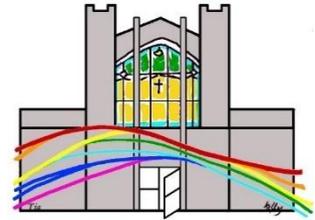




# Trinity Times

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”



## News Update for July 27, 2022

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### This Week at Trinity

#### Wednesday (July 27<sup>th</sup>)

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

#### Friday (July 29<sup>th</sup>)

- **Office Closed**

#### Sunday (July 31<sup>st</sup>)

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

#### Monday (August 1<sup>st</sup>)

- **NA Just4Today2** 7:00 pm
- **Book club** 7:00 pm
- **Theology on Tap** via Zoom 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday (August 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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

#### Wednesday (August 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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

### John Wesley Quote

*The knowledge of ourselves is true humility; and without this we cannot be freed from vanity.*



To Miss March, 1760-77

## Worship on 7/31

*Lesson from the Christian Gospel:  
Luke 12:13-21*

*Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."*

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## UWF News

Hi, all. Can you believe August is almost here?! Where did the summer go?!



United  
Women  
in Faith

We're looking forward to our ice cream social on August 11th at Ruth Oar's home. The address is 811 Jeri Avenue. The executive committee will be providing the goodies. Invite a friend or 2 and join us in the church parlor at 1:00 for food, fun, and fellowship. We hope to have a big group to start off the 2022-2023 year for United

Women in Faith at Trinity United Methodist Church. See you soon! Also when at the church this summer check out some books from our reading program. The books are in the UWF library (UMW) in the parlor. There are some excellent reads both fiction and nonfiction. See you at Mission U!!!

Lyndell Bradshaw

## 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>

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

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.

## Trinity Day Shelter Changes

With Logan going back to school and Don and Sherry's upcoming trips to Salt Lake it became necessary to change the Day Shelter hours so that Alphaeus would be able to operate the shelter by himself if necessary. To make this possible we have eliminated the evening and weekend hours from the shelter starting Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>.

There is also an effort to rebalance the sharing of the church building. After discussions with different groups of people we felt that having Sunday free for just worship would make it easier for people to come back to worship. Having the evenings free will make it easier for other groups such as scouts to use the church.

Additionally closing the shelter on Saturdays will give the staff a chance to rest and prepare for the Sunday worship.

We have also taken action to prevent after hour gatherings in the parking lot by closing the shelter at 3pm and asking everyone to leave the church property.

Guests are also being asked to take all their belongings off church property at 3 pm. This includes cars, trucks, trailers, campers, motorhomes, motorcycles, bicycles, backpacks, clothing, bedding, scrap metal, or any other items. The intent is to have a cleanup each afternoon to prevent items from accumulating at the church.

We are eliminating overnight staying on church grounds. We are not equipped with outside water or toilets so overnight stays are not a good idea.

The goal is to get back to focusing on our original scope of providing food, showers, laundry, and counseling. Camping and storage were never in the offering.

While there will be no shelter services available on Sunday, our shelter guests are welcome to worship.

We are providing our shelter guests with information about lunch at the soup kitchen, dinner at the rescue mission and overnight parking lot stays at the Church of Christ on 12<sup>th</sup> and Woodruff.

**Trinity Day Shelter Hours**  
**9am to 3pm**  
**Mon - Fri**

## Sawtooth Camp News - July 27, 2022



The past week at Sawtooth Camp, was full of Jr. High age youth. We had 4 kids for Trinity participate. These kids are so full of energy. They really love making new friends and when they leave, after a week at camp, they are good at staying connected with each other through social media. They are willing to explore new activities, ideas and learn new information and skills. The teachings and activities centered around the "God's Creation" theme. The counselors who work with these kids need to be flexible as the interests, adventures and ideas of this age youth can change quickly as they experience new things. The staff and counselors need lots of thanks for being able to work with these youth in their

formative years. A week at camp, for youth, can help them make good choices as they move forward. The Trinity youth were, Angel Cole, Gracie Warnke, Lily Bottcher and Zac Keith. The kids and their parents helped take the photos for us too. The families and Dixie Oswald provided the transportation to this awesome camp in the Sawtooth Mountains. I have had very positive reports from these youth that it was a wonderful week while making new friends, experiencing new activities and adventures with the help of a loving and



supportive group of counselors and staff.

Thank you for continuing to support these youth with your prayers and money so these kids can have this opportunity. Trinity's Scholarship Fund helps so much by giving these youth new experiences in a safe and loving location with a staff of people willing to support youth in their



formative years. This has been a mission of the United Methodist Church for over 100 years.

Funds can be added to the Scholarship Fund at any time throughout the year.

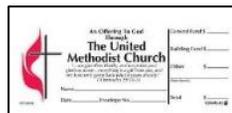
Betty Anderson  
Coordinator for children & youth at TUMC.





## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status for January 2022 to June 30<sup>th</sup>



Income = \$ 69,108.68  
 Expenses = \$ 93,633.46  
 Difference = **(\$ 24,524.78)**

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

## Sermon from 7/24

Based on Psalm 85 and Luke 11:1-13

Here at the outset, if I may, I'd like to establish this as more of an invitation than a sermon. It's an invitation to engage in a spiritual experiment that casts us each as liturgical lab rats willing to step onto the winding path of a metaphysical labyrinth, that hopefully, some day soon, might deliver us to this land, alluded to in today's Psalm; a place where faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. I'll lay out the experiment by posing a couple of questions that were posed to me this past week. These are practical questions that essentially continue the conversation sparked by the request that drives the theme of our scripture in Luke. Maybe together we can find workable answers.



So, here's the first turn we'll take along this twisting path – an experience some of us might already be familiar with that goes a little something like this: you are introduced to a new term, a new concept or idea... or better yet, let's say you've recently established a direct link or association with a cherished object. Maybe you went out and bought a bright and

shiny red Volkswagen Beetle on impulse because you're quirky like that: you are super cool, you're one of a kind, you are an original – and naturally, should be seen and recognized for it. So you roll off the lot, ready to impress the world with your individual



style and daring but, wouldn't you know it, just a few blocks into your maiden voyage, someone pulls up right next to you in their own shiny red Volkswagen Beetle... and a few blocks later you spot another. All of a sudden the streets seem to be teeming with cars just like yours, and in the coming days, the trend continues: that is, as you drive from here to there the evidence starts to stack up that there has definitely been a run on shiny red Volkswagen Beetles and now you are convinced that either (A) you are not as quirky and original as you once thought or

(B) you decide to double down on your awesomeness and convince yourself that you are some sort of cosmic trendsetter, because, as you recall,



none of those other shiny red Volkswagen Beetles even existed before you decided to buy yours and now – poof! – magically they're all over the place. Yes, those are possible scenarios for what's going on but the truth is – without totally diminishing your originality or destroying your possible call to prophethood – the answer would likely be (C) which re-situates this strange phenomena by explaining it as a matter of mindfulness or attention. That is, you have unwittingly been baptized into the world “frequency illusion...” or “frequency bias...”



Now, frequency illusion, or bias, is a relatively new term used to describe a cognitive process that's all about awareness. It sort of revs up, as we mentioned in introducing our “new car” example, after we see something for the first time, hear about a concept that's new to us, or maybe form a strong connection to something that - up until that point - was barely on our radar. What happens is, because we have now been made aware of this new concept or thing we start to notice it more often, and since we are now noticing it more often we start to believe that it is appearing more often even though the frequency of encounters is likely the same as it ever was. It's just that our focus

has shifted, nothing else has really changed. Talk about a labyrinth...

So, let's take another turn: back to Psalms, Luke, and the question at hand in an attempt to tie this all together.

Now, I don't know if this next example would really count as legit frequency bias but we'll stretch the definition to make it work, because for me, it's sure felt like it: being that the subject of prayer has seemed to have been front and center this past week as a driving force in a lot of my conversations, thoughts, and observations. It all started, as remember it, during a small group discussion after service last Sunday. One of the folks present - Tommy - while testifying to the power of prayer in his own life, posed the question, “How Do We Get More People to Pray?” This was the spark that lit a flame that continues to burn the next morning as I dove into the worship planner, getting a start on this week's service. Off the bat, I couldn't help but notice a shared theme between a couple of the lectionary texts: the Gospel of Luke, serving up its version of the Lord's Prayer and the promise that what we ask and search for through prayerful petitions will be given; and Psalm 85, a petitionary plea itself, believed to be a daily prayer of the people's of ancient Israel, that testifies to God's “steadfast love and faithfulness.”

These are both solid examples of HOW to pray: attestations each to the power of prayer. But they don't quite answer questions that we're engaging now: “How do we get people TO pray?”

That is, what is a viable path to prayer?

Let's take a few more steps, shall we:

The next morning I wake up with the lyrics to a song in my head, but since they are the lyrics to the pre-chorus it takes a second for the dots to connect: “hold on to what we’ve got... it doesn’t really matter if we make it or not...”



We’ll put that track on the back burner for a bit, but if you know the song you’ll likely agree that this fast and loose game of frequency bias has gone subconscious.

The week pushes on and now I get a visit from our good friend Betty and one of the first questions she asks me is, “So, we have the prayer board outside of the chapel. How do we get more people to use it and is there a way we can incorporate it into our worship services?” Now I’m looking for the candid camera because earlier that same day, I’d spoken with a church visitor who’d heard about the Upper Room meetings. She’d been told that prayer was a part of their meetings, and wanted to know how to get a request to them. I’d asked her to write it down, so I could figure out a way to pass it along and just as she was doing so, Sherry’s heading out the door saying “I’m off to my Upper Room Meeting...” Kismet. I connect them and turn to leave, but before I walk away the visitor asks, “What does that mean anyway? What is the Upper Room?” Funny you should ask...

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So, we proceeded, Sherry and I, to explain the pre-Christian, pre-Last Supper and Pentecost significance of The Upper Room, because hey - prayer was on my mind at the time. I explain that, in the days of folks like the Prophet Daniel, it was common practice to have an “upper room” built on the rooftop of homes — rooms that were dedicated to prayer, worship, and supplication. This was where you would take your praise, your worries, your cares and petitions and lay them out before God.

A place to pray.

So now we have examples, ways, and a place to pray, but still no answer to the burning question:

In a time and place where the power of prayer is so desperately needed: “how do we get more people to pray?” A time when things are so tough for so many with rising food and transportation costs, rising infection rates, rising temperatures, increasing gun related crises. A time when, for some, it might feel like God will be angry with us forever. That we’ve all been handed stones instead of bread, snakes instead of fish, scorpions instead of eggs.

That’s certainly the story of the aforementioned song that got stuck in my head: the song about a guy named — get this — Tommy who along with his lady friend Gina are down on their luck and it’s “tough, so tough,” that all they have left is their love for one another and a hope engendered by prayer.

“Oh, we’re halfway there... whoa livin’ on a prayer... take my hand, we’ll make it I swear... whoa, livin’ on a prayer...”

Tough luck and hard times.

Another reason to pray.

Upper rooms: dedicated spaces to pray

The Psalms and Luke: example of how to pray.

But the question of how to get people to be more prayerful still stands.



So I thought, maybe we could — as a congregation — play a game of intentional experimental frequency bias where we, say, combine Tommy and Betty's queries. What if we really made an

effort at engaging that prayer board: writing down our requests and when the answer comes, writing that down too? What if, in our passings and gatherings we made an effort of casually chatting about the prayers we've prayed and how they've played out, not unlike our passing chats about the weather or what we ate for breakfast? I wonder if in doing so we might, in time, see patterns start to form? I wonder if by operationalizing our shifts of attention we will be able to more readily identify — without denying or diminishing our hardships — the ways in which God is still at work in the world for the faithful... for those who, quote "turn to God in their hearts?" Those who ask. Those who knock. And maybe, as the evidence starts to

accumulate or pile up, others will buy into that bias and start plotting a prayerful path of their own; efforts that will urge faithfulness to spring up from the ground and righteousness to look down from the sky, and we'll all come to realize that this winding path we've all been on has, in fact, always been short and direct; and that by simply engaging in the practice of prayer, we're halfway there.

Let's give it a shot. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Alphaeus

## Anniversaries

### August

Douglas & Betty French 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Ed & Jane Simmons 16<sup>th</sup>

## Birthdays

### July

Blair Nelson 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Bailey Summers 30<sup>th</sup>

### August

Don Taylor 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Josh Sorensen 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Alasdair McCall 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Al Wooten 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Ben Oliver 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Milam 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Olivia Lower 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Rob Brochu 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Sharon Eld 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Wendy Nobles 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Patti Wade 7<sup>th</sup>  
 David Armstrong 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Nanette Johnson 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Connor Carroll 10<sup>th</sup>

## Center for Hope hair maintenance



*The Center for Hope is offering simple trim, maintenance of current style, or clipper cuts to the homeless and those with financial limitations.*

AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> 2022 FROM 9 AM-12 PM  
 AT THE CENTER FOR HOPE  
 530 E. ANDERSON IDAHO FALLS, ID 83401

## Community Food Basket Warehouse Lot Sale

All items are new or store returns. Sold AS IS and not eligible for return to the Food Basket or stores. All proceeds will benefit Community Food Basket and its programs.

Items include:

- Personal/health care
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Sports and camping gear
- Household items

Photos of sale items will be posted on the [Community Food Basket Facebook page](#).

## Thank you, TrinityUMC!



*Thank you*

*Trinity UMC, you're amazing! The whole Annual Conference got to celebrate you as we watched the video of the day shelter during our session in June! You are excellent stewards of the gifts + resources that have been entrusted to you. Keep up the good work in all that you do!*

Thank you for your faithfulness in ministry and mission through an exceptionally challenging couple of years. You continue to be the church, to follow Jesus, and to love your neighbors. May you be blessed again and again as you continually grow deeper in your faith and broader in your love for the children of God.

With deep gratitude,

*Karen*

Rev. Karen Hernandez,  
Sage District Superintendent

## 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](http://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](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)
- Don Rohde - Chair of Trustees  
(860)810-3227  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)
- Robin Stewart - Chair of Administrative Council  
(208)521-6358  
[robin.s.stewart@gmail.com](mailto: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>July/August</h1>			<b>27</b> 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom  7:00 Troop 6 (MDH)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>
			<b>31</b> 10:10 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook	<b>1</b> 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today	<b>2</b> 7:00 NA Book Study 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den	<b>3</b> 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom  6:30 pm Gather at the Table (Zoom) 7:00 Troop 6 (MDH)
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