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**Christmas Eve Worship 12/24**

**7:00pm Family Christmas Eve**  
**11:00pm Candlelight Worship**

**Sunday Schedule:**

**9:00am Sunday School for All Ages**  
**10:15am Worship for Everyone & Kids Church**

**Looking Ahead:**

December 1st - 3pm - Ring in the Season Christmas Handbell Concert  
 December 2nd - 3pm and 7pm - Ring in the Season Handbell Concerts  
 December 9th - United Methodist Women's Holiday Treat Sale  
 December 13th, 14th & 15th - Snake River Radio Players "A Christmas Carol"  
 December 21st at 6:30 - Flute Choir Concert  
 December 23rd, Potluck Lunch after Church  
 December 24th - Christmas Eve services 7pm and 11pm

**New Church Email Address**

**TrinityUMCIdahoFalls@gmail.com**

December 2018



*"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*

**Pastor's Perspective**

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The season of Advent begins a new Christian year. We use it as a time to prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus the Christ. Please find below a daily scripture reading and a practice for you to use in this time of preparation.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - IDAHO FALLS

**Sunday, December 2**  
 read Daniel 7:9-28, Isaiah 40:9-11,  
 Luke 1:67-79  
 Light One Candle

**Monday, December 3**  
 read: Isaiah 35:3-6  
 Lend A Hand

**Tuesday, December 4**  
 read: Romans 8:24,25  
 Be Patient

**Wednesday, December 5**  
 read: Psalms 122  
 Pray for Peace

**Thursday, December 6:**  
 read Matthew 6:3,4  
 Give in Secret

**Friday, December 7:**  
 read Isaiah 11:1-3  
 See Growth

**Saturday, December 8:**  
 read Hebrews 11:1  
 Keep Hoping

**Sunday, December 9:**  
 read Isaiah 7:14, 9:2-7  
 Luke 1:5-55 Romans 12:1-2  
 Light two Candles

**Monday, December 10:**  
 read Mark 1:1-8  
 Eat With Care

**Tuesday, December 11**  
 read John 1:6-8  
 Witness

**Wednesday, December 12**  
 read Psalm 91  
 Watch For Angels

**Thursday, December 13**  
 read Isaiah 9:2,3  
 See The Light

**Friday, December 14**  
 read Psalm 25:45  
 Choose Your Path

**Saturday, December 15**  
 read Philippians 1:3-6  
 Finish Something

**Sunday, December 16**  
 read Jeremiah 32:31-35 Micah  
 5:2-5a. Matthew 1:18-2:15  
 Light Three Candles

**Monday, December 17**  
 read Psalm 137:4  
 Remember Refugees

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 read Luke 1:26-38  
 Say Yes

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 read Luke 1:46-55  
 Rejoice

**Thursday, December 20**  
 read Isaiah 43:19  
 See What's New

**Friday, December 21**  
 read Micah 5:2-4  
 Feel Secure

**Saturday, December 22**  
 read Luke 2:1-7  
 Make Room

**Sunday, December 23**  
 read Psalm 34:1-18 Matthew 1:1-  
 17 Luke 2:8-20  
 Light 4 Candles

**Monday, December 24**  
 read John 1:1-14  
 Worship at 7 and 11pm

**Tuesday December 25,**  
**- Christmas Day**  
 Celebrate. God is with us!

As our building undergoes so many changes and we continue to grow as disciples of our Lord, the preaching theme that God laid on my heart for this year is "Traveling With Jesus". To begin this journey with Jesus, we will use the analogy of traveling through a construction zone as we worship together throughout Advent. Be on the lookout for the watchwords of Danger, Caution, Pilot Car and Bumps Ahead. Blessings, Reverend Ruth

The Wesley Handbell Choir presents:  
**“A Night at the Manger”**



**The 33rd Annual Ring in the Season Concert**

Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 3pm  
 Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3pm & 7pm.

Free admission - Donations gratefully accepted

For more information: [trinitybellsIF@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybellsIF@gmail.com)



**First Presbyterian Church**  
 325 Elm Street, Idaho Falls, ID



**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

It is time to order plants to prepare our sanctuary for the Christmas season. This year poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Use this order form to indicate if the flowers are in memory or honor of someone, and return the form and payment to the church office by Monday, December 17, 2018. Indicate POINSETTIA in the memo portion of your check. Please note that the earliest that plants may be taken home is after the 11:00pm service Christmas Eve.

Your Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Name In Memory: \_\_\_\_\_

Or Name In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

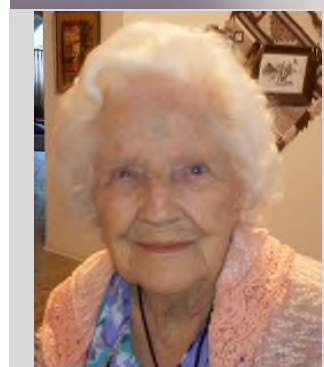
**Around the Church**

Membership Notes



**Jean Winter**

Jean Winter passed away on October 24th. We held a celebration of life for her. She was a long-time member at Trinity.



**Margaret Jobe**

Margaret M. Jobe passed away on November 1st. She was born in Camp Crook, South Dakota, and will be returned there to be buried next to her parents following her cremation.

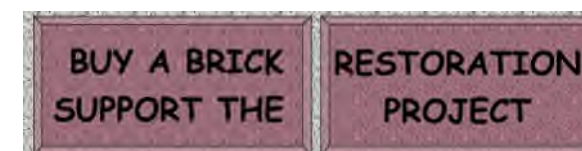
Trinity Meals

The Fourth Sunday Potluck Lunch will be December 23th. Come share lunch and laughter!

There will not be a Scout brunch in December but it will be back on January 20th and Feb. 10th for Scout Sunday.

There is still time to buy Restoration Bricks

137 bricks have been ordered. We are extending the date to buy bricks until the spring, a little closer to our dedication date.







The Troop is preparing for the upcoming cross country trip to Granite Hot Springs on Dec. 14, 15, & 16 and the annual Winteree (to be held at Krupp Scout Hollow in Lorenzo January 25, 26, & 27.

The scouts will be attending an avalanche awareness night on December 3rd where they will learn how to play in the winter outdoors safely.

The scouts practiced their lashings and Klondike sled building last Wednesday, - culminating in a practice lap or two around the lawn hauling the Senior Patrol Leader. The sled ac-

tually survived several laps before disintegrating, but the boys learned what to change to keep that from happening in the real race.

They will be working on emergency first aid, knots, two-man log saw, map and compass and all the other events that will be at the Winteree. We are planning on having the Pack 6 Webelos show up and give the scouts a hand too.

Speaking of the cubs, They joined the troop at the annual Green Canyon Hot Springs outing in November. We had a great time: a little

snow, a lot of swimming and the scouts were even successful at making a great quesadilla.

The Brunch for December will be cancelled - we just couldn't work around the church schedule and the limited number of days in December, but we will be back in January.

Thanks for supporting Troop 6. They are coming up on 100 years of scouting at Trinity.

### "A Christmas Carol"

The Snake River Radio Players are thrilled to be back for a 3rd year at the beautiful Trinity United Methodist Church performing "A Christmas Carol" as a radio drama.

Once again our show will be free to the public, but donations are welcome with 100% going towards the TUMC Restoration Fund.

**Dec. 13th, 14th & 15th -7:30 pm and a 2pm Matinee on Saturday Dec. 15th at Trinity United Methodist Church.**



Troop 60 and Troop 422 have been combined into the new Troop 713 with Sarah Browning as the Cadette leader and Ashli Johnson as the leader of the Senior and Ambassador girls. Together these women are facilitating a girl run troop.

Recently we worked on the Sow What Journey for the Seniors and the Woodworker badge for the Cadettes. December events include working on the Journey and a new badge for the Cadettes, having a Christmas party, and plenty of craft fun.

The talented artist Valerie who develops quality projects for our troop will present the craft; you may have noticed her thank you art (red rock) in the back of our Sanctuary.

On December 6 we are having a Spaghetti Din-

ner after the Silver Award presentations for Lily, Phoebe, Kailey and Zoe. We are also working with the girls on the Cookie Rally that they are organizing for the younger girls on January 5th at Skyline High School, and then an older girl event on January 6th.

We are having fun at Trinity and thank the congregation for the use of the building on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 pm each week. We are still welcoming new girls (grades 6-12) and adult volunteers at our meetings.

**Fun Fact from Forbes Magazine:**  
Fifty-eight percent of those female representatives elected to the 116th Congress are Girl Scout Alums.

### **This Year's Advent Study!**

*Jesus said that he came so people "could live life to the fullest." - John 10:10 (CEB)*

Our Bishop, Elaine Stenovsky, has invited us to come with her on a year of Crossing Over to LIFE beginning December 2nd with the first Sunday in Advent. Reverend Ruth will lead the study each Sunday in December at 9am in the parlor using the book "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian D. McLaren.

Rev. Ruth has already ordered a few of these paperback books to purchase for \$13 or you can download your own if you prefer a digital copy.



### **Grocery Cart Wish List for December!** - Linda Milam

#### **Sharing the bounty!**

During December, the grocery cart parked near the sanctuary doors could especially use the following items: Macaroni noodles, canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam), peanut butter, toothpaste. As always, if you see other suitable items on sale, feel free to add those to the cart as well!



Please, no glass containers, home canned foods or items from bulk food bins!

All items will be delivered to Regional Council for Christian Ministry for our missions: The Community Food Basket, the Soup Kitchen, and FISH.

Thank you for sharing your good fortune.

Snake River Radio Players Present:

## Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Performed as a Live Radio Drama

Dec. 13th, 14th, & 15th • 7:30 p.m.  
2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Dec. 15th

Trinity United Methodist Church (237 N. Water Ave., Idaho Falls)

Family Friendly Show  
Free to the Public  
Donations are welcome for the Trinity UMC Building Fund

We wear the chains we forge in life.  
We make them, link by link.

For Questions or More Information, Contact Toshio Bere at SnakeRiverRadio.Theater@gmail.com

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

# DECEMBER



**1** 3:00 Handbell Concert at First Presbyterian  
7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**2** Advent 1  
9:00 Adult Bible Study  
10:15 Worship & Kids Church  
3:00 Confirmation Class  
3 & 7pm Handbell Concert at First Presbyterian  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**3**  
10:00 Family Visitation  
11:00 Marilyn Piquet Celebration of Life  
11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission  
7:00 Theology On Tap  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**4**  
6:30 Girl Scouts Troop 112  
7:00 Trustee Meeting  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**5**  
9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's  
11:00 Upper Room meeting at St Paul's UMC  
7:30 Boy Scout Troop 6

**6**  
9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting  
6:30 Girl Scouts  
6:30 Choir  
7:00 Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting  
7:15 Praise Band  
8:00 Serenity Seekers

**7** Church Office Closed  
9:00 Community Partners  
6:30 Dinner & A Movie "Polar Express"  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**8**  
7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**9** Advent 2  
UMW Holiday Treat Sale  
9:00 Adult Bible Study  
10:15 Worship & Kids Church  
3:00 Confirmation Class  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**10**  
10:00 F.I.S.H.  
7:00 Girl Scout Leaders Gp  
7:00 Theology On Tap  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**11**  
9:30 UMW Budget Meeting  
6:30 Girl Scouts Troop 112  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**12**  
9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's  
11:00 Upper Room meeting at St Paul's UMC  
6:30 Finance Committee  
7:30 Boy Scout Troop 6

**13**  
9:00 Steering Committee  
1:00 UMW Unit Meeting  
6:30 Girl Scouts  
A Christmas Carol  
7:30pm  
8:00 Serenity Seekers

**14** Church Office Closed  
A Christmas Carol  
7:30pm  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**15** News Letter Articles Due  
A Christmas Carol  
2:00pm & 7:30pm  
7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous


**16** Advent 3  
9:00 Adult Bible Study  
10:15 Worship & Kids Church  
3:00 Confirmation Class  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**17**  
11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission  
7:00 Theology On Tap  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**18**  
6:30 Girl Scouts Troop 112  
7:00 Administrative Council  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**19**  
9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's  
11:00 Upper Room meeting at St Paul's UMC  
7:30 Boy Scout Troop 6

**20**  
10:00 News Letter Crew  
1:00 Ethel Clark Circle at Marilyn Taylor's  
6:30 Girl Scouts  
6:30 Chancel Choir  
7:15 Praise Band  
8:00 Serenity Seekers

**21** Church Office Closed  
  
6:30 Flute Choir Concert  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**22**  
7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**23** Advent 4  
9:00 Adult Bible Study  
10:15 Worship & Kids Church  
11:30 Pot Luck Lunch  
3:00 Confirmation Class  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**24** Christmas Eve  
7:00 Family Worship  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous  
11:00 Candle Light Worship

**25** Christmas  
Church Office Closed  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**26** Church Office Closed  
9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's

**27** Church Office Closed  
6:30 Choir  
7:15 Praise Band  
8:00 Serenity Seekers

**28** Church Office Closed  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**29**  
7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**30**  
9:00 Adult Bible Study  
10:15 Worship & Kids Church  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**31**  
7:00 Theology On Tap  
7:00 Narcotics Anonymous

**Jan 1** New Years Day

Ruth Out of Office

# DECEMBER

Please have your articles for the January newsletter submitted to: [donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com) no later than Saturday, December 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!  
Don Rohde-Editor  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)



## Trinity Restoration - Nancy Stewart



The steering committee has been monitoring our finances for the project with the following documents available for your review on request:

- **Project Cost Estimates** Table (Base Contract, Formalized Changes, Anticipated and Unanticipated changes, Payments and Cash flow Remaining).
- **Cash Flow Model** for planning payments.
- **Project Change Notice Log** to monitor changes in scope and cost.

We are in the middle of the Robison Roofing (Parlor and Sanctuary) and Remodeling the main floor and basement with Alan Clark Construction. Alan's subcontractors are: Bingham Mechanical (Plumbing), B&S Boiler (HVAC) and Rocky Mountain Electric.

I am pleased to report that so far we are completing Trinity Restoration within budget and scope. I want to congratulate everyone on the money we have raised to date for this project. We are an amazing congregation. We have on hand the money necessary to complete the base bid.

Unknown issues, such as a cabinet in front of the heater in the warming kitchen, the need to update the condensate piping that will be under the new concrete (to protect the tile) in the basement bathroom, having five layers of shingles on the existing roof, the need for Porta Pottys, finding more asbestos, the need to test the concrete strength for the basement emergency exit, and

replacing basement lights with LED lights (for esthetic consistency) has resulted in additional expenses.

The total cost of the project (including mortar repair) is \$656,000. To date, with our fundraising and our \$190,000 grant we still need to raise \$17,069 additional funds to cover contingency costs.

Thanks be to God for our generous congregation and community.



This picture shows the form-work being built for the new fire escape from the old Jack and Jill room in the basement. This exit will replace the wooden steps leading to the small window exit.

## Trustees Corner

Trinity Trustees met on November 6; we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. This month we discussed:

- Terrorism Risk Insurance Act by Church Mutual is now \$307/year; we agreed to the change.
- Cleaning the Parlor and Sanctuary carpet in late December
- Carpet for the Parsonage living room has been ordered and will be installed on November 30th.
- Money spent to date for Trinity Restoration and discussion of Change Orders to date
- Adding extra Porta Pottys for December events

## Confirmation Classes Start December 2nd



Rev. Ruth will be starting Confirmation classes for youth 12 years or older beginning on Sunday, December 2nd from 3pm to 4:15pm at the parsonage (1470 Scorpius Dr.). These classes would also be appropriate for slightly younger kids and adults wanting to learn more about what it means to be Methodist in a world that doesn't know about John Wesley (our founder) or his theology based on interpreting our lives using scripture, reason, tradition and experience.

Because all study and no play makes us dull, between now and Easter, participants will play, eat, go on field trips, and have plenty of opportunities for laughter!

## United Methodist Women—UMW - Mary Nagel

There's lots to look forward to in December.

Our annual Holiday Treat Sale will be December 9th. Plan on baking, buying, eating (or all the above)!!

December 13th is our Christmas unit meeting. Marilyn Taylor has a cute program planned. Next year's officers and budget will be voted upon. Please plan to attend and bring a guest.

The Ethel Clark Circle will meet December 20th in the home of Marilyn Taylor.

Susannah Circle will not meet in December. Merry Christmas to all!!!



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**  
**"Holiday Treat Sale"**  
 Come and Enjoy the Large Selection of Cookies, Candies, Pies, Cakes, Breads, Soups, Casseroles and Other Goodies.

**This Sale Supports the UMW Missions.**

**Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to Noon**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**





## Regional Council for Christian Ministry

The Regional Council for Christian Ministry met at First Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 13th.

**School Supplies:** FISH reported that they had helped approximately 790 students with school supplies so far this year.

**Promise Ridge Support:** FISH is providing consumables to the residents at Promise Ridge, (the new homeless family shelter next to the Presbyterian Church). The greatest need at the moment is toilet bowl cleaner. Other needs are listed on the white board at the home or in Trinity's weekly BLAST. Feel free to drop in during the day to see what's needed.

**Food Backpacks:** The weekend food backpack program is doing well. FISH has coordinated the volunteers to deliver approximately 100 backpacks of food each week to needy students in District 93.

**Homeless Stand Down:** Bev reported that the homeless stand down went well. There were just under 200 people counted and served that day. Thanks goes out to all the volunteers and agen-

### Promise Ridge Family Shelter

Promise Ridge, the new family shelter in our neighborhood is currently providing a safe and comfortable home to six families composed of six women and 13 children. Since our doors opened in May, we have consistently been close to full with families continually coming to us for shelter and then, with our help, moving on to more stable housing situations. We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of our community in helping to provide this valuable service and make a difference in peoples' lives.

If you would like to help, we have an ongoing need for consumables through FISH - right now toilet bowl cleaner, laundry soap and dryer sheets. You can drop them off at church, or call

cies that came together to help those less fortunate in our community.

**The Community Food Basket** reported that they are coming in to their big giving season. There are several food drives coming up throughout the community. Please visit their website, <http://www.communityfoodbasketidahofalls.org> or facebook page to find more information on dates and times.

**The Soup Kitchen** plans to provide Christmas to the guests in December.

**The Black Bear diner** is sponsoring a coat drive to help with the event. Please donate coats at their location, 1610 E. 17th St.

**Volunteer:** The Community Food Basket is also in need of volunteer gleaners Monday through Friday mornings for 2-4 hours. Talk to your friends and form a team! The vehicle is provided. Call the Food Basket for more information; 208-524-0994.

me, Bev at 208-569-6149 for pick-up. We also have a one time seasonal wish list: rakes, snow shovels, 2 artificial Christmas trees.



## Trinity in Mission

**MITTEN TREE** - Please place new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves on the tree. To make the tree more festive, packages of socks and underwear could be wrapped, but you should label them for size and gender.

Items will be given to children and youth in the community where most needed.



### Nativity Set Display

This Christmas we are putting together a display of Nativity Sets. Our focus will be on different nativities and their history. We are inviting families to loan a set for display on the back counter of the sanctuary. We want some to be kid friendly or even made by kids. Please bring by Dec. 2 if possible. Please put your name on it.

The nativities will be used during the Christmas season and for the Christmas Eve Service. Thanks!!!



### December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ruth & Mike Oar	12/1	Davis Taylor	12/16	For additions or corrections in birthdays please contact Pam in the church office 208-522-7921.
Dylan Empey	12/2	John Mullin	12/25	
Lynette Hansen	12/2	Jo Ann Rose	12/25	
Pam Traughber	12/9	Aaliyah Poulter	12/26	
Nancy Bergman	12/12	Rhys McClure	12/27	
Alyce Gonzalez	12/12	Jennifer Robinson	12/28	
Elaine Flatland	12/14	Joanne McCray	12/29	



### Dinner & a Movie Friday December 7th - FAMILY NIGHT

Friday 6:30 - Dinner and a Movie will feature **The Polar Express**, a 2004 film based on the 1985 children's book by Chris Van Allsburg.

To make this family friendly we will meet in the senior high balcony room with lots of pillows and couches.

The potluck theme this month is **Comfort Food**.

