

News update for August 24, 2023

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (August 24th)

Friday (August 25th) *Office Closed*

- 7:00pm N.A.
- 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.

Saturday (August 26th, 2023) *Office Closed*

- 10:00 am Idaho Falls Opera Theatre Auditions

Sunday (August 27th)

- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
- 9:00am Sunday Worship
- 10:15am Fellowship Potluck brunch
- **4:00pm Workshop with Rev. Sheila Miranda at Trinity UMC**
- 4:00pm N.A.
- 6:00pm N.A.

Monday (August 28th)

- 7:00pm N.A.

Tuesday (August 29th)

- 7:00pm N.A.

Wednesday (August 30th)

- 10:00am Upper Room Study
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- 7:30pm Scouts BSA

Rev. Daniel and Sheila Miranda

We are excited to welcome two very special speakers this Sunday,
 Info below

Help Maui!

Please join us in our efforts to help our friends in Hawaii from their devastating wildfire.

UMCOR Advance #901670-Hawaii

Special News!

We are excited to welcome Revs. Daniel and Sheila Miranda



Revs. Daniel and Sheila Miranda are a clergy couple who have worked in ministry for 30 years. They met in a seminary in Kansas City. In their early ministry years, they volunteered as missionaries in Japan, co-pastored a church in Beloit, Wisconsin, and then returned to Asia for a four-year term teaching at a seminary in the Philippines.

They made their way to Washington in 2003 to serve the Waterville Federated Church. Later Daniel served Pateros UMC and Auburn UMC, while Sheila served at Colby UMC. Daniel has also worked in as an addictions counselor, and Sheila has taught private music lessons.

Currently, Daniel and Sheila live in Spokane, Washington. Daniel is a District Superintendent in the Pacific Northwest conference, and Sheila serves as an Assistant for Connectional Ministries also in the PNW. Some of her special interests are Lay Servant Ministries, supporting UMCOR/UMVIM home rebuilds in north central Washington, and youth service and learning trips to the Yakama Reservation.

While visiting the Idaho Falls United Methodist churches, Daniel will preach at Sunday morning worship services. His sermon comes from the 16th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew.

Sheila will present a workshop on Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm at Trinity entitled "Plugging into God's Love and Power". The workshop will give participants the opportunity to explore how Spiritual Disciplines can help nurture their relationship with God while also empowering them for ministry.

Help Maui!

Friends, Maui is on fire, and we need your help to care for those who have been devastated by this tragedy.

<https://advance.umcmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>

Above is a link to the UMCOR page to donate funds directly to their Hawaii relief program.

You can also write cheques to the church with "UMCOR- Hawaii" written on the memo line, and all will be sent directly to them.

If you are able to, please help by spreading the news, and/or donating. Every cent matters.



Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 – July 31, 2023



Income	\$115,661
Expenses	<u>\$106,314</u>
Current net income	\$ 9,346

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

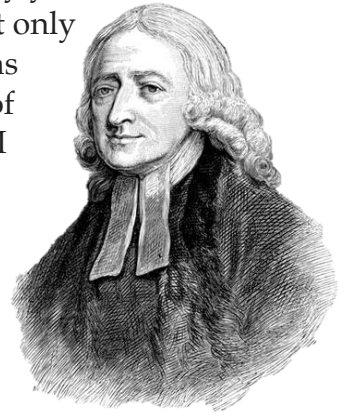
Birthdays

June

Goodrich, Dalton	08/23
O'Brien, Henry	08/23
Robinson, Jacob	08/23
Avery, Florence	08/25
Mauer, Katherine	08/27
Hampton, David	08/28
King, Lora	08/28
Lybeck, Nancy	08/28
Myers, Josh	08/28

John Wesley Quote

"I am one who for twenty years used outward works, not only as acts of goodness, but as commutations...instead of inward holiness. I knew I was not holy. But I quieted my conscience by doing such-and-such outward works; and therefore I hoped I should go to heaven, even without inward holiness..."



~ To John Smith, 1745

UWF News



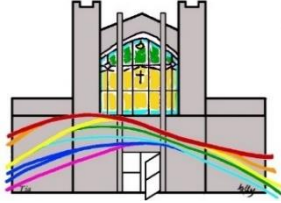
United
Women
in Faith

The ice cream social was a success thanks to the UWF Executive Board who served as hostesses. We had good attendance and lots of fun with the program Marilyn Taylor presented. Our next unit meeting will be September 14 at 1:00 in the Trinity parlor. It's hard to believe summer is winding down and autumn is near!!! Hope to see you all at the September meet



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

F.I.S.H. School Backpacks

With the local school districts starting school before the end of August, the workers at FISH only have a week left to assemble the 700 needed backpacks. Each backpack is custom made based on the school and grade level of the student receiving the supplies. It is a light and creative mix of colors and paper for the lower grades while the upper grades have a heavier collection of calculators, binder and many more notebooks. To avoid embarrassing the students the backpacks are not identified in any way as being from FISH. They are ordered by the school counselors who discreetly deliver them to the kids.

The backpack assembly operation is located on the first floor of the new RCCM - Community Food Basket building on 14th street. This building was a gift from the LDS church who were consolidating their operations to other buildings.



The assembly area consists of a worktable and shelves full of school supplies. As the required supplies are read from the list the pickers gather the supplies from the shelves and place them next to each backpack. When the list is completed, the backpacks are loaded and tagged with the grade level and school name. The completed backpacks are delivered to the school by volunteer drivers.

To keep the shelves full there are “shoppers” that can be called to go around to stores and get the best deals on school supplies. Most items are purchased in lots of over 100 so there is a bit of negotiating with the store staff to get boxes of things from the storeroom.



Flowers for Church

It has been so wonderful to have fresh cut flowers on the communion table each Sunday for worship. Maria Harrison has been providing a beautiful arrangement of flowers each Sunday.



Hand-washing Sink Repair

Our fantastic maintenance trio of Robin, Nancy and Rob have remounted the handwashing sink that was coming off the wall in the parlor kitchen. The sink had been mounted into the drywall where the screws had just missed the studs. It is now secured by a custom-made metal hanging bracket that is firmly attached to the studs. We are so appreciative of the people that keep things repaired around the church.



Scholarship Award Winner

The Trinity Endowment Committee Congratulates Lily Browning, our Scholarship recipient for the 2023-2024 school year! We wish her continued success with her schooling and future career and give thanks to those that made this scholarship possible.

Lily is studying Paleontology and Biochemistry at Montana State University. She has completed her 1st year of college and is looking forward to her sophomore year. Lily was awarded a \$1,000 Hazel Skelton Scholarship.

Meaningful Ministry with Saints in the Church

As we discern the future of our UM churches in Idaho Falls, it may be helpful to look at our folks as belonging to one of two congregations: the congregation of the saints and the congregation of the innovators. The saints of our churches are those folks who have given years to the ministry of our churches and who are really the ones responsible for our churches still being in existence today. Without the work, prayers, and resources of our saints, we just wouldn't be here today.

This congregation of the saints is not going to grow numerically. However, there is almost limitless potential for growth in the Spirit, and in developing meaningful ministries with, by and for these saints. When we get caught up in thinking our only hope for a future is in bringing young families with children into our buildings, we miss the very real and very necessary ministry that we are called to engage in for our saints.

Developing meaningful ministries with the saints starts by listening to their concerns, hopes and dreams. I encourage all of you participating in any type of small group with these saints to set aside time to intentionally ask about these concerns, hopes and dreams. Listen to each other and listen for the Spirit's nudging toward new ministries. Also, when you are just talking with your relatives or friends, ask open-ended questions, like "what brings you joy when you think about the church?"

We can also observe the world around us to discern what ministries might be of help or comfort or even challenge to our saints. Here

are some of the issues that older adults face in our cultures:

1. Isolation, loneliness, and separation from loved ones
2. Mental and physical health concerns that are often overlooked or dismissed as "normal" for their age
3. Loss of meaning and purpose in life after retirement
4. Economic challenges (the fastest growing segment of the population experiencing homelessness is the elderly)
5. Loss of a spouse or other loved one
6. Caring for a spouse or loved one with chronic illness
7. Loss of mobility, and the loss of independence from not being able to drive
8. Changes in living situations, such as moving to retirement homes
9. Loss of hearing or sight that limits interactions with others
10. Being preyed upon by scammers and thieves

In addition to these challenges, the saints have wisdom and insights to share that the whole congregation would benefit from. They have stories to share about their resilience through difficult times. They have experiences with God that may help shape the faith of others. We need to find ways to help the saints continue to be a blessing to our congregations.

A seminary professor of mine used to tell his students, "Be in ministry with the people you are with, not the people you wish you were with." Right at this moment, God has placed before us an opportunity to be in ministry with the saints of our churches. Will we answer God's call?

Calling all Innovators!

A big part of our mission is to partner with God in building the kingdom of God on earth. It's that simple, and that complicated.

This mission requires us to go outside the church to meet our neighbors, and to discover what God is already doing in our neighborhoods, our city and our world. This is innovative and exhilarating and frustrating work. The building of the kingdom of God requires the participation of folks who are passionately committed, courageous, and who have a high tolerance for temporary but necessary failure. The reward for this work is a deep experience of the presence and power of God in our lives.

Not all of us are called or able to engage this mission, and that is okay. For those who are called and excited to get out of the church and find new ways to be disciples, let's get together and dream about possibilities. Please join me on **Thursday, Sept. 7, from 6:30-8:30 at St. Paul's UMC**, as we explore possibilities and support each other in this endeavor. Bring your open hearts and open minds, as we prepare to go out the open doors into the world, for Christ's sake.

(Spoiler Alert: In October we will be having a similar meeting for all those wanting to shape the ministry of and lead the congregation of the saints. Stay tuned!)



Homeless Services

In July there were 147 homeless services supplied in the 17 days we were open. This represented services to 48 unique persons. The services provided included 131 showers, 33 loads of laundry, and 9 requests for supplies. The supplies included emergency food, hygiene kits, socks, underwear, gas, mail, dog food and WIFI. The clients ranged in age from 19 to 74 with an average age of 47.5. Time in the church varied from 2 min to 276 minutes with an average of 49 minutes. 17 visitors were new clients for us. 75% have cellphones and 90% had valid ID.

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

2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Idaho Falls


Saturday, September 23th, 2023

REGISTER

DONATE



123
PARTICIPANTS



72
TEAMS

50% ACHIEVED

\$27,423
RAISED

\$55,000
OUR GOAL

WALK DETAILS

What is F.I.S.H. ?

Over 20 years ago, the school supply program of FISH (Friends in Service Here) was born in the basement of Trinity in an office donated to Regional Council for Christian Ministry. The first year 116 students were given supplies. Supplies were stored at Trinity for many years until the amount exceeded the space and other storage was found.

We have just moved to space at 351 W 14th Street in a stake house donated to RCCM by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We supplied over 750 students last school year and are on track to do more this year. FISH is supported entirely by donations and staffed by over 50 volunteers who purchase, pack and deliver to the schools. If you would like to be a part of this effort, you may call Bev at 208-569-6149.



The Four Faces of Trinity

One of the purposes of the all-church meeting was to make clear the current conditions of the church. Trinity currently has four unique operating modes:

1. We run a church taking care of our members with worship services and small groups.
2. We run mission activities such as the homeless services, summer camp, subzero emergency housing for the homeless, Pride festival participation, and support RCCM
3. We operate a community center where 22 different outside groups meet at various frequencies during the year
4. We are the conservator of a 107-year-old historic landmark building. This requires restoration and repairs far beyond what a normal church would experience.

Each of these modes is a commitment made by Trinity. The four areas have some separate costs, and some have individual income streams such as donations, grants, and fees. Trinity is truly a blessing to the members and the community.



Maui Funds

We wanted to thank you for giving generously to help Maui. Last Sunday we received three cheques that will go directly to UMCOR to fund their Hawaii relief efforts.

Once again, if you find it within your means, please donate by writing a cheque with "UMCOR-Hawaii" on the memo line, and we will get it to the right people. We appreciate your help.

Sawtooth Methodist Camp

THANK YOU

This was another year for a very successful camping experience for children and youth. We want to give thanks to parents and many other people that made this experience so special. The 14 youth that Trinity UMC helped and supported was outstanding. We so appreciate all the monetary donations which made it possible to cover all the camp expenses. The cost of a week at camp for each youth is almost \$500. However, it is worth the price which includes a well-trained staff to love and support these youth. Another very important part was all the volunteers who transported the youth up and back from the camp. They gave their time and cost of travel as a donation as well. Some people even drove up and back more than once. We do so thank you for helping these young people have a possible life changing experience as they transition from youth to adults. They are learning about themselves and others and how God can be a part of their life.

The Youth and Parents are planning some youth activities this fall which will include some fundraising projects that will help toward the cost of camping again next

year. Once the youth attend camp the first time, they often want to return again the next year. Some of them even later become future leaders in the program.








4:00pm Workshop

Remember that there is a workshop with Rev. Sheila at 4:00pm this Sunday at Trinity. We'll see you there!

"Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time."

~Oswald Chambers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			23 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	24 	25 Office Closed 7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	26 Office Closed 10:00am Auditions: Idaho Falls Opera Theatre
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10 <u>Rally Day</u> 8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Potluck Brunch 4:00pm N.A. 6:00pm N.A	11 FISH Open House 7:00pm N.A.	12 6:30pm Trustee Meeting 7:00pm N.A.	13 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	14 1:30pm UWF Unit Meeting	15 Office Closed 7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	16 Office Closed 10:00am Rehearsals: Idaho Falls Opera Theatre
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