

*“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”*

## News Update for January 21, 2021

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*John 1:1-5 NRSV*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The season of Epiphany is about Jesus the Christ being revealed in the world. We begin Epiphany with the wise persons visiting Jesus and his parents to pay homage as they would to a new king, and then move through a variety of scenarios in which Jesus is revealed as the Messiah. The Bible speaks of the star that led to Jesus being a bright light in the sky. The ah-ha moments that ordinary people had when they experienced a call to ministry from Jesus, and those folks who recognized that it was the Son of God who had healed them or cast out their demons, often had what we describe in modern terms as “the lightbulb came on.” Throughout Epiphany and throughout the Bible, light is used to refer to the new ways that God is being revealed in the world.

Yesterday a new thing was revealed, and across our nation little girls were realizing that they could grow up to be the vice president of the United States (or even president). One of the highlights of the Biden-Harris inauguration was the young poet-laureate, Amanda Gorman, reading her poem “The Hill We Climb.” It ended in this way:

The new dawn blooms as we free it.  
For there is always light if only we’re brave enough to see it,  
If only we’re brave enough to be it.

I look forward to hearing about ways that the light of Christ is shining in your life and about your “lights coming on” moments.

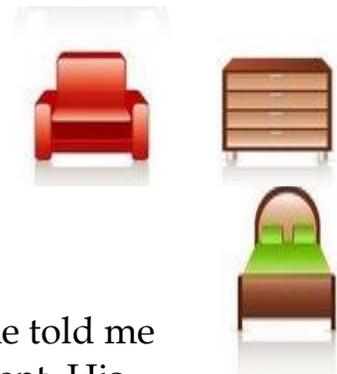
Remember, beloved of God, that you are loved and appreciated. Trinity remains the Body of Christ even when we are separated in order to stay safe.

Blessings,  
Reverend Ruth

**Bed, Chair and Dresser for Albert Haviland** by Nancy Stewart

Dear Friends in Christ,

I received a call from Albert today and he is moving into Tambree Meadows Assisted Living on Monday 1/25/21. (He currently lives in Rexburg at Temple View Transitional Center.)



He needs a bed. I called Becca, the Administrator, and she told me that Albert is moving into an unfurnished studio apartment. His Avalon apartment came furnished and he does not have the bare requirements: bed, dresser, and comfortable chair.

Please call Nancy at 208-521-7247 if you are able to donate any of these items. Robin and I will pick them up and deliver them to Room 5 of Tambree Meadows Assisted Living, 3620 Potomac Way (208) 528-0467.

**Gather at the Table for February!**

Join us to reconnect during this time of COVID isolation. It would be wonderful see you on screen, and socialize with you, as we continue our faith journey. A brief deep-thought question and time for prayers will be available. Looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone **Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30.**



New guests, please call the office if you would like an invitation to this zoom.

## Do you have plans for your stimulus check? - Ruth Marsh

The second round of stimulus money from the federal government is beginning to arrive. I would ask you to prayerfully consider if you can afford to give this "found money" to the church. Clearly your loved ones are a first level priority but supporting Trinity's ministries and building is a way for you and your money to make a difference in this community.

### Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- a. delivering your regular giving personally
- b. calling the office and give via credit card
- c. using US Postal Service to send a check
- d. going to Trinity's website and give via credit card or PayPal
- e. or, signing up for bill-pay at your bank so they can send a check



## Trinity United Methodist Church

This form is to help you remember the amount that you and God have agreed upon as your financial support towards ministry at Trinity in 2021. You may return this form to the church office to be recorded with our financial secretary who can help you keep track of your progress, or you may keep the pledge card at home to remind you of your commitment to participating in ministry at Trinity.

### Trinity United Methodist Church - Pledge sheet for 2021

With the financial resources that God entrusts to this household, I/we desire to join with my/our siblings in Christ at Trinity UMC to be a blessing to this world that hungers for God's grace by sharing the following resources:

(1) Offering \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week/month/year (circle one).

OR

(2) Offering \_\_\_\_\_% of my/our income,  
which currently equals about \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week/month/year (circle one).

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If at any time you wish to increase, decrease, or cancel your estimate of financial support, please notify our church's Financial Secretary at 208-522-7921.

Contributions may be by cash, check, credit card, PayPal, or online BillPay from your bank.

## **Vaccinations for 65 or older to start early February.** – Don Rohde



Idahoans 65 years and older can expect vaccinations to start early February (final date to be determined). Since there are about 250,000 Idahoans in this group, a tiered approach may be needed depending on supply.

Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) will announce a schedule for vaccinating this group prior to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Individuals in this group may contact their local public health district, local pharmacy, or primary care clinician to learn more or schedule an appointment. Use the EIPH Vaccine Hotline: (208) 533-3235 or go to <https://eiph.idaho.gov/>



There will be a group #3 in March for people 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions listed below. Contact your primary care clinician to learn more or schedule an appointment.

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or higher but < 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease
- Smoking
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Online signup is accomplished through the EIPC website and requires an email address to receive the confirmation. When it is your group's turn and if you need help in signing up or need help with transportation, please contact the Pam at the church office at 208-522-7921 and she will help make arrangements.

We will publish updates in the newsletter as they happen.

**CAUTION:** Remember there are 2 shots required, spaced a month apart. You will start to have some immunity seven days after your first dose. Your immunity will continue to build and will reach a peak about two weeks after the second dose (total of 6 weeks). Don't be lured into a false sense of safety. Wear your masks, wash your hands and keep your physical distance.

## **United Methodist Women** - Mary Nagel

To continue our month-long recognition of the United Methodist Women, the following are highlights of some of our previous events and celebrations at Trinity. In 1940 following the uniting of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Protestant, the Methodist Church South, the Missionary Societies and the Ladies' Aid combined to become the Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS). Its emblem was a triangle with "Women's Society of Christian Service" printed on it, surrounded by a circle of laurel leaves. Inside the triangle were a cross and two globes (representing the whole world). Some of our women, with helping hands of their husbands, made a large lighted emblem for the parlor. It was enjoyed for many years until replaced by the new cross and flame emblem.



In 1943, 432 plates with pictures of the church on them were bought to sell as a money-making project. UMW cookbooks were also sold. No wonder Methodist women are such goods cooks with recipes like that. New cookbook sales continued with the last being published in 2006. Another way money was made for the unit was by taking orders and making fresh donuts. This went over very well. In 1958 the coral banded dishes were purchased and used for large gatherings.

Ways of meeting our Pledge to Missions have been rummage and garage sales. It all started years ago when rummage sales were held downtown in any vacant building to be found. It was a big job moving tables, etc., so later sales were held in the church basement. Unfortunately, the rummage sales ceased several years ago due to lack of able-bodied helpers. Bake sales were another (and still are) a great money maker. Church dinners and craft booths were held, along with fashion and talent shows. All of which were accompanied by food made by the UMW. These projects have helped to continue each year fulfilling our Pledge to Missions.

## **Dismantling Racism** - Kristina Gonzalez (Greater Northwest Area UMC)

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, in Part 2 of her 2020 Episcopal address, has called on all local congregations to “Examine the visual images present in worship spaces and facilities, newsletters, for imagery that is culturally biased or exclusionary.” The following was provided by Kristina Gonzalez.

Jesus was a man of Middle Eastern descent. He was surely dark-skinned. His ministry was among the Jews, also dark-skinned. But like contemporary societies, the Jews were stratified by education and class, among other differences. As a person raised in Nazareth, Jesus was looked upon as inferior by those raised in the power seats of the Jewish culture. He came from the margins, and as he worked among the people, the margins to which he reached expanded. Recall his interaction with the Syrophenician woman in Mark 7:24-30.

Jesus drew his disciples from common people. When they - tasting a bit of fame and power themselves - sought to limit Jesus’ reach, he said to them, “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matt 18:6 NRSV. Jesus confronted the power to exclude even among his disciples, calling them to an understanding of the depth of humility required to be a Jesus follower.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called in our time to confront power and privilege that have the potential to “...put a stumbling block...” before those who may seek to encounter Christ through our United Methodist faith communities in the Greater Northwest Area. This guide will support you in the work of analyzing imagery and communications for the ways they elevate or center whiteness or communicate exclusion.

As you do this work, remember the difference between intent and impact. Though our intent may be positive or hopeful, our impacts may be negative and diminishing. As United Methodist Christians we are called to radical hospitality, which will include decentering the images and communication methods that normalize whiteness. Each step has the potential to open our eyes to notice the subtle messages embedded in our traditions, and to ask why.

## Children's' Artwork

This Christmas several of the children of Trinity created artwork for us to use in the services and newsletters.

This interpretation of the manger scene was provided by Eliana Castillo.



## John Wesley Quote

“Pray, just as you are lead, without reasoning, in all simplicity. Be a little child, hanging on him that loves you.”



## Work Around the Church

Rob is working on putting the texturing on the ceiling repairs in the south west corner of the sanctuary. The next step will be painting. There are several more ceiling repairs in the sanctuary that will keep Rob busy all winter.



## **Sunday's Worship (1/24)**

This Sunday will be the fourth week for the preaching series "New Skills for New Times." The sermon will be "Today is the right day to begin mending our nets.?"

You can read the scripture lesson below before you watch the livestream on Trinity's Facebook page. Use this link for the worship video:

<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>

### **A Lesson from The Christian Scriptures - (Mark 1:14-20)**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### **Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:**

#### **Top Needs:**

- **Gloves & Mittens**
- **Thermal Underwear**
- **Winter Coats**
- **Body Wash (large)**
- **Snowmobile Suits**
- **Cold Cereal**
- **Pillows**
- **Electric Can Opener**
- **Vienna Sausage**
- **Men's Underwear – Med & Large**
- **Women's Underwear – Small & Med.**

**We appreciate your donations!**

## Last Sunday's Worship Streaming



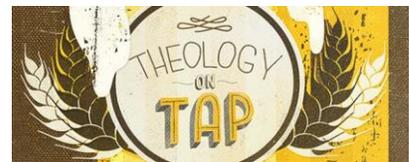
Last Sunday Logan gave the sermon on his journey from drug addiction to being called to ministry. We had great music by Mark Borland. It has already been viewed 174 times on the Facebook page. Please "like" and "share" the worship videos so they become more visible on Facebook.

Remember that you can watch Trinity worship from your couch on livestream on our Facebook page, or you can watch the recording anytime during the week also on the Facebook page. Just click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>

## Theology on Tap - The Home Edition

Theology on Tap is going strong with the weekly Zoom calls. On Monday afternoons check the Facebook page for the Zoom meeting number and password. At 7pm pour your favorite beverage, warm up an appetizer and be prepared to think deep thoughts with your Monday night community. Call or email the office if you want to be added to the Theology on Tap Facebook group.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVjczNtaE83UT09>  
Meeting ID: 460 907 9844      Password: 089437

## Prayer Group



Trinity has a prayer group that originates from the office at Trinity. Please call 208-522-7921 or email [TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com) with requests.

If the prayer request is for a specific person, it must be approved by the person named and they must okay the reason. Prayer requests will be sent out anytime there is a new one. Email the office to be put on the contact list of pray-ers.

## Things are Happening at Trinity this Week!

### Thursday (Jan 21)

- ~~ReOpening Committee 6:30 (Zoom) Postponed to 1/28~~

### Friday (Jan. 22)

### Saturday (Jan. 23)

### Sunday (Jan. 24)

- **Video Worship** on Facebook Page 10:15 am Do church from the comfort of your couch! (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>)
- **Virtual Coffee Hour** - 11:30 am to meet with Ruth and your church friends on Zoom.

### Monday (Jan. 25)

- **Newsletter Input** due every Monday by 10 am
- **Theology on Tap** 7pm (Zoom) meet with your church buddies and think heavy thoughts while partaking of your favorite spirits.

### Tuesday (Jan. 26)

### Wednesday (Jan. 27)

- **Upper Room** 10:00 am (Zoom - Contact Kathy Harder for an invitation)

### Upcoming:

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Trustees Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Gather at the table** 6:30 (Zoom)
- February 10<sup>th</sup> - **Finance Committee** 6:30 (Zoom)
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - **Transfiguration Sunday & Valentine's Day**
- February 16<sup>th</sup> - **Admin Council Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)
- February 16<sup>th</sup> - **Shrove Tuesday**
- February 17<sup>th</sup> - **Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)**
- February 17<sup>th</sup> - **Gather at the table** 6:30 (Zoom)

## After Church Virtual Zoom Coffee Hour



Have you been missing potlucks and coffee hour after church?

If you have, then show up at Virtual Coffee Hour” on Sunday morning at 11:30 on zoom. Stay in touch with your church family. The zoom invite will be posted on the Trinity Facebook page.

[\(https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/\)](https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVJczNtaE83UT09>  
 Meeting ID: 460 907 9844      Password: 089437

## You are welcome to visit the church

You can **always** drop by the church from 9 – 3 to visit with Ruth or just sit in the sanctuary to soak in the beauty and the good spirit.

If you would like to have a small meeting or worship in the sanctuary, that can be arranged by calling Pam in the office (208-522-7921).



Some of the guidelines for groups include:

1. Up to 10 persons may meet in the sanctuary at the same time.
2. Your group needs to call ahead to schedule a time when it is not being used by other groups, or Rob is not in the middle of ripping down the ceiling, and so we can turn the heat on for you.
3. You will need to sign the contact tracing log when you arrive.
4. Masks must be worn inside the church.

**We are in Phase 2**

1. Face masks are required in the building.
2. Sign the Contact Tracing Log.
3. 6-foot physical distancing is required.
4. High risk population please stay home.
5. Small groups allowed in the Sanctuary
6. Meetings limited to 10 people.

Updated 10/10/2020 Don Rohde

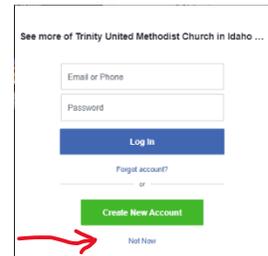
**The Trinity COVID policy is consistent with Governor Little’s return to Stage 2 with the group limit of 10 or less, encouragement of mask use and physical distancing of 6 feet.**

## Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account.

Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

### ON THE LAPTOP:

1. go to GOOGLE CHROME web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook "sign on" window comes up
5. At the bottom of the Sign on Window there was a "NOT NOW" button
6. Push that button and you are free to watch the live stream on a laptop without a Facebook account.



### ON THE APPLE CELL PHONE:

1. go to GOOGLE CHROME web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook sign on window came up
5. Using your finger scroll down the screen
6. A second Facebook sign on window comes up
7. Close that 2nd window by pressing the "X" box up in the top right corner
8. You can see the video on the screen and play it by pressing the play triangle
9. It only shows the latest videos.
10. If you press SHOW ALL you can see all the videos back to March.
11. You are free to watch the live stream on an iPhone without a Facebook account.

## **Checkout all the Worship Videos**

Each Sunday Worship videos will get posted on Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>). If you go to Trinity's web page ([www.TUMCIF.org](http://www.TUMCIF.org)) you can find a link to the Facebook page. Be sure to "like" and "follow" Trinity's Facebook page if you want our content to show up in your personal Facebook feed. Please call Ruth at 208-419-7870 if you have difficulties finding the videos.

Check Trinity's YouTube channel for videos of weekly worship at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

## **Trinity Leadership**

Below are listed the names and contacts for the leadership positions for the next year. Please let the appropriate leader know how you are willing to serve.

- Bev Kemp, Chair of Staff/Parish Relations  
208-569-6149 [bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)
- Don Rohde, Chair of Trustees  
860-810-3227 [donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)
- Robin Stewart, Chair of Administrative Council  
208-521-6358 [robin.s.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:robin.s.stewart@gmail.com)
- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance  
208-201-5593 [auditpatroller@yahoo.com](mailto:auditpatroller@yahoo.com)

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>January</b>		12	13 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) <b>6:30 Finance Committee (Zoom)</b>	14 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	15 Office Closed	16
	17 <u>Human Relations Day</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	18 <u>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</u> <del>Idaho Human Rights Day</del> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	19 <del>6:30 Admin Committee (Zoom)</del>	20 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	21	22 Office Closed
24 <u>Epiphany 3</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	25 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	26	27 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom)	28 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	29 Office Closed	30
31 <u>Epiphany 4</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.						
<b>February</b>	1 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	2 <u>6:30 Trustee Meeting (Zoom)</u>	3 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	4 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	5 Office Closed	6
	7 <u>Epiphany 5</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	8 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	9	10 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) <u>6:30 Finance Meeting (Zoom)</u>	11 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	12 Office Closed