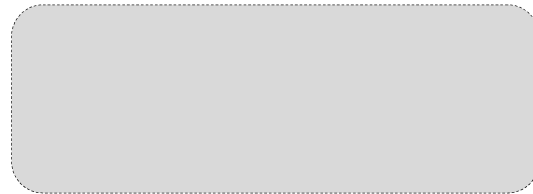


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Christmas Eve Services 12/24

- 9:00 Adult Sunday School
- 10:15 Worship Service
- 5:00 Family Christmas Eve
- 6:00 Christmas Eve Potluck
- 7:00 Choral Service
- 11:00 Candlelight Service

Winter Schedule:
8:45 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship for Everyone
with Kids Church

December Highlights:

- December 2nd at 3:30 – Ring in the Season Christmas Bell Concerts
- December 3rd at 4:30 and 7:00 pm – Ring in the Season Bell Concerts
- December 7, 8 & 9th – Radio Players present “It’s a Wonderful Life”
- December 10th at 9:00 am – UMW Holiday Treat Sale
- December 16th at 6:30 – Flute Choir Concert
- December 24th – Christmas Eve services



Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-14, NRSV

Dear Siblings in Christ,
We are people of the Book (!) and we follow the Christ who is the Word become flesh. So as we begin the Christian year on the 1st Sunday of Advent (Dec. 3rd) I am delighted to

reveal my preaching and teaching focus for the next 12 months. It is... (drum roll please) “Building Beloved Community; A Safe Place to Grow.”

A good way to start the Christian year is by doing things that make the world a better place. May these suggestions help your days to feel a little bit more Christ centered.

☐ **Sunday, Dec. 3:** Come worship with the Christian Community at Trinity UMC today. The preaching series for Advent will be Elemental Faith. Today’s theme is “The Wind of Time Carries the Good News to

December 2017

Trinity Times

“Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors”

Us” because we need to be ready for our part in the story.

☐**Monday, Dec. 4:** As we get ready to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, we sometimes get very busy. Today, take a ten-minute break. Sit quietly. If it helps you to concentrate, light an Advent candle and watch the flame. Pray, asking God's help to bring quiet and calm to a busy world.

☐**Tuesday, Dec. 5:** Think about your family; some may live with you, others may be far away. Who in your family needs God's hope? Pray for this family member today.

☐**Wednesday, Dec. 6:** There are people in our neighborhoods, in our church and in our community who need to know of God's hope. Select someone to visit today. Visit electronically or by phone or in person. Go as a family or by yourself. It doesn't necessarily have to be a visit to a home. Maybe there is someone you always see at the library. Stop by today and talk with that person. Tell the person you visit one way he or she helps you feel hopeful.

☐**Thursday, Dec. 7:** Love is something we need in our church. Think about the people in our church. Select one person in our church. Pray for that person today.



☐**Friday, Dec. 8:** Read again Isaiah 11:1-10. Create a poster by drawing pictures of the wondrous things you see in the world around you that God has created. Create your picture of God's kingdom of peace. Give thanks for the world and all the people in the world.

☐**Saturday, Dec. 9:** Is there someone you know who needs to hear words of God's love? Make or select a card for that person and mail it today.

☐**Sunday, Dec. 10:** Come worship with the Christian Community at Trinity UMC today. The preaching series for Advent will be Elemental Faith. Today's theme is "The Water of Baptism carries the Good News to us," because we need to be ready for our part in the story.

☐**Monday, Dec. 11:** As we get ready to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, we sometimes get very busy. Today, take a ten-minute break. Sit quietly. If it helps you to concentrate, light an Advent candle and watch the flame. Pray, asking God's help to bring quiet and calm to a busy world.

☐**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Think about your family; some may live with you, others may be far away. Who in your family needs God's love? Pray for this family member today.

☐**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** There are people in our neighborhoods, in our church and in our community who need to know of God's love. Select someone to visit today. Visit electronically or by phone or in person. Go as a family or by yourself. It doesn't necessarily have to be a visit to a home. Maybe there is someone who waits on you at the grocery store. Stop by today tell the person you visit one way he or she makes you feel loved.

☐**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Joy is something we need in our city. Think about different leaders of our city. Select one leader of our city. Pray for that leader today.

☐**Friday, Dec. 15:** Today read again Luke 1:47-55. Make a list of the things that bring joy to your life. Write your own song of joy to God or sing a song that expresses joy to God.

☐**Saturday, Dec. 16:** Is there someone you know who needs to hear words of joy? Make or select a card for that person and mail it today.

☐**Sunday, Dec. 17:** Come worship with the Christian Community at Trinity UMC today. The preaching series for Advent will be Elemental Faith. Today's theme is "The Brilliance of Love Carries the Good News to Us" because we need to be ready for our part in the story.

☐**Monday, Dec. 18:** As we get ready to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, we sometimes get very busy. Today, take a ten-minute break. Sit quietly. If it helps you to concentrate, light an Advent candle and watch the flame. Pray, asking Go's help to bring quiet and calm to a busy world.

☐**Tuesday, Dec. 19:** Think about your family; some may live with you, others may be far away. Who in your family needs God's joy? Pray for this family member today.

☐**Wednesday, Dec. 20:** There are people in our neighborhoods, in our church and in our community who need to know of God's joy. Select someone to visit today. Visit electronically or by phone or in person. Go as a family or by yourself. It doesn't necessarily have to be a visit to a home. Maybe there is someone you see in a place where you go to eat. Stop by today and tell the person you visit one way he or she brings joy to you.

☐**Thursday, Dec. 21:** We sometimes forget about Joseph. Are there those in your home or community that you might be forgetting? Take a moment to pray for the forgotten people in your home, your church, or your community.



☐ **Friday, Dec. 22:** Peace seems so difficult for us to achieve in our world. Read again Luke 2:1-20. Think about what peace would look like in your family, in your congregation, in your community, in our nation and in the world. Pray a prayer of peace asking God for what you have envisioned for your family, your congregation, your community, your nation and the world.

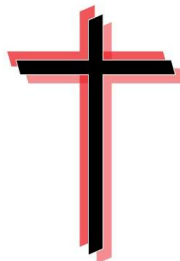
☐ **Saturday, Dec. 23:** Hope is something we need in our world. Think about different leaders in the world. Select one world leader. Pray for that world leader today.

☐ **Sunday, Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve: Come worship with the Christian Community at Trinity UMC today. The preaching series for Advent will be Elemental Faith. Today's theme is "An Overshadowed World Carries the Good News to Us" because we need to be ready for our part in the story.

☐ **Monday, Dec. 25:** Christmas Day: Celebrate!

God is with us and Heaven and Earth Shall Sing!

Blessings,
Reverend Ruth



United Methodist Women—UMW -- Mary Nagel

It's December!

Merry Christmas to you all!!!

Looking forward, we have our Holiday Treat Sale December 10th. Please bring "goodies" and buy, buy, buy.

The December Unit meeting is the 14th. There will be the installation of officers and a great holiday program.

No circle meetings will be held in December so please come to the unit meeting.

Happy New Year to you all.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
"Holiday Treat Sale"



Come and Enjoy the Large Selection of Cookies, Candies, Pies, Cakes, Breads, Soups, Casseroles and Christmas Goodies.

This Sale Supports the UMW Projects.

Sunday, December 10th

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Help Out "Days for Girls" -- Bev Kemp

The speaker for November's UMW unit meeting taught us about "Days for Girls." This international non-profit organization provides high quality, washable feminine hygiene kits as well as sanitation and health training to girls who miss school for lack of these materials. I invite you to consider helping to supply the small items

needed to fulfill this mission.

Let's start small: 100% polyester thread in dark colors and 5/8" grosgrain ribbon. You may bring them to Trinity. I will provide a collection point and request a new monthly item. Thanks so much. A bit of this in your cart will add up and put smiles on girls' faces all over the world.



Trinity United Methodist Church - Pledge sheet for 2018

With the financial resources that God entrusts to me/us, I/we desire to join with my/our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ at Trinity UMC to be a blessing to this world that hungers for God's grace.

I/we would like to share these resources by:

(1) Offering \$_____ per week/month (circle one).

OR

(2) Offering _____% of my/our income,
which currently equals about \$____ per week/month (circle one).

Name(s): _____

(If, at any time, you wish to increase, decrease, or cancel your estimate of financial support, please notify our church's Financial Secretary in the church office at 522-7921.)





*The
Wesley Handbell Choir
Presents*



Comfort and Joy

The 32nd Annual Ring in the Season Concert

Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 3:30 pm

Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 4:30 & 7:00 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

237 North Water Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Free Admission, Donations Gratefully Accepted

Nursery Care Available

For more information: TrinityBellsIF@gmail.com

Scouting News -- Robin Stewart



Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Troop 60 /62

Older Girl Scout Troop 60 will complete the Babysitter Badge this month, play games at one meeting, enjoy the Museum of Idaho Lighting Ceremony, and end 2017 with a holiday party (complete with snacks and \$5 gift game).



Trustees Corner

Phone System

David Armstrong and Robin Stewart fixed the elevator phone and ran new phone wiring to the office to reestablish our caller identification with our phone system.

Garage Door

We have obtained a new garage door to make the garage at the church more safe and accessible during the winter.

Parsonage.

The gutters were cleaned out but will require further work next summer.



Boy Scout Troop 6

The scouts of Troop 6 have been busy preparing for the upcoming winteree - which will test their scouting skills in fire building, orienteering, first aid, signaling, shelter building and the (in)famous sled build/race, which allows them to demonstrate team work, leadership, and the construction of a Klondike sled.

They have also been busy with fund raising for the year. Thanks to all the parents and leaders for coordinating sales and manning the posts with the scouts during these sales. Selling chocolate in the cold is a better solution that selling in the heat of the summer, but requires more dedication.

The scouts camped at Green Canyon in November (a Troop 6 tradition) and assisted with the Grand Teton Council Holiday auction, escorting guests to tables, presenting the colors and auditioning the items for the auction itself. Good Job Scouts!

Upcoming events are a campout at Granite Hot Springs, and the annual Capote building session, December 2nd at 7am.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 31 8:45 Continental Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous					1 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Partners 6:30 Dinner & Movie: "Miracle on 34th St." 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	2 7:00 Scouts Capote Construction  3:30 Handbell concert "Comfort and Joy" 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
3 <i>Advent 1</i>  8:45 Continental Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 4:30 Handbell concert 7:00 Handbell concert 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	4 11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission 6:00 Girl Scout Cookie Training 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Wesley Handbells 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	5 6:00 P.E.O. 7:00 Daisy & Brownie 7:00 Cub Scout Den Meet 7:00 Trustee Meeting 108	6 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 7:00 Theology On Tap at Tap-n-Fill 7:30 Boy Scout Troup 6	7 9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 Scout Pack Committee 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 It's a Wonderful Life <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	8 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous 7:30 It's a Wonderful Life <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	9 2:00 It's a Wonderful Life 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous 7:30 It's a Wonderful Life <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>
10 <i>Advent 2</i> 8:45 Continental Bkfst 9:00 UMW Holiday Treats 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship (with Bells) 2:00 Cub Scout Parent Mtg 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	11 10:00 F.I.S.H. 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Girl Scout Leader Group 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	12 6:30 Cub Scout Pack Mtg 7:00 Daisy & Brownie	13 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 7:00 Theology On Tap at Tap-n-Fill 7:30 Boy Scout Troup 6	14 9:00 Steering Committee 1:00 UMW Unit Meeting 6:30 Finance Committee 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 Church Office Closed <u>News Letter Articles Due</u> 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	16  6:30 Flute Choir Concert 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
17 <i>Advent 3</i> 8:00 Scouts Cook Breakfast for us! 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	18 11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission 6:30 Praise Band 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	19 6:30 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Workshop 7:00 Daisy & Brownie 7:30 Admin Council Meeting	20 9:00 Breakfast O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 7:00 Theology On Tap at Tap-n-Fill 7:30 Boy Scout Troup 6	21 10:00 <u>News Letter Crew</u> 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	23 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
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31st See top of page	Church office closed all week					

DECEMBER

Please have your articles for the January newsletter submitted to: office@tumcif.org no later than Friday, December 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!
 Don Rohde-Editor
donrohde@aol.com

Regional Council for Christian Ministry

FISH: Assistance was given to 42 families during October. The Homeless Stand Down on November 4th provided a wide variety of services to 375 people (medical and dental vouchers, breakfast and take-away food items, coats, haircut vouchers, referrals to Community Family Clinic and Free-Med).

Community Food Basket (CFB): A thank-you was given to Bud Langerack who is leaving as director of the Community Food Basket; David Manson will be assuming those duties. After discussion and a request from CFB, an earlier request to separate from RCCM was rescinded.

Soup Kitchen: Kaaren Parsons will be leaving her position as director for the Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen board is preparing a proposal for the Community Food Basket to take over management duties, though the Soup Kitchen will retain its board and its 501(c)(3) status. The Soup Kitchen has been using a portion of the Food Basket warehouse to store bulk items, cutting costs; it has also been able to 'trade' food items, broadening and improving the food items available for the daily meal program. The Soup Kitchen expects to have served 55,000 meals by year-end.



Christmas Eve Schedule

Christmas Eve at Trinity UMC is always a time of beauty, music, laughter and Holy Awe. This year we hope to again awaken all of those places in your soul.

Here is the schedule for Christmas Eve:

- 9:00am:** Adult Sunday School
- 10:15am:** Worship – Kids will be excused from sanctuary for Kids Church
- 5:00pm:** Family worship where we will learn everything about Christmas from A to Z.
- 6:00pm:** Potluck dinner for everyone.
- 7:00pm:** Music-filled celebration of Jesus entering the world will feature choral music and lighting of candles.
- 11:00pm:** As the day of Christmas draws near, we share communion and the lighting of candles.



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ruth & Mike Oar	12/1	Elaine Flatland	12/14	Jennifer Robinson	12/28
Dylan Empey	12/2	Davis Taylor	12/16	Joanne McCray	12/29
Lynette Hansen	12/2	Ellen Schuman	12/17		
Margaret Jobe	12/8	John Mullin	12/25		
Pam Traugher	12/9	Jo Ann Rose	12/25		
Nancy Bergman	12/12	Aaliyah Poulter	12/26		
Alyce Gonzalez	12/12	Rhys McClure	12/27		

For additions or corrections in birthdays please contact Pam in the church office. 208-522-7921

Trinity in Local Mission -- Marilyn Taylor

Mission activities in December:

There is always a need for diapers, wipes and pull ups. And new to the list is laundry detergent to send home with the women from the Domestic Violence center. (Jugs of detergent are easier to carry and use) If people put contributions in the white basket in the parlor, I will deliver it to the Domestic Violence Center.

As in the past, there will be a holiday tree to decorate with gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and underwear (men's and women's). This has become a Trinity tradition. Watch for sales of these items.

Winter IS coming!!!



Happenings Around the Church

Scout Breakfasts (3rd Sunday)

On December 17 the scouts will be cooking a delicious breakfast for us from 8 to 10 before worship.

Potluck Dinner (4th Sunday)

On December 24 we will have a potluck dinner at 6pm between the Christmas Eve services.

Cantata

There will be a Cantata at First Lutheran Church followed by a soup lunch.

Dec. 3 at 8:15, 11:00, and 6:30;

Dec. 10 at 4:00 and 6:30;

Dec. 11 at 11:00

Olde-Fashioned Christmas

The Museum of Idaho is having their Winter Festival with the Museum Lighting Ceremony on December 7th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, and "Gingerbread & Angels" Christmas displays December 8th to 30th.

Trinity United Methodist Church Leadership for 2018

CHURCH COUNCIL

Ad Council Chair: Robin Stewart
Church Extension: Don Rohde
Lay Leader: Tia Durrant
Education Coordinator: _____
SPR rep.: Kelly Carney
Membership Secretary.: Pam Traugher
Finance rep.: Nanci Cutler
Memorial Secretary: Linda Milam
Trustees rep.: Nancy Stewart
Treasurer: Todd Smitherman
Lay Member to AC: Tia Durrant
Alt. Lay Member to AC: Ron Ayers
Financial Secretary: Pam Traugher
UMM rep.: Gene Summers
Church Historian: Kay Kiefner
UMW rep.: Marilyn Taylor
Camping Ministry: Betty Anderson
Youth rep. : _____
Endowment Chair: Kathy Borland
Pastor: Reverend Ruth Marsh
Youth Coordinator: _____
Recording Secretary: Marilyn Taylor

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Co-Chairs: Reverend Ruth
Lay Leader: Tia Durrant
2018: Nanci Cutler, Ron Ayers
2019: Kay Kiefner
2020: _____

Thank you to those who answered the call to leadership at Trinity UMC for the calendar year of 2018. If any of the open positions interest you let me know.

— Rev. Ruth Marsh

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

COMMITTEE (SPR)

Chair: Kelly Carney
2018: Kay Kiefner, Roger Haga
2019: Ryan Atwood, Kelly Carney
2020: Kathy Perez, Mario Estrada
Also: Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Nancy Stewart
Treasurer: Todd Smitherman
2018: Vince Esparza, Lynn Seymour
2019: Richard Dickson, Linda Milam
2020: Don Rohde, David Armstrong

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Nanci Cutler
2018: Don Rohde
2019: Mike Bean
2020: Scott Taylor
Also: Lay Member to Annual Conference, Church Treasure, Financial secretary, Ad Council Chair, Pastor, Representatives from SPR & Trustees

MISSIONS TASK FORCE

Chair: Marilyn Taylor
Members to be called and appointed as needed and gifted for particular projects by chairperson



praying our way forward

December is our month to pray for the Commission on the Way Forward and the future of our denomination



Hospice of Eastern Idaho

has a new

"Alzheimer's Support Group"

This new group is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (December 14th) in the conference room at the offices at 1810 Moran St. in Idaho Falls. It runs from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and be led by Karen and Jared Fuhriman.

This group is for anyone who is dealing with Alzheimer's, whether you are the patient, the caregiver, a family member, or care staff from an organization.

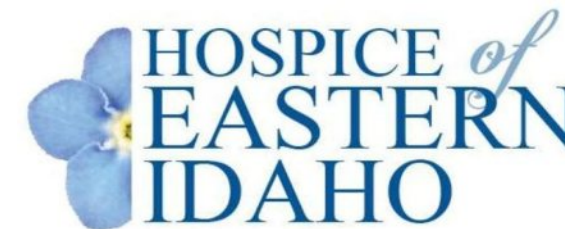
Our goal is to support and educate

No ADAH Meeting in December

Because our ADAH night lands on the day after Christmas in the midst of all the activities we will not have a December ADAH meeting.

If you are having a senior emergency you can still call (860) 810-3227 or email me at: donrohde@aol.com. I will get you connected with some resources. ADAH is here to support you! - Don Rohde

ADAH



others about this disease, and to help ease the frustrations and confusion that may be alleviated with additional knowledge and a caring environment.

There is no cost involved and it is open to the public.

Please email Jill Landon at jlandon@hospiceofeasternidaho.com with questions.

Cub Scout Pack 6 -- Sam Bays

In November we held our Scouting For Food drive with Troop 6 and the Brentwood LDS Scouts. We collected 11 pallets of food! We also earned roughly \$400 for Trinity's Pastor's Compassionate Care Fund at our annual bake sale.

On Saturday we had a field trip to Museum of Idaho followed by a mini day camp back at Trinity.

The December pack meeting will have more science including ham radio, and an appearance by Santa.



Building Beloved Community Capital Campaign

We are making progress gathering our 3 year long pledges for Trinity's capital campaign.

Please call Nancy Stewart (208-521-7247) or Ruth Marsh (208-419-7870) if you would like to visit with us regarding your capital funds donation before December 31st.

Mike Bean is gathering information about project managers and contractors to fulfill the requirements of our Sacred Places capital fund grant application.

"It's a Wonderful Life"

The Snake River Radio Players are thrilled to be back at the beautiful Trinity United Methodist Church, performing "It's a Wonderful Life", as a radio drama. There will be several familiar faces from last year, as well as a few new ones, including **Ryan Atwood** in the role of Clarence and **Jennifer Haas** as our Foley Artist.

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

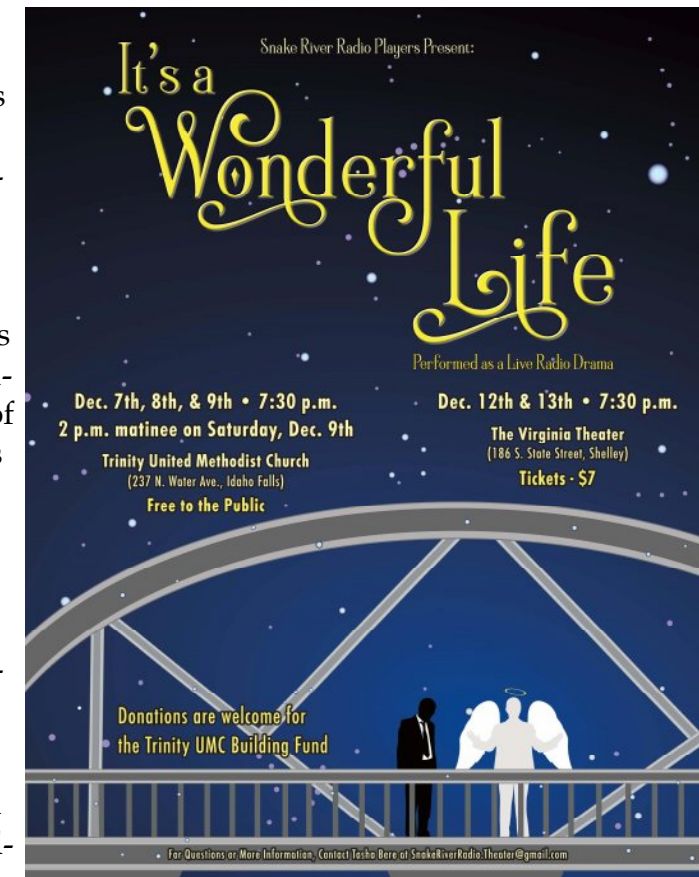
An exciting change this year will be two performances held at The Virginia Theater in Shelley Idaho, which gives us an opportunity to encourage patronage of a local and historic business in our community.

We look forward to the participation of our audiences to round out this family-friendly, inspiring show- a perfect way to bring in the Christmas Season!

December 7th, 8th & 9th --7:30 pm and December 9th Sat Matinee at 2pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Wesley Handbell Choir

The Wesley Handbell Choir will present "Comfort and Joy", the 32nd Annual Ring In the Season Concerts, December 2 at 3:30 pm, and December 3 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm. Mark you calendar and come early for a good seat!



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 Thursday, December 14, 2017. Indicate POINSETTIA in the memo portion of your check. Please note that the earliest that plants may be taken home is after the 11:00 PM service Christmas Eve.

Your Name : _____

Name In Memory: _____

Or Name In Honor of: _____