

News update for May 11, 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** (May 11th)
 1:00pm UWF meeting
- Friday** (May 12th)
 • 7:00pm N.A
- Saturday** (May 13th)
 • 12:00-5:00pm JACL meeting
- Sunday** (May 14th)
 • 9:30-10:10am Donuts and coffee
 • 10:10-11:10am Worship in the Sanctuary
 • 11:30am Fellowship Potluck Brunch
 • 2:00pm Confirmation Class
 • 6:00pm N.A
- Monday** (May 15th)
 • 7:00pm N.A
- Tuesday** (May 16th)
 • 6:30pm Administrative Council Meeting
 • 7:00pm N.A
- Wednesday** (May 17th)
 • 10:00am Upper Room book study
 • 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom
 • 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack meeting
 • 7:30pm Scouts BSA

! VBS with a new name !

This year St. Paul’s United Methodist Church is hosting a children’s summer bible camp!*

*More info on page 6

Worship Plans for 5/14

Theme: Knowing God
 Sermon: "At Home in God"
 Focus Scripture (Acts 17:22-31)

Athenians, as I have walked your streets, I have observed your strong and diverse religious ethos. You truly are a religious people. I have stopped again and again to examine carefully the religious statues and inscriptions that fill your city. On one such altar, I read this inscription: "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD." I am not here to tell you about a strange foreign deity, but about this One whom you already worship, though without full knowledge. This is the God who made the universe and all it contains, the God who is the King of all heaven and all earth. It would be illogical to assume that a God of this magnitude could possibly be contained in any man-made structure, no matter how majestic. Nor would it be logical to think that this God would need human beings to provide Him with food and shelter – after all, He Himself would have given to humans everything they need – life, breath, food, shelter, and so on.

This God made us in all our diversity from one original person, allowing each culture to have its own time to develop, giving each its own place to live and thrive in its distinct ways. His purpose in all this was that people of every culture and religion would search for this ultimate God, grope for Him in the darkness, as it were, hoping to find Him. Yet, in truth, God is not far from any of us. For you know the saying, "We live in God; we move in God; we exist in God." And still another said, "We are indeed God's children." Since this is true, since we are indeed offspring of God's creative act, we shouldn't think of the Deity as our own artifact, something made by our own hands – as if this great, universal, ultimate Creator were simply a combination of elements like gold, silver, and stone. No, God has patiently tolerated this kind of ignorance in the past, but now God says it is

time to rethink our lives and reject these unenlightened assumptions. God has fixed a day of accountability, when the whole world will be justly evaluated by a new, higher standard: not by a statue, but by a living man. God selected this man and made Him credible to all by raising Him from the dead..

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Last Week's Sermon 5/7

Theme for the day: The Guide
 Sermon: "Great Spirit's Pathway"
 Focus Scripture: (John 14:1-7)

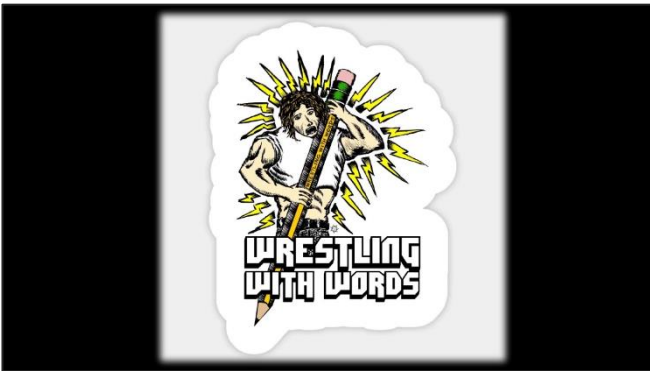


Last week we heard how Jesus is the Good Shepherd who skillfully guides the sheep, and how Jesus is also the gate which enables the sheep to come and go from the safety of the corral to lush pastures that offer abundant life, and then back to safety. Today, we hear how Jesus is the very road that we, the sheep of God's fold, must travel to enter into the heart of our Creator.



As Jesus talks to the disciples in this morning's Gospel lesson, he prepares them for the reality that he will be "moving on" soon, to live in Great Spirit's Lodge. God's home is spacious enough that Jesus can go prepare a mansion for each of them. Although the disciples struggle to wrap their brains around Jesus' imminent departure, Peter is flummoxed by being told that they know the way to get to their eternal home with the Lord.

Peter, I get you... I want a map!
David is moving this week and I will be moving in about 6 weeks, so figuring out how to get from one place to another is pretty high on my mind. Can we possibly get everything packed and all of the open tasks completed?



However, there are even more troubling words to be found in this passage than Jesus thinking we can do the impossible. Let me read them to you in a little bit more familiar translation of the Gospel of John: Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

These are words that we must wrestle with as people of love and faith and peace and justice in the world we find ourselves in. Before it feels as if you have been pinned to the mat, remember that Jesus did not address these words to the Hindus or the Muslims or even to those Jews who did not believe in him.



those of us who were *already* his followers and who were confused about what to believe. "I am the truth. Believe in me." He addressed them to those of us who were *already* his followers and who were fearful for the future. "I am the life. Come live in union with me."



It is not our job to discern whether or not faithful Buddhism offers a genuine way to life in God. It is our job to live faithfully the way we have been called to follow. And faithfully taking the Way of Jesus is done by following Jesus, not by worrying about where the edges of the path might be. Faithful following the way of Jesus will not make us hostile to people of other faiths or no faith, but it will make us distinctly and boldly different from them.

We who have chosen the Jesus Way must follow his lead to God. We must let Jesus be our guide. A guide can help us get from place to place (think tour guide) or we might choose to have a mentor who is our guide to navigate life. In today's scripture lesson from the First Nations Version had we read further, we would have been invited to follow our Divine Guide, Jesus, on Great Spirit's Good Road. What a great description of the Kingdom of God and the life journey that Jesus is ready to show us.

Amen.

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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

John Wesley Quote

“This, then, have I learned in the ends of the earth, that I am fallen short of the glory of God...

If it be said that I have faith...so the apostles had even at Cana in Galilee. When Jesus first manifested forth his glory; even then they, in a sort, believed in him, but they had not then the faith that overcometh the world. The faith I want is a sure trust and confidence in God, that, through the merits of Christ, my sins are forgiven, and I reconciled to the favour of God.

~ Journal, 29th January 1738



Birthdays

May

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Edwards, Patti | 05/11 |
| Miller, Debbie | 05/11 |
| Nelson, Logan | 05/11 |
| Kiefner, Edward | 05/12 |
| O'Brien, Cheryl | 05/12 |
| Mickelson, Pauline | 05/14 |
| Siedelmann, Bob | 05/14 |
| Tuckett, Danielle | 05/16 |
| Borland, Mark | 05/20 |
| Haas, Jennifer | 05/21 |
| McCray, Les | 05/21 |

Meetup With Jesus

This set of “Meetup With Jesus” gatherings experienced foods that played a role in Biblical times. Help us dream about what the next set of “Meetup With Jesus” will be later in June!



David making rosemary roasted potatoes



Always time for a group hug

Financial Statements

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



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| Income | \$41,223 |
| Expenses | <u>\$62,428</u> |
| Current deficit | <-\$21,205> |



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

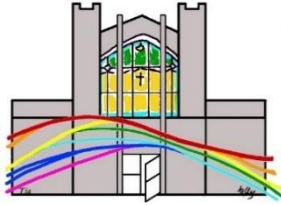
Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
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Chair of Finance

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Homeless Services

In April, 71 people received services in the 16 days we were open. This represents 31 unique individuals whose ages range from 18 to 70 with an average of 47. The average time in the church was 52 min with a range of 1 min to 5 hours. 9 people registered as first-time visitors. The services included 57 showers, 16 loads of laundry, 12 supplies which included drinking water, sleeping bag, 3 pair of socks, and 2 hygiene kits. 14 people use the mailbox service. 72% of the visitors had valid ID cards and 63% had a phone.



Donation Drive

It's May, so we're holding a donation drive for the Humanitarian Centre of Idaho Falls.

Below are some items that they are in great need of currently. If you have any of these items, feel free to come by the church and drop them off, and we'll make sure they get to the right people.

The main thing they are in need of now is all-purpose cleaner.* Dollar Tree cleaner is perfect for their needs, and is very cheap. Some other items they could use are:

- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Shampoo
- All-Purpose Cleaner*
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Disposable Women's Razors 5 each
- Large Quilts
- Disposable Men's Razors 5 each
- Twin Quilts
- Shave Cream
- Diapers all Sizes
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels 1

Anything helps, and we would be very grateful for your donations. See if there's anything that you'd like to donate!



UWF NEWS



United Women in Faith

Hi, everyone! Our unit meeting will be this Thursday at 1:00 in the church parlor. Joni and Kay will be our hostesses. Jan Karinen has invited a speaker from Shepherd’s Inn for the program. Bev Kemp has information about FISH and the school backpack program. Come and celebrate spring with us. Bring a friend for food, fun, and fellowship.

Another great book from our reading program is A Knock at Midnight. It is a work of nonfiction focusing on the war on drugs. It is the story of Sharanda Jones who is serving a life sentence for a minor role in the drug trade. Brittany Barnett (the author) discovers Jones during a law school class. Reminded of her own mother, who served two years in prison on drug charges, Barnett feels compelled to pursue justice for Sharanda. This is their story. Joni highly recommends it.

Registration is still open for Mission U on July 14-15. Mary needs to get a count of those interested in attending the ZOOM meeting. Please let her know if you would like to attend.

Just a reminder, there will be no meetings in June and July. If you’re interested, there will also be an ice-cream social on August 10th.

See you soon!



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



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](#)

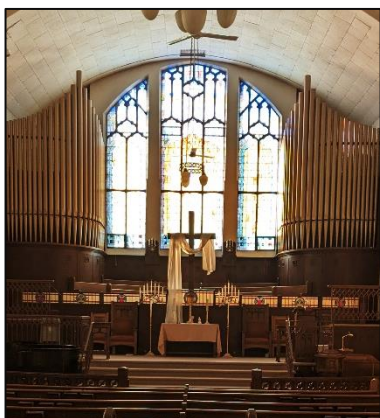
Team Captain: Don Rohde



Stained-Glass Window Repair

The project to procure replacement-stained glass for our windows has hit a snag. In the last status meeting, we were informed by Nzilani Glass Conservation that the vendor that was lined up to provide our replacement glass was experiencing challenges. The machine that rolls out the “Cats Paw” texture on the stained glass had a chipped gear. Each time the missing tooth came around it made a wave in the glass. In addition, they needed to take a break during the summer months to replace the roof of their building. We are waiting until mid-July to check on the progress of the repairs on the roller tooth and the roof.

This is not a showstopper for our restoration project. Plan “B” includes repairing rather than replacing existing pieces of glass and a nationwide search for matching replacement-stained glass pieces. Plan “B” is very much like the process we used for the first two windows.



Safe Sanctuaries Training

There will be Safe Sanctuaries training provided on Sunday May 21st at 11:40am MT at Jason Lee Memorial UMC at 168 S. University Ave in Blackfoot. This training is FREE and open to anyone who wants to be trained.

Additional training will be provided via zoom on Saturday June 3rd 10a MT. Please RSVP to jasonleeumc@gmail.com by June 1st. The Zoom link will be sent to those who sign up.

Both training courses will last 1 hour and 15 minutes. For more information on the program, www.umoi.org/resources



Bishop Cedric Instillation + GNW Opening Worship

On May 20, Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth will be formally installed as the episcopal leader of the Greater Northwest Area, and it will also serve as the opening worship service for the GNW Area annual conference sessions with his episcopal address. The service is being held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Juneau, AK, starting at 2 p.m. AKT, 3 p.m. PDT, 4 p.m. MDT. | The worship service will be livestreamed on the homepage of our website at www.greaternw.org/installation.

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:

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| 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 | |


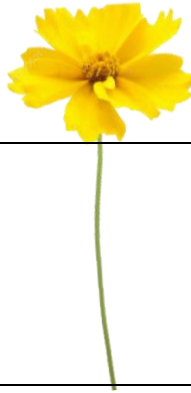
REGISTRATION: Register on-line at

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 is a partnership between the United Methodist Church of Oregon and Idaho and the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church. Todd Bartlett is the Executive Director of Oregon Idaho Camp and Retreat Ministry (503) 802-9211.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
|  | | | 10 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Finance meeting via Zoom 6:30pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Scouts BSA | 11 1:00pm UWF meeting | 12 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A | 13 Office Closed |
| 14 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck brunch 2:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm N.A | 15 7:00pm N.A. | 16 6:30pm Administrative Council Meeting 7:00pm N.A. | 17 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Scouts BSA |  | 19 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A | 20 Office Closed |
| 21 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Scouts brunch 6:00pm N.A | 22 7:00pm N.A. | 23 AC Clergy Session 7:00pm N.A. | 24 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Scouts BSA | 25 | 26 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A | 27 Office Closed |
| 28 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck brunch 6:00pm N.A | 29 Memorial Day Office Closed 7:00pm N.A. | 30  | 31 Ruth at Transition Retreat 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Scouts BSA | 1 | 2 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A | 3 Office Closed |
| 4 9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Soup Brunch 6:00pm N.A | 5 7:00pm N.A. | 6 7:00pm N.A. | Ruth out of Office ----- Annual Conference | | 9 Office Closed 7:00pm N.A | 10 Office Closed |
| | | | 7 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Cub Scout 7:30pm Scouts BSA | 8 | | |