

News Update for June 15, 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (June 15th)

- **Upper Room** via Zoom 10:00 am
- **Gather at the Table** Zoom 6:30 pm
- **Troop 6** Mary Dawson Hall 7:00 pm

Thursday (June 16th)

Friday (June 17th)

- **Office Closed**

Sunday (June 19th) **Juneteenth Sunday**

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

Monday (June 20th)

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

Tuesday (June 21st)

- **Admin Meeting** via Zoom 6:30
- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm
- **NA Book Study** 7:00

Wednesday (June 22nd)

- **Upper Room** via Zoom 10:00 am
- **Gather at the Table** Zoom 6:30 pm
- **Troop 6** Mary Dawson Hall 7:00 pm

Save the Date! June 26.
Help welcome Alpheaus Taylor, who will be Trinity's pastor while Reverend Ruth is on renewal leave this summer.

Worship on 6/19

Theme for the day:
"Are We Afraid of Healing?"

Sermon title: "Still Crazy After All These
Years"
(Luke 8:26-39)

They sailed on to the country of the Gerasenes, directly opposite Galilee. As he stepped out onto land, a madman from town met him; he was a victim of demons. He hadn't worn clothes for a long time, nor lived at home; he lived in the cemetery. When he saw Jesus he screamed, fell before him, and howled, "What business do you have messing with me? You're Jesus, Son of the High God, but don't give me a hard time!" (The man said this because Jesus had started to order the unclean spirit out of him.) Time after time the demon threw the man into convulsions. He had been placed under constant guard and tied with chains and shackles, but crazed and driven wild by the demon, he would shatter the bonds.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion. My name is Legion," he said, because many demons afflicted him. And they begged Jesus desperately not to order them to the bottomless pit.

A large herd of pigs was grazing and rooting on a nearby hill. The demons begged Jesus to order them into the pigs. He gave the order. It was even worse for the pigs than for the man. Crazed, they stampeded over a cliff into the lake and drowned.

Those tending the pigs, scared to death, bolted and told their story in town and country. People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had been

sent, sitting there at Jesus' feet, wearing decent clothes and making sense. It was a holy moment, and for a short time they were more reverent than curious. Then those who had seen it happen told how the demoniac had been saved.

Later, a great many people from the Gerasene countryside got together and asked Jesus to leave—too much change, too fast, and they were scared. So Jesus got back in the boat and set off. The man whom he had delivered from the demons asked to go with him, but he sent him back, saying, "Go home and tell everything God did in you." So he went back and preached all over town everything Jesus had done in him.

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John Wesley Quote

Let the frog 🐸 swell as long as he can, he will not equal the ox 🐃.
To John Downes, 1759



It is a bad dog 🐕 that is not worth whistling for.

To Charles Wesley, 1786

Sermon from 6/12

“Come Join the Dance of Trinity”

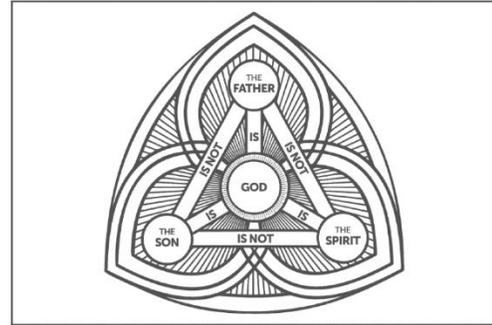
Based on
(John 16:12-15 & Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31)



The teaching that God is a trinity is actually all about relationships, and the life of any local church is also about relationships.

When we begin following Jesus, we begin to be immersed in the social world of his relationships. Most importantly, we find ourselves invited into the deep and intimate relationships that are the inner life of God. We are also drawn into the life of the Church which seeks to both mirror and participate in this relational, inner life of God.

This understanding of God as Trinity is not explicitly taught in the Bible, but it developed as the early church sought to make sense of the diverse ways it experienced God and the various ways that God is described in the scriptures. Unfortunately, it has often been treated as a kind of mathematical mystery which seems to have no other purpose than to test our willingness to believe in things that are unprovable and seem improbable.



There have been thousands of attempts to depict or explain how God can be both truly one, and yet three, and all of those attempts have been either pretty inadequate, or so complicated that no one can even begin to work out whether they worked! But understanding can be overrated in relationships. If you have ever fallen in love, you will know that being able to understand and explain your beloved was not a prerequisite for becoming deeply involved in the relationship. God does not care how well you can understand or explain the nature of the Trinity, but God is longing to draw you into full participation in the intimate dance of self-giving love that is the inner life of the Trinity. So if we approach the teaching about the Trinity as a guide to finding our way into that dance, rather than as an intellectual puzzle to be solved, it will begin to liberate us instead of intimidating us.

It is probably the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus that gives us the clearest window into the Trinitarian relationships.



God loves humanity enough to come among us, frail and vulnerable, just like us. God doesn't send someone else to teach and save us. God does it. Just like God creates the universe in those early chapters of Genesis, God creates a path of salvation for us all. God's self-giving love is in the form of the

Christ who models what it means to really live, really love, and really die. Then, God doesn't just wave a magic wand to raise Jesus from death. God takes that difficult first breath of Holy Spirit air and is alive; much like the difficult first breath that a newborn takes to become a creature of the world. The Holy Spirit is love by not withholding a single drop of self when entering Jesus to enliven him.

What is being revealed to us in this drama is a God who exists as a dynamic community of mutual self-giving love. And what that means for us, is that the life for which we have been created is not a life of self-contained individualism, but a shared life of mutual self-giving love.

The paradox, as Jesus said, is that it is only in giving our life away that we gain our life (Mark 8:34-37). Only as we cease aggressively asserting our personal rights and grasping at love can we surrender ourselves to being loved, by God or by anyone else. It is then that we are drawn into the love dance of the Trinity as it expresses itself in relationships of self-giving love in the world, and in that we are set free.



So, at its best, the Church reflects and participates in this love dance of the Trinity. But the church is made up of people... So this church experience is a work in progress, and actually, we can be very thankful for that. Our own hope for the Wesleyan idea of moving on to perfection depends on it.

If God's primary concern was pure perfection, then God would have written

off the world and just enjoyed the perfection of love that already exists within the Trinity. God does not write off anything or anyone. Not you, not me, not anyone. Not even anyone's worst enemy. The Holy Spirit is restlessly seeking to draw everyone and everything into the healing and transforming love dance. Which means that the Church, as the most explicit expression of God's communal life in the world, is always a dance floor on which some have clearly achieved some measure of grace in the dance of love, others can put the steps together but manage only occasional flashes of emerging grace, and others are still so wounded and suspicious that they have done well if they remain on the floor for any length of time without giving in to the urge to stomp someone to death.



Of course, giving himself over to be stomped to death by us was exactly how Jesus revealed the depth of God's love and invited us into the dance in the first place. We learn the steps by following him, and we grow into gracious dancers as we continue to follow, and practice, and relax into the arms of love.

Amen.

Blessings, Reverend Ruth

Chukars 4th of July Picnic

Come join us for Chukars Baseball July 4th at Melaleuca Field, 4:00 PM. We have reserved the 3rd baseline picnic area so there will be room for all. We are doing the Homerun meal with all you can eat hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and non-alcoholic drinks through the end of the 4th inning. We are open to all friends and family with tickets \$25 for adults and \$17 for children 3 yrs. - 12 yrs.



Gene Summers & Frank in the office are selling tickets. Gates open at 3pm, game at 4:00 pm with fireworks to follow.

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: June 19th, 20th, and 21st.**

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

- Pasta (E.g. : Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats
- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce

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

New Church Members

Victoria, Sterling, Cindy, and not pictured is Amanda McClure. Victoria and Sterling were baptized and then became professing



members. Cindy became a member by profession of faith. Amanda McClure had her membership transferred back to Trinity from a church in Texas that will be leaving the United Methodist Church.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

	<u>June</u>
Sandee Krivanek	17 th
Matthew Croson	18 th
Barbara Anderson	19 th
Chris Allison	20 th
Gaylen Denning	20 th
Nancy Smith	20 th
Colin Davenport	21 st
Joan Fuhrman	23 rd
Cody Rutz	23 rd
William Cole	25 th
Levi Myers	25 th
Mario Estrada	26 th
Michael Pearson	26 th
Max Harrison	27 th
Linda Nelson	28 th
Tony Nelson	28 th
John Trickey	28 th

	<u>June</u>
Roy & Ruth Anne Cole	25 th

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status for January 2022-to-April 30, 2022:



Income = \$ 49,543
 Expenses = \$ 62,868
 Difference = $-\\$13,325$

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

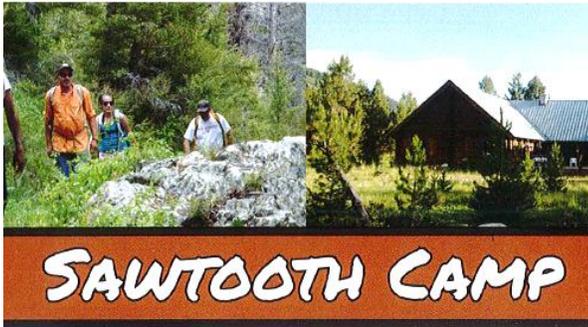
UWF News

Trinity United Women in Faith (UMW) will participate in Mission U this



United Women in Faith

year!! We will be using Trinity's library for our virtual sessions. Save the dates: July 15 (Friday) from 10:00 to 2:00 and July 16 (Saturday) from 10:00 until 2:45. Many thanks to Don Rohde for setting up our meeting. Please join us as we reflect on the COMMUNITY that Jesus is calling us to be. We find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty. In the midst of a devastating pandemic, divisive political climate, unaddressed systemic racism, ecological crises and economic turmoil, we turn to the stories of Jesus that have anchored Christian communities for two millennia. This year the study will be from the Book of Luke. There is no charge, although we need to know how many will attend. Please register before June 30 by calling Mary Nagel (208-522-9880) or Joni Pace (208-529-9822). If you cannot attend all the sessions, feel free to participate in the time you can. Let's have a good turnout!!!



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CAMPING PROGRAM

Sawtooth Camp is remotely located in an alpine valley 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho, on the North Fork of the Boise River. This picturesque camp is a blend of mountains, meadows and a winding river that offers a wide range of wilderness experiences.

COME to the wonder of God's mountain creations. Hike up to a mountain lake and watch a falcon soar on the wind currents.

CARE to learn about relationships with others, yourself and God. Sing at campfire and help a new friend make the perfect s'more.

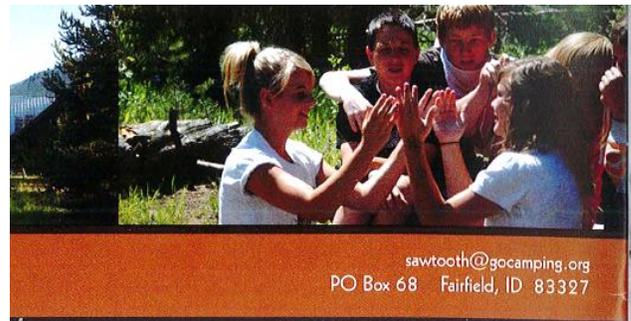
SEEK to explore nature, faith, and your vision.

Watch for moose and deer, or listen to the chatter of squirrels & chipmunks.

SHARE fun and fellowship with your past, present and future friends.

Laugh with new friends as you share fresh baked bread.

Mountain bikes are available at the camp to use on the trails that run through the 120 acres of camp and the surrounding



National Forest. Zip lines are part of a challenge course used to develop community.

2022

The river winding through the camp offers refreshing water activities.

Register on-line at gocamping.org or call 503-802-9210 for more information

Elementary

Completed Grades 3rd-6th
7/10/2022 - 7/16/2022

Junior High Camp

Completed Grades 6th-8th
7/17/2022 - 7/23/2022

Senior High Camp

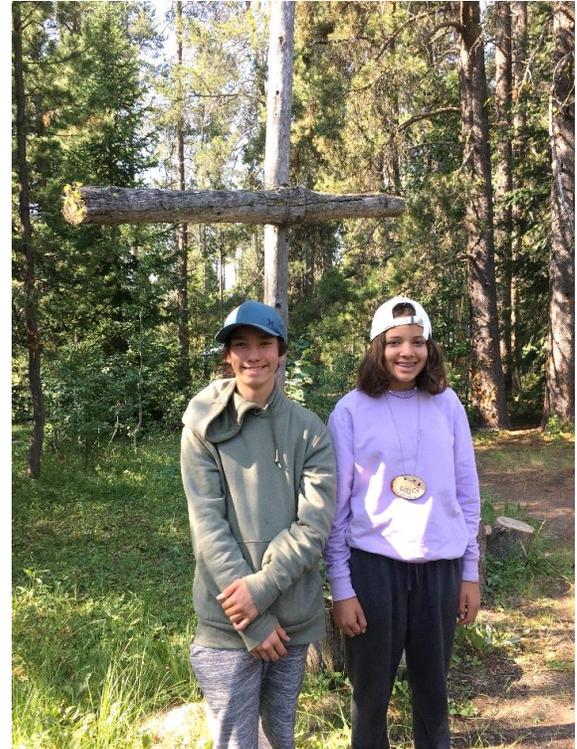
Completed Grades 9th-12th
7/24/2022 - 7/30/2022

Eastern Idaho Campers contact Betty Anderson call or text at 208-521-3039 or email bettyellenba@gmail.com

You can also leave a message with the Trinity church office at 208-522-7921.

Please let Betty know if you are going to camp so she can coordinate transportation.

Scholarships are available from the conference and from Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls.



Camper's Log Entries:

"There was an activity where you were blindfolded. The rules were, you could not let go of the rope. To get to the end, you had to find the cup, but to find the cup you had to ask for help."

"I learned that a lot of people have different views. Sometimes flawed, but we can exist together."

"I made a new best friend and we just connected. Now she is my best friend in the whole world!"

"I learned you can make friends anywhere, even in the woods."

"I liked hiking, the ride in the truck and campfire."

"Thank you, for the scholarship and the opportunity to go [to Sawtooth Methodist Camp]."

Campership Fund



Would you be willing to help someone get to church camp this summer? Camp costs **\$488** per person this year. Yes, that IS a lot, but it's a great deal for an experience that can change a person's life!!



Mortgage Burning Party



COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET IDAHO FALLS

FOOD RAFFLES
TOURS ALMOST FAMOUS
LIVE MUSIC

COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET - IDAHO FALLS
INVITES ALL OF OUR AMAZING DONORS TO OUR
**EMERGENCY FOOD WAREHOUSE
MORTGAGE BURNING PARTY!**

JUNE
THURSDAY **16** 6PM - 8PM
2022

SPECIAL REMARKS
Mayor Rebecca Casper
Melaleuca
CFB Executive Director - Ariel Jackson

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IDAHO FALLS, ID

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."

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
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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>June/July</h1>			15 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 pm Gather at the Table (Zoom) 7:00 Troop 6 (MDH)	16	17 Office Closed	18
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