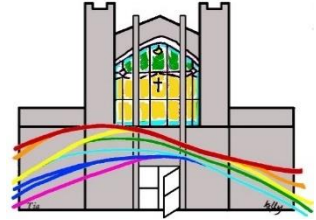




# Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



## News Update for March 15, 2021

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### Thoughts from Ruth

“Oh, for the love of light!” I have to talk about this again! Yeah, but it's a joy to share the Good News. This piece of scripture has some of the best news in the entire world: “For God so loved the world that God sent the only Son into the world that we might be saved.”

There is no better news than that, and for that news I am grateful. It is such Good News that John 3:14 is often the scripture that we learn as we children, it is often the

scripture that you see held up at all sorts of sporting events, and it is the scripture that we come to know in our hearts. “For God so loved the world that God sent the Son into the world, that we might have eternal life.”

Now let’s move on to the part where it says that God didn't send Jesus into the world to judge the world and condemn it, but to save it. Also good news.

That part of the scripture which talks about how humans struggle to follow the Light of the World, Jesus, (Light of the World) may not feel quite so good. We humans are much more prone to fall into, and to follow, darkness. When we follow the darkness, it is as if we are already defeated, and already judged unworthy.

These times of pandemic have made it easy for us to slip into the darkness, for it has been a time when everything felt so overwhelming. It has been much easier to stay at home, pull the covers over our head, at least for an extra few minutes, and then maybe peer out. But while we are covering our heads and while we are hiding in the darkness, we are seldom making good decisions. We are choosing to hide away, even from the joy that God is willing to give us in the Good News. We are choosing to silence ourselves, rather than

sharing that good news with others as we are called to do.

The last year has been a hard time, when the darkness can seem comforting as it closes around us, yet we are still called to follow the light. I want you to ponder, for just a moment, the last time you walked into a darkened room. Now, I hope you didn't fall. It would have been an easy thing to do, to stumble over something you couldn't see.

In the darkness we cannot see what danger is lurking, and we can't know what to avoid. Our Hebrew Scripture lesson mentions that God told Moses to forge a snake, place it upon a pole, and have the people look at it so they would live. This could have been curative medicine, but I think it may have actually been a preventative medicine as well. You see, when Moses puts that snake up on the stick and asks the people to turn and look at it, he is inviting them to look at something that could harm them. He is helping the people to learn to avoid the snakes.

We learn to take that which will harm us, put it up into the light where we can see it, so we can examine it, and we do not have to stumble over it. For you, it is in the light of day that we tend to make the wise decisions, and to recognize those things that can be damaging to us.

What is another name for something that is damaging to us, particularly if we inflict that damage on ourselves? The other name for that is sin; it's following darkness rather than light.

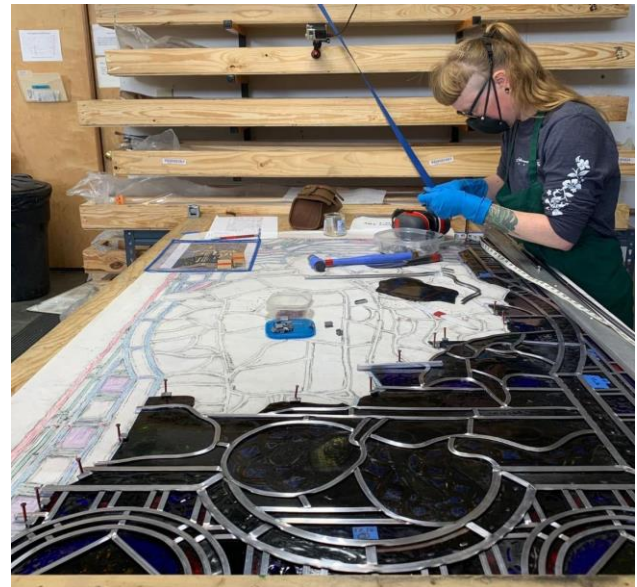
The second thing about walking into a darkened room is that in order to get out, you need to determine where that door was. Now, if there's a light behind you,

and the door is still on the other side of the room, closed, you are walking towards the darkness. When the light is behind you the danger of stumbling over everything in your path remains. But when we open the door on the other side of the room and the light floods through it then our way is lit. We can see if there are any Legos laying on the floor that are ready to attack our bare feet. On the way toward the light, we are prepared to find the way easily. We just follow the light. Amen.

Blessings and Light to you,

Rev. Ruth

## Stained Glass Repair



“Team Nzi” member, Jenna, rebuilding a panel from a window at St. Vincent de Paul in San Francisco.

Strapped to the wall behind her are crates of new lead strips which are used in the rebuilding process. The old, original lead is removed during the dismantling stage and recycled.

## 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:

- 3/16 – Tuesday
- 3/18 – Thursday
- 3/20 – Saturday
- 3/21 – Sunday

Please call Pam in the office to reserve your date.



## UMW News



Oh Ladies!!! Pat yourselves on your backs!! Our UMW Unit received the 2019 and 2020 Five Gold Star awards from our Annual Conference UMW!!! This is the highest acclamation that can be given for work well done. Let us be proud.

Soon, we hope to be back meeting in person for the Unit meeting and our Circle meeting.

Most of the Yearbooks have been distributed. If you have not yet gotten one, contact Mary Nagel or Pam Traugher.

## Idaho Falls Opera Theatre



The Idaho Falls Opera Theatre, Inc. presents “Amahl and the Night Visitors” by Gian Carlo Menotti on April 2, 3, and 5 at 7:30 p.m. with a preview from the directors beginning at 6:45 p.m. at the Colonial theater.

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Gian Carlo Menotti is the most performed opera in the world. It is a heartwarming one act fictional account involving the three wise men on their way to Bethlehem to visit the Christ child. They stop at the home of a poor widow who has a crippled son, Amahl, to request shelter for the evening. Because of her desperate financial situation and concern about her son, the widow gives in to the temptation to steal the gold while the wise men sleep but is caught by the page who accompanies the wise men. The wise men assure her that the child they are seeking will not need the gold because his kingdom is based on love. Amahl then tells the wise men to take his crutch in case the child might need it. At that point Amahl is miraculously cured and accompanies the wise men on their journey so he can present the crutch to the child himself.

The music is beautiful and very accessible. The cast is small and includes a chorus and dancers and is accompanied by a fine orchestra directed by our long-time music director, Roger Evans.

Before the opera, cast and other Idaho Falls Opera Theatre members will perform solos from The Messiah and other musical works.

## Scholarships

### TUMC Endowment Scholarships Available!

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2020/2021 academic year.

Three scholarships are available:

1. The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000
2. Chesbro Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music
3. The Pete Isaksen Scholarship: valued at up to \$10,000. To be eligible for the Pete Isaksen Scholarship, the applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) field of study at an accredited college or university.

Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 1, 2021. Completed application packages need to be type written and E-mailed to [TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com) Scholarship applications are available on the church website at [www.tumcif.org](http://www.tumcif.org) or by contacting the church office or Kathy

Borland. The application has been updated as a "Form" document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at [markx@cableone.net](mailto:markx@cableone.net)

## Church News

### Today's Greatest Needs:

- Warm Coats
- Socks, warm
- Underwear Men's (S)

### John Wesley Quote

"Ever since I heard of it first, I felt a perfect detestation of the horrid slave trade..."

*To Granville Sharp 1787*



### 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.

### Need Graduates

Are any of the wonderful people of Trinity graduating this year? Please let us know!



Email: [TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com) or give the office a call at 208-522-7921. Let us help celebrate!



## Judy M. (McCain) Carroll

Judith M. Carroll, 80, of Idaho Falls, passed away March 10, 2021, at Lincoln Court Retirement Community.



Our mother, Judy Carroll, forgot her superhero cape

when she came into this world, but it never stopped her from trying. Completing almost 81 laps around the sun gave her ample opportunities to express herself in a life of service, which was near and dear to her heart. After graduating from Pocatello High, she completed nurse's training at St. Benedict's in Ogden, Utah, and later completed her training to become an R.N. in Nebraska. After raising a family, Gonzaga University admitted her for further studies, where she successfully completed her BSN degree in nursing.

Judy delighted in participating in a wide array of forms of nursing during her life including pediatrics and emergency nursing at Sacred Heart, school nursing, and military nursing during The Gulf War. She also created a public health program for women experiencing high risk pregnancies at District 7 Health Department, and she worked at Good Samaritan Nursing Home and State Hospital South.

Our mother cherished family, children, and grandchildren. She celebrated friendships, and immensely enjoyed her

participation in Job's Daughters, Camp Fire Girls, and church leadership. As a high school student, she was awarded the Betty Crocker Award for her homemaking skills, and as an adult she participated actively in Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and PEO.

Over her life, Judy was an active member of the Congregational and Methodist churches. She enjoyed camping, the Grand Tetons, sewing, quilting, crocheting, and gardening. She loved baking homemade bread and sharing meals with loved ones. She also loved sharing an extensive Christmas Village with her family and community. Finally, she delighted in travel. In addition to traveling extensively throughout the United States and Europe, she completed multiple medical missions to Honduras, helped diverse charities, and sponsored several children's education over the years.

Throughout her life, Judy delighted in celebrating other people's successes as much as her own. She loved being a mother and grandmother, and always considered family to be very important. She is survived by two sisters, four children, and five grandchildren.

The family will be holding a private service for Judy.

Burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery in Pocatello, Idaho.

# Covid-19 Graphs



COVID RISK LEVEL ⓘ

**Very high risk**

Take strong precautions to avoid exposure, including [official recommended actions](#).

## Bonneville County, ID

### DAILY NEW CASES

**71.6** PER 100K

Dangerous number of new cases

### INFECTION RATE

**1.25**

Active cases are rapidly increasing

### POSITIVE TEST RATE

**22.1%**

Indicates dangerously little testing

### ICU CAPACITY USED

**57%**

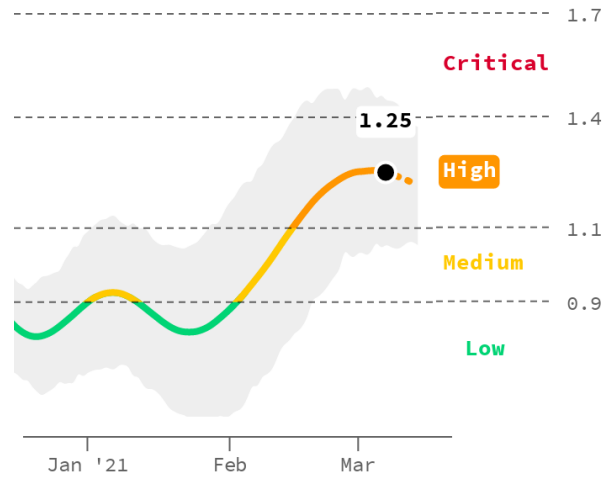
Can likely handle a new wave of COVID

## Daily New Cases (per 100k population)

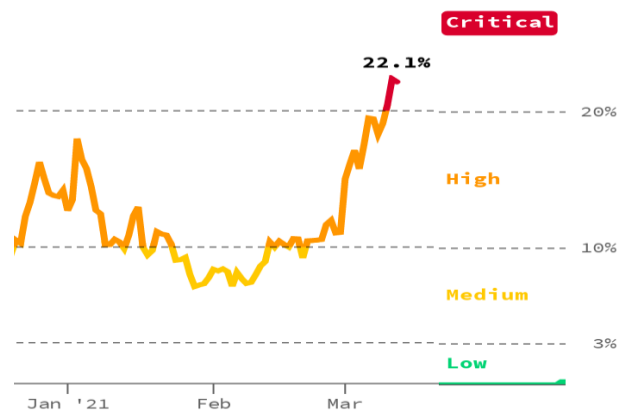


[https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/bonneville\\_county/?s=1625566](https://covidactnow.org/us/idaho-id/county/bonneville_county/?s=1625566)

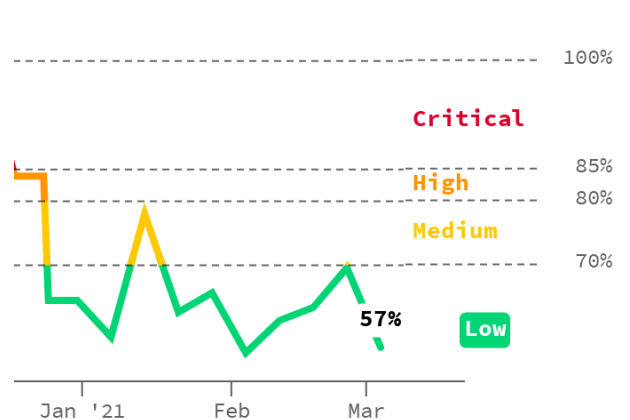
## Infection Rate



## Positive Test Rate



## ICU Capacity Used



## EIPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling<sup>(2)</sup>

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 (3/14)

Sunday was the fourth Sunday in Lent. The sermon title was "Oh, for the Love of Light!" We continue with the series of "What Wondrous Love is This?" with a focus on following Christ who is the light of the world.

We studied John 3:14-21. 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 GOSPEL - (John 3:14-21)

*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

*Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.*

*"This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."*

© Common English Bible

## Staying Connected

### Checkout all the Worship Videos<sup>(P)</sup>

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](http://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!<sup>(P)</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

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





## Prayer Wall for Everyone<sup>(S)</sup>



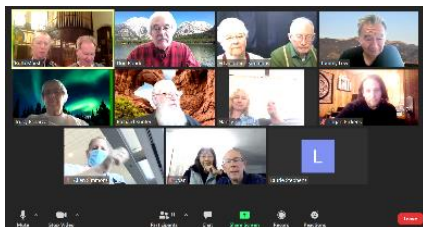
The bulletin board outside of the sanctuary doors has been dedicated to the prayer life of the community. Paper and pencils are available for making your request.

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

## After-Church Virtual Zoom Coffee Hour<sup>(P)</sup>

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/)

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## You are welcome to visit the church<sup>(P)</sup>

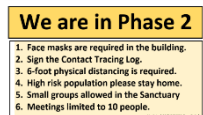
You can **always** drop by the church from 9 - 3 to visit with Ruth or just sit in the sanctuary to soak in the beauty and the good spirit.

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<sup>(P)</sup>



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. <sup>(P)</sup>

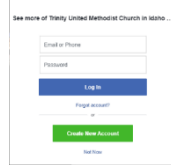
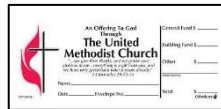
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

**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:**

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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:

- <sup>(P)</sup>
- 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 = \$24,707

Expenses = \$29,724

Difference = <\$ 5,017>

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

### March Birthdays

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

## UMCOR Sunday

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special offering, laying the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's ministry of relief and hope. UMCOR's work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, health, and humanitarian development.

Gifts to the UMCOR Sunday offering (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) cover the costs of doing business. This helps UMCOR keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs. UMCOR has no source of revenue for administration except from UMCOR Sunday.

Because of UMCOR Sunday, when you hear about a disaster or humanitarian crisis and you give to UMCOR, you can be assured that one hundred percent of the money you designate goes toward people in need.

Most congregations celebrate UMCOR Sunday on the fourth Sunday in Lent (March 14 in 2021), but it can be celebrated at another time if a congregation wishes.



## This Week at Trinity

### Monday (Mar. 15)

- **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. 16)

- **Admin Council Meeting** 6:30 (Zoom)

### Wednesday (Mar. 17)

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

### Thursday (Mar. 18)

### Friday (Mar. 19)

### Saturday (Mar. 20)

### Sunday (Mar. 21) **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:

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Good Friday**

April 4<sup>th</sup> - **Easter**



## Trinity Leadership<sup>(P)</sup>

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](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)
- **Don Rohde** - Chair of Trustees  
860-810-3227 [donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)
- **Robin Stewart** - Chair of Administrative Council  
208-521-6358  
[robin.s.stewart@gmail.com](mailto:robin.s.stewart@gmail.com)
- **Scott Taylor**, Chair of Finance  
208-201-5593  
[auditpatroller@yahoo.com](mailto:auditpatroller@yahoo.com)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>March</b>	8 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	9	10 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) <b>6:30 Finance Meeting</b> (Zoom)	11 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	12 Office Closed	13 
	14 <b>Lent 4</b> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	15 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	16 <b>6:30 Admin Meeting</b> (Zoom)	17 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom) 6:30 Gather at the Table (Zoom)	18	19 Office Closed
21 <b>Lent 5</b> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	22 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	23	24 10:00 Upper Room (Zoom)	25 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	26 Office Closed	27
28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 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)			
<b>April</b>				1 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 ReOpening Mtg (Zoom)	2 <b>Good Friday</b> Office Closed	3
				4 <b>Easter</b> 10:15 - Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hr.	5 Office Closed 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	6 Office Closed <b>6:30 Trustee Meeting</b> (Zoom)