

News update for June 8, 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 (June 8th)

Friday (June 9th)

- 7:00pm N.A

Saturday (June 10th)

Sunday (June 11th)

- 9:30am Donuts and coffee
- 10:10am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30am Fellowship brunch
- 6:00pm N.A

Monday (June 12th)

- 10:00am F.I.S.H
- 7:00pm N.A.

Tuesday (June 13th)

- 7:00pm N.A
- 6:30pm Trustee Meeting

Wednesday (June 14th)

- 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting
- 6:30pm Finance Meeting
- 7:30pm Scouts BSA

!NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME!

Starting July 2nd, Trinity is moving to a new worship time. More info can be found on page 8

Worship Plans for 6/11

Theme: Musings on Faith

Sermon: "Faith"

Focus Scripture: (Genesis 12:1-9)

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Last Week's Sermon 6/4

Theme for the day: Now What?

Sermon: "Now What?"

Focus Scripture: (Matthew 28:16-20)

The arrest and crucifixion of Jesus was a deeply disorienting experience for his followers, ruthlessly dashing in a matter of hours the great hopes and dreams they all shared.

They had lost one they loved and admired to a brutal execution. To see Jesus alive after his death, which they naturally assumed had ended everything, must have been utterly astonishing. Nothing in their history or Jewish faith had prepared them for what was occurring. To say they struggled with cognitive dissonance would be an understatement.



Matthew 28:16-20 provides the narrative of the last recorded encounter of Jesus by the disciples and the final words of Jesus to close the Gospel. Directed to return to Galilee where Jesus would meet up with them, the disciples followed yet again, not knowing what they would encounter. Galilee was where it all began and Galilee, it seems, would mark the new beginning. It is difficult to imagine what their journey was like, but it had to have been a memorable one. It was the ultimate road trip, filled with long conversations that focused upon making sense of the mind-bending events that had transpired, wondering aloud what would happen next. This moment with Jesus would be an important time for them. They had lost everything in the catastrophic events that

preceded this, and they were on their way to discover what, if anything would be next.



We all struggle to comprehend the astonishing work of God in Christ. Having reunited with Jesus in Galilee, the disciples' response is somewhat peculiar. Upon seeing Jesus they worship. This part we understand; it makes sense given the circumstances of Jesus' resurrection and the preceding events. But they also doubt. Worship is not typically associated with doubt. In fact, many feel that even if they do doubt, they cannot admit it. The text here does not so much focus on doubt in the sense of unbelief as it does on the cognitive dissonance that arises from unusual, even unbelievable, circumstances. This is one case where their understanding of the world and the way that God had previously worked in it did not match with what they saw before them.

We, like the disciples seeing Jesus for the last time, are faced with doubts. What will the church look like now that everything is going topsy turvy as the pastor Reverend Ruth, is now going to a new destination? Christ did some pretty heavy lifting in his under 2 years ministry. I've only been around her for the last 3 years, in which she orchestrated some monumental acts of service through all of you, fellow followers and disciples of Christ. I can't even imagine what the previous 5 years were like, as she grew close to all of you, leading bible camps (assisting in raising a

new generation of disciples of Christ), kickstarting the life and spiritual journeys of others through officiating marriages and baptizing some of your children,



grandchildren (sharing in that joyous and pure love with those involved and those lucky enough to be present for these rituals), and being with some of your friends and family's final moments in this realm, celebrating the lives and mourning the losses alongside every one of you at their funerals. To say Reverend Ruth hasn't become a very real and tangible part of your lives would be simply ignorant of the last 9 years. And now we're at these new crossroads, concerned with what our congregational family will do, look like, and operate.



Together, every one of you, the members at trinity, have grown and evolved and learned new ways to love your neighbor, new ways to love yourselves, and new ways to love and commune with God. How do we move on

after having such a loving, compassionate, and authentic pastor?

Jesus' parting words are commonly referred to as the Great Commission. We typically hear it during mission days at church, mission conferences, or when missionaries come to town with their slide shows, presentations and the like. But it is more than that; the reference of the text is much broader. The text frames the basis for the communal identity and life together for the movement that will become the church. Four elements emerge that draw our attention.

There are four "alls" in this text: Jesus has all authority given to him, we are to make disciples of all nations, we are to teach that we should obey everything that he commanded during his earthly life, and the promise that closes is that he will be with us always. These four "alls" capture much of what the paragraph intends to communicate and also the central message of the Gospel of Matthew.



All authority: The incarnation and Jesus' life on earth were marked by his profound humanity. Apart from a glimpse of his glory during the Transfiguration, this is a Jesus we are not accustomed to. In this scene the authority that Jesus taught with and exercised in his healings and deliverances becomes positional. He has been given all authority in heaven and on earth, and the disciples' teacher is now revealed as the Lord

of all, not just the Jews of the Old World. The power of passages like Matthew 11:25-30 reside in the person of Jesus. Similarly, the commission that follows has little authority if Jesus were not the Son of God.

All nations: The purpose of God is to be reconciled with all humanity, which includes every nationality and race.



Jesus' ministry was primarily limited to the Jewish people throughout Matthew's gospel, but here the boundaries are now expanded to include all humanity. Thus the commission has an international scope. Note, however, that the text does not say to take the gospel to the nations, although it is implied. Jesus here actually says that they are to make disciples of all nations. This is the primary verb of the section, and it is a command.



Shallow evangelism is not Jesus' intent; rather, Jesus has in mind a task that is more robust. The disciples are students or pupils—learners. In this case, they are, like the twelve disciples in the gospel narrative, to become

devoted followers of Jesus and together live out his teachings within broader society. Further, they are to baptize in the name of the trinity. This baptism becomes the initiation ritual that symbolically marks the movement from death to life.

All that he commanded: Of all the gospels, Matthew's is the most teaching oriented. Matthew structures his gospel in such a way that he includes five major sections of Jesus' teachings. The third part of the command is to teach those who become disciples to do everything that Jesus commanded. This follows Jesus' own instructions in earlier scripture, in which he underlines the necessity of doing what he teaches and not merely paying lip service. Our actions should reflect our beliefs. Statements of faith are important within communities, but Matthew reminds us that faith without appropriate behavior is empty.



Always with us: Matthew closes with what is perhaps one of the most comforting statements in Scripture. Jesus, as Lord of all, promises to be with us, the church, always, even until the final consummation of everything. This continuing, abiding presence of Jesus is a profound promise. This ending reminds us of the person of Jesus in his earthly life—the one who shared space with people, lived, and was present with them, and showed us what God is like.

The text moves us from the disciples' insecurity and lack of understanding to focus us on the exalted Lord, who as the leader of the movement defines reality. The



commission is for all who are part of the people of God and incorporates the task of making disciples with teaching and baptizing as the movement expands around the world. The church is at its core to be living out the teachings of Jesus as a witness within their world. And perhaps most profoundly of all, Jesus promises that his presence will be with his people until the final culmination of the ages.

At the end of our excerpt from Genesis, maybe, God gives us a fantastic example of how we might act, having done so much service and work for our community, family, and ourselves. "And on the seventh day God finished the work that they had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work they had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that they had done in creation."

We have wrought many great works, my spiritual families, which has taken a toll in innumerable ways on all of us. We ought to take a rest, bless the work that we have done, celebrate god in our victories, and remember god will be with us as we begin a new chapter together.

I'll leave with a reading from 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. "Finally, brothers and sisters (And Reverend Ruth), farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."

Amen.



Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's walk will be held on Saturday, September 23th. The Trinity team "Memory Methodists" is participating in the 2023 walk. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to fight Alzheimer's.

To join the Trinity team sign on to: https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=16521&pg=entry

Register for:

[Memory Methodists](#)

Team Captain: Don Rohde



Financial Statements

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



Income	\$50,876
Expenses	\$77,163
Current deficit	<\$26,286>

John Wesley Quote

"And in the power of this love, they have trampled under foot whatever the world accounts either terrible or desirable, having evidence, in the severest trials, an invariable and tender good-will to mankind, and all the fruits of holiness..."



~ Sermon at the Foundation of City Road Chapel

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 Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish

Birthdays

June

Stewart, Mary	06/06
Holady, Lorrie	06/08
Page, Maria Shena	06/08
Hilker, Jackson	06/10
McClure, Aedan	06/10
Smith, Miranda	06/10
Hilker, Bonnie	06/11
Griffith, Teesha	06/14
Driskell, Lorraine	06/15

Trinity Scholarships

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Two scholarships are available:

1. The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000
2. Chesbro Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music

The Pete Isaksen Scholarship is not available. The funds have all been awarded. Many students benefitted from his generosity and we are so thankful!

Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 15, 2023. Completed application packages need to be type written and e-mailed to TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com

Scholarship applications are available on the church website at www.tumcif.org or by contacting the church office or Kathy Borland. The application has been updated as a "Form" document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at kaborland28@gmail.com

UWF NEWS



United
Women
in Faith

Summer is finally here. Just a reminder about MissionU July 14-15 in the library at Trinity. Please be there before 9. Sessions go until 2:30. You will need to bring your lunch. The theme is the Lord's Prayer. No unit meeting in June or July. There will be an ice cream social in August. Have a safe and fun summer



New Sunday Worship Time

Starting Sunday July 2 Trinity will start the worship service at 9:00. This is reminiscent of the Summer hours we use to have long ago.

This change is necessary so the Rev. Kathy will be able to travel to St Paul's and conduct their service which will start at 11:00 am.

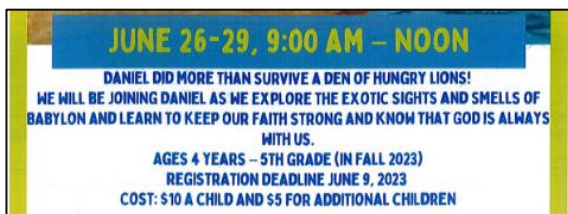
**Starting July 2
Sunday Service
Starts at 9 am**



Summer VBS Bible Camp

This year we are participating in the Summer Bible Camp at St Paul's UMC. This invitation is extended to other churches also as the world restarts after Covid.

Dates: June 26-29 9am - Noon



Babylon lets kids experience Old World Babylon with all of its exotic sights and smells, and learn they are not much different than Daniel and his friends.

Each day at Babylon VBS, kids explore and experience their daily bible point in creative ways. Daily bible content is woven in with captivating music and old world inspired decorating.

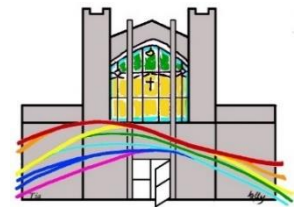
At Babylon VBS, God's Word comes alive through engaging interaction with Bible history.

“Daniel answered, “Long live the king! ²² My God sent his angel to shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty.”



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

Homeless Services

In May there were 113 homeless services supplied in the 19 days we were open. This represented services to 41 unique persons. The clients ranged in age from 18 to 73 with an average age of 41.6. The services provided included 97 showers, 17 loads of laundry, and 7 requests for supplies. The supplies included hygiene kits, socks, underwear, gas and photocopying. 16 visitors were new clients for us. 53% have cellphones and 90% had valid ID.



Please call me with any questions you may have. *Bev Kemp* – 208-569-6149



Furnishings for Rev. Kathy

In conjunction with St. Paul's UMC we are furnishing their parsonage for the use of Rev. Kathy during her tenure here. It will also be used by visiting members of the cabinet. Do you have single beds that you no longer need? Please call the church if you can help.



Farewell For Pastor Ruth

Following worship on 18 MAY we will be celebrating Ruth's nine years of service at Trinity.

David will be back in town so we can bid him farewell as well. The Scouts will be preparing breakfast and then we will reminisce and send them off with love and gratitude.

Sawtooth Methodist Camp



UNITED METHODIST &
EPISCOPAL CHURCH CAMPING PROGRAM

Calling all children and youths age 3rd to 12th graders in Eastern Idaho. Past, present, and future campers.

BENEFITS: Camp provides spiritual and emotional formation for your children. It helps kids make friends and build connections across the area. Camp is a safe place with plenty of unconditional love.

Did we mention Fun! Adventure,
Nature, Friends?

MISSION: We are people dedicated to creating sacred spaces of Christian hospitality and learning. We offer these spaces so that people may...

- Experience God's love
- Engage with creation
- Develop loving interdependence with each other and the Earth
- Act with justice* in the world (*justice is what love looks like in public)

LOCATION: Sawtooth Camp is remotely located in an alpine valley 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho, on the North Fork of the Boise River. This picturesque camp is a blend of mountains, meadows and a winding river that offers a wide range of wilderness experiences.

COST: The cost is \$475 per person. There is a \$50 nonrefundable registration fee payable at registration. We encourage families to

provide the registration fee and whatever additional money they can pay. Discounts and scholarships are available and provided by local churches or the conference. Our goal is to see that all students that wish to go to camp can participate. We urge each congregation to donate to a camp fund and fundraise to cover costs. For more information about scholarships contact Betty Anderson at bettyellenba@gmail.com



SCHEDULE:

Elementary	Completed Grades 3 rd -6 th
7/09/2023 - 7/15/2023	
Junior High Camp	Completed Grades 6 th -8 th
7/23/2023 - 7/29/2023	
Senior High Camp	Completed Grades 9 th - 12 th
7/16/2023 - 7/22/2023	

REGISTRATION: Register on-line at gocamping.org or call Holly Dolan Camping Registrar at 503-802-9214 for more information. If you register for camp, please also contact Betty Anderson so we can coordinate transportation to and from camp. We encourage parents to assist with transportation.

INFORMATION: Eastern Idaho Campers contact Betty Anderson call or text at 208-521-3039 or email bettyellenba@gmail.com You can also leave a message with the Trinity church office at 208-522-7921.

ACCREDITATION: Sawtooth Camp is Accredited by the American Camp Association. Camp and Retreat Ministries is a partnership between the United Methodist Church of Oregon and Idaho and the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church. Todd Bartlett is the Executive Director of Oregon Idaho Camp and Retreat Ministry (503) 802-9211.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7 Ruth out of Office ----- Annual Conference	8	9	10
			10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA		Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	Office Closed
11 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Brunch 6:00pm N.A	12 10:00am F.I.S.H 7:00pm N.A.	13 6:30pm Trustee Meeting 7:00pm N.A.	14 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	15 6:00pm Annual Conference Closing Session via Zoom	16 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	17 Office Closed
18 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Scout Brunch 6:00pm N.A Ruth's last Sunday at Trinity	19 7:00pm N.A.	20 6:30pm Admin. Council Meeting 7:00pm N.A.	21 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	22	23 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	24 Office Closed
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