

News update for February 2, 2023

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John Wesley Quote

By these marks, by these fruits of a living faith, do we labour to distinguish ourselves from the unbelieving world, from all those whose minds or lives are not according to the Gospel of Christ. But from real Christians, of whatever denomination they be, we earnestly desire not to be distinguished at all; not from any who sincerely follow after what they know they have not yet attained. No: "whosoever doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother."



This Week at Trinity

Friday (February 3rd)

- Office Closed
- 7:00pm N.A.

Sunday (February 5th)

- 9:30am Donuts before worship
- 10:10am Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship on Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
- 11:30 Fellowship Potluck
- 7:00pm N.A.

Monday (February 6th)

- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2

Tuesday (February 7th)

- 7:00pm NA Book Study
- 7:00pm PEO BG **via Zoom**

Wednesday (February 8th)

- 10:00am Upper Room
- 6:30pm Gather at the table
- 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts
- 7:00pm Troop 6 Scouts

Trinity Day Shelter

The Day Shelter services are available during office hours which are:
 Monday thru Thursday 9 am -2pm

Worship Theme for 2/4

Theme: "What Does It Take?"

Focus Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
 Sermon: "Jesus Has The Answers"
 (Matthew 5:1-12)

When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the Mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he took a deep breath, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator's good road.

"Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits.

The good road from above is theirs to walk.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them – full circle.

"Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!'

"Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road

from above. "Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

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Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

- **February 5th - Soup Sunday.** Please bring your favorite soup and bread. (Chili is a soup)
- **February 12th Potluck Brunch** bring your favorite soup and bread. (Chili is a soup)
- **February 19th - Scouts Brunch**

Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) - This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit





Let's Meetup with Jesus

Let's start a "Meetup with Jesus" group at Trinity! Meetup is an online platform that helps folks to connect with people who share a common interest. Some Meetups are in person, some are online and some are hybrid. An example of a Meetup group is the one that my brother-in-law, Joseph, belongs to. His group found each other online by searching for people interested in learning Spanish. Once the group formed, they hired a Spanish language tutor and now get together every week at a coffee house to learn and practice Spanish.

Let's start a "Meetup with Jesus" group at Trinity! Our common interest is following the Jesus way. We could study a book together, we could share meals together at a location the group chooses, we could enjoy the great outdoors together, we could explore spiritual practices together, we could do service projects together, or we could do something that I haven't thought of or listed. The Meetup can be in-person, online or hybrid.

I'm willing to lead, but I need some help from you! When would you like to meet? — days, evenings, weekdays, weekends, and how often? I also need a few committed participants to share in the fun, fellowship and learning! I figured we would start out with Trinity folks and branch out from there once we get a rhythm going. Please let me hear from you soon. I'd like to get started February 20th.

Let's start a "Meetup With Jesus" group at Trinity!



Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

Trinity Homeless Services

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In December the Trinity Homeless Services was open for 17 days and 56 people signed in. Because some people came back many times during the month this represents 15 different people.

We provided 43 showers and 12 loads of laundry. During the subzero weather we provided 15 nights in hotel rooms

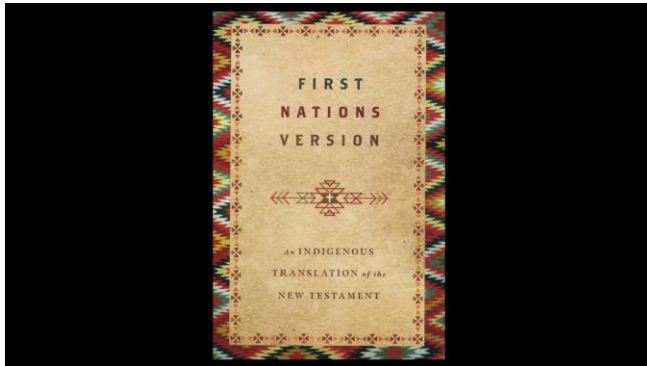
(donated by a most generous member of the congregation) and gave out 7 artic sleeping bags.

We have also provided 160 gallons of clean drinking water to people dry trailer camping in the cold.

The homeless services are available 20 hours each week and are monitored by our shelter assistant Ryan Atwood and Rev Ruth Marsh. Ryan greets people at the door and monitors their activities while they are in the church. Ryan is the lay pastor for the Chubbuck and American Falls churches and is attending college.

Last Week's Sermon 1/29

Turn Around Toward the Future" based on
Matthew 4:12-23



Before I start unpacking the gospel this morning I'd like to say a few words about the translation that we just heard. I read from the First Nations translation of the Christian Scriptures.

The FNV is a dynamic equivalence translation that captures the simplicity, clarity, and beauty of Native storytellers in English, while remaining faithful to the original language of the New Testament.

Many First Nations tribes communicate with the cultural and linguistic thought patterns found in their original tongues. The First Nations Version (FNV) recounts the Creator's Story – the Christian Scriptures – following the tradition of Native storytellers' oral cultures.

The first time I heard this version was last September and I was captured by the profoundness of the names such as Jesus being named "Creator Sets Free" and the Kingdom of God being called "Creator's Good Road"

While I believe that reading different translations and transliterations of the Bible in worship gives us an opportunity to hear
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the scriptures in a fresh way, I realize that for some of you it may be distracting.

Please remember that each week the Trinity Times newsletter, which you receive via email, contains the scripture that I will be preaching from on the upcoming Sunday. I hope you will use that information to read the scriptures ahead of time in your favorite translation!

Now, on to studying this morning's story about fisherman learning to catch "two legged"



Last week, our gospel lesson found disciples to be, Andrew and Simon, realizing that Jesus was doing something interesting and important that they wanted to check out. Although this week's gospel reading comes from Matthew rather than John, it appears to pick up the story just a few days or weeks later. Jesus has been hanging around the Sea of Galilee inviting people to observe what his ministry looks like, and this is the day that Jesus calls students to a new life of changing lives. He asks them to turn away from what they have known in order to embark on a new adventure of changing the world by challenging the oppressive systems of the day.



Usually the biblical idea of turning around is connected with the concept of turning away from sin. In fact, the word repent literally means to turn around. Today, we are going to be thinking about turning around in a slightly different way. To turn around in order to do a new thing. In Greek, the word sin means to miss the mark; so we readjust our aim in order to be more in line with God’s love and desire for us to live a healthy and whole life.

While the disciples that Jesus was calling may not have been leading horrible sinful lives, Jesus, nevertheless, invites them to turn away from what they have been doing. Jesus gives disciples who will follow him an opportunity to turn toward a new life building the kin-dom of God.



There are big changes ahead for Trinity. Moving from a full-time clergy to a half-time clergy person will feel strange. Yet if we were to continue doing things in exactly the same old way as we have been, we will miss the mark of serving God and neighbor to the fullest. We would miss out on a chance to expand the ways that the congregation can be in ministry to each other and in the community, rather than assigning the pastor to do it on our behalf.

I’m sure that the disciples thought they were living out God’s desire for their lives; but God had bigger plans. God often has bigger plans than we can dream. God definitely has bigger plans for Trinity other than to just squeak by.

Amen.



Have any of you changed plans or jobs? Well, God's plans are always bigger!

Birthdays

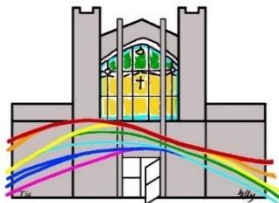
Rose, Gary	02/02
Esparza, Trudy	02/03
Burket, Judy	02/04
McClure, Ariana	02/04
Holaday, Steve	02/08
Schaffer, Sheryl	02/08
Rodriguez, Espy	02/08
Biorn, Roberta	02/09
Croson, Diane	02/11

Allison, Brian	02/12
Harmon, Shelbee	02/12
Haga, Roger	02/13
Norris Jr, David	02/13
Jensen, Savannah	02/14
Campbell, Kristy	02/15
Cole, Tara	02/15
Byron, Ruth	02/16
Meyer, Leroy	02/17
Oliver, Johnathan	02/21
Oar, Ruth	02/22
Bottcher, Hayden	02/23
French, Tim	02/23
McBurney-Rebol, Jesse	02/25
Mower, Savon	02/25
Oliver, Daniel	02/25
Pickens, Logan	02/25
Borland, Kathy	02/28
Mahnami, Dan	02/28
Stewart, Don	02/28
Tuckett, Jake	02/29

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve:



Chair of Admin Council; Open Position

Chair of Staff/Parish Relations
 Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
bevmkemp@gmail.com

Chair of Trustee
 Don Rohde (860)810-3227-
donrohde@aol.com

Chair of Finance
 Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - December 31, 2022



Income	\$162,544
Expenses	\$178,156
Net Income	<\$15,612>

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

Big Sky Hand Bell Festival

Interested in ringing in the Big Sky hand bell Festival?

The First Presbyterian Church is creating a hand bell choir for this festival with any neighbor Churches interested in joining. We will meet once a week (TBD) to practice for the festival. To sign up or ask questions contact:

Leah Zumberge- leahzumberge@gmail.com

Big Sky Hand bell Festival
 2023

April 28-29- Kalispell, MT

Clinician: Ellie Hodder



UWF NEWS



SNOW! SNOW! Go away and come again....next winter. AND take these cold temperatures with you!

BRRR! Come to UWF meeting on February 9th and get warmed up. See you at 1:00 in the church parlor. Hostesses are Lyndell and Jill. The program will be about membership so invite a friend or 2. It will be nice to get together again. See you the 9th.

Northwest Leadership Institute

Once again the Downtown Campus of Cathedral of the Rockies (717 N. 11th St. Boise, ID 83702). Will host the NLI that is a two day training to gather leaders to think, dream, worship and connect as we together find the path forward in the post-pandemic church.

Come to Boise and join our three newest Bishops in the Western Jurisdiction for a time of dreaming, visioning, and strategizing as we write the next chapter together.






In-Person

Early Bird Special (Until 1/31)	\$129
Regular Conference (2/1 to 4/26)	\$159
Student	\$79

Online Streaming \$99

NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2023

FEATURING

 BISHOP DOTTIE ESCOBEDO-HARRIS	 BISHOP CEDRICK BROCK-GROTH	 BISHOP CARL O. BOWMAN	 BISHOP JOE TOMPKINS	 REV. DR. DUANE J. JONES
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APRIL 26 & 27

REGULAR CONFERENCE IN-PERSON \$159
ONLINE STREAMING \$99
STUDENT IN-PERSON \$79
CATHEDRAL OF THE ROCKIES MEMBER \$40

Appointing a pastor

In The United Methodist Church, clergy appointments are made annually by the bishop. This unique system of deploying clergy dates back to John Wesley.

United Methodist pastors are itinerant - sent, not called or hired. "Itinerancy" refers specifically to the commitment by pastors to go and serve wherever their bishops send them.

In the early days of Methodism in America, a pastor, usually [a circuit rider](#), might be sent to serve multiple churches in a large region.

This practice became the basis for the system the United Methodist Church uses today. When bishops consider appointments, they consult with others who know the congregation and community, including the district superintendent, the pastor, and the pastor-parish relations committee of the local church. The needs and desires of the pastor and the congregation are considered, but the mission of the church comes first.

Stained Glass Window Project

Richard, Rob, and Sherry packed up stained-glass ventilator windows #3 and #4 for shipment to Nzilani Glass Conservation in Oakland California.

The windows will be disassembled, cleaned, restored, and reassembled. This is our second contract with Nzilani. The difference this time is that we are getting 3 batches of custom-made glass to allow the windows to be repaired with matching glass rather than something that might be close. These three batches of custom glass are large enough to provide material for the future restoration of windows at Trinity.



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