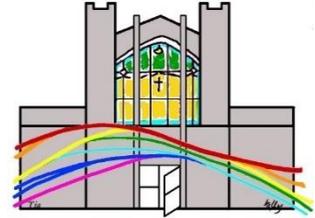


Trinity Times



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for February 11, 2021

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Thoughts from Rev. Ruth

Luke 6:27-31

27 “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

NRSV

Dear Siblings in Christ,

What does success look like? I have struggled mightily with this question in the past few months. What does it mean for Trinity to be successful? Usually there would be numbers that would point toward success. Right now, we can’t measure favorable outcomes by counting people in the pews, how many home visits the pastor makes, or even by how much money arrives in the mail. There are so many variables that affect any of those numbers.

Here is what success at Trinity looked like this week:

Last Friday evening I got a call from an adult child of a long-time congregant. “Mom is under hospice care, and we are trying to do whatever would make mom happy, can you come visit her?” Of course, the answer was yes! I was so glad to be able to make a pastoral call to a nursing home for the first time in many months. Once I was screened and through the front door, I even visited two more folks whom I have been holding in prayer but had not been able to lay eyes on for nearly a year. Visiting folks under hospice care is always a difficult blessing to accept. This time it was a clear success.

You might remember that several weeks ago, Trinity received \$1,000 from the Annual Conference to purchase a gas card to keep on file down at Common Cents. This week, there were three separate people that Trinity gifted with gasoline to get them to work. Why is that notable? Because if you miss work, you get fired and are no longer able to support your family. The only other help for fuel is available one time each year, but sometimes you need help a second or third time. I count it as success that those three people still have jobs.

Tuesday was a cold day, too cold for the gentleman who showed up wearing a tennis shoe on one foot and a Nike slip-on sandal on the other. He did not have a coat or gloves. He was totally unprepared for the weather. By the time he left Trinity, he had eaten a hot meal, was warm again, and had a coat, boots and gloves to wear. *And you, Trinity, fed and clothed him!*

Remember, beloved of God, that you are loved and appreciated. There are not enough words to express all the good you are doing. Trinity remains the Body of Christ even when we are separated in order to stay safe.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth



Ash Wednesday Schedule⁽⁴⁾

Ruth will be giving out ashes on Feb. 17th:
(All recipients must wear a mask.)

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)



ELAINE J W STANOVSKY
RESIDENT BISHOP
RHONDALEI GABUAT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE BISHOP

February 10, 2021

Beloved in Christ I write to you today with two announcements that will impact the Greater Northwest Area of The United Methodist Church this year.

On Epiphany, I requested voluntary retirement as a bishop in The United Methodist Church, effective December 31, 2021. Today, I share this news with you.

It seems too early to announce my retirement long before it arrives, but the many steps that proceed the assignment of a new bishop demand it. This is truer this year, with denominational strife, the ongoing pandemic, and the financial consequences of each creating additional uncertainty for our United Methodist connection.

While I regret that my retirement may add to the burden of others, I am convinced that this is the right time and the right action for me personally. I will continue to work diligently with conference leaders through the year to prepare for whatever and whoever comes next. And I trust that God continues to move in the hearts of the faithful to raise up leaders for the next stage of the journey.

The other news I share is less personal but will impact us all the same.

Given the continuing presence of COVID-19 in our communities, we now expect to hold Annual Conference 2021, once again, remotely online.

While a date change is possible, please continue to hold the announced dates, June 9-12, 2021, as we explore alternative possibilities – including multiple virtual sessions. We expect to know more soon as decisions are made about plans for delayed general and jurisdictional conferences.

We'll let members of each Annual Conference know more information as it becomes available.



Despite the many challenges and transitions life brings, in faith, we know that love lives on. Please know that I continue to hold the people and ministries of the Greater Northwest Area in my prayers as we witness this truth together, though still apart from one another.

With gratitude and hope,

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky

Holy Communion for the Sage District

First Wednesday of each month, beginning March 3 at 7 p.m. MST / 6 p.m. PST

We have not been able to celebrate Holy Communion in our local church buildings since March 2020, but that does not mean that this sacrament is unavailable to us.

Our Western Jurisdiction bishops recognized last March that we needed a way to celebrate Holy Communion even while church buildings were closed, and physical distancing was necessary. (You can read the WJ bishops' statement here.). Those safety measures are still needed, and this prolonged departure from most everything that we previously considered "normal" has led to us needing more grace than usual. Many of our local congregations are celebrating Holy Communion online but Zoom permits us to gather (virtually) from all parts of the district to share the liturgy and sacrament together.

Anyone in the Sage District who would like to participate is invited to join a Zoom communion service the first Wednesday of every month, beginning in February 2021. Zoom allows for participation through phone and internet, and it is the same technology used for all of our charge conferences this past fall. To participate, have bread (or an equivalent, such as tortillas) and grape juice (or wine) prepared and within reach, then connect to Zoom using the link below.

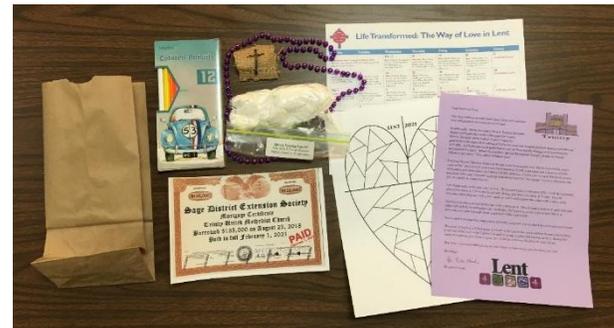
DS Rev. Karen Hernandez will lead us in the liturgy, and we will feast together on the bread of life and the cup of love.



To join from any computer with internet access, click the link below:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/98508131802>
ID: 985 0813 1802.

Shrove Tuesday Blowout Kit



Pick yours up at church or call the office (208-522-7921) for delivery!

EIPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Update⁽²⁾

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

UMW Program

By Kelly Carney

Join Us! (from the comfort of your homes)

United Methodist Women invites you to be a part of an observance in sisterhood with women from our local unit and our community. Every year "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" encourages women to step out in faith and bring the love of Christ into a hurting world through their prayers and selfless giving. In lieu of a Circle program we are sharing the program through the Trinity Times during the month of February.

In 2021, we center on the theme "She leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference." We welcome you to pray, learn, and offer your gifts that will make a difference in the lives of women, children and youth around the world.

The Power of your gift

In 2019 United Methodist Women raised \$570,281 for programs that promote well-being and equal opportunities for children and youth in need. 100% of the money given through A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial goes directly to fund projects and partners related to the theme of the year.

This year's offering will provide the means for women to be able to gain control of their lives and futures. It will support the programs offered by National Mission Institutions and international partner organizations that promote leadership development and foster the well-being of underserved women, children and families. Projects include, but are not limited to: GED and ESL, job readiness, life skills and

livelihood training, scholarships and microenterprise programs. Through your Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering, you are witness to God at work, empowering women to make a difference. Donations (checks made out to United Methodist Women) may be sent to Trinity or directly to Joni Pace. Please mark them for "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."

Profile of on International Impact

Felizarda Joaquim needed help to achieve her goal of running a broiler chicken business. United Methodist Women was able to give her the opportunity that she needed at just the right time through seed funding. The Poultry Project is one of many successful international initiatives that A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial gifts have made possible to support women such as Felizarda. Created to assist the community in employment opportunities, particularly for women and youth through entrepreneurial development by United Methodist Women in Mozambique South Annual Conference, this project is training women and youth to develop their business skills. Felizarda thrives both in her chicken business and offers ongoing support to the UMW Poultry Project.

Read more about Felizarda's story and the Poultry Project at

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/the-poultry-project-when-opportunity-meets-preparation>

If you are reading this on an electronic device, I invite you to enjoy the following hymn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfg5VTyDkyA> "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love"

Church News

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

John Wesley Quote

“Hear what preacher you will; but hear the voice of God, and beware of prejudice and every unkind temper.” Letter in 1759



Work Around the Church



Rob is back on ceiling restoration. Today he was building out the thickness where some large pieces of paint had peeled back and were removed. Rob builds up the thickness to replace the missing 103 years of layers of paint and applies a new layer of paint over the whole area.

Finance & Giving

Do you have plans for your stimulus money? ^(P) – Ruth Marsh

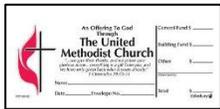
The second round of stimulus money from the federal government is beginning to arrive. I would ask you to prayerfully consider if you can afford to give this "found money" to the church. Clearly your loved ones are a first level priority but supporting Trinity's ministries and building is a way for you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

- ^(P)
- 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



⁽³⁾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 (2/14)

Sunday will be Transfiguration Sunday as well as Scout Sunday. The sermon title is "The Big Reveal." It's about what is being revealed to us and what will we do with that knowledge?



John and Ian came to light candles

We will study Mark 9:2-9. 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/>

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES - Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

© *New Revised Standard Version*

Gather at the Table for February! ^(P)

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.

Staying Connected

Checkout all the Worship Videos ^(P)

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>



Prayer Wall for Everyone ⁽²⁾

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!

After-Church Virtual Zoom Coffee Hour^(P)

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=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUVJjczNtaE83UT09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844

Passcode: Jesus



Theology on Tap - The Home Edition^(P)

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.



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You are welcome to visit the church^(P)

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

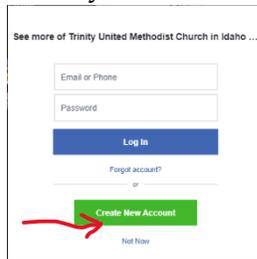
How to Watch on Facebook

Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account. ^(P)

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.



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.

ON THE CELL PHONE: ^(P)

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

This Week at Trinity

Thursday (Feb 11)

- ~~ReOpening Committee 6:30 (Zoom)~~ postponed to 2/18

Friday (Feb. 12)

Saturday (Feb. 13)

Sunday (Feb. 14) Transfiguration Sunday, Scout Sunday & Valentine's Day

- **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. 15) Presidents' Day

- **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. 16) Shrove Tuesday

- **Ashes to Go for Everybody** 12:00 to 2:30 on Broadway Bridge
- **Ashes and Meditation** 3:00 to 6:00 Trinity Sanctuary.
- **Admin Council Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)

Wednesday (Feb. 17) Ash Wednesday

- **Upper Room** 10:00 am (Zoom - Contact Kathy Harder for an invitation)
- February 17th - **Gather at the Table** 6:30 (Zoom)

Upcoming:

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

March 10th - **Finance Committee** 6:30 (Zoom)

March 14th - **Daylight Saving Time Starts**



Trinity Leadership^(P)

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	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) CANCELED	12 Office Closed	13
	14 Transfiguration 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr. 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	15 Presidents' Day Office Closed	16 Shrove Tuesday 6:30 Admin Meeting (Zoom)	17 Ash Wednesday 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	18 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	19 Office Closed
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28 Lent 2 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.						
March	1 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	2 6:30 Trustee Meeting (Zoom)	3 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	4 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	5 Office Closed	6
	7 Lent 3 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	12 Office Closed