

News update for February 8, 2023

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Leroy Meyer 92 Birthday Party

The family of Leroy Meyer invites everyone to his 92nd Birthday Party. Friday 17th at 4:00pm, address: 850 Lincoln Dr. Party will be held in the Lincoln Court activity room.

Leroy has been head usher at Trinity United Methodist Church for 50 years. Please send cards to Leroy’s room # 285.

This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (February 9th)
- 1:00pm UWF
- Friday** (February 10th)
- Office Closed
 - 7:00pm N.A.
- Sunday** (February 12th)
- 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 13th)
- 7:00pm NA Just4Today2
- Tuesday** (February 14th) **Valentines Day**
- 7:00pm NA Book Study
- Wednesday** (February 15th)
- 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 is available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services that are authorized by Rev. Ruth.

Worship Plans for 2/12

Theme: "How not to Procrastinate"

Sermon title: "'It's always been that way' doesn't mean it has to always be that way."

Based on Matthew 5:21-37

"You have heard that our ancestors were told long ago, 'Do not take another person's life,' and 'whoever does will have to answer to the tribal council.' But I tell you, everyone who is angry toward a fellow human being will have to give an answer to the tribal council. If they speak with disrespect to someone, saying, 'You hollow head!' they will also face the tribal council. If they curse someone by saying 'You damn fool!' they may end up in the Valley of Smoldering Fire. So if you are offering a gift at Creator's ceremonial lodge, and there remember that a Tribal Member has something against you, leave your gift and go make things right. Then you can come back and finish the ceremony.

"If someone has a complaint against you and takes you before the village council, work out an agreement before you get there. You know how to decide things for yourselves. The council might decide against you and turn you over to the ones who have the power to put you in prison. The truth is, there is no way out of there until honor has been restored."

So he said to the men, "You have heard the saying, 'You must not have sexual relations with another man's wife.' But I tell you this, any man who looks at a woman and wants his way with her has already done so in his heart.

"This is not how the Great Spirit wants us to see our sisters. If your right eye sees in this way – gouge it out and throw it away! If

your right hand does harm to herc – cut it off and throw it away! It is better to lose a part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into the Valley of Smoldering Fire.

"Drawn from the Water (Moses) said, 'If you put away your wife you must give her divorce papers.' Let me tell you why.

Anyone who puts away his wife without giving her divorce papers makes her unfaithful when she remarries, unless she was unfaithful already. Then anyone who marries her is having sexual relations with another man's wife."

"You have heard the ancestors were told, 'When you make a solemn promise, you must keep it to honor the Great Spirit.' But I say this to you, do not make any solemn promises. Do not say, 'I promise by the spirit-world above,' for it is Creator's seat of honor, or 'I promise by the earth below,' which is the resting place for his feet. Or 'I promise by Village of Peace (Jerusalem),' for it belongs to the Great Spirit Chief. Do not even say, 'I promise by my own head.' Can you make even one hair on your head become white or black? Your simple 'yes' or 'no' is enough. To say more is to speak with a forked tongue like the evil trickster snake.

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John Wesley Quote

If you find anything hurts you or draws your soul from God, I conjure you flee for your life! In that case you must not stand upon ceremony; you must escape without delay.



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Last Week's Sermon 2/5

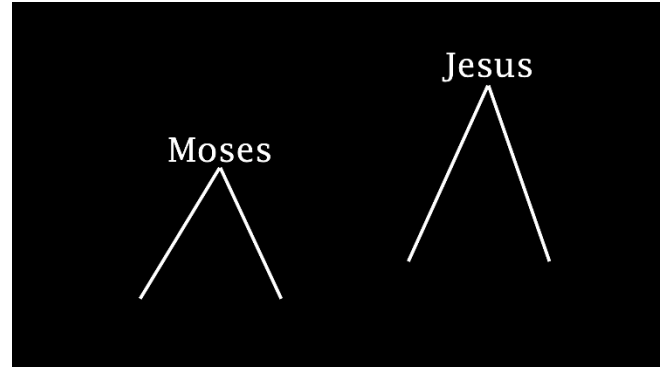
Sermon title: "Jesus Has the Answers"
based on Matthew 5:1-12

"Jesus has the Answers"

Finally, some answers instead of more questions! And who's got those answers? Wouldn't you know it— Jesus does!



Today's scripture lesson is an excerpt from the gospel of Matthew known as the "Sermon On The Mount." Jesus preached from a hill on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee which has come to be called the Mount of Beatitudes. It is just a couple of miles from Capernaum, the village where Peter came from, and Jesus lived in for much of his ministry. This sermon was about how God desires a world turned up-side down from what humankind thought success and Godliness looked like before that day. It is arguably some of the most well-known scripture in the bible, except perhaps for the passages from the Hebrew Scriptures where Moses receives the Ten Commandments inscribed on stone from God while on another mountain — Mount Sinai.



Remember a few weeks ago, when I spoke about how the writer of the gospel of Matthew wanted us to perceive Jesus as the new Moses. Here is just one example of how that writer aligns the life and ministry of Jesus with that of Moses. Even the content of the sermons is similar in form, except that "laws" in the Beatitudes are in many ways meant to supersede the law laid out in the Ten Commandments. You see, when Moses delivered those laws to the Israelites, a way of living and being the people of God was established. When Jesus preaches to the people, he is proclaiming new words and actions of God in the Beatitudes. A new way of living, and being the people of God, is established.



E Stanley Jones asks "suppose we had written it (Sermon on the Mount) in our creeds and repeated with conviction "I believe in the Sermon on the Mount "and in its way of life, I intend, God being my help,

to embody it!" What would have happened? If this had been our main emphasis, the history of Christendom would have been different."

Yes, today is one of the days that we get answers! Jesus speaks very directly to let the people on that hill know what pleases God, and we, via the writer of Matthew get to be in on that knowledge! Having said that today is about answers rather than questions, of "a-ha, this is what God wants," it's time for me to quit preaching. How are my words possibly going to improve on the preaching of Jesus? So let's hear the Beatitudes once more.

"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.

Amen.

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Lent 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lent is coming!

February the 21st is Shrove Tuesday, the day that Christians traditionally party by making and eating pancakes to clear the house of fat, sugar and other ingredients that can be turned into yummy treats. On that evening, at 6:30, Trinity will have a pancake dinner followed by pancake races. The next day, February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, the day that Christians begin the season of Lent by accepting the mark of an ash cross on their forehead to represent that we are mortals who mess up (sin) and that God is always

ready to shower us with love and forgiveness never-the-less. Lent is a time when Christians prepare for the joy of Easter when we celebrate Christ's victory over death by rising from the grave on the third day. One of the ways we do this is by taking on a Lenten Discipline.

Lent is 40 days long, excluding Sundays, which are considered "little Easters" and you are released from your Lenten discipline. Traditionally, fasting was the preferred Lenten discipline, but in the United Methodist Church, Lenten disciplines are aimed at growing closer to Christ and each other rather than focusing on penitence through suffering. Six weeks is long enough to begin forming a new habit, but not so long that it seems like forever if you can't abide by the discipline that seemed like a really good idea until you started doing it! One last note, it can be helpful to use the buddy system when you practice a discipline. I will be keeping you in my prayers.

Lenten Discipline Suggestions:

1. On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, come to "Ashes for Anyone" at the Broadway Bridge anytime between 11a and 2p to receive your ashes or come to Trinity "In the Sanctuary" any time between 4p and 6p. on.
2. Share in the "Meetup With Jesus" gatherings at the time and place to be announced.
3. Read a book for spiritual growth. (give pastor Ruth a call for some suggestions)
4. Read through the entire Gospel of Matthew, or read the Passion Story in all of the Gospels.
5. Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, and readings.

6. Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
7. Give myself a gift of three hours to do something I always say I don't have time to do.
8. Find a way to go to bed earlier or sleep in so I get enough rest.
9. Make a list of people with whom I need to reconcile. Pray for them and let Jesus guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.
10. Take control of my life by _____.
11. Go to all of the Holy Week services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.
12. Take one hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.
13. Give up a grudge or a replay in my head of a past event.
14. Forgive someone who has hurt me.
15. Dance my prayers to a favorite piece of music.
16. Take on some loving task:
17. Plan to visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.
18. Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched my life.
19. Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service:
20. Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.
21. Begin to recycle waste from my home and workplace.
22. Give blood and recall the cross.
23. Spend time in solitude each day.
24. Pray about who you could become a mentor for; act on that prayer.
25. Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.
26. Decide to become a member of the church and speak to the pastor or lay leader.

- 27. Rebuke the spirit of criticism and my own tongue out of control.
- 28. Find a way to live out the baptismal promise to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression" in the power and liberty God gives us by _____
- 29. Pray for refugees from war. Ask God if there is more you should do.
- 30. Call someone you haven't seen in a while and need to reconnect with.

(signed) _____
 (date) _____

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth

Birthdays

February

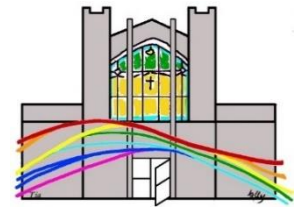
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Schaffer, Sheryl	02/08
Rodriguez, Espy	02/08
Biorn, Roberta	02/09
Croson, Diane	02/11
Allison, Brian	02/12
Harmon, Shelbee	02/12
Haga, Roger	02/13
Norris Jr, David	02/13
Jensen, Savannah	02/14
Campbell, Kristy	02/15
Cole, Tara	02/15
Byron, Ruth	02/16
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

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



Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 – January 31, 2023



Income	\$10,634.93
Expenses	\$15,434.74
Net Income	<\$4,799.81>

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

APRIL 26 & 27

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

Speakers: BISHOP DOTTE, BISHOP CEDRICK, BISHOP CARLO, BISHOP JES, REV. DR. DUNN ANDERS



February 21st at 6:30pm

Shove Tuesday pancake dinner and pancake races, bring your favorite pancake topping and pancake flipper. Come out and join us in the Mary Dawson Hall for some fun and fellowship.

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm Leadership Meeting 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>Valentines Day 14</p> <p>7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Gather at the Table via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm Trustee Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Scout Bruch 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday 21</p> <p>6:30pm Pancake Dinner & Pancake Races 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday 22</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room 11:00am -3:00 pm Ashes for Anyone 4:00pm-6:00pm Ashes In the Sanctuary</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm Admin Council Via Zoom</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>25</p>
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<p>Lent 2 5</p> <p>9:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 10:10 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck Bruch 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm PEO BG 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00pm Upper Room 6:30pm Finance Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm Pack 6 Scouts 7:30pm Troop 6 Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00pm UWF</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>11</p>
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