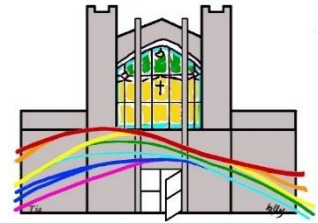


Trinity Times



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for March 8, 2021

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Thoughts from Ruth

On this day in 1965, known in U.S. history as “Bloody Sunday,” some 600 people began a 54-mile march from Selma, Alabama, to the state capitol in Montgomery. They were commemorating the death of Jimmy Lee Jackson, who had been shot on February 18 by a state trooper while trying to protect his mother, during a civil rights demonstration. You can see the peaceful march across the bridge.

This is what it turned into: after the marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge at Selma, white State Troopers assaulted them, knocking many to the

ground and beating them with nightsticks. Another detachment of troopers fired tear gas while mounted troopers charged the marchers. A total of 17 marchers were hospitalized and 50 treated for lesser injuries. Among them was a young John Lewis, whose name you might recognize, as a senior Congressman who passed away in the last few

months. This is a picture of him being beaten by a state trooper in



Selma, Alabama, on March 7, 1965. He suffered a fractured skull from the beating.

This tragedy happened 100 years after the end of the Civil War. The 15th amendment had been effectively nullified by discriminatory laws in much of the South, keeping many blacks from the polls. In Selma, where African Americans made up more than half of the population, they constituted only about 2% of the registered voters. That is an uneven power dynamic.

What does all of this history lesson have to do with today's scriptures? Today's gospel is sometimes used to show that Jesus would have used violence where needed, but a careful reading of this passage in John

shows us that what Jesus did was to drive the cattle and sheep out of the temple courtyard with a whip. He did not use a whip to harm other humans. Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers to make the point that they were dishonoring God and harming God's people. What Jesus was doing was changing the power dynamic of his day much like those who were protesting the fact that Selma had so little political representation by persons of color.

The crime that Jesus committed, that he would go on to be killed for, was upsetting commerce, was upsetting how the political leaders and the religious leaders of the day kept control of the people. That was the crime that Jesus committed, not a crime of harming others. And certainly, if we read that scripture carefully, we see that Jesus would have been much more likely to stand arm in arm with folks like Martin Luther King, Jr. as they peacefully protested, rather than with folks who would cause violence and harm to others. You see, if we carefully listen to the Scripture, we notice that the money changers were still in the temple courtyard. Jesus overturned their tables to make a point. He wanted them to understand that it was not appropriate to bring the secular world into the temple. It was not appropriate for them to have the Roman money there in the temple, and it was not fair or appropriate for them to use the exchange of money to make God's people even less able to care for themselves because they became more entrenched in poverty. It still is wrong to do those things. In this country we have seen in the past few decades, wealth accumulated at the top like never before, and it's time to change the power dynamic. It's time that we hear the

peaceful protest of Jesus who says, "Use money to care for each other." "Use your resources to care for each other." It's time that we heard Jesus as He drove cattle and sheep out of the temple and spoke to the people about what they could do to help each other. It's time that we understood that we worship a God of grace and a God of peace who weeps when we harm each other. It's time that we stopped using scriptures such as the one we read today, to say, "Oh well, I'm sure Jesus must have wanted to kick somebody's butt from time to time, and so I'm sure it's okay if I do it." It's time for us to let Jesus change the power dynamic enough in our hearts that we can build relationships with people. It's time for us to know that God calls all of us to be in community and in communion with each other. It's time for us to know that the money changers' tables have been turned over, and the money spilled off, because room was needed at the table for God's Communion, God's gift, to which everybody is invited, to which we are all equal, no matter our age, no matter our background, no matter whether we are rich or poor, no matter what language we speak, because we are all capable of speaking the language of love. In the United Methodist Church, communion is always open to everyone for exactly these reasons.

Blessings, Reverend Ruth



Church News

Today's Greatest Needs:

- Warm Coats
- Disposable razors
- Poor Man's Tupperware

John Wesley Quote



"Who would wish to live for any meaner purpose than to serve God in our generation?"
To R. C. Brackenbury 1783

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.



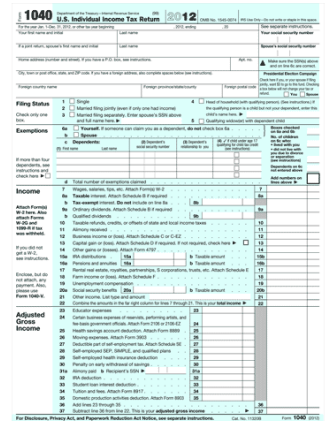
The next available dates are:

- 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.



Stained-Glass Repair



The crated panels arrived at the Nzilani studio on Tuesday, March 2nd. The custom crate work fabricated by members of the Trinity church was beautifully finished and the palletted crate was in excellent shape upon arrival.

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

● **35.8** PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

INFECTION RATE

● **1.13**

Active cases are rapidly increasing

POSITIVE TEST RATE

● **17.5%**

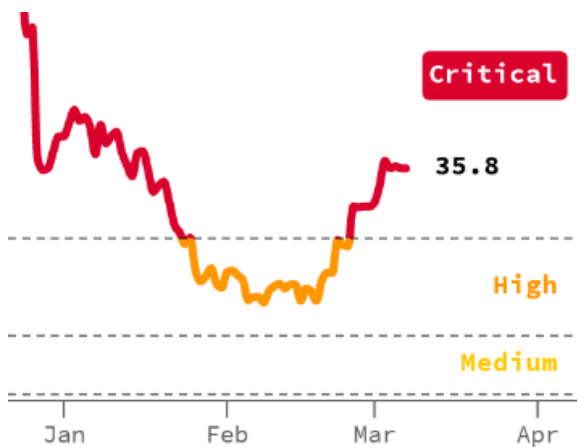
Indicates insufficient testing

ICU CAPACITY USED

● **70%**

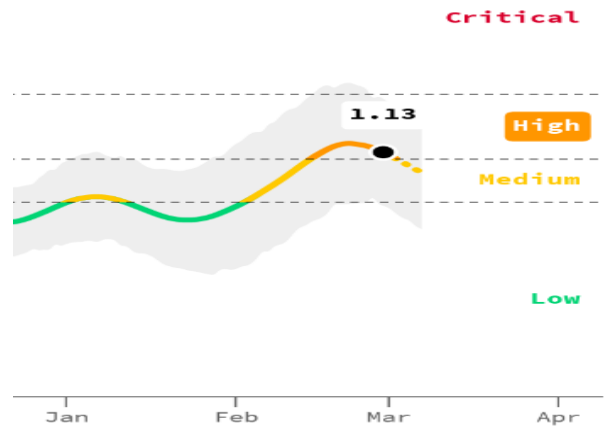
Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

Daily New Cases (per 100k population)

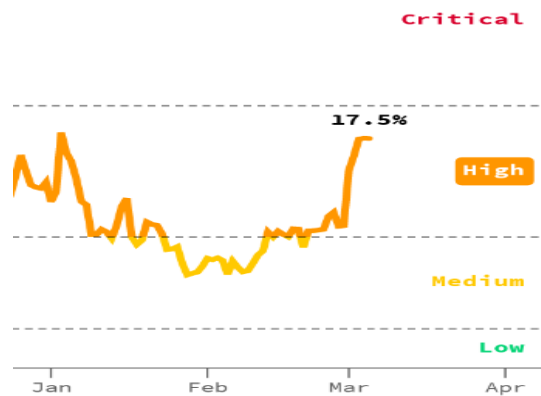


https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/bonneville_county/?s=1625566

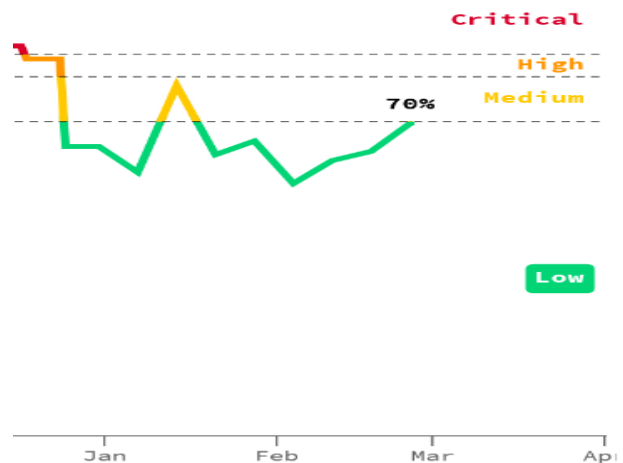
Infection Rate



Positive Test Rate



ICU Capacity Used



EIPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling⁽⁵⁾

Eastern Idaho Public Health update

Friday, March 5, 2021:

EIPH is now scheduling appointments for anyone currently eligible (see the green box below) to receive a vaccine.

HOW TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AT EIPH

If you are included in the list below of Idahoans eligible to receive the vaccine at this time, please

CALL OUR OFFICE AT 208-533-3223 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

Our appointment scheduling hotline is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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.

On March 5, 2021, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare launched a COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration System for people to get on a list to receive a vaccination when it is your turn.

Press this hot link to sign up.



March 15, 2021 (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
- Flight Crews

If you previously registered on EIPH's wait list under Subgroup 2.3, you do NOT need to re-register on the State's registration tool. EIPH will call/text you beginning on Monday, March 8 to schedule an appointment for you.

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

We studied 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)



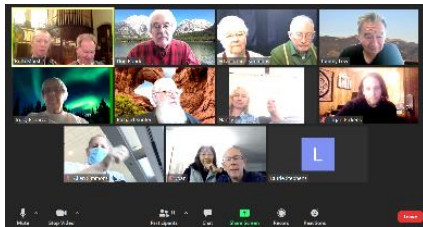
The bulletin board outside of the sanctuary doors has been dedicated to the prayer life of the community. Paper and pencils are available for making your request.

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>

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New Passcode: Jesus

You are welcome to visit the church^(P)

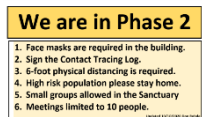
You can **always** drop by the church from 9 - 3 to visit with Ruth or just sit in the sanctuary to soak in the beauty and the good spirit.

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).

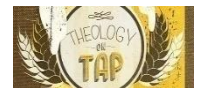
Some of the guidelines for groups include:

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)



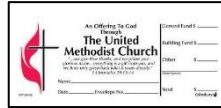
Theology on Tap is going strong with the weekly Zoom calls. On Monday afternoons check the Facebook page for the Zoom meeting number and password. At 7pm pour your favorite beverage, warm up an appetizer and be prepared to think deep thoughts with your Monday night community. Call or email the office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

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

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844 **New Passcode: Jesus**

How to Watch on Facebook

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



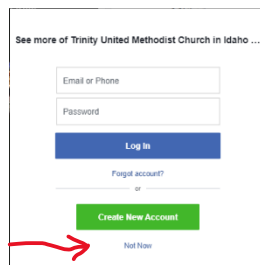
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

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:

- (P)
- 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 = \$29,373
 Difference = <\$ 6,605>

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

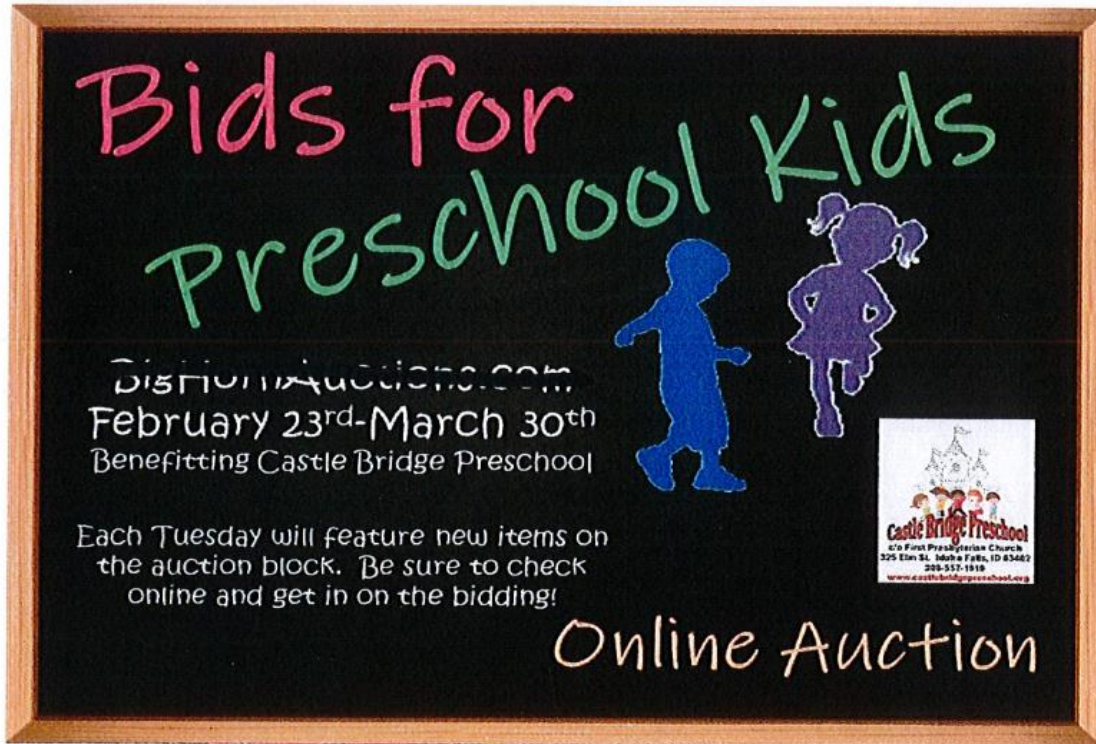
Bottle Filling Stations



This week Rob replaced the water filters in our two bottle filling stations. Together the two stations have eliminated 3,711 plastic bottles from being

used. This was part of our plan during the restoration project.





***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

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)

Thursday (Mar. 11)

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

Friday (Mar. 12)

Saturday (Mar. 13)

- **Daylight Saving Time Starts at bedtime**

Sunday (Mar. 14) **Lent 4**

- **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.

Upcoming:

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

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
March	8 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	9	10 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Finance Meeting (Zoom)	11	12 Office Closed	13 	
	14 Lent 4 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	15 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	16 6:30 Admin Meeting (Zoom)	17 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	18 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	19 Office Closed	20
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