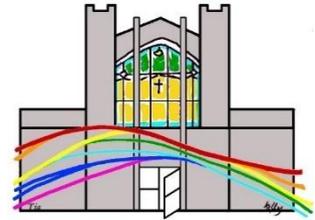


Trinity Times



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for February 26, 2021

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Thoughts from Rev. Ruth

You who sit down in the High God’s presence, spend the night in Shaddai’s shadow, Say this: “God, you’re my refuge. I trust in you and I’m safe!” That’s right – he rescues you from hidden traps, shields you from deadly hazards. His huge outstretched arms protect you – under them you’re perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm. Fear nothing – not wild wolves in the night, not flying arrows in the day, Not disease that prowls through the darkness, not disaster that erupts at high noon. Even though others succumb all around, drop like flies right and left, no harm will even graze you. You’ll stand untouched, watch it all from a distance, watch the wicked turn into corpses. Yes, because God’s your refuge, the High God your very own home,



Evil can’t get close to you, harm can’t get through the door. He ordered his angels to guard you wherever you go. If you stumble, they’ll catch you; their job is to keep you from falling. You’ll walk unharmed among lions and snakes, and kick young lions and serpents from the path. ...

Psalm 91 (The Message)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Things feel like they are changing. People are starting to get vaccinated, Bonneville County rescinded its mask mandate, and we are in the Christian season of Lent, which means Easter and spring are just around the corner. This feels like a good time to report how Trinity’s Re-imagining Life Together task force has been working on your behalf to safely plan for re-starting

in-person worship and other activities. Bishop Elaine has given us careful guidelines including a specific COVID tracking website [Click Here](#) to help figure out the safest path to being able to worship together. As you can see from the graphs below, Bonneville Co. is a currently a hot-spot for COVID infections. Please note that our current spike coincides with the lifting of the mask mandate.

Last week, when the infection trends looked much more promising, the ReOpen task force had hoped that we could meet for an Easter Sunrise worship down by the river (practicing physical distancing and masked). Right now, however, I'm not very hopeful about that coming to fruition since we are currently in the red zone.

One interesting note about the graphs is that the only green line is the ICU beds. That is data from back on February 18th when we were still trending down in infection rates. David tells me that there was a day recently, however, that every bed at EIRMC was in use. Of course, not all of them were filled with COVID patients, but it is still alarming that the hospital was full.

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

Covid-19 Graphs

Bonneville County, ID

COVID RISK LEVEL ⓘ

Active outbreak

Bonneville County is either actively experiencing an outbreak or is at extreme risk. COVID cases are exponentially growing and/or Bonneville County's COVID preparedness is significantly below international standards.

DAILY NEW CASES

29.9 PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

1.19

Active cases are rapidly increasing

POSITIVE TEST RATE

10.9%

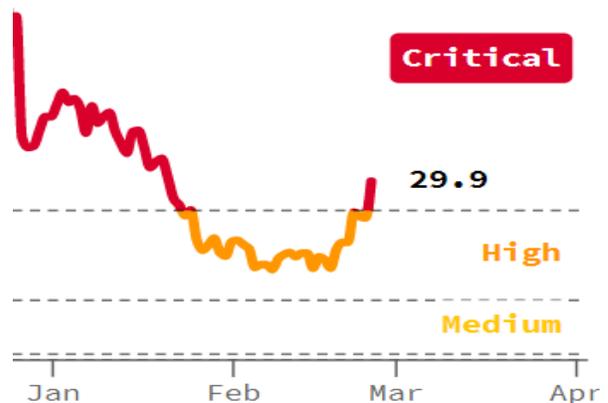
Indicates insufficient testing

ICU CAPACITY USED

63%

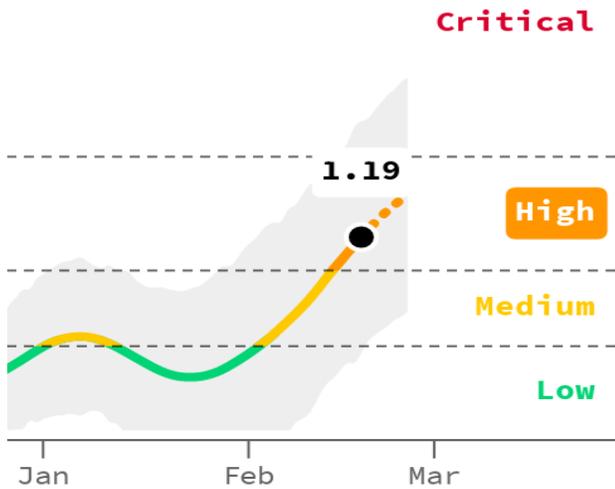
Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

Daily New Cases (per 100k population)

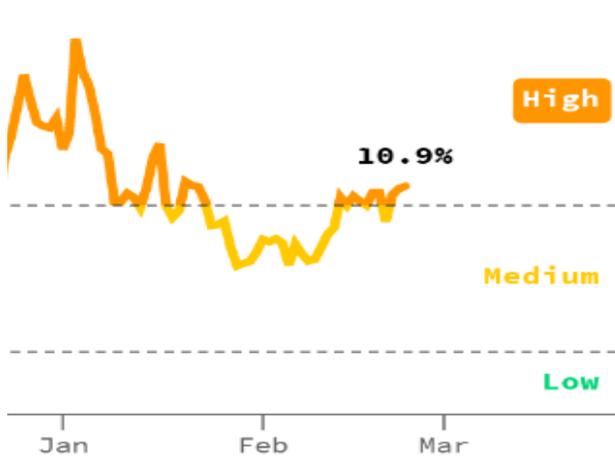


https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/bonneville_county/?s=1625566

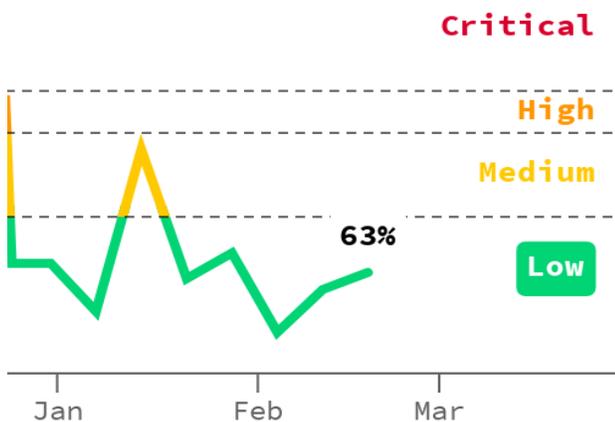
Infection Rate



Positive Test Rate



ICU Capacity Used



Reimagining Life Together

As our congregation continue to look forward to Phase 2.1, it is important to be vigilant in keeping our Christian brothers and sisters safe. The COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus. It typically takes a few weeks after the vaccination for the body to build up protection (immunity). This means it is still possible a person could still get COVID-19 just after vaccination, because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

It is important to take steps to protect yourself and others until you can get vaccinated. Even after you get vaccinated, it is important to continue use all the tools available to help stop this pandemic.

The Tools to Protect Yourself and others from COVID-19 are:

- Wear a mask over your nose & mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often
- Get your vaccine

Please Be Safe - Do No Harm - Love Jesus

Tommy Lew, Pharmacist

Ref info:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

EIPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling⁽⁵⁾

Eastern Idaho Public Health update

Monday, February 22, 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 3,100 doses of vaccine allocated to over 40 provider locations throughout the region weekly, and unfortunately, the demand for the vaccine far exceeds our current supply of vaccine.

At this time, we have made every effort to notify everyone on EIPH's waiting list of their opportunity to schedule an appointment and have now discontinued the waiting list for people aged 65 years and older as well as individuals in earlier priority groups.

WHO'S UP NEXT TO BE VACCINATED?

The following groups are next in line to be vaccinated, but dates are subject to change depending on vaccine supply. [Click here](#) for more information.

- Early April (Idaho Subgroup 2.3)
- Food and agriculture workers (including food processing workers)
- USDA processing plant inspectors
- Grocery, convenience store, and food pantry workers
- Idaho National Guard, if not included earlier
- Manufacturing workers
- Public transit workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers

- Subset of essential gas, electric, water, and telecommunications utility workers, who work indoors
- Homeless shelter residents

If you are in the above group (Idaho Subgroup 2.3), you may click on the link below to get on the waiting list for a vaccination. EIPH will call/text you when an appointment is available for you.

[Idaho Subgroup 2.3 Appointment Waiting List Registration](#)

Pro Tip: There are 10 other locations giving Covid vaccines besides the EIPH Department. You can call other locations to see if they have appointments available. [40 provider locations](#)

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

“I entreat you, beware of bigotry...” *A Plain Account of Christian Perfection.*



Stained-Glass Window Repair Project

Today the two stained-glass ventilator windows started their 5-day trip to Nzilani Glass Conservation in Oakland California. This restoration is half funded by the Idaho Heritage Trust. We applied for the grant in Fall of 2019. It was awarded to us in spring of 2020. Then there was a bidding process and the Covid-19 time out. Finally, 17 months later they are on the truck.



Ruth took a moment to bless the shipment.



Richard helped load the shipment

Today's Greatest Needs:

- Reading Glasses of any strength
- Poor Man's Tupperware (like cottage cheese, yogurt & sour cream, with lids).



Finance & Giving

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 (2/28)

Sunday will be the second Sunday in Lent. The sermon title will be "Trading in Our Fear for Faith." The question of the day is, "What is God asking you to take up during Lent and what will you have to put down in order to do it?"

We will study Romans 4:13-25. 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 (Romans 4:13-25)

That famous promise God gave Abraham – that he and his children would possess the earth – was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God's decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed. If those who get what God gives them only get it by doing everything they are told to do and filling out all the right forms properly signed, that eliminates personal trust completely and turns the promise into an ironclad contract! That's not a holy promise; that's a business deal. A contract drawn up by a hard-nosed lawyer and with plenty of fine print only makes sure that you will never be able to collect. But if there is no contract in the first place, simply a promise – and God's promise at that – you can't break it.

This is why the fulfillment of God's promise depends entirely on trusting God and his way, and then simply embracing him and what he does. God's promise arrives as pure gift. That's the only way everyone can be sure to get in on it, those who keep the religious traditions and

those who have never heard of them. For Abraham is father of us all. He is not our racial father – that's reading the story backward. He is our faith father.

We call Abraham "father" not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, "I set you up as father of many peoples"? Abraham was first named "father" and then became a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!"

Abraham didn't focus on his own impotence and say, "It's hopeless. This hundred-year-old body could never father a child." Nor did he survey Sarah's decades of infertility and give up. He didn't tiptoe around God's promise asking cautiously skeptical questions. He plunged into the promise and came up strong, ready for God, sure that God would make good on what he had said. That's why it is said, "Abraham was declared fit before God by trusting God to set him right." But it's not just Abraham; it's also us! The same thing gets said about us when we embrace and believe the One who brought Jesus to life when the conditions were equally hopeless. The sacrificed Jesus made us fit for God, set us right with God.

© The Message

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>

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, March 3rd at 6:30.**



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

Prayer Wall for Everyone^(S)



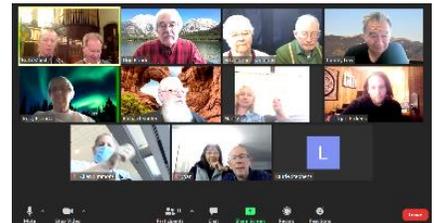
The bulletin board outside of the sanctuary doors has been dedicated to the prayer life of the community. Paper and pencils are available for making your request.

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.



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=Wm9xZmdrM3FTQzNYaE8zSDRRL3Zqdz09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844

New Passcode: Jesus

Theology on Tap - The Home Edition^(P)

Theology on Tap is going



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 Rehde

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=Wm9xZmdrM3FTQzNYaE8zSDRRL3Zqdz09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844

New Passcode: Jesus

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.

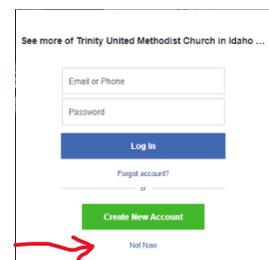
How to Watch on Facebook

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:

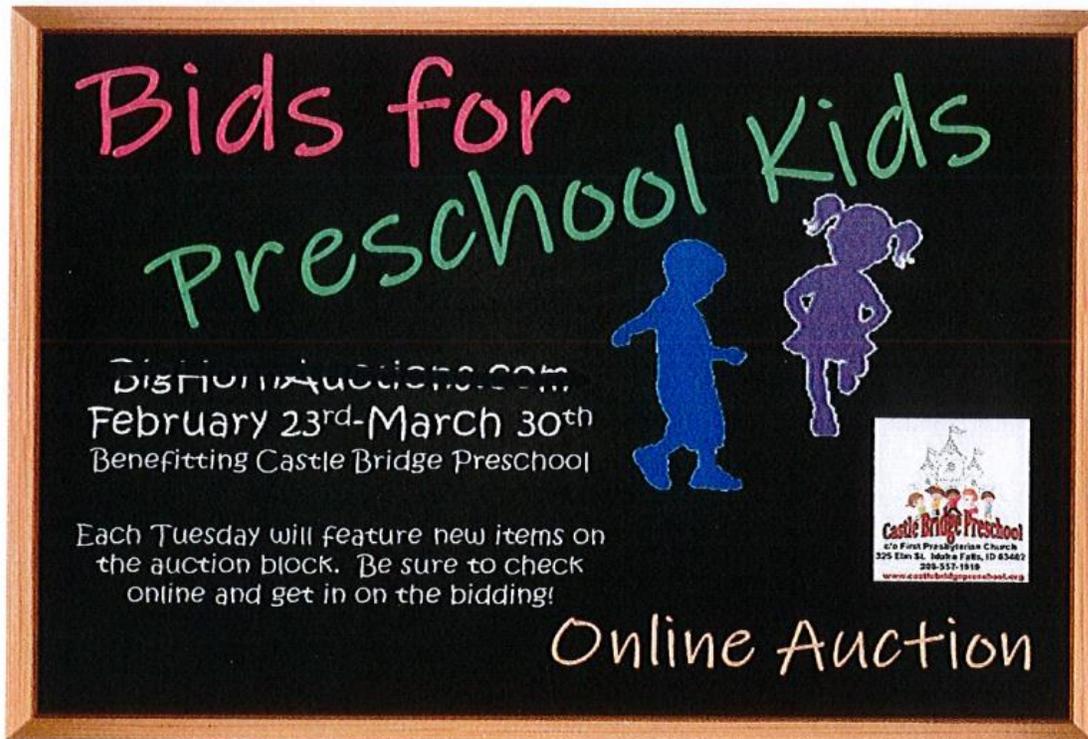
1. go to GOOGLE CHROME web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook “sign on” window comes up
5. At the bottom of the Sign on Window there was a "NOT NOW" button
6. Push that button and you are free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



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.



***Correct website: bighornauctions.hibid.com**

BigHornAuctions.com
February 23rd - March 30th
Benefitting Castle
Bridge Preschool

Each Tuesday will feature new items on the auction block.
 Be sure to check online and get in on the bidding!

Have items you would like to donate? We are now accepting items for the auction.

Contact: Betty Anderson, Board Member,
 208-521-3039 (C) or 208-523-8272 (h)
 email: bettyellenba@gmail.com
 She will arrange for drop off and pick up.

Items needed include (but not limited to):

- Handmade items such as quilts, welded items, blankets, leatherwork
- Firearms/Ammunition
- Gift Baskets
- Gift certificates
- Titled Vehicles such as ATVs, trailers
- Trip/Vacation/Get-Away Package and/or Accommodations
- Services such as Snow Removal, Yard cleanup, Massages and Spa Treatments
- Art Pieces and Photography
- Jewelry
- Furniture
- Hunting/Camping/Fishing items
- Household items and décor
- Vintage toys
- Antiques and Collectibles

Donations accepted until March 8, 2021

This Week at Trinity

Friday (Feb. 26)

Saturday (Feb. 27)

Sunday (Feb. 28) **Lent 1**

- **Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15am 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 (Mar. 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 (Mar. 2)

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

Wednesday (Mar. 3)

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

Thursday (Mar. 4)

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

Upcoming:

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

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

March 16th - **Admin Council Meeting** 6:30
(Zoom)



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	15 Presidents' Day <u>Office Closed</u> 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	16 <u>Shrove Tuesday</u> 6:30 <u>Admin Meeting (Zoom)</u>	17 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	18 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	19 Office Closed	20
	21 <u>Lent 1</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr. 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	22 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	23	24 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom)	25	26 Office Closed
28 <u>Lent 2</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.						
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	7 <u>Lent 3</u> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr. 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	8 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	9	10 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 <u>Finance Meeting (Zoom)</u>	11	12 Office Closed
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