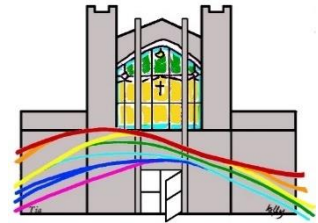


Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



News Update for August 31, 2020

Preaching from last Sunday: “Advice for These Times”

Last week we looked at how words make a difference, at how sharp words can cut just as deeply and wound as fiercely as a knife. This week our scripture lesson is from the Christian Epistles. Most of the Epistles, like Romans, were written by the Apostle Paul, some of them, like Timothy, were written by others, “borrowing” Paul’s name and authority, while still others, like James, are known to us by their author’s name. These were letters written to various Christian communities as they were forming the early church to give instruction and advice. That advice is still pertinent to us as Christians today. In fact, it may be more important for us to hear and heed these words from the Apostle Paul in Romans than it has been for a long time. Indeed, these are certainly times when our nerves are frazzled, our tongues are sharp, and our hearts are bruised.



Last week in the Gospel of Matthew we saw an example of how even the Son of God can realize that he is wrong and work to fix the situation. This week, we get the practical advice about how to live more fully by loving those around us more fully.

I'm a little bit tempted to just read the Epistle lesson again rather than "preach." After all, Paul was an elegant preacher as well as a prolific and convincing letter writer. He reminds us that not only will words and deeds of love benefit us and the people we care about, but those words and deeds of love will allow us to always take the high road which may frustrate our opponents!

Here is a story not so much about prevailing over our opponents with kindness, but about not jumping to conclusions that might hinder our ability to have genuine love for those around us. Last week, as I walked through the upstairs kitchen at Trinity, I glanced over and noticed that the Communion cup was not on the counter with the Communion plate. The first thing that left to my mind was that someone who did not understand what they were doing had stolen the cool-looking chalice. Tears of frustration and anger began to wet my cheeks as I sat there holding the plate from this Communion set that had been given to me as an ordination gift from the Bishop. After few minutes and a few deep breaths, I started to consider what other scenarios might be true. Perhaps the chalice had just been moved? When I opened the one cupboard in the kitchen where dishes that don't belong anywhere else go, there on the top shelf was my cup, placed lovingly where it would be out of harm's way. The tears start to flow again, but this time because I felt bad for wrongly accusing someone of stealing, and because I miss you and look forward to a day when I can hand you a bit of broken bread to dip into that cup.

Let me leave you with the words of Christ from the Gospel of John, chapter 13: *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

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 "Advice for These Times." The scripture lesson was Romans 12: 9-21, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. It is old advice from the Christian Epistles but is still relevant today. The video is available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel on Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)

Romans 12:9-21 - The Message

9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

17-19 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

20-21 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Quick ZOOM Links:



Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

September 6, 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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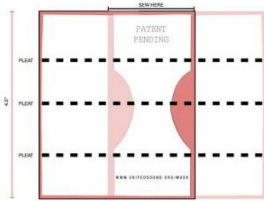
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Need 100 Masks Sewn for Taylorview

Jennifer Haas, choir director and bass player here at Trinity, will start teaching band very soon at Taylorview Middle School. She needs instrument friendly masks for her students. There are sewing plans and the best ones are found at: <http://www.unitedsound.org/mask>

Jennifer is in need of about 100 masks!!!! She is reaching out to Trinity and other local churches to see if she can get some donations of masks from people who would be willing to sew.



Pleated Mask Pattern

Black cloth would be best but at this point, any color is ok.

Masks can be dropped off at the Taylorview front office, just let them know they're for Jennifer Haas.

Needs for the Homeless Mission

Blender - We need a new heavy-duty blender for the homeless mission. One of our guests has jaw cancer and needs to blend every meal. It would be a blessing if someone could provide a blender.



Layette - One of our regular guests, who is currently living in her car, is due to give birth on September 11th to a baby boy.

She needs everything to welcome a newborn.



Instrument Friendly Mask



Progressive Dinner, not for 2020

Every year for the past 28, a progressive dinner has been held at the downtown churches. Lately, the money raised has gone to the Soup Kitchen.

Since the Progressive Dinner will not be held this year, we have been trying out various different scenarios for raising about \$375, which is the average raised from the past 4 years. None of our ideas seem to have caught anyone's imagination, so we are just asking for the money to be donated.

If the Progressive Dinner is something you have always done, you could donate the cost of a ticket, and on the evening of September 18th, eat salad (Trinity's course this year), and call some friends



Soup Kitchen appreciates you!

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Joey Ford | 9/7 | Kathleen Taylor | 9/18 |
| Elizabeth Miner | 9/7 | Gary Wilson | 9/21 |
| Diane & Mike Croson | 9/8 | Jonathan Bean | 9/29 |
| Ed Simmons | 9/10 | Penelope Kunter | 9/29 |

Free School Supplies

We have some donated basic school supplies for school kids. Please stop by Trinity and get a bag of items from 9-3 pm. Available now while the supply lasts.



Soup Kitchen Team Leader Needed

We are looking for a new team leader for our Soup Kitchen Mission. Kathy Harder is retiring after the September meal, having been our longstanding chef and team leader.

Team Lead – This person will be in charge of the team, making sure you have enough help (or letting us know you need help), making sure the Soup Kitchen is cleaned before everyone leaves, and you are the cook, too.

1. Create a menu, pull the meat (3-4 days in the fridge to thaw) and get everything ready to cook
2. Cook the meal on the day of the lunch
3. Holds the key
4. Calls their team to remind them of their day each month.
5. Ensures the ledger has been filled out for your meal
6. Communicates with the Community Food Basket
7. Receives the Soup Kitchen Training manual
8. Ensures that at least one person, who is present each time, has a current Food Safety Certification.
9. Ensures that the closing procedures have been followed
10. Ensures that all doors are locked before leaving.

Please contact Rev Ruth Marsh if you would like to help. (208-419-7870)

UMW Update

It looks as though we will not be having any activities in September, however if that changes, we will notify everyone through the UMW Telephone Tree.

Mary Nagel



Community Food Basket Volunteer Opportunities.

Gleaning – Fridays 8:30a-12p

These people will drive our truck around to local grocery stores and pick up their donations. This is a team of two people.

Warehouse help – Monday – Friday 10a-2p

Please commit to one day to come each week.

Must be able to lift 25-50 lbs. We need help unloading trucks and organizing the warehouse. Moving pallets, and putting boxes into coolers.

Food Pantry Set-up – Monday – Friday 10a-3p

Please commit to one day to come each week.

These teams put our food boxes together, and put the gleaned food away.

Food Pantry Distribution - Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 3:30p-5:30p

Please commit to one day to come each week.

Collect demographic information. Bring food to cars. Finish packing food boxes.

Food Pantry data entry –

Enter all the intake forms. This can be done daily (M-F), or a few times a week. Any time after 5:30pm.

All data must be entered before the end of each month.

Soup Kitchen Team – 2nd Wednesday of every month through 2020

We need a permanent, reoccurring team on the 2nd Wednesday of every of 5-6 people to cook and hand out to-go meals.

Team Lead – This person will be in charge of the team. Making sure you have enough help (or letting us know you need help). Making sure the Soup Kitchen is cleaned before everyone leaves. Sometimes you are the cook too

Cook – 9am-1pm (depending on what you are cooking) This person plans the meal and goes to the Soup Kitchen 3-4 days before your monthly day and pulls meat to thaw and gathers ingredients for your meal.

SUPPORT TEAM (4-5 ppl) – 11:00AM-1:30PM Put meals in the to-go containers, distribute meals, clean up.

Reopening Committee - Phase 2

In Phase 2 the church staff is allowed back full time. Pam will be in the front office from 9 am to 1pm Monday - Thursday. Volunteers are also allowed in the church building as needed for the homeless mission work and producing worship videos. Technically the church building is still closed to the public.

We are in Phase 2

1. Face masks are required in the building.
2. 6-foot physical distancing is required.
3. High risk population please stay home.
4. No in-person worship allowed.
5. Entrance limited to staff, designated volunteers and persons receiving services.

Updated 7/29/2020 Don Rohde

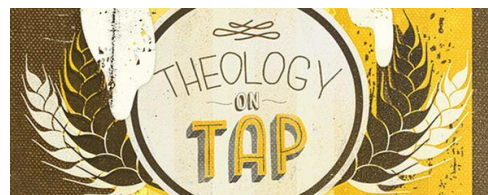
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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>

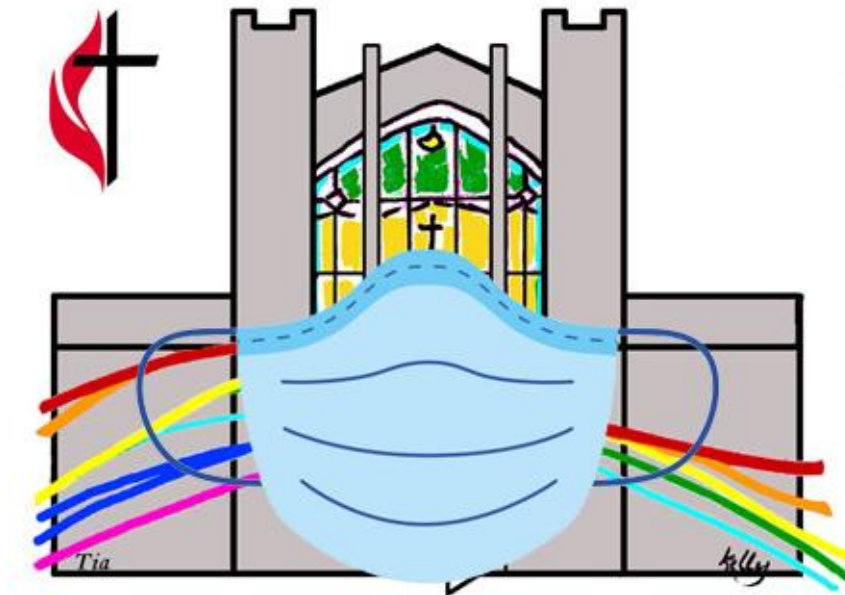
Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

Top Needs:

- Body Wash (large)
- Shampoo (large)
- Deodorant (stick)
- Ice Cream
- Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
- Mouth Wash (travel size)
- Gold Bond Powder (travel size)
- Phone charging cords
- Vienna Sausage
- XXL, XL Ladies Underwear

The new Trinity showers have been used over 100 times so far in August.

We can't thank you enough for all your support of this important ministry at Trinity!



Remember to wear your mask!