

News Update for July 6, 2022

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John Wesley Quote

Do right and fear nothing..

To Wm Holmes, 1788



This Week at Trinity

Wednesday (July 6th)

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

Friday (July 8th)

- **Office Closed**

Sunday (July 10th)

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

Monday (July 11th)

- **NA Just4Today2** 7:00 pm
- **Book club** 7:00 pm

Tuesday (July 12th)

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

Wednesday (July 13th)

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

Worship on 7/10

Theme for the week: "Doing and Being"

Sermon title: "I Am What I Am"

Lesson from Hebrew Scripture:
(Amos 7:7-16)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am [b] a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall

die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

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UWF News

Hope you all had a great Independence Day!! Want to remind you that



United
Women
in Faith

Mission U is July 15 and 16. There is still room if you haven't registered. The study is Luke 13. We will meet in the church library (downstairs) at 9:30 for coffee hour and setup. Snacks and lunch will be provided both days. Class session 1 starts at 10:00 to 11:30. Class Session 2 begins at noon to 1:30. Class Session 3 from 2:00 to 3:30. Saturday will be a similar schedule with Sessions 4 and 5. There is a closing worship from 2:15-2:45. Feel free to come to some or all sessions. This is a wonderful fellowship experience with ladies from all over our District. Also when at the church this summer check out some books from our reading program. The books are in the UWIF library (UMW) in the parlor. There are some excellent reads both fiction and nonfiction. See you at Mission U!!!

Sermon from 7/3

"The Voices of Others

(Based on 2 Kings 5:1-14
& Luke 10:1-9)



Have you ever had a period of time when you've found yourself living without peace? A place or context where, for one reason or another, tranquility is broken, contentment and ease have flown the coop, and you're left to navigate choppy waters or unpredictable terrain? This loss of peace - when you think back on it - can you pinpoint or identify some of the reasons why you were left uneasy - thrown into the turmoil, stress, or unrest? There are, of course, a myriad reasons why a home life might fall into a state of upheaval:

A baby is born and sleep is hard to come by...

A housemate or family member falls ill and daily life is recalibrated to facilitate care and healing...

Children grow up... boundaries are tested... parent's expectations are rejected or left unmet...

And when you take a closer look and start connecting the dot you might find that a common thread connecting all of these scenarios is the fact that peace is often lost during times of transition: those liminal phases where things no longer exist in the

way we've grown accustomed to - and we're not quite to a place where the state of things - as they stand - feel right. Normal. Familiar.

Well, take a look at where we are now: a time of transition, temporary though it may be, in which Reverend Ruth is off on a well-deserved renewal leave and has - for better or worse for all of you - saddled you with me in her stead. It could, very well be as changeovers go, a time of relative unease for some of us... a time of uncertainty... But it certainly doesn't mean that the table has been set for a time of unrest... because I'm sure you know that, if you're willing to do the work and meet the moment, the spaces between can also provide the time, opportunity, and proper conditions for the renewal or restoration of peace.



I certainly hope that's where we're heading... but just in case... I thought I'd do my utmost to usher us in that direction - laying the groundwork to preserve if not expand the peace that already exists in this house - and the first step we'll take in that direction is by engaging in a little game of lowered expectations. That is... I am going to take this time today, a time usually set aside for sermonizing, proselytizing, maybe a bit of aggrandizing... to let you know... so you know that I know that you know

that we both know... that there is absolutely little to no chance, that during my time here as provisional pastor, performing this function of preaching and its accompanying fare, that I will say anything that you haven't heard before. There will likely be no groundbreaking revelations or prophetic insights that flip your perspective, shift your worldview, or sends you hurtling down an as yet uncharted path of enlightenment and understanding. Rather, what is more probable is that I will stand up here, week after week, saying the same things hundreds of thousands if not millions of others who have occupied this like-same position have been saying for thousands of years. It's highly likely that I'll even say a lot of the same things you've heard from Reverend Ruth and others who have stood in this very pulpit in more recent days... So there you have it. With me, there's no need to perch on the edge of your seat in an agitated state of excitement, anxiety, or expectation... you can sit back and relax, knowing that most everything I'll say in the coming days, weeks, and months has - in fact- already been said.



But... here's the catch. You should also know that my acknowledgement of an adherence to the school of thought that there is "nothing new under the sun..." isn't an invitation tune out, swipe left, or

whatever the kids are doing these days to evade boredom. The truth is, I have a bit of an ace up my sleeve, that lets me know that in all likelihood - despite my offering up knowledge that already exists - you'll likely be leaning in.... listening a little bit closer, and in doing so, maybe just maybe you'll hear something in these recycled words and offerings of remixed wisdom that you somehow missed in prior exchanges. Maybe you'll find that in revisiting a familiar theme, an idea that struck you before sinks in a little bit deeper, sounds a little more convincing, or reignites a flame that you once had but somehow lost - all because I'll likely say it in a slightly different way... in a voice that's new to you.



There was an article published in a scientific journal a few months ago that speaks to the power of new and unfamiliar voices: the way they trigger neurological and emotional responses - responses that shift and change as we age. Researchers found that when we're children, hearing the voices of those closest to us - especially our primary caregivers - ignites a hormonal shift that we experience as rewarding... but once we hit our teenage years that link is lost and we become much more excited and tuned into those voices

that strike us as unfamiliar and strange. That is, our biology tells us that we'll be more fit to survive out in the world by branching out and expanding our social circles, so without necessarily choosing to on a conscious level... we start to mute, ignore, or disregard the voices of those we once relied on. So, while it may be frustrating for parents, spouses, housemates... that peace in the household is often replaced by repeated pleas and unheeded decrees... our very nature is telling us that in order to survive and find peace outside of those walls... we actually need to start listening to and heeding the voices of others...



This, too, is a theme we see threaded through our scriptural readings (2 Kings 5:1-14, Luke 10:1-11). In the gospel writing of Luke, Jesus pulls together a new group of folk to spread the message that The Kingdom of God has come near... This is a mission not so different from the one he'd tasked the 12 apostles with just a chapter prior. Same message, new voices proclaiming and sharing peace of the Kingdom come near...

And when we turn back to the Hebrew Scripture, we hear about a house riddled with unrest - until the newest member - a captive girl from Israel lends her voice to the conversation: If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his

leprosy." The message goes up the chain of command from forced laborer to king of their country... and soon Naaman is on his way, in hopes of reclaiming the peace lost due to his illness.

Here, at least in regards to what we're focusing on today is the interesting bit. When he arrives in Israel, Naaman delivers a letter from his own king to the king of Israel and the King of Israel absolutely loses it, tearing at his clothes... lamenting: "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." He suffers from a loss of peace, due to outsized expectations that he knows he can't meet... but we can also see - from our vantage point that this is an opportune time for renewal. It's clear that the king has lost sight of the divine gifts that live and abide with the Prophet Elisha - and so Elisha, in hearing of the king's distress uses it as an opportunity to remind him... send Naaman to me... you'll see what's possible.

This exchange offers us another look at the ways in which peace is often predicated on expectations... Naaman shows up to Elisha's place ready to receive the red carpet treatment with a touch of dazzle dazzle showmanship... and Elisha goes in the opposite direction: he doesn't even come out to greet Naaman but sends a messenger instead... giving him task: "Go, wash in the Jordan (river) seven times, and your flesh will be restored and you shall be clean..."

And now it's Naaman's turn to spin out: the scripture says - his lofty expectations unmet- Naaman turns and leaves in a rage... which doesn't settle until his servants re-contextualize the situation:

... if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you have not 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... according to the word of the man of God (and let's not forget the captive girl and Naaman's servants...) and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a youth and he was clean...



What a gift is to have the voices of others - maybe even the ones you least expect - to remind us that there is always a path to peace, if only we're willing to listen, consider, and follow through. It could be as simple as a new voice issuing a repeated phrase that reminds us that slight shifts in expectations often allow us to let go of how we think things should be, so that we can see things as they truly are, and in doing so attend to those little actions that add up to something miraculous. I certainly hope that will be a role I can fill for you during my time here in Idaho Falls and that, in exchange you can do the same for me.

"Go, wash in the Jordan (river) seven times, and your flesh will be restored and you shall be clean..."

"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person..."

Simple tasks and friendly reminders that draw us closer to the kingdom that is already near.

Amen.

Blessings, Pastor Alphaeus

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.

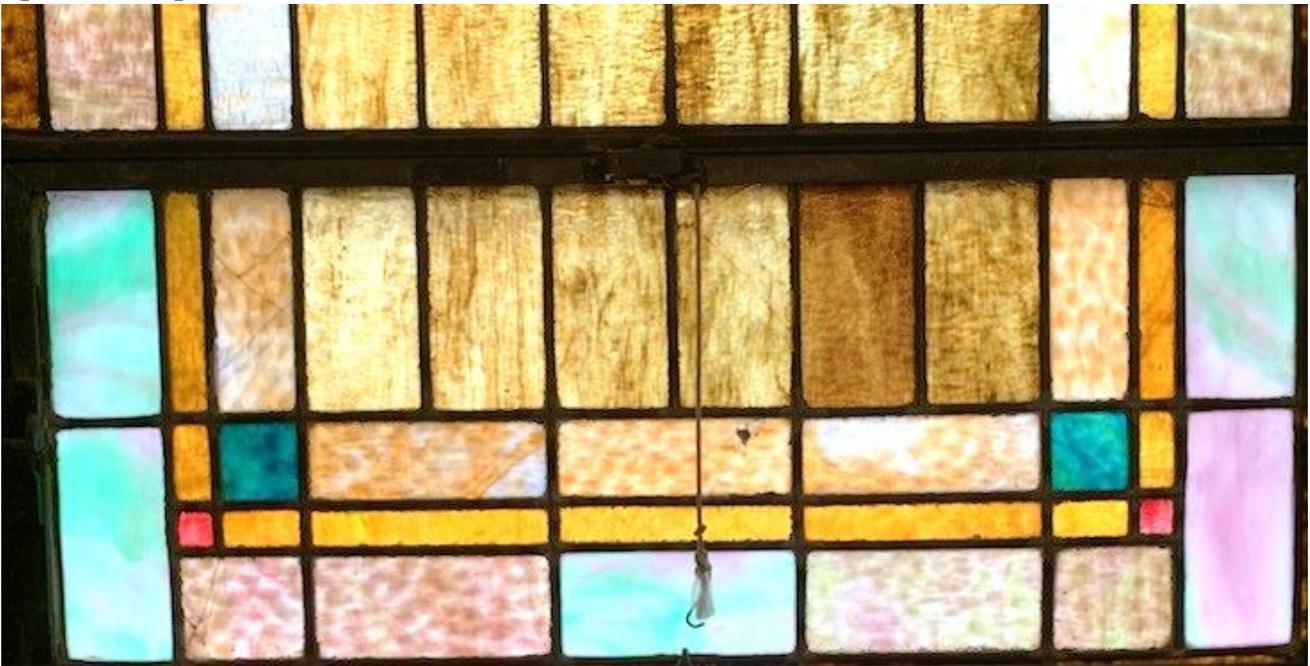
Online: <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

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.

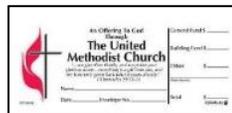
We will provide the cooking container and the ingredients, as necessary. Please help with all the love in your heart. Contact Don in the office. **Next available dates are: July 10th, 11th, and 12th.** Also, donations of canned food (with pull-tops) would be greatly appreciated. Examples of greatest 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>

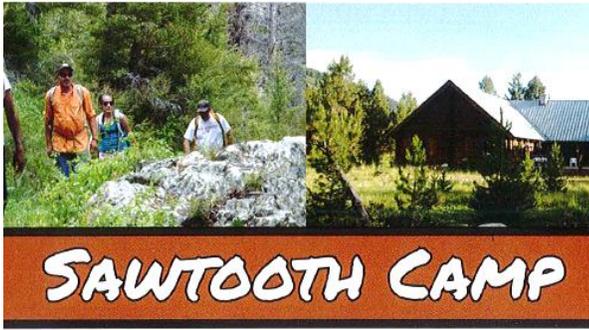
Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

Anniversaries

	<u>July</u>
James & Lora King	2 nd
Roger & Merilee Haga	8 th
Chance & Heidi Empey	19 th

Birthdays

	<u>July</u>
Christopher Gates	1 st
Taelynn Nelson	2 nd
Allen Stewart	2 nd
Roy Cole	3 rd
Don Rohde	3 rd
Raymond Flores	4 th
Kathy Perez	4 th
Betty Anderson	5 th
Kari Edwards	6 th
Jack Gaskill	7 th
Jill Summers	9 th
Haydn Bryan	13 th
Patricia O'Steen	13 th
David Cole	15 th
Merilee Haga	15 th
Pam Hawker	15 th
Terri Empey	16 th
Michelle Brown	17 th
Vance Empey	17 th
Mya Hagan	18 th
Susan Nelson	18 th
Marybeth Eikelberger	20 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.

The river winding through the camp offers refreshing water activities.



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."

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
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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>
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