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Winter Schedule:

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:15 am Worship for Everyone & Kids Church

Looking Ahead:

Fridays in March – RCCM Lenten Lunch Series at various locations
Sundays in March – Trinity Lenten Lunches Series after church
March 11 – Girl Scout Sunday & UMCOR Sunday
March 25 – Palm Sunday
March 29 – Maundy Thursday
March 30 – Good Friday
April 1 – Easter
April 15 – Scout Breakfast
May 20th at 4:30 – Spring Handbell Concert

Look inside
for more details
about these
events.

March 2018



Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

Exodus 40:36-38
Now whenever the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out on their journey, following it. But if the cloud did not rise, they remained where they were until it lifted. The cloud of the Lord hovered over the Tabernacle during the day, and at night fire glowed inside the cloud so the whole family of Israel could see it. This continued throughout all their journeys.

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

The following newsletter article is a re-run from 2009, but it still holds many truths for me and perhaps for you as well. This past Sunday I spoke about one of my Lenten disciplines this year, how I am praying for those who feel the need to commit suicide, and invited the congregation to join me in those prayers. During our regular joys and concerns prayer time I asked for a show of hands from anyone who know someone with cancer; we all raised a hand. Lent is about mortali-

ty; it a time for us to ponder the meaning of life and what we do with that great gift. Today, February 20, 2018 I am in Idaho Falls, the weather is cold, 12 degrees, and it is snowing lightly.

As I write today, I am in Michigan City Indiana. The weather is cold (15 degrees) with light snow, yet I send you warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians all around the world are about to embark on the journey that is Lent; 40 days of contemplation of how our God loves us, and preparation for the celebration of Easter resurrection.

Over the course of the past few days as I care for David's mother, who is dying of lung cancer, it has occurred to me that Norma is living out Lent. She waits, anticipating the beauty of everlasting life in the arms of God. We speak of the loved ones who have gone on before... her parents, my grandparents, a neighbors son... and how when she gets to heaven she will tell them all how much we love and miss them.

While we wait however, there is work to be done. Though her spirit is strong, her physical body fails her in many ways, and it is a struggle to ensure that the pain doesn't become overwhelming. We have spent time plan-

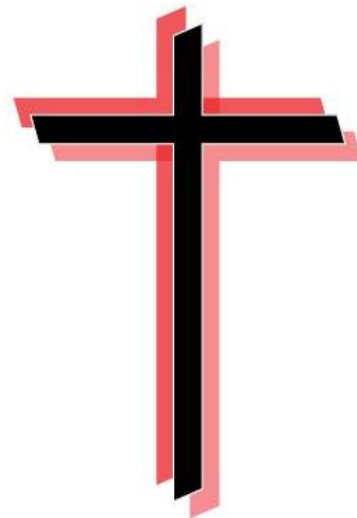
ning her memorial service; which scriptures, which songs, who will speak and read. Plans continue to evolve about what life for David's father might look like when Norma is gone. There are financial details to double check and everyday "stuff" to keep up with. It is odd how normal things can seem, then without warning, this new reality makes itself known.

Jesus promises us in the gospel of John that we will know the way to God's house. It is clear that Norma knows the way, but even so, the journey, like Lent, is a twisty one.

This Lent, may we use our waiting time well and may we eagerly anticipate a new life in Christ through the gift of Easter.

Blessings,

Reverend
Ruth



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Morning Worship: "The Last Week" Listen and watch as the scriptural Palms and Passion story of Jesus unfolds.

Maundy Thursday: "A Disciple Remembers" Beginning at 7pm we will journey with the disciples through a remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper, time in the garden, and at the house of Caiaphas the high priest.

Good Friday: "Prayer That Speaks To Your Heart" Drop in Prayer Vigil from noon to 3pm. Time to listen to God and time to speak with God.

Easter Sunday:

6:45 am - Sunrise Service: Celebrate the rising of the Son with the rising of the sun! Gather at Snake River Landing Pier (901 Pier View Dr.). Be sure to wear warm clothing, and pajamas may be appropriate attire.

9:00 am - Easter Sunday pot luck breakfast: Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share.

10:15 am - Easter Sunday Worship: A music filled worship celebration of the rising of our Savior.

11:30 am - Easter Egg hunts: After the kids find their eggs, they will have an opportunity to hide eggs for the adults to find!



Holy Week

Ministries:

F.I.S.H (Friends in Service Here)

Health care continues to be the greatest need of FISH clients, including visits to the community health care clinic, one-time prescriptions and 'gap' coverage for those enrolling with FREEMED.

During this school year, 709 students have received school supplies.

FISH will be meeting with the EIRMC auxiliary to coordinate giving infant car seats to those in need.

GREATEST NEED: deodorants for men and women.

Community Food Basket

Using a state Dept. of Labor program, individuals have been hired to work at the warehouse, use the forklift, etc.

A refrigerated van is expected to be delivered in March; it will take about a month to add the refrigeration unit and insulation.

Grants and a gift from Ron Sayer Dodge have paid for the van.

A survey on food needs was conducted at College of Eastern Idaho; the Food Basket is discussing with college administrators a once-a-month mobile delivery to the campus.

The RCCM board gave authority to the Food Basket to negotiate a community garden lease with the City of Idaho Falls.

Little Church in the Pines

The church is seeking a long-term lease with option to buy for pastoral housing in Island Park. Pastor Tom will serve the congregation for another three years.

Other RCCM news:

Lenten series

Lenten series offering will be given to the Hospice of Eastern Idaho, the only non-profit hospice in the area. Please see the RCCM Lent traveling worship schedule on page 15.

Housing

Transitional and low-income housing ministry needs were discussed, particularly working with providers and others will establish the facts of availability of such housing. Currently, state housing programs have a waiting list of over a year.

The Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen served over 4500 meals in January.



Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Troop 60 /62

It's cookie time! We will start delivering cookies next week.

The girls are going roller-skating, working on badges

and possible having a sleepover at Trinity on March 17. Should be a fun month

Friday Morning Service Club

We now have a Service Club that meets on Friday mornings at the church at 8:30 am. The club was started to increase Trinity's presence in the community.

In the first meeting in February we identified about 30 projects we could do and listed them according to the number of people served, if it was for people outside the church, and the staffing and dollars required to complete the projects.

In the second meeting we narrowed down the list to the projects we wanted to accomplish in the first group.

In March we will be planning for the projects and working in the church and community.

Info contact Don Rohde at donrohde@aol.com



Boy Scout Troop 6

Scouts went snow caving Feb 24th. We were hoping for a little more snow in the Pine Creek area, but a fun time was had regardless.

Troop 6 Elections - Feb 24th - Time for new officers

Court of Honor Feb 28th - Handed out all the awards for the last quarter.

Upcoming event for the Troop:

Merit Badge Scramble - March 3rd - Scouts are working on merit badges required for rank advancement (and a few just for fun).

Some future events:

- April - Yard work fund raiser for scouts: Let us know if you need some yard work. We'll start scheduling aerating and thatching this month.
- May - Cub Scout Family Camp
- June - City of the Rocks climbing
- July - Philmont Scout Ranch in NM AND Summer Camp
- August - Water Sports
- September - Mount Borah

Kids Corner - Betty Anderson

During Sunday Worship the kids are dismissed for “Kid’s Time” in the parlor for stories and activities suitable for them. What we do is coordinated with the topic of the day in the worship time. All ages are welcome, and it is great when the older kids come so they can assist the younger ones. The Nursery is available for kids under 3 years of age, however all preschoolers are welcome in the Nursery if they would rather do that.

Since Christmas time we have had lessons related to the story of the Wise Men traveling for many days by camel across the desert to find baby Jesus, and the journey of Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt in fear of King Herod who was threatened by Jesus and ordered all baby boys killed.

We learned how Samuel and Jonah were called by God in dreams to follow Gods word. We made Valentine mats for the tables in the Parlor and valentines to share with the church people. We also learned about St. Valentine and Martin Luther King.

Now we are in the season of Lent and will have lessons related to that time in Jesus’s life and how it relates to them. We will move forward learning about the covenants God made with his peo-

ple and the life of Jesus during the weeks before his resurrection on Easter.

Following worship each Sunday during Lent, there will be a light lunch for EVERYONE. It will be followed by a Lenten Study for adults and teens. The kids will have projects to do during that time too. The Nursery will be available for the younger kids.

Many of the kids are assisting with worship as acolytes, readers, and ushers, and some older kids in the sound room. We thank them so much!! We are encouraging them to be volunteers and serve others.

Special activities will take place on Palm Sunday (March 25) and Easter (April 1). The kids will be invited to assist in many ways. Details will come soon.

We have a bulletin board display in the Parlor that has information about what the Kids are doing. Check it out!.

Betty Anderson, 208-521-3039
(text or call)

Rev. Ruth Marsh, 208-419-7870
(text or call)



Trustees At Work

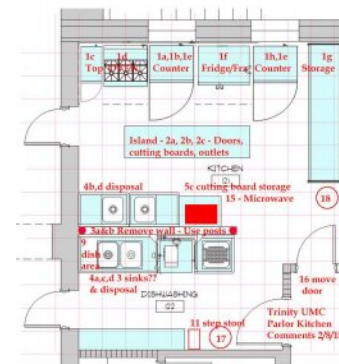
Your trustees have been busy in the last few weeks.

1. Getting the parsonage ready for spring. Very little money was spent on maintenance at the parsonage over the last few years and now we need to get caught up again.

- Getting bids for refinishing the wood floor in the master bedroom
- Getting bids for replacing the carpeting in the living room and dining room.
- Relocating the thermostat that controls the heating in the dining room.
- Repairing the riding lawnmower

2. In the church building:

- Looking at electrifying the winch that lifts the main chandelier and adding an electrical ground
- Adding more board walks and lighting in the attic to increase safety.



- Reviewing the plans for the new parlor kitchen with the groups that will be using it.

- Reviewing and updating the maintenance list/tracking sheet






- Looking at adding metal bullnose trim on the carpeted stairs up to the altar to aid stair safety.
- Making the hand rail on altar steps near the organ removable for the big handbell performances
- Placed safety tape on the stairs leading to the sound booth
- Created illustrated operating instructions for the sound system

3. Rob our custodian has been busy:

- Adding 2 new ash trays outside in front of the church to collect the cigarette butts.
- Leveling the floor of the boiler room to remove trip hazards.
- Cleaning out the “dungeon” storage room in anticipation of moving all the material out of the first and second floor of the education wing during the construction this summer.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 1ST EASTER DAY SCHEDULE 6:45am Sun Rise Service 9:00am Potluck Breakfast 10:15 Worship 11:30 Easter Egg Hunts				1 9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Girl Scouts 7:15 Praise Band 8:00 Serenity Seekers	2 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Partners 11:30 RCCM Lenten Lunch at Trinity 6:30 Dinner & Movie: "A Dog's Purpose" 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	3 10:00 Brownie Troup 421 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
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Northwest Leadership Institute Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise						
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MARCH

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

Cub Scout Pack 6 - Sam Bays

Consider it pure Joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. James 1:2-3

I have learned that the Cubmaster has two big stress risers. The first is fundraising. If we could only trust in God more. Amen? The second is the Pinewood Derby.

The Derby is the only Scout activity that is more like a competitive sport, and less like a "Game with a Purpose." Everyone wants the most fair and fun outcome for their kid. Invariably a problem of some kind arises every year that creates anxiety. This year, the sensor on Lane 1 broke.

From that point, "Houston we have a problem," I knew that this year's Derby experience was in peril. By the end of the day, my fellow pit-crew survivors and I definitely felt emotionally drained, however, I must testify that in the middle of the storm, there were many people who came to the pit-crew's and my aid. At one time, we even had a solder gun in play trying to repair the sensor. We did manage to put on a replacement sensor, but unfortu-

nately, we got it put on backwards, so it didn't work either. Other leaders tried to keep the kids interested and out of mischief. Despite all these trials, I saw people coming together to work the problem. I think it brought them together and strengthened our relationships, which to me is the real win.

If I could only see Providence in every moment, I might glimpse God's plan for glory in the struggles of life. If you would like to win at the game of life, consider helping a friend, consider loving an enemy, consider giving yourself a break. Also, consider getting involved with Scouts. 208-520-8883.



ADAH Meeting on February 27th

On Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 our speaker will be Julia Barr from Cloudnine Agency. Julia will have a presentation on creative uses of home helpers to maintain your lifestyle, stay in your home and reduce the stress of care giving.



If you are having a senior emergency you can 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



Days for Girls - Bev Kemp



Trinity's UMW is continuing our effort to help Days for Girls with their mission to provide high quality, washable feminine hygiene kits as well as sanitation and health training to girls who miss school for lack of these materials. There is a basket in the parlor labeled Days for Girls. Thank you so much for your generosity in collecting underwear in February.

Due to the need, in March we will continue the collection of cotton underwear in girl's sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 and women's sizes 5, 6, and 7. Our participation, along with others nationwide, makes the program possible. You are truly appreciated.



Happenings Around the Church

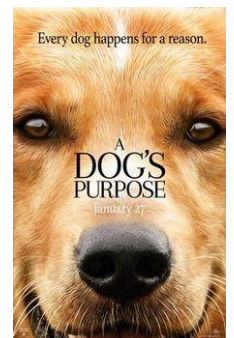
SCOUT BREAKFAST

March 18

Please join us for the Scouts fundraising breakfast starting at 8am on March 18th. A great way to start your Sunday!

Movie Night

Dinner and Movie Night will be Friday March 2nd at 6:30 for a potluck dinner and "A Dog's Purpose" movie. Bring your tissues for this 2017 puppy adventure story



Building Beloved Community Capital Campaign

In December our grant from National Fund for Sacred Places was approved for \$190,000. On February 5th Nancy Stewart signed the formal agreement for the grant and on February 15th we received the first half, \$95,000, from Sacred Places to start the restoration work.

We are still continuing fundraising to meet our goal for the expanded scope of the restoration to include electrical, foundation, fire exits and aesthetics. We are ready to move out into the community with current fundraising efforts where we are finding support for restoring our building.



If you have not been contacted yet and are interested in donating please contact Reverend Ruth.

On February 22 we had a design meeting with the architects to review the design of the new bathrooms and kitchen areas. The Bereavement Committee had lots of input about the design of the new kitchen.

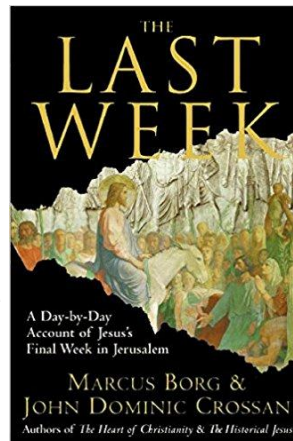
Our architect is currently working on getting three bids for the roof replacement and finalizing the masons' agreement.

The preliminary schedule indicates that the masonry repair will start in the spring as soon as the weather is warm enough for the new mortar to properly cure. When the masons are finished the roofing team can start their work replacing the existing roof.



Trinity Sunday Lenten Lunch Series

All ages are welcome on Sunday after church for a soup and bread lunch and Lenten study. The adults will study the final week of Christ's life using Marcus Borg's book The Last Week, while the kids enjoy age appropriate activities. Together, we will fill our tummies with a soup lunch, our intellects with interesting study and our hearts with the gift of being a community. This weekly series will run through Palm Sunday, March 25.



United Methodist Women—UMW -- Mary Nagel

Our giving in 2017 for international, national and local organizations was outstanding. We fulfilled our \$2,250 Pledge to Mission, gave an additional \$2,500, plus local mission giving of \$1,000.

Locally we gave to FISH, Community Food Basket, CASA, The Haven (for GED's), and IF Soup Kitchen. We also gave \$282 for Women Against Domestic Violence and \$450 to Camp Scholarships. Well done by all!!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

"Sweets & Savories"



UMW Homemade Foods Sale

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

This Sale Supports the UMW Missions.
Sunday, March 4th at 9:30 to Noon
Trinity United Methodist Church

March 4th will be our bake sale in the Parlor. Please donate food items and buy, buy, buy. This will be a great chance to fill your freezer with goodies for Easter.

The March unit meeting will be March 8th at 1:00 in the Parlor. The program is "Living as a Covenant Community".

The UMW yearbooks are done. If you have not received your 2018 yearbook, please contact Marilyn Taylor (208-523-2630) or Lorraine Driskell (208-524-0882).



2018 Annual Conference Session in Boise this Year

This year the Annual Conference is close enough that we can all attend.

The 50th Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Session will be **June 13-16, 2018** in Boise, Idaho.

Most events will be at The Riverside Hotel, with some worship services at Boise First United Methodist Church Cathedral of the Rockies in downtown Boise.



Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

For more information about the 2018 conference session go to this link: www.umoi.org/AC

UMCOR Sunday

March 11, 2018, will be UMCOR SUNDAY (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in all United Methodist Churches in the US. On that day, a special offering will be taken to cover all UMCOR administrative expenses for the coming year. Therefore, when you are called to support a specific cause, 100% of the money goes to the purpose

you designate. Plan now to support UMCOR on this special Sunday and throughout the year when crises arise.



March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Genevieve Clemens	3/1	Ruth Anne Cole	3/12	Gene Summers	3/25
Pat Dunzik	3/2	Adyllena Castillo	3/13	Jim Anderson	3/28
Josie Brown	3/4	Mike Croson	3/15	Bill Clemons	3/30
Gregory Clemens	3/7	Scott Brown	3/16	Sharen Trickey	3/30
Kathy & John Harder	3/7	Elaine Poulter	3/18	For additions or corrections	
Art Jensen	3/7	Giovi Castillo	3/19	in birthdays please contact	
Sheila Mullin	3/10	Heidi Empey	3/21	Pam in the church office.	
Chelsea Gaskill	3/11	Analea Hruska	3/21	208-522-7921	

Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts

Troop 112 has been flourishing. We have 3 Daisies and five Brownies.

The Daisies have been working on earning their petals with the current one being about following the rules and laws.

The Brownies just finished the badge "Knowing your Customers," to prepare for the cookie season which is happening right now. They just started the badge "The Philanthropist" where they learned about wants and

needs.

They also colored bags for the Food Basket, went there on a field trip where they learned about where Food Basket gets their food and how they help people in need. The girls got to help by sorting some food. They had an awesome time thanks to Mrs. Keifner who told them all about helping hungry people.

- Ruthanne Cole



Traveling RCCM Lenten Lunch Series Church Schedule

You are invited to participate in the RCCM Lenten Series! As in the past, the host church will serve early lunch from 11:30 to 12:00, the worship will be at noon, and then the meal will continue from 12:30 to 1:00 for people with a later lunch hour. Each week the preacher will be from a different congregation than the host church. Schedule for each Friday:

11:30 Early Lunch – Noon to 12:30 Worship – 12:30 to 1:00 Late Lunch

Date:	Location:	Preacher:
Friday, March 2	Trinity UMC	Preacher: Jason Ginsburg
Friday, March 9	First Presbyterian	Preacher: Susan Speir
Friday, March 16	St. Paul's UMC	Preacher: Phil Hagen
Friday, March 23	St. Luke's Episcopal	Preacher: Ruth Marsh