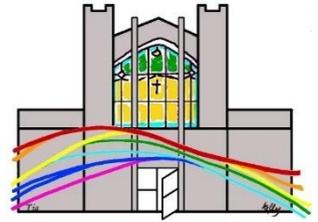




Trinity Times



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for January 28, 2021

These are the final paragraphs of the latest pastoral letter sent out by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky. She speaks about these difficult times of addressing racism in U.S. society and in the church. I pray that her prophetic words of love and challenge will touch your heart.

My charge, as your bishop, is to oversee the spiritual and temporal affairs of the church. I name what I see and encourage the leaders and congregations under my care to grow in faith and witness for the kingdom/kin-dom of God. I see our spirits are not strong enough to follow Jesus into the beloved community he invites us to, nor do we have the courage to speak truth to a world that is awash in lies.

The United Methodist Church can and must become a movement that is awakening, learning, growing and moving toward racial awareness, intercultural competency and inclusive community.



In faithfulness to our baptismal vows, my cabinet and I are committed to working with pastors and laity to re-form our churches to recognize and acknowledge our sin and enter into a journey toward racial equity, justice and inclusion. Just as the members of the cabinet have a monthly discipline of intercultural competency training, the cabinet will develop a process for working with congregations to assess and recognize attitudes and behaviors that give preference to white culture within the church, and to take steps to become more aware and competent in inter-cultural and cross-racial relationships.

The goal of the cabinet is to assist every church to become an outpost of God’s inclusive love in each place and for all the people. Underlying this goal, we firmly resolve not to

allow racially offensive or exclusive comments and behavior within our congregations , to go unchallenged and untransformed.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and John Wesley inform our anti-racism work.

In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote a letter in response to eight white religious leaders who criticized him for leading demonstrations and sit-ins protesting racial segregation in Birmingham, Alabama. In the letter, King reflects on his disappointment in religious leaders during the civil rights struggle, saying,

I have watched white churches stand on the sideline and merely mouth pious irrelevances and sanctimonious trivialities....

I have found myself asking: What kind of people worship here? Who is their God? Where are their voices?....

In deep disappointment, I have wept over the laxity of the church....Yes, I see the church as the body of Christ. But, oh! How we have blemished and scarred that body through social neglect and fear of being nonconformists.

Nearly 60 years later, the face of racism has shifted, but the church is no less lax today than it was in the 1963. We must journey together from being “almost Christian,” as John Wesley describes in his famous sermon, to becoming “altogether Christian,” living in ways that not only avoid sin, but that cultivate and promote virtue and justice.

In the weeks ahead, I’ll invite clergy to a conversation about how we can journey together on the road toward beloved community – freed from the heritage of deep, systemic racism.

As you live in the maelstrom of the week ahead and those to come, I thank God for your faithfulness, through times of peril and doubt and I pray God’s sustaining grace in your life, your family, and your ministries. Bad news never has the final word. Keep listening. There’s good news on the way!

Elaine JW Stanovsky

Blessings, Reverend Ruth



United Methodist Women - Mary Nagel

Sunday, January 31st, will be UMW Sunday. The theme is "A Community Built by Unity." Millions of women in the world find United Methodist Women a great opportunity for fellowship with one another, as well as a tremendous challenge in the service of Christ and his Church.



Through the years the women of Trinity have enjoyed this fellowship and have tried to live up to its challenges. In the coming months we will stay active and continue with our global, national, and local mission work.



John Wesley Quote

"I go to Church whether the minister is good or bad, and advise others so to do."

(In a letter to James Rea, 1766)

Work Around the Church

This week Rob is working on refinishing the ventilation grate covers over the openings to the roof drains. The air circulating up through the vent space keeps the roof drains from freezing. Rob uncovered many layers of paint including a salmon pink color from many years back.



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.

Big Five Sporting Goods Provides Sleeping Bags



Thanks to a very generous price from Big 5 Sporting Goods, we were able to use some of the Battelle Energy Alliance grant money to buy 12 sleeping bags rated at 0 to 5 degrees. Single digit temperatures are standard in Idaho Falls during January and February, so this is truly a blessing from two of our community partners in service of the homeless.

\$135,000 Restoration Loan Paid Off

Yesterday, Robin signed the check for the final payment on the \$135,000 loan from the Sage District Extension Society. The loan was taken out in August of 2018 as a bridge loan while we were waiting for funding from Sacred Places and pledge payments from congregation and community members. Thirty months later it has all been paid off as the conclusion of our \$675,000 Restoration and Renovation Project "For the next 100 Years."

Watch for an opportunity to celebrate with a "Mortgage Burning Party!"



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 participation 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. 1st. 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/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²)
- 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 5-6 weeks). Don't be lured into a false sense of safety. Wear your masks, wash your hands and keep your physical distance.

Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

Top Needs:

- Gloves & Mittens
- Thermal Underwear
- Winter Coats
- Snowmobile Suits
- Pillows
- Electric Can Opener
- Vienna Sausage
- Women’s Underwear – Small & Med.

Thank You for your donations!

This Sunday’s Worship (1/31)

This Sunday is United Methodist Women Sunday. The sermon will be “A Community Built by Unity.”

Joni Pace and Kathy Gaskill will be our liturgists and Mark will accompany on the piano.



We will study Acts 6:1-7. 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 - (Acts 6:1-7)

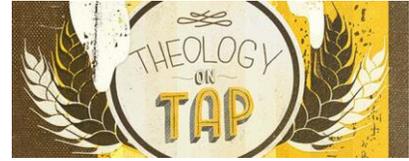
Seven Chosen to Serve

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. 2 And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables.[a] 3 Therefore, friends,[b] select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, 4 while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” 5 What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

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 TrinityUMCIdahoFalls@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.

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>
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Things are Happening at Trinity this Week!

Thursday (Jan 28)

- **ReOpening Committee** 6:30 (Zoom)

Friday (Jan. 29)

Saturday (Jan. 30)

Sunday (Jan. 31)

- **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 (Feb. 1)

- **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 (Feb. 2)

- **Trustees Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)

Wednesday (Feb. 3)

- **Upper Room** 10:00 am (Zoom - Contact Kathy Harder for an invitation)
- **Gather at the Table** 6:30 (Zoom)

Upcoming:

- February 10th - **Finance Committee** 6:30 (Zoom)
- February 14th - **Transfiguration Sunday & Valentine's Day**
- February 16th - **Admin Council Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)
- February 16th - **Shrove Tuesday**
- February 17th - **Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)**
- February 17th - **Gather at the Table** 6:30 (Zoom)

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

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) 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:

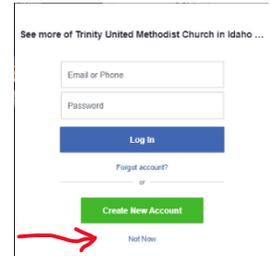
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

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.

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
- Don Rohde, Chair of Trustees
860-810-3227 donrohde@aol.com
- Robin Stewart, Chair of Administrative Council
208-521-6358 robin.s.stewart@gmail.com
- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance
208-201-5593 auditpatroller@yahoo.com

February Birthdays

Gary Rose	2/2	Leroy Meyer	2/17
Trudy Esparza	2/3	Nancy O'Brien	2/21
Steve Holaday	2/8	Ruth Oar	2/22
Diane Croson	2/11	Tim French	2/23
Roger Haga	2/13	Savon Mower	2/25
Savannah Jensen	2/14	Logan Pickens	2/25
Kristy Campbell	2/15	Josh Borland	2/25
Ruth Byron	2/16	Kathy Borland	2/28

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
January		19 <u>6:30 Admin Committee (Zoom)</u>	20 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)		22 Office Closed	
	24 <u>Epiphany 3</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.		26	27 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom)	28 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	29 Office Closed
25	7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)					
31 <u>Epiphany 4</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.						
February	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
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