

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for June 18, 2020

*By yourself you're unprotected.
With a friend you can face the worst.
Can you round up a third?
A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped.*

(Ecclesiastes 4:12 The Message)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Another update about the Trinity B&B community –

On Wednesday, for the first time, I had to ask one of our guests to leave. He had some mental health issues that prevented him from having a good grasp of reality so I determined that the Behavioral Health Center would be better equipped to meet his needs than the B & B.

It might not sound like it from the previous sentences, but this is a “God is good” story. You see, Wednesday morning, I had coffee with a social worker from Community Hospital. We had texted each other several times to agree on a date and time. She was eager to hear about our project of caring for these guys who did not have adequate shelter. As we talked over coffee, she told me that she would be interested in helping out with case management stuff like arranging next step resources and making sure the guys had adequate I.D. for employment.

When I realized that I needed to get someone to BHC without using my usual path of taking them to the Crisis Center, I texted my social worker friend some advice. Her counsel was to take our guest to the ER so they could do an evaluation and admit to BHC if necessary, and she asked her colleague at the hospital to be on the lookout for us in the afternoon.

While this young man and I spoke outside, several of the B & B guests were very helpful by keeping far enough away not to make the situation more tense, but close enough to make sure I was absolutely safe. When he finally agreed to go to the hospital, one of the guys came with us to assure my continued safety. A social worker who answered my texts on her day off, and the Trinity B & B men, were the village that provided safe delivery to the appropriate mental healthcare. The hospital called me a bit later to confirm that we had made the right decisions and followed through with the right actions. God is good!

Remember that I am available by phone or in person (with careful physical distancing and face mask) at just about any time. Please let me know if you would like to stop by for an in-person visit.

I miss you and love you.
Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

Re-opening Team is Having its Second Meeting Tonight

Tonight is the second meeting focusing on safely re-opening Trinity for in-person worship and general use. The process of writing our plan, submitting it to the District Superintendent, and then waiting for approval is slow. We are trying to avoid situations as in La Grande, OR, where a church of 365 people held in-person services and 236 members became ill, with 5 requiring hospitalization. This makes it crystal clear how important slow and careful planning is.

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/eastern-oregon-la-grande-church-union-county-states-largest-covid-19-outbreak/>

Needs for the Shelter:

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

Sunday's Worship

This Sunday's worship theme will be "We can come alive in Christ." It will be about about being alive!

The scripture lesson will be Romans 6:1b-6 if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video will be available on our Facebook page on Sunday morning and on our YouTube channel on Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)



ZOOM Link for Sunday Morning Meeting at 10:15

Ruth Marsh is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pray and Connect time

Time: Jun 21, 2020 10:00 AM America/Boise

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUVJjczNtaE83UT09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844

Password: 089437

Rob continues to work on the church

This week Rob painted the radiator covers for the Parlor. He also worked on repairing the door hinges in Mary Dawson Hall. (After all this time the screws just pulled out. Rob drilled out the holes and put in dowels to make a new surface for the screws.)



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

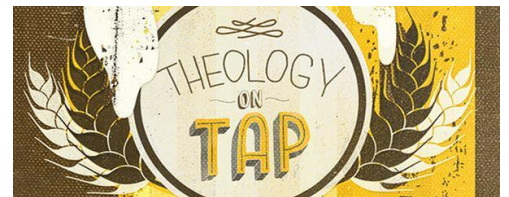
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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 page 3 or 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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