

News update for January 4, 2023

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (January 4th)
 • 9:30pm UWF Executive Board Meeting

Friday (January 5th) *Office Closed*
 • 7:00pm N.A.
 • 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.

Saturday (January 6th) *Office Closed*

Sunday (January 7th)
 • 8:30am Donuts and coffee
 • 9:00am Sunday Worship
 • 10:30am Fellowship Soup brunch
 • 6:00pm N.A.

Monday (January 8th)
 • 7:00pm N.A.

Tuesday (January 9th) *Office Closed*
 • 7:00pm N.A.

Wednesday (January 10th) *Office Closed*
 • 10:00am Upper Room Study
 • 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 • 7:30pm Scouts BSA

Nursery Services

IMPORTANT

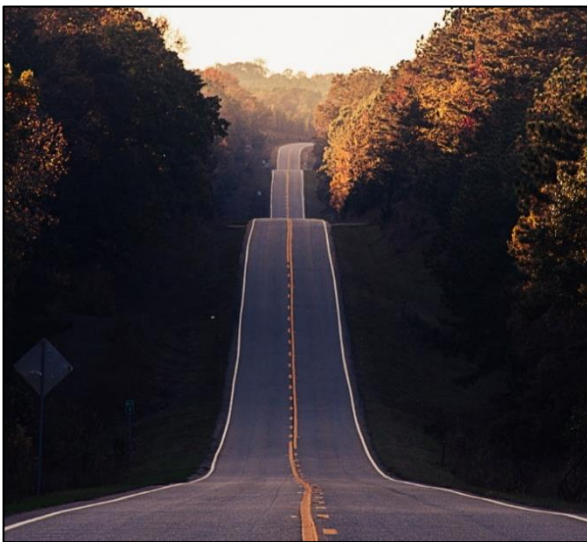
Trinity will no longer be able to provide nursery service during worship until:

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

- **January 7** - 9 am Worship with Don Yeager
- **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



Habitat for Humanity

The special offering taken at the Trinity's 11pm Christmas Eve worship was donated to Habitat for Humanity's Avenues for Hope campaign. We collected \$579 dollars which was matched by the Washington Federal Matching Grant program for a total impact of \$1,158 for the Petersen Place affordable housing community.

The Avenues for Hope campaign raised \$25,703 (85% of the goal) for the reconstruction of the Community Center at Petersen Place. The donations fully funded redoing the roof, and got a good head start on funding the siding as well!

Trinity has selected homelessness as one of its visions projects this year. In the past we have run different levels of homeless shelters and various homeless services. We now want to expand into preventing homelessness by working on the causes. Working with Habitat on affordable housing is a perfect fit for that. *~Don Rohde*



UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

Hi, all. There will be no unit meeting on the 11th of January.

New Year's Eve Day Party

The new Years Eve Day party was a remarkable success. There was food, fellowship and yes even a time ball drop. This was our 5th Sunday joint worship with St. Paul's.



Reading the Bible Again

I often get questions from folks about my interpretation of the Bible passages that we read in worship services. My interpretations of the texts sound unfamiliar and they wonder (or argue!) how I know what I know about the Bible. My interpretations are rooted in understanding the Bible as a collection of writings by people who were trying to put into words their experiences of God. These writings are sacred to us, because they can lead us to have our own experiences of God's presence in our lives. That is why we take the Bible seriously and use our interpretations to shape our church communities. This approach is different than reading the Bible as a historical or scientific text that literally is written by God or God's chosen scribes. In the Methodist tradition we do not read the Bible seeking historical or scientific fact, but we do read the Bible seeking to deepen our relationship with God. We take the Bible seriously, not literally.

A really good book that can introduce you to some of these ideas about reading the Bible is by Marcus J. Borg. The book is "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time." This book is best read with a few friends so you can support each other as you discuss the many parts that might be challenging. It is available from Amazon (of course!). Grab some good friends, discuss the book, and enjoy the journey to new thoughts! I'd love to hear what new insights you might have.

~Pastor Kathy Neary

Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

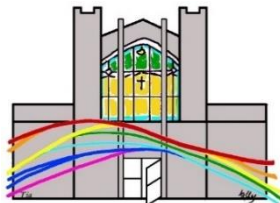
- **Every 1st Sunday: Soup Potluck**
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3rd Sunday: Scout Brunch**
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4th Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite dish

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

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-
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Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - December 31 30, 2023



Income	\$189,975
Expenses	<u>\$169,336</u>
Current net income	\$ 20,639

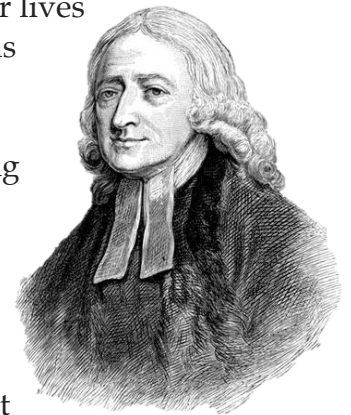
Birthdays

June

Bean, Mike	01/01
Goodrich, Eryx	01/01
Knapp, Nina	01/03
Griffith, Roslyn	01/04
Kennedy, Sharon	01/06
Sene, Cameron	01/06
Burr, Tom	01/08
Harder, Kathy	01/12
Blank, Bethany	01/13

John Wesley Quote

“You were never in your lives in so critical a situation as you are at this time. It is your part to be peacemakers, to be loving and tender to all, but to addict yourselves to no party...See that you act in full union with each other; this is of the utmost consequence. Not only let there be no bitterness or anger but no shyness or coldness between you.”



~To the Preachers in America, 1775

Hand Bell Legacy



Corbin Rasmussen, who was our last handbell director, has been very successful with his handbell program at Rigby high school. He was appointed to the chair of the Idaho section of the Handbell Musicians of America. He worked with Jonathan Rose, the Choir Director at Hillcrest High School to develop a partnership with Trinity to loan one octave of handbells to Hillcrest Highschool to get their handbell program started. That program has already doubled in size and is now looking for a second octave of bells.



At the same time Charlotte Farrer from the Snake River Montessori found her 7-year-old chime program doubling in size and was in search of an additional octave of chimes. Trinity was able to partner with

them and provide a loan of chimes to allow the 16 children to have an expanded choir.

Corbin’s dream is to inspire enough high school handbell choirs in Southeastern Idaho to be able to have handbell completions and joint performances.

The overwhelming feeling of the Trinity handbell choir members is to get the bells and chimes out there to inspire the next generation of handbell players. The bells and chimes are on loan and are scheduled to be returned at the end of the school year in May of 2024.

Don Rohde – Trustee Chair

Vision of the Future Revealed



The vision comes in three parts. First there are the sustainers (formerly called the saints). This vision is based around supporting and fulfilling the long-time members of the church. The next two are for the Innovators looking to get outside the church into the community. Because we have two buildings with different neighborhoods, we have two Innovator Visions. Keep in mind that everyone in both congregations is invited and welcome to participate in any or all of the visions.

These visions will serve the purpose of focusing the energies of the congregations and being a communication tool to assist DS Karen in her search for the perfect new minister(s) to support the churches starting next summer.

The final versions of the vision will be presented to DS Karen in early January. Each vision has a scribe with an email address where you can send your comments.

Vision 1 - Sustainers (inside the church)

The sustainers of our churches are the people who have served God with faith and love through the traditional ministries of our congregations. We wish to support and encourage the growth of these ministries so that all might come to know Christ through our work.

Our vision is to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ through ministries of care, discipleship growth, fellowship and fun, and service. We will develop ministries in these areas for our congregations, openly expanding these ministries beyond the walls of our churches.

The four areas of ministry (care, discipleship growth, fellowship and fun, and service,) are in answer to God's two great commandments: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Matt. 22:37-39 NRSV

Our ministries shall inclusively serve all people with open hearts, open minds and open doors. "All" means people of all races and all ethnicities, all physical and mental, emotional challenges, all learning styles, all economic conditions, and all gender expressions. All means all.

We are dedicated to the creation of fun, loving and more importantly, safe fellowship events and safe sanctuaries for all people. We hope to help people experience the love of Christ through all our activities.

Vision: *Examples of ministries we will begin, continue, support and grow are:*

Care: We will develop a *Care Ministry Team* to connect with sustainers in our churches, retirement centers, in the hospitals/rehab, and in their homes. We will offer such services as spiritual care, communion, transportation or just a compassionate heart to listen, comfort and provide a little laughter and joy.

Discipleship growth: We will offer a variety of educational and spiritual growth opportunities for members of all ages both on Sundays and during the week. Sunday school, study groups, Bible studies, prayer groups and Vacation Bible School will be offered.

We will open our churches to offer lay leadership classes, Spanish classes, English as a Second Language classes and provide needed tutoring when requested.

We will continue to offer our *Women's Ministries* that includes United Women in Faith (Trinity) and Women's Outreach Group (St. Paul's) These two sustainers' groups are open to *all*.

We will provide opportunities to serve within the worship services in both churches. These opportunities include serving as worship leaders, lay leaders, lay speakers, Deaconesses, Home Missioners, liturgists, acolytes, communion servers, ushers, choir members, and Praise Band members.

We will develop and present creative worship that helps all participants to

encounter the love of God and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We will improve and grow our connection with our online worshipers and be mindful of their attendance with us as they worship online.

Fellowship and fun: We will provide safe, welcoming, and inclusive fellowship for all.

We will offer opportunities to create relationships and connections to strengthen our community. We will provide such activities as potlucks, dinners, tea parties, fund raisers, concerts, movie and game nights. We will support our Men's Groups, Ladies Lunch Groups and Soup for Souls. We will encourage and support our church members to express and use their talents. We will create an atmosphere of inclusion for people to express needs, wants and ideas for new activities and to welcome assistants/participants during our activities.

Service: We will provide opportunities for our people to serve others within our churches and community. Such as taking food to our ill congregants, ensuring we have a mailing list to mail notices to those without internet ability and providing materials and information bilingually.

We proudly serve our church families and our communities, extending ourselves wherever and whenever we are called. We will be open to God's leading us to expand our ministries to our wider community as we listen and learn about their needs.

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Vision 2 Innovators – Supporting Children Supporting Children and Their Care Givers in the Foster Care System

Through the Holy Spirit and direction from our Lord, Jesus Christ, the IFCMC is focusing its Vision on the care and welfare of foster children in our community. We will focus on partnering with groups that support the foster care system to enrich both the church members' and the caretakers' spiritual growth.

This vision will lead us to two main areas of service:

1. Addressing food insecurity for children: We will partner with existing community programs to fight child hunger. Bonneville County in 2020 had a food insecure population that was 8 percent of the population and numbered 9,450. Food insecure children made up 9 percent of all children under age 18 and numbered 3,400.(1) Even though these numbers are an improvement over previous years, the vision team believes that this issue must be addressed because no one should have to go hungry. There are several organizations in the community that are directly involved with food insecure children.
2. Supporting and advocating for children in crisis as they participate in the foster care system: We will partner with existing agencies to strengthen and improve the foster care system in Bonneville County. From October 2022 through September 2023 there were 228 children served by Foster Care in Bonneville County. The biggest issues in foster care are the shortage of homes that are available for temporary or permanent housing, support for the existing CASA program, and the support and care for foster children who "age out" of the system. The

needs of the foster care system are addressed by several parties including state social workers, local police officers, and court appointed advocates (CASA) for the children. We will partner with these entities by offering to: assist in helping with our organizational skills in advertising or educating others to become foster families, show others how to become an advocate for a foster child, deal with transportation issues, and offering support for those who have daily contact with foster children and foster families. With God's help we will carefully listen to these partners to discover other avenues of support. Privacy laws prohibit some activities, but we hope to offer the support necessary to assist those helping foster children.

- (1) University of Idaho Extension Office
- (2) East Idaho News 11/29/2021

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Vision 3 - People Experiencing Homelessness

Ministry with People Experiencing Homelessness in Idaho Falls

Our vision for this ministry is inspired by the "Go and Do Likewise" theme of the 2023 Oregon-Idaho annual conference that centered around the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:30-37. In this passage, Jesus invites his disciples to make a difference in their communities by "going and do likewise." We feel called to do the same in our church context with people experiencing homelessness in Idaho Falls.

Our Homeless Vision Statement:

Sharing God's Love with persons experiencing homelessness in Idaho Falls to assist them in developing a better life

through continuing the homeless services program, expanding homeless services offered, coordinating with other local homeless services resources, and resolving the root cause of homelessness in Idaho Falls.

1. We currently provide showers, laundry, documentation, sleeping bags, and light counseling services.
2. We would like to expand our ministries to include providing Food, Shelter, Medicaid signups, Acute Medical care, Medication, Fuel for heat, Drug and alcohol treatment signups, and Personal safety from Domestic abuse.
3. We will partner with other providers to expand our ministries without creating redundant efforts and to make people aware of the community-wide services.
4. We would also like to address the causes of homelessness by: Providing Low-income housing, Supporting Job services, encouraging education & Job training, supporting living wage efforts, Preventing Domestic abuse, encouraging Alcohol and Drug abuse programs, providing a safety net for financial disasters and basic training in Financial Literacy & Budgeting.

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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.

Habitat House Progress

The siding is going up on the west side of the house.



The concrete parking pad walkway and rear steps are poured and curing under the orange blankets. The gravel driveway is in place.



In the front the new sidewalk and front steps are poured and curing under the orange blankets. The blankets should be able to come off by Friday.



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