

*“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”*

## News Update for July 2, 2020

*‘For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’*

*(Matthew 25:42-45, New Revised Standard Version)*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The last day of overnight operation for the current iteration of the Trinity B & B is July 10. After that date, we will continue to offer daytime help for folks, but there will be no nighttime guests. Although I had secured permission from the City of Idaho Falls, East Idaho Public Health and our insurance provider to shelter up to 6 men during the COVID-19 Pandemic, it turns out that the Building Department had not been privy to the permission given Trinity by the city. There is a rule stating that you must have a fire suppression sprinkler system in the building if you are providing overnight lodging.

Trinity will continue to offer exceptional hospitality by providing: meals as needed, opportunities to do laundry, have a shower, talk with the pastor, and get referrals to community services. Yet I must let you know how heartbroken I am to have to turn these guys, whom I have grown to love, out into the streets as incidences of COVID-19 are on a steep upswing in our area. I have seen so much personal growth in these young men while they could sleep safely and had a secure place for their belongings.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that Trinity will continue to find ways to help our neighbors who lack adequate shelter, are struggling with drug additions, and are in need of food for their bodies and souls. I will never be able to un-see the pain and poverty in our neighborhood. Please join me in prayer about how we can be part of the solution.

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.

## **Sunday's Worship**

Sunday's worship theme will be "Whose load are we carrying?" It will be about discerning the burdens that Christ would choose for us. The scripture lesson will be Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30 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.)



*Jesus went on to say: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.*

*(Matthew 11:28-30 Common English Version)*

## **QUICK ZOOM LINKS:**

Sunday Gathering of Prayers 10:15 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVjczNtaE83UT09>

Meeting ID: 460 907 9844 Password: 089437

Monday Theology on Tap 7:00 pm

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## Our Peace Pole Installed

For almost a year we have been working on our commemorative garden and peace pole. In August of 2019 Eagle Scout Austin Campbell completed his Service Project by creating a peace garden using the commemorative bricks sold to raise money for the restoration of the church. This week Nancy and Robin Stewart installed our peace pole to complete the garden. A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. The pole has the phrase “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in 12 different languages. We selected English, Spanish, Japanese, Hebrew, Arabic, German, French, Chinese, Pilipino, Tongan, Shoshone, Setswana as languages that would be meaningful to our congregation and members of the community. The pole will stand in front of Trinity as a reminder that peace is everybody’s responsibility.



### Needs for the Shelter:

- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- Conditioner
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Canned Soup (hardy)
- Beef Stew (pop top lid)
- Chili with meat

**Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?**

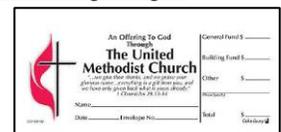


The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have already donated stimulus money to Trinity so it can be used for ministry. If your income has not been negatively impacted by COVID-19, I would

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

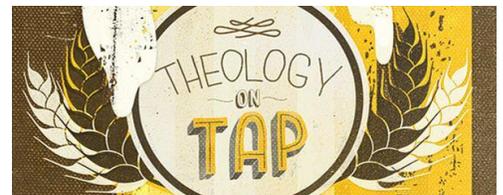
**Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:**

- 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.



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## 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](mailto: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.

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### **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](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>

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

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