

The Outreach



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Hello!

The last few days have been a very long sprint! One of the benefits to moving is being able to sort through old stuff. One of the curses of moving is having to sort through old stuff! There are so many things to capture my attention, and yet the moment of arrival for the moving truck races towards us.

How can I not stop to reminisce over pictures of my grown children, Michael and Bethany?

Michael is the oldest. He just turned 30 and lives up at the family farm near McMinnville, Oregon where he grew up, and I grew up before him and my mother before me grew up before me. It's no longer a working farm so Michael mostly keeps an eye on things including the renters in the farmhouse and my parents who now reside in assisted living 12 miles away.

Bethany who is 2 years younger, is an agriculture teacher at a K-12 school named Arickaree which is 125 miles east of Denver. Bethany and her

husband Daniel just had my first grandchild a few weeks ago; Waylon Lee Ray is one of the most beautiful babies on the face of the earth... just in case you were wondering. It's been a busy year for them between having a baby, teaching full time and moving on to their own farm. Tucked very deep in a box, I found a grand champion ribbon from the Eastern Idaho State Fair. It was one of the last fairs before the Jersey cows got sold in preparation for heading to seminary in Colorado.

When I ran across cards I had saved from when David and I were married 14 years ago, how could I help but sit for a moment or two and soak in the memories? The two congregations I served at the time were good sports about the wedding being at sunrise! Some people showed up in bathrobes (perfect attire for the hour) while the preacher wore a suit and tie! I was fresh out of the Iliff School of Theology back then, and those folk were patient about that also. I packed away the Army

logo t-shirts and sweatshirts from the year David and I spent at West Point while he worked for the athletic department. We lived on post and there was a team playing something most days so I got to cheer on a lot of cadets! — but we also lived just 2 blocks from the cemetery and I heard a lot of Taps from our apartment...

Here's David to say a few words about himself: This is David writing now. I grew up in Michigan City, Indiana, right on the beaches of the southern tip of Lake Michigan. I was a total math/science geek who, surprisingly, also found some success in sports. I played catcher for my high school baseball team, while serving as manager for football and basketball. Upon graduation I went off to Washington University in St. Louis, where I continued playing baseball and managing the football team. Finding the private school a bit too rigorous for my study habits,

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Hello! (continued)

I transferred to Indiana University where I was manager of the 1981 NCAA champion men's basketball team and graduated with a business degree.

I ended up back in my hometown preparing to be married to my college sweetheart when, 3 weeks before the wedding, she decided she was in love with another guy! Seizing the opportunity, I used the money I had saved to buy my first sports car (a Fiat X1/9!) and started making plans for grad school. In 1985 I moved to Boston to attend Northeastern University. I never intended to stay past graduation, but the economy there

was really good and I met the woman who became my first wife. Eventually we tired of the big city rat race and having vacationed in the northwest and fallen in love with it, moved to Eugene in 1991. We parted amicably not long after we moved here, and 4 years later I met Ruth at Annual Conference.

I've been incredibly blessed to be the pastor's spouse, and it's been an amazing adventure to share in her ministry. I've had a few jobs along the way, but none have been more important than supporting Ruth in her work. I'm very much looking forward to becoming part of your church community and an

involved citizen of Idaho Falls!

This is Ruth again:

The past 8 years here in Florence have given me opportunity to collect oodles of sand dollars. They are coming with us too, and take special care to pack, but like the relationships built through working and worshipping together, are worth the extra effort. I am eager to start developing new friendships with all of you. See you soon — oh dear the truck just pulled in!

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth

Annual Conference Pt. 1

United Methodists representing churches from Oregon and Southern Idaho met from June 12 through 14 in Salem, Oregon to worship, learn and conduct the church's business.

Thursday morning began with separate sessions of the laity, led by Conference Lay Leader Mary Foote, and of the clergy, led by Bishop Grant Hagiya. Mary's message was followed by a variety of Laity Workshops – I chose to attend "Tools for Increasing Your Church's Vitality," based on the book *Vital: Churches Changing Communities and the World* by UMC pastor Jorge Acevedo. He used a study which compared the annual report numbers turned in by vital churches and non-vital churches of every membership size. He identified five areas of strength in vital churches and suggests practical actions we could take in pastoral leadership, lay leadership, vital worship, small groups, and service & mission.

After a time of worship, Bishop

Hagiya spoke, using the conference theme "What's Our Next Act?" and the Biblical foundation for the conference – Israel moving through the wilderness to the Promised Land. He compared our increasingly secular world and its decreasing interest in religion with Israel's wilderness. He encouraged us to remain faithful to God in our wilderness and to be willing to "plant seeds" that will benefit our descendants even if we don't live long enough to see the Promised Land.

Presentations by the Ministry Leadership Team, led by our Sage District Superintendent, Kim Fields, continued that theme throughout the conference - Act 1, our Egypt, crying to God for rescue from our slow death; Act 2, the wilderness of trying to break the old patterns that aren't working anymore and trying new things (with some successes, some failures); and Act 3 – our future arrival in the Promised Land of renewed vitality, impact in the world, and fulfillment of our purpose to "make disciples

of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Financially, the conference showed improvements in the last year. The percent of apportionments paid increased significantly and every church in the conference paid something, a first for Oregon-Idaho. That enabled us to pay more of our Conference Apportionments to the Jurisdictional and General Conferences, supporting the worldwide UMC.

Legislatively, this year was a calmer one, with all Action Requests (ARs) and Standing Resolutions (SRs) passing easily and with little or no discussion. ARs 1 through 4 will strengthen our Safe Sanctuary compliance; AR 5 encourages all UMS in our conference to take action to support having the words "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" added to the Idaho Human Rights Act; AR 6 strongly encourages all UMs in our conference to study the justice issues impacting Palestinian Christians in Israeli territory.

Annual Conference (continued)

SRs 1 through 4 were renewals in support of planetary stewardship and efforts to bypass the Discipline of the UMC for clergy who perform same-sex marriages and support homosexual clergy. SR 5 is a new resolution supporting clergy who choose to officiate at same-sex marriages.

Some notable retirements this year were Thom Larson, who has chosen to remain in Bend, Oregon, Bonnie and Jim Parr Phillipson, who served at St. Paul's, and Bill Mulette-Bauer, the Conference Treasurer. Also four congregations in our conference decided to officially close their doors.

Next month, I'll tell you about our guest speaker, Brian McLaren, and about some of the exciting ministries happening in our conference. Thank you for letting me represent Trinity again at Annual Conference this year.

Patti Edwards

Regional Council News

Island Park Ministry: The Liberty Quartet will perform at the Little Church in the Pines on July 11; a free will offering will be accepted. The member church representatives to RCCM met at Little Church in the Pines in Island Park in June, were served a lovely dinner, and held their last board meeting before the summer hiatus. Items discussed included a Soup Kitchen Update (4450 guests were served in May, an average of 144 per day); FISH report (50 client families were served in May; the IF Food Bank (distributed 959 food boxes in

May, serving 3889 people); and, the Island Park Ministry (service attendance continues to grow; a contribution was used to purchase a grill, cooler, and serving items); Baccalaureate services were held for the 4 IF area high schools; the Thanksgiving Day, November 27, Race to Feed the Hungry planning has begun.

In addition, there was a report on the Interfaith Community Service Project, June 29 to July 6, that will collect clothing, bedding, paper and cleaning items, school supplies, food, diapers,

hygiene items, sleeping bags and cash donations, for distribution to The Ark, FISH, City of Refuge, The Haven, IF Food Bank, IF Outreach Center Soup Kitchen, Ruth House, and IF St. Vincent de Paul outlet. Trinity is one of the churches that will serve as a collection point, so you can drop off suggested items any time through July 6.



Interfaith Community Service Project

The fourth annual collection drive for the Interfaith Community Service Project will be June 29 - July 6. Participating in the project are Christ The King Catholic Church, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, First Christian Church/Emmaus Lutheran Church, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Hope Lutheran Church, St. John Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's United

Methodist church, Trinity United Methodist Church and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Ammon West Stake). Donations may be taken to any of these sponsors.

Items needed are: clothing, bedding, paper goods, cleaning supplies, school supplies, bath towels, ANY food items, diapers/pull-ups, personal hygiene items, sleeping bags and cash donations. These will all be assembled the middle of July and given

to The ARK, F.I.S.H., City of Refuge, The Haven, Idaho Falls community Food Bank, Idaho Falls Community Outreach Center Soup Kitchen, Ruth House and Idaho Falls St. Vincent de Paul (outlet)

Everyone is invited to participate in any way they can. There won't be a float in the July 4th parade as there has been the past years.

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship awards for the 2014-2015 academic year: Hazel

Skelton Scholarship to Mary Stewart, pursuing Pharmacy at the University of Montana, and the Chesbro Music Scholarship

to Jared Sene, pursuing Political Science and Music at Northwest Nazarene University.

NIRDA (Nicaraguan Rural Development Agency)

The Annual Parking Lot Sale – August 22-23, 2014 St. Paul's United Methodist Church 1730 St. Clair Road.

Please donate items to sell. All proceeds support education projects in rural communities. **Volunteers needed to help with the sale,**

sorting, setting up, and clean-up. Another mission trip to Nicaragua is in the planning stages. If interested you can help plan the dates – early 2015.

Items for sale can be taken to St. Paul's after June 30, 2014.

We continue to recycle Aluminum

Cans. Please leave in the container near Mary Dawson Hall or call and we can pick them up. We can also recycle other aluminum as well. Thanks! Jim and Betty Anderson – 523-8272 --- jimn-betty@ida.net Jill Ecklesdafer - 523-7719 jackandjill@ida.net

United Methodist Women

Save October 25 at 1:00 p.m. for the "LUNCH THEATER" sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Following a delicious lunch, there will be a melodrama written by Camille Blackburn and presented by members of the Opera

Theater and students from Hillcrest High School. This fall event is in lieu of a rummage sale and is to not only feed and entertain people but to raise money for the mission program of the United Methodist Women. Plan now to attend this

wonderful event, invite friends and for only \$10 have a great afternoon.



Missions

The Missions Committee of Trinity United Methodist church is hosting a produce "sale" every Sunday during this summer. People are invited to bring produce,

plants and bouquets that can be "purchased" for a donation. The committee also thanks everyone for participating in the Mothers' Day Blanket and Tools of Hope pro-

grams. Money for over 120 blankets was raised through the Church World Service program and over 60 Tools of Hope were also given in honor or memory of someone.

Boy Scouts at Trinity

Trinity has long been supportive of this program as a community program. Boys (and some girls) come from all over the city to participate in this program. As part of the Grand Teton Council, the troop is the oldest troop in the area. They were founded in 1920. The leaders and scouts have made it possible for this unit to obtain and

maintain the Quality Unit Award. We are proud to be able to sponsor such a hard working group! Recently, the Cub Scout Troop awarded the Arrow of Light Awards to 5 Cub Scouts who crossed into the Boy Scout Troop. Congratulations to those boys for earning the highest award in Cub Scouting!

During the summer months, the scouts will not be meeting regularly. Instead, they will be participating in various activities, day camps, and overnight camps throughout. Regular den and pack meetings will resume the last week in August. Please watch the calendar for those events!

Sunday Volunteers

July 6, 2014

Counters: Jim Anderson
& Shirley Cowell
Sound Room: Dylann Rhys
& Jared Sene

July 13, 2014

Counters: Bob Siedelmann
& Kathy Harder

Sound Room: Jacob Robinson
& Max Harrison

July 20, 2014

Counters: Scott Taylor
& Ted Watanabe
Sound Room: Dylann Rhys
& Jared Sene

July 27, 2014

Counters: Jeff Bryan
& Bob Siedelmann
Sound Room: Jacob Robinson
& Max Harrison

Birthdays

Allen Stewart	07/02	Sybil Schuldert	07/08	Susan Nelson	07/18
Roy Cole	07/03	Jill Summers	07/09	Paul Schwabedissen	07/18
Kathy Perez	07/04	Marion Weitfle	07/10	Zaysha Walker	07/27
Betty Anderson	07/05	Haydn Bryan	07/13	Chance Empey	07/27
Kari Edwards	07/06	Patricia O'Steen	07/13	Blair Nelson	07/28
Helen Bowen	07/08	Mya Hagan	07/18	Bailey Summers	07/30

Leadership Changes

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Shelly Siemer, a long time bell performer, will become our new director of the Welsey Bell Choir now that Jim Dahlgran resigned due to a relocation. Please help us thank Jim for his many years of leadership and dedication, and welcome Shelly to our musical staff.

Thank you to Cheryl O'Brien for her dedicated and efficient service heading up Staff Parish Relations Committee! Amanda Piper- McClure will take over as the chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee

beginning July 1. Amanda has agreed to continue on the Outreach Committee until a new chairperson can be found.

Patti Edwards is stepping down as the chair of Church Council and moving to position of Lay Leader and will continue as Lay Member to Annual Conference.

Robin Stewart is stepping up as the new Chair of Church Council
Please welcome him!

Alyce Gonzalez will be stepping up as Finance Committee chair as Scott Taylor steps down. Scott Taylor has done an exceptional job

of helping Trinity to properly organize our finances and balance sheets to an accurate representation of our financial stability. Under his leadership, Trinity is now debt free. Richard Dickson is stepping down as the chair of Trustees. The Trustees Committee elects their own chair and we look forward to meeting his successor.

Kay Kiefner has agreed to head up Christian Education. Thank you to everyone for their past, present, and future service. You are invaluable to our church family.

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July

Tues, 1: 6:30 PEO 6:30 Cub Scouts	Wed, 9: 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	Thurs, 17: 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Choir	7:30 Marnie Circle 7:30 Susannah Circle
Wed, 2: 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	Fri, 18: 8:00 Cub Scout Day Camp @ Krupp Scout 7:00 NA	Thurs, 24: 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Choir	
Thurs, 3: 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Choir	Thurs, 10: 6:30 Missions 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Choir	Fri, 25: 7:00 NA	
Fri, 4: 7:00 NA	Fri, 11: 7:00 NA	Sat, 26: 7:00 AA	
Sat, 5: 7:00 AA	Sat, 12: 7:00 AA	Sun, 27: 10:00 Worship 4:30 Youth Group	
Sun, 6: 10:00 Worship 4:30 Youth Group	Sun, 13: 10:00 Worship 4:30 Youth Group	Mon, 28: VBS 7:00 NA	
Mon, 7: 11:30 Soup Kitchen 7:00 NA	Mon, 14: 10:00 FISH 1:00 RCCM 7:00 NA	Tues, 29: VBS 6:30 Cub Scouts	
Tues, 8: 1:00 Prayer Group @ Dorothys 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:30 Church Council	Tues, 1: 6:30 Cub Scouts	Wed, 30: VBS 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	
	Wed, 16: 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	Thurs, 22: Cub Scout Wet 'n' Wild @ Krupp Scout 1:00 Prayer Group @ Dorothys	
		Wed, 23: 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts	
		Thurs, 31: VBS 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:30 Choir	

Church Camp

Trinity kids have enjoyed the church camps at Sawtooth and Luther Heights for many years. Once again we are sending our kids off to learn about God and Fellowship in Christ. We still need some help with the following:

- Safe Sanctuary or parent volunteers to drive to or from the camps in July
- Funds for the scholarships to help those who can't afford the full camp tuition
- Luther Heights is also looking for a male counselor the week of July 13-18.

Please contact Betty Anderson 523-8272 if you can help!

Vacation Bible School

It is that time of year at Trinity again. Trinity will have Vacation Bible School from July 28th through August 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, daily. Children from the whole

community are welcome. Bring friends and neighbors alongside your children and grandchildren. This is a wonderful way for Trinity to reach out to our community.

If you are willing to volunteer, we could always use your help! Please contact Kay Kiefner at the office if you are willing and able to help!

Vacation Bible School Registration Form



Basic Info

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

Guardian Name: _____

Daytime #: _____



Emergency Contacts

Name: _____

Number: _____

Allergies: _____

Special Conditions: _____

My child, _____ has my permission to participate in the activities of Trinity United Methodist Church from July 28th, 2014 through August 1st, 2014. I will in no way hold the church responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur during these activities. I understand that the church will watch out for the best interest of my child during these activities.

Siganture: _____ Date: _____

Pictures of these activities may be taken and may be posted inside the church and/or on the church website or Facebook page. All pictures posted will be used in a Christian manner.

I consent to this: _____ Date: _____

I do NOT consent to this: _____ Date: _____

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The Vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to humbly:
*Be safe and nurturing,
* Follow God's will,
* Reach out to the community,
* Break down walls within and outside of the church.



Each Sunday's order of worship is available on our website, tumcif.org, as well as podcasts of portions of previous Sundays' worship services.

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