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The Pastor's Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already - you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there. Even the wild animals will honor me; jackals and ostriches will praise me when I make rivers flow in the desert to give water to my chosen people. They are the people I made for myself, and they will sing my praises!" (Isaiah 43:19-21, Good News Version)

Very few people like change for the sake of change. So when we hear that God has

new things in mind for us it can be a bit scary. Yet God has been pleading with



"Gratitude brings a bountiful harvest."

people to see the new day - the one that God is creating each day for us - for a very long time. I am convinced that Trinity is poised for wonderful new things to happen.

The Congregational Leadership Development team isn't going to make a

new thing happen for Trinity; our goal is to shine a light on the path of the new thing that God is ready to do. Patti Edwards, Ron and Joyce Ayers, David Armstrong, Tia Durrant and I hope that our prayers, intentional thought, faithful conversation and study over the next six months will reveal new ways for this congregation to move forward together loving God and neighbor. Some of you may be asking at this point "What are these new things that you are talking about?" Well, we don't know yet! Those are the answers that we will be

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praying about throughout the course of CLD. And we certainly invite you to participate in those prayers.

Some of the new things will look a lot like old things. Many of you have been involved in small groups through church. Perhaps these were dinner groups, maybe bible study groups, some may have been Emmaus groups.

Your group may have gathered on a weekday or in the evening, but all of these groups are designed to help us deepen our faith by connecting with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Some of the new things may look completely different from what has been tried before - and those are the ones we have not yet dreamed of. But we will journey there together. A few weeks ago when I was

at the Order of Elders gathering at the Collins Retreat Center near Portland, they sent us on a break time with Instructions to be present with God. As I walked along the trail I noticed a



lovely Banana Slug in the path so I squatted down to observe for a while. I had already been thinking this, but someone stopped by and told me aloud "that's about how fast the church moves" (I think God wanted to make sure I understood the point). So I watched even more

intently to see just how this slug made forward progress. Whenever the slug was frightened by its surroundings, it stopped, pulled in its antennas and took up as little space as possible. However, when

the slug was not scared, it began moving, the front of its body first, stretching forward as far as it could, and then the tail came along - but the whole slug eventually made progress and got to where it was going! Now I must note at this point, that one of the reasons that the tail may have come along so slowly

was that quite a bit of debris collects on the slimy tail-end of a slug. Just like humans, that slug had to deal with what had been accumulated along the way. At its best, the slug

moved out bravely, fully extending its body into the world.

*Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet God in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds?*

*(Matthew 6:26,*

*Good News Version)*

We are the body of Christ, worth more than birds...or slugs!

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth



## United Methodist Women

Trinity United Methodist Women's fall event on October 25 was a luncheon followed by two melodramas. Under the direction of Camille Blackburn, the music and drama were fantastic and everyone in attendance had a wonderful afternoon.

Members of the Hillcrest Musical Drama class and of the Idaho Falls Opera Theater presented a memorable afternoon for everyone.

The "Under Cover" project is ongoing until Christmas, so any underwear that you would donate, for women, children and men, will be gratefully

received and distributed within the Idaho Falls Community. The earlier recipients were very pleased, especially since everything was new. Thank you to all who have participated in this meaningful project.

The UMW unit meeting will be Thursday, November 13 at 1:00 p.m. with the

program being presented by Cordy Koelsch and Patti Edwards on the Mission study "How is It With Your Soul?"

Everyone is invited to the meeting to think more about their

spiritual lives.

December 7th will be the "Holiday Treat Sale" where not only cookies, cakes, pies and candy will be available, but there will be some small casseroles and soups to purchase and enjoy. Plan now to shop for delicious food.

**In 2008, the United Methodist Church committed to join the global fight against malaria. The fundraising goal is \$75,000,000.**

**So far, the Global Fund has received over \$8,500,00.00 in payment from the Imagine No Malaria campaign. UMCOR has directly implemented over \$6,000,000.00 .**

## Missions

### IMAGINE NO MALARIA

funds were raised by generous donations of TUMC people who attended the pancake feed on October 5th. At the time of this printing, there are \$1,000 to buy nets to

protect people from the dreaded disease of Malaria. Members of the Missions Committee along with Master Pancake Maker Gene Summers prepared the pancake feed. Youth and their adults assisted in the dining room during the

meals after each service. There will be other opportunities to donate when there will be a net put up and for each \$10 raised, Monopoly money will be attached to the net.





## UMC Youth

Another month has passed and the Youth Group has been working and playing hard. On October 12<sup>th</sup> the kids had a bake sale to help raise funds for activities over the next few months. Their hard work and dedication raised nearly \$300. Our

first stop is the Haunted Straw Maze in Rexburg on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. We have been on the path of fellowship in the group and would love to extend an invitation to any 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades who would be interested in joining us for discussions, games, fun

activities and more! We are still looking for a few service projects to be able to give a helping hand to anyone in need. If you have any suggestions please contact Tia Durrant at 208-571-6760

## Birthdays

Geraldine Whitmill	11/01	Robert Erickson	11/16	Alvin Schulhauser	11/23
Dan Henze	11/03	Shirley Cowell	11/17	Rob Empey	11/25
Nancy Stewart	11/06	Tim Lybeck	11/17	Mary Ritchie	11/25
Stepheny McCall	11/09	Bailee Rhoades	11/17	Denny Kemp	11/27
Alice Kay Wilson	11/10	Olivia Schaffer	11/18	Amanda Thorp	11/27
Martin Edwards	11/12	Marguerite Clemens	11/20	Presley Zwygart	11/27
Helen Gildersleeve	11/12	Marlene Empey	11/20	Amanda Piper-McClure	11/29
Katie Pasichnyk	11/12	Margaret Plastino	11/21	Judith Blackburn	11/30
Dylann French-Rhys	11/15	Lisa Schulhauser	11/23	Heather Castillo	11/30



**To all who contributed to the church camp fund! We had 17 youth attend the 2014 summer camps and all had positive spiritual experiences.**

## UMCOR

At the workshop in September, twenty-eight persons cut fabric for school bags in less than 2 hours. We had almost 200 bags cut and ready to sew. Now many persons are sewing them together. The ones I have already received are wonderful. I want them all completed and returned to me by Nov. 20, 2014. I now need supplies to fill the bags. We are very

grateful for these volunteers. We still need items to full the bags. Please help provide the following items: I will take them to the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City. Please contact me or leave in the church office.

1. Scissors (blunt tip)
2. 12" Rulers
3. Sharpeners (hand held)

4. Pencils with erasers
5. Pink erasers
6. Crayons
7. Notebooks or loose leaf paper
8. OR \$12.00 to purchase items (checks payable to Trinity with designation school bags)

Thanks,  
Betty Anderson  
208-523-8272

### Be Yourself

Invite New Challenges

Recall Past Triumphs

Trust Your Instincts

Have Faith in Your Abilities

Desire Only the Best

Affirm Your Strengths

You've Got What it Takes

# NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 7:00 AA	2 9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship 4:00 Youth Group
3 11:30 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Praise 7:00 Bells 7:00 NA	4 6:30 PEO 7:00 Cub Scouts 7:30 Trustees Meeting	5 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Bradys 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	6 9:30 UMW Ex. Board Meeting 6:30 Missions 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	7 9:30 Community Partners 7:00 NA	8 7:00 AA	9 9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship 4:00 Youth Group
10 10:00 FISH 1:00 RCCM 6:00 Praise 7:00 Bells 7:00 NA 7:00 Pack 6 Parent committee meeting	11 1:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Cub Scouts	12 9:00 Breakfast @ O'Bradys 11:00 Upper Room Study 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	13 1:00 Unit Meeting 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	14 7:00 NA	15 7:00 AA	16 9:00 Praise & Rejoice 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Traditional Worship 4:00 Youth Group
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**9th Annual Holiday  
Alternate Giving Fair**

November 8 & 9

10:00am - 4:00pm

The Elks Lodge

640 E Elva

The Giving Fair provides an opportunity for holiday shoppers to shop with local charities for holiday "gifts" by making donations to their favorite charities in the name of family members, friends, employees, etc. For each donation, shoppers receive an attractive holiday gift card noting the donation and the recipient.

Shoppers can also purchase pottery bowls and Fair Trade chocolates and coffees for truly unique and meaningful holiday gifts. The Shepherd's Inn, FISH, the Haven, the Literacy Program and many others will participate.

**The 26th Annual  
Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
12:00-2:00 pm  
Thanksgiving Day  
November 27, 2014**



**Location:**

**Elks Lodge**

640 E. Elva - Idaho Falls

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