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Community Potluck Breakfasts

Food and fellowship can help prime you for Summer Worship! Please join us in the Parlor for breakfast at 9:15am Sunday. As it is potluck, one never knows what the menu will be, but you are sure to find something to tickle your palate. - Pam Traugher



Annual Parking Lot Sale – August 19 – 20, 2016 at St. Paul's UMC

Each year we team up with St. Paul's UMC for the annual fall parking lot sale to support the mission work. We will need many helpers during that week to get ready and to run the sale. We also need donation of all kinds of items to sell. Start cleaning out now! More details later. – Betty Anderson

Looking Way Ahead...

Sunday, July 10 - We host, and provide ushers at Little Church in the Pines in Island Park
Monday July 15 to Friday July 17 - RCCM Vacation Bible School
Friday, August 19 & 20 - Parking lot sale at St. Paul's
Saturday, October 29th at 1:00 p.m. – a luncheon and "Trinity's Got Talent" entertainment

Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What did we do at Annual Conference?

Several legislative items passed and statements were affirmed at the Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church at their annual meeting in mid-June 2016 that together cast a vision for the future of United Methodism.

Affirmed Ordained Ministry for All Persons

At the start of the week, the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry shared a statement that they had crafted together that was similar to the ones shared in recent months by New York, Baltimore-Washington, Pacific Northwest and Northern Illinois Conferences, namely to say that

they would not consider orientation or sexual identity as reason to exclude LGBTQ persons from ministry.

Here is the Board of Ordained Ministry statement:

We as the Oregon-Idaho Board of Ordained Ministry believe this is a crucial time to declare how we operate in our work with those called by God into ordained ministry.

Because we have been a Reconciling Conference since 1996, because we have seen the gifts and graces for ministry in LGBTQ persons and have seen these same gifts too often denied, and because we hope to help lead change in our denomination's policy regarding LGBTQ persons in ordained ministry, we welcome all candidates as children of God as they discern God's call and claim upon them for ordained ministry.

We hold our candidates to high standards for fitness, readiness, and effectiveness in ministry. We do not take sexual orientation or gender identity into our consideration of candidates.

Like our denomination, neither our own Board nor our own Conference membership is of one mind in this statement, and so, we pray for the Spirit of God to continue to move in our board, our conference and our denomination.

In these ways, they allow all qualified candidates to serve in ordained ministry, including all sexual orientations and gender identities.

The Clergy Session eventually approved a similar statement when they met together. So far, this is unique to OR-ID since other Annual Conferences only passed statements in their Boards of Ordained Ministries, not the full clergy session. It passed with over 80% approval.

Here is the statement from the clergy:

We the Clergy Session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference believe this is a crucial time to declare how we operate in our work with those called by God into ordained ministry.

Because we have been a Reconciling Conference since 1996, because we have seen the gifts and graces for ministry in LGBTQ persons and have seen these same gifts too often denied, and because we hope to help lead change in our denomination's policy regarding LGBTQ persons in ordained ministry, we welcome all candidates as children of God as they discern God's call and claim upon them for ordained ministry.

We hold ourselves to high standards for fitness, readiness, and effectiveness in ministry. We commit to participate fully in the ministerial covenant with our colleagues of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Like our denomination, neither our own clergy

session nor our own conference membership is of one mind in this statement, and so, we pray for the Spirit of God to continue to move in our clergy session, our conference and our denomination.

Joined the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

Next, the Conference approved a floor vote on two petitions that supported the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and caused the Oregon-Idaho Conference to actually join the Coalition. Here's why this is important:

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is an important interfaith advocacy group for women's health. This resolution would state that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference supports RCRC and would become a member of RCRC.

For over 40 years RCRC has been a voice for reproductive choice and has been active in working with people- especially those at the margins- at the intersection of faith, policy, and reproductive life. Denominational support was removed in 2016 by General Conference. We in Oregon-Idaho stand with women and those persons who can become pregnant in recognizing that reproductive choices should happen between a person and their doctor. We want to clearly say that we disagree with removal of the denominational membership and offer our public support instead.

Since the General Conference declined to participate in reproductive health advocacy for women, I'm glad my annual conference has chosen to maintain the relationship, although at a lower level than before. This shows that what General Conference undoes, the Annual Conferences can lead on, albeit in a patchwork form.

Affirmed the Bishops' Commission as passed at General Conference

The Annual Conference approved a floor vote on a petition supporting the Bishops' Commission studying human sexuality. Here's why this is important:

A Way Forward is the Bishops' Special Commission to study and rewrite The United Methodist Church's policies on human sexuality for consideration by a called General Conference or the 2020 General Conference. This resolution would state that the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference supports this process and gives our hopes for the Commission's best process. (Last month's newsletter has a copy of the Council of Bishop's statement from General Conference.)

Institutions move slowly and have sometimes unhelpful timelines for action. It is important that the Council of Bishops hear the wishes of the people most affected by the harmful policies of the Book of Discipline, and that the Special Commission implement timelines and considerations that meet the needs of the Annual Conferences and local churches to continue being in faithful, full ministry, with our vibrant and diverse communities. This is a painful process for us all, and too often fear and hesitance intercede when we are called by the spirit to be bold and take action. Continuing to call for action and to hold the bishops and the commission accountable will mitigate the spiritually corrosive factors of bureaucratic inertia and institutional malaise. Hopefully the Bishops will take these considerations into account as they form this Commission.

We took care of some money matters

The Annual Conference passed a 2017 budget of \$3,746,156. This represents no change from 2016. There will be no raise in the rec-

ommended minimum compensation for clergy in 2017, and the billed amount to churches for health insurance will remain the same. The clergy share of the premium however, will go up by \$75 per month.

There was one interesting, and I think Spirit orchestrated, piece of financial shifting that occurred as the result of a motion from the floor. The District Superintendents and the Annual Conference staff had been slated for a 2% raise next year. Gwen Drake, who will become the District Superintendent for Sage District and Dean of the Cabinet as of July 1st, made a motion that the Appointive Cabinet be allowed to forgo their raise. The motion passed. The next motion was for the roughly \$11,200 savings to be used to create a new apportioned line item (people really get this money) for youth ministry. The current budget only has an asking (people get this money only if any is given) for youth and young adult ministries.

Trinity UMC's Dylann Rhys, who was a youth equalization member from Sage district, helped craft a 3 year plan developed and presented by the youth to improve youth ministry in our Annual Conference. It was lovely to see the Holy Spirit at work to bring together these 2 motions from the floor that happened to fall within proximity of each other.

Last but not least, we Commissioned Two Provisional Members.

Anna Cho will be serving a church in the greater Portland area, and Ric Shewell will continue to serve at St. Paul's in Idaho Falls. Please remember to congratulate Ric the next time you see him. He is an awesome colleague!

Blessings, Reverend Ruth

Two Scouts Earn Eagle Rank



Seth Stewart came to us from a pack that was located at Fox Hollow School, and made it to Troop 6 just as that Pack dis-banded. Seth has fulfilled most of the elected positions in the troop, and has a long list of camping / service with the troop.

Seth's Eagle project was to build several bunk beds for the "Christmas for Families" program, and while the project is officially complete, Seth is continuing to support the staining and installation of the beds when the families need them. It's been an honor to have been able to scout with Seth.



William Lerum is a fun scout who loves scouting - He always wears a smile - regardless of the situation. Freezing cold while snow caving, or sweating in the desert heat, William is always thankful for the opportunity to scout. He's a known hiker, always keeping the pace and putting on the miles. He enjoys paddling canoes through the stillness of a lake or the rushing waters of the Henry's fork...

As his Eagle project he installed safety hand rails on the steps leading down to the Mary Dawson hall at the church. William plans to continue as an adult leader in troop 6, where he can share his enthusiasm for scouting and the outdoors.

Missions

There are several people in the world who will benefit from the participation of many in the Tools of Hope project. Along with the Blanket program, Church World Service provides help for people in disasters with needed tools and information to go on with their lives.

UMCOR sent a letter of commendation to Trinity UMC for its participation in the programs they have, supported by the ADVANCE funds received in March each year.

Diapers are needed daily by many children, plus pull-ups and wipes, therefore, so that there are happier and more comfortable children, a Diaper Drive will be held in July and August at Trinity UMC. All sizes are needed



from the smallest through youth. People can purchase these items and bring them to the church where there will

be a laundry basket. Monetary donations are also invited; a check can be made to TUMC with "diaper drive" on the line. Let's get those bottoms dry!!

Before the summer is over, many gardens will have produce that can be brought on Sunday mornings and others will be happy to have them for a donation to Missions. - Marilyn Taylor

Results: Trinity's Tools of Hope offering raised \$390 to help CWS buy things like sewing machines, small water pumps and basic farming tools for people in affected areas.

Thank You!

A lot of work went into facilitating the visit of Elation, the group which put on "Godspell" at the church, so massive amounts of gratitude are due to: Bill O'Steen who grilled outside on a hot day; Kay Kiefner who kept people going in the correct direction to the appropriate destination with satisfied appetites; 5th Street Bagelry of Pocatello; all those who cooked, served, cleaned up, and hosted overnight guests; and to the audience who cheered on the enthusiastic production.



RCCM Vacation Bible School July 15th - 17th

Get ready to move to the beat at Jungle Beats Vacation Bible School, July 15th - 17th! Jungle Beats is a "Jungle Book," music-themed, weekend program put on jointly by First Presbyterian, Grace Falls, New Day Lutheran, and the Regional Council for Christian Ministry. Through fun science experiments, crafts, reading scripture, and, of course, jamming to music together, we will build relationships and rediscover some of Jesus' parables, bringing these stories alive in a new and fun way. Cost is FREE! Programs are available for kids potty trained through 4th grade and anyone 5th grade & up can volunteer to help lead! There are LOTS of ways to get involved. For more information:

For more information contact:
Julie Fitzpatrick,
juliefitzpatrick7@gmail.com

Registration forms are available at:
<http://www.newdaylutheran.org/uploads/images/Gallery/2016%20VBS%20Registration%20Form.pdf>



Pam in the church office also has registration forms & schedule packages.

Location: Sunnyside Park next to EIRMC Hospital

Schedule:

Fri. July 15,
4:00 pm - Open Registration and meet child's group leaders
5:00 pm - BBQ for kids & parents
8:00 pm - Families go home

Sat. July 16,
10:00 am - Kids arrive, groups meet
2:15 pm - Families go home

Sun. July 17
9:00 am - Kids arrive and meet with groups
12:15 pm - Joint potluck picnic provided by all churches for all kids, youth and adults.

NIRDA Recycling Center

NIRDA (Nicaraguan Rural Development Agency) has been a TUMC project since 2002. Please support us by donating your recycle aluminum cans and various containers in the recycling center in the church basement.

Annual UMCOR Missions Parking Lot Sale By: Betty Anderson

RECYCLE - SIMPLIFY - SERVE

The UMCOR parking lot sale will be held August 19-20, 2016 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. This sale is a joint effort of Trinity UMC, St. Paul's UMC and others in the Idaho Falls Community.

The money raised will benefit UMCOR - (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which responds to disaster in the US and around the World. In the West we support the UMCOR Depot located in Salt Lake City.

We need your donations of good, clean, no longer needed items. There will be people to pick up the items if needed.

After the July 4th weekend we will



have limited temporary storage in designated church rooms so you can bring in items for the sale.

Volunteers Needed to Assist

People of all ages are needed to volunteer during the week before the sale as well as during the sale. We need: organizers, floating assistants, pick up and delivery drivers and vehicles,

help setting up and taking down. Even just 2 or more hours would help.

Messages can be left at:
Trinity Office: (208) 522-7921 or
St. Paul's Office: (208) 522-9076






Contacts: Betty Anderson: (208) 523-8272 or (208) 521-3039 or
Jill Ecklesdafer: (208) 523-7719

Preschool Update

By: Betty Anderson

Castle Bridge Preschool for students 3 and 4 years old will run this year from Sept. 2016 to May 2017. The preschool will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 325 Elm street. This will replace the current Presbyterian Preschool.

Castle Bridge Preschool will provide a quality education appropriate for young children. If you are interested in registering please contact:
Betty Anderson : (208) 523-8272,
(208)521-3039
Erin Nazario: (206) 794-4350
Patti Hammon: (208) 200- 8556

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Church Office Closed 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	2 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
3 9:15 Potluck Breakfast 10:00 Blended Worship	4 Church Office Closed INDEPENDANCE DAY!  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	5 7:00 Trustees Committee	6 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 1:30 NAMI 7:30 Marnie Circle 7:30 Boy Scouts/Venture Crew	7 6:30 Finance Committee	8 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Partners 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	9 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
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Please have your articles for the August newsletter submitted to : office@tumcif.org no later than Friday July 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!
 Don Rohde
 Editor
donrohde@aol.com

Fighting Cancer on Two Wheels

By: Pam Traugher

The Illini4000 will be cycling into town on the 16th and out of town on the 18th of July! (There will only be 20 of them.) These college students are wheeling across the US to raise funds for cancer research and patient support, and to document the American cancer experience.

Please check them out online at <http://illini4000.org>. You can see who is coming (Austin is our contact), find out where they are now, and discover the recipients of their funds.

They would also like to interview and



learn about the cancer connection of our willing community members for their Portraits Project.

Since these tired, tanned students will be staying a couple of nights at the church and can make a presentation, it would be really nice if we fed them. They will be coming from Jackson, poor kids! Scott Taylor will be coordinating meals and we could use your help with the shopping, cooking, and cleaning up. Please call the office at 522-7921, or email office@tumcif.org and let us know how you would like to serve.

Girl Scouts, Troop 112

This has been the first year Trinity has sponsored a Troop for younger girls. We had an overwhelming response and have had about 24 girls in the Troop. We meet on Tuesday evenings as do the Cub Scouts. We have 3 groups: Daisies, K-1 grade; Brownies, 2-3 grade; and Juniors, 4-5 grade. We have numerous adult leaders who assist with the troop at their weekly meetings. We will take a break during the



summer with just occasional activities but will return in the Fall to move forward. Some of the girls made posters about what they have been learning. The posters and information are on display in the Parlor for the summer. I hope you will take time to look at those displays. Lena Archibald is the leader of the Troop. We are always looking for volunteer to assist and if you are able please contact Lena at 208-403-3341.

July Birthdays

Allen Stewart	7/2	Helen Bowen	7/8	Mary Beth Eikelberger	7/20
Roy Cole	7/3	Jill Summers	7/9	Blair Nelson	7/28
Kathy Perez	7/4	Marion Weitfle	7/10	Rob Keller	7/29
Betty Anderson	7/5	Haydn Bryan	7/13	Bailey Summers	7/30
Kari Edwards	7/6	Patricia O'Steen	7/13		
Jack Gaskill	7/7	Mya Hagan	7/18		
		Susan Nelson	7/18		
		Paul Schwabedissen	7/18		

For additions or corrections in birthdays please contact Pam in the church office.

Chukars Baseball is Back!

Trinity night at the Idaho Falls Chukars baseball is back. We have options of general admission seating or having a group BBQ catered by the ball park. Right now we need to know who is interested in attending



games and we will work with the group to pick the best nights, seating and food arrangements. If you are interested in attending a Chukars game please call the church office (522-7923) to add your name to the list.

By : Gene Summers

United Methodist Women

By: Marilyn Taylor

When the United Methodist Women attend Mission u this July at the Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise, they will be studying about Latin America, The Bible and Human Sexuality (claiming God's Good Gift) and Climate Justice, a call to Hope and Action. Each year the studies include a geographic topic, a biblical topic and social action. The classes are eight hours broken into three sessions, and the attendees take two of the three classes. The Nazareth Center is set up for study, worship and classes to all be in the same building with housing units near by.



At the August 11 Ice Cream Social unit meeting, Lin Sharp will present a program on the Amish.

She and her husband lived in Pennsylvania for several years and she shares many interesting facts about the people she met and lived among during those years.

Put October 29th, 1:00 p.m. On your calendars for the "Trinity's Got Talent" luncheon and program.

Let's Go Camping!

There are still lots of opportunities available for children, youth and adults to be a part of the summer camping program in July and August. We have 7 children signed up to attend Luther Heights in June and July. We will assist you in making arrangement for anyone from age 5 to 95! We will also assist with arrangements for transportation when there are a group of campers.

Financial Assistance will be given as needed so we encourage all families to consider having a camp experience at Luther Heights or United Methodist Sawtooth Camp, both located in the Sawtooth Mountains of Central Idaho. Schedules and printed information for all camps are available at the church and also on the internet.



Luther Heights Bible Camp

(www.lutherheights.org),
208-774-3556 (May-Sept.)

Intro to Camp - July 5-8, July 17-20,
July 24 -27

Junior Camp - July 17-22, Aug. 7-12
Intermediate Camp - July 24-29, Aug. 7-12

Senior High Camp - July 10-15,
Women's Retreat-- July 15-17



Sawtooth Methodist Camp

(www.gocamping.org).
503-802-9210

Elementary Camp -

July 3-9, July 10-16

Junior High - July 3-9

Senior High - July 17- 23

If interested in any camp contact
Betty Anderson, coordinator 208-523-
8272.

Trinity Annual Camping Fund

Please support the camping program for the children and youth by donating to the Camping fund. This experience can transform the lives of our youth. Designate your donation to the Trinity Camping Fund 2016. The camps vary in cost from \$150 - \$350 or more for some special camps.

Cub Scout Pack 6

Pack 6 started their summer activities with 18 boys, parents and siblings going on a trip to Camas National Wildlife Refuge in Hamer. They participated in a scavenger hunt hike, took a driving tour, and after lunch, were able to dissect owl pellets to determine what it had been eating.

Thanks to Tom Bassista, one of our Den Leaders and an officer with Idaho



Fish and Game, for leading a fantastic outing. By: Bill O'Steen

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Each year on the 4th of July, we participate in the Interfaith Community Service Project. Hunger and need are a 365 days of the year affliction and we believe that we can be the heart and hands of the Lord in the rescue effort for His children. Kindness in words creates confidence, but kindness in giving creates love. We are looking for donations of clothing, bedding, paper goods, cleaning supplies, school supplies, food items, diapers/pull-ups, bath towels, personal hygiene items, sleeping bags, and cash donations.

Please note on your check or offering envelope "Interfaith Community Service Project." You can take items to the July 4th parade and give them to the project float as it goes by, or place them in the donation boxes in the church office.

Targeted Charitable Institutions:

Ruth House - Women's Shelter
The ARK - Men's Shelter
The City of Refuge - Shelter & Meals
The Haven Shelter - Women's Shelter
The Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen - Meals
The Idaho Falls Community Food Basket
Friends in Service Here (FISH)
St Vincent de Paul and Thrift Store
Hospice of Eastern Idaho

For more information contact our representative:

Marilyn Taylor 208-520-4519. Or go online to:

<http://www.interfaithcommunityserviceproject.org/ui/home.xhtml>

Scouting News

Girl Scout Troop 60 / 62



Girl Scouts - Troop 60/62 - The troop finished up the regular girl scout season with a bridging, where scouts transition to the next rank in scouting.

The Troop 62 girls (a special purpose group) had a great (?) outing at Wolf flats this month - Complete with a call to the sheriffs department to assist in taming some overly loud campers nearby. The rain didn't dampen the camp out, with the girls holing up in our wall tent, stoking the wood stove to keep warm, and making plans for our upcoming trip to Savannah GA. Kaper charts were built, sleeping ar-

rangements finalized, travel details ironed out and a final packing inspection scheduled... Next stop - SLC to board the plane... Keep us in your thoughts and prayers...



VENTURING BSA

Venture Crew 6

Exciting times!!! - The airplane tickets for Alaska are purchased, the trek itinerary planned, and we're planning our gear list... Denali / Alaska (August 9th) here we come!



Boy Scout Troop 6

The Boy Scouts are preparing to go to Summer camp at Camp Morrison this year.

By: Robin Stewart

Little Church in the Pines Celebrating 75 Years

We are celebrating on Sunday July 24, 2016 at 10:00 am. Please join us for the service and a lunch to follow.



- Past ministers will speak.
 - Lunch after the service.
 - Please bring flowers from your gardens.
 - Come early to get good parking.
- Please RSVP Nancy Leonard 407-886-2147
They will need a count for the lunch.
4100 South Big Springs Loop Road
Island Park, ID 83429

Little Church in the Pines 75th Anniversary by: Don Rohde



The Little Church in the Pines was built as a shared place of worship and was dedicated on July 6, 1941. It was originally developed as a mission project by First Lutheran Church with support from the regional Lutheran church in 1965. In 1968 it came under the administration of the RCCM.

In 2012 an addition was completed to the front of the church to add re-

strooms, a kitchen, a church office, handicap access and downstairs rooms

Various churches support the weekly services from Memorial Day through September each year by attending and providing music, refreshments, etc. The attendance averages about 108 people per week during the summer.



Trinity Choir at LCITP on July 12th 2015

Trinity to Host at Little Church in the Pines

July 10th is Trinity's Sunday to host the service at LCITP. We will be providing a choir, refreshments and ushers for the service.

It takes about 2 hours to travel the 87 miles from Idaho Falls so leave early to make it to the 10 am service.

