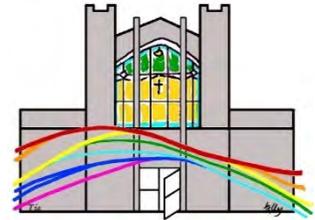




# Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



## News Update for November 8, 2021

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### Sermon from 11/07

"What To Do About Widows and Orphans"



I really love the book of Ruth; it's a fabulous love story. Today's stole has the book of Ruth on it. It's got people gleaning in the fields, and this scene is women beating the wheat and putting it into baskets.

Here are Ruth and Naomi having a good conversation about being able to find a place for her to glean, and this is Orpah who turned back and didn't come to the Bethlehem region with Naomi and Ruth. Last but not least, here is Boaz down at the gate of the city as he takes Ruth officially to be his wife by taking off his sandal.

The book of Ruth is also a particularly important book in the Bible because it gives us a model for lots of love, and a model for



being honorable with those who are widows, orphans, foreigners, and others who might look different from us.

When Jesus sat across from the Temple Treasury teaching the disciples, he would have had a full store of scriptural resources to back up the ethical lessons he was sharing with his students.

Jesus would have known by heart the story of his ancestor Ruth, whom we heard about in the Hebrew scripture lesson this morning – how she and her mother-in-law Naomi were at severe risk because they were widows without any access to financial resources of their own.

Jesus would have known Levitical law well, including the mandates to care for the poor and oppressed, particularly widows, orphans, and people from foreign lands. Let's take a look at a few of those laws right now.

First, from Exodus 23:11; "During the seventh year, let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove."

Now from Leviticus: "Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God." Chapter 19, verse 10.

And, "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the Lord your God." Chapter 23, verse 22.

Continuing on to Deuteronomy: "Do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be."

Chapter 15, verses 7 and 8 NRSV

Chapter 15 verse 11: "There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward the poor and needy in your land."

And now, chapter 24, verses 19 to 21:

"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

Moving on to the Psalms – "Defend the cause of the weak and orphan; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalms 82, verses 3 and 4.

Let's finish up with Zechariah 7:10 - "Do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other."

Oh, and this is actually just a bonus painting of Ruth and Boaz. I love the expression on her face as she is waiting for him to wake back up from his drunken stupor. But note in the picture that Ruth has her breast partially exposed. This is true



of most of the classical paintings that are representations of Ruth, because of the racy nature of her relationship with Boaz. But the reason that's true is because many widows needed to turn to prostitution in order to support themselves. Back to what the Bible says about caring for widows, orphans, and others who are poor and oppressed.

Now that you have some background into what Jesus knew, and lived by, it may make more sense as to why Jesus was upset by what the Temple authorities were doing when they required the widow to turn over her very last bit of money in order to have access to God. Make no mistake about how Jesus felt concerning the Temple authorities taxing practices! Remember that episode during Holy Week when Jesus turns over the money changers tables? That scene was not about buying and selling in the Temple, it was about the surcharges and taxes being imposed for exchanging "common money" that had Cesar's likeness on it for "Temple



money" that did not have an in-graven image.



Please also hear in the Gospel lesson from this morning: Jesus' praise for the widow who was willing to give all that she had to show her love for God and provide for the work of the Lord through the Temple. She was doing what she could to follow all of those Levitical laws that we heard a few minutes ago. Though a widow herself, she gave what she had to support widows, orphans, the poor and oppressed, and those from foreign lands escaping hardship; the ones whom the Bible tells us God has a particular love for, and therefore has given clear mandates that we declare them neighbors and love them as we love ourselves.

May you feel richly rewarded as you act on opportunities to care for the people around you who need your particular gifts to recognize God's love in the world. Amen.

As a postscript to today's sermon, it's that time of year when Trinity prepares our budget for next year, budgets that translate into dollars, that in turn translate into acts of love toward each other and the greater community. I invite you to be generous with your time and money. Amen.

Blessings, Rev. Ruth

## Sunday's Worship 11/14

This Sunday Ruth will speak on "Not What They Expected." It's Christ the King Sunday, so we explore what kind of a king Jesus is.

We will study John 18:33-37. You may read the scripture lesson below before you watch the video on Trinity's Facebook page. Use this link for the worship video:

<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>

### A LESSON FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE (John 18:33-37)

*So Pilate re-entered the governor's palace and called for Jesus to follow him.*

*Pilate: Are You the King of the Jews?*

*Jesus: Are you asking Me because you believe this is true, or have others said this about Me?*

*Pilate: I'm not a Jew, am I? Your people, including the chief priests, have arrested You and placed You in my custody. What have You done?*

*Jesus: My kingdom is not recognized in this world. If this were My kingdom, My servants would be fighting for My freedom. But My kingdom is not in this physical realm.*

*Pilate: So You are a king?*

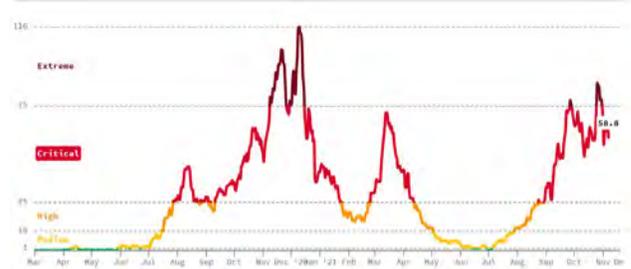
*Jesus: You say that I am king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the cosmos: to demonstrate the power of truth. Everyone who seeks truth hears My voice.*

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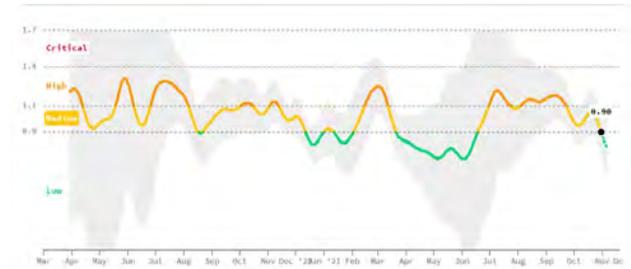
## COVID Graphs

### Bonneville County Covid Graphs

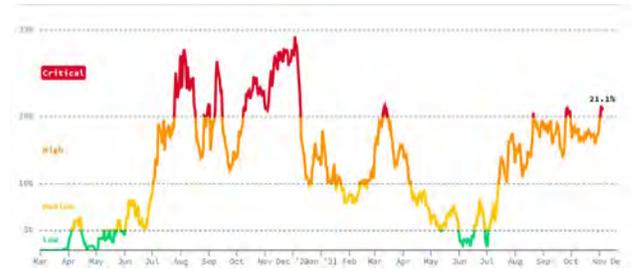
Daily New Cases: 58.8 /100K



Infection Rate: 0.90



Positive Test Rate: 21.1%



Percent of ICU Used: 90%



3 Covid Deaths in the last 7days

47.3% 1+ Dose Vaccinated

42.7% Fully Vaccinated

## UMW News

Happy November to you all. Lots happening this month. First, our Unit meeting will be November 11, at 1:00 in the church parlor. Kelly Carney is giving the program. Also to note is **Sunshine Circle** will meet November 18 at 1:00 in the church parlor (a week early because of Thanksgiving).

### \$500 Matching Grant Challenge

The Executive Board wanted the Unit members to be aware of the action we will take in response to an anonymous letter the unit received in Sept. The letter asked UMW to match funds up to \$500.00 to support the Homeless Day Shelter at the church. Treasurer Joni Pace responded at the Unit meeting as follows: " We have been forced to cancel our Bake Sale this year due to health and Covid circumstances. This was our major mission fund raiser. We have been able to meet this year's budget only because of a few generous donors and also being back for our meetings this fall. Since we are committed to our budget and mission focus, it is impossible to hold another fund raiser to meet this challenge. We do feel strongly that we help support the Day Shelter and are asking individual members to give a "Designated Offering" to the Shelter. This will be done above our monthly offerings. " Joni will have a special giving envelope just for Day Shelter donations and will keep a special budget ledger to keep track of the amount. At the end of the year, the money will be given to the church for funds matched.

### Holiday Treat Sale Alternative

Also discussed, because of no Holiday Treat Sale this year, that people donate what they would normally spend in buying and baking for this fund raiser. The money made goes forward in planning next year's budget. We are asking support from the entire Trinity family who always enjoyed the holiday treats.

### Plastic Recycling Program

The program for the October meeting was given by Claudia Pine from the Community Food Basket Happyville Farm. Claudia explained how to recycle soft, stretchy packaging plastics that are CLEAN and DRY (for example those plastic grocery bags that keep mysteriously taking over your cupboard). Every 500 lbs wins a bench for the Happyville Farm for people to sit and rest on. More information can be obtained from a UMW Executive Board member or call Claudia Pine at 208-534-1592. A recycle box is at Trinity for the plastics. There is a list of what can and cannot be used attached to the box.



See you at the Unit meeting Thursday, November 11th.



## Gather at the Table

Join us to reconnect during this time of COVID isolation. It would be wonderful see you on screen, and socialize with you, as we continue our faith journey. A brief deep-thought question and time for prayers will be available. Looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**



New guests, please call the office if you would like an invitation to this zoom.

### John Wesley Quote

“When I have money, I get rid of it quickly, lest it find a way into my heart.”



## Today's Greatest Needs:

- Winter coats, clothing, boots, gloves
- Frozen Turkeys (or parts)
- Men's Underwear M, L
- Lotion
- Ramen Noodles
- Cases of bottled water

## Christmas Bell Concert

The Trinity Bell Choir has set the dates for the much-anticipated Christmas Concert. Because of the Covid safety concerns they have selected two larger venues so more people can safely attend.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm at Rigby High School

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - 4pm & 7pm at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church



## Collecting Corn Cans





## How to Watch on Facebook

Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account. <sup>(P)</sup>

Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

### ON THE LAPTOP:

1. go to GOOGLE CHROME web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook "sign on" window comes up
5. At the bottom of the Sign on Window there was a "NOT NOW" button
6. Push that button and you are free to watch the live stream on a laptop without a Facebook account.

### ON THE CELL PHONE:

1. go to web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook sign on window came up
5. Using your finger scroll down the screen
6. A second Facebook sign on window comes up
7. Close that 2nd window by pressing the "X" box up in the top right corner
8. You can see the video on the screen and play it by pressing the play triangle
9. It only shows the latest videos.
10. If you press SHOW ALL you can see all the videos back to March.
11. You are free to watch the live stream on an iPhone without a Facebook account.



## Staying Connected

Each Sunday Worship videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>). 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>

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mike Oar	11/01
Dan Henze	11/03
Nancy Stewart	11/06
Alice Kay Wilson	11/10
Martin Edwards	11/12
Dylann Rhys	11/15
Robert Erikson	11/16
Tim Lybeck	11/17
Clara Jacobson	11/19
Marlene Empey	11/20
Traci Allison	11/22
Lisa Schulhauser	11/23
Kay & Ed Kiefner	11/23
Rob Empey	11/25
Denny Kemp	11/27
Steve Simqu	11/27
Kay Kiefner	11/29
Judith Blackburn	11/30
Heather Rutledge	11/30
Marilyn & Don Taylor	11/30

## Upcoming Events

**The Idaho Falls Youth Arts Center**  
 presents *Oliver!* tickets available at IFYAC.org

Lionel Bart's  
**Oliver!**

MUSIC, BOOK & LYRICS BY LIONEL BART  
**November 12-13, 15-16, 2021 - 7:30pm**  
**2:00pm Sat Matinée - Civic Center**

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 DIRECTOR: RACHEL DALBO      CHOREOGRAPHER: ERIN NAZ

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## This Week at Trinity

### Monday (November 8<sup>th</sup>)

- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 pm Zoom

### Tuesday (November 9<sup>th</sup>)

- **Trustee meeting** 6:30 Zoom

### Wednesday (November 10<sup>th</sup>)

- **Upper Room** 10:00 am in Library
- **Finance Meeting** 6:30 Zoom

### Thursday (November 11<sup>th</sup>)

- **UMW Unit Meeting** 1:00

### Friday (November 12<sup>th</sup>)

### Saturday (November 13<sup>th</sup>)

### Sunday (November 14<sup>th</sup>)

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15am.

Do church in person or from the comfort of your couch!

(<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>)

- **Coffee Hour** - 11:15 am to meet with your church family.
- **Hand Bell Practice** - 4:00 pm Sanctuary

### Upcoming:

Nov. 16 - Charge Conference 6:30 Zoom

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<p style="color: red; font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">November</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 <b>Trustee Meeting Zoom</b></p> <p>7:00 Cub Scouts Pack &amp; Den</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 Upper Room</p> <p>6:30 <b>Finance Meeting Zoom</b></p> <p>7:30 Troop 6</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00 UMW Unit Meeting</p>	<p>12 Office Closed</p>	<p>13</p>
	<p>14</p> <p>10:15 Indoor Church with Live stream on Facebook</p> <p>11:15 Coffee Hour Outside</p> <p>4:00 Handbell Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 <b>Admin Meeting (Zoom) Charge Conference</b></p> <p>7:00 Cub Scouts Pack &amp; Den</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Upper Room</p> <p>6:30 Gather At The Table (Zoom)</p> <p>7:30 Troop 6</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1:00 UMW Sunshine Circle</p>	<p>19 Office Closed</p>
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