

News Update for March 23, 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (March 24th)

7:00 p.m. SPR Mtg in-person in L3 or via ZOOM

Friday (March 25th)

Saturday (March 26th)

Sunday (March 27th) Lent 3

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15 a.m. Do church in person or from the comfort of your couch!

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

- **Lenten Book Study 11:30 a.m.**

Monday (March 28st)

- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- **NA Just 4 Today 2**

Tuesday (March 29nd)

- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm

Wednesday (March 30rd)

- **Upper Room** by zoom 10:00 am
- **Troop 6** 7:30 pm

Worship on 3/27

This Sunday, Reverend Ruth's sermon will be:
 "The Good, the Bad, and Those Covered
 With 'Fertilizer'"

The Theme for the day will be:
 "Everybody Needs Help Sometime"

LESSON FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE
 (Luke 13:1-9)

As He said this, some people told Him the latest news about a group of Galilean pilgrims in Jerusalem – a group not unlike Jesus' own entourage. Pilate butchered them while they were at worship, their own blood mingling with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus asked them, "Do you think these Galileans were somehow being singled out for their sins, that they were worse than any other Galileans, because they suffered this terrible death? Of course not. But listen, unless you turn to God, you, too, will die."

Speaking of current events, you've all heard about the 18 people killed in that building accident when the tower in Siloam fell. Were they extraordinarily bad people, worse than anyone else in Jerusalem, so that they would deserve such an untimely death? Of course not. But all the buildings of Jerusalem will come crashing down on you if you don't wake up and change direction now, you, too, will die...

Jesus followed up with this parable: A man has a fig tree planted in his vineyard. One day he comes out looking for fruit on it, but there are no figs. He says to the vineyard keeper, "Look at this tree. For three years, I've come hoping to find some fresh figs, but what do I find? Nothing. So just go ahead and cut it down. Why waste the space with a fruitless tree?"

The vineyard keeper replies, "Give it another chance, sir. Give me one more year working with it. I'll cultivate the soil and heap on some manure to fertilize it. If it surprises us and

bears fruit next year, that will be great, but if not, then we'll cut it down."

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Global Ministries/UMCOR

To provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the



Russian invasion of their country you may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Check to Trinity UMC with "UMCOR # 982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line. We will get it to them.

Online at
<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine."

Laundry Room Improvements

Robin has been working on finishing our laundry room for the shelter guests. This last week he installed new LED lighting, a door to separate the laundry from the storage area, and a wooden partition wall to complete the room. We are so thankful for the time Robin spends on making the church nicer.



Lenten Study Class

In this week’s Lenten study class, the thing that most impressed me was the chapter 17 about hidden fears. The general thought is that if you find yourself in an argument with some one STOP arguing. Instead try to discover the hidden fear that is causing the person to feel the way they do about the subject. If you can help them to find what they are afraid of and deal with that, the argument may totally change.

Bottom Line: “It is never about what it is about.” What ever you are arguing about that is not what it is really about. So, Stop



arguing and start looking for the real issue.

Don Rohde

John Wesley Quote

Do nothing on which you cannot pray for a blessing. Every action of a Christian that is good is sanctified by the Word and prayer. It becomes not a Christian to do anything so trivial that he cannot pray over it.



Conscience

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Beloved</u>	<u>March</u>
Jim Anderson	28 th
Leslie Perez	28 th
Thomas Demopoulos	29 th
Bill Clemons	30 th
Sharen Trickey	30 th
Whitney Wade	31 st
	<u>April</u>
Marline Crites	1 st
Richard Kunter	1 st
Christy Southwick	1 st
Dawson Smith	4 th
Amy Southwick	4 th
Scott Taylor	6 th
John Harder	7 th
Beth Brochu	8 th
Casey Eikelberger	9 th
Marilyn Taylor	10 th
William Osteen	12 th
Debbie Hochhalter	13 th
Amie Rhoades	13 th
Eliana Castillo	14 th
Frankie Calder	15 th
P. J. Piper	16 th
Yvonne Taylor	16 th
Amy Dickson	17 th
Ryan Atwood	19 th
Deborah Bean	20 th
Barry O'Brien	21 st
Mark Carroll	22 nd
Nathan McClure	23 rd
Paul McHugh	23 rd
Sarah Jakovac	25 th
Emily Scarborough	25 th
Hunter Myers	26 th
Bev Kemp	27 th

Amanda & Nathan McLure 8th
 Les & Joanne McCray 11th

UWF News

Greetings! On March 10th we had a great turnout to hear a program given by Marilyn



United Women in Faith

Taylor (with other participants) entitled "Love, Justice, and Service: Answering the Call". We learned about the Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner. These laypeople consecrate their lives to full-time vocations of love, justice, and service under the authority of the church.

Mary Nagel prepared a delicious key lime pie for refreshment.

Special News! Beginning this year United Methodist Women will be called United Women in Faith. Our focus will continue to be on women, children, and youth. Our logo will have a new look, and new programs are designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood. More information is coming.

<https://uwfaith.org/press/2022/united-methodist-women-is-now-united-women-in-faith/>

Regional Council for Christian Ministry

Community of Hope: Habitat for Humanity is working on a new project on recently purchased property on the west side of Idaho Falls. Due to the extreme recent increases in rental and purchased housing, the need for expanded programs is needed. The Community of Hope will provide a path to home ownership. A variety of housing will be constructed including tiny homes, attached condominium units and single family homes. The property will remain in a land trust with cooperative ownership, with residents committed to help improve/maintain the community. As with all Habitat projects, costs will be based on ability to pay and on sweat equity. There will be a community center, day care, thrift store and a dog park. Additional services will be provided by several area organizations including EICAP, the Rescue Mission, CLUB Inc., and Community Food Basket. Congressman Simpson assisted in securing some start-up funding.

Committee Reports:

FISH: Gasoline continues to be the greatest need. FISH is working with the City of Idaho Falls on their new micro-transit plan.

Community Food Basket: With a \$51 thousand contribution from Melaleucca and a commitment for the final dollars, the CFB is planning a 'mortgage burning' celebration in late May, a year ahead of schedule. The shipping container is in place on the paved lot behind the CFB warehouse; 60 food drive 'watermelon bins' and some additional materials are stored

there, freeing up significant space in the warehouse. Students at Alturas organized a carnival and raised \$6800. Ariel spoke at a recent Friends for Learning session; a number of new attendees volunteered afterwards. Board members and the new Idaho Community Foundation president are meeting at the CFB to learn more about their significant community programs. The board approved providing groceries 8 times in six months (previously, 6 times in six months), for those in need.

CFB Happyville Farm: Spring crops are growing in the greenhouse and ground is prepared for other new crops. Templeview Elementary School is a partner now, for outdoor hands-on learning. More than \$3000 worth of benches have been received, the result of collecting plastic bags here in Idaho Falls. A 12-member advisory board has been established to provide advice on funding and recruiting volunteers.

Little Church in the Pines: Easter services are planned and many summer activities are on the schedule. Members of RCCM churches are encouraged to attend services and/or the summer activities (monthly BBQ's, ice cream social, etc.)

Other reports:

Soup Kitchen: February saw a 10% increase over January, with 3750 meals served. Another 927 meals were provided to shelters in town. On May 1, in-person service will be provided. The Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce will hold their Business After Hours there on April 21st.

Vent Window Restoration

Restoration of Two More Stained Glass Vent Windows

Almost 10 years ago, the trustees began talking about restoration work at Trinity. Our initial discussions focused on the stained-glass windows, however inspections performed by the Idaho Heritage Trust and others convinced us that repair and restoration of the roofs, mortar, stone and administrative areas of the church were higher priorities. During 2017 and 2018, we performed major work throughout the church to ensure that the building would remain strong and functional for all the activities we support. When the work on the building was finished, the trustees again began considering conservation and restoration of our beautiful stained-glass windows. After nearly 100 years the windows and casings are beginning to show their age. Additionally, the unvented Plexiglas protective glazing installed in 1978 tends to trap the heat from the sun and “cook” the windows, causing further deterioration.

Last year, the trustees chose to restore two vent windows located at the northeast corner of the sanctuary. We wanted to start off with a small project in order to gain experience working with a professional studio that specializes in the restoration of stained glass windows. We selected Nzilani Glass Conservation in Oakland California to be our partners. Nzilani completed the restoration and the windows were reinstalled in August 2021. The cost of the restoration was about \$13,000. If you haven't taken the opportunity to inspect the restored windows, please do. The trustees

are very pleased and the beauty of the windows is astounding.



A recently restored vent window (Sash #15).



Vent window (Sash #17) waiting to be restored.

The trustees would like to restore two more vent windows in the coming year. The constant opening and closing of the vents has contributed to sagging and breakage of several panes. Additionally, mismatched glass was installed many years ago to replace broken panes. In September 2021, the trustees submitted a grant proposal to the Idaho Heritage Trust to restore two more stained-glass vent windows. This proposal includes the purchase of three batches of custom glass for replacing mismatched panes in the windows. We were lucky Nzilani Glass Conservation could find a few pieces of matching glass

for the first project, but additional matching glass for our antique windows is just not available. The three batches of custom glass will provide ample replacement glass for this project and any foreseeable restoration projects Trinity may encounter in the future.

The total cost to restore the two vent windows and purchase custom glass is estimated to be about \$28,000. This included about \$13,000 for the restoration of the windows and about \$14,000 for the custom glass. Shipping costs will be about \$1,000. In November 2021, the Idaho Heritage Trust approved our application and awarded us a grant of \$10,000 for the project. In order to sign a contract for the project, the trustees needs to raise \$18,000 plus a contingency of about \$3,000 to cover potential inflation increases. This is a substantial outlay. The trustees are considering a broad range of options to raise the necessary funds, including applying for additional grants, accepting donations from Trinity members, and reaching out to Trinity friends in the community. If you would like to assist with fund raising or donate to the project, please contact Richard Dickson, Jo Ann Rose, Nancy Stuart or the church office.

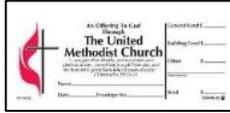
Shelter Tidbits

- For breakfast the Trinity Day Shelter serves 18 gallons of milk and 18 boxes of cereal each week
- During the winter we give out about 4 sleeping bags each week.
- There were 1,115 acts of service in February (# of signatures in the front door log for the shelter.)



Financial Statements

Our church's financial status for year-to-date March 16, 2022:



Pledges & Regular Giving	\$22,647.86
Loose Plate Giving	\$ 94.15
Schaumleffel Foundation	\$ 1,533.34
Donations of Stock	\$11,923.10
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Stock Held	<-368.20>



Income = \$ 35,830.25
 Expenses = \$ 36,374.06
 Difference = <-\$543.81>

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

Crockpot Meals 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 28th, 29th & 30th.

Also, donations of canned food (with pull-tops) would be greatly appreciated. Examples of greatest needs are:

- Instant Ramen Noodles
- Pasta (E.g. : Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats
- Soups

- Spaghetti Sauce

Thanks to Ann Shively, Jill Ecklesdaffer, Nancy Copp, 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.

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!*

Sermon from 3/20

Sermon: "Here chick, chick, chick"
(based on Luke 13:31-35)



Let's hear just what was going on before "that very hour" There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Jesus knows that things will be very different than they might currently appear. After all, it was some Pharisees who came to warn Jesus that he was in danger. Perhaps that same is true today. It will not be clear who is "us" and who is "them." Who is Russian, who is Ukrainian. Who is Republican, who is Democrat. Who is progressive, who is traditionalist.



Jerusalem, Jerusalem
 Idaho, Idaho
 Methodists, Methodists.
 How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

I know that cry. I shared that cry with Jesus as I watched Putin's Russian armed forces brutally attack Ukraine. I grieve my inability to save the world, to do anything to turn the world from its headlong rush into destruction.

I grieve my own powerlessness. I can give my life to preaching love and hope but the world continues its plunge into hatred, division and despair.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem
 Idaho, Idaho
 Methodists, Methodists.
 How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

I know that cry, I share that cry with Jesus as I have watched politics in our state devolve into shouting matches and the passing of laws which harm people in the name of protecting personal rights.

I grieve my inability to save our state, to do anything to turn our counties and cities from their headlong rush into destruction.

I grieved my own powerlessness. I can give my life to preaching love and hope but our state continues its plunge into hatred, division and despair.



Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Idaho, Idaho

Methodists, Methodists.

How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

I know that cry, I shared that cry with Jesus as I have watched the denomination that covenanted with my parents at my baptism to help them guide and shape my life into one of love and passion for good toward all of creation, the earth, the sky and everything in-between, including everyone Jesus declares to be my neighbor. I grieve my inability to save this denomination from dividing, to do anything to turn the larger church from its headlong rush into destruction. I grieve my own powerlessness. I can give my life to preaching love and hope but the church

continues its plunge into hatred, division, and despair.

I have made peace with my grief to some extent because I heard Jesus’s cry and knew I was not alone. I have seen that Jesus’s desire to save the world from itself was frustrated more than it was realized, however much I might wish otherwise. I have chosen to follow Christ into that place of frustration and despair, learning from him what faithfulness looks like as we gaze into the horrors of war, politics, or theological impasse.

While we might hope to gather round something more fearsome and reassuring than a hen in the face of the snarling foxes, be they Herods or cold-blooded imperialists like Putin.

Couldn’t Jesus perhaps gather us like the Lion of Judah protecting its cubs – something more than a match for the fox?

Couldn’t he gather us as a warrior messiah parting the sea of terror, leading his people



to the Promised Land and drowning our pursuing enemies?
 But when I hear myself longing for that, for a big powerful God who rules with an iron fist and deals out punishment, I get that sinking feeling that perhaps I'm too scared to walk the way of peace with Jesus; to open my arms and expose my breast like a mother hen, and say to the foxes who would invade, divide, or declare others unfit for God's grace: 'you'll have to take me first'. We know that some of our Ukrainian siblings have died using their own bodies to shield others. There always are these incidents in war. They are the real heroes, those who like a mother hen, expose themselves to the fox because they love others more than life itself.



Jesus is beckoning us all to take that pathway. It's open wide and Jesus's wings are spread to gather us and usher us along. Jesus promises no more protection from the violence and chaos of the world than a mother hen before a fox. He doesn't even speak of protecting us under those wings, just gathering us under them. Yet even from the place of war, or political division, or separation from those we thought were part of "our church" those wings of Jesus

will continue to gather us and usher us on the pathway to life. Amen.
 Blessings, Reverend Ruth

Parking Lot Landscaping

Starting on Monday we will be updating the landscaping in the parking lot to be more environmentally friendly with "Zero Scaping". This effort is being driven by the



increased cost of watering and the tremendous amount of labor it requires to keep the existing landscaping looking good. The new look will feature decorative beds of large gravel accented with occasional boulders. It will look more like the new gravel beds in the front of the church that were put in last year.

Today's Greatest Needs

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

Lenten Study Guide

This is a summary of this week's readings from John Pavlovitz, . Rise: An Authentic Lenten Devotional

20) Invitation to Play

- a. Jesus and the little children- Matthew 18:2-4
- b. See the unknown as an adventure rather than a struggle.
- c. The kingdom is an invitation to play. You must be this curious to enter.

21) Surprise Party

- a. Jesus heals the centurion's servant from a distance.-Luke7:1-10
- b. It is so easy to convince ourselves that we are not up to the task of life. The gospel is the story of the losers and freaks and outcasts coming to do what the religious experts and the righteous perfect people could not, and that should be such good news to those of us who feel as if we're never quite measuring up.
- c. Maybe we are frauds, failures, and imposters – and maybe we are the heroes we least expect

22) The Prayer You Can Pray

- a. How to pray – Matthew 6:5-7
- b. Prayer is not to impress God. Anything less than authenticity is a waste of energy.
- c. Today, pray whatever prayer you can pray, and know it is perfectly stated.

23) The Un-Missed Life

- a. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." - Matthew11:27-29
- b. Leave your phone behind. Stop documenting life, stop responding to

distant requests and just be present in your own life.

- c. Don't miss your life as it is happening.

24) The Thing of Value

- a. Selling everything to buy what you most desire (the Pearl) - Matthew 13:44-46
- b. There are days when I wonder if faith is worth it, days when all the wondering and questioning and striving feel rather foolish, especially when I encounter human beings I respect who believe it isn't.
- c. Today, think about what faith has cost you and what it has given you – and realize the riches you possess.

25) Sacred Intersections

- a. "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'" - Matthew 25:44-45
- b. Usefulness is one of the greatest gifts we get here. The spiritual journey isn't about ability but availability; it's about being attentive, present, and willing, and knowing that we are always equipped to be a help. We encounter God in the human being we care for, and we incarnate God in our actions.
- c. Come face to face with the best of your self - Stay Available

26) Tough Questions and Easy Answers

- a. Peter calls Jesus "God's Messiah" - Luke 9:18-20
- b. You can grow past the tidy arrangement of doctrines and platitudes and scripture passages that gave me a false sense of certainty, Jesus is always the answer.
- c. To find the answers stay close and stay curious

How to Watch on Facebook

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

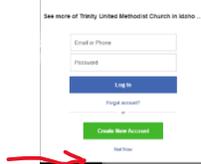
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

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.



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>

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
(208)569-6149
bevmkemp@gmail.com
- Don Rohde - Chair of Trustees
(860)810-3227
donrohde@aol.com
- Robin Stewart - Chair of Administrative Council
(208)521-6358
robin.s.stewart@gmail.com
- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance
(208)201-5593

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<h1>March/April</h1>		22 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	23 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 7:30 Troop 6	24	25 Office Closed	26
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