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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Pastor's Perspective

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. – Luke 22:14

Dear Siblings in Christ,

On March 2nd and 3rd I attended the Table Talk Facilitator Training in Portland mentioned below. Here's the full scoop on what we learned and how our bishop hopes that United Methodists around the Greater Northwest will respond. I will be leading a Table Talk on May 19th from 1 to 5pm at Pocatello United Methodist Church, 200 N 15th Ave, Pocatello, ID 83201. I hope to see you there. RSVP online at <http://greaternw.org/table-talks/> please.

Table Talks:

Finding a Way Forward Together

Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky is inviting United Methodists in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences to participate in Table Talk conversations on human sexuality, the upcoming report of the Commission on a Way Forward and a Special Called Session of the General Conference in February 2019. The conversations will be held in various settings across the Greater Northwest Area.

Early in March, 47 leaders from the three conferences were trained to convene these conversations in a worship-full context. In her invitation to these leaders, Bishop Stanovsky shared that the United Methodist Council of Bishops is encouraging similar "conversation in each annual conference to further our life together around matters of human sexuality and church unity." This facilitator training

allowed them to experience and offer feedback on a model for conversation that they will take out to other groups across the area.

The Table Talk design allows for a safe place for conversations about topics that may be difficult or divisive.

Rev. Carlo Rapanut, Alaska Conference Superintendent and a member of the design team asked the questions, "How did Jesus deal with conflict?" Then citing Luke 22:14 he pointed out that, "Jesus would start a difficult conversation by gathering for a meal." So most of the Table Talk sessions will include some sort of meal time to allow for connection and conversation.

What to Expect

United Methodists in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences are being encouraged to participate in Table Talk conversations being planned in various settings across the Greater Northwest Area. These opportunities will provide attendees a way to engage the church's current discussion of human sexuality and the report of the Commission on a Way Forward within a structure of worship and respect for one another.

To develop that sense of respect, participants are asked to commit to a covenant for respectful dialog. In short, the covenant asks them to:

- Stay curious,
- Be kind, and
- Listen with the same amount of passion with which you want to be heard.

When we ask for God to be present in our con-

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

10:15 am Worship for Everyone & Kids Church

Looking Ahead:

- May 13th - Mothers' Day
- May 19th - 1 to 5 pm - Table Talk at Pocatello UMC
- May 20th - Pentecost - wear red to church
- May 20th - 8-10 am - Scout Breakfast
- May 20th - 11:30am - Potluck Lunch after church
- May 20th - 4:30pm - Trinity Wesley Spring Handbell Concert
- May 27th - 11:30am - Esparza Wedding Anniversary Reception
- May 28th - Memorial Day
- June 6th - 9:30am - Begin summertime potluck breakfasts
- June 13th - 16th Annual Conference in Boise
- June 23rd - Historic Tour of Idaho Falls Ridge Avenue Neighborhood
- June 23rd - 7:30pm Salt Lake Trinity UMC Youth handbell concert
- June 30th - 6:30pm - Flute Choir Recital

Look inside for more details about these events.

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versations both worship and a covenant for respectful dialog are essential. We need to recognize that we can sometimes get in the way of that. Everyone across the area are asked to seriously consider participating in one of these opportunities.

Bishop Elaine J.W. Stanovsky sees respectful dialog as key to helping the church move forward, both here in the northwest and globally. "Christians don't need to beat each other up when we disagree." She says, "If you love your church, and want it to see its mission witness remain strong around the world, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. If you are sick and tired of opposing sides in the church fighting about human sexuality, and who should be welcome in the Church, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. We can find a deeper unity, and new ways of listening to God and one another."

Oregon-Idaho Conference Lay Leader Jan Nelson is one of the facilitators. She reflects that, "There are many issues that we avoid discussing even

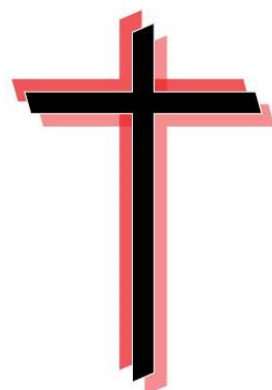
with our friends and families. It's important for us in the church to model a way to talk about things that divide us. In this way, both laity and clergy can be witnesses to God's love."

While it is intended that all Table Talks provide a place to grow in understanding, each conversation will take on a certain character of its own. It is intended that they take place in districts, church clusters, ethnic caucuses, and within other groups and existing networks. Some Table Talks may include 40-50 persons while others may be relatively small in number. The questions and beliefs of participants will inevitably shape the conversation to some degree as well.

You can find more information about the Commission on the Way Forward on page 8.

I look forward to seeing you in Pocatello on May 19th.

Blessings, Reverend Ruth



Mothers' Day Blankets

They have been stretched with ropes to become primitive tents, propped up as lean-tos against walls shattered by earthquakes and tied between trees as hammocks. And what is more comforting than a warm blanket? Alone, cold, far from home - for those suddenly homeless there is little comfort. A warm blanket can't take away the fear of the unknown, dispel the darkness of a strange place, or replace the presence of a loved one who may be missing. A blanket can't solve all of the problems, however, it can provide comfort and lend primary protection from the elements. In refuge camps and makeshift shelters around the world, Church World Service Blankets do even more.

In 2017 there were 6,470 blankets distributed in the US and other parts of the world. A gift of \$10.00 can provide a blanket for someone, some-

where. These can be in honor of or in memory of someone. A letter will be sent to the person to be honored. Fill in the order form with the names of those you choose to honor and/or in memory. Checks are payable to TUMC with a notation that they are for Mothers' Day Blankets.

Mothers' Day Blankets Order form

Your name _____

Phone Number _____

Person(s) to be honored:

Name _____

Address _____

Return to church office or collection plate.

Regional Council for Christian Ministry

FISH reported that nearly 790 orders for school supplies will have been filled by the end of the school year.

Breaking Boundaries has given a grant to be used for technology requests (flash drives, headphones, etc.).

FISH is working with the EIRMC auxiliary to coordinate providing infant car seats for newborns.

The food backpack project for District 93 is nearly over for the year. Volunteers to pick up and deliver (a once a week job) for the next school year would be appreciated.

Greatest need: deodorant.

Community Food Basket reported that 994 families were served during the month of March.

The Soup Kitchen served 3,429 during March.

The LDS Church donated four commercial freezer units and one commercial cooler. They have all been installed. They have also assigned a missionary crew to work once a week transporting food from the warehouse to the Distribution Center and the Soup Kitchen, a tremendous assistance.

A request has been made to the City to reprogram the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the original request for funding for commercial freezers to a new sanitizer for the Soup Kitchen. It was mentioned that an additive to the final rinse can replace a sanitizer, so that will be investigated.

A new service will be a 4th-Monday-of-the-month mobile food pantry at the College of Eastern Idaho, in response to a survey indicating needs of students.

A check for \$13,184 was received from the Subaru Share-the-Love event.

The Food Basket and Soup Kitchen will be participating in the state-wide Idaho Gives program on May 3. They have each received support from Strategic Wealth Concepts and Pacific Source for matching grants.

Dates for your calendar:

- May 5 and 6, a booth at Cinco de Mayo at Tautphaus Park
- May 12, a booth at Senior Health Fair at College of Eastern Idaho
- May 12, National Association of Letter Carrier's annual food drive

Little Church in the Pines has two contracts that have been approved by RCCM: a 2-year contract for the pastor and a lease-with-option-to-buy for housing for the pastor.

Other news:

The Lenten Series offerings totaled \$959.50 which has been donated to the Hospice of Eastern Idaho.

Connie Day has resigned after significant service as chair of RCCM, as she will be taking on new responsibilities for a school in Island Park; VP Jane Kaestner has moved into the chair position.

Dave Manson, director of the Community Food Basket announced that New Day Lutheran Church will be relocating to share space with St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Sara Jensen announced there will be free swimming lessons at the City Pool on May 12th; signups are required.

Bev said that FISH has produced a list of free and nearly-free dental services for those in need. The list will be produced in English and Spanish and be distributed to member churches and other locations.

Upcoming Attractions:

Wesley Bell Ringers
of Salt Lake City
53rd Annual Tour Concert
Saturday June 23 at 7:30 at Trinity

United Methodist Women—UMW - Mary Nagel

Ten members of the Trinity's United Methodist Women met at Jason Lee UMC in Blackfoot April 7th for EMEE (Every Member Enrichment Event). The theme was "Let Your Light Shine on Marginalized Women." The whole day was well organized and very informative.

Trinity's UMW Unit received the five star gold certificate plus numerous certificates for the participants in the reading program.

The Unit meeting on April 12 highlighted organ donation. The guest speakers were Kelly Martin and Renell Hunter.

Please remember to keep giving to the Days for Girls. See the article on page 5.

This month, long sleeved work shirts are needed.

The May circle meetings will be Susannah Circle on May 23 and Ethel Clark Circle - May 24.

The May 10th Unit meeting will have our Sage District Representative and Trinity's Shephard Bonnie Anderson speaking.

Hope to see you all there.



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.

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



Trinity Restoration - Nancy Stewart

We are busy completing the Construction Documentation Phase and plan to submit final drawings to the city for a building permit in the end of May.

Highlander Masonry started on the stonework the third week of April. The replacement of the mortar between the stones will take about two weeks to complete.

Robinson Roofing is scheduled to replace our Sanctuary and Parlor roof in June.



On April 18 we met with Tim Hudson, Associated Crafts Willet Hauser Architectural Glass to assess the condition of our stained glass windows.

Fundraising is going well. We're hoping that the Spaghetti Dinner and Commemorative Brick Purchase will complete the final fundraising push of ~\$8,664. Go Team.

Trustees At Work

The bricks at the top of the chimney of the parsonage were crumbling. Now the chimney bricks have been re-mortared and sealed.

The parsonage mower has been resurrected with an oil change, a cleaning and a new starter motor.

Carpets were cleaned in the Parlor and spot cleaned in the Sanctuary.

A railing upgrade to accommodate some changes needed for our Bell Choir during concerts has been started.



Around the Church

Scout Breakfast 3rd Sunday (5/20)

The 20th, Sunday, is the third Sunday in April and that means SCOUTS COOK BREAKFAST!

They will be firing up the grill from 8 to 10am for their monthly fundraiser, so come have a great meal with some terrific folks.

Sunday Potluck Lunch (5/20)

Have you missed lunching with your Trinity friends after worship? Bring a dish to pass and stick around the Parlor after the final song on Sunday the 20th for a pot luck lunch.

May 27 – Esparza 50th Anniversary

At 11:30 we are having a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception for Vince and Trudy Esparza

Membership Changes:

- On March 24 a celebration of life was held for Dorothy Mandiloff. Cards may be sent to Dean at 4795 Gleneagles Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401.
- Ellen Schuman's memorial service was held Sunday, April 22 at Highland Methodist Church in Colorado. She was a longtime member of Trinity who celebrated her hundred and first birthday in December.

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*.

In May we will again be collecting microtex 80/12 sewing machine needles, straight pins and 45mm rotary cutter blades.

Our participation, along with others nationwide, makes the program possible. You are truly appreciated. You provided 123 pairs of underwear! Thank you so much for your generosity.



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



Calendar grid with dates 1-31 and activities such as Steering Committee, Sunday School, and various meetings.

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Welcome Center at Sawtooth Camp

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

Let's Go Camping!!! Families and kids! - Betty Anderson

It is time to plan for great camping opportunities. Here are some of the camps available here in Idaho. There are more in Oregon as well.

Sawtooth Camp – Fairfield, Id

- Jr. Hi (Grades 6-8) July 8-14
 - Elementary (Grades 3-6) July 8-14
- Pastor Ruth will be Dean of the above Elementary camp and her husband David Armstrong (chair of Oregon Idaho camp and retreat ministries) will assist as a counselor. We invite Trinity Kids to join them.**
- Sr. Hi (Grades 9-12) July 15-21
 - Magic Valley - Sunday Worship - all invited Aug. 5
 - Family Camp June 15-17, All ages and family configurations.

Luther Heights – Alturas Lake (N. of Ketchum)

- Intro to Camp (Grades 1-3) July 15-18, July 22-25, Aug. 5-8
- Junior Camp (Grades 4-6) June 17-22, July 15-20, July 22-27
- Intermediate Camp (Grades 7-8) June 17-22, July 22-27, Aug. 5-10
- Senior Hi (Grades 9-12) July 8-13

More details: sawtooth.gocamping.org or lutherheights.org

Questions: e-mail: sawtooth@gocamping.org or jon@lutherheights.org

Trinity Camperships may be available.

Betty Anderson coordinator, 208-523-8272 or 208-521-3039.

Rev. Ruth Marsh 208-419-7870 or Trinity Office 208-522-7921



The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed at the 2016 General Conference by the Council of Bishops "to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church." The proposal was approved, and a 32-member commission was named in October of 2016.

The Bishops have also called a Special Session of the General Conference to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri, limited to acting on the report from the Council "based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward."

In December the Commission on a Way Forward filed a report with the Council of Bishops outlining three "sketches" or possible models for how the denomination might move beyond the current impasse regarding the inclusion of LGBTQ persons. The Commission met again in January to continue its work on these sketches after receiving input from the Council. Following the most recent Council of Bishops' meeting, it was reported that there are two plans under consideration. For more information go to:

<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishops-see-progress-in-unity-effort-but-offer-few-details>

Cub Scout Pack 6 - Sam Bays

Currently, I'm developing the Pack 6 program calendar for the 2018-2019 program year. One thing that I have noticed right away is that there is never a shortage of things to do as a family, or as a Pack family. Looking over last year, I noticed that we frequently had one activity per Saturday for four weeks straight, not including Den meetings. What a blessing... and a lot of work.

There are conflicting paradigms regarding work. "Work smart, not hard." "Weekly Overload Recreation Killer (W.O.R.K.)" "Labor of Love - a labor voluntarily undertaken or performed without consideration of any benefit or reward. (merriam-webster.com)". From physics, work is a force applied over a distance. When an object is moved we say that potential (stored) energy is being converted into kinetic (action) energy. From thermodynamics, we know that not all potential energy can be converted into kinetic energy, the difference being lost to heat (e.g., friction

between the plastic wheels and the pine-wood car).

Trading work for heat is typically considered a

wastage of potential. Thus, I pray that the pack calendar helps each Scout and Scouter to fulfill their potential, that something kinetic results from their effort. The converse is simply hot air.

This month Pack 6 participated in a Zoo cleanup day (a conservation project), and visited the Museum of Idaho: Dinosaurs in Motion (learning about art and kinetic work through levers and pulleys). "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. (John 9:4)" If you have stored scouting energy, please give me a call: 208-520-8883.



Scholarships Available- Kathy Borland

ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students! The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2018/2019 academic year.

Three scholarships are available:

1. The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000
2. The Chesbro Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music
3. The Pete Isaksen Scholarship: up to 3 scholarships per year, each valued at up to \$10,000 per year, and renewable for up to 3 additional years. To be eligible for the Pete Isaksen Scholarship, the applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) field of study at an accredited college or university.

Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 1, 2018. Completed application packages need to be type written and E-mailed to office@tumcif.org.

Scholarship applications are available on the church website at www.tumcif.org or by contacting the church office or Kathy Borland. The application has been updated as a "Form" document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at markx@cableone.net

Boy Scouting Troop 6 News - Robin Stewart



The troop has been working on a yard thatching fund raiser, even though rain made us cancel most of our Saturday April 6th appointments. As I have heard from a wise scout once, "fast and flexible wins." We're re-scheduling and adding time slots. Thanks for everyone's patience.

The next outing for Troop 6 is about the rockets and planes in Utah. The scouts will tour the ATK rocket garden, see the Hill AFB museum and - if

time permits - the Golden Spike National Monument.

The troop welcomed the new Arrow of Light scouts from Pack 6, forming a new scout patrol. They are eager to go camping and experience the out of doors with the troop.

The scouts are also finishing the Family Life Merit Badge with Harlan Lerum, an Eagle required merit badge.

Girl Scouting Troop 60 News - Nancy Stewart



Animal Helper, and Women's Health, and Jubilation will be the focuses for the last two months of the school year. We recently enjoyed a meeting at a pizza parlor

with the girls. We would like to thank Adrien Davidson for her time and talent as our leader for the last year. The troop is currently looking for a new leader for next year.

Kids Corner - Betty Anderson

Parents, Children and Youth,

During worship all kids are invited to participate in "Kids' Time" in the Parlor or Room 108 for stories, songs and activities. Youth are welcome to assist. We want to continue to have children and youth assist as acolytes, readers, ushers and musicians. Several youth are skilled at working in the sound booth and we appreciate them very much. The Nursery is available for kids under 4 years of age.

April 29 – Camp Sunday. We want former campers of all ages to assist as we will share information about the Summer Camping Program available for all ages. Join us as we get into the mood for summer. We will again ask for funds to assist anyone who wants to attend camp but finds the cost too much for their budget. See details on the bulletin board.

May 20 – Pentecost – This Christian celebration is on the 7th Sunday after Easter commemorating the Holy Spirit descent upon the apostles of Jesus. Children and youth will be invited to partic-

ipate here at Trinity on this special Sunday. It is traditional to wear red.

July 30 – Aug. 2, 2018 – Vacation Bible School – We will need lots of assistance from Adults, Youth and Kids. Planning will begin soon.

Reminder - Keep filling the "Blue Piggy Banks" with loose change. Bring back to the church. All money will assist with the renovation of 100 year old Trinity UMC.

Contacts:

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

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



The Wesley Handbell Choir Presents:

“MOVIE MUSIC”

Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 4:30 pm
 Trinity United Methodist Church,
 237 N. Water Ave., Idaho Falls, ID

Free Admission, donations gratefully accepted
 For more information: TrinityBellsIF@gmail.com

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ember Jensen	5/1	James Shaffer	5/15	Sara Jensen	5/30
Linda Kramer	5/4	Tia & Kathy Durrant	5/16	Eric Lybeck	5/30
Gavin Carney	5/5	Lloyd Kindred	5/18	For additions or corrections in birthdays please contact Pam in the church office. 208-522-7921	
David and Ruth	5/6	Mark Borland	5/20		
Emily Hilker	5/6	Les McCray	5/21		
Patti Edwards	5/11	Lyndell Bradshaw	5/23		
Mickey Gourley	5/11	Kelly Carney	5/26		
Edward Kiefner	5/12	Faith Borland	5/28		
Cheryl O'Brien	5/12	Dorothy Mandiloff	5/28		
Pauline Mickelson	5/14	Tia Durrant	5/29		

