

News Update for June 2, 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (June 1st)

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

Thursday (June 2nd)

Friday (June 3rd)

- **Office Closed**

Sunday (June 5th)

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

Monday (June 6th)

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

Tuesday (June 7th)

- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm
- **NA Book Study** 7:00
- **Trustee Meeting**

Wednesday (June 8th)

- **Upper Room** via Zoom 10:00 am
- **Finance Meeting** via Zoom 6:30 pm
- **Troop 6** Mary Dawson Hall 7:30 pm

Worship on 6/5

Pentecost Sunday!

Come! Holy Spirit Come!

Theme for the day: What To Do When We Don't Know What To Do

Sermon title: "God, Please Send Help!"
(Romans 8:22-27)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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John Wesley Quote

All these days I scarce remember to have opened the Testament but upon some great and precious promise. And I saw more than ever, that the Gospel is in truth but one great promise from the beginning of it to the end.



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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: <https://umcmission.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."

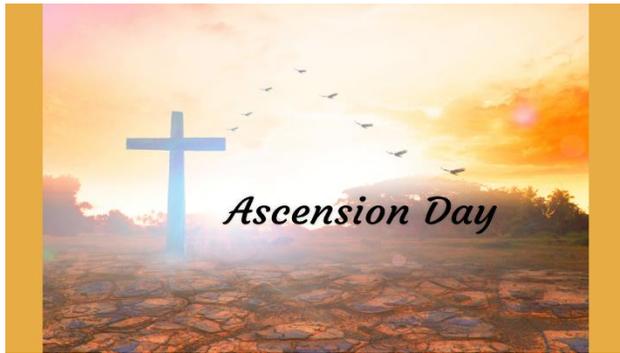
Today's Greatest Needs

- Coats
- Belts
- Clothing
- Boots
- Deodorant
- Kitchen Storage Containers

Sermon from 5/29

“Unchained”

(Based on Acts 16:16-34)



Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate the resurrected Christ ascending into heaven after spending several weeks with the disciples after being raised from death. During these past 50 days we have seen the power of God’s love to change lives. The gospel writer of the book of Luke uses the ascension of the Lord to transition their writing from the Gospel of Luke to the book of Acts. They have the same author and are a set. Luke tells the story of Jesus’ life and ministry on earth; Acts tells us the story of what those Jesus followers did as they continued the life of love, justice and service that Jesus had modeled for them.

Just in case I haven’t made it clear before this, you should take time to read these books in the bible.

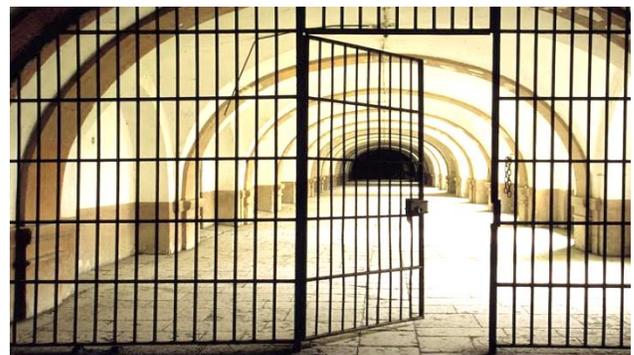
Today’s reading finds us in chapter 16 of Acts, and it seems that Paul, who we were introduced to when he left his previous life of Saul behind, to become a church planter



who embraces the Jesus Way, is feeling a bit peckish after being on the road so long.

The interaction that we hear about between Paul and the slave girl seems like a complete overreaction to a woman speaking truth, and recognizing God’s desire to offer new life to humankind. It makes me think of the time in the gospel of Mark 9:38 and 39 that the disciples ask Jesus if they should stop someone from driving out demons in the name of Jesus, who wasn’t “one of them”. Jesus answer, in effect, is that the name of the Living God is honored when healing and love are magnified by anyone!

The slave girl’s actions of proclaiming that Paul and the disciples are teaching a path to salvation is a strong premonition of what is going to happen later in the story. She is telling everyone that Paul is offering a way to be freed, unchained if you will, from the broken places in this world that lead to death. Why Paul would want to prohibit her from spreading this Good News is beyond my understanding. But his actions propel the story forward.



The scripture gives us a short explanation of how Paul and the disciples find themselves in jail. This too is a premonition, one of how being jailed will figure prominently in Paul’s ministry. Paul will write many letters from jail to the

churches that he has planted. We will come to know these letters as Ephesians, Corinthians, Thessalonians, and of course Romans. Paul's letters will set the stage for other famous preachers, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer a young German pastor who was executed by the Nazis in 1945 for his part in the "officers' plot" to assassinate Adolf Hitler, Martin Luther King Jr. who wrote while being detained in the Birmingham jail for leading peaceful protests against racism, and Nelson Mandela who spent 27 years in jail for trying to bring peace and equality to South Africa. But back to today's story.



The scene with the earthquake which opens all of the prison cells and breaks the chains which hold the disciples is a concrete description of what may happen in our own lives when we are willing to embrace the healing power of God in our lives. Will we be magically cured of what ails us, such as addictions, trauma from abuse, or the human tendency to hurt others either accidentally, or sometimes even on purpose?

That healing will only take place if we recognize it and act upon our freedom gained through God's love for us and the power to love others.



When I was a small child, my family owned a Border Collie dog named Sport. Since the rental house that our family lived in did not have a fenced yard, Sport was often chained up to keep him safely off the county road in front of the house. I have a very distinct memory of the afternoon when I realized that Sport did not realize he was unchained if the tether was still connected to his collar, even if the other end was completely free. So even if I called Sport, he would not leave the spot in the backyard that he felt bound to by a few feet of chain. How many of us may have failed to recognize the freedom and new life that God has in mind for us?

May this be the week that you break free from your chains! May this be the week that you are able to tell someone, it's OK, I'm still here, you do not need to fear for your life. May this be the week that you choose the Jesus way of life. May this be the week that you are no longer chained to spiritual death.

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>

UWF News

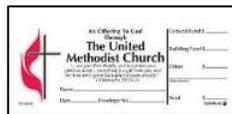
There will be no unit meetings in June or July. Have a great summer!



United Women in Faith

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!

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 5th, 6th, and 7th.**

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.

SHOW and TELL - Restoration of Stained Glass Vent Windows



Following the worship service on Sunday, June 12, 2022, the trustees will provide a Show and Tell to discuss the restoration of two more stained glass vent windows along the north aisle of the sanctuary. We will SHOW the results of the restoration of the first two vent windows and TELL why we want to continue with the restoration of two more vent windows. As an added bonus, you will be able to touch and hold a beautiful piece of Trinity’s history in your hands! Several small pieces of the original 1917 opalescent glass from broken panes have been saved and preserved by our Facilities Manager and will be available for your inspection.

The trustees have received a \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Heritage Trusts to help with the restoration of two more vent windows along the north aisle of the sanctuary. This is about one-third of the cost of the project. The project includes \$13,000 for window restoration, \$14,000 for three crates of custom glass, \$1,000 for shipping and \$3,000 for a contingency. The custom glass is needed because we are unable to purchase additional replacement glass that

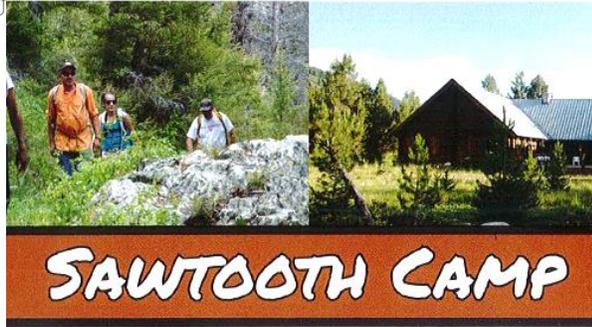
matches the beautiful colors and textures of the original glass installed our windows.

While we have received contributions from a few church members to help kick-start our fund raising, we need your support to make this project a reality. Please plan to join us and learn about the conservation and preservation of our beautiful windows.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

	<u>June</u>
Tom Shanor	6 th
Connor Smith	6 th
Mary Stewart	6 th
Lorrie Holaday	8 th
Maria Shena Page	8 th
Jackson Hilker	10 th
Aedan McClure	10 th
Miranda Smith	10 th
Bonnie Hilker	11 th
Teesha Griffith	14 th
Lorraine Driskell	15 th
Alexi Jensen	15 th
Joni Pace	15 th
Sandee Krivanek	17 th
Matthew Croson	18 th
Barbara Anderson	19 th

	<u>June</u>
Vince & Trudy Esparza	1 st
Blair & Susan Nelson	3 rd
Jim & Betty Anderson	14 th



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.

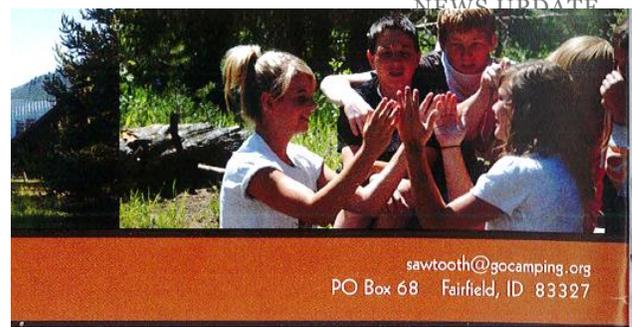
SEEK to explore nature, faith, and your vision.

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.

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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

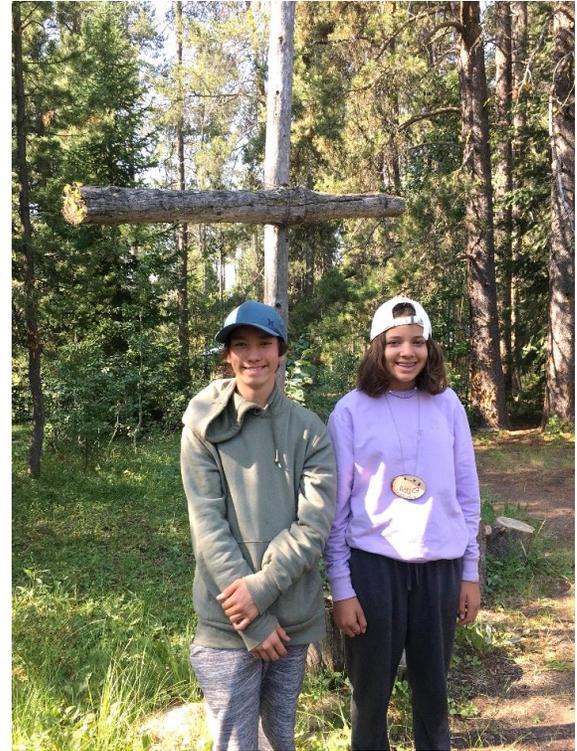
Completed Grades 9th-12th
7/24/2022 - 7/30/2022

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!!



College 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



Mortgage Burning Party



Front Flowerbed Rock



The landscaping team has completed the rock garden in front of the education wing. Under JoAnn’s artistic direction, Gary, Rob, Dave, Michele, and Jeanine dug out 2 yards of dirt which they took over to the parsonage to fix a drainage problem.

After laying down a weed barrier they placed 2 yards of decorative rock. This is the last phase of the modernizing the Trinity landscaping to “xeriscaping” (which is to landscape an area in a style which requires little or no irrigation) The other advantage of xeriscaping is the reduction of the maintenance time required to keep the outside of the church looking nice.

Many thanks to the landscaping team, which included both long-time Trinity members and TUMC family day shelter guests, improving the church with a rock garden in front of the Education Wing.

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</h1>			1 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 pm Gather at the Table (Zoom) 7:30 Troop 6 (MDH)	2	3 Office Closed	4
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