

News update for November 23 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Friday (November 25th)

- Office Closed

Sunday (November 27th) **Advent Begins**

- Donuts before worship 9:30 am
- Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship on Facebook Page @ 10:10
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
- Potluck Brunch @ 11:30 am
- Advent Study & Ruth’s Journey

Monday (November 28th)

- NA Just4Today2 7:00 pm

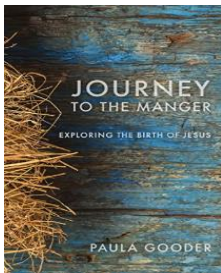
Tuesday (November 29th)

- NA Book Study 7:00 pm

Wednesday (November 30th)

- Upper Room 10:00am
- Pack 6 Meeting 6:30 pm
- Troop 6 Meeting 7:30pm

Advent Study



Books are in!
 Rev. Ruth will be teaching out of this book AND sharing about her journeys during her recent renewal leave
 Next Class:

November 27th

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The Mitten Tree is up



Worship on 11/27

Theme: "Advent -- It's the Little Lent"

Sermon: "All In God's Time"

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL
(Matthew 24:36-44)

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only God. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

A big shout out to Tommy Lew
for stepping up last Sunday
and providing a great
service in
Rev. Ruth's absence.
Thank you



UWF News

Hi, all! We enjoyed a wonderful celebration of thankfulness at



United
Women
in Faith

our unit meeting on November 10. There was a special collection for the World Thanks offering. This is money collected by all conferences and is used for special projects across the U.S. Kelly Marshall shared with us the history of Turkey Boxes, which was started at St. Luke's Episcopal Church several years ago. It has progressed from a box of Thanksgiving dinner fixings to gift cards for food at Thanksgiving time (the change due to the pandemic). Jill Lines and Bev Kemp treated us with a yummy pumpkin roll, candy, and cookies. The turkey table decorations were especially cute.

Remember to bring your completed UWF reading list to the next meeting on December 8th. Kay Pottorff will be collecting them. A new reading program will start in the New Year. It always includes books from many genres – something for everyone.

A fun side note that Mary shared with the group – apparently, in our conference our unit is referred to as "The Wise Women of the East". And that we are!

See you in December. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving

John Wesley Quote

Upon cool and impartial consideration, it will appear that the former days were not better than these... While luxury and profaneness have been increasing on the one hand, one the other, benevolence and compassion toward all forms of human woe have increased in a manner not known before, from the earliest ages. In proof of this, we see more hospitals, infirmaries and other places of public charity... we have cause to bless God.

Former Times.



Sunday Fellowship after Church

We are expanding our Sunday food to add some variety.

- November 27th - Potluck Brunch after Church – Bring your favorite dish to share
- December 4th Soup & bread Brunch after church bring your favorite soup and bread (Chili is consider a soup)
- December 12th- Potluck Brunch bring you favorite dish to share.
- December 18th Scouts make Brunch Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) – This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit



Last Week's Sermon 11/20



Christ the King Sunday or Reign of Christ Sunday and is among the newer observances in the church's lectionary calendar. It was began by Roman Catholic Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a reaction to the perceived growth of secularism, escalating nationalism, and surging anti-clericalism. Today marks the final Sunday in the lectionary calendar and ushers in a new "year" that will begin with Advent next Sunday.

This Sunday always has a scripture reading usually heard in the Passion of Christ story from Holy week. Today's jarring scripture from Luke is a reminder of why Jesus matters. It startles us into recognizing that the sin and violence (by the way, they are the same thing) is so strong in human kind that we are willing to kill the very one we believe to be the son of God. Yet Jesus, even on the cross, continues to show compassion and respond with non-violence as he offers eternal life to a criminal who has neither said a specific prayer proclaiming Jesus as savior nor lived an exemplary life.

There are plenty of problems with using "King" language to speak about our faith. It screams misogyny and colonialism.



Nevertheless, Pius XI's stipulation of a "Christ the King" observance can also be interpreted in a way that bolsters, rather than hinders, resistance to monarchical privilege and virulent nationalisms of every kind. We can rightfully say that Jesus' "lordship" undermines and destabilizes every form of authoritarianism. And the nature of such lordship highlights the Gospel of nonviolent resistance in all situations.

Let's circle back around to Pope Pius the XI and take a look at the historical context of his proclamation of "Reign of Christ" Sunday and what was going on in the world.

In her recent article in Sojourners magazine, T. Denise Anderson reminds us that in 1925, Adolf Hitler published the first volume of his manifesto, *Mein Kampf*, where he lays the foundation of his racially supremacist views. Also in 1925, 40,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan marched in Washington, DC. They were thought at that time to be the largest fraternal organization in the country, and they were already using the "America First" slogan.

In this same period Benito Mussolini assumed power as the fascist dictator of

Italy. Joseph Stalin had succeeded Vladimir Lenin's Bolshevik revolution in the Soviet Union. Francisco Franco was rising through the ranks of the Spanish military, on his way to establishing his militaristic dictatorship. Nationalism was contagious, and authoritarian leadership was an epidemic, prompted in part by the chaos following World War I.

"BUT THE PEOPLE STOOD BY WATCHING"



As I read the scripture lessons for today this phrase jumped out at me and grabbed my heart, "But the People Stood by Watching". In 1925 and throughout WWII, people stood by watching. Whenever horrific acts have taken place, in our past or in the present, people have stood by watching. My friends, when you go before the King and he says: whenever you have done this to the least of these, you have done it to me... make sure you have not stood by watching while neglect, violence, and injustice has taken place.

Like I told the kids a few minutes ago, whenever you do a kind thing, you are showing people how you are related to Jesus!

Amen.

Rev. Ruth

Anniversaries

November

Edward & Kay Kiefner 23rd

Birthdays

November

Lisa Schulhauser	23 rd
Rob Empey	25 th
Jaxon King	26 th
Denny Kemp	27 th
Steven Simqu	27 th
Linda Wooten	27 th
Presley Zwygart	27 th
Kay Kiefner	29 th
Amanda McClure	29 th
Judith Blackburn	30 th
Heather Rutledge	30 th

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - October 31, 2022



Income	\$123,292
Expenses	\$154,319
Net Income	<\$31,027>

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

Thanksgiving Dinner

Cooking Thanksgiving dinner can be hard. Its ok... join the Salvation Army in Idaho Falls for its community dinner. Starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Elks Lodge.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



Date: November 24th, 2022
Time: 11:00am-1:00pm
Place: The Elks Lodge
 640 E Elva St,
 Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Everyone Welcome!

If you are homebound and living in the Idaho Falls area, delivery is available on a first come first serve basis.

Please call: 208-522-7200

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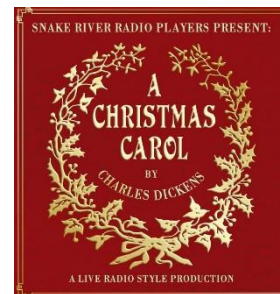
Christmas at Trinity

Snake River Radio Players Christmas show

A Christmas Carol. Starting December 8 playing nightly thru December 10th.

Show times are:

December 8th
 7:00 pm
 December 9th
 7:00 pm
 December 10th
 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm



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:

Chair of Admin Council

Robin Stewart (208)521-6358
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Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
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Chair of Trustee

Don Rhode (860)810-3227-
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Chair of Finance

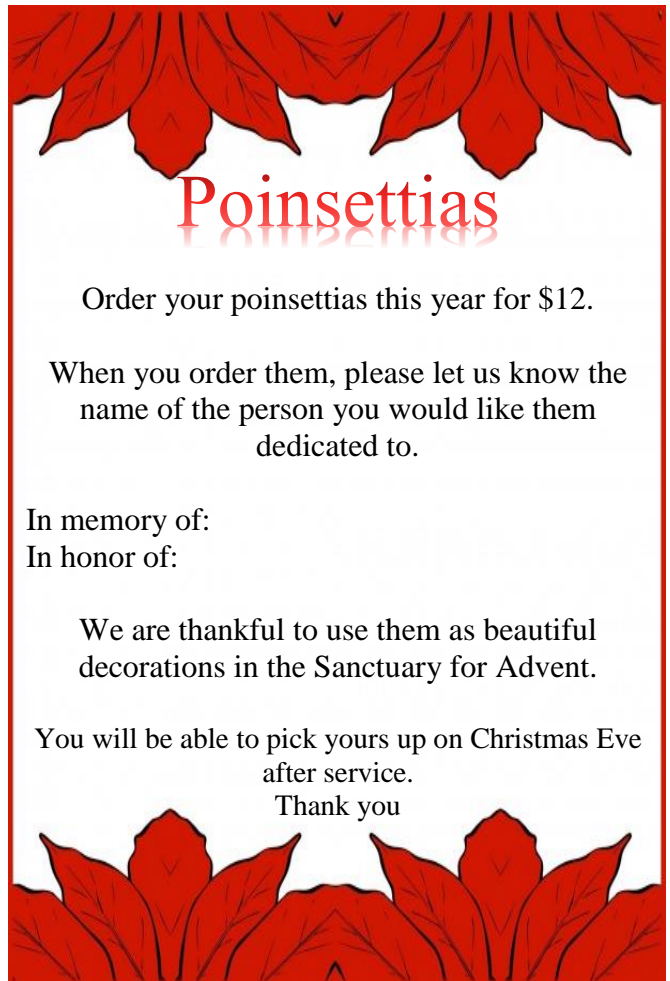
Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Death Notice

Elaine Flatland

Elaine Norma Flatland, 87, passed away November 4, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, November 25, 2022.

Christmas Poinsettia



Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias this year for \$12.

When you order them, please let us know the name of the person you would like them dedicated to.

In memory of:
In honor of:

We are thankful to use them as beautiful decorations in the Sanctuary for Advent.

You will be able to pick yours up on Christmas Eve after service.
Thank you

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent Begins 27 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30 AM Brunch Potluck Advent book study & Ruth's Journey	28 7:00 PM N.A.	29 7:00 PM N.A.	30 10:00 AM Upper Room 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	December 1	2 Office Closed 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM PEO- CM	3
Advent 2 4 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30 AM Brunch Soup & bread Advent book study & Ruth's Journey	5 7:00 PM N.A.	6 7:00 PM PEO BG 7:00 PM N.A.	7 10:00 AM Upper Room 6:30 PM Gather at the table 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	8 1:00 PM UWF Meeting 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show	9 Office Closed 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show	10 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Radio Players Christmas Show
Advent 3 11 9:30 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 Worship 11:30 AM Brunch Potluck - Advent book study & Ruth's Journey	12 10:00AM F.I.S.H 6:00PM Girl Scout leadership 7:00 PM Book Club 7:00PM N.A.	13 7:00PM Trustee meeting 7:00PM N.A.	14 10:00 AM Upper Room 6:30 PM Finance Meeting Via Zoom 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	15	16 Office Closed	17
Advent 4 18 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship Advent book study & Ruth's Journey 5:00 PM Flute Choir	19 7:00 PM N.A.	20 6:30 PM Admin Council Meeting 7:00 PM - N.A.	21 10:00 AM Upper Room Meeting 6:30 PM Gather at the table 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	22	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve 6:30 PM Family Service 11:30 PM Candle light Service
Christmas Day 25 9:00 AM Donuts & Coffee 10:10 AM Worship	26 Office Closed 7:00 PM N.A.	27 Office Closed 7:00 PM N.A.	28 Office Closed 6:30 PM Pack 6 Scout 7:30 PM Troop 6 Scouts	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 Happy New Years! 