

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for May 28, 2020

The Rev. Greg Brown of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC, wrote this last week to entice his congregation to wear masks. It got some traction, so he shared it here as well. And gave permission to share it. Cheers!

"I've titled it: 1 Covidians 12:1-11

Now concerning the wearing of masks, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that in the time before Covid, we were enticed and led astray thinking that we were not responsible for one another's health. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking in the spirit of love ever says 'masks be cursed!'; and no one can say 'masks are a really good idea for everybody!' except through a spirit of love.

Now there are varieties of masks, but the same spirit of wearing them; and there are varieties of mask wearers, but the same virus; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same precaution that must be shown to everyone.

To each is given a manifestation of a mask for the common good. To one a mask is given through our mask makers, and to another a purchased one online, or in a store according to the same spirit of protection. Some fashion one after watching a video on YouTube, to another... they already had some. The knowledge of needing to wear one according to the same spirit, to another faith that the same spirit will improve health and save lives.

Another receives the gifts of healing by this generous spirit, to another this seems no less than the working of a miracle, another prophecies that we'll get

through all of this sooner by observing these loving precautions, to another the discernment of figuring out how all can get one, to another the knowledge that a mask hides all kinds of mouths and tongues, to another the understanding that those mouths and tongues are still there, behind those masks.

All these are activated by one and the same spirit, and we hope to allot to each one individually just as they choose.

In other words, wear a mask!...

Because loving our neighbor as ourselves is the crux of it. When we wear a mask we are saying that we love and care for ourselves, and that we love and care for our neighbors. If our neighbor is sick (and perhaps doesn't even know it yet) our masks help protect US. If WE are sick (and perhaps don't even know it yet) our masks help protect OUR NEIGHBOR...

... it is a tangible and visible manifestation and practice of our LOVE."

Blessings

Ruth Marsh

This Weeks Worship

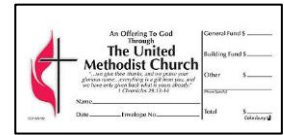
Happy birthday Church! This Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to everyone (even folks like us) at Pentecost. The worship theme is "The Spirit Enters the Physical World." Come Holy Spirit come!!

The scripture lesson is Acts 2:1-21 if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. As always, the video will be available on our Facebook page on Sunday Morning and our YouTube channel by Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)



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Mary Dawson Hall Floor Restoration

Rob spent the last few days applying several layers of new wax to preserve the shine of the restored Mary Dawson floor. Next is a buffing of the wax and it will be ready to go.



Idaho Falls Food Basket Donates food to Trinity B&B

The Trinity Bed & Breakfast homeless shelter received a tremendous donation of food for the residents of the B&B. The guests have breakfast here at the church, lunch at the Soup Kitchen and then dinner at the Rescue Mission, or they can prepare something from donated items at the church.



Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?



The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have already donated stimulus money to Trinity so it can be used for ministry. If your income has not been negatively impacted by COVID-19, I would ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can afford to do this also.

Preferences about returning to worship on June 21st.

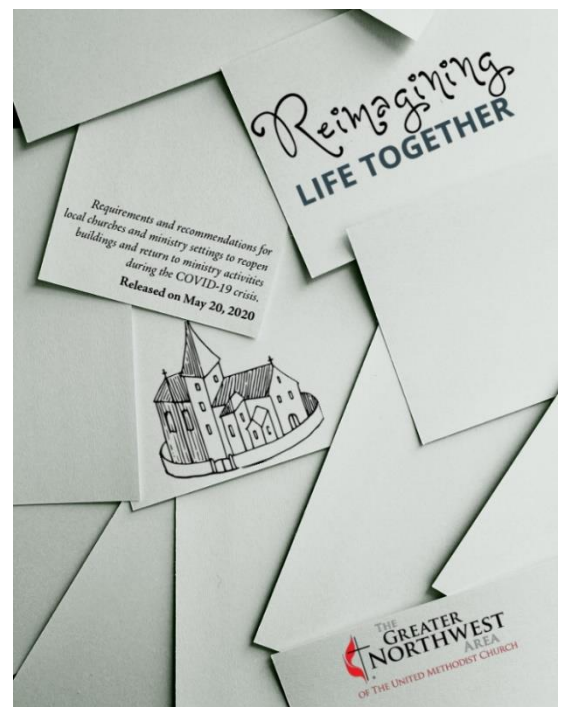
We all have different feelings about the risk of catching Covid-19. If you are in a high-risk group, you may not feel like being in crowds until later this fall. Or maybe the thought of holding services outside, even with physical spacing and masks, seem like a wonderful way to finally get back together with some safety. Or maybe you can't imagine church outside in the parking lot. We now know that singing (even with a mask) is a highly effective way of spreading respiratory infections. There will be no singing inside the church.(even for worship videos) Maybe you can't imagine worship without singing and would rather wait until we can sing together again. With so many preferences to consider we thought we would ask you.

Your connection group leader may have called you this week to ask the following three questions. If you did not hear from them, please respond directly to Rev Ruth at 208-522-7921

If we hold services on June 21st :

1. Would you be willing to attend the worship inside the building?
2. Would you be willing to worship outside in the parking lot in the fresh air?
3. Would you be willing to attend worship even though we can't sing?

The answers will help us decide how we design the first worship service.



Sunday Morning Gathering of Prayers by ZOOM

The Sunday morning Zoom call is a good opportunity to chat about the morning scripture lesson, share your prayer requests, to see each other and hear each other's voices.

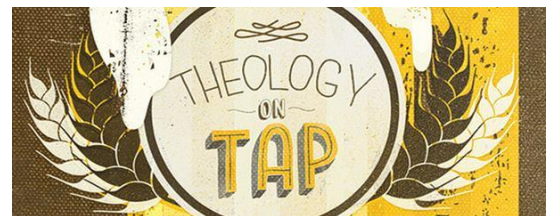
If you are new to Zoom and would like some training and a practice a Zoom session call, text or email Don Rohde (860-810-3227 - DonRohde@aol.com) and he will set up a practice Zoom call so you can figure out how to run the program and get all the settings right while you are at home and Don is at church. Then you will be ready for this Sundays 10:15am Zoom Meeting. Zoom is free and once you learn it you can use it to contact your family and friends.



Look for the Zoom invitation from Ruth on the Trinity Facebook page.

Theology on Tap - The Home Edition

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.



Checkout all the Worship Videos

Each Sunday Worship videos will get posted on Trinity's Facebook page ([Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedMethodistChurchIdahoFalls)). 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>

Please know that I am holding you and the entire Trinity community in my daily prayers. - *Reverend Ruth Marsh*

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June Birthdays and Anniversaries - 2020

Trudy & Vince Esparza	6/1	Matthew Croson	6/18
Brian Dickson	6/2	Barbara Anderson	6/19
Susan & Blair Nelson	6/3	Nancy Smith	6/20
Richard Dickson	6/5	Sharon & Marv Eld	6/22
Mary Stewart	6/6	Joan Fuhrman	6/23
Lorrie Holaday	6/8	Will Cole	6/25
Bonnie Hilker	6/11	Ruth Anne & Roy Cole	6/25
Marv Eld	6/12	Levi Myers	6/25
Betty & Jim Anderson	6/14	Mario Estrada	6/26
Teesha Griffith	6/14	Max Harrison	6/27
Lorraine Driskell	6/15	Alexandra Croson	6/29
Alexi Jensen	6/15	Liz Herrmann	6/29
Joni Pace	6/15	Razdyn Bottcher	6/29
Tia & Erin Leonard-Durrant	6/15		

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.