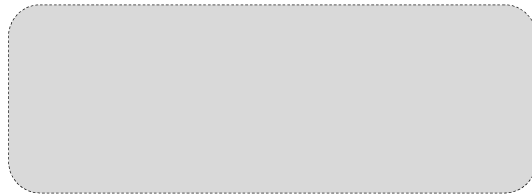


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**10:15 am Worship for Everyone**

Looking Way Ahead

- May 7th - Handbell Concert
- May 13th - Letter Carrier Food Drive
- May 14th - Mothers Day and Bible Sunday -(Bibles given to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders)
- May 28th - Last day of Sunday School
- May 29th - Memorial Day
- June 4th - Pentecost – wear red to church
- June 24th - Historic Tour of Idaho Falls Churches
- July 4th - Chukars Baseball Game and Barbeque
- July 16th - Little Church In the Pines at Island Park
- July 31st- Aug 4th – Vacation Bible School
- August 21st – Total Solar Eclipse - “All Hands on Deck!”
- September 9th - Walk to End Alzheimer's – Memory Methodists Team
- September 15th - Progressive Dinner - “Soup Night at Trinity”
- October 21st - UMW Fall Event commemorating 100 years of TUMC and UMW

May 2017



Trinity United Methodist Church

Pastor's Perspective

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

*(Matthew 13:45-46)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The above scripture from the Gospel of Matthew doesn't seem to make much sense. It is as cryptic as our personal or church finances can be perplexing when we are trying to figure out how to be good and faithful stewards of the resources that God has given us. On this day, April 24, 2017, Trinity begun the latest grand

adventure of building restoration and renovation. We are fortunate to have many resources at hand to help raise the needed funds for this important work and I am convinced that Trinity will be able to complete work in the next 36 months.

So what do we do when there isn't enough money to pay the bills? Wait! What! There isn't enough money??? There currently is not enough money coming through the offering plates to meet the annual budget and re-point, re-roof and re-bathroom the church. So what do we do?

We go out into the community to bring the Good News of God's love through our actions! This is always the right answer, whether is lots of money or just a little! While this may seem somewhat counter intuitive, when there is a scarcity of resources the natural reaction is to draw inward and not expend too much energy. However, God calls us to be faithful, even extravagant, in pursuing acts of justice and mercy. Jesus models care of the marginalized and love of neighbor, so as his followers how can we do anything less?

Answering God's call to ministry always is rewarded. Sometimes the reward is financial... often it is not.

So what do we do when there isn't enough money to pay the bills? Wait! What! There isn't enough money??? Even as we restore and renovate, the monthly expenses continue to hound us! It is important for the congregation to continue regular giving (and a bit more if you can) so that we can meet the monthly budget.

So what do we do when there isn't

enough money to pay the bills? Wait! What! There isn't enough money??? We pray. We pray about how we spend our personal funds and we pray about how church funds are spent. We pray about those who have less than we do and we pray about those who have more than we do (because they need prayer too).

Perhaps this story from the life of Jesus will be more helpful than the piece of scripture I offered at the beginning of this article:

*"Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions."*

(Matthew 19:21-22)

So what do we do when we find ourselves in the peculiar space between scarcity and abundance? We love God and neighbor more.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth

Do you know of someone graduating this spring? Let Pam know in the office (522-7921) so we can recognize them on Graduation Sunday, June 21st.

Not Getting the BLAST? Email the church office to be added to the list.

## Building Preservation - Board of Trustees

We have received the final Building Conditions Assessment report from Myers Anderson and will share it with you this month.

The following work of phase one was started on April 24st and will be completed this spring.

- ◇ Temporarily secure capstones, \$5,000,
- ◇ Secure existing flashing on back sides of parapet walls \$5,500,
- ◇ Clean out and repair roof drains and downspouts, \$2,000, and
- ◇ Eliminate all immediate threats to the structural element \$5,000 (remove bituminous paper and synthetic sealants from all capstones).

This work is not part of the Capital Funds campaign we will start after the

Feasibility Study. We will use the money from our previous Idaho Heritage Grant (\$8,750) and our matching funds listed in our budget as roof repair fund and restoration fund (\$10,530) to pay for this work.

At the end of April we completed The National Fund for Sacred Places Feasibility Study that provided important information to us about the perception of the congregation in the community and region. The study analyzed the feasibility of the donors' and our fundraising committee achieving the monetary goals, and mapped out a strategy for our upcoming Capital Funds campaign. It answered the question "What is the scope - local, state, or beyond - of a capital campaign for the congregation?" - Nancy Stewart

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Trinity has scholarships available. Applications are on the website and in church office. Applications are due June 1.

### UPCOMING MOVIES:

- ⇒ Trinity Movie Night Presents Godspell & Mexican Potluck dinner on May 5 at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome!
- ⇒ Come see the movie "Wesley" at the Pocatello First United Methodist Church on Saturday May 13 at 3:30. Carpooling is possible. Located at 200 North 15th Ave., Pocatello, ID.

**“Ring into Spring”**  
with the  
**Wesley Handbell Choir**



**Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 4:30 pm**

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

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*Free Admission, Donations Gratefully Accepted; Nursery Care Available*

*For more information: TrinityBellsIF@gmail.com*

**Happenings Around the Church**

**Directory**

The final *reprint* of the directory should be in our hands by the second week of May.

**4th Sunday Potluck**

On May 28th we will be celebrating Memorial weekend with our last 4th Sunday Pot Luck lunch after worship. Summer potluck breakfasts begin June 4th at 9:15am.

**Handcrafters**

Handcrafters will meet on Friday, May 12 in the parlor to work on whatever we want!

**Cub Scout Pack 6**

By Sam Bays



"What goes into a man's mouth does not make him unclean, but what comes out of his mouth that is what makes him unclean." Mt 15.11. This month Pack 6 went to the Museum of Clean in Pocatello. The museum's curator and founder, Don Aslett, gave us a guided tour through the History, Art, and Culture of all things clean. What we learned on this field trip is how dirty the human world is and has been. There's a reason why the Pharisees were concerned with personal hygiene. The museum also testifies to the cleanliness that comes from personal creativi-

**The Progressive Dinner**

The Progressive Dinner will be held the evening of September 15<sup>th</sup> at the 5 "downtown" churches. This year Trinity is providing soup and bread. While the team is shaping up, we are still in need of leaders of the serving crew, and of the decorating group. Please sign up for these positions as well as donating pots of soup and baskets of bread by calling the office (522-7921) or Don Rohde (860-810-3227).

ty and caring, from art made from toilets to the innovations made in vacuum cleaner technology in the 19th and 20th centuries.

This May 30th at 7:00pm, we will be having an Open House recruitment night. The Scouts will be having an evening of fun games, skits, and songs while the leaders meet and greet interested families. If you know of a boy that might be interested in joining Scouting with Pack 6, please feel free to contact me (208-520-8883) and save the date for the Open House.

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
|           | 1<br>11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission<br>6:00 Beginning Handbells<br>6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal<br>7:00 Wesley Handbells<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 2<br>7:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting<br>7:00 Daisy / Brownie<br><b>7:00 Trustee Meeting – 108</b><br>7:00 P.E.O.                   | 3<br>9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's<br>11:00 Upper Room<br>6:30 Venture Crew<br>7:30 Boy Scouts<br>7:30 Marnie Circle  | 4 <u>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</u><br>9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting<br>6:30 Missions Meeting<br>6:45 Girl Scouts<br>7:00 Choir Practice | 5 Church Office Closed<br>9:00 Community Partners<br>6:00 Movie Night Godspell & Mexican Potluck.<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous | 6<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  |
| 7<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:15 Worship<br>4:30 Hand Bell Concert                         | 8<br>10:00 F.I.S.H.<br>6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous  | 9<br>1:00 Prayer Group<br><b>6:30 Finance Committee</b><br>7:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting<br>7:00 Daisy / Brownie                 | 10<br>9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's<br>11:00 Upper Room<br>6:30 Venture Crew<br>7:30 Boy Scouts<br>7:30 Marnie Circle | 11<br>1:00 UMW Unit Meeting<br>6:45 Girl Scouts<br>7:00 Choir Practice  | 12 Church Office Closed<br>9:00 Handcrafters<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous  | 13<br>3:30 "Wesley" movie at the Pocatello First UMC<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous |
| 14 <u>MOTHERS DAY</u><br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:15 Worship<br><b><u>BIBLE SUNDAY</u></b> | 15<br>11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission<br>News Letter Articles Due<br>6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous                         | 16<br>7:00 P.E.O.<br>7:00 Daisy / Brownie<br>7:00 Cub Scout Dens<br><b>7:30 Admin Council Meeting</b>                         | 17<br>9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's<br>11:00 Upper Room<br>6:30 Venture Crew<br>7:30 Marnie Circle<br>7:30 Boy Scouts | 18<br>6:45 Girl Scouts<br>7:00 Choir Practice<br>7:30 Cub Scout Parent/Comm. Meeting  | 19 Church Office Closed<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous   | 20<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous   |
| 21<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:15 Worship<br><b><u>Graduation Sunday</u></b>               | 22<br>6:30 Praise Band Rehearsal<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous   | 23<br>1:00 Prayer Group<br>6:30 Compass Concert<br>6:30 Cub Scout Pack Mtg.<br>6:30 ADAH - Aging Help<br>7:00 Daisy / Brownie | 24<br>9:00 Breakfast O'Brady's<br>11:00 Upper Room<br>6:30 Venture Crew<br>7:00 Susannah Circle<br>7:30 Boy Scouts | 25 <u>ASCENSION DAY</u><br><b>10:00 Newsletter Crew</b><br>1:00 Ethel Clark Circle<br>7:00 Choir Practice                                   | 26 Church Office Closed<br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous   | 27<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous   |
| 28<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:15 Worship<br>11:30 Potluck Lunch                           | 29 <u>MEMORIAL DAY</u><br><b>No Soup Kitchen</b><br><b>No Praise Band Rehearsal</b><br>7:00 Narcotics Anonymous                                | 30<br>6:30 Cub Scout Open House & Recruit Night<br>7:00 Daisy / Brownie   | 31<br>9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's<br>11:00 Upper Room<br>6:30 Venture Crew<br>7:30 Marnie Circle<br>7:30 Boy Scouts | 1st June<br>9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting<br>7:00 Choir Practice   |    |   |

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

**United Methodist Women** by Mary Nagel

May is almost here and hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

On May 11th our Unit meeting is from the Mission u program "Climate Justice," presented by Cordy Koelsch and Marilyn Taylor.

Mission u will be held July 6-9 at the Nazareth Center in Boise. It would be wonderful for many of our members

to attend. Rides will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: October 21st is our fund raising project. 100 years of UMW celebration will be presented along with a wonderful luncheon.



**Trustees Corner** by Nancy Stewart

Trustees have been busy this month:

Meetings have been held to plan the replacement of the projector in the sanctuary with two large video screens. Vince Esparza is leading this effort and he has reached out to Mike Keeton and Tim Kaser for their expertise. We will start the electrical upgrades and TV procurements this

month.

We met with a Home Lighting specialist and are waiting to receive his analysis for upgrading the lighting in the back of Sanctuary.

Finally, we have called ServiceMASTER Clean Company to help with the flooring underneath our copy machine.



**May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

**Scouting News** By Robin Stewart



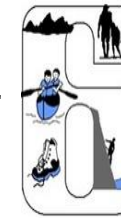
**Girl Scout Troop 60 /62**

Troop 60 has been busy completing the Woodworker badge requirements, two of our older girls taught us how to make duct tape flowers on the top of pens, and we learned authentic Mexican cooking at a recent meeting. Upcoming plans include: Climbing Gym, Breathe and Sow What Journeys, discussing summer activities and camping May 20th. Our end of the year Pot Luck dinner and Court of Awards will be on May 18th at Trinity.



**Venture Crew 6**

The annual Thatching and Aerating Fund Raiser brought many days action packed fun(?) filled action. Our scouts are the fastest rakers in the west! Thanks to everyone who participated and had the scouts work on their yards. The crew has raised \$1,300 for their summer adventure and are hoping to go to the Salmon River High Adventure base for whitewater kayaking and rafting. Look for photos soon.



**Boy Scout Troop 6**

The troop is in the planning stages of summer camp. They are going to Camp Bradley this year (near Stanley). The scouts have started raising money for camp by doing "show and sells" at various places in the area - so far so good.

Theo, our new SPL, has started Patrol Leaders Councils which allow the leaders of the troop to plan the upcoming activities of the troop and have a little ice cream while planning (it's at DQ - where else).

The troop has also decided to send 7 folks to Philmont, a scout ranch in NM, for an extended hike of 50 to 105 miles. Should be exciting. The new scout patrol has designed a new flag, created a new yell and developed a new name (which I cannot remember, sorry). They are almost ready to finish the Scout Rank which has been upgraded from the previous rank and requires quite a bit of work. Good job, guys.

**Membership Updates**

On March 27, 2017 Sophia Pearl Griffith and Roslyn Phoebea Griffith, daughters of Teesha and Matt Griffith were baptized. Teesha LaNette Grif-

fith was also baptized and welcomed into membership here at Trinity. Welcome to the Family!

## Looking Ahead - Summer 2017

### Let's Go Camping!!! Families and kids!

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

- Elementary (Grades 3-6) July 9-15
- Jr. Hi (Grades 6-8) July 9-15

**Pastor Ruth will be Dean of the above Elementary camp and her husband David will be a counselor during the 2 camps July 9-15 at Sawtooth. We hope some Trinity Kids can join them.**

- Sr. Hi (Grades 9-12) July 16-22
- Memorial Work Day (all ages) May 27-29
- Family Camp (All ages) June 16-18

**How about any folks of all ages join us for a weekend at Sawtooth for Family Camp???**

#### Luther Heights

- Intro to Camp (Grades 1-3) June 18-23, July 2-5, July 16-21
- Junior Camp (Grades 4-6) June 18-23, July 16-21, Aug. 6-11
- Intermediate Camp (Grades 7-8) June 18-23, July 23-28, Aug. 6-11
- Senior Hi (Grades 9-12) July 9-14

**See details on the Bulletin Board at Trinity or check the following websites:**

**[www.sawtooth@gocamping.org](http://www.sawtooth@gocamping.org) or [www.lutherheights.org](http://www.lutherheights.org)**

More details on more camps, costs, and scholarships are available.

Trinity Camp Funds will assist all youth interested in attending camp.

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

#### **Annual Fund for Camp Scholarships 2017—**

We invite everyone to donate to the Annual Camping Fund. We want to assist all kids and families who wish to attend camp. Please designate on your check "for the Camping Fund" or put your donation in an envelope marking it "Camping Funds".



## Trinity in Local Mission

By: Marilyn Taylor

### MOTHERS' DAY BLANKETS

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. They have been stretched with ropes for 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? In 2016 there were 3,114 blankets distributed in the US and Honduras.

A gift of \$10.00 can provide a blanket for someone, somewhere. 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.

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| <b>Mothers' Day Blankets Order form</b>      |
| Your name _____                              |
| Phone Number _____                           |
| Person(s) to be honored:                     |
| Name _____                                   |
| Address _____                                |
| _____  |
| Return to church office or collection plate. |

### ADAH - How to Make a Senior's Home Safe

The May ADAH Program will be on how to make a senior's home safe. As our capabilities change when we get older it is important to be sure there are no safety issues at home that can cause falls or other injuries. The meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. To get on the email list contact Don Rohde at: donrohde@aol.com (860) 810-3227.