

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for February 4, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available to Persons 65 Or Older.
See COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Update on page 3

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Thoughts from Rev. Ruth

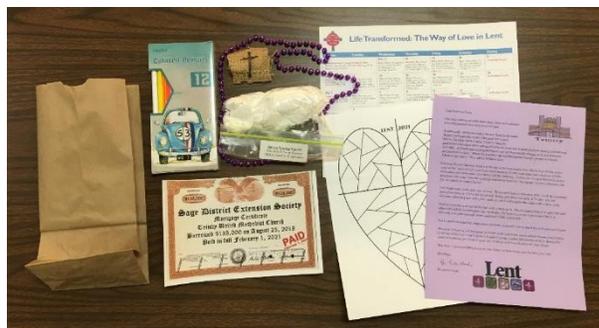
Dear Beloved Ones,

Lent will be here soon, so the Pre-Lenten bags destined for our far-flung community got sent out in the snail mail today. The rest of the bags will be hand delivered to your home before Shrove Tuesday (Feb. 16th). Here is a little more information about how to best use the contents of this Lenten gift to you from Trinity.

This bag contains several items that I hope will enhance your preparation and experience of Lent.

Traditionally Trinity has had a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner (and pancake races in the past few years). Shrove Tuesday started when Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent around A.D. 600, so Christians made pancakes to use up their supply of eggs, milk and butter in preparation for Lent. When the tradition spread throughout Europe, people in France followed the trend. They called it Mardi Gras.

For your Shrove Tuesday blowout, this kit includes pancake mix, Mardi Gras beads, and a copy of the “paid in full” note from the Extension Society loan taken out when we did the restoration and renovation for Trinity’s 100th birthday. I invite you to wear the beads, make pancakes with your



favorite toppings and safely burn the “mortgage” (in your fireplace, fire pit, or outside in a metal bowl).

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. This year it falls on February 17th. I will be imposing ashes from noon to 2:30 at the Broadway Bridge and from 3 to 6pm at Trinity. You are welcome either at place with your mask on and I will impose the ashes with a clean Q-Tip.

Your kit includes a swatch of burlap with a cross on it. This is representative of sackcloth and ashes which help us remember our mortality. Perhaps you could tape or tack this to a doorway you pass through often and touch it like a mezuzah.

The Lenten Calendar has suggestions for daily scripture and spiritual focus words and actions.

This year’s Praying in Color page is a heart with spaces for you to either choose a word from scripture of the day in the Lenten Calendar to pray, ponder and doodle over, or choose the name of someone you want to pray for, or list an action or situation to pray about.

May this Lent season bring hope as you reflect on how much you are loved by God.

Blessings,

Rev Ruth

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)

Meet the Congregation



We have started a series of videos interviewing members of the worshipping community. Please make sure you take time to watch the video of Rev. Ruth interviewing Vince Esparza! Here are the links:

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

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

If you would like to participate please give Ruth a call (208-419-7870) or send her an email RevRuthMarsh@gmail.com.

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.

EIPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Update

Eastern Idaho Public Health update

Wednesday, February 3, 2021:

On February 1, individuals aged 65 and older became eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine in Idaho. There are over 30,000 people in the 65 and older age group in Eastern Idaho Public Health’s (EIPH) eight-county region (Bonneville, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, and Teton Counties). At the present time, there are approximately 2,500 doses of vaccine allocated to nearly [40 provider locations](#) throughout the region weekly; and unfortunately, the demand for the vaccine far exceeds our current supply of vaccine.

In an effort to make the process for obtaining an appointment as simple as possible and to provide equitable distribution of vaccine to all individuals desiring it in Idaho’s current [priority groups](#), EIPH will assign available vaccination appointments randomly to all individuals who register on our waiting list **BEFORE** Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Over the course of the following 10 days, appointments will be assigned to individuals and **EIPH WILL CALL OR TEXT TO INFORM INDIVIDUALS OF THEIR APPOINTMENT**, which could range from February 15 through the end of March. *To allow us time to make all these notifications, we would ask that you NOT call our office before February 22 to check on your appointment.* Thank you for your patience with this process.

If you register on the waiting list **AFTER** February 11 at 8:00 a.m., you can expect a call or text from EIPH between February 22-26 to notify you of your assigned appointment. Again, please do not call our office before this time, as we will have not yet made your appointment.

Please [click here](#) to read the all of the details for this new scheduling process.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE WAITING LIST

If you previously signed up for our notification list, **THERE IS NOTHING ELSE YOU HAVE TO DO.** On Wednesday, February 3, a call or text will be sent to everyone already signed up on the list to confirm your previous registration.

If you need to sign up, please click the appropriate link below OR call **208-533-3223** for assistance.



← Coming Soon

Geri Rackow, Director

Eastern Idaho Public Health

Church News

United Methodist Women – Mary Nagel

February is Black History Month, and the United Methodist Women are involved.



The following is from the UMW website on the Charter for Racial Justice.

The Charter for Racial Justice was created and adopted by the Women’s Division (now United Methodist Women) of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries in 1978. The Charter was adopted by the whole denomination at the 1980 General Conference.

The Charter for Racial Justice says that “racism is a rejection of the teachings of Jesus Christ” and that “all women and men are made in God’s image and all persons are equally valuable in God’s sight.”

United Methodist Women have always been deeply committed to the ongoing work of racial justice. United Methodist Women work together for the transformation of church and world, following the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.

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

Stained Glass Restoration

Yesterday Rob completed the plywood shipping crate to ship the stained-glass windows to Oakland for restoration. Today he will paint and apply the labeling to the outside of the crate. To be sure the package is shipped upright it will be mounted on a shipping pallet.



Finance & Giving

Do you have plans for your stimulus money? – Ruth Marsh

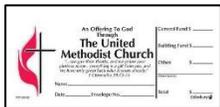
The second round of stimulus money from the federal government is beginning to arrive. I would ask you to prayerfully consider if you can afford to give this "found money" to the church. Clearly your loved ones are a first level priority but supporting Trinity's ministries and building is a way for you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



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

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

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



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!

Sunday's Worship (2/7)

Sunday will be the 5th Sunday after Epiphany and the Lord is still being revealed to us. Our theme will be: "Help Me to Pray." It's about how Jesus needed time away in prayer periodically as he healed a broken world.



We will study Mark 1:29-39. 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 (Mark 1:29-39)

Right after they left the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. They told Him about Simon's mother-in-law who was there in bed, sick and feverish. Jesus went to her side, took her hand, and lifted her up. As soon as He touched her, the fever left her and she felt well again – strong enough to bustle around the house taking care of her visitors.

Just before night fell, others had gathered all the sick, diseased, and demon-infested people they could find. It seemed as if the whole town had gathered at Simon and Andrew's door. Jesus was kept busy healing people of every sort of ailment and casting out unclean spirits. He was very careful not to let the demons speak because

they knew Him and could reveal to the people who He really was.

Early in the morning, Jesus got up, left the house while it was still dark outside, and went to a deserted place to pray. Simon and the others traveling with Jesus looked for Him. They finally tracked Him down.

Everybody wants to know where You are!

It's time we went somewhere else – the next village, maybe – so I can tell more people the good news about the kingdom of God. After all, that's the reason I'm here.

So He traveled to the next village and the one after that, throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and casting out unclean spirits.

© The Voice

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 17th at 6:30.**



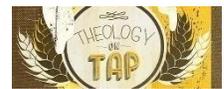
New guests, please call the office if you would like an invitation to this zoom.

John Wesley Quote

“Unity and holiness are the two things I want among the Methodists.” Letter to Rev John Fletcher 1766



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://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVjczNtaE83UT09>

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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 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

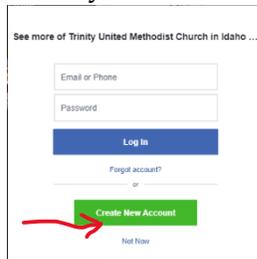
How to Watch on Facebook

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 CELL PHONE:

1. go to 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.

Prayer Board for Everyone

The bulletin board outside of the sanctuary doors has been dedicated to the prayer life of the community. Paper and pencils are available for making your request.

Thanks to Betty Anderson for the graphics. Drop in and have a look!



This Week at Trinity

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.

Monday (Feb. 8)

- **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. 9)

Wednesday (Feb. 10)

- **Upper Room** 10:00 am (Zoom -
Contact Kathy Harder for an
invitation)
- **Finance Committee** 6:30 (Zoom)

Upcoming:

February 14th - **Transfiguration Sunday,
Scout 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)

March 2nd - **Trustees Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)



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

Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
February	1 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	2 6:30 <u>Trustee Meeting</u> (Zoom)	3 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	4	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) 6:30 Finance Meeting (Zoom)	11 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	12 Office Closed	13
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