

News update for February 1, 2024

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This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (February 1st)
- Friday** (February 2nd) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
 - 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
- Saturday** (February 3rd) *Office Closed*
- 2:30pm Pinewood Derby
- Sunday** (February 4th)
- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
 - 9:00am Sunday Worship
 - 10:30am Fellowship Soup brunch
 - 6:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (February 5th)
- 7:00pm N.A
- Tuesday** February 6th)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (February 7th)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
 - 6:30 pm Gather at the Table
 - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

Update:

February 14th is Ash Wednesday.
 We will be having a joint worship with St. Paul's United Methodist Church on that day.

Come see us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
 We livestream every service!

What is Lent, and What Should we do With it?

Starting with Ash Wednesday, February 14, we are going to be observing the season of Lent. "Lent" is an Old English word that roughly translates to Spring. The Lenten season extends for 40 days, from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter, which is March 31 this year.

Before you get out your calendars and start counting, know that we don't count the Sundays in this time period, because every Sunday is a little "Easter" celebration. Now go get your calendars and count up the days of Lent!

The season is forty days long because 40 is a special number in the Bible, representing "a long time." Noah's ark was floating for forty days, or "a long time." The Hebrews wandered in the wilderness for forty years. King David reigned for forty years. You get the idea. In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent forty days (a long time) in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. It is this forty-day period that we mimic through the season of Lent.

Traditionally this is a time of reflection, in which we spend "a long time" considering how we are living our lives in relationship with God and others. The season of Lent ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. In many Christian traditions people keep a 24-hour vigil, ending Easter morning, to really prepare themselves. (We aren't doing that.)

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, with a worship service at 7 pm at St. Paul's UMC. Rev. Don Yeager has graciously agreed to preside at this

service for us. It will be a meaningful way to set your sight on the coming season of Lent.

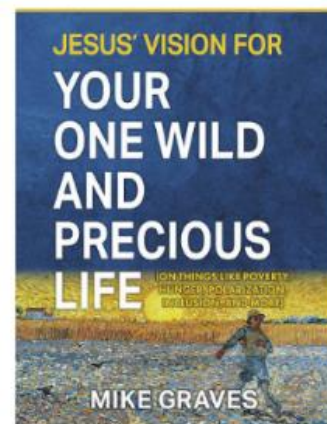
For our Sunday worship services during Lent, we will be guided by the book, "Jesus' Vision for your One Wild and Precious Life," by Mike Graves. In this book Rev. Graves reflects on the fact that we sometimes spend too much time thinking about the death of Jesus and not nearly enough time learning from the life of Jesus. Each Sunday in Lent the sermon will focus on a different chapter from this book. We will also be having a book study based on this book that will meet on Wednesdays, at 3 pm, at the Trinity UMC church beginning Feb. 14.

See more information about this book study in this newsletter.

I hope you will take this Lenten season to reflect on the gift from God of your one wild and precious life. What will you do with that life?

~Pastor Kathy

INDEPENDENT LENTEN STUDY
Everyone is welcome to participate.
Anyone interested in a book, see Melinda at
St. Paul's UMC



Chime Choir at Snake River Montessori

Trinity Congregation:

I just wanted to send you a picture of the Snake River Montessori chimes choir. They are extremely excited to be using the chimes and as you can tell by the photo, they are very appreciative. They all say, "Thank You".

I will send you some more photos during the rest of the school year.

Again, I want to share my appreciation to Trinity for allowing us to borrow the chimes for the remainder of the school year. It is certainly helping, and my students are loving it.

Charlotte Farrer – Music Director at Snake River Montessori School



UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet February 8th at 1:00 in the church parlor. We will be honoring our new members and celebrate our first meeting of 2024. All are welcome to attend. Marilyn Taylor and Kay Pottorff will be our hostesses. A big thank you goes to those who helped on UWF Sunday and especially to Jeanie Hughes for her talk about UWF and the deaconess program. See you all on the 8th!!!

Homeless Services

In November there were 131 homeless services supplied in the 17 days we were open. This represented services to 41 unique people. The services provided included 115 showers, 30 loads of laundry, and 15 requests for supplies. The supplies included 4 sleeping bags, pillows, socks and underwear, we also helped a client get a copy of his birth certificate. The clients ranged in age from 22 to 72 with an average age of 50. Time in the church varied from 2 min. to 111 minutes with an average of 34 minutes. 10 visitors were new clients for us. 58% have cellphones and 86% have valid ID

Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

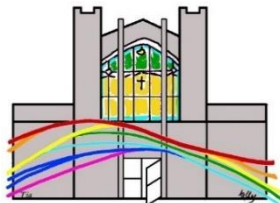
- **Every 1st Sunday: Soup Potluck**
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2nd Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3rd Sunday: Scout Brunch**
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

Chair of Admin Council;

Gene Summers
Joke2boy@Aol.com



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
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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 - December 31 30, 2023



Income	\$190,141
Expenses	<u>\$169,341</u>
Current net income	\$ 20,800

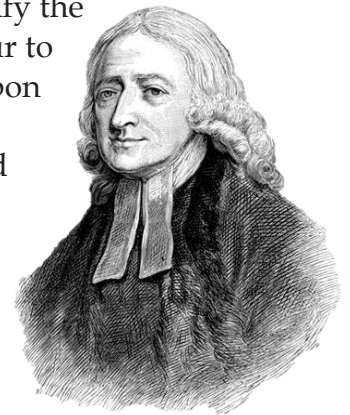
Birthdays

January

Esparza, Trudy	02/03
Burket, Judy	02/04
McClure, Ariana	02/04
Holaday, Steve	02/08
Rodriguez, Espy	02/08
Schaffer, Sheryl	02/08
Boirn, Roberta	02/09
Croson, Diane	02/11
Allison, Brian	01/12

John Wesley Quote

“Come, and let us magnify the Lord together, and labour to promote his kingdom upon earth. Ley us join hearts and hands in this blessed work, in striving to bring glory to God the highest, by establishing peace and goodwill among men, to the uttermost of our power.



~Sermon at the Foundation of City Road Chapel

What's Up at Trinity?

In the interest of keeping our circuit of churches well informed, I'm writing about the meeting the Trinity congregation had on Jan. 14. We met to discuss the future of the worshipping congregation. There were about 25 people in attendance, both in person and online.

I called the meeting to let the congregation know, that, in my experience, it seems as if the worshipping congregation has about two years of vital ministry left. My reasoning was based on two facts: the financial situation won't sustain our congregational ministries beyond that point, and we have too few people who can step into leadership roles at this time.

Acknowledging this situation actually frees the congregation to imagine what wonderful ministry they can do for the next two years. We talked about what aspects of our current ministry we really want to continue and enhance. There was a lot of desire to continue our ministry of hospitality to everyone who comes to Trinity for worship and other events. "Trinity feels like having a warm blanket placed on your shoulders," was a statement made. Now Trinity folks are looking at what they can do to enhance that feeling for everyone who walks through the doors of the church, both long time members and newcomers. We will find ways to make sure everyone knows that God loves them, whether they are there to worship, or to take a shower, or to listen to a concert.

It's important to know that the building itself is a ministry of sorts. During these two years we will be looking at ways to grow the ministries we already have that are building centered, like the ministry to people experiencing homelessness, and our hosting



of musical and theater groups and other community groups. We will also examine what new ministries might grow in our building. I'm hoping we will get some expert help from the Conference to do this analysis. We are going to dive into this part of our calling right away, though. As we divvy up the various parts of this work, please know that we hope St. Paul's folks will help out in the areas of their interest.

What does this mean for our Idaho Falls circuit? For the next two years we will continue to operate as a circuit, sharing a pastor and doing ministries together whenever possible. We've seen in the last seven months how fun this can be. We'll continue to dream together about the future of United Methodism in Idaho Falls. We will not be afraid of that future, but open minded and open hearted toward whatever and wherever God leads us. Pray for each other during this transition time and be kind toward one another. We are in this wonderful situation together, as God has always intended.

~Pastor Kathy

Looking Ahead

- **February 4** - 9 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **February 11** - 9 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **February 14** - 7 pm, Ash Wednesday, Joint service at St. Paul's,
- **February 18**, 9 am Worship lead by a lay person from St. Paul's
- **February 25**, 9 am Worship with Rev. Kathleen Weber. District Superintendent Crest to Coast Missional District

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