

News Update for April 7, 2022

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Save the date!
May 8th at 4pm
Spring hand bells concert

This Week at Trinity

Sunday (April 10th) **Palm/Passion Sunday**

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15a (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>)
- **Lenten Book Study** 11:30am

Monday (April 11th)

- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 pm Zoom
- **NA Just 4 Today 2**

Tuesday (April 12th)

- **Trustee Meeting** via Zoom 6:30
- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm

Wednesday (April 13th)

- **Upper Room** via Zoom 10:00 a
- **Finance Meeting** 6:30 via Zoom
- **Gather at the Table** Zoom 6:30pm
- **Troop 6** 7:30 pm

Thursday (April 14th)

- **UWF** 1:00
- **Maundy Thursday** worship 7:30p

Friday (April 15th)

- **Good Friday** prayer vigil 12:00-3:00

Saturday (April 16th)

Sunday (April 17th)

- **Sunrise Service** at the Snake River Landing Pier 6:30am

Holy Week at Trinity 2022



Trinity During Holy Week (April 10 to 17)

Palm Sunday: 10:10 on Sunday the 10th – Experience the Palms and the Passion of Christ as Jesus walks through the final week of his life. In-person worship or livestream on FaceBook.

Maundy Thursday: 7pm on the 14th – Worship to remember Jesus in the breaking of bread, drinking of the fruit of the vine, and through the commandment to love others. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday: Noon to 3pm on the 15th – Drop-in prayer vigil with time to talk to God, and to listen to God. Reverend Ruth will be available to pray with you, and make palm crosses together.

Easter Sunday:
6:30am on the 17th – Sunrise Worship at the Snake River Landing Pier (901 Pier View Dr)

9a to 10a Enjoy a breakfast fixed by Trinity's Scouts in Mary Dawson Hall.

10:10a Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30a Easter Egg Hunts! Yay!

I'm looking forward to spending this blessed time with you.

Blessings, Rev. Ruth

Worship on 4/10

The worship will be called "He Kept On Walking" Follow the cross (representing Jesus) walking through the Palms and Passion Scriptures.

The scripture lessons will cover:

Luke 19:28-40 & 22:14-23:56 They are not printed here, because the passages are long. I recommend you read them ahead of time.

The New Revised Standard Version of the bible is my trusted scholarly go-to.

Eugene Peterson's Message is a great way to hear the scriptures as they would have sounded to the folks listening to Jesus tell the story. Different words, but same feel. Often a direct translation does not let you hear how the words in the original languages may have rhymed with each other or what jokes may have come out in how a phrase sounded.

-Reverend Ruth

John Wesley Quote

We may understand by conscience, a faculty or power, implanted by God, in every soul that comes into the world, of perceiving what is right or wrong in his own heart or life.



The Witness of the Spirit (III)

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: <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."

UWF News

Hi, All! Our next meeting will be April 14 at 1:00 in the church parlor.



United
Women
in Faith

Marilyn Taylor and Mary Nagle will present the program. Refreshments will be provided by Pam Prince and Kathy Gaskill, because it is Maundy Thursday, we will celebrate communion together.

United Methodist Women has a new "name" – United Women in Faith. We remain the official women's organization of The United Methodist Church; thus, we will maintain the legal name United Methodist Women. Therefore, when making an offering, all checks should be written to UMW.

Our new mission statement is: *United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.*

Our new logo features our new name next to a Christian cross in muted yellow, blue, orange, and green to reflect our forward-looking faith and the diversity of the organization and God's world.

Hope to see you all on April 14th

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

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: April 10th, 11th & 12th.**

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.

Today's Greatest Needs

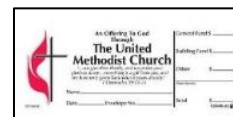
- Coats
- Clothing
- Boots
- Deodorant
- Kitchen Storage Containers
- Easter Candy

Birthdays & Anniversaries

<u>Beloved</u>	<u>April</u>
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	8 th
Les & Joanne McCray	11 th

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status for year-to-date March 31, 2022:



Income = \$ 40,494.25
 Expenses = \$ 47,451.94
 Difference = <\$-6,957.69>

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

Easter Candy

Easter is coming! Would you like to help make it a fun morning for the kids? Please, donate candy to fill plastic Easter eggs for the big hunt!

**Easter Egg Hunts for
all Ages
After Easter Worship
April 17th
11:30am**



Parking Lot Landscaping



Work is continuing on the replacement of the landscaping in the parking lot. All the shrubs and groundcover have been removed. The excess dirt is now gone, and the crew is working on replacing the missing and broken railroad ties. Next will be the ground cloth and then decorative gravel. Many thanks to the private contributors that helped to offset the cost of this project

Scholarships

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2022/2023 academic year. Two scholarships are available:

1. The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000
2. Chesbro Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music

The Pete Isaksen Scholarship is not available. The funds have all been awarded. Many students benefitted from his generosity and we are so thankful! Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 1, 2022. Completed application packages need to be type written and E-mailed to TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com Scholarship applications are available on the church website at www.tumcif.org or by contacting the church office or Kathy Borland. The application has been updated as a "Form" document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at kaborland28@gmail.com

Sermon from 4/3

Sermon: "When the World Is Looming"
based on (*John 12:1-8*)



When life is looming over us with the dark clouds; war, pandemic, broken relationships, addictions, mental illness, and the other demons that all of us carry ... God sends a scripture like today's, where Jesus models that it is ok to be immersed in intimacy, beauty and love, for these are signs that the kingdom of God is at hand.



The Gospel scene this morning is an interesting one. All of the characters in this story are people we have met before, people who were close to Jesus. The story takes place in the home of three siblings; Martha, Mary and Lazarus, who were perhaps Jesus's closest friends outside of his traveling group of disciples. Their home seems to have been a place Jesus

liked to go when he needed some time to put his feet up and relax with good friends.

Lazarus, of course, featured prominently in the previous chapter of John's gospel when he died and was buried – but he's feeling a lot better now. Mary and Martha were also featured in that story, including a reference to Mary falling down at Jesus's feet, an action that becomes central in today's story. And, of course, we've met Mary and Martha in a different bible story as well, haven't we?

The thing they are perhaps most famous for, occurred at another dinner party they hosted for Jesus. – That one when Martha got angry over the way her sister just sat at Jesus's feet, hanging on his every word, and left Martha with all the work of preparing and serving the meal. Mary seems to have had quite a thing about Jesus's feet! Although that story is found in the Gospel of Luke, rather than John, there are hints of it here that help us understand the tension that story, because once again, we have it spelled out that Martha is doing all the work of serving dinner while Mary is monopolizing Jesus's attention instead of helping with the meal. And Jesus, as he often does, breaks social mores in order to teach the importance of making the giving and receiving of love central in life.

Today's gospel lesson describes a dinner party with Jesus as a guest. An unspecified number of disciples are present. Lazarus seated at the table, feeling better and better all the time. Martha is doing what Martha always does, running around serving everything and everyone, and then in comes Mary, who makes quite a scene.



She takes a large quantity of a very expensive perfumed oil and pours it over Jesus's feet and wipes them with her hair. According to Judas's estimation, and no one disputes it, this perfume was worth about a year's pay. The reckless expense is the scandal that is named. Judas demands to know why it is being wasted like this when it could have been sold and the money given to the poor. Regardless of the truth about Judas and his motives, everything suggests that he was only saying what everyone else was thinking. It might have been him who put it into words, but he was far from alone in his discomfort over the whole situation. When someone has a reputation for avoiding such extravagances, such as Jesus does, Mary's reckless act seems like an embarrassing miss step. What if we invited Pope Francis to dinner and served up champagne that cost ten thousand dollars a bottle!?

When Jesus responds to this concern and says, "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me," Jesus is probably quoting a line from Deuteronomy 15, and he would expect those around him to hear the full saying in their heads, even though he is abbreviating. The full verse says "there will never cease to be poor in the land, therefore I command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor

in your land.'" So Jesus is reaffirming the importance of care for the poor, and then saying that it is not the only thing that matters.

As genuine as the concern over Mary's reckless expense could have been, I think there is a whole lot more going on in this story; stuff that remains unspoken, perhaps because it is too embarrassing to name. I made an allusion to Mary's thing about Jesus's feet before, and it wasn't entirely tongue-in-cheek. There is a sensuality to what she is doing, even if neither she nor Jesus saw it as sexually provocative, it would have raised questions about a possible sexual dimension to their relationship in the minds of those who witnessed it. We are specifically told that Mary wiped his feet with her hair, and to do that, she would have had to let her hair down. (Ruth pulled her hair down out of the bun.) A woman letting her hair down at a dinner party in that culture would have been seen as a shameless and wanton act. But of course, it is not just her hair. She is also giving Jesus a foot massage in front of other people, with a very sensually fragrant oil. Washing the feet of guests was commonplace in that culture, but Mary was doing far more than washing his feet. So I'm guessing that the expression of angst over the money involved was just what could be said out loud, while underneath it lay a whole lot more squirming discomfort and embarrassment that nobody was prepared to name.



I have a personal example of how this anxiety is imbedded in society. This memory comes from a lifetime ago, when I was showing cows at the Boise fair. It was a glorious late summer morning. Driving in from Meridian, I had watched the sun rise and enjoyed at least a dozen hot air balloons floating through the clear, crisp sky. That morning I had washed my hair, and since it wasn't dry, I still had not thrown it up in a bun for the day.

At the livestock exhibitors' entrance gate, there was someone who checked each person's pass. On this occasion, it was a guy who also worked at the carnival in the evenings. Just as I was showing the pass, my hair, let down, and glinting in the bright morning sunlight, was taken as an invitation by him to touch a stranger in an intimate way. When I recoiled, he quickly apologized for his action realizing that he had inadvertently crossed a personal and societal boundary.

The disciples at that dinner party with Jesus had watched behavior that made them squirm. Maybe some of you squirmed today when I took my hair down.

So, where am I going with all this? Mary's expression of her love and affection for Jesus is reckless and extravagant and

wasteful and almost inevitably scandalous, and yet Jesus accepts it warmly and graciously and with evident pleasure, and he has no hesitation in defending her against those who are scandalized and critical of what she has done. This is not just an interesting little incident, with an interesting insight into Jesus' attitudes and behavior. It is also a sign of something more.

John's gospel is often called the book of



signs, because it is so deliberate in bringing out the symbolic dimensions and meanings of everything. So what this story, and Jesus's attitudes and behavior within it, are pointing to is that extravagant expressions of love and generosity are a sign of the kingdom of God, the new incoming culture of God. And by contrast, as important and laudable as it is to have a concern to avoid waste and make as much as possible of our resources available to the poor, as soon as that turns into a miserly preoccupation that frowns on every pleasure or indulgence and wants to ration out everything in scrupulously measured and accounted handfuls, it undermines its own purpose and becomes destructive of hope and joy and life itself.

God who creates us, calls us to intimacy. God is as close as our breath, and as comforting as warm sunshine on our face in the cool morning air. God is calling us to extravagant expressions of love that are a sign of the incoming culture of God, and here in this story we see Jesus modeling not only the generous giving of such signs, but perhaps equally as importantly, the gracious and joyous receiving of them, regardless of the scandal they might cause, because in such scandalous, extravagant love, there is hope and life, even when the dark clouds of the world loom large.

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>

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!*

Lenten Study

34) The Beauty in Being Visible

a. Mark 10:46–52 – Jesus restores Bartimaeus’s sight.

b. The girl in the back of the room appreciated the speaker coming back to talk to them. She felt seen. You made me feel visible, and I rarely feel visible, so thank you.”

c. It is such a beautiful gift to be visible, and the story reminds us that we are seen in our suffering and that we can be the seers of others. May you find the rise in that truth today.

35) Words with Enemies

a. John 13:1–2 – Jesus shares a meal with Judas

b. Jesus offers a dissenting example by setting a different table: one big enough for my enemies and for the friends who’ve acted like enemies. Jesus demonstrates a love that overcomes,

c. But within the boundaries of healthy relationships and personal safety, imagine what it might look like to rise to meet a moment of relational fracture with something other than silence and distance.

36) The Better Yes

a. John 20:11–18 – Mary Magdalene meets Jesus in the empty tomb.

b. I am too busy or distracted to be truly present in every day that I am surrounded by human beings whose lives he said that he inhabits: Maybe being spiritual is being present and aware.

c. Today, the most faith-affirming thing may be to say no to something, so that you can say yes to something better, something that makes you realize Jesus is in your midst, in the next room, across the table.

37) Curb Appeal

a. Mark 12:41–44 – The widows mite. Giving out on one's wealth or giving out of one's poverty.

b. It is so ingrained in us to measure our lives at extremely close proximity based on what we see of others' lives from a great distance. You aren't in a competition here with anyone; that your life is not about how your yard or your family or your achievements look to anyone else.

c. Today, rest in how green the grass is on this side.

38) Tough Love

a. Matthew 5:43–48 – love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

b. When I see some of the things these people are saying and the hatred they're perpetuating and the damage they're

inflicting – I'm not that interested in loving them.

c. Today, may you love when it's toughest to love.

39) Local Weather Forecast

a. Mark 4:35–41 – Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" so that the boat could safely continue.

b. This is our choice every single day. Though we can't affect the pilot or the weather, we do have some control in the chaos. We do have control over our response to it.

c. Today trust in the character of God and don't allow what you can see to make you forget what you know. Rest in the journey.

40) Clarity and Cloudiness

a. Matthew 7:13–14 – But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life,

b. Maybe if I live attentively to the clear words, maybe if I stretch where they stretch me and allow myself to be nudged when they nudge me, then the narrow road will end up being the place my feet are already.

c. Today, receive the clarity and the mystery with equal joy.

How to Watch on Facebook

Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account.

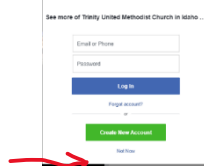
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

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.



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>
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