

News update for June 15, 2023

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Trinity Homeless Services

Homeless Services are available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services that are authorized by Rev. Ruth.

This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (June 15th)
- Friday** (June 16th)
- 7:00pm N.A
- Saturday** (June 17th)
- Sunday** (June 18th) **Ruth’s Last Sunday**
- 9:30am Donuts and coffee
 - 10:10am Worship in the Sanctuary
 - 11:30am Scout brunch
 - 6:00pm N.A
- Monday** (June 19th)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Tuesday** (June 20th)
- 6:30pm Administrative Council Meeting
 - 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (June 21st)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
 - 6:30pm Gather at the Table
 - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

!FAREWELL FOR PASTOR RUTH!

Make sure to come to worship on Sunday, June 18, to wish Pastor Ruth a fond farewell for all her service here at Trinity.

Worship Plans for 6/18

Theme: God's Plans

Sermon: "When in Doubt; Laugh"

Focus Scripture: (Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7)

YHWH appeared to Abraham by the oak grove of Mamre, while Abraham sat at the entrance of the tent in the heat of the day. Looking up, Abraham saw three travelers standing nearby. When he saw them, Abraham ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by our tent. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves beneath this tree. As you have come to your faithful one, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves. Afterward, you may go on your way."

"Very well" they replied, "Do as you have said."

Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick – take a bushel of fine flour, knead it into loaves of bread." Abraham then ran to the herd, selected a choice and tender calf, and sent a worker hurrying to prepare it. Then he took cheese and milk and the calf which had prepared and placed it before the travelers; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

"Where is Sarah?" they asked.

"There, in the tent" Abraham replied.

One of them said, "I will surely return to you this time next year, and Sarah will then have a child." Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent just behind them.

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well on in years, and Sarah no longer had her periods. So Sarah laughed to herself and

said, "Now that I am so old, and my husband even older, is pleasure to come my way again?"

YHWH said to Abraham, "Why does Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really deliver a child, at my age?' Is anything too extraordinary for God to do? At the appointed time, at this time next year, and Sarah will have a child." Sarah was afraid, and said, "I did not laugh."

God said, "Oh, but you did indeed laugh!" YHWAH was gracious to Sarah as it had been foretold, and did what had been promised. Sarah conceived and gave birth to a child for Abraham, who was now in old age, at the very time God had promised. They named the child Isaac and Abraham circumcised the child Isaac when he was eight days old, according to God's command. Abraham was a hundred years old when Sarah gave birth to Isaac, "Laughter," for Sarah said, "for now, God has given me laughter, and all who hear of this will laugh with me."

She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would suckle children? Yet I have given Abraham a child in his old age."

Last Week's Sermon 6/11

Theme for the day: Musings on Faith
Sermon: "Faith"

Focus Scripture: (Genesis 12:1-9)

Lord, hear my prayer.

The American Heritage College Dictionary defines faith as a noun with several meanings, the fourth definition is: Theological Faith – the theological virtue defined as secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God's will. The dictionary's

first definition of faith is “Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, an idea, or a thing.” The definition of



confidence – a feeling of assurance, especially self- assurance. Assurance is defined as “freedom from doubt; self-confidence.

In my experience, when I think I’m operating on faith, I believe I’m operating on the definition of self-assurance, confidence in my own and my groups’ ability to get things done. See a problem, define the problem, massage the problem then invent and apply solutions to solve. Based on faith in my ability to process and get things done.

This is the image I have in my imagination of what it will look like if God speaks to me. God, appearing in a brilliant light, aligned as if coming directly from the sun, particles surrounding the intensely white center, as if still consolidating, or perhaps dissipating. At the center a more focused group of particles,



a narrow band of light but deep, multi-dimensional, such that one knows that God is present, and the voice one hears is God’s.

In the Genesis scriptures, Abram did exactly as God asked “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.” Abram acted unquestioningly on faith, the secure belief in God and acceptance of God’s will kind of faith. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, states that the promise to Abraham “did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.” He wrote, “For this reason it depends on faith ... No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God.”

I’d like to illustrate my example of faith, operating with self-assurance and self-confidence.

I’ve been able to approach and summit many of the peaks that surround our area over the past 37 years. In particular, Mt. Borah, whose summit rises 12,669 feet above sea level and is the highest point within the boundaries of the State of Idaho. Climbing Mt. Borah is a test of endurance, strength, agility and



balance. It is a steep hike, rising about 6,000 feet in little over 4 miles. Mt. Borah has a distinguishing feature called “Chicken Out Ridge”. Chicken Out Ridge is a 300 foot long, narrow, knife-edged col appearing just before the main ridge crest. Crossing Chicken Out Ridge is a challenge, mainly of balance and continued, confident movement. The eastern end of Chicken Out Ridge is a more explicit challenge of faith. To descend this 20 foot high wall, one must turn their back to the cliff and step down from a known position of solidity to an unknown placement of feet.

I invite you if you are willing and able to



experiment with the faith required to make this move.

If you are willing to experiment in your imagination, I ask that you grasp the back of the pew in front of you and hold on throughout this exercise. Now, in your imagination, look down at the 20 foot cliff and wall that you must descend. In your imagination, firmly grasping the pew back, rotate your body 180 degrees so you are facing away from this cliff. Evaluate and decide how you will use your feet, which foot will remain at the top of the ridge, your support foot, and which will be your search foot.

In your imagination, while hanging onto the pew in front of you, plant your support foot

firmly on the ground, and move your search foot behind you to search for solid foothold, either a small lip of rock that you can stand on with the edge or toe of your boot, or by schmearing the sole of your boot to grasp purchase from the rock. In your imagination, secure your search foot as your new support foot by placing it firmly on the floor. Bring your original plant foot down, and maybe make it your search foot for the second step down. It gets easier, once over the first few moves you can see where the footholds are and more confidently step down off of Chicken Out Ridge.

When I remembered my climbs of Mt. Borah,



I always viewed the move across Chicken Out Ridge and the blind descent as an act of faith, self-confidently, to accomplish the moves. When I've reconsidered in the past weeks preparing to speak, I'm beginning to think that the climb was accomplished at the intersection of both kinds of faith, faith in God's will, and faith in my ability to complete the task.

The congregations and leadership of Trinity and St. Paul United Methodist churches, with the support of the Bishop, Cedrick Bridgeforth, are beginning a new faith journey in a matter of weeks. Trinity and St. Paul's will be sharing an interim pastor, Rev. Kathy Neary, for 2 Sunday's a month. A third

worship will be led by a guest worship leader from the cabinet of the Greater Northwest Area, and lay and other worship leaders to be determined will lead the fourth Sunday worship.



This is an experiment with this desired outcome – to discern “What does United Methodism look like in Idaho Falls, Idaho starting in mid-2024 and beyond? This next year will be a test of faith in many dimensions: the theological virtue defined as secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God’s will, as well as the confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, an idea, or a thing. The intersection of faith – listening and discerning God’s will, and taking action with our minds, bodies and spirit to accomplish unknown tasks, will be exercised as we proceed on this journey. I invite you if you are willing and able to experiment with the faith required to make this journey over the next year.

Amen.

Walk to End Alzheimer’s

The Alzheimer’s walk will be held on Saturday, September 23th. The Trinity team “**Memory Methodists**” is participating in the 2023 walk. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to fight Alzheimer’s.

To join the Trinity team sign on to: https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=16521&pg=entry

Register for:

[Memory Methodists](#)

Team Captain: Don Rohde



Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 – May 31, 2023



Income	\$50,876
Expenses	<u>\$77,163</u>
Current deficit	<\$26,286>

John Wesley Quote

“Though we may not think alike, may we love alike?”

Every wise man will allow others the same liberty of thinking which he desires they should allow him, and will no more insist on their embracing his opinions, than he would have them to insist on his embracing theirs.”



~ A Catholic Spirit

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

Birthdays

June

Driskell, Lorraine	06/15
Jensen, Alexi	06/15
Pace, Joni	06/15
Krivanek, Sandee	06/17
Croson, Matthew	06/18
Allison, Chris	06/20
Denning, Gaylen	06/20
Davenport, Collin	06/21

Trinity Scholarships

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Two scholarships are available:

1. The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000

2. Chesbro Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music

The Pete Isaksen Scholarship is not available. The funds have all been awarded. Many students benefitted from his generosity and we are so thankful!

Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 15, 2023. Completed application packages need to be type written and e-mailed to TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com

Scholarship applications are available on the church website at www.tumcif.org or by contacting the church office or Kathy Borland. The application has been updated as a "Form" document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at kaborland28@gmail.com



UWF NEWS



United Women in Faith

Summer is finally here. Just a reminder about MissionU July 14-15 in the library at Trinity. Please be there before 9. Sessions go until 2:30. You will need to bring your lunch. The theme is the Lord’s Prayer. No unit meeting in June or July. There will be an ice cream social in August. Have a safe and fun summer



New Sunday Worship Time

Starting Sunday July 2 Trinity will start the worship service at 9:00. This is reminiscent of the Summer hours we use to have long ago. This change is necessary so the Rev. Kathy will be able to travel to St Paul’s and conduct their service which will start at 11:00 am.

**Starting July 2
Sunday Service
Starts at 9 am**



Summer VBS Bible Camp

This year we are participating in the Summer Bible Camp at St Paul’s UMC. This invitation is extended to other churches also as the world restarts after Covid.

Dates: June 26-29 9am - Noon



Babylon lets kids experience Old World Babylon with all of its exotic sights and smells, and learn they are not much different than Daniel and his friends.

Each day at Babylon VBS, kids explore and experience their daily bible point in creative ways. Daily bible content is woven in with captivating music and old world inspired decorating.

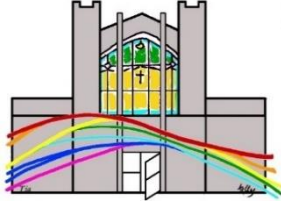
At Babylon VBS, God's Word comes alive through engaging interaction with Bible history.

“Daniel answered, “Long live the king! 22 My God sent his angel to shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty.”



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

Homeless Services

In May there were 113 homeless services supplied in the 19 days we were open. This represented services to 41 unique persons. The clients ranged in age from 18 to 73 with an average age of 41.6. The services provided included 97 showers, 17 loads of laundry, and 7 requests for supplies. The supplies included hygiene kits, socks, underwear, gas and photocopying. 16 visitors were new clients for us. 53% have cellphones and 90% had valid ID.



Farewell For Pastor Ruth

Following worship on this Sunday, May 18, we will be celebrating Ruth’s nine years of service at Trinity.

David will be back in town so we can bid him farewell as well. The Scouts will be preparing breakfast and then we will reminisce and send them off with love and gratitude.

Please call me with any questions you may have. *Bev Kemp - 208-569-6149*



Furnishings for Rev. Kathy

In conjunction with St. Paul’s UMC we are furnishing their parsonage for the use of Rev. Kathy during her tenure here. It will also be used by visiting members of the cabinet. Do you have single beds that you no longer need? Please call the church if you can help.



Sawtooth Methodist Camp



UNITED METHODIST &
EPISCOPAL CHURCH CAMPING PROGRAM

Calling all children and youths age 3rd to 12th graders in Eastern Idaho. Past, present, and future campers.

BENEFITS: Camp provides spiritual and emotional formation for your children. It helps kids make friends and build connections across the area. Camp is a safe place with plenty of unconditional love.

Did we mention Fun! Adventure,
Nature, Friends?

MISSION: We are people dedicated to creating sacred spaces of Christian hospitality and learning. We offer these spaces so that people may...

- Experience God's love
- Engage with creation
- Develop loving interdependence with each other and the Earth
- Act with justice* in the world (*justice is what love looks like in public)

LOCATION: Sawtooth Camp is remotely located in an alpine valley 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho, on the North Fork of the Boise River. This picturesque camp is a blend of mountains, meadows and a winding river that offers a wide range of wilderness experiences.

COST: The cost is \$475 per person. There is a \$50 nonrefundable registration fee payable at registration. We encourage families to

provide the registration fee and whatever additional money they can pay. Discounts and scholarships are available and provided by local churches or the conference. Our goal is to see that all students that wish to go to camp can participate. We urge each congregation to donate to a camp fund and fundraise to cover costs. For more information about scholarships contact Betty Anderson at bettyellenba@gmail.com






SCHEDULE:

Elementary	Completed Grades 3 rd -6 th
	7/09/2023 - 7/15/2023
Junior High Camp	Completed Grades 6 th -8 th
	7/23/2023 - 7/29/2023
Senior High Camp	Completed Grades 9 th - 12 th
	7/16/2023 - 7/22/2023

REGISTRATION: Register on-line at gocamping.org or call Holly Dolan Camping Registrar at 503-802-9214 for more information. If you register for camp, please also contact Betty Anderson so we can coordinate transportation to and from camp. We encourage parents to assist with transportation.

INFORMATION: Eastern Idaho Campers contact Betty Anderson call or text at 208-521-3039 or email bettyellenba@gmail.com You can also leave a message with the Trinity church office at 208-522-7921.

ACCREDITATION: Sawtooth Camp is Accredited by the American Camp Association. Camp and Retreat Ministries, who owns and runs the camp is a partnership between the United Methodist Church of Oregon and Idaho and the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church. Todd Bartlett, Executive Director of Oregon Idaho Camp and Retreat Ministry can be reached at (503) 802-9211.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			14 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	15 6:00pm Annual Conference Closing Session via Zoom	16 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	17 Office Closed
18 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Scout Brunch 6:00pm N.A Ruth's last Sunday at Trinity	19 7:00pm N.A.	20 6:30pm Admin. Council Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm N.A.	21 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	22 7:00pm N.A	23 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	24 Office Closed
25 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Brunch 6:00pm N.A	26 7:00pm N.A.	27 7:00pm N.A.	28 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	29 7:00pm N.A	30 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A	1 Office Closed 
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9 8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Potluck Brunch 6:00pm N.A	10 10:00am F.I.S.H. Meeting 7:00pm N.A.	11 6:30pm Trustee Meeting 7:00pm PEO BG 7:00pm N.A	12 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Finance Meeting 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	13 7:00pm N.A	14 Office Closed 9:00am-3:00pm UWF Mission U 7:00pm N.A	15 Office Closed 9:00am -3:00pm UWF Mission U 