

News Update for June 8, 2022

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This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (June 8th)

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

Thursday (June 9th)

Friday (June 10th)

- **Office Closed**

Sunday (June 12th) **Trinity Sunday**

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

Monday (June 13th)

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

Tuesday (June 14th)

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

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



Worship on 6/12

Theme for the day: Understanding Why God is Three in One

Sermon title: "It All Belongs to All of Us" (John 16:12-15)

I have so much more to say, but you cannot absorb it right now. The Spirit of truth will come and guide you in all truth. The Spirit will not speak their own words to you; but will speak what they hear, revealing to you the things to come and bringing glory to Me. The Spirit has unlimited access to Me, to all that I possess and know, just as everything God has is Mine. That is the reason I am confident the Spirit will care for My own and reveal the path to you.

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John Wesley Quote

1. I always use a short, private prayer when I attend the public service of God...
2. I stand whenever I sing the praise of God in public...
3. I always kneel before the Lord my Maker when I pray in public.
4. I generally in public use the Lord's Prayer, because Christ has taught me, when I pray, to say: Our Father.



I advise every preacher connected with me, herein to tread in my steps.

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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://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

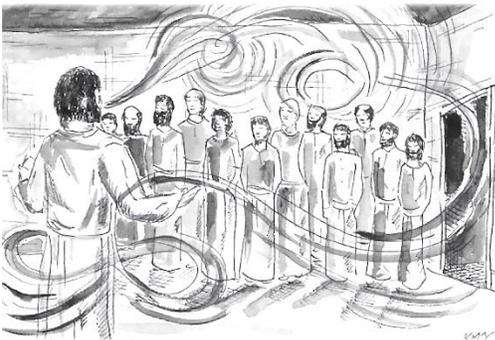
The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine."

Sermon from 6/5

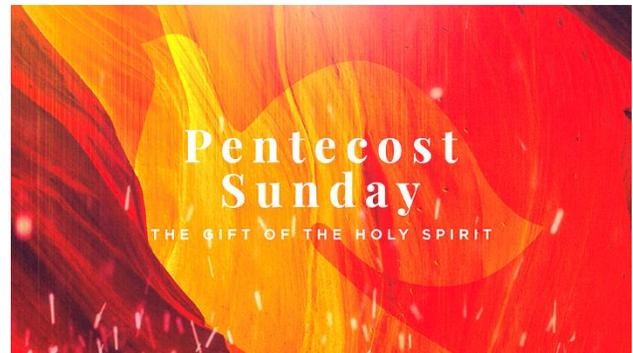
“God, Please Send Help!”
(Based on Acts 2:1-21)



It will not come as a surprise to anyone who has been listening to me preach over the past two years that I have spent a lot of time calling out to God: Please send help!



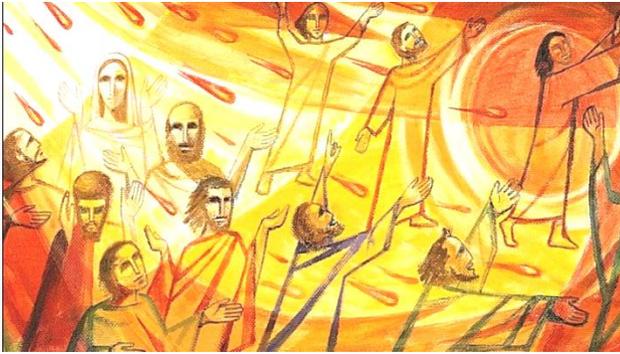
Remember a few weeks ago, the next week after Easter, when we heard the scripture about the disciples hiding behind locked doors in the upper room. The scripture didn't say it outright, but the very act of hiding was a cry to God: Please send help! Then Jesus appears and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Clearly though, God realized that only giving the Holy Spirit to the disciples was not enough to accomplish God's purpose of redeeming the whole of creation.



So God sends the Holy Spirit to all people.



Even then, it's a gamble on God's part because we humans are stiff necked (remember Pharaoh and the Israelites) and we can be hard hearted (remember in Deuteronomy when God warned: don't be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor) and we can be fearful (remember how Timothy warned that God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.) All of these are calls for God to please send help.



We humans need flames of fire to fall on us and burn through the barriers before anything is going to get through. We need the Holy Spirit to come like a howling wind, blasting the cobwebs out of our hearts and minds and breathing new life into our world-weary souls. When that happens, when the word gets through, either because the Spirit gave a person different words, or gave someone opened ears, that's a miracle, and that's the kind of business God is in.

This miraculous sign sets the agenda for much of the book of Acts. Set against the burning



question facing the church at the time – is the Christian message going to remain a local Hebrew variant of Judaism or is it to be taken to the whole world? – A miraculous translation of the preaching into a multitude of non-Hebrew languages is a pretty powerful demonstration of the answer. The gospel knows no bounds! Christ is risen! Death has been conquered! There is no barrier – not even that lack of a common language – that cannot be broken

through by the Spirit of the risen Christ! The victory over fear and death and hostile divisions has been won! The reconciliation of all the world in Christ is now a certainty, a foregone conclusion! Alleluia! And all the people said?? Amen!



Now some of you may be thinking, "But that sounds like the message of Easter. We've been hearing that for the last fifty days. Isn't Pentecost about something else?"



Well you're quite right, it does sound like the same message, and that is precisely because Pentecost is part of Easter despite our local congregational custom of using the Pentecost prayers and colors until the end of summer time. Pentecost is not really a separate season, it is simply the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season. And although the fifty days contains the feasts of the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost, it is all one mystery and all one celebration. The stories of the resurrection, the ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are all different ways of making the same point: Christ is risen! Death has

been conquered! There is no barrier that can stand against the Spirit of the risen Christ! The victory over fear and death and hatred has been won! The reconciliation of all the world in Christ is now unstoppable! Alleluia!

But let's get back to fact that we need help! And please, God, send it NOW! God's answer then and now is to send the Holy Spirit.

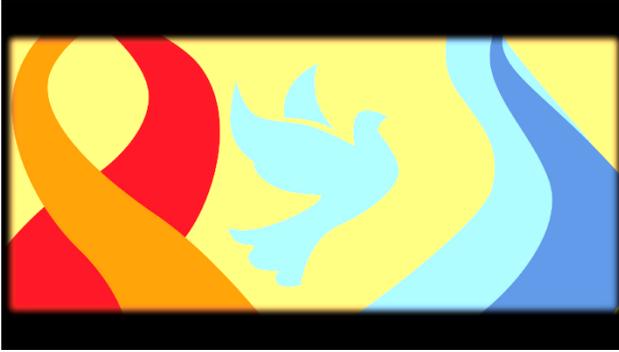
The Greek word "paraklete" doesn't have an exact equivalent in English, but it means someone who backs you up, advocates on your behalf, supports and encourages you, and makes sure nothing else can get the better of you. And, says Jesus, with this powerful backer on side, the community of his followers – the church – will do even greater and more extraordinary things than Jesus himself has done. How can that be? Because, says Jesus, I'm getting out of the way and handing over the reins to you, and putting within you the same Spirit that has been at work in me, and what the Spirit can do through a whole global community is even greater than what the Spirit can do through one man in one place at one time.



And where is this all leading us? Well, although the world can't understand it, the answer is perhaps what the world yearns for right now more than anything else is peace. Peace that is not just the

suppression of hostilities, but the deep peace that come only from true reconciliation where the fear of further violence is removed. Peace with justice. Peace with trust and understanding. Peace founded on love. Peace with one another, with the planet, and with God our creator. The peace that is Christ's gift to the world and which is found in no other. The peace that is only found when the Spirit of God is poured out and every dividing wall is swept aside and every hard heart is melted and all the debris of callousness and greed and indifference are blown away on the wild wind.

So why is the world not experiencing peace if Christ has given us peace and the Spirit has been poured out? Why is COVID killing and sickening so many people around the world? Why is Putin declaring war on Ukraine? Why are 18 year olds gunning down black grandmas or killing 10 year olds with AR 15s? Why do we still need to cry out: God, Please Send Help! But sometimes the times are dark and scary before we recognize the Holy Spirit. There is an old joke about someone sitting on the roof of a house in a flood who waves off a rowboat, a motorboat, and a helicopter, because "God is going to save them." But when they get to heaven after drowning and ask "why didn't you help me God? God responds, "I sent help, but you didn't recognize it!



The period between D-day and the final surrender was the bloodiest period of the entire 2nd World War. The outcome was certain, but the consequences were yet to be realized in full. We're in that time now. Christ is risen. Christ has broken from the stronghold of death and despair and torn down the walls on the way out.

Christ's victory is beyond doubt, but the world does not yet know peace. But we have tasted peace. We taste the peace of Christ every time we gather at this table. We taste the peace every time we open ourselves to the Spirit and invite the peace of Christ to purge us of our delusions and our hostilities and of everything that perpetuates division and selfishness among us. We taste peace every time we drink of the new wine and dance to the unfamiliar new tune the Spirit plays. It might be no more than a taste yet, but we have tasted it and we celebrate it even now because the full fruits are on their way. Thank you God for the help that you send every day! Come, Holy Spirit Come! 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

Happy summer, there will be no unit meetings in June or July. We will celebrate together again on August 11th with an ice cream social. Details will come later. Stay tuned.



United
Women
in Faith

Don't forget to check out the UMW library in the church parlor. One of the new books Love is the Way is especially good. The book is written by Rev. Michael Curry. There are many other good reads. Have a wonderful summer!

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

| | <u>June</u> |
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| 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 |
| Chris Allison | 20 th |
| Gaylen Denning | 20 th |
| Nancy Smith | 20 th |
| Colin Davenport | 21 st |

| | <u>June</u> |
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| Jim & Betty Anderson | 14 th |
| Marv & Sharon Eld | 22 nd |

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.

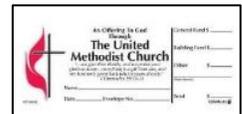
The trustees have received a \$10,000 grant from the Idaho Heritage Trusts to help with the restoration of two more vent windows along the north aisle of the sanctuary. This is about one-third of the cost of the project. The project includes \$13,000 for window restoration, \$14,000 for three crates 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.

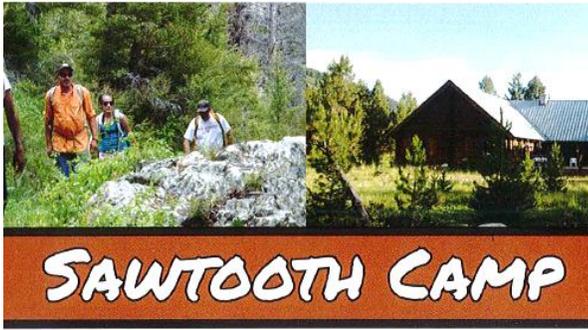
Financial Statements

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!



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.

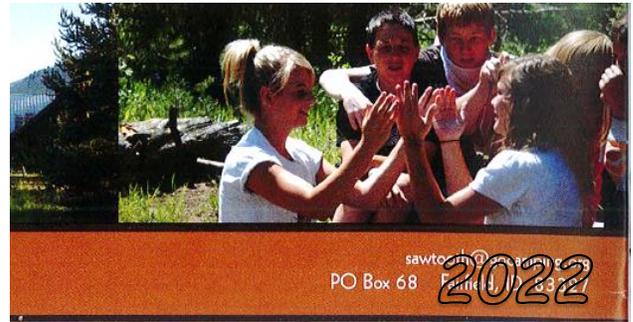
COME to the wonder of God's mountain creations. Hike up to a mountain lake and watch a falcon soar on the wind currents.

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

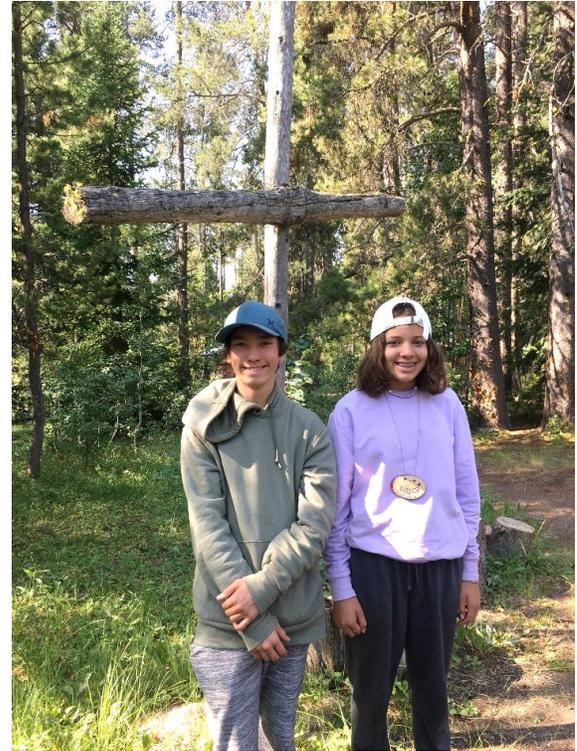
Junior High Camp

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.



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



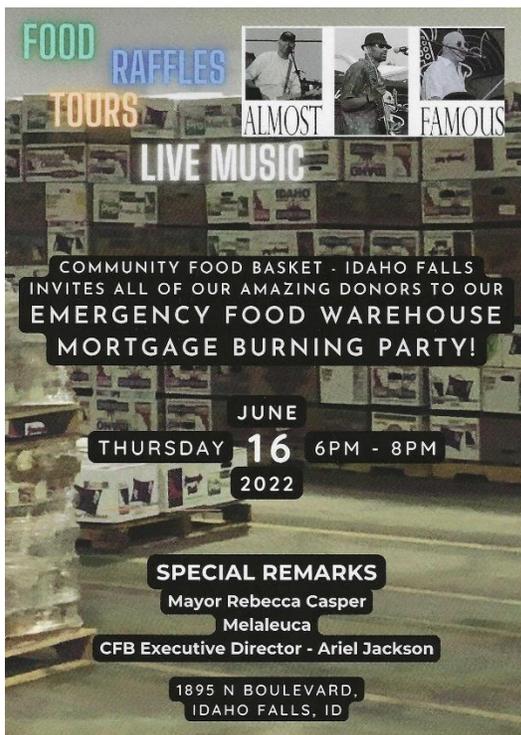
Mortgage Burning Party



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



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