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9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:15 am Worship for Everyone

Looking Way Ahead

April 8th - Palm Sunday - See page 3 inside for details
April 16th - Easter - See page 3 inside for details
April 23rd - Potluck Sunday
May 7th - Handbell Concert
May 14th - Mothers Day
May 29th - Memorial Day
June 4th - Pentecost - wear red to church
June 24th - Historic Tour of Idaho Falls Churches
September 15th - Progressive Dinner "Soup Night at Trinity"
September 16th - Walk to End Alzheimer's - Memory Methodists Team
October 21st - UMW Fall Event commemorating 100 years of TUMC and UMW



Trinity United Methodist Church

"My friends, if any followers have wandered away from the truth, you should try to lead them back. If you turn sinners from the wrong way, you will save them from death, and many of their sins will be forgiven." (James 5:19-20)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
The above scripture might apply to you personally, as I found it applied to me this Lent.

So how are your Lenten disciplines going? Some of you may have found that this thing that you added to your life or set aside from your life has made you feel more alive, more

Pastor's Perspective

joyful, and more in tune with God's peace and joy. Or you may have, for one reason or another, abandoned your discipline several days or even weeks ago! My Lenten discipline was to get a better grip on my health. David's Lenten discipline was to give up alcohol. I told David I would join him in that discipline and straighten out a medication issue I was having. When I had foot surgery last December, I had to go off my warfarin. Well... I had never started back up. There were lot of excuses like, I can't take anti-inflammatories or pain killers at the

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same time I'm on the warfarin and also a bit of laziness on my part about getting in to see the doctor. So starting Ash Wednesday, I quit the medications I was **not** supposed to be taking, and re-started the medication I **was** supposed to be taking. The next week, I went in to get my INR tested (it's a test of how thick your blood is) and mine was too thick! I knew right away what the problem was. Alcohol affects how warfarin thins your blood. When you take warfarin you have to eat the same amount of dark green, vitamin K rich vegetables each week and drink the same amount of alcohol each week. Long story short; this Lent I failed to fast from alcohol, but succeeded in get-

ting a handle on my medications and a couple of other health areas.

It can be hard to fail at something so quickly when I thought it would be so easy. It can be tempting to focus on the details and think of every task as pass or fail, yet I needed to remember to look at the big picture which included why I was doing these things - because I serve God and the church better when I care for my health. I pray that your Lenten disciplines are serving to bring you closer to God and to live a more whole and joyful life.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth

Welcoming Statement Project

By Don Rohde

The project to develop a welcoming statement for Trinity is progressing.

- ⇒ Posters with examples of welcoming statements from 10 other Methodist churches have been on display in the Parlor and back of the Sanctuary since January 1st
- ⇒ We completed the five session Sunday evening study of "For the Bible Tells Me So" during which Reverend Ruth is helping us examine, with scholarly rigor, the 8 scriptures that are commonly thought to refer to homosexuality.

- ⇒ We also completed the "Called to Love" training provided by Oregon Idaho Conference. It explored how your warm welcome and acceptance can make all the difference to gender nonconforming young people, adults and their families.
- ⇒ Next, a task force composed of a cross-section of the congregation will craft a Welcoming Statement for Trinity. To volunteer for the Welcoming Statement Taskforce please contact Reverend Ruth.

Holy Week Activities

Palm Sunday Morning Worship: "In the Shadow of the Cross"

Listen and watch as the scriptural Palms and Passion story unfold in shadow silhouette.

Maundy Thursday: "A Maundy Thursday Journey" Beginning at 7pm we will journey with the disciples through a remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper, time in the garden, and at the house of Caiaphas the high priest.

Good Friday: "Prayer That Speaks To Your Heart" Drop in Prayer Vigil from noon to 3pm. There will be various prayer stations to choose from set up in the Sanctuary .

Easter Sunday:

6:30 am - Sunrise Service: Celebrate the rising of the Son with the rising of the sun! Gather at Snake River Landing pier.

8:00 am - Easter Sunday pot luck breakfast: Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

9:00 am - Intergenerational Sunday School: includes Easter Egg hunts! At 9am most of us will gather in the sanctuary to experience the empty tomb (while some of us go hide Easter Eggs). After the kids find their eggs, they will have an opportunity to hide eggs for the adults to find!

10:15 am - Easter Sunday Worship: A music filled worship celebration of the rising of our Savior.

2:00 am - Teen Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt: Hunters will leave on foot from the church to hunt for clues and eggs throughout downtown and the greenbelt. Hunters must return by 4pm to claim prizes.



Holy Week

Missions Projects Coming Up:

The Mothers' Day blankets from Church World Service will be offered in May. People are invited to pay \$5.00 in honor or memory for someone, then someone in need will receive the warmth of a new blanket.

The men are usually honored/remembered in June with Tools of Hope.

Cub Scout Pack 6

By Sam Bays

Training is fun! God is good! Now that the Blue and Gold banquet is behind us and the required adventures are completed, Pack 6 is now turning our attention to elective adventures and specialized awards.

The Scouts are working on cyber-awareness, video game design, World Conservation, and STEM Nova Awards.

In February, the Pack held a hike and picnic at Freeman Park. We Scouted birds, squirrels, hairless apes, domesticated canines, and even indications of a beaver. We also discussed "Leave no trace". More importantly, I got my hot-dog and one smore. Delicious.

This month, I also had opportunity to attend a "Scouting University" all-day workshop in Shelley.



What an uplifting experience to learn from experienced Scout leaders, and to have fellowship with other active registered leaders. I think I enjoyed myself more at Scouting U than attending my own professional society's national conference. The underlying theme is that giving or receiving "training" can be counted as joy with the right frame of reference. The best way to learn is to teach. The great diversity of family profession, background, and talents in Pack 6 is proving to be a very rich learning experience for both parents and Scouts.

If you would like to join the fun, I'd be more than happy to help get you plugged in. Youth leadership is not a chore, but a blessing. *"Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance"* Proverbs 1:5.

Happenings Around the Church

Directory

Although we received the new church directory, it will not be given out due to a high number of inaccuracies. Replacements with corrections will be arriving very soon!

4th Sunday Potluck

Great good luck will come to us on April 24th after worship. It is always such a wonderful blessing to eat good food with great company. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy!

Handcrafters

Handcrafters will not be meeting in April as the regular meeting would fall on Good Friday.

The Progressive Dinner

We will be serving soup and bread for the Progressive Dinner on Sept. 15th. Courageous souls have signed up for coordinating food, meeting with the board, and leading cleanup. A few more positions need to be filled, the work crew lead and decoration team. Donations of pots of soup will not be turned down, nor will baskets of bread. Please call the office (522-7921) or Don Rohde (860-810-3227) to volunteer for this mission which raises money for the Soup Kitchen.

Alternative Prom a Success

Thanks to Breaking Boundaries, the Diversity Defenders were able to host a dance at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Diabla's Kitchen provided the refreshments, Jennifer Haas was our DJ, and Synyster Photography shot our portraits.

The March 11, 2017, alternative prom was attended by 87 people (most of them teens) and it certainly seemed that a great time was had by all!

One quote from the Diversity Defenders comment book:

"To me it means a safe place where I can be myself and not bullied or harassed for something I can't change... I'm not alone here."

And another:

"I love how people actually care (for) the crowd that's different. Every town needs this."

Once again, Trinity is making a positive difference in people's lives.

Church Mail Boxes

If you have a mailbox at church please check it frequently. Some are filling up.

Dethatching & Aerating

Fundraiser for BSA Venture Crew 6

For reservations please call our crew scheduler
Masten Merrill at (208) 881-4210 Or (208) 881-4916



We will haul away grass clippings and plugs if you wish.
The following dates available :

- April 7th after 5 pm (limited slots available)
- April 8th 8 am to 5pm
- April 9th 8 am to 5pm
- April 14th after 5 pm
- April 15th 8 am to 5 pm

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
We take cash, checks, and credit cards!

New this year we will be taking custom orders for work evenings Monday through Friday. Plan ahead and let the scouting community help you with your lawn this year! Please call after 11am or leave a message. Reservations must be made by 8 pm on April 5th!

Lawn size	Dethatching	Aerating	Mowing	Plug Pick-up
1/4 acre lot	\$45	\$40	\$10	\$15
1/2 acre lot	\$80	\$65	\$15	\$20
1 acre lot	\$135	\$90	\$20	\$25

- > With the purchase of dethatching AND aerating we will mow your lawn for free upon request.
- > If your lawn is larger than 1 acre we can negotiate a price for you on the phone or in person.

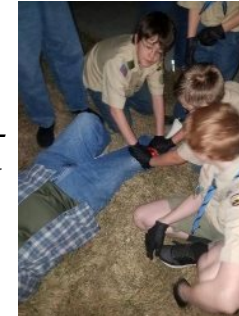
Scouting News

By Robin Stewart



Boy Scout Troop 6

Our own Theo French will provide new leadership for Troop 6. The troop has been working on making granola bars for camping, doing some first aid (epic photo below), and making scones... all necessary scouting skills. The troop is planning on graduation from the Arrow of Light den from pack 6 - upcoming on the 28th.



Venture Crew 6

The Crew is gearing up for annual yard aerating and thatching. See advertisement on opposite page.

The crew has been climbing at the new gym, and are working on our big outing this year to the Olympic Peninsula or another trip to Glacier (or both!).



Girl Scout Troop 60 /62



The girls had a great visit from the Idaho Falls Police Department who answered lots of great questions from the girls and gave great advice on being a good citizen and what to do to be safe online. This opened quite a few eyes and the girls are looking into updating their security settings on Social Media, something we all should look into.

Girl Scout Troop 60 had a stupendous cookie season. Our Senior High School student Marie Cleverly sold about 1,700 boxes of cookies. We will miss her contributions to our troop next year. On March 31 we are hosting our first Pine Wood Derby for the girls. We are hosting a Breath Journey workshop for our Cadette girls on April 15. Overall, we are having a great year and are looking forward to spring and summer outdoor activities with the girls.

Easter Candy Needed

Individually wrapped candy to fill Easter eggs for the church Easter egg hunts. Please bring it by the office.

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 5:30 Lenten Dinner Series - "Be Nurtured"	3 11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission 6:00 Beginning Handbells 6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 Wesley Handbells 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	4 7:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00 Daisy / Brownie 7:00 Trustee Meeting – 108 7:00 P.E.O.	5 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 6:30 Venture Crew 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	6 9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Practice	7 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Partners 11:30 Lenten Lunch Series at 1st Presbyterian Church 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	1st 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 8th 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	10 10:00 F.I.S.H. 6:00 Beginning Handbells 6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 Wesley Handbells 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	11 1:00 Prayer Group 4:30 RCCM Meeting 6:30 Finance Committee 7:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00 Daisy / Brownie	12 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 6:30 Venture Crew 7:30 Boy Scouts 7:30 Marnie Circle	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 1:00 UMW Unit Meeting 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	14 GOOD FRIDAY Church Office Closed 12:00 – 3:00 Good Friday Drop In Prayer Vigil 7:00 Jesus Christ Superstar movie night 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	15 HOLY SATURDAY 9:00 Girl Scouts Breathe Journey ☞ News Letter Articles Due 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
16 EASTER 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:00 Potluck Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School & Easter egg Hunts 10:15 Worship 2:00 Teen Scavenger Hunts	17 Office Closed 11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission 6:00 Beginning Handbells 6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 Wesley Handbells 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	18 7:00 Daisy / Brownie 7:00 Cub Scout Dens 7:30 Admin Council Meeting	19 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 6:30 Venture Crew 7:30 Marnie Circle 7:30 Boy Scouts	20 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30 Cub Scout Parent/ Comm. Meeting	21 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	22 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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Please have your articles for the May newsletter submitted to: office@tumcif.org no later than Saturday, April 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!
Don Rohde-
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Friday Lent Series - April 7th at Trinity

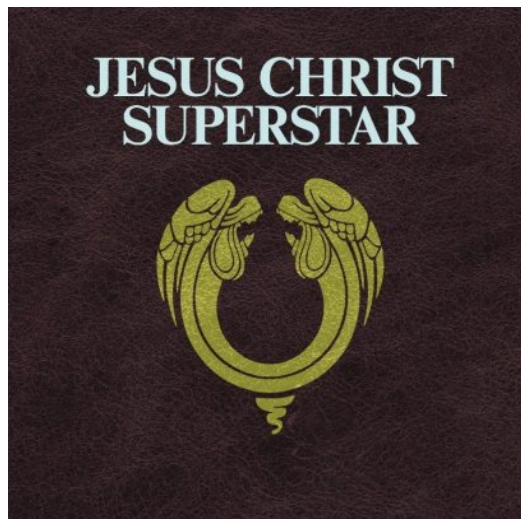
You are invited to attend the RCCM Friday Lenten Worship series on April 7th at Trinity! We will serve lunch from 11:30 to 12:00 and from 12:30 to 1:00, which is before and after worship with Rev. Dawn Turner which starts at noon.

Movie Night: "Jesus Christ Superstar"

"Jesus Christ Superstar" will be showing April 14th at 7:00pm in Mary Dawson Hall

It is a 1973 American musical drama film based on the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice rock opera of the same name. This classic is a retelling of Jesus' ministry and the Holy Week story.

Bring your own nonalcoholic beverage and a movie treat to share. Microwave popcorn will be provided.



Easter Scavenger Hunt for Teens

Trinity will be hosting an Easter Scavenger Hunt for high schoolers. The Amazing Trinity Hunt will held on Easter Sunday from 2-4 pm. Contestants, who must have high school IDs, will begin at Trinity, venture through downtown collecting clue-filled eggs, and finish back the church. Candy and giggles are sure to be had and prizes won. If you would like to volunteer, donate prizes, or need more info please contact Tia Durrant at her email, oddball8778@gmail.com.



Trustees Corner

Trinity Trustees are have noted more leaks in the roof this winter and will work to patch them this summer until our Trinity Restoration roof work starts in 2018. The Idaho Heritage matching grant will be spent this summer to:

- Temporarily secure capstones - ~\$5,000
- Secure existing flashing on back-sides of parapet walls - ~\$5,500
- Clean out and repair roof drains and downspouts - ~\$2,000

- Eliminate all immediate threats to the structural elements by removing bituminous paper and synthetic sealants from all capstones~\$5,000. .

We are still working to complete the upgrades to our video and lighting in the sanctuary

funded by generous donations from our congregation.

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Stewart



United Methodist Women by Mary Nagel

March was a busy month!! Many hugs and thanks to all who participated in making EMEE and the bake sale huge successes. Leadership and participation made for a worthwhile event for our Sage District to practice our commitment to missions.

March's Unit meeting was about The Bible and Human Sexuality, presented by Joni Pace and Joy Christian.

Looking forward the April unit meeting will be April 13th and will be about Education and Interpretation presented by Mary Nagel. Please try to attend and bring guests. Hope to see you all there.



Commemorating 100 years

On October 21st the United Methodist Women's Fall Event will be commemorating 100 years of Trinity and Methodist Women's participation. We are planning to recreate different historical times over the past 100 years with foods , music, fashions, the changes made in the names of the organization, and events that happened at Trinity. We are soliciting information and items that people may have in their homes or that they gleaned from their family homes.

If you have interesting items from the early church please contact Marilyn Taylor or Mary Nagel.

UMCOR WEST – Salt Lake City Utah

Sewing Room Upgrade

The August 2016 Annual Parking Lot Sale held in Idaho Falls was a joint effort of Trinity and St. Paul's United Methodist churches and friends. We raised \$4,800 which has been given to the UMCOR WEST Depot to upgrade and expand the Sewing Room Facilities.

They have begun the work and hope to have it completed by Mid-April. Jim and Betty visited with the staff on Feb. 11. Brian Diggs, the depot director, invited both congregations to assist with the renovations. Volunteers are needed to help paint the new rooms. No dates are definite yet. We will keep you posted.

UMCORE WEST Trip Planned

The week of June 19-23 we have an opportunity for youth and adults from Idaho Falls to join a team of youth from St. Paul's UMC in Tucson, AZ. We will work together at the UMCOR WEST Depot in Salt Lake City. More information will be available later. To volunteer contact: Jim and Betty Anderson 208-523-8272 or 208-521-3039.



Alzheimer's Drugs and How They Work

Trinity ADAH will present Tommy Lew, a local pharmacist and member of this church, who will lead a discussion on Alzheimer's Drugs and how they work in the brain. If time permits he will also answer questions on other senior drugs. The meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. To get on the email list contact Don Rohde at: donrohde@aol.com (860) 810-3227.

One more Lenten Dinner Series - Be Nurtured

All ages are welcome on Sunday evenings through Lent from 5:30pm to 7pm to "Be Nurtured" of mind, body, and spirit. Together, we will fill our tummies with a simple supper, our intellects with interesting study and our hearts with the gift of being a community. The series will run through April 2nd.



Building Preservation - Board of Trustees

Myers Anderson Architectural firm has sent the final draft of the Trinity Building Conditions Assessment with a ten year plan and we are reviewing the document. We will meet on March 31 to provide comments and finalize the document.

During April 25 - 27 Partners for Sacred Places Program Managers Rachel and Laura will be in Idaho Falls for our fundraising feasibility study interviews with congregation and community members.

Yours in Christ, Nancy Stewart



Save The Date
May 7th at 4pm
The Wesley
Handbell Choir
Spring Concert

For more information: TrinityBellsIF@gmail.com

Regional Council for Christian Ministry

F.I.S.H.: Twenty-eight families were served in February with their greatest needs being health care, particularly one-time prescriptions. This school year, supplies have been provided to 908 students, the highest number ever.

Community Food Basket: 721 families were served in February. In preparation for moving to independent non-profit status, the organization is working on an annual budget and preparing a number of grant requests.

Soup Kitchen: 2,644 adults and 109 children were served in February. Having food storage available at the Community Food Basket warehouse has enabled the Soup Kitchen to realize savings by buying in bulk and by getting 'free' food in bulk; savings are offsetting other costs.

Little Church in the Pines: Pastor Tom Shanor sent a letter reporting on the growing success of the Little Church ministry to those at the St. Anthony Youth Corrections Facility. On the Sunday before his letter was written, 101 young people attended the service. Blessings on those providing the service and on the young people.

For your calendar:

May 13 The annual Letter Carriers Food Drive will be conducted. Bags will be delivered and donated groceries will be picked up at your home.

May 21 A special music program will be preformed at First Lutheran Church, as the choir prepares to travel to New York City to perform at Carnegie Music Hall.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Christy Southwick	4/1	Joanne & Les	Nathan McClure	4/23
Joy Christian	4/4	McCray	Sarah Jakovac	4/25
Dawson Smith	4/4	Bill O'Steen	Emily Scarborough	4/25
Scott Taylor	4/6	Debbie Hochhalter	Bev Kemp	4/27
John Harder	4/7	Eliana Castillo	Isabelle Hayes	4/29
Beth Brochu	4/8	P.J. Piper		
Amanda & Nathan McClure	4/8	Amy Dickson		
Casey Eikelberger	4/9	Ryan Atwood		
Marilyn Taylor	4/10	Deborah Bean		
		Barry O'Brien		

For additions or corrections in birthdays please contact Pam in the church office. 522-7921

Pete Isaksen Endowments Established

The TUMC Endowment Committee is honored to announce the establishment of two new endowment funds in memory of Pete Isaksen. Pete made a generous financial donation to TUMC upon his passing. His gift was used to create the Pete Isaksen General Fund and Pete Isaksen Scholarship Fund. The General Fund will be applied to Church needs, as determined by the Board of Trustees.

The Scholarship Fund will be put into immediate action with scholarship

awards for the upcoming 2017/2018 academic year. This generous scholarship of up to 3 scholarships per year, each valued at up to \$10,000 per year, and renewable for up to 3 additional years, will go far towards reducing the financial burden of students pursuing degrees in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) fields of study.

TUMC is truly blessed by this gift and grateful to Pete and the Isaksen family for making these endowments possible.

TUMC Endowment Scholarships Available!

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2017/2018 academic year. As in previous years, one Hazel Skelton General Scholarship of up to \$1,000 and additional Chesbro Music Scholarships of up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music, are available. Additionally, we are excited to announce the creation of a new scholarship in memory of Pete Isaksen. The Pete Isaksen Scholarship will fund up to 3 scholarships per year, each valued at up to \$10,000 per year, and renewable for up to 3 additional years. To be eligible for the Pete Isaksen Scholarship, the applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) field of study at an accredited college or university.

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. Scholarship applications are available from the church office and website at www.tumcif.org. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and letters of reference, are due no later than June 1, 2017. If you have questions regarding the process contact Diane Croson at diane.croson@gmail.com