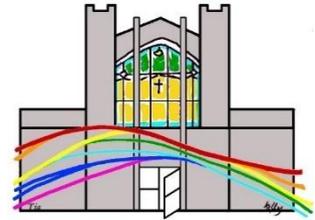


Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



News Update for June 22, 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (June 22nd)

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

Thursday (June 23rd)

Friday (June 24th)

- **Office Closed**

Sunday (June 26th) **Third Pentecost Sunday**

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

Monday (June 27th)

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

Tuesday (June 28st)

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

Wednesday (June 29th)

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



Look inside to see who this gentleman is!

Alphaeus

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I look forward to joining you in Idaho Falls this summer. Learning about your mission of care, support, and fellowship has been nothing short of inspiring and I'm thrilled to be joining your effort over the course of these next few months. Having been raised in a family and church community that seeks to live out the biblical teachings of uplifting one another while also aiding those in need, the change you're endeavoring to make in your own community feels simultaneously prophetic and familiar. As such, I want to assist Trinity in realizing those goals in whatever way I possibly can.

I've been so grateful for the opportunity to get to know a little bit more about the bonds you've built as a church family through your weekly newsletters. In addition sensing the spirit of deep regard you hold for one another, reading about your efforts of upkeep for the chapel and transformation of the land on which it sits has been wonderfully heartening as many of your undertakings reflect tenets that are central to my own theological hopes, goals, and understandings. I try, daily, to live out life that highlights God's goodness and honors the beauty of the natural world we are all so blessed to inhabit. I look forward to deepening that love while learning and growing with each and every one of you in the days, weeks, and months to come.

Praying the Lord's blessings for you all...

Alphaeus

Worship on 6/26

Theme for the day:
"God Places Us In Good Hands"

Sermon title: "Passing the Mantle"

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPEL
(Luke 9:51-62)

When it came close to the time for his Ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead. They came to a Samaritan village to make arrangements for his hospitality. But when the Samaritans learned that his destination was Jerusalem, they refused hospitality. When the disciples James and John learned of it, they said, "Master, do you want us to call a bolt of lightning down out of the sky and incinerate them?"

Jesus turned on them: "Of course not!" And they traveled on to another village.

On the road someone asked if he could go along. "I'll go with you, wherever," he said.

Jesus was curt: "Are you ready to rough it? We're not staying in the best inns, you know."

Jesus said to another, "Follow me."

He said, "Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father's funeral."

Jesus refused. "First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God's kingdom!"

Then another said, "I'm ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home."

Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day."

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Sermon from 6/19

“Still Crazy After All These Years”

Based on
(based on Luke 8:26-39)



Today is Juneteenth. It is a new federal holiday that celebrates freedom! Even after the last battle of the Civil War was fought in 1865 – a full two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed – it is believed that many enslaved people still did not know they were free. As the story goes, some 250,000 enslaved people only learned of their freedom after Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, and announced that the president had issued a proclamation freeing them.

You see, freedom isn't real, if you don't know about it, or if you are not ready to accept it. Today's scripture lessons alludes to both of these situations, and perhaps our lives do too.



Elijah, after his huge public vindication in the pray-down-fire-from-heaven

competition with the prophets of Baal, has now fled into the desert on his own and is so depressed and afraid that he wants God to euthanize him on the spot. “Everyone else has rejected you, God,” he says. “I am the only one left, and now they’re going to kill me.” Then, after an angel appears and serves him a meal, he travels on further into the desert. Now after such a major event of personal spirituality as being fed by an angel, you’d think Elijah would be feeling pretty positive. But what does he repeat? “Everyone else has rejected you, God. I am the only one left, and now they’re going to kill me.” Maybe he just needs a bit more care! So God tells him to go and stand outside the cave and there he has this amazing, and justly famous, spiritual experience, witnessing the violent fury of a cyclone, an earthquake, a wildfire and realizing that God is not in them, but then hearing God in this deeply mysterious sound of thin silence. And what does Elijah have to say about life, the universe and everything after that? “Everyone else has rejected you, God. I am the only one left, and now they’re going to kill me.” At which point God seems to lose patience with Elijah’s personal spiritual quest and tells him to turn around and get back to work! And if we’d read on a few more verses, we’d have heard God let Elijah know that he’s not the only one left at all but that there are seven thousand faithful people left in Israel.

You see, community isn't real, if you don't know about it, or if you are not ready to accept it.



Some of you may have heard me talk about the times when the veil between us and God is thin. It's the thing we experience when babies are born and when our loved ones slip away from our sight into heaven. The silence that Elijah experiences is thin.

Yet, as awesome as that sound of sheer silence is, you can't hear it in the middle of the earthquake or the fire. And for the most part we live our lives in the earthquake and the fire. There is always something big going on. We are constantly immersed in noise and chaos and turmoil and hustle and bustle. We are constantly running from a Jezabel or going head to head with the prophets of Baal. And that is the world where our discipleship has to be lived out. Jesus does not call us out of the world to sit on Mt Horeb and stay there. When Elijah is sitting there alone, God asks him, *what are you doing here?* We are sent into the world as Jesus was, to live as God's servant people in the midst of the turmoil and suffering.

My friends, any voice that calls us to a solo spirituality, or a lone-ranger discipleship, is not the voice of the God made known to us in Jesus. The voices that urge us to practice our faith in privacy, isolated from one

another, are not the Jesus way. They would lure us into a wilderness of despair and leave us wandering alone among the tombs. The God made known to us in Jesus comes to call us back from the places of death and lead us home, reconciling us to one another and uniting us as one body in Christ with a shared mission in the world.

The gospel story we heard today is perhaps even more emphatic about this. It gives us a picture of a man who has been driven out of the company of others and who now lives alone among the tombs outside the town. He is not an unspiritual man, but the spirits that have gripped him and cut him off from his community are demonic. In fact, while he himself is now isolated from everybody, he has been colonized by a whole company of demons. So, when Jesus expels the demons, what does he tell the man to do? "Go back to your home in the town, and tell everyone how much God has done for you." The encounter with Jesus does not just bring about an inner cleansing and a deeper personal relationship with God. It reunites him with his community and gives him a share in the ministry of the gospel among them.



There are no tables for one in the banqueting room of the Kingdom. There are only group bookings available at the table of the Lord. God has made us for one

another and called us to band together in congregations who gather to be nourished and commissioned to carry Christ's life and love into the world. This particular church is not the *only* way. There are other faithful congregations of God's people whose shared faith and discipleship takes different shapes from ours. But one thing they all have in common is that they are called together to follow Jesus in a covenant community.

I can't stand up here and tell you that church is always wonderful and fun and will never disappoint you, let you down, or betray your trust. Every congregation of the body of Christ is scarred, just as the risen body of Christ is scarred by nails. But I can tell you that there is *no other way* to join yourself to the Christ than through a congregation of his scarred body.

Being healed is hard and scary work. Proclaiming the Good News out loud may make you seem crazy in some people's eyes. But it is worth it to spend time in that thin place between heaven and earth. It is worth it to join with others who struggle to put one foot in front of the other in this difficult world. It is worth it to go back out into the world and do God's work of love and justice; to tell people that they are free.

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 3rd, 4th, and 5th.**

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

	<u>June</u>
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
Razdyn Bottcher	29 th
Alexandra Croson	29 th
Liz Herrmann	29 th
Katie Robinson	30 th

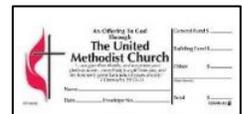
	<u>July</u>
James & Lora King	2 nd

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

	<u>July</u>
Christopher Gates	1 st

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!

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."

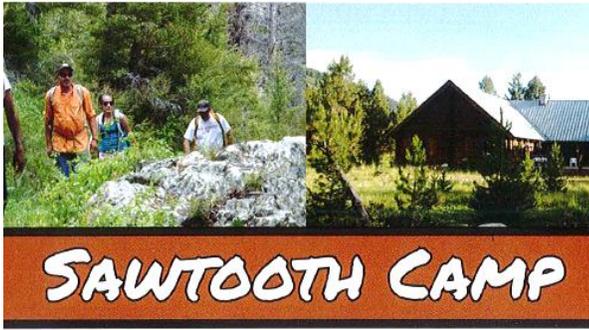
UWF News

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.

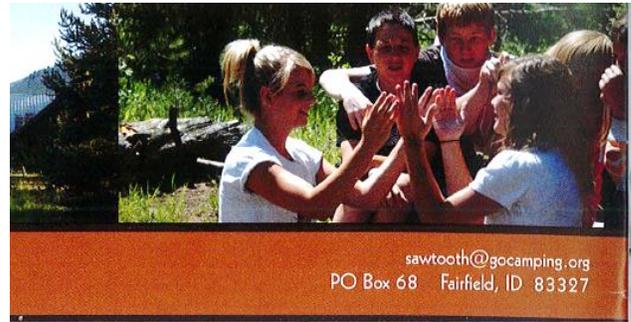
CARE to learn about relationships with others, yourself and God. Sing at campfire and help a new friend make the perfect s'more.

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!!



CFB 4th of July Parade



**COMMUNITY
FOOD BASKET
IDAHO FALLS**

This year, due to safety concerns brought forth by the Chamber of Commerce and IFPD, we(CFB) will NOT be collecting food along the 4th of July parade route as we(CFB) have for several years prior.

Instead, our City Council members will be walking in front of a fire engine at the beginning of the parade carrying large donation cans with the Community Food Basket logo on them reminding parade goers that we (CFB) still need their support to do what we do!

We need 4-6 volunteers from each Church to stand every 2 blocks along the parade route (similar to last year) while carrying smaller donation cans for CFB and also "some of our most needed items" flyers that include our Venmo code on the back. This will allow folks to donate food directly

to us at a later date and also give them our Venmo code to donate monetarily immediately. CFB volunteer t-shirts (red) will be provided to volunteers along the route. Donation cans will be collected at the end of the parade route by CFB staff or returned to Church leaders to be given to CFB staff the Monday after the parade.

We (CFB) could really use some help with this so please volunteer if you can support CFB with this event.

Ariel Jackson
 Executive Director
 Community Food Basket – Idaho Falls
 Office: 208-524-0994
 Cell: 208-403-5772
 Email: director@feedidahofalls.org
www.feedidahofalls.org

John Wesley Quote

A true Protestant believes in God, has a full confidence in his mercy, fears him with a filial fear, and loves him with all his soul. He worships God in spirit and in truth; in everything gives him thanks; calls upon him with his heart as well as his lips at all times and in all places; honours his holy Name and his Word, and serves him truly all the days of his life.



To A Roman Catholic

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/UCZz1YGdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

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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- 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>			22 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 7:00 Troop 6 (MDH)	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 10:10 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook 5:00 Flute Choir Recital	27 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today	28 7:00 NA Book Study 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	29 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 7:00 Troop 6 (MDH)	30	1 Office Closed	2
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