

News update for December 14, 2023

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This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (December 14th)
- 1:00pm UWF Unit Meeting
- Friday** (December 15th) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
 - 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
- Saturday** (December 16th) *Office Closed*
- Sunday** (December 17th)
- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
 - 9:00am Sunday Worship
 - 10:15am Fellowship Potluck brunch
 - 2:00pm Flute concert practice
 - **4:00pm Flute Concert Performance**
 - 6:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (December 18th)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Tuesday** (December 19th)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (December 20th)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
 - 6:30pm Gather at the Table
 - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

UPDATES

IMPORTANT

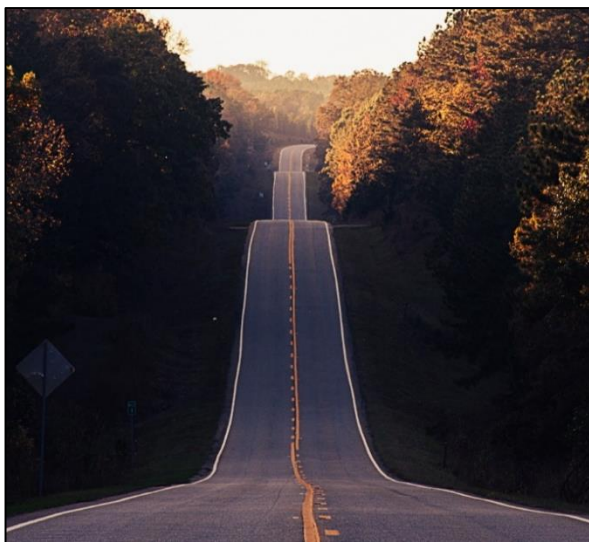
Trinity will no longer be able to provide nursery service during worship until:

we can provide two attendants during each service who are 18 or over. They must be willing to undergo a background check and have received safe sanctuary training which we will provide. This is a paid position and they need not be members of Trinity.

Please contact Bev at (208) 546-6149 if you or someone you know is interested.

Looking Ahead

- **December 17** – 9:00 am Worship with Deaconess Jeannie Hughes from St. Paul’s
- **December 24** – 9:00 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **December 24** – 7:00 pm Family Christmas Eve at **St Paul’s** with Pastor Kathy
- **December 24** – 11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve at **Trinity** with Pastor Kathy.
- **December 31** – **10:00 am** joint 5th Sunday service at **St. Paul’s** followed by New Year’s Eve Day party with potluck finger food.
- **January 7** – 9:00 am Worship with Don Yeager
- **January 14** - 9:00 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **January 21** - 9:00 am Worship with Lay Speaker from Trinity - TBA
- **January 28** - 9:00 am Worship with Cascadia District Superintendent Tim Overton Harris
- **January 28** - 4:00 pm Workshop with Cascadia District Superintendent Tim Overton Harris



Mitten Tree

This year we are having a ‘mitten tree’ donation drive for the Teen and Child Crisis Centre of East Idaho. As the cold starts to set in, we are in great need of hats, mittens, socks, gloves, and underwear. (no scarves please!)

These items should fit people ages 6-18, as those are the kids we aim to help.

If this interests you, come to the church and donate today!

More info in poster below

Trinity Mitten Tree

Please donate new hats, mittens, socks, gloves, and underwear for ages 8 - 18. Place items on or below the tree by the office until Jan 1st.

Let's Support:
Rise Up Teen and Child Crisis Centre of East Idaho.

Rise Up is a nonprofit volunteer lead center that builds resilience through understanding and connection. Their purpose is to assist in reducing the number of youths being sent to the ER for hospitalizations, being placed in juvenile detention or even jail.

UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

Happy Holidays to All! The last unit meeting of 2023 will be Thursday, December 14, at Trinity at 1:00. The board will be providing the refreshments. Rene Buchan, from the city, will be presenting a program about the decorations we see around town during the year.

At the Executive Committee meeting on December 7, Mary thanked all the board members for their service the past 2 years and welcomed the new members. Everyone received a neat Christmas tree ornament from her. At that meeting Kathy Gaskill presented a book report on Grit in Juarez. The story is about several children who raise themselves on the streets of a poverty-level neighborhood in Juarez. The local church struggles to help the families learn to work together to ease their burdens. Several board members had also read the book and said it was very good.

Don't forget The Mitten Tree in the hallway at Trinity. Donations of mittens, hats, gloves, socks, and underwear will be given to Rise Up Teen and Child Crisis Center of East Idaho. Our unit meeting collection on Thursday will also be given to the center.

We hope to have a great turn-out for Thursday's get-together. The weather should be good for getting out. See you Thursday.

Dec. 31st-Joint Worship

5th Sunday Joint Worship December 31st 10:00 am

Our special 5th Sunday joint worship will be at St. Paul's at 10:00 am on December 31st. The message will be a **Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service**.

In 1775, John Wesley introduced a covenant service as an important part of spiritual life in the Methodist Societies. This renewal service was a time for the Methodists to gather annually in a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving up themselves and renewing covenant with God.

The worship will include vocal and instrumental music centered around Gospel Music with the Praise Band. Anyone wanting to participate in the Praise Band is welcome. Praise Band rehearsal is on Wednesday at 7:00pm at St. Paul's. For more information, contact Nancy Copp.

The service will be followed by an informal New Years Eve party in the fellowship hall featuring potluck holiday hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, cookies, and holiday desserts. Please bring your favorite appetizer, cookies, or dessert to share. Coffee, Tea and Water will be served.

Start the new year off with all your friends.

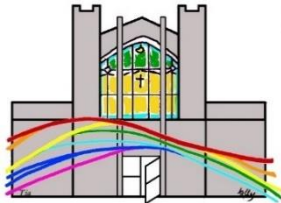
Sunday Morning Fellowship

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

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]

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - November 30, 2023



Income	\$176,129
Expenses	<u>\$151,477</u>
Current net income	\$ 24,651

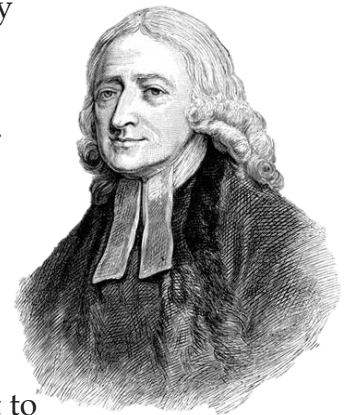
Birthdays

June

Taylor, Davis	12/16
Bensin, Michael	12/18
Godfrey, Christina	12/18
Smith, Kathy	12/23
Mullin, John	12/25
Poulter, Aaliyah	12/26
Goodrich, Everly	12/27
King, Evelyn	12/27
McClure, Rhys	12/27

John Wesley Quote

“You should particularly endeavour to instruct children, early, plainly, frequently and patiently. Instruct them early from the first hour that you perceive reason begins to dawn. Truth may then begin to shine upon the mind far earlier than we ,, are apt to suppose...I know no cause why a parent should not just then begin to speak of the best things, the things of God.”



~Family Religion

Poinsettias

Poinsettias

Again, this year we are offering poinsettias for sale for \$12. When you order them, please inform us if you would like to dedicate them in honor or memory of someone. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Advent but will be available to pick up by December 23. Please write "Poinsettias" on your check. Thank you, ~ Nicolai 208-522-7921



POINSETTIA Order Form



It is time to order plants to prepare our sanctuary for the Christmas season. This year poinsettias are \$12.00 each. Use this order form to indicate if the flowers are in memory or honor of someone, and return the form and payment to the church office by Monday, December 17, 2023. Indicate POINSETTIA in the memo portion of your check. Please note that the earliest time that plants may be taken home is after the 11:00pm service Christmas Eve.

Your Name :

Name In Memory:

Or Name In Honor of:

Habitat House Progress



At the habitat house, the front porch is getting the ceiling and siding.

Inside all the insulation is done on the exterior walls upstairs and downstairs. Sheet rock can start next. If you want to volunteer to help the Sheetrock crew, please contact the Habitat office or stop by the house and let them know when you are available.



Homeless Services

In October there were 166 homeless services supplied in the 18 days we were open. This represented services to 57 unique people. The services provided included 124 showers, 53 loads of laundry, and 15 requests for supplies. The supplies included 8 sleeping bags, 2 pairs of socks, pastoral care with Ryan. Documentation, and 3 days of WIFI to study for class. The clients ranged in age from 23 to 73 with an average 46. Time in the church varied from 1 min. to 276 minutes with an average of 42 minutes. 14 visitors were new clients for us. 61% have cellphones and 91% have valid ID.

The Trinity Kids

Trinity had a fun night recently, making gingerbread houses and eating snacks!

There was candy galore for decoration, as well as pizza and games for everyone to play.

There were around 14 kids, as well as many adults and leaders, creating a wonderful feeling of fellowship.

Everyone had a lot of fun!



Vision for the Church

I was recently asked to be on the Innovators Vision Team for the two churches. I happily agreed to take on that responsibility. The Methodist church is important to me. I am not religiously knowledgeable or even a shining example of God’s grace. I just really appreciate the concept of a church. I have this inner desire to do good things but need an outlet for it to happen. I also see that in the people around me in the church and yes, in the community.

I am willing to pay my tithings and put in my time to have that conduit where good people can make an impact on the community. I love the fellowship and working in teams to get things done. I love seeing people’s lives change and helping people get through challenges. And I even sometimes love experiencing growth in my faith as I work through my own challenges.

I am working with the vision team to help discern a vision for the church that is inspired by God and that will invigorate the congregation. Bishop Cedrick calls it

“Ministry that Matters”. I have a feeling it will involve personal interaction between the congregation and the outside world. I hope to be able to talk to more people from the congregation and get your feelings about your vision for the churches.

The vision will play a big part in helping to find the right minister for our churches.

~Don Rohde



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