

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

## News Update for July 9, 2020

*God said, “It’s not good for the Man to be alone; I’ll make him a helper, a companion.” So God formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name. The Man named the cattle, named the birds of the air, named the wild animals; but he didn’t find a suitable companion.*

*(Genesis 2:18-20 The Message)*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

There have been many memes on Facebook with the theme of “If 2020 were a \_\_\_\_\_, then it would be \_\_\_\_\_.” One of my favorites was “If 2020 were a piñata, it would be...(and then there is a picture of a big hornet’s nest). Sometimes just being able to name something makes it easier to deal with. The Bible, filled with eternal truth, helps us to name what is going on in our lives. Plagues – the Bible has them. Love stories – the Bible is filled with them. Wars – plenty of those as well. No matter how chaotic 2020 might feel, there is a story in the Bible to help us process what is going on.

I would like to challenge you to figure out what biblical story best describes this year. When you have an idea, call or email the church and let me know. I’ll report back next week with folks’ suggestions for “If 2020 were a biblical story, it would be \_\_\_\_\_.”

Remember that I am available by phone or in person (with careful physical distancing and face mask) at just about anytime. 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.

## Life Goes On

While we have so many strange things happening, we need to figure how to do weave the normal things in to life as well. I had hand surgery on Tuesday to get a small cyst removed and David had hernia surgery on Wednesday. We are both recovering well. The B&B guests have been giving me plenty of sympathy.



## Sunday's Worship

Sunday's worship theme was "Whose load are we carrying?" It was about discerning the burdens that Christ would choose for us. The scripture lesson was Matthew 11:16-19 and 28-30, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video will be available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. (See the last page for all the links.)



## Quick ZOOM Links:

### Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

Jul 12, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

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### Theology on Tap

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## FISH School Supply Program

The mission of our school supply program is simple. We provide school supplies to those families for whom their purchase would create a hardship. Over the years, with the help of over 50 volunteers, we have developed an efficient and economical way to do this. During the past school year FISH provided backpacks, filled with requested supplies, to over 740 students in Districts 91 and 93. As we are challenged by the present pandemic, we are determined to accomplish our goal in whatever new and innovative way is necessary. Our financial contributors are facing their own difficulties and the school districts are trying to determine what this next school year will look like. Could you consider a generous donation to make it possible for us to once more fulfill our mission in these trying times? Contributions may be made through your church or may be mailed directly to FISH, P.O. Box 2236, Idaho Falls, ID 83403.



Bev Kemp - FISH Chair - [bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com) - 208-569-6149

## UMW Update

The Fourth of July has passed and as a child always felt summer was half over. What strange times we are living in. Some of us still feel our summer hasn't been able to start yet. However, even though we cannot meet for unit meetings and circle, we still have to face the consequences of this pandemic. It is a world pandemic, which means our mission outreach is just as critical if not more so. Our pledges to mission still must go on. Please, please give to our missions. Donations can be sent to Joni Pace or to the church office. Let us all pray that our work will still carry on and make a difference. The Executive Board is making plans for our August 13<sup>th</sup> ice cream social. More information will be given at a later date. Stay well and hope to see you all soon.

Mary Nagel



## Virtual VBS offered by Cathedral of the Rockies

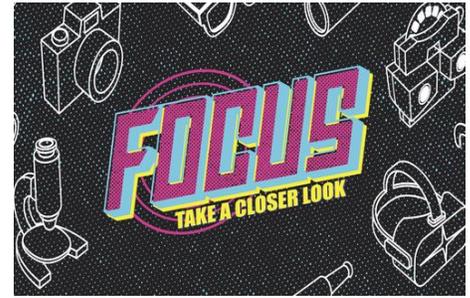
### Cathedral of The Rockies Virtual VBS

July 20, 2020 – July 23, 2020

12:00 am – 11:30 pm (MDT)

717 N 11th St., Boise, ID 83702

“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith.” Hebrews 12:2



Summer 2020 may LOOK a little different than we originally planned, but we're still excited to host the very best summer for your family! The VBS fun your kids have come to know and love is coming to your doorstep! FOCUS VBS will help kids dive deeper into their faith by putting the FOCUS on God and God's amazing plan for us. Your preschoolers through preteens will have a blast as they discover how to trust in what they CAN'T see because of what they CAN see.

Sign up today! Registration is \$30 per family and includes a supply kit hand delivered to your doorstep (or mailed if you're out of state) as well as an online component. We can hardly wait to SEE you!

Signing up for Virtual VBS means signing up for a week of amazing family fun! You will receive a FOCUS kit with detailed instructions and necessary supplies prior to VBS and we'll be in touch each day.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/1ee7c7/sessions/49590/participants/new>

### Here are the components of Virtual VBS:

- Daily Video: a 25(ish) minute video that includes worship songs, an introduction to the day's Bible Story, games, and more! This will be sent to your email each morning.
- Leader Devo: a short devotional for you to read through and reflect upon; it will introduce you to the day's bottom line and Bible Story.
- Explore: a STEAM activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery.
- Move: an activity that increases oxygen in a child's brain and taps into the energy in their bodies.

- **Connect:** an activity that invites kids to share and build on their understandings with others.
- **Reflect:** an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application
- **Zoom Session:** Join our Family Life Ministry Team for 30 minutes each day at either 11:30am-noon (MST) or 7:30-8:00pm (MST). Here, we'll enjoy time together, play games, and discuss our VBS mission project.

**What does a day of Virtual VBS look like?** Great question! In short, that's completely up to you! The daily activities will take about 2 hours to complete. We suggest you begin with the Daily Video & Leader Devo, then move onto the activities. You can do them all at once, spread them throughout the day... whatever works best for your family! The Zoom Sessions are not necessary for you to attend, but will be a fun way to connect with other families participating in Virtual VBS and an opportunity for our Family Life Ministry Team to see you!

## Mary Dawson Door Restoration Work



Rob was realigning the door going into the Mary Dawson hall and the upper hinge pulled right out of the wall. After removing the hinge plate, he discovered that there was no wood left in the door frame. There had been termite damage at the church about 40 years ago that had not been completely repaired. Rob is working on removing an 18" section of the door frame and replacing it with an oak insert to hold the weight of the door. We are so blessed to have Rob around to take care of our 103 year old building.



**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

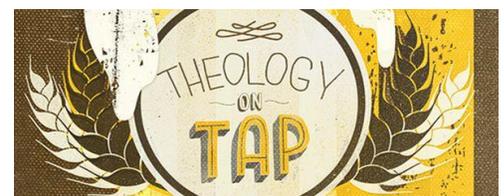
**Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:**

- 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.



**Monday Theology on Tap 7:00 pm ZOOM Link:**

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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

Trinity United Methodist Church - [www.tumcif.org](http://www.tumcif.org)