

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for March 9, 2022

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Worship on 3/13

This Sunday, Reverend Ruth’s sermon will be:
“Everything God Has”

The Theme for the day will be:
“Caring For the World Around Us”

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (The Prodigal Son)

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

“There was once a man who had two sons. The younger said to his father, ‘Father, I want right now what’s coming to me.’

“So the father divided the property between them. It wasn’t long before the younger son packed his bags and left for a distant country. There, undisciplined and dissipated, he wasted everything he had. After he had gone through all his money, there was a bad famine all through that country and he began to feel it. He signed on with a citizen there who assigned him to

Daylight Saving Time begins March 13



Set clock **forward 1 hour** Sat. night before bed.

his fields to slop the pigs. He was so hungry he would have eaten the corn-cobs in the pig slop, but no one would give him any.



“That brought him to his senses. He said, ‘All those farmhands working for my father sit down to three meals a day, and here I am starving to death. I’m going back to my father. I’ll say to him, Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son. Take me on as a hired hand.’ He got right up and went home to his father.

“When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: ‘Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; I don’t deserve to be called your son ever again.’



“But the father wasn’t listening. He was calling to the servants, ‘Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a prize-winning heifer and roast it. We’re going to feast! We’re going to have a wonderful time! My son is here – given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!’ And they began to have a wonderful time.

“All this time his older son was out in the field. When the day’s work was done he came in. As he approached the house, he heard the music and dancing. Calling over one of the houseboys, he asked what was going on. He told him, ‘Your brother came home. Your father has ordered a feast – barbecued beef! – because he has him home safe and sound.’

“The older brother stomped off in an angry sulk and refused to join in. His father came out and tried to talk to him, but he wouldn’t listen. The son said, ‘Look how many years I’ve stayed here serving you, never giving you one moment of grief, but have you ever thrown a party for me and my friends? Then this son of yours who has thrown away your money on whores shows up and you go all out with a feast!’

“His father said, ‘Son, you don’t understand. You’re with me all the time, and everything that is mine is yours – but this is a wonderful time, and we had to celebrate. This brother of yours was dead, and he’s alive! He was lost, and he’s found!’”

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“Rise,” Lenten Devotional

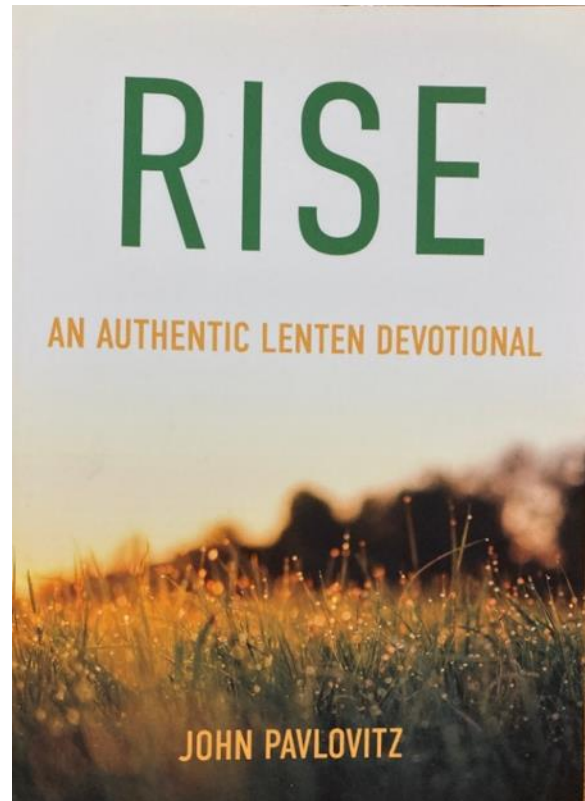
Last Sunday we started our RISE Lenten study class on Sunday right after church. The class is a series of daily readings as we go through the Lenten season. Last Sunday we talked about the readings, share out interpretations and ask Rev Ruth the really hard questions.

The general theme of the class is best described as “The spiritual journey – like the human experience – is not a level, linear path where pitfalls are uniform and where growth is predictable and progress comfortable. It is a messy, meandering, awkward path of stops and starts. It is made of both the falling and the getting back up – and the former is often far easier than the latter.”

The first four readings covered:

1. The struggles that are currently in your windshield will soon be in your rear-view mirror.
2. If you want to be better at presence, work on absence first.
3. Things you hold against someone might be holding you back from experiencing the fullness of the present
4. This day may be part of the waiting for healing rather than the end of healing
5. The wise path forward for those of us who don't wait very well: Stay. Love. Repeat.

Please join us next Sunday right after church for some coffee and discussion. You can get a book from the office at church or order it online. We will be reading section 6-12 for this Sunday. – Don Rohde



John Wesley Quote

I really hope the Sunday Schools will be productive of great good to the nation. They spread wider and wider, and are likely to reach every part of the kingdom.



To Rev. John Fletcher, 1785

Today's Greatest Needs:

- Winter coats, clothing
- Boots
- Warm Gloves
- Kitchen Storage Containers

Sermon from 3/6

“Sermon: “No Way!”
based on Luke 4:1-13

Jesus preached to people who were afraid that war was about to break out because they were being oppressed by an authoritarian government. Jesus preached to people who realized that the economic systems of the day probably were not in their favor. Jesus preached to people who faced widespread disease and death. Jesus preached to people who were exhausted from trying to put one foot in front of the other. Jesus preached to people who were just like many of us in this room.

The Gospel lesson from Luke this morning doesn't miss a beat getting to the point of letting us know that the devil knows human kind. The devil, the personification of evil knows Jesus, and therefore knows us. It is not an accident that the temptations are of a universal nature.



What person in 21st century USA has not been tempted to mis-use food, beverage or drugs? Too much, or too little or not the right kind, any sales campaign for any product will tell you that you aren't doing

it right... Lucky for Jesus, the scriptures had an answer for him, and lucky for us, those answers are still there.

The devil's temptation for Jesus to misuse power begins with the lie that the world belongs to the devil and is therefore the devil's to give, or that Jesus is not already the inheritor of all that is.

The third temptation, to just give up and jump off this scary, wild, difficult trip of life, is perhaps the most 21st century kind of temptation.

Right now, in the foreverness of COVID, at a time when Russia has invaded Ukraine and it feels like we might be on the brink of WWII, the temptation to just not care, or to sink into the deep darkness of despair is great!

In the past few weeks, I've written what seems like volumes. The sermons that poured out of my mind and fingers were long, with multiple points and complexities. But this week, nothing came... There is always a temptation not to write, not to plan, not to even attend to this week's work. Seldom do I succumb to these temptations. But they are there.



Then it is time to practice tried and true advice: step back, breathe deeply and remember that as a beloved child of God,

you, and I, are held gently in our Creator's love.

So it is enough that I spent time in the late winter sunshine smudging God's love on people's foreheads in the form of ash crosses; people who would not have had that experience of hearing how they are God's beloved, if I not been there standing at the south-east end of the Broadway Bridge.

It is enough that I wrote down on my list that I will get on the treadmill, even if I haven't yet.

It is enough to remember that I too, am a beloved of God... just like you. Amen.

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth

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) 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>

UMW News

Greetings! Our next meeting will be March 10th at 1:00 in the church parlor. All women are invited to gather for "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," a faith-filled time to assemble with lifted hearts and hands before our Creator God. Marilyn Taylor will be leading us in a celebration of selfless giving and spiritual communion with God. The theme this year is "Love, Justice, and Service: Answering the Call". A special offering will be taken. Mary Nagle will be the hostess. We hope to see you there.



Don't forget to "check out" the new books that can be found in the UMW library in the parlor. The book One Dress, One Year is about a sixteen year old girl who decided to wear the same dress every day for a year to bring about awareness to human trafficking. Her journey is filled with hope, discipline, and sometimes disappointment. This book shows readers their voices matter; they can make a difference.

See you Thursday

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Beloved</u>	<u>March</u>
Sheila Mullin	10 th
Chelsea Gaskill	11 th
Ruth Anne Cole	12 th
Adellyna Castillo	13 th
Rosella Caveness	13 th
Mike Croson	15 th
Scott Brown	16 th
Jared Sene	16 th
Eliana Castillo	18 th
Giovanni Castillo	19 th
Marcie Miles	20 th
Heidi Empey	21 st
Analea Hruska	21 st
Gene Summers	25 th
Diane Gates	27 th
Jim Anderson	28 th
Leslie Perez	28 th
Thomas Demopoulos	29 th
Bill Clemons	30 th
Sharen Trickey	30 th
Whitney Wade	31 st
John & Kathy Harder	7 th
	<u>April</u>
Marline Crites	1 st
Richard Kunter	1 st
Christy Southwick	1 st

Sunday Activities 2022

We are happy to report that we have resumed some opportunities for families, adults, children, and youth to participate in meaningful worship, study, and fellowship.

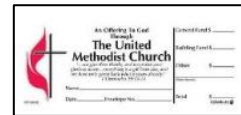
Sunday Worship - each week

- 10:15 a.m. In person and on the internet
"Kid's Time" is back in Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Parlor - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten book study
- Childcare Available from 10 - 12:30 p.m.

*See you at
Trinity United Methodist Church!*

Finance & Giving

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

Our church's financial status for year-to-date January 31, 2021:



Income = \$ 18,073
 Expenses = \$ 30,285
 Difference = $-\\$12,212$

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

Crockpot Lunches Needed



Compassionate Care Need!

We need crock pot or casserole lunches for the homeless people that stop by the Day Shelter.

We will provide the cooking container and the ingredients, as necessary. Please help with all the love in your heart. Contact Don in the office.

The next available dates are March 13th, 14th & 15th.

Also, donations of canned food would be greatly appreciated. Examples of greatest needs are:

- Ramen Noodles
- Pasta (for example: Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats
- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce

Thanks to Ann Shively, Jill Ecklesdaffer, Joe Goyen, Cindy Woolf, Heather Rutledge, Dixie Oswald, Kay Kiefner, Kathy Harder, Bev Kemp, Pam Mayes, Jo Ann & Gary Rose, and Marcia & Tommy Lew for their preparation of food, generous donation of time, and compassion in helping with feeding the hungry.

Trinity Leadership

Below are the names and contacts for the leadership positions for the next year. Please let the appropriate leader know how you are willing to serve.

- Bev Kemp - Chair of Staff/Parish Relations
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- Don Rohde - Chair of Trustees
860-810-3227
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- Robin Stewart - Chair of Administrative Council
208-521-6358
robin.s.stewart@gmail.com
- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance
208-201-5593

Egg Donation

Betty Anderson's daughter Heather has been donating eggs to the shelter over the last few weeks. The eggs are cooked 3 dozen at a meal and mixed with ham, peppers and onions to make a really great breakfast.



How to Watch on Facebook

Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account. (P)

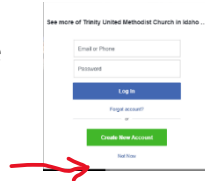
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

ON THE COMPUTER:

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.



This Week at Trinity

Thursday (March 10th)

- UMW Unit Meeting 1:00 pm

Friday (March 11th)

Saturday (March 12th)

Sunday (March 13th) Lent 2

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15 a.m.
- **Lenten Book Study** 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Monday (March 14th)

- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Tuesday (March 15th)

- **Admin Council Meeting** 6:30 pm on zoom
- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm

Wednesday (March 16th)

- **Upper Room** by zoom 10:00 am
- **Gather at the Table** 6:30 zoom

Thursday (March 17th)

- **Happy St. Patrick's Day**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<h1>March</h1>		8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12
		6:30 Trustee Meeting 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 Finance Meeting 7:30 Troop 6	1:00 UMW Unit meeting in Parlor		Daylight Saving Time - set clocks forward at bedtime.
13 Lent 2 10:15 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Lenten Book Study and Coffee hour 4:00 Handbell Practice	14 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today2	15 6:30 Ad Council 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	16 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 pm Gather at the Table (zoom) 7:30 Troop 6	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 Office Closed	19
20 Lent 3 10:15 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Lenten Book Study and Coffee hour 4:00 Handbell Practice	21 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today2	22 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	23 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom	24	25 Office Closed	26
27 Lent 4 10:15 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Lenten Book Study and Coffee hour 4:00 Handbell Practice	28 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom)	29 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	30 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom	31	April 1st	April 2nd