

News Update for September 3, 2020

Today Ruth is attending the Sage District “Meet up in the Mountains,” Pastors’ event. (Due to covid, it’s not really in the mountains, but more like the back yard of the parsonage on ZOOM.)

What Will Phase 3 Look Like If We Ever Get There? – Don Rohde

We don’t know when we will be allowed to enter Phase 3 of our reopening plan. According to the Idaho State website Idaho Falls is still a bit of a hotspot for covid transmission. I just want to give people a sneak preview of what Phase 3 will look like when we get there.

Phase 3 allows:

- In-person worship, weddings, and funerals for up to 50 people while wearing face masks and utilizing proper sanitizing and physical distancing.

Phase 3 prohibitions:

- No communion, live singing or food service is allowed
- High-risk populations must continue to worship from home.
- Outside of worship, access to church buildings is limited to designated staff, volunteers, meetings, and services.
- Fellowship and education activities for adults, children and youth must remain virtual
- In-person Vacation Bible School and mission trips remain cancelled.

Phase 3 Specifics:

1. Safety:
 - a. Maximum Group Size of 50
 - b. Attendance must be taken for all activities to aid contact tracing
 - c. Face masks & physical distancing are required
 - d. Sanitize rooms after each use
2. Worship:
 - a. In-person worship up to 50 people, weddings, and funerals
 - b. No communion, live singing, or food service
 - c. Maintain the availability of online worship
3. Groups Using the Church:
 - a. The hosting of scouting troops, recovery, support, and other community groups is allowed
 - b. Daycares and church schools, health clinics and shelters are allowed

Phase 3 gives us some options but still has plenty of restrictions. The background can be found at <https://greaternw.org/reimagining-life-together/>

Again, I caution you that we have no way of knowing when we will be released to phase 3. All we can do is wear our masks, watch our physical distancing, and wait patiently. (How Biblical!)

Office will be closed on Labor Day Monday, September 7th

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

Sunday's Worship

Sunday's worship theme will be "Bound on Earth, Bound in Heaven." On this Labor Day weekend, we ponder the work that is required to stay in relationship with the people around us. The scripture lesson will be Matthew 18:15-20, 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.)

Matthew 18:15-20 The Message

15-17 "If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him – work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend. If he won't listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won't listen, tell the church. If he won't listen to the church, you'll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.

18-20 "Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

Quick ZOOM Links:



Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

September 6, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

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Theology on Tap

September 7, 2020 07:00 PM America/Boise

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

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Drive-in Church for Rally Day, September 13th

We are planning to have church!

On Sunday September 13th we are going to have a drive-in style worship. Robin & Nancy Stewart and a few of our guests have constructed a stage in the parking lot so everyone can see Ruth during the service.



We have an FM transmitter that will broadcast the service on 92.9 on your car radio. This arrangement will only be possible if people stay in their cars because of required physical distancing. Instructions will be available in the newsletter next Tuesday. We will also hand out the instructions on Sunday the 13th. We will video the service so people can watch it after Sunday on Facebook.

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

Teacher Appreciation

Richard Dickson wrote the following tribute to Ruth Byron, a longtime Praise Band member and public-school teacher. She retired at the end of the last school year:



"Hands and eyes." Just like everyone else in Ms. Byron's 1st grade classroom, I learned to snap to attention when I heard those words. Pencils and markers down. Hands folded together on top of the desk. Eyes on Mrs. Byron; she had something important to say. From years of experience, discipline and order were expectations that started the moment her young students entered the room. No raised voices. Everyone attentive. Lessons about good behavior and etiquette were shared with the whole class. In one on one discussions, individuals were held accountable and disciplined for misbehavior in the class or on the playground. Her young students were learning reading, writing and arithmetic, but they were also learning to be responsible citizens. Under her care, young lives were changed, and opportunities were opened for a lifetime of learning. Good manners, self-control, honesty, and good behavior. These were all hallmarks of Ms. Byron's class.

Work Around the Church

This week Rob repaired the trim on the left-hand organ pipe enclosure. The wood had separated on the 103-year-old trim that gracefully wraps around our curved organ pipe enclosure. Rob was able to glue and secure the trim using a series of small clamps to hold it in place. It is so nice to have Rob around to do restoration work.



What does love require? Join an online celebration of Oregon-Idaho laity!

My friends and fellow laity of the Oregon-Idaho Conference,

Come gather with us via Zoom on Sept. 23 for this year's laity session! This year's session will focus primarily on the ministry of our local churches in this time of a pandemic, confronting racism and imagining a new future for our churches.

What does Love Require?

Do No Harm:
Fighting COVID-19

Do Good:
Dismantling Racism

Stay in Love with God:
Reimagining Life Together



The session will run Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pacific Time or 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mountain Time. [Register Now for the Zoom Webinar.](#)

During this extended time of physical distancing and social transformation we are all digging deep to find ways to be the “light of Christ” in our communities. Laity are crucial to making this happen! We will share short videos from all over the Conference that celebrate examples of moving the Annual Conference theme “What does Love Require?” from **words to action**.

You will be able to engage in worship, meet your district and conference leaders, get new ideas, and learn about opportunities for leadership development.

This laity gathering is for **everyone**. Since no one needs to travel to a physical location, it is easy to join us! If you are an Annual Conference member, you should definitely participate. And while you are at it, you should recruit others from your church (even clergy) who are interested in seeing what churches large and small are doing! Perhaps this will encourage you to have continued discussions with church members about the needs and possibilities for your own community and congregation.

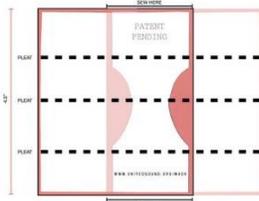
Let's make this gathering be the start of even more exciting ministry!

Register now!

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.

(So far we have received \$220 for the Soup Kitchen; only \$155 to go!)

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

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.

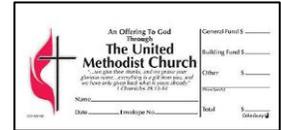
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Cook – 9am-1pm (depending on what you are cooking) This person plans the meal and goes to the Soup Kitchen 3-4 days before your monthly day and pulls meat to thaw and gathers ingredients for your meal.

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

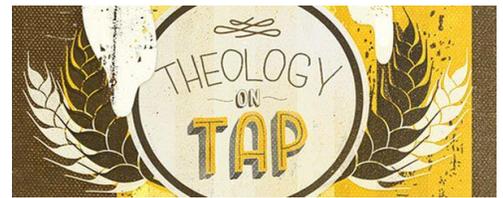
Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- 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>

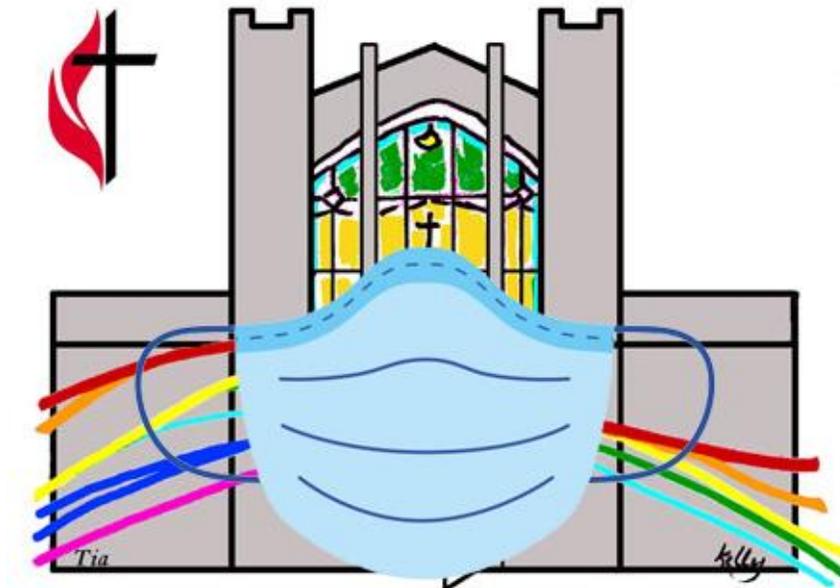
Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

Top Needs:

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

The new Trinity showers were used over 110 times in August.

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



Remember to wear your mask!