

April 2016



Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians...

My response is to get down on my knees before God, this magnificent God who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask God to strengthen you by the Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask God that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!

God does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, the Holy Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

(The Message, Ephesians 3:14-21)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The above scripture may seem familiar... I used it last month to introduce the Pastor's Perspective article. Clearly I was already longing to break free from Lent and live into the empowerment from God that Easter brings! Welcome to the Christian Liturgical Season of Easter!

Throughout Lent I preached about “time” - how much time do we have, how will we use the time we have, is it time to this, that, or the other thing, etc.? As we move into Easter we will return to the overarching theme for this year, “God’s faithful Word leading us to faithful action.” This theme will show up both in my Sunday preaching and in the daily life of the church as Trinity figures out how to move forward in mission and purpose.

At the March Administrative Church Council meeting we did some pondering. If the mission of all United Methodist Churches is to “Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” what does that currently look like for Trinity, and how would we like it to look in the future? The matrix below shows many of the words that popped out as the group of nine around the table that evening considered what being the church in the context of Idaho Fall means to us. These words tend to represent what *is*

now with hints toward what might be in the future.

It’s time to broaden the conversation and make it more concrete. Everyone agrees that a congregation who actively participates in mission is a good thing; yet not everyone agrees what participating in mission is. Until we can articulate what we want to do and how we want to do it, nothing gets done. It’s not enough to say I want to do good in the world. We must have a plan to execute. Saying “I want to lose weight” is different from committing to 30 minutes of exercise daily while limiting my food intake to 1,900 calories 6 days per week.

Now, you are invited to think both inside and outside these boxes. Please help dream a vibrant, healthy future for Trinity United Methodist Church

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth

How Are We the church? 2016 Administrative Council Meeting

Service Prayer Chain	Accepting All people	Appealing
Community Caring	Faith Spiritual	Inspirational Accountability Taking Responsibility
Inviting Neighbors	Family / Community	Outreach Internal External
Mission Internal External	Participatory	Education

RCCM Pancake Breakfast

Vacation Bible School Fundraiser

Saturday, April 9th 9am – 11 am

First Presbyterian Church

325 Elm St, Idaho Falls, ID 843402

All you can eat Pancakes, eggs, sausage,
fruit & toppings galore!

(Suggest donation of \$5/person)

100% of the proceeds will go toward making the Jungle Brats Joint Vacation Bible School Program free for all. This is under the umbrella of the RCCM and will be hosted by First Presbyterian, New Day Lutheran and Grace Falls churches.



Easter Liturgical Season

Welcome to the Easter Liturgical Season which continues 6 weeks from Easter Sunday to Ascension Day which falls on Thursday, May 5, 2016. The Easter season gives us time to celebrate the resurrected Christ. Jesus appeared to his disciples during these 6 weeks. Ascension Day is the traditional day when the church celebrates Jesus ascending into heaven.



The lock on the front door of the church has been changed. If you need a new key stop by the office 9 to 3 Mon – Thu.

Sunday Brunches in April

April 10 - Mission Task Force Taco Brunch - Donations will be accepted to send to UMCOR for the WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) program. Water is essential; UMCOR helps people around the world to obtain water for their many uses.

April 17th - Pie Social - Bell Choir - The Bell Choir will be providing pie and ice cream after each of the services. It will be available “to go” if you wish. The money raised will be used to refurbish the hand bells.

April 24th - Venture Crew Brunch - Our Venture Crew scouts will be providing a brunch after each service. The money will be used to fund the Venture Crew Scout trip to Alaska..

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



Easter Season

<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship</p> <p>3:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 Trustee Meeting 7:00 Cub Den Meeting 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:00 P.E.O.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:30 Boy Scouts / Venture 7:30 Marnie Circle</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:00 UMCOR Mission Taco 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship 12:30 UMCOR Mission Taco 3:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 FISH</p> <p>6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Group 4795 Glen Eagle Drive 6:30 Finance Committee 7:00 Cub Den Meeting 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:30 Boy Scouts / Venture 7:30 Marnie Circle</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:00 Bell Choir Pie Social 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship 12:30 Bell Choir Pie Social 3:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 RCCM Meeting 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:00 Cub Den Meeting 7:30 Administrative Church Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:30 Boy Scouts / Venture 7:30 Marnie Circle</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:00 Venture Crew Brunch 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship 12:30 Venture Crew Brunch 3:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 Praise Rehearsal 7:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00 Prayer Group 4795 Glen Eagle Drive 6:30 Cub Scouts Pack 7:00 Cub Den Meeting 7:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts 7:30 Education Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 10:00 Prayer Shawl 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:00 Museum Speaker 7:30 Boy Scouts / Venture 7:30 Susannah Circle</p>



Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	<p>1 Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 UMW Executive Board</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8 Church Office Closed</p> <p>6:30 Girl Scout Daddy Daughter Dance</p> <p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 RCCM Pancake Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church</p> <p>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
<p>14</p> <p>1:00 UMW Unit Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15 Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
<p>21</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>22 Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
<p>28</p> <p>1:00 Ethel Clark</p> <p>7:00 Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:30 Cub Scout Committee</p>	<p>29 Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous</p>

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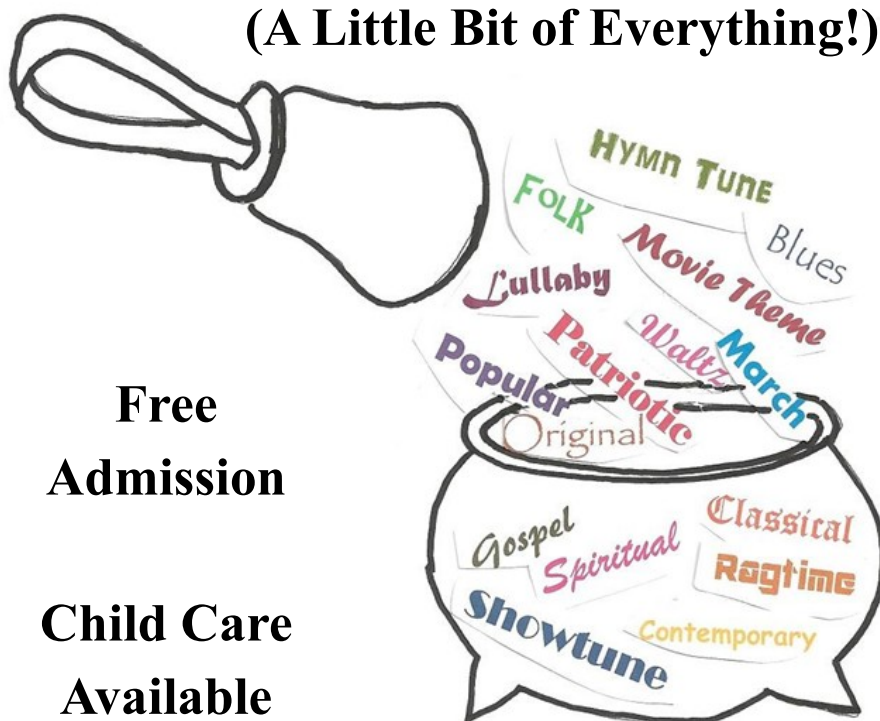
Please have your articles for the May newsletter submitted no later than Monday April 18th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!

The Wesley Handbell Choir

presents

“Musical Melting Pot”

(A Little Bit of Everything!)



**Free
Admission**

**Child Care
Available**

Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 3:30 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

237 North Water Avenue

Idaho Falls, ID

For more information: TrinityBellsIF@gmail.com

United Methodist Women

Trinity United Methodist Woman had 12 members attend an all day EMEE (Every Member Enrichment Event) at Pocatello UMC, Saturday March 5th. This event's focus this year was Happiness, from the past year's Mission U study on Happiness.

Each unit was to bring hygiene items, including toilet paper, to be packaged and then given to shelters and facilities that serve women and children within the Sage District, that includes S.E. Idaho to Eastern Oregon.

Trinity's UMW unit received, once again, the 5 Star Unit award for meeting the 5 areas required; the Gold Certificate for fulfilling the criteria in the Social Action area; the Certificate of Recognition, Olympian, the highest achievement and coaches whistle for Leadership Development, required in the Healthy Vital Unit Program. Six women received Reading Program certificates indicating one to three books were read in each of the five categories.

This event reflects the true spirit of UMW of working together for the common cause of supporting women, children and youth not only in Idaho, but world wide.

Thursday, March 10th, Joni Pace and Cordy Koelsch presented the Mission U Study on Latin America. Each member was asked to bring or wear items from Latin America. Many pieces of art were displayed and spoken about.

Sunday, March 13, another successful Bake Sale event occurred. The TUMC family generously supports this event, knowing that the moneys collected is what supports the mission giving we participate in.

Our next unit meeting will be April 14, with Marilyn Taylor presenting "Happiness" one of the Mission Studies from 2015.

Joy Christian,
UMW President

Christian Education

- The dates have been set for Vacation Bible School - Monday July 18 to Friday July 22.
- The curriculum will be New Cokesbury "Surf Shack" - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love.
- More information will be coming along as we create plans for VBS.

Thanks, Christian Education Committee



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TUMC Endowment Scholarships Available!

ATTENTION: High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2016/2017 academic year. One general scholarship up to \$1,000 is available. Additional music scholarships up to \$1,000 are also available to those pursuing a college major or minor in music. Scholarship applications are available from the church office and website at www.tumcif.org. Completed application packages, including brief essay, transcripts, and references, are due no later than June 1, 2016. Contact Diane Croson at diane.croson@gmail.com, if you have questions regarding the process.



Looking Way Ahead...

Sunday, May 15 at 3:30 pm Wesley Handbell Choir presents "Musical Melting Pot"
Sunday, July 10 - We host, and provide ushers at Little Church in the Pines in Island Park
Monday July 18 to Friday July 22 - Vacation Bible School