

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for July 20, 2020

Trinity Worship 19 July 2020

Growing God’s Love Among the Weeds

The more traditional name for the Parable we heard this morning is called the Wheat and the Tares and it shows how evil and good grow side by side in our world and as we think about how the kingdom of God might work.

Now today I’d like for us to think in a particularly Methodist way using those common phrases that Wesley refers to of the three rules to:

- Do no harm
- Do Good
- Stay in love with God

The first one, do no harm, isn’t so difficult. Most of you know the difference between good and bad. You know when something is naughty, or something is nice.

The second one, do good, is a little bit more difficult. We have to think in the long term whether the good we do really does the most good. And when we have thought that through, we’re ready for number three, stay in love with God.

But today’s scripture talks about how the seeds are all laid down together in the field. The farmer had planted good seed and yet an enemy had come and

strewn thistles among the wheat. “What to do?” Should the farm hands go out and pull up the thistles immediately? No, because if you do that, even though it appears to be good, it could be that the wheat gets pulled up as well.

So, it is more tricky to do good than we might think about on a regular basis.

The other part of this parable is that we can think of ourselves in any of the ways that we want to. We can be the good seed. We might be the evil thistles, and because we don't know exactly or maybe it's that we are the hands that are going to pull up the weeds and endanger the wheat. We can't know whether we are grateful because the thistles got to remain – what if that was us - or whether if we are the wheat, that we are not being endangered, or if we are the farm hands who can't we tell the difference between the wheat and between the thistles.

And so it is that we are left to praise God that there is time for all of this to unfold. There is time for us to grow in our goodness. There is time for us to grow in our wisdom of how we *do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.*
Amen

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 was “Growing God's love Among the Weeds” It was about how good and evil grow side by side. The scripture lesson was Matthew 13:24-30, 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. (See the last page for all the links.)

Jesus told them another parable:

The kingdom of heaven is like this: Once there was a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field. While the farmer's workers were sleeping, his enemy crept into the field and sowed weeds among all the wheat seeds.



Quick ZOOM Links:

Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

Jul 26, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVJiczNtaE83UT09>

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Theology on Tap

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Marion Weifle

Marion Weifle passed away Saturday, not long after her 94th birthday. She was a long-time member of Trinity and was active in Eastern Star. Our condolences go out to her devoted family. Plans will be announced at a later date.



Hello Dear Friends at Trinity,

We write to let you know that Mrs. Betty Jenkins, wife of former minister Jim Jenkins will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Saturday, July 25th. Although we will be seeing her and talking to her through a window, we are saddened that we cannot be with her on that day to celebrate properly, as her retirement community is on lockdown. We thought that one way to make her day special would be for her to receive lots of birthday cards! She would love to hear from those of you who would like to participate. She has recently moved to the next level of care at Willamette View, and this adds to her need to hear from friends old and new at this time. Her new address is

Mrs. Betty Jenkins

13145 SE River Road #212HC

Portland, OR 97222.

Many thanks to those of you who would send our mom a greeting, and many thanks as well for the wonderful years that our family spent among you.

With love, The family of Betty Jenkins

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 - 208-569-6149

UMW Update

The Fourth of July has passed and as a child I 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 must 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 13th ice cream social. More information will be given at a later date. Stay well and hope to see you all soon.

Mary Nagel



Soup Kitchen Status

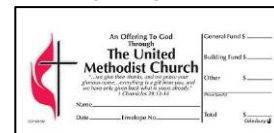
The Trinity team fed 125 people turkey sandwiches for lunch at the soup kitchen today. The lunches are placed in Styrofoam containers and the handed out as a pickup order with a bottle of water. Life goes on and we learn to adapt.

Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Gold Bond Powder
- Disposable Razors
- **Shaving Cream**
- Deodorant
- Ice Cream
- Canned Soup (hardy)
- Beef Stew (pop top lid)
- Chili with meat
- Ramen Noodle Packs
- Vienna Sausage

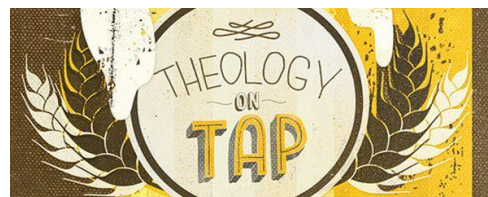
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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) 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](#)). 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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