

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for June 15, 2020

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

“Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.”

Matthew 10:5-8

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Please find below the preaching moment from yesterday.

This scripture often gets interpreted as being a mandate to serve the insider (which is way more comfortable for us) but I think that rather than being about serving the Israelites because they were God’s chosen people, it is about serving those who are most in need. Throughout the Bible when God shows a preference it is always for the “least of these.”

When Jesus sends the beloved out to do ministry, he calls their attention to how much hurt there is around them, close by, and instructs the disciples to care for those people. You, Trinity, this is just what *you* have been doing. During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic Trinity has been serving the neighborhood with your prayers, your dollars and with your willingness to let our beautiful building shine with love in a new way. You have empowered me to stretch my ministry skills in ways I had never imagined.

The corona virus has uncovered so much injustice in our country. Systems that have, for centuries, lead to poor access to healthcare, suitable nutrition, or

adequate housing for people of color and or the economically disadvantaged. It would be nice if those disparities were in “some other place” but they aren’t, they are just down the block or around the corner.

After these last few months of ministry with our neighbors I will never be the same again. I have dived deeper into the waters of pain and suffering than ever before and have been allowed the privilege of touching the gaping wounds of people’s hearts and minds.

I am so grateful for you, the congregation of Trinity, for you truly provide a place to sabbath, serve others, and welcome everyone.

Amen.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings,

Rev. Ruth

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

Sunday’s Worship

This Sunday’s worship theme was “Gathering Flocks (and shepherds).” It was about about bringing the Good News to the neighborhood.



The scripture lesson was Matthew 9:35 - 10:8, 16-20 if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video is available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel on Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)

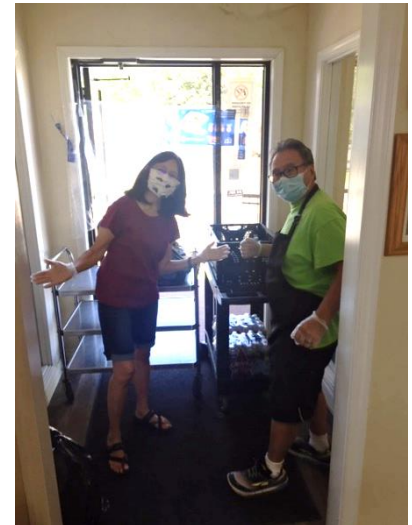
Needs for the Shelter:

- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Bodywash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving cream

Soup Kitchen Carries on Bravely



Kathy and the crew are keeping our day at the Soup Kitchen going. This is an important way we can be in ministry to the hungry in our community. The Soup Kitchen dining room is not open, but we provided 135 to go meals of chili and french fries which Tommy handed to people at the front door.

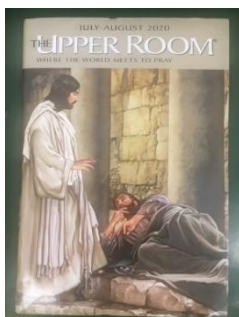


Bike Maintenance

Tommy has volunteered to help maintain the bikes used at the Trinity B&B. So far, he has restored the first bike with a new seat, new grips, lubed cables & inflated the tires.



Upper Room Books are in



The July/ August Upper Room booklets have arrived. You can stop by the church and pick one up or you can call or email the church office and Pam will mail your copy to you at home. Please specify if you would like the large or regular print.

Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?

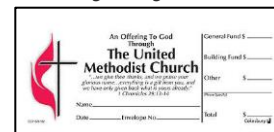


The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have already donated stimulus money to Trinity so it can be used for ministry. If your income has not been negatively impacted by COVID-19, I would

ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can afford to do this also

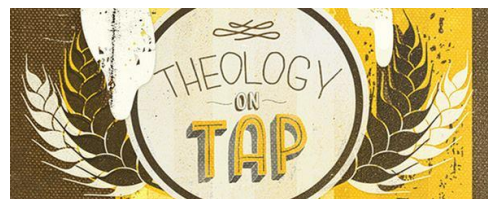
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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



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.



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.

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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