

News Update for June 29, 2022

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Dear Beloved Ones,

Please keep me in your prayers as I travel for the next 16 weeks. I am so grateful for the opportunity and gift of time to renew my heart, mind and spirit. I leave you in Alpheaus's ever so capable hands. There is a world map on the wall near the nursery that Frank will keep updated with my whereabouts. I look forward to seeing you in mid October.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth

This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (June 29th)

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

Thursday (June 30th)

Friday (July 1st)

- **Office Closed**

Sunday (July 3rd) Third Pentecost Sunday

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

Monday (July 4th) Office Closed

- **Independence Day**
- **Trinity BBQ Chukar's Baseball**
- **NA Just 4 Today 2** 7:00 pm
- **Book club** 7:00 pm

Tuesday (July 5th)

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

Wednesday (July 6th)

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

Worship on 7/3

Theme for the day: "Peace to This House"

Sermon title: "The Voices of Others"

Lesson from Hebrew Scripture:
(2 Kings 5:1-14)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!"

Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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John Wesley Quote

On scripture and
common sense I build
all my principles.

To Samuel Sparrow, 1773



Sermon from 6/26

"Passing the Mantle" Based on
(Based on 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
& Luke 9:51-62)



So I have to confess straight up that I am struggling with how to bring you all the Good News this morning. For weeks I have been planning a message about passing the mantle of responsibility from me to Alphaeus. I wanted to make sure to pave a smooth path for Alphaeus as Pastor in Charge here at Trinity over the next few months. Our passage from the Hebrew Scriptures, starring Elijah and Elisha, was just the ticket! It speaks of giving the new person room to do their thing, while providing continuity in ministry so that ongoing good work can thrive.



And then came the rulings handed down from the Supreme Court... Thursday a 100 year old law designed to help law enforcement keep us safe. And then on Friday a 50 year old law that gave women

control over their own body and reproduction.

All of a sudden the Gospel lesson about whether someone, a disciple, you or me, should call down fire from Heaven to smite folks who do something we disagree with.

Except the church is definitely not at its best when those who proclaim to follow Jesus are pondering raining fire on others – others whom God undoubtedly loves, because God loves all of us, shortcomings and all. And we as Christians are not at our personal best when we are letting hate take over our hearts and minds.

In light of how difficult life is right now, and the deep



divisions that we face in the worldwide United Methodist Church, in the politics of our country, as the climate changes faster than our planet can accommodate, and war rages. I am about to ask a most difficult thing of you. That is, to focus on changing our little corner of the world for the better.

Yesterday I got to spend several hours at the Pride Festival. Trinity was represented in the Pride Parade and had a booth at the festival. It was an honor to speak with folks about the great work being done in this church to care for our neighbors. I got to serve Communion to many people – most with tears in their eyes, as they received God's tangible gift of grace that had been denied to them in other houses of worship. These were the same churches that had

baptized them, and promised to love and support them on their faith journey. A common thread woven through people’s responses was, “I had almost forgotten what it feels like to know that God loves me.”

I also spent time with folks who were lamenting our state, national, and global politics. The common thread among that group was, “It gives me hope to see a church spreading love rather than hate.”

My friends, as I embark on a great adventure, I implore you to embrace Alphaeus’s leadership this summer. Embrace the opportunity to hear a new voice speaking truth and celebrating God’s everlasting fountain of love. We, as the body of Christ that worships at Trinity United Methodist Church, can embrace being a beacon of love in this community.

Our lesson from 2 Kings reminds us to keep watching for God’s guidance! Just like Elisha had to see Elijah get taken to heaven in order to be gifted a double portion of his teacher’s spirit. We too must focus on the good work that God has given us.

Light is ever so much more powerful than darkness. A single candle can illuminate the darkest night. We can change the world for the better as we spread seeds of love – caring for our neighbor as ourselves, all the while as we vote, march, and pray.

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!”

Amen.

Blessings, Reverend Ruth

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!!!

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.



CFB 4th of July Parade



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!

Per Jane Kaestner, Chairman of the RCCM Board, "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."

Kelly Call has graciously agreed to organize the volunteers for the 4th of July parade. Please, contact **Kelly** at **208-521-6666** or Callmekelly.517@gmail.com. Thank you so much for helping us during this community wide event to help raise awareness of the Idaho Falls Community Food Basket and to Kelly for volunteering to organize.

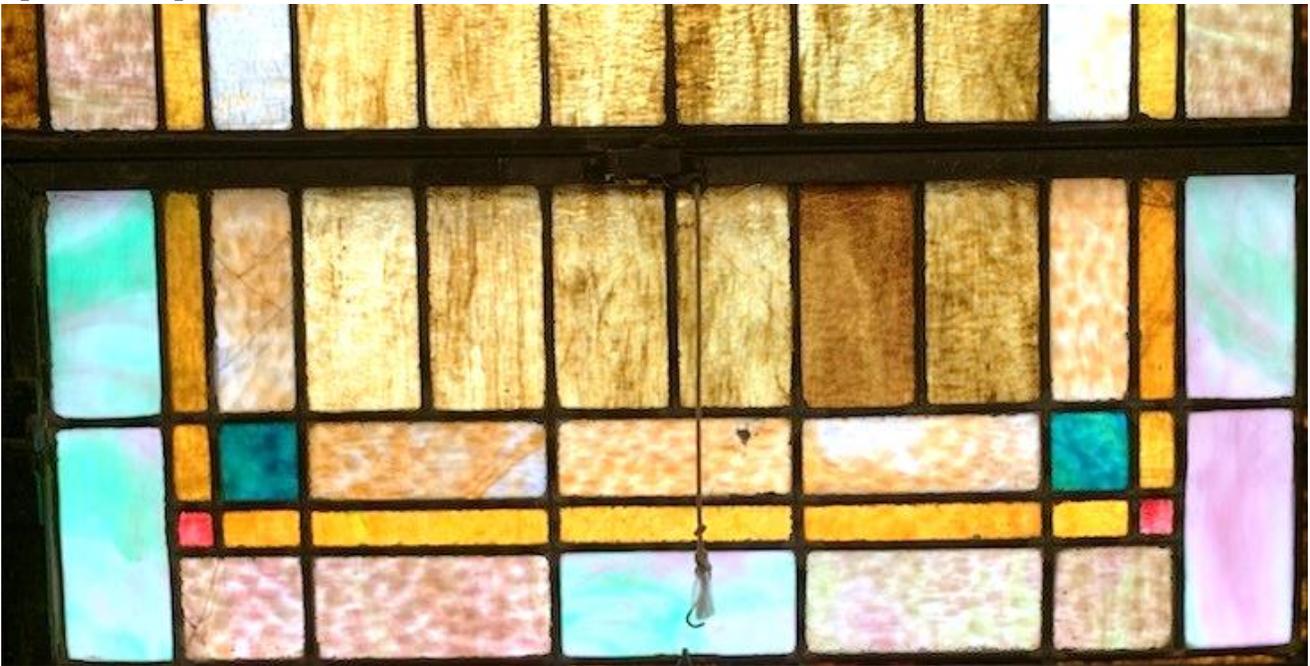
Ariel Jackson
 Executive Director
 Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls
 Office: 208-524-0994
 Cell: 208-403-5772
 Email: director@feedidahofalls.org
www.feedidahofalls.org

Restoration of Stained Glass Vent Windows

The Trustees need your help to raise another \$4,400 for the restoration of two more vent windows in the north aisle of Trinity's sanctuary. The constant opening and shutting of these windows for over 100 years has taken a toll. Several of the panes are cracked, the windows are sagging in their frames and poorly matched replacement panes were installed in the

cost of the project. The project includes \$13,000 for window restoration, \$14,000 for three crates of custom-made glass, \$1,000 for shipping and \$3,000 for a contingency. The custom-made 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.

Trinity has recently received donations of \$9,000 from church members for this project. Another \$7,579 from the stained



past. Silicone caulk was used to mount the windows during the last major repairs performed in 1978 and has caused further deterioration. Additionally, the protective glazing on the windows has become cloudy and needs to be replaced.

The stained glass windows at Trinity are a priceless legacy and we want to be good stewards in caring for them. The Trustees have received a \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Heritage Trusts to help with the restoration. This is about one-third of the

glass repair fund and other church funds is committed to the window restoration. As a result, we still need about \$4,400 more to begin the restoring the vent windows. Please consider making your contribution to the Stained Glass Repair fund to help us continue the restoration and conservation of Trinity's beautiful stained glass windows.

Crockpot Meals Needed



Compassionate Care Need!
We need crock pot or casserole meals for the homeless people that stop by the Day Shelter.

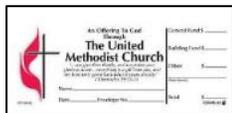
We will provide the cooking container and the ingredients, as necessary. Please help with all the love in your heart. Contact Don in the office. **Next available dates are: July 3rd, 4th, and 5th.** Also, donations of canned food (with pull-tops) would be greatly appreciated. Examples of greatest needs are:

- Pasta (E.g.: Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats, soups, spaghetti sauce

Thanks to Ann Shively, Jill Ecklesdafer & Mary, 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.

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status for January 2022-to-May 31, 2022:



Income = \$ 61,230
Expenses = \$ 78,020
Difference = <\$-16,790>

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June
John Wesley 28th
Katie Robinson 30th

July
Christopher Gates 1st
Taelynn Nelson 2nd
Allen Stewart 2nd
Roy Cole 3rd
Don Rohde 3rd
Raymond Flores 4th
Kathy Perez 4th
Betty Anderson 5th
Kari Edwards 6th
Jack Gaskill 7th
Helen Bowen 8th
Jill Summers 9th
Haydn Bryan 13th
Patricia O'Steen 13th

July
James & Lora King 2nd
Roger & Merilee Haga 8th

Global Ministries/UMCOR

To provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country.



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>

Scholarship Awarded

The Trinity Endowment Committee Congratulates our Scholarship recipient, Lily Browning, for the 2022-2023 school year! We wish Lily Browning continued success with her schooling and future career and give thanks to those that made this scholarship possible.

Lily plans to study Earth Science, specifically paleontology at Montana State University. Lily loves dinosaurs and was able to attend a summer camp hosted by Idaho Museum for Natural History. The opportunity to participate in field work cemented her commitment to the degree and enhanced her joy of discovering new data about dinosaurs. She plans to continue her education with a Master's degree and eventually a Doctorate. Lily was awarded a \$1,000 Hazel Skelton Scholarship.



"Thank you, so much for selecting me for the Hazel Skelton Scholarship! Please, know that the financial award has taken a significant amount of pressure off my shoulders. I will use the money wisely, likely for books! I'm very excited to be attending Montana State and appreciate Trinity's support."
 -Lily Browning



Camper's Log Entries:

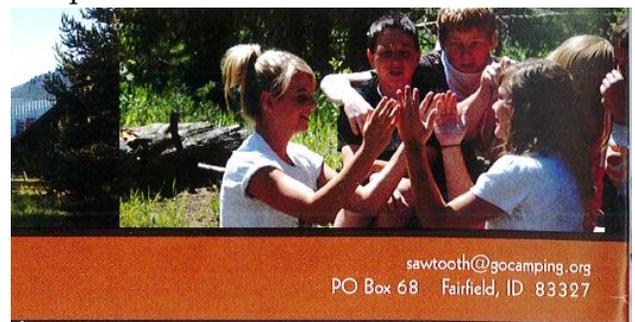
"There was an activity where you were blindfolded. The rules were, you could not let go of the rope. To get to the end, you had to find the cup, but to find the cup you had to ask for help."

"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!"

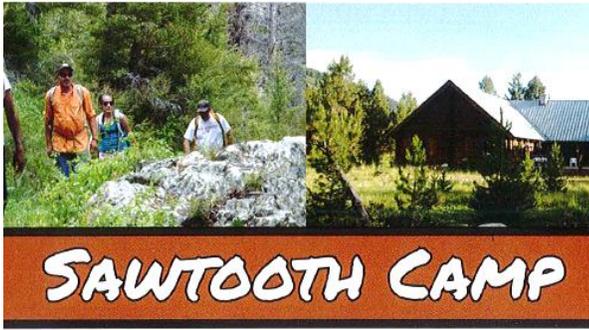
"I learned you can make friends anywhere, even in the woods."

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



sawtooth@gocamping.org
 PO Box 68 Fairfield, ID 83327

"Thank you, for the scholarship and the opportunity to go to camp."



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.

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.

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,

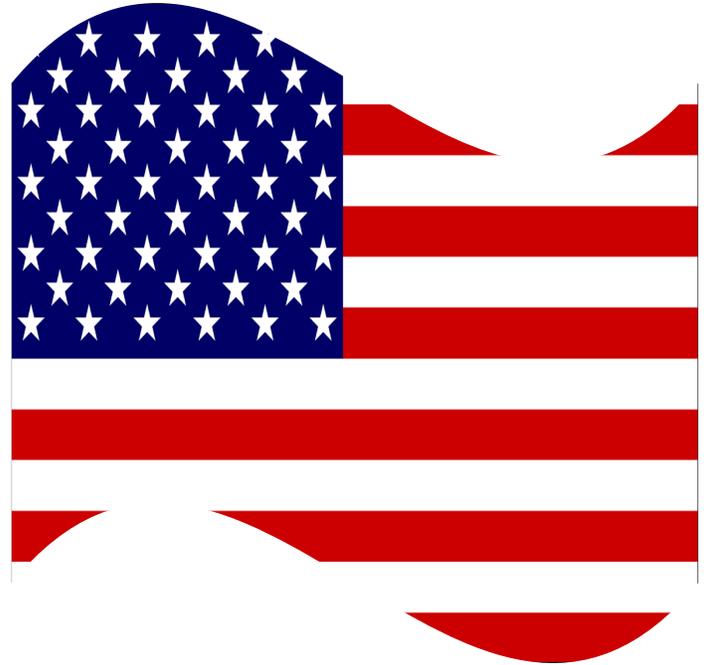
but it's a great deal for an experience that can change a person's life!!



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
(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

What can I do to help?

I can help cook the meals.
Name: _____
Contact info: _____

I can contribute to the stained glass restoration.
Name: _____
Contact info: _____

I can volunteer to help around the church.
Name: _____
Contact info: _____

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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