

TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

December 24, 2024



Sunday Morning

Dec 29, 2024

Melinda Ginosar

Scripture: John 1:1-5

Sermon: "Season of Miracles"

Worship service will be held at St. Paul's UMC at 10 am and will be streamed on Facebook Live at 10am



IDAHO FALLS UNITED METHODISTS
TRINITY & ST. PAUL'S
TOGETHER

Elizabeth's Epiphanies

Dear Friends,

Christmas is almost here! I am so excited to celebrate with three Christmas Eve services! While we will have candlelighting at all three services, each service will be different. The 5pm service at Trinity will include many young people in the program called "Good News". Young people are providing the special music as well! Children who attend will be invited to put on a costume and participate in the Live Nativity. There will be a Happy Birthday Jesus party afterwards. At the 7pm service at St. Paul's, the Chancel Choir will provide the special music as we conclude our journey to Bethlehem and re-tell the Christmas story. The 11pm service at Trinity will be a communion service with June Cannon and other providing special flute music. Her son plans to whistle "O Holy Night"! I hope you can attend one or all of the services as we celebrate the birth of our Savior together!

Blessings,

Rev. Elizabeth

"TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM

237 N. WATER AVE. IDAHO FALLS, ID 83402 | 208-522-7921

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

1730 ST. CLAIR ROAD IDAHO FALLS, ID 83404 | 208-522-9076

Idaho Falls United Methodists: Better Together



The Discernment Team has begun working with the C3 project to envision God's future for the Idaho Falls United Methodists. Four other churches in the Oregon-Idaho Conference who are also exploring Cooperative ministries are also involved. We will meet monthly for the next several months with a goal to develop ideas to attract new people.

The Discernment Team includes Rev. Elizabeth, Melinda Ginosar, Don Rohde, Ray Miles, Tommy Lew, Ryan Atwood, Kelly Lawrence, Gene Summers, Jeanie and Richard Hughes and Jill Eckelsdaffer. The Third Sunday workshops for December and January are cancelled. The next Third Sunday workshop is scheduled for **Sunday, February 15 at 3pm at Trinity UMC.**

COMBINED SUNDAY SERVICE

Come and worship together as
Idaho Falls Methodists!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH AT 10AM
LOCATION: ST. PAUL'S UMC

There will not be a 9:00am service at Trinity or a 11:00 am service at St. Paul's December 29th.

NEWCOMERS GATHERING

All persons who would like to meet other newcomers and learn more about Trinity and St. Paul's are invited to a gathering on **Sunday, January 12 at 3pm at the Parsonage.**

Rev. Elizabeth would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you have about the churches. Light refreshments will be served. Sign-up sheets are at each church to RSVP. The address for the parsonage is also on the sign-up sheets, or call the church office.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES

We invite you to join us for one (or all!) of our meaningful Christmas Eve services as we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ. Each service will include a special time of candlelight, reminding us of the light of Christ shining in the world.

- **5:00 PM – Family Service at Trinity UMC**
A family-friendly service filled with joy and wonder, perfect for all ages.
- **7:00 PM – Traditional Service at St. Paul's UMC**
A cherished traditional Christmas Eve candle light service.
- **11:00 PM – Candlelight Service at Trinity UMC**
A peaceful and reflective late-night service to welcome Christmas Day.

Come and experience the beauty and hope of the season!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRINITY

Sunday School for children is offered each Sunday at Trinity during the 9am worship service. The children experience worship in the sanctuary and then go to Sunday School after the Kid's Message. Many thanks to Betty Anderson and the other volunteers for making this happen each Sunday!





Bell Choir

Bell Choir at Trinity – Come Ring with Us!
Whether you're a beginner or experienced, there's a place for you in Trinity's Bell Choir.

Beginners practice on

Sundays at 3 p.m.,

and the Wesley Bell Choir practices

Sunday from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Come join the fun! For more information, reach out to Janet Miller.



REMEMBER TO MAKE ROOM THIS CHRISTMAS

“Our time of preparation is generally more of a time to prepare our houses than a time to prepare our souls, more of a time of shopping than of prayer, and more of a time of already feasting than a time fasting as a preparation for a feast. Today, Advent is perhaps more about already celebrating Christmas than it is about preparing for it. And the end result is that, like the biblical innkeepers who had no room for Mary and Joseph at the first Christmas, we generally arrive at Christmas with “no room at the inn,” no space in our lives for a spiritual rebirth.”

-Ronald Rolheiser



Christmas Dinner at the Shively's

Join us on Christmas Day for a warm and festive gathering at the Shively home!

- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- What to Bring: Your favorite Christmas dish to share.

Come enjoy delicious food, great fellowship, fun games, and a chance to tackle the Christmas puzzle together!

Please RSVP by signing up or calling Ann Shively at 208-520-2982.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

**555 SO. BELLIN RD. - CALL ANN IF YOU
NEED DIRECTIONS.**



LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES COURSES

Lay Ministry is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. Each of us has a responsibility to proclaim the Good News and reach out to others in love.

- **January 6, 2025-** Lay Pastoral Care Giving

For more information contact
Emilie Kroen, Director of Lay Servant
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503-312-4138, [Facebook.com/UMCLaity](https://www.facebook.com/UMCLaity)

Men's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

Women's Outreach and Fellowship Group:

Wednesdays at 9:30 am at St. Paul's

United Women of Faith

The UMW meets at Trinity UMC at 1:00pm the second Thursday of each month.

United Methodist Women's Luncheon

Tuesday January 14th at 1pm all women are invited to lunch at Sizzler's. Please RSVP or Talk to Sharon Evans for more information.

WHERE THERE IS HELP THERE IS HOPE

- **Narcotics Anonymous** Tuesday's and Friday's 7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.
- **Candlelight Narcotics Anonymous** 7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church
- **Women's AA** Thursdays 6:30pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- **Trinity United Methodist Day Shelter and Homeless Services.**
Open Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER



Relax and breathe deeply for just 60 seconds!

Visualize the breathe of God filling every pore and all that is old, negative and stale being released.

Lord, give me an Open Heart.
Lord, give me an Open Mind.

Lord, may our gathered fellowship always have an Open Door.



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

What a wonderful Christmas party we had at the December unit meeting. Many thanks to the UWF Executive Board for the goodies and to Rob Denkins for letting us use his mother's decorations. (He has shared them at each of our unit meetings.) A special thank you goes to Rev. Elizabeth for giving the program of Christmas celebrations from different countries and her Christmas trivia quiz. Jan Karinen was installed as our new Vice President. Joni Pace received the special mission recognition for 2024. I personally want to thank the Executive Board for all the work they did throughout the year. They make my job as president an easy one. Also special thanks to all who gave the programs and hosted each meeting. A special note - there will be NO unit meeting in January. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2025!!!!

PRAYER NOTES



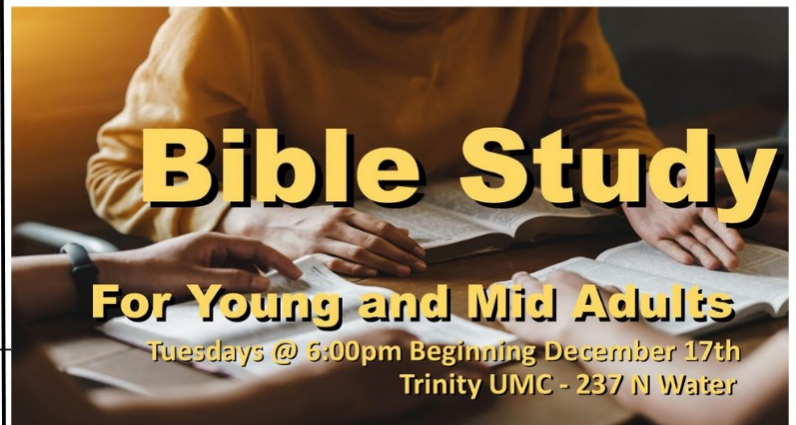
We try to focus on gratitude one day and the next is dedicated to getting deals. This is a tough season to find time for prayer because there is always so much to DO from Thanksgiving to New Years!

Yet, we can do things and be in an attitude of prayer at the same time. Stop every once in a while through the day to ask yourself, "What is my self-talk right now?"

Ask the Holy Spirit to redirect your thoughts to be God-centered. You may find your tasks easier or even unnecessary.

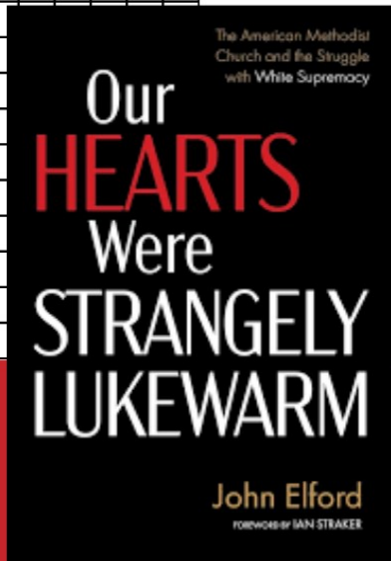
If you have a prayer note you would like to share send it to e.jill.eck@gmail.com

“The best of all is, God is with us.”
-John Wesley’s final words



Bible Study

For Young and Mid Adults
Tuesdays @ 6:00pm Beginning December 17th
Trinity UMC - 237 N Water



BOOK STUDY

6 Week Study

THURSDAYS, 6:30 PM
FEBRUARY 20- MARCH 27

AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OR VIA ZOOM

This 6-week study is an Exploration of the History of United Methodism, Slavery and White Supremacy Sponsored by the United Methodists of Idaho Falls.

Please order your book online. Each church has 2 copies of the book to loan as well.

USE THE QR CODE TO ACCESS ZOOM



UPPER ROOM STUDY

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am
at Trinity UMC.
All are welcome.

MLK DAY CIVIL RIGHTS REMEMBRANCE

Choices: Facing Injustice
and Martin Luther King's
Messages for Humanity



Sunday, January 19th
3:00 pm
Community Food Basket
351 W. 14th Street

Free Event

A Readers' Theater
Sponsored by
The Regional Council of Christian Churches

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

Trinity UMC

Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

Chair of Admin Council: Gene Summers

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Sunday, December 29th **Combined Worship Service**

Worship Service at 10:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following the service

Choir Rehearsals at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

Monday, December 30th

Office Closed

Scouts BSA Female Troop at 6pm at St. Paul's UMC

Tuesday, December 31st

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1st **New Years Day!**

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2nd

Office Closed

Women's AA Group Meeting at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Friday, January 3rd

N.A. at 7:00pm at Trinity UMC

Candlelight N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Sunday, January 5th

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Choir Rehearsals at 10:30 am at St. Paul's UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following the service

Choir Rehearsals at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

Beginning Bell Choir Rehearsals at 3pm at Trinity UMC

Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsals at 4 pm at Trinity UMC

**St. Paul's UMC Office will be closed
December 25th through January 2nd.**

**"But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent forth His Son, born of woman,
born under the law, to redeem those who
were under the law, so that we might
receive adoption as sons."**

Galatians 4:4-5