

**News update for January 11, 2023**

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**Announcement**

**Announcement for Trinity UMC**

To the Trinity UMC family,  
 Grace and peace to you all.

We will be holding an all-church meeting for Trinity UMC next Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 pm in the parlor. Everyone who has an interest in the future of Trinity UMC is invited to attend.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify our options for continuing our ministry beyond July of this year. One option to be considered is to plan on the closure of our Trinity congregation in about two years, meaning we would end our ministry on June 30, 2026.

Other options will be considered if they are brought forward.

The two issues that have brought us to this point are that we have limited financial resources to continue beyond two years' time, and perhaps more importantly, we have a limited number of people willing and able to take on leadership roles that are vital to our being a functioning congregation. At the meeting we will look at options for our future. For any option that includes continuing the traditional ministry of the

**Update:**

**Trinity All Church Meeting**  
**Sunday 1/14/24 at 3 pm in the Parlor**  
**Come to discuss the future of the Trinity Mission in the future.**



worshipping community we must be clear about why we are continuing the ministry. We should know our purpose and act out of the desire to answer God's call to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. We will spend time at this meeting defining that purpose.

Decisions like these are difficult to make, but with God's help, we will find a way to be faithful to God's calling in our lives. Please consider joining us for the meeting on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 3 pm, in the parlor.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kathy

## Looking Ahead

- **January 14** - 9 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **January 21** - 9 am Worship with Nancy Stewart from Trinity
- **January 28** - 9 am Worship with Cascadia District Superintendent Tim Overton Harris
- **January 28** - 4 pm Workshop with Cascadia District Superintendent Tim Overton
- **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

## This Week at Trinity

**Thursday** (January 11th)

**Friday** (January 12th) *Office Closed*

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

**Saturday** (January 13th) *Office Closed*

**Sunday** (January 14th)

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

**Monday** (January 15th) *Office Closed*

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

- 7:00pm N.A.

**Tuesday** (January 16th)

- 7:00pm N.A.

**Wednesday** (January 17th)

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

## Farewell for Camille

On Sunday, January 14th, there will be a farewell reception for Camille Blackburn immediately after the 9:00 service. Camille has been our organist, pianist and musical director for many years and is now retiring and moving to Salt Lake City. Please take the time to thank her for her dedication and wish the best in her move. She will be greatly missed. If you are unable to attend, a farewell card could be sent to the church.

## Begin the New Year with a New Study Opportunity

YOU are invited to begin this New Year learning about Paul, a man who experienced a New Beginning in Christ.

We hope you join **us at St. Paul's** on this six-part journey.

Sunday afternoons 3-5 p.m. Study for men and women

January 21 – February 25

AND

Tuesday 1 p.m. Women's study Group

January 23 – February 27

“Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.”

If you would like to be part of either study group, please contact Connie Dobbins or Mary Bash for more information and to make sure books can be available for all participants. If you already have a book, please let us know that as well.

Bible Study Facilitators:

Connie Dobbins 208-589-9646  
conniedobbins.idaho@gmail.com

Mary Bash 208-360-4208  
cheetah1954@live.com

## 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.

## Church Leadership for 2024

Gene Summers has taken over the responsibility of Chair of the Administrative Council. He will also be our worship leader.

Sherry Newey is in training to take over SPRC Chair from Bev Kemp at the end of June.

**Your church leadership for 2024 includes:**

Admin Chair - Gene Summers

Trustee Chair – Don Rohde

Finance Chair – Scott Taylor (1/1 to 6/30)

SPRC Chair – Bev Kemp (1/1 to 6/30)

– Sherry Newey (7/1/24 )

Youth Ministries - Nancy Stewart

Endowment Chair - Kathy Borland

Christian Education - Betty Anderson

Lay Leader (Summer)- Tommy Lew

## A Thought From Don

I have been struggling with the future of Trinity. It is so easy to get lost in the weeds. There is the building, the windows, the organ, the tradition, the friends, and of course the mission work. All are very dear to my heart.

The question "Why are we here?" keeps coming up. Sometimes it feels like Trinity has evolved into a curator of an historical building and a social club. Both things that I truly enjoy and am proud to be part of.

Now it is being suggested that a church has a bigger purpose beyond the historical and social. A purpose that I signed on for at the baptismal font "to resist evil, injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves." It seems like in the fine print in the baptismal vows I promised God I would fight for social justice and not so much just be a curator or social director.

I hope that each of you finds your answer to "Why am I here?"

~Don Rodhe



## UWF News



United Women in Faith

There will be no Unit meeting in January. However, Sunday January 21st, is United Women In Faith Sunday. Please plan to attend and see what UWF is doing locally, nationally and internationally.

In December the Trinity UWF Unit gave the following gifts to our community:

\$200.00 to CASA, \$200.00 to FISH, \$200.00 to GED Program, \$200.00 to the IF Soup Kitchen, \$200.00 to Hospice of Eastern Idaho and from our special Christmas offering, \$175.00 to the Rise Up Crisis Center.

The Unit also gave \$2500.00 to UWF missions. The members should be proud of their efforts in giving. We look forward to a wonderful, prosperous New Year.

February will be our next Unit meeting with Membership Nurture and Outreach chairman Kathy Gaskell honoring the new members to the Unit. The hostesses will be Marilyn Taylor and Kay Portoff.

## Habitat House Progress

This week the Habitat crew worked on installing icicles and snow drifts on the house.

These are the sort of bespoke touches that make it truly an Idaho House.





## Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

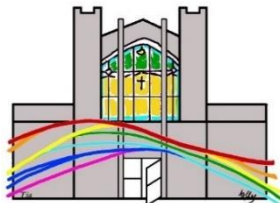
- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Soup Potluck**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Joke2boy@Aaol.com)



### Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149  
[bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

### Chair of Trustee

Don Rohde (860)810-3227-  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto: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

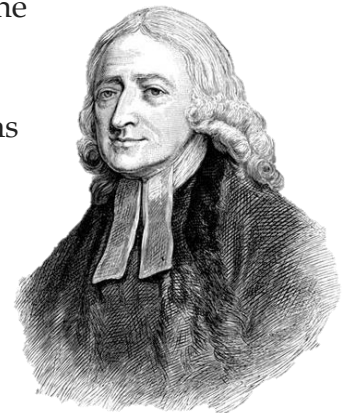
## Birthdays

### January

Harder, Kathy	01/12
Blank, Bethany	01/13
Cole, Angel	01/14
Wackerli, Steve	01/14
Simmons, Jane	01/16
Beckman, Jeannine	01/18
Carney, Kevin	01/19
Bailey, Donna	01/20
Bryan, Keenan	01/20

## John Wesley Quote

“How can it enter into the thoughts of man that the soul, which is capable of such immense perfections and of receiving new improvements to all eternity, shall fall away into nothing almost as soon as it was created? Are such abilities for no purpose?”



~*The Immortality of the soul*

## Profit and Loss

### Trinity Methodist Church of Idaho Falls

#### Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	Total
<b>Income</b>	
4000 Pledges & Regular Giving	106,835.16
4002 Loose Plate Giving	5,274.88
4005 Rent - Facility - Room Use	1,483.00
4006 Schaumleffel Foundation	9,900.00
4025 Estate Gifts	52,471.72
4100 Gain/Loss on Stock Held	10,236.32
4300 Parsonage Net Rental	
	3,940.00
<b>Income</b>	3,940.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$190,141.08</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$190,141.08</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>5000 WORSHIP</b>	
5040 Worship Supplies	675.48
5060 Copyright Licensing	530.93
5120 Honoraria	189.59
5150 Senior Pastor	
5151 Senior Pastor Salary	20,965.56
5152 Parsonage Utility allow.	3,249.96
5153 Senior Pastor Medical Inr.	7,200.00
5154 Sr Pastor Pension	4,843.14
5159 GNA - Pastor Payment	14,670.00
5160 Pastors Moving Expense	600.00
	<b>\$ 51,528.66</b>
<b>Total 5150 Senior Pastor</b>	<b>\$ 51,528.66</b>
<b>Total 5000 WORSHIP</b>	<b>\$ 52,924.66</b>
<b>6000 PROGRAM &amp; FELLOWSHIP</b>	
6030 Devotional Materials	246.75
6040 Sunday School Supplies	116.58
6050 Vacation Bible School	81.02
6110 Small Group Ministries	815.95
6130 Church Picnic	2,271.22
6150 Coffee Hour Supplies	82.55
	<b>\$ 3,614.07</b>
<b>Total 6000 PROGRAM &amp; FELLOW.</b>	<b>\$ 3,614.07</b>
<b>8000 BUILDING &amp; PROPERTY</b>	
8010 Custodial Supplies	1,143.08
8020 Church Maintenance &	
Rep.	8,910.32
8030 Utilities	5,964.42
8040 Natural Gas	7,857.41
8050 Property Insurance & Work	12,064.00
8051 Church Car and Insurance	1,021.83
8070 Repairs - Parsonage Maint.	4,990.90

**Total 8000 BUILDING & PROPERTY**

**\$ 41,951.96**

	Total
<b>9000 ADMINISTRATIVE OPS</b>	
9002 Wages - Staff Payroll	45,541.14
9010 Employer Payroll Tax	3,774.59
9020 Interest Expense	19.01
9030 Office Supplies	110.76
9040 Office Equipment	652.13
9050 Office Software	60.00
9070 Postage	236.40
9080 Copier Expense	1,345.19
9090 Paper	79.97
9110 Telephone & Internet	2,663.57
9121 Accounting	5,701.98
9130 Publicity & Advert.	310.09
9200 Conference Apport.	9,745.00
9500 Uncategorized	190.68
Bank Charges	154.40
Paypal Fees	265.22
Square Fees	0.13
	<b>\$ 419.75</b>
<b>Total 9000 ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$70,850.26</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$169,340.95</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,800.13</b>
<b>Other Income</b>	
4001 Designated -Internal	55,100.45
4012 Designated - Pass Thru	2,717.87
	<b>\$ 57,818.32</b>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 57,818.32</b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>	
9700 Pass Through - Internal	55,100.45
9701 Pass Through - External	2,717.87
	<b>\$ 57,818.32</b>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 57,818.32</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,800.13</b>

**Trinity Methodist Church of Idaho Falls  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2023**

	<u>Total</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 1,158.77
Total Credit Cards	\$ 130.74
Total Payroll Liabilities	\$ 1,407.15
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,696.66</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Angel Wing Tree	297.00
Art for All	130.19
Bereavement Committee	175.62
Camp Scholarships	983.04
Capital Reserves	11,925.62
Farkas Capital Improvement	
<b>Fund</b>	<b>3,653.67</b>
Parking Lot Repair	520.00
Security System	114.06
Stained Glass Repair	6,287.73
<b>Total Capital Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 22,501.08</b>
Chesbro Transfer	25.00
Christian Education	5,394.84
Compassionate Care Fund	16,169.59
Floral Tributes	22.00
Habitat for Humanity (EXT)	50.00
Handbell Choir	6,950.63
Memorials	11,076.37
Pastor's Moving Fund	5,199.84
Vacation Bible School	81.02
VIM - Honduras (EXT)	3,287.00
Youth Ministries	1,516.47
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 73,859.69</b>
Endowment Fund Equity	240,216.01
Retained Earnings	(\$11,152.38)
Trinity Restoration Fund	4,612.07
<b>Undesignated Funds</b>	
Jack Wallace Estate Gift	39,299.25
LM Fund	283.34
RF Fund	10,096.00
Schaumleffel Foundation	
<b>Annual</b>	<b>3,066.68</b>
<b>Total Undesignated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 52,745.27</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>20,800.13</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 381,080.79</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 383,777.45</b>

**Safe Sanctuary Training**

If you work with children or at-risk adults, you need to be trained on abuse awareness. You may also need to have a background check done. This includes all church staff, and volunteer leadership team.

As part of her new SPRC roll Sherry Newey has agreed to run our Safe Sanctuary program at Trinity. We are using a program called Ministry Safe that has online training with quizzes, tracks training completions and preforms background checks.

Sherry has identified and sent training links to 18 people at trinity that need Awareness training. If you have been assigned training, please take the time to complete the training.

The goal of the Safe Sanctuary program is to make Trinity a safe environment for children.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Finance meeting via Zoom  6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	11	12 Office Closed  9:00am PEO Meeting CM  7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	13 Office Closed
14-8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship -Farewell reception for <b>Camille Blackburn</b> 10:30am Fellowship potluck brunch 4:00pm All-Church Meeting 6:00pm N.A	15 Office Closed <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>  7:00pm N.A.	16  7:00pm N.A	17 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Admin. Council Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	18	19 Office Closed  7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	20 Office Closed
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