

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for February 1, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available to Persons 65 Or Older.
See COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Update on page 2

Sundays UMW Program

Taken from the United Methodist Women Program Book 2020–2021.

Community Marked by Unity

An unusual community, marked by generosity, unselfishness and care for everyone, grows beyond the leadership’s expectations. The disciples try to keep up with all the responsibilities, they try to make sure that they put first things first, but it’s all a bit too much. One of their principles is that the community holds all things in common, so that everyone is fed, but now it seems some are going hungry. The weakest members of the community who can’t make it to the common meals or the distribution points are the ones missing out, and the leadership doesn’t even know this is happening. The very essence of the community is at risk.

The early Christian community was marked by God’s grace, as seen in the sign that there was not a needy person among them. But the rapid growth of the community resulted in some who were going without food – weren’t their needs within the community of grace? Unthinkable! Devoted to the idea of

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We are trying out this new column format so that people will be able to read the newsletter on their cell phones. We are also experimenting with section headings and a table of contents to make it easier to find information.

Let me know what you think.

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community as a witness to grace, shown in how they made sure no one was needy, someone realized that they needed to speak up. The leaders listened and recognized that they needed to delegate, to share responsibility. They did not question their presumption of solidarity. They did not question the need to care for everyone. They chose new leaders to help continue this commitment.

When we first read this text, it may appear to be a conflict between the Hellenists (those who were of Greek heritage) and the Hebrews (those who were originally Jewish). But the reality is that “the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul” (Acts 4:32). This conflict is one of working out what it means to be actually knit together as the body of Christ and figuring out how the whole group of those who believe they belong to Christ can live together with one heart and soul.

Choosing to Build Trust

Even today, there are many times that we are pressured from all sides to choose. When there are fractures in society, conflicts between friends or families and distressingly in our church, we are told we have to choose a side, that we must be on one side or another, that we cannot allow ourselves to be knit together.

Yet, the Christians in this scripture did not permit differences to separate them. Rather, they acknowledged the differences and yet allowed themselves to be knit together in the body of Christ. They empowered others to be leaders. They continued their commitment to care for those on the margins.

Historian Dr. Dana Robert writes that the secret to success of the early women’s mission movement was “unity among married and single women, prominent and ordinary women, missionary and homestead women, and women of different Protestant traditions.”¹ That unity took place over time, through friendships built on trust and on being knit together in the body of Christ despite differences in doctrine or worship style.

She points out that one of the important aspects of the early women’s mission society movement was the united study of mission. Robert notes that the woman’s meeting at the London Missionary Conference in 1888 resulted in the creation of “a committee for the united study of missions” in 1900.² Women organized for mission and asked for “reliable material about missions”³ and so “women created a committee composed of Congregationalist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Episcopal representatives” to publish an annual textbook to be used by mission study groups in local churches. Soon, study books were written for children, and studies were written for summer schools of mission.⁴ Women organized for mission and mission study across denominational differences. At the time that this interdenominational cooperative study began, the Methodists were not a united church; they were still living out the divisions wrought by disagreements over slavery and the Civil War. Yet, through the study of mission, women sought to be knitted together in Christ.

What does it mean to be knit together? When two sections of knitted work are joined together, the crafter must pay careful

attention to detail. The two sections are not blended into something different, but rather joined so that each one's beauty complements the other. Share a few minutes of a video that demonstrates how to join two sections of knitted work by entering the following search term online: "knitting tips no. 2 video." Or have a volunteer bring an example of their knitting to show to the group.

Being knit together creates something beautiful, and if it is done with careful attention, something strong. Joining together for the early Christians meant that they needed to listen to the people who didn't have power, develop leaders and share responsibilities. Joining together means being grounded in prayer and worship, being led by the Spirit so that no one is left out of the community of grace.

United Methodist Women continually seeks new ways to adapt and focus on the needs of women, children and youth. One of the ways that United Methodist Women is acting to build these bridges and transform the role of women is to advocate for girls' access to education. College and university students in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean receive scholarship awards to pursue higher education. These proven leaders become clergy, community developers, medical professionals, teachers, computer technicians, economists, lawyers and more. Your Mission Giving makes it possible to offer scholarships to young women across the world.



What is Ash Wednesday?

As the ashes are placed on the forehead the minister might say "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," recalling God's words to Adam in Genesis 3:19. Through the service of ashes on the first day of Lent, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sin, and remembering who we are and who we can be. – taken from Ask The UMC-FAQs

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ruth will be giving out ashes on Feb. 17th:

Ashes to Go for Everybody
12:00 to 2:30 on Broadway Bridge

Ashes and Meditation
3:00 to 6:00 Trinity Sanctuary.



Ash Wednesday 2020 (before masks)

EIPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Update

Eastern Idaho Public Health update
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021 - (4:30 pm)
https://eiph.idaho.gov/Home/Hot%20Topics/Coronavirus/COVID_Vaccine.html

This morning at 9:00, nearly 2,000 COVID-19 vaccine appointments were made available to people aged 65 and older who are eligible to receive the vaccine beginning Monday, February 1. Within 20 minutes, the 2,000 available appointments were filled either by people calling on the phone or scheduling online. We are working to open up more appointments through the end of March, which we expect to be done later this week. As more information becomes available in the coming days, we will share it through our regional media partners, on our website, and our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/EIPH.Idaho/>

There are over 30,000 people in the 65 and older age group in EIPH's eight-county region (Bonneville, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties) all vying for these limited appointments. However, vaccine supply is extremely limited with currently just over 2,100 doses coming to Eastern Idaho Public Health's eight-county region each week. These doses are then distributed to more than 40 provider locations (including EIPH offices) in our region to administer to individuals. Please recognize, all providers are having the same challenges with extremely limited vaccine supply. **We anticipate it will take at least 12 weeks to get the vaccine to everyone in the 65 and older group at this rate.** However, we are hopeful that the vaccine supply will increase in the coming weeks. While we understand so many are very eager to receive the vaccine, we must ask for your patience.

We are extremely pleased that 2,000 appointments were able to be made so quickly. The online scheduling links went live at 9:00 a.m. as did our phone lines. At the same time, our experience today also helped identify some areas for improvement, which we will quickly work to address. Several issues were related to the online scheduling tool and we have already received many suggestions for improvement which we will provide to the vendors in hopes of simplifying it as much as possible. Inability to get through on the phone lines due to them all being in use created frustration and confusion as well. With the call volumes we experienced, it prevented people from getting to the recorded message informing them that all the appointments had been filled.

Please know that we are working diligently to get the COVID-19 vaccine out to people as quickly as we can in the midst of the challenges, we have with very limited vaccine supply. Again, we ask for your patience as we work through this monumental undertaking as quickly as possible.

Geri Rackow, Director
Eastern Idaho Public Health

When more appoints become available later this week you can go to EIPH website (<https://www.EIPH.Idaho.gov>) to see what appointment options are available including options through public health, pharmacies, and private providers.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call EIPH offices (208-533-3235) to schedule an appointment for an Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) clinic. The phone lines will be closed once all appointments are filled.

Church News

United Methodist Women – Mary Nagel

A big thank you goes to Pastor Ruth, Joni Pace and Kathy Gaskill for the



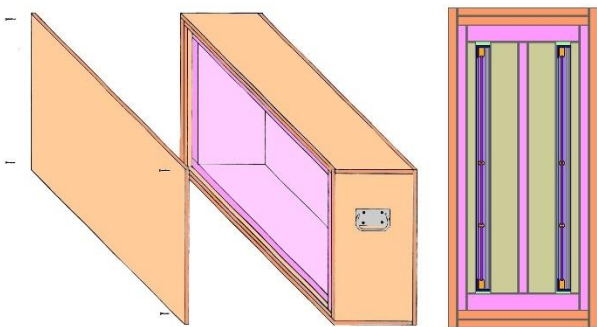
worship service on Sunday. It was a great conclusion to UMW month. A special thank you for Ruth promoting and highlighting the good work of United Methodist Women.

The 2021 Yearbooks are now complete. Members of the Executive Board will be distributing them to our members. Thank you, Pam Traugher and Nancy O'Brien, for your fine work in the compilation and printing.

A special thanks to Logan for his work prerecording the programs so we could all be safe.

Stained Glass Restoration

Rob is constructing the shipping container for two stained-glass ventilator windows. They will travel in a 1" thick plywood crate lined with 1 inch of hard foam and pressed between another inch of soft foam. They will be well protected.



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

COVID-19 Vaccine CAUTION:

Remember there are 2 shots required, spaced 3 to 4 weeks 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.

John Wesley Quote

"The plainer you speak, the more good you will do." (In a letter to John Cricket, 1783)



Finance & Giving

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.



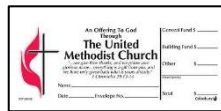
Our church's financial status for year-to-date January 30, 2021:

Income = \$9,535
Expenses = \$14,517
Difference = (\$ 4,982)

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

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



Pledge Card

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.



You can get cash out of your stimulus card at Common Cents ATMs after activating online.

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.

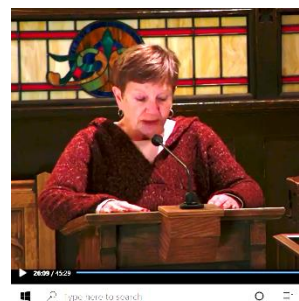
Last Sunday's Worship (1/31)

Last Sunday was United Methodist Women Sunday. The sermon was "A Community Built by Unity."



Joni Pace and Kathy Gaskill were our liturgists and Mark accompanied on the piano.

We studied Acts 6:1-7. You may 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. 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. 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, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." 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. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

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.

Staying Connected

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.

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

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>

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://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 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.

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

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

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.

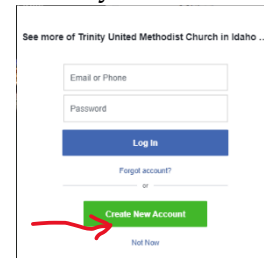
How to Watch on Facebook

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/TUMC>
IF/
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

This Week at Trinity

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)

Thursday (Feb 4)

- ~~ReOpening Committee 6:30 (Zoom)~~
Postponed to 2/11

Friday (Feb. 5)

Saturday (Feb. 6)

Sunday (Feb. 7)

- **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.

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)



Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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