

News Update for January 12, 2022

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Sermon from 1/9

The fact that Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, is one of the events that is written about in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The gospel of John also tells the story in detail. The same is true for Jesus eating a final meal with the Disciples, that Christians would come to model the celebration of Communion on. These two acts are biblically based on Jesus' life and foundational to being followers of Christ. Therefore, they are the only two sacraments within the United Methodist Church.

In some faith traditions Baptism is used for cleansing away sin. Since humans are always sinning (failing to act how God would want us to) we would need to get baptized over and over again.

In the Methodist church we look at it a little bit different. Let's pause to see what went on at Jesus' baptism. He comes before God, not to be cleansed, but to be claimed. This is the Methodist understanding of baptism and why we only baptize a person once in their life. Each of us is also beloved by God.



The second Sacrament, Communion, or Eucharist is how we give over our sins and brokenness to God to be healed and made whole.

If you would like to learn more about either of these Holy Mysteries of the church, please give me a call so we can talk about them more thoroughly.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth

Sunday's Worship 1/16

This Sunday Ruth will speak on "**God's Blessings Are Extravagant!**"

Sermon: What does this have to do with me?

John 2:1-11 (The Voice)

2 Three days later, they all went to celebrate a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was invited 2 together with Him and His disciples. 3 While they were celebrating, the wine ran out; and Jesus' mother hurried over to her son.

Mary: The host stands on the brink of embarrassment; there are many guests, and there is no more wine.

Jesus: 4 Dear woman, is it our problem they miscalculated when buying wine and inviting guests? My time has not arrived.

5 But she turned to the servants.

Mary: Do whatever my son tells you.

6 In that area were six massive stone water pots that could each hold 20 to 30 gallons.[a] They

were typically used for Jewish purification rites. 7 Jesus' instructions were clear:

Jesus: Fill each water pot with water until it's ready to spill over the top; 8 then fill a cup, and deliver it to the headwaiter.

They did exactly as they were instructed. 9 After tasting the water that had become wine, the headwaiter couldn't figure out where such wine came from (even though the servants knew), and he called over the bridegroom in amazement.

Headwaiter: 10 This wine is delectable. Why would you save the most exquisite fruit of the vine? A host would generally serve the good wine first and, when his inebriated guests don't notice or care, he would serve the inferior wine. You have held back the best for last.

11 Jesus performed this miracle, the first of His signs, in Cana of Galilee. They did not know how this happened; but when the disciples and the servants witnessed this miracle, their faith blossomed.

Black Bear Diner Donates

We are so pleased to have the Black Bear diner joining us in our efforts at the Day Shelter. The Diner made a generous donation of blankets, coats, and gloves to help us keep the shelter guests warm!



Scout Brunch on 1/16



Bible Donation



The Anderson Bible fund recently purchased 24 Bible's to continue helping those who stop by Trinity looking for a way to study the scriptures.

New Laundry Facilities

The CHC Foundation provided a grant of up to \$3,843 to fund the purchase and installation of a second washer and dryer for the Trinity Day Shelter for the Homeless. In order to accommodate the larger facility, we have moved the laundry from the boiler room to the dungeon. Robin has been working on the installation of the new equipment. Right now, we average at least 3 loads of laundry for the guests and 2 loads of towels each day.

Penny Power by Kids



The 1st Lutheran Church has continued to help the Trinity Day Shelter by featuring us in their "Penny

Power by Kids" mission. Each week the children collect change and were able to purchase 5 containers of Tide Laundry Pods as a gift to the shelter.



UMW News

January 23, 2022 is United Methodist Women's Sunday. These ladies will serve as greeters, ushers, and coffee servers. Mary Nagle will be the liturgist.

There was no unit meeting in January. Our next meeting is February 10, 2022, in the church parlor. The program will be presented by Kathy Gaskill. We would like to extend an invitation to all women to come and join us for fellowship, food, and fun.

Last year was very successful, in spite of all the Covid challenges. We paid our pledge to missions of \$1350. For our local community we gave \$100 each to FISH, CASA, Community Food Basket, the Soup Kitchen and the Haven GED program. Our special mission collection at the Unit meeting was \$375.22 for the Hospice of Eastern Idaho. (\$20.00 was given from the Sunshine Circle treasury.) Gift to mission cards were given to the Trinity staff and we met our goal of \$500.00 for the Trinity Shelter fund. Way to go ladies!!!! As Lynda Montgomery stated at the meeting, we should all be proud of the work we do. The Executive Board thanks you all for your support in reaching our goals.

Have a happy, healthy 2022!



Recycling Program

Trinity is collecting 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. A recycle box is at Trinity for the plastics. There is a list of what can and cannot be used attached to the box.



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. Everyone must wear masks inside the building, except when eating or drinking. Here are some of the activities:

Sunday Worship – each week

- 10:15 a.m. In the sanctuary and on the internet
- 11:15 a.m. Parlor - Coffee, Snacks and Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Parlor - Book Study –
- Adults, Youth, Children (grade school)
- Childcare Available from 10 – 12:30 p.m.
- “Kid’s Time” is back in Worship too.

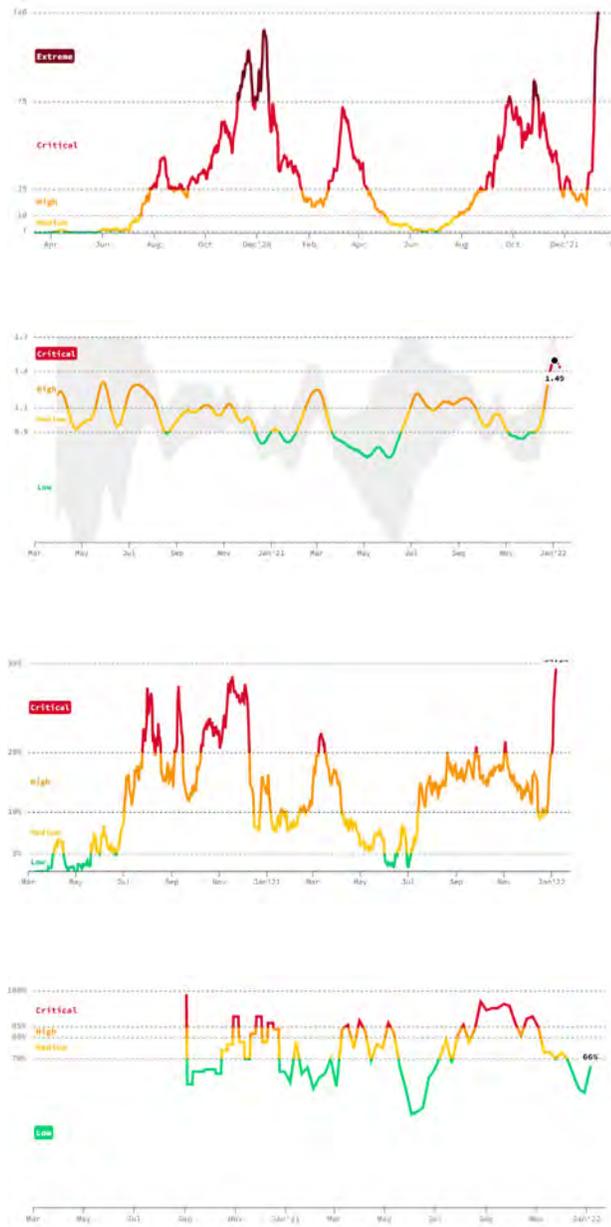
Come in and enjoy the beautiful Sanctuary with all the decorations.

*See you at
Trinity United Methodist Church!*

COVID Graphs

Bonneville County Covid Graphs

Daily New Cases: 126.1 /100K



Apportionment News

Trinity completed another year where we covered all our expenses. This year the church was able to pay \$8,971 apportionments out of \$24,507 assigned as Trinity's fair share of the Annual Conference budget.



The trinity Day Shelter for the homeless has completed its second year. We estimate that about 12,000 acts of service were rendered in 2021. An act of service is measured by someone signing

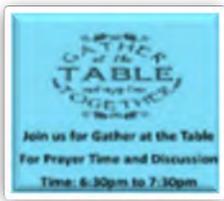
up at the front door. Most people that sign in have a meal and take a shower or do a load of laundry. If the same person comes in for all three meals, they sign in three times. But once they sign in, they can take advantage of any of the services offered and still count as one event. About 385 people took showers each month in Oct, Nov & Dec. There were about 150 loads of laundry done each month.

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>

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, January 19th at 6:30.**

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mike Bean	01/01
Eryx Goodrich	01/01
Nina Knapp	01/03
Roslyn Griffith	01/04
Sharon Kennedy	01/06
Cameron Sene	01/06
Tom Burr	01/08
Gary & Jo Ann Rose	01/11
Kathy Harder	01/12
Bethany Blank	01/13
Angel Cole	01/14
Dean Mandiloff	01/14
Steve Wackerli	01/14
Jane Simmons	01/16
Jeannine Beckman	01/18
Kevin Carney	01/19
Donna Bailey	01/20
Keenan Bryan	01/20
Les Miller	01/20
Akeelah Gonzalez	01/21
Kathy Miller	01/21
Penny Tibbetts	01/21
Irene Brown	01/23
Mary Nagel	01/24
Ruth Marsh	01/25
Mike & Deborah Bean	01/25
Jeff Denning	01/26
Trudy Denning	01/26
Ellie Ford	01/26
Laura Schaffer	01/28
Betty French	01/29
Theo French	01/29
Maddix Zwygart	01/30
Leo Griffith	01/31

John Wesley Quote



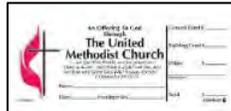
“Leisure and I have taken leave of one another; I propose to be busy as long as I live, if my health is so indulgent to me. In health and sickness I shall ever continue with the same sincerity.”

To his brother Samuel, 1726

Finance & Giving

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- delivering your regular giving personally
- calling the office and give via credit card
- using US Postal Service to send a check
- going to Trinity’s website and give via credit card or PayPal
- or, signing up for bill-pay at your bank so they can send a check



Our church’s financial status for year-to-date December 31, 2021:



Income = \$174,533
 Expenses = \$174,533
 Difference = \$ 0
 Apportionment \$8971

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 Pam in the office.

The next available dates are January 13th, 14th and 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 Jill Ecklesdafer, 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:

- Winter coats, clothing, boots, gloves
- Laundry Baskets
- Kitchen Storage Containers
- Gloves and Mittens
- Women’s small underwear

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

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 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.



This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (January 12th)

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

Thursday (January 13th)

Friday (January 14th)

Saturday (January 15th)

Sunday (January 16th)

- **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/>)

- Scout Brunch for everyone.

Monday (January 17th)

- Martin Luther King Day
- Office closed
- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 pm Zoom

Tuesday (January 18th)

- Administrative Council meeting 6:30pm Zoom

Wednesday (January 19th)

- **Upper Room** 10:00 am in Library
- **Gather at the Table** 6:30pm Zoom

Upcoming:

- January 23rd UMW Sunday

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