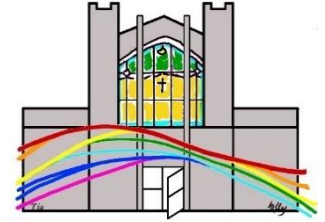


Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



News update for December 7, 2023

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This Week at Trinity

~~Thursday (December 7th) Office Closed~~

- ~~• 9:30pm UWF Exec. Board Meeting~~
- ~~• 7:00pm ‘Twas Christmas Performance~~

Friday (December 8th) Office Closed

- **7:00pm ‘Twas Christmas Performance.**
- 7:00pm N.A.
- 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.

Saturday (December 9th) Office Closed

- **2:00pm ‘Twas Christmas Performance-Matinee**
- **7:00pm ‘Twas Christmas Performance.**

Sunday (December 10th)

- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
- 9:00am Sunday Worship
- 10:15am Fellowship Potluck brunch
- 6:00pm N.A.

Monday (December 11th)

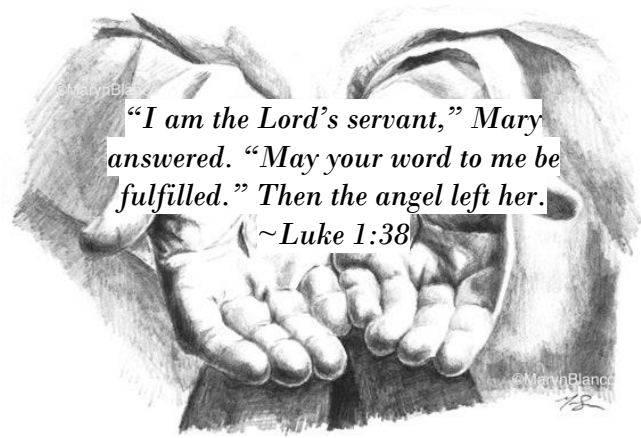
- 7:00pm N.A.

Tuesday (December 12th)

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

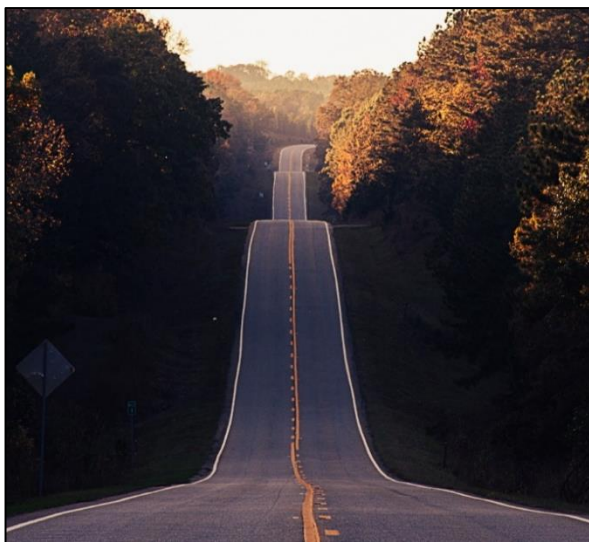
Wednesday (December 13th)

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



Looking Ahead

- **December 10** – 9:00am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **December 17** – 9:00 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 service at **St. Paul’s** 5th Sunday TBA
- **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.

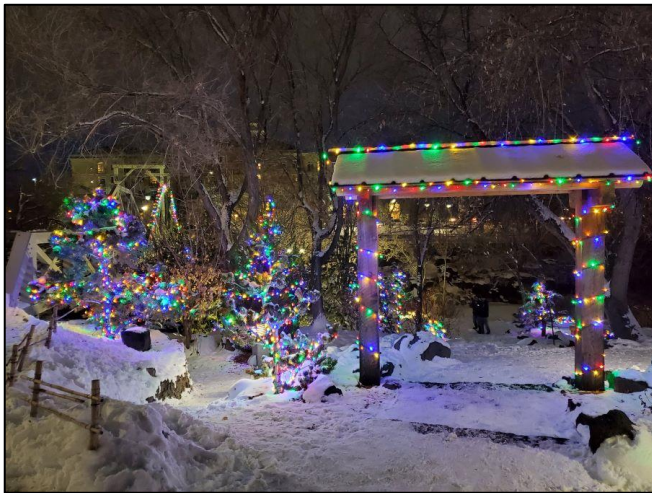
UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

Don't forget the next unit meeting on December 14 at 1:00.

The executive committee will be hostessing. The program will be about our city's decorations throughout the year. Be sure to mark your calendar.



Recovering a Bit of Trinity's History

Richard Dickson, November 30, 2023

For several years, the trustees have been trying to find additional information about the construction of Trinity. The oral history handed down at Trinity hints that the stone for the building was obtained from a quarry that is submerged somewhere in the Ririe Reservoir and the windows were manufactured in West Virginia. Over the last few years, we have identified old newspaper articles that confirm the pipe organ was installed by Hillgreen Lane & Co for \$3,500 and the light fixtures were manufactured by

the Albert Sechrist Mfg Co. of Denver. An article in the Idaho Register on August 25, 1916 describes the laying of the cornerstone for the sanctuary and provides a vague hint about the location of the quarry.

"An excellent quality of stone is being secured from a quarry some distance north of Heise; a stone that is much harder than commonly used in this locality, and which is remarkably uniform in color. This is being laid up in broken ashler [sic] pattern and in connection with the exceptionally beautiful design of the building, will present a most pleasing appearance when completed."



A few months ago, we contacted the Museum of Idaho to see if they had anything in their archives concerning the location of the quarry that supplied the stone for Trinity and the manufacturer of our stained-glass windows. Dave Nipper and Merrick Brow work in the museum archives and enthusiastically began researching for answers to these questions. With access to a program that searches for key words in old newspapers, they were able to identify an article describing both the stone and the windows.

Under the headline of "A Temple Beautiful," an article in the October 13, 1916, edition of the Idaho Falls Daily Post states: "Lava ash rock, obtained from the quarry at Sunnydale, is the material being used for the outside walls and so far as is practicable, Idaho material is used throughout the building." The article is most

informative; however, the reporter was not very careful with his spelling. There is no Sunnydale in southeastern Idaho, but Sunnydell is located about 4 miles north of Ririe. Dave and Merrick took a road trip to Sunnydell and after making some inquiries with local residents, learned of an old, abandoned quarry along the South Heise Road. The quarry is on private property, but possibly arrangements can be made to visit the site at a later time.

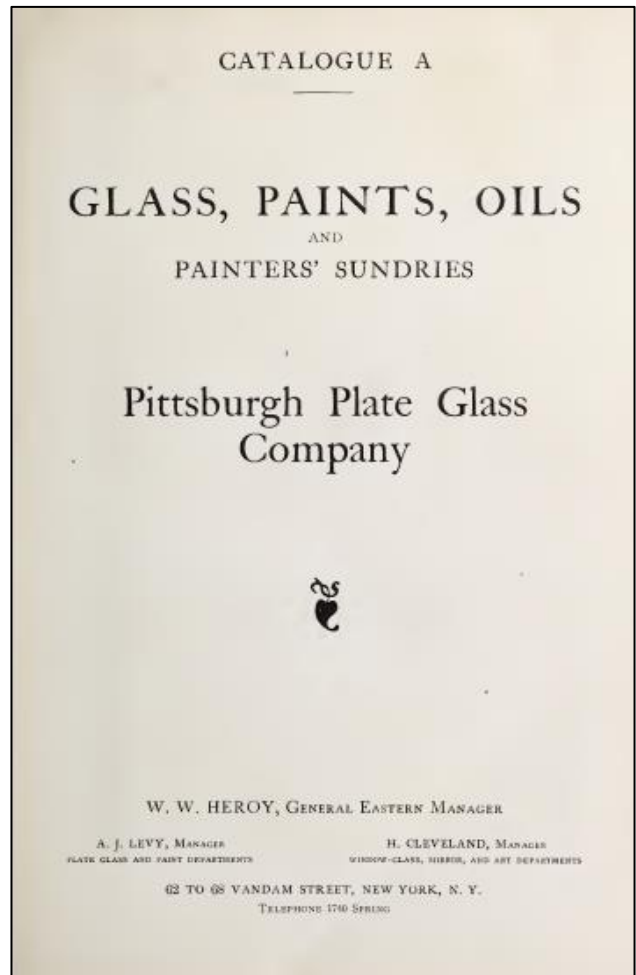
The same newspaper article also provides information about the manufacturer of the stained-glass windows.

"From the outside the building will present a handsome appearance with its gray walls set off by a double row of windows and concrete arches extending from the basement up. The smaller lower windows are arched and the larger windows above will be of Gothic style, which was commonly used in the period from the Twelfth to the Fifteenth centuries inclusive. The main window in front will be of triple design, about sixteen by twenty-four feet in dimensions and will be directly over the choir loft and organ

Four principal windows on either side over the alcoves, will have art mullions, and will correspond in design and artistic appearance with the large window in front. There will be an arch window over the gallery at the rear of the building. The windows will be of art glass, throughout and are being furnished by the Pittsburgh Glass Company."



name. While we need to do some more detective work, Pittsburg Glass Company may actually be the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company. "Catalogue A" published by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company around 1900 contains 52 pages devoted to Stained Glass and Leaded Art Glass Work. A 1945 buying guide for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company also includes a paragraph describing opalescent glass available at that time.



While we still need to confirm some of the details, we have a little better understanding of the origins of the beautiful stone and stained-glass windows at Trinity.

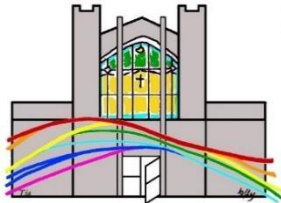
Sunday Morning Fellowship

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	\$ 24,652

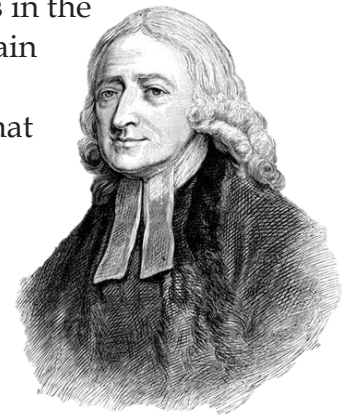
Birthdays

June

Clemons, Vanessa	12/08
Traughber, Pam	12/09
Bergman, Nancy	12/12
Gonzalez, Alyce	12/12
Taylor, Davis	12/16
Benson, Michael	12/18
Godfrey, Christina	12/18
Smith, Kathy	12/23
Mullin, John	12/25


John Wesley Quote

“It is hard to find words in the language of men to explain the deep things of God. Indeed, there are none that will adequately express what the children of God experience. But perhaps, one might say the testimony of the Spirit is an inward impression on the soul, whereby the Spirit of God directly witness to my spirit...”




~*The Witness of the Spirit (I)*

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

This week at the Habitat house the siding is going. Next the insulation should be installed in the walls. In the back yard the water and sewer hooked up will be made.



'Twas Christmas



The 'Twas Christmas' show has been an absolute joy! Be sure to come in tonight, (Dec. 8) or tomorrow to catch the next performance!

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

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.

Idaho Holiday Traditions




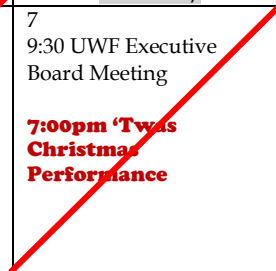

Most people believe that their state is unique, and Idaho is no different. We like to celebrate the winter holidays in some pretty interesting ways!

One of the most curious things we do is the annual "Potato Drop, in Boise," to call in the new year.

It is a free and charitable event that starts with snowboarding and music, then ends with the dropping of an 18ft long, 3,000-pound, resin potato.

Talk about unique!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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