scripture is often considered to be a recipe for being saved. It has often been cited as proof that you had to be baptized or you might go to the fiery pit; or that you needed to have a testimony about your "born again" experience in order to be a real Christian. This particular conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, however, is not about being saved in the way that modern Christians mostly understand it. This exchange is about something that Jesus spent a lot of time talking about: entering the kingdom of God.



The kingdom of God is like... there are many parables in which Jesus describes the kingdom of God. It is not a place or even a time, but more a set of circumstances where love and equability flourish. Why do love and equability flourish in that time and place

that isn't a time or place? Because humans will have finally chosen to let God reign in their lives. We will have found a way to set aside the desire to participate in systems where the rich get richer and own nearly all of the resources needed to let God's people (everybody) thrive.

Then we will understand Jesus' mission in the world. We will finally understand what God is up to then and now –



*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.*

Amen.

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## March 11<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings

March 11<sup>th</sup> at bedtime remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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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### John Wesley Quote

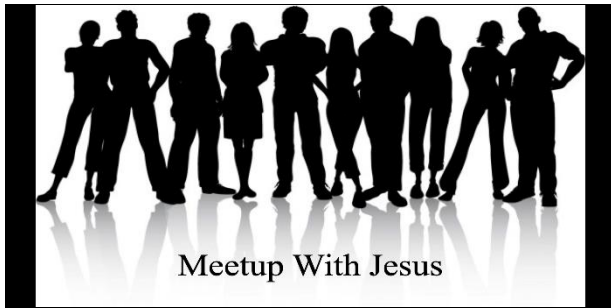
Be active, be diligent, avoid all laziness, sloth, indolence. Fly from every appearance of it, else you will never be more than half a Christian.

Be cleanly. In this let the Methodist take pattern by the Quakers. Avoid all nastiness, dirt, slovenliness, both in your person, clothes, house, and all about you. Do not stink above ground. This is a bad fruit of laziness; use all diligence to be clean



## “Meet up with Jesus”

### Meetup with Jesus:



Thursdays at 6:30pm in the upstairs kitchen & parlor. Let’s gather together to learn about, cook, and then eat the foods that were important to God’s people in the Bible.

## Birthdays

### March

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

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 – February 28, 2023.



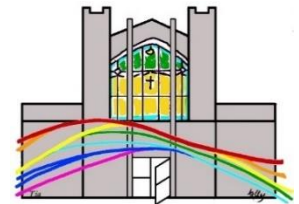
Income	\$19,371.56
Expenses	\$29,918.57
Net Income	<math>\\$10,547.01</math>

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

## 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

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

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

## 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.

## 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



REGULAR CONFERENCE IN-PERSON \$159 | ONLINE STREAMING \$99  
STUDENT IN-PERSON \$79 | CATHEDRAL OF THE ROCKIES MEMBER \$40

### FEATURING



BISHOP POTTIE ESCOBEDO-FRANK



BISHOP CEDRICK BRIDGEFORTH



BISHOP CARLO RAPANUT



BISHOP JCS HARAJALAN



REV. DR. DUANE ANDERS

## UWF NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Just a reminder about the unit meeting this

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 in the church parlor



United Women in Faith

The program will be on Prayer and Self Denial (Spiritual Growth). Our hostesses are Bev and Kay. See you there!



## Stained-Glass Restoration

The stained glass windows have completed their 941 mile trip to Nzilani Glass Conservation in Oakland California for restoration.

What was intended to be a 3-day trip was not without drama and ended up taking 13 days. The windows left Trinity on February 22 headed for the local warehouse, and then on to a warehouse in Salt Lake City.

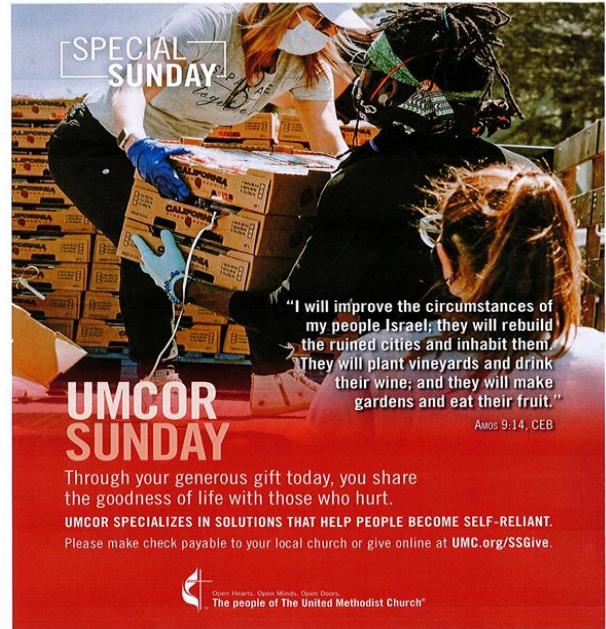
They were stuck in Salt Lake City for 8 days while Interstate 80 was cleared from the repetitive snowstorms of the last week. The shipping container arrived safely and is awaiting opening at Nzilani.

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



## UMCOR Sunday

We will be passing out Envelopes this week.





## PA System Repairs

Robin has been wrestling with the audio system in the sanctuary lately.



His first and most economical attempt involved a used replacement amplifier that he purchased off the internet. On the initial power-up it experienced the infamous blue flash and whiff of ozone as the power supply failed. Robin reinstalled the original amplifier with some improvements in connections and the configuration and it is back to the condition of before he started.

The challenge is that we need an 8-Channel, Rackmount, Power Amplifier with 160W/Channel @ 8 Ohms which costs about \$3,136.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>8</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Finance Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00pm UWF  6:30pm "Meet up with Jesus" starts!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed  7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Blue &amp; Gold Banquet</b> </p>
<p><b>Lent 3</b> 12</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee &amp; Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 am F.I.S.H 6:00pm GS Leadership Meeting 7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30pm Trustee Meeting  7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm "Meet up with Jesus"</p>	<p><b>St. Patricks Day 17</b>  Office Closed 7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>18</p>
<p><b>Lent 4</b> 19</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee &amp; Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Scout Bruch 7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30pm Admin Council  7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room  6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm "Meet up with Jesus"</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed  7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>25</p>
<p><b>Lent 5</b> 26</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee &amp; Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room  6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm "Meet up with Jesus"</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed  7:00pm N.A</p>	<p><b>April 1</b> </p>
<p><b>Palm Sunday</b> 2</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee &amp; Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Soup &amp; Bread Bruch 7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm PEO BG 7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday 6</b></p> <p>7:00pm Worship 6:30pm "Meet up with Jesus"</p>	<p><b>Good Friday 7</b></p> <p>Office Closed 12:00-3:00pm Prayer Vigil &amp; Palm Crosses  7:00pm N.A</p>	<p>8</p>