

News update for February 8, 2024

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Update:

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

This Week at Trinity

Thursday (February 8th)

Friday (February 9th) *Office Closed*

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

Saturday (February 10th) *Office Closed*

Sunday (February 11th)

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

Monday (February 12th)

- 7:00pm N.A

Tuesday February 13th)

- 7:00pm N.A.

Wednesday (February 14th) ***ASH WEDNESDAY***

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

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.

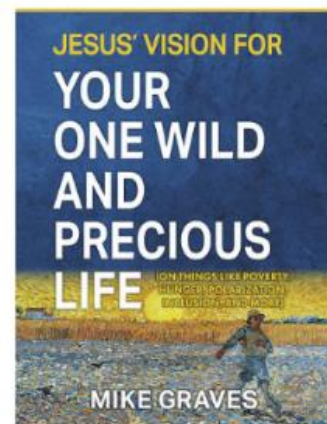
For our Sunday worship services during Lent, we will be guided by the book, "Jesus' Vision for your One Wild and Precious Life," by Mike Graves. In this book Rev. Graves reflects on the fact that we sometimes spend too much time thinking about the death of Jesus and not nearly enough time learning from 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



Charge Conference

Trinity will hold a Charge Conference for the purpose of determining the pastor's compensation for the coming year at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 21. This will be a blended meeting and you may come to Trinity in person or join by Zoom. Our normal Administrative Board meeting will follow.



Valentine Sweet Treat Sale

Come support the **Camp Kids Group** as they raise money to go to Sawtooth Church Camp

There will be a variety of sweet treats available following the 9:00 am Worship Service at Trinity on February 11, 2024. Take some home to enjoy or buy some for your Valentine.



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 December there were 97 homeless services supplied in the 12 days we were open. This represented services to 35 unique people. The services provided included 83 showers, and 24 loads of laundry. We also gave away some hygiene kits and provided pastoral counseling. The clients ranged in age from 10 to 72 with an average age of 47. Time in the church varied from 2 min. to 165 minutes with an average of 35 minutes. 2 visitors were new clients for us. 70% have cellphones and 90% 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@Aaol.com

Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

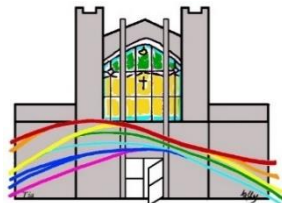
Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
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Chair of Trustee

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

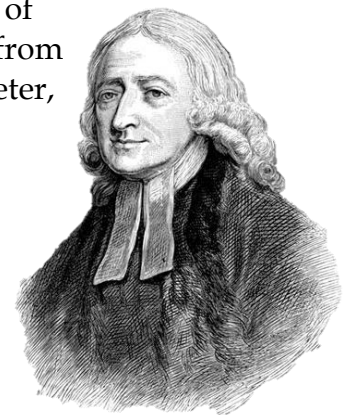
Birthdays

February

Steve Holaday	02/08
Crosen, Diane	02/11
Roger Haga	02/13
David Norris, Jr.	02/13
Savannah Jensen	02/14
Kristy Campbell	02/15
Ruth Byron	02/16
Ruth Oar	02/22
Hayden Bottcher	02/23
Tim French	02/23

John Wesley Quote

"How glorious the body of Christ is, we may guess from his transfiguration. St. Peter, when he saw this, when our Lord's face shone as the sun, and his raiment became shining and white as snow, was so transported with joy and admiration, that he knew not what he said."



~ *On the Resurrection of the Dead*
Sermon No. 137

Welcome Rev. Elizabeth!

Dear Family and Friends of Trinity and St. Paul's United Methodist Churches, Much sooner than we expected, Bishop Bridgeforth has appointed the Rev. Elizabeth McVicker to serve St. Paul's and Trinity UMCs at ¾ time beginning March

1. That's a mere 4 weeks away! I know how much we all love change, and this will give us plenty of time to practice thanking God for sending us challenging situations to grow our discipleship skills! Below you will find the official letter announcing the appointment. You will hear much more from the church leadership about ways we will make this transition a healthy and productive one for Rev. McVicker and our churches. I will be overlapping with Rev. McVicker for the first two weeks of March to help her get settled in. I look forward to serving y'all in February and early March. I see a party in our future to celebrate all the good work we have done!

Blessings, Pastor Kathy

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth announces the appointment of Rev. Elizabeth McVicker to Trinity & St. Paul's United Methodist Churches in Idaho Falls, Idaho, effective March 1, 2024, in a three-quarter time position.



Rev. McVicker is an ordained elder in the Mountain Sky Conference of The UMC.

Rev. Kathy Neary, will continue her part-time, interim ministry through the end of March. The GNW cabinet's commitment to provide leadership in Idaho Falls once each month will continue through May.



Looking Ahead

- **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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