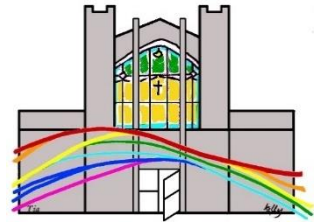


Trinity Times



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for March 4, 2021

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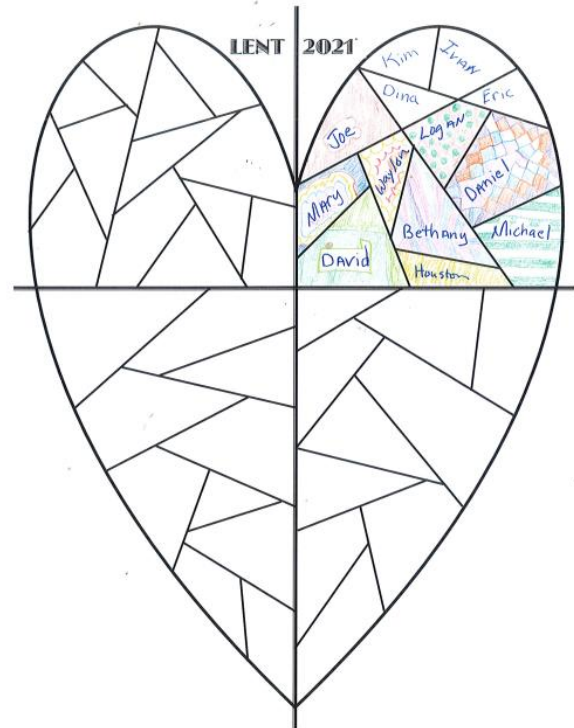
Thoughts from Ruth

Luke 9:23-24 (The Voice)

23 If any of you want to walk My path, you’re going to have to deny yourself. You’ll have to take up your cross every day and follow Me. 24 If you try to avoid danger and risk, then you’ll lose everything. If you let go of your life and risk all for My sake, then your life will be rescued, healed, made whole and full.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

How are you coming along with your Lenten disciplines? So far, mine are somewhat of a mixed bag. This year I chose to add two things: more minutes on the treadmill in the morning and coloring the



“Lenten Heart” that was in the Pre-Lent bags and was in the newsletter a few weeks ago. I had planned to add and color another name or situation to the Lenten Heart each day. As you can see from the picture, I am a bit behind, but I have managed to get my family into the upper right lobe of the heart.

The treadmill is going a little better. Before Lent, I had been walking 30 minutes each morning and committed to adding 5 minutes each day per week of Lent. By

Easter, I'll be walking an hour each morning (about 3.7 miles).

I also gave something up for Lent, alcoholic beverages; so far, so good. I have a nice bottle of wine to open for Easter dinner! Don Rohde reminded me of a funny story from a few Lents ago when I tried to give up alcohol. Back then I was still taking warfarin, which is very sensitive to your diet. When I quit drinking wine and beer it threw my numbers out of whack and I had to take up drinking again for "medicinal purposes" that year.

I have been holding all of you in my prayers as you travel your individual Lenten journeys.

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

Church News

Today's Greatest Needs:

- Warm Coats
- Disposable razors

John Wesley Quote



"The dangers of prosperity are great; and you seem aware of them. If poverty contracts and depresses the mind, riches sap its fortitude, destroy its vigour, and nourish its caprices."

To Dr. Wrangel 1770

March Birthdays

Lily Bottcher	3/1	Adyllena Castillo	3/13
Josie Brown	3/4	Mike Croson	3/15
Camron Robertson	3/4	Giovi Castillo	3/19
Kathy & John Harder		Heidi Empey	3/21
	3/7	Analea Hruska	3/21
Art Jensen	3/7	Gene Summers	3/25
Sheila Mullin	3/10	Jim Anderson	3/28
Ruth Anne Cole	3/12	Bill Clemons	3/30

Food for Homeless

We need a crockpot of food or casserole meals for about a dozen people each day. We can provide the crock pot and ingredients if needed.



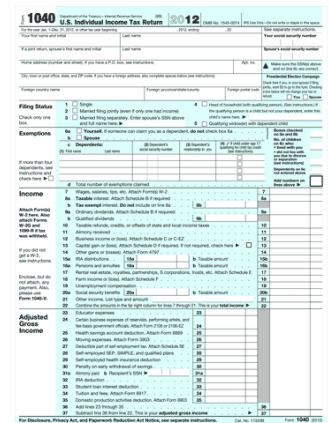
The next available dates are:

- 3/11 - Thursday
- 3/13 - Saturday
- 3/14 - Sunday

Please call Pam in the office to reserve your date.

Free Tax Preparation

The AARP tax preparation group is in operation (by appointment only). You must call 208-528-8887 to set up a time. Ask for directions as it is not at the place near the post office.



Covid-19 Graphs

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.

Bonneville County, ID

DAILY NEW CASES

● **37.0** PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **13.6%**

Indicates insufficient testing

INFECTION RATE

● **1.23**

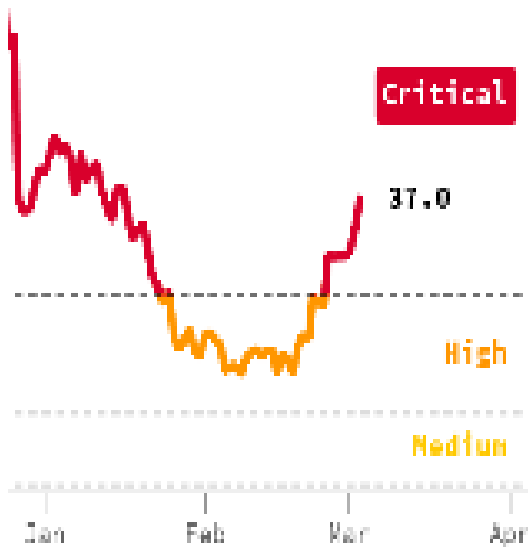
Active cases are rapidly increasing

ICU CAPACITY USED

● **70%**

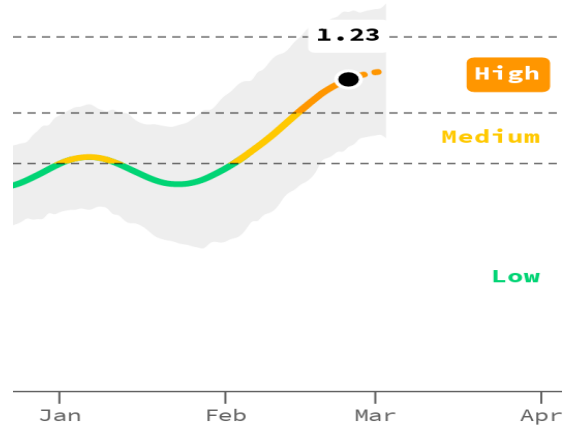
Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

Daily New Cases (per 100k population)

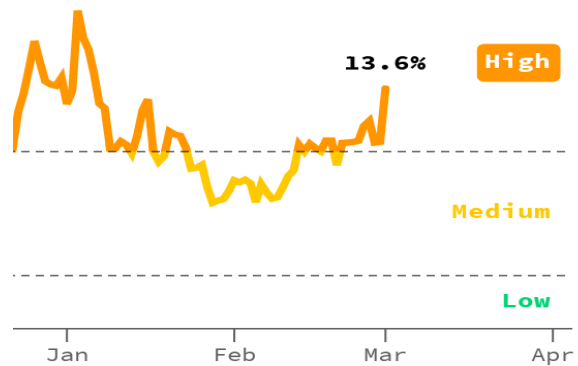


https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/bonneville_county/?s=1625566

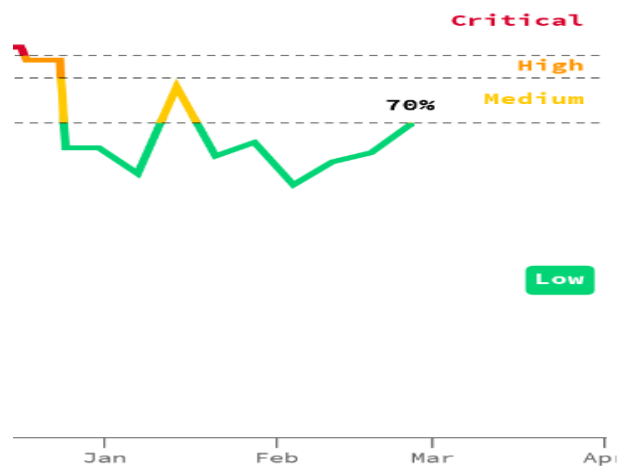
Infection Rate



Positive Test Rate



ICU Capacity Used



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](#)

Late April (COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee has not yet prioritized this group)

- Other essential workers
- Individuals 16–64 years of age with high-risk medical conditions

May

General public/individuals 16–64 years of age

Waiting lists for "Other Essential Workers, individuals with high-risk medical conditions, and the general public" will be made available in the near future as these subgroups get closer to being eligible for vaccination.

Pro Tip: There are 10 other locations giving COVID-19 vaccines besides the EIPH Department. You can call other locations to see if they have appointments available. [40 provider locations](#)

Sunday's Worship (3/7)

Sunday will be the third Sunday in Lent. The sermon title will be "Changing the Power Dynamic." We continue to ask the question, "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

We will study John 2:13-22. 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 (John 2:13-22)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (NSRV)

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 March!^(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 17th at 6:30.**



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

Prayer Wall for Everyone^(S)



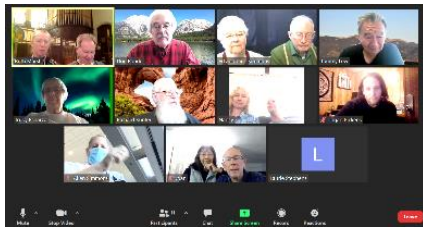
The bulletin board outside of the sanctuary doors has been dedicated to the prayer life of the community. Paper and pencils are available for making your request.

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.

[\(https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/\)](https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=Wm9xZmdrM3FTQzNYaE8zSDRRL3Zqdz09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844

New Passcode: Jesus

You are welcome to visit the church^(P)

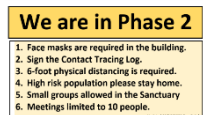
You can **always** drop by the church from 9 - 3 to visit with Ruth or just sit in the sanctuary to soak in the beauty and the good spirit.

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).

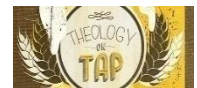
Some of the guidelines for groups include:

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.

Masks must be worn inside the church.



Theology on Tap - The Home Edition^(P)



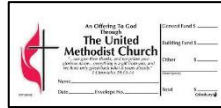
Theology on Tap is going strong with the weekly Zoom calls. On Monday afternoons check the Facebook page for the Zoom meeting number and password. At 7pm pour your favorite beverage, warm up an appetizer and be prepared to think deep thoughts with your Monday night community. Call or email the office if you want to be added to the Theology on Tap Facebook group.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=Wm9xZmdrM3FTQzNYaE8zSDRRL3Zqdz09>

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How to Watch on Facebook

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



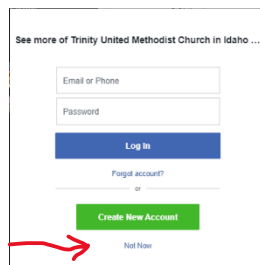
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

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: (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
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.



Finance & Giving

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

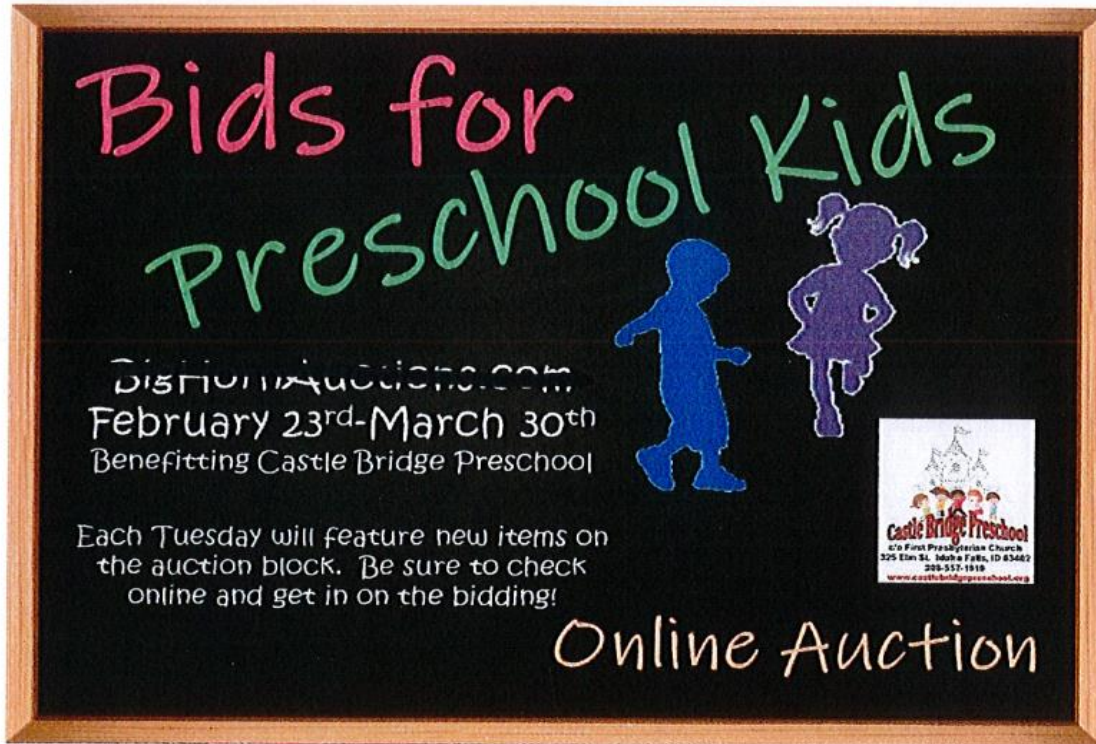
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- a. delivering your regular giving personally
 - b. calling the office and give via credit card
 - c. using US Postal Service to send a check
 - d. going to Trinity's website and give via credit card or PayPal
 - e. or, signing up for bill-pay at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



Our church's financial status for year-to-date February 28, 2021:

Income =	\$22,768
Expenses =	<u>\$29,373</u>
Difference =	<\$ 6,605>

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



***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

Thursday (Mar. 4)

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

Friday (Mar. 5)

Saturday (Mar. 6)

Sunday (Mar. 7) **Lent 3**

- **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. 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 (Mar. 9)

Wednesday (Mar. 10)

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

Upcoming:

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

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

March 17th - **Gather at the Table** 6:30
(Zoom)

April 2nd - **Good Friday**

April 4th - **Easter**



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
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
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28 Palm Sunday 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	29 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	30	31 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom)			
April				1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	2 Good Friday Office Closed	3