

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

News update for August 29, 2024

Idaho Falls United Methodists: Better Together



Update from Rev. Elizabeth

We continue to have a strong showing of people at the Third Sunday Workshops. This

ia good sign that we are holding momentum in our work together. Through the Third Sunday Workshops, led by the Discernment Team, we have essentially completed the steps in Chapter 1 of the Cooperative Parishes book:

Chapter 1 Checklist

- ✓ Establish your why
- ✓ Partner with District Superintendent
- ✓ Create Prayer Team
- ✓ Create Discernment Team
- ✓ Conduct Ministry Evaluations
- ✓ Conduct Focus Group Conversations
- ✓ Conduct SWOT Analysis of Individual Churches
- ✓ Communicate Discernment Regarding the Team's Analysis and Recommendation

Chapter 2 calls for even more intensive work. It involves gathering data and creating a venn diagram of the Leadership's Passions, Community Needs, and Congregation's Gifts (p. 59). The overlap between these three projects is where a vision to reach unchurched people will emerge.

The current project is to identify the passions and gifts of the church leaders through Rick Warren's S.H.A.P.E spiritual gifts assessment. It is rather long, and somewhat daunting, but it will prove to be very useful in many ways. It took me about 2 hours to complete. Most of the Discernment Team has completed the process and the two Church Councils will be asked to participate as well.

Now, I invite you into this process. Would you participate in the SHAPE spiritual gifts assessment? I am attaching it to this email. Please complete the assessment and send the page that starts with "My Shape Profile", the 2nd to last page, to Don Rohde in hard copy or email to donrohde@aol.com. Don will compile the results.

The results we have already received have brought great insight into how we can utilize each person's gifts to complement one another. I hope you will participate so that you can grow in your discipleship as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Many thanks!



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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (August 29)

 10:30 pm Worship Planning Meeting @ St. Paul's

Friday (August 30) Office Closed

- 7:00 pm N.A.
- 7:00 pm Candlelight N.A.

Saturday (August 31) Office Closed

Sunday (September 1)

8:30 am Fellowship Coffee and Donuts 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:30am Soup Brunch 6:00 pm N.A.

Monday (September 2)

• 7:00 pm N.A

Tuesday (September 3)

- 7:00 pm N.A.
- 7:00 River Concert

Wednesday (September 4)

- 10:00 am Upper Room Study
- 6:30 Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- 7:30 pm Scouts BSA

Come see us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/

We livestream every service!

Elizabeth's Epiphanies



Dear friends,

The question of whether we are saved by works or saved by faith alone has been debated by theologians since the beginning of the church. This Sunday I will explore this

question as we seek to be followers of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be a disciple? What does God expect of us? Are we living up to our potential as God's people? I hope you will be in worship--online or in person! Blessings,

Elizabeth Mill

UWF News:



The United Women In Faith unit meeting will be Sept.12 at 1:00 at Trinity UMC in the parlor. Lyndell Bradshaw and Jill Lines are hostessing. The program will be our Mission U study of the Lord's Prayer led Joni Pace. Hope to see you all there!!

Joint Worship Committee

As part of the insight from the Focus Groups wanting effective ministry with less redundancies, a Joint Worship Committee has been formed. The Worship Team consists of Tommy Lew, Don Rohde, Ryan Atwood, Ann Shively, Nancy Copp, Melinda Ginosar, Angela Shanor, The Heart Events, and Rev. Elizabeth.

We meet every Thursday at 10:30am, alternating each month between Trinity and St. Paul's. The committee is working on a new look for the bulletin that will be the same bulletin for both churches. The announcement slides will also be the same, highlighting the special events and ministries in both churches. The Heart Events is working to ensure quality sound and Facebook presence in both churches. The Joint Worship Committee is working diligently to grow and enhance the worship experience, to reach out, receive, nurture and send out disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Ministry Conference

The Ministry Conference with St. Paul's UMC and Trinity UMC is confirmed for Friday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held at the St. Paul's church.

The Ministry Conference is an informal gathering to which the entire congregation is invited. Church Leaders should plan to attend.

As a preparation, church leaders should review the 'OR-ID Church M.I.L.E Assessment,' completed last fall. Church leaders can access it when they login to the People Portal on the conference website: https://www.umoi.org/log-in. SPRC members will meet with DS Karen for a short check-in after the ministry conference.

Homeless Services

In July there were 198 homeless services supplied in the 18 days we were open. This is up from June's count of 163 in 16 days. This represented services to 51 unique people (up from 48).

The services provided included 183 showers (up from 142), 44 loads of laundry (up from 33), and 17 requests for supplies (up from 8). The clients ranged in age from 5 to 73 with an average age of 47.

Time in the church varied from 1 min. to 291 minutes with an average of 43 minutes. Most were returning clients, with 5 new clients. 74% have cellphones and 74% have valid ID.

RCCM Update

Things continue to happen at the Community Food Basket with continued need. There were 1,257 families served in June and 1,536 families in July. The food rescue van was in the 4th of July Parade, CFB was selected to be the recipient of B.A. Wackerli's Subaru Share the Love Event, and the North Highway Café raffled Luke Bryan Tickets and raised \$4,100.

Casino Royale Night will be held Saturday, September 14th from 5-9 at the Holiday Inn & Suites. Join in the fun and games, with dinner, drinks, cash bar, music, silent and live auctions. Individual tickets are \$100 and sponsorships are available. Watersprings is doing an auction to benefit CFB on August 24th.

Fish is gearing up for school suppliesimmediate needs are 3x5 index card and 24 count Crayola Crayons. Checks are also accepted as purchases are made for bulk pricing. Mail check to FISH PO Box 2236 Idaho Falls, 83403 and mark for school supplies

A fund raiser will be held for Fish on Sept. 7th, from 4-8 at 169 6th Street, it is drop in and there will be a bar-b-que. Bring your own chair.



2024 Ministry Conference



The 2024 Ministry Conference is set for Friday October 11th, from 9:00 to 10:30 am at St. Paul's UMC, followed by a brief SPR meeting.

This annual event is open to the entire congregation, with church leaders especially encouraged to attend. Key topics include Ministry that Matter, Itineracy, Lay Ministry, and Eliminating Racism.

Upcoming Changes

Beginning September 8th, there will be one bulletin for both churches' worship services, and The Heart Events will produce the slides for both churches. The bulletin will be colorcoded to help those at each church follow along. Most of the service is the same at both churches and the unique feel of each church will continue. St. Paul's will continue to have the Chancel Choir and Praise Team, while Trinity has an organist, pianist, and a song leader. We will continue to have Kid's Time, and celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday. Lay readers will continue to participate. At Trinity, we are going to ask people to sign-up at least a week ahead of time.

A couple of changes will be made to the worship services. At Trinity, "Choosing Your Favorite Hymn" will be selected from a running list of hymns submitted by attendees instead of selected during worship. This will allow slides to be made for online participants. If you have a favorite hymn, you would like added to the list for Trinity, please fill out the attendance form with your favorite hymns and place it in the offering plate.

At St. Paul's we will have an opportunity to "Share Joys and Concerns" prior to the Pastoral Prayer. This will help us see how God is moving in our midst as we pray for one another. Please be brief as you share!

"Thanks God" has been the closing song at St. Paul's for many years it is a wonderful celebration to close the service with the special song written by Jerry Shively. Trinity will

song written by Jerry Shively. Trinity will begin to use "Thanks God" as the closing song as well.

This process is a work in progress. As we receive feedback, the Joint Worship Committee will consider new ideas to enhance our worship, that it may be pleasing to God. Please feel free to talk with any of the worship committee members with your thoughts. The Worship Team consists of Tommy Lew, Don Rohde, Ryan Atwood, Ann Shively, Nancy Copp, Melinda Ginosar, Angela Shanor, The Heart Events, and Rev. Elizabeth.



River Concert Series



Members of St. Paul's and Trinity UMCs attending the River Concert Series

There's one last chance to join in on the fun of the Idaho Falls Arts Council's River Concert Series. While August 27th's concert was originally planned to be the last of the series, one last concert has been scheduled on September 3rd to feature The Snake River Strings Band, whose original date was cancelled due to weather.

Members of St. Paul's and Trinity have been attending the Summer River Series Concerts as a group. The concerts are presented by the Idaho Falls Arts Council and held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the Greenbelt Stage located between D&E Streets on Memorial Drive.

The last of these concerts will be held this Tuesday at 7pm and will feature the Mike Banks Jazz Quartet. The concerts are free and open to the public, and the Idaho Falls United Methodist meetup is open to members of Trinity, St. Paul's, friends, family or anyone else who'd like to join us. Bring a chair and enjoy some free entertainment as we fellowship together and enjoy Great Music.





Schedule

September 3rd - Snake River Strings Band - Strings



Last week's River Concert Artists were The Mike Banks Quartet (Top) On Sep. 3rd, The Snake River Strings Band will perform the season's last concert (Bottom)



Bell Ringers Needed!



Greetings bell ringers,

There are many hand bells at Trinity United Methodist Church that need to be rung. This letter is to determine how many prospective ringers there are to get the Wesley Bell Choir started again.

Two people have shown an interest in being the director, however, it is needed to know if there are enough ringers available to ring if one can be hired. Rehearsal times have not been determined since they depend upon ringers and directors.

Please let me know, if you could/would be interested. My email is dtaylorid809@gmail.com, or you can call or text me at 208-520-4519.

As you know, Hillcrest High School used the bells last school year and now have their own 3 octaves. There are enough students interested in ringing bells that their program is expanding, which is good news.

So, please let me know one way or another if you will be able to help get a bell choir going again.

Remember all of the great music we rang, great concerts we had, wonderful trips to Big Sky Conferences, how many times we got lost and needed help to get on track, how any people truly like to hear the bells and how much you have enjoyed being a ringer!! Your responses will help make the decisions about getting a director.

Ringingly yours,

~Marilyn Taylor

Rally Sunday!

Join us on Sunday, September 8th for Rally Day, the exciting kick-off of our church's programs and music ministry.

We invite you to attend our worship service, followed by a meal and fellowship.

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore how you can **Connect** by assisting in worship, **Grow** through fellowship and small group studies, and **Serve** through our various ministries. Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Don't forget to bring a friend – Everyone is Welcome!

Lay Servant Ministries



Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith? Are you a leader in your congregation? Do you want to know more about the United Methodist Church? If so,

Lay Servant Ministries courses are for you!

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection.

Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples. Lay Servant ministries can be a significant component of any discipleship system providing training in Hospitality, Offer Christ, Purpose and Engagement.

If you want to know more about Lay Servant Ministries or see what classes are offered through Be a Disciple online, check out the catalog at https://beadisciple.com/course-catalog/

To learn more contact Emilie Kroen at ekroen@yahoo.com

Lay Pastoral Care Giving January 6 – January 29, 2025



TIME: 6 to 7:30 PM PST
8 Sessions Mondays & Wednesday.
Jan 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29
LOCATION: On Line Zoom Course
INSTRUCTOR: Cynthia Abbey, CLM
with a specialization in
Pastoral Care Giving
COST: The cost of the book \$18

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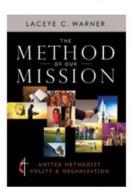
Email: ekroen@yahoo.com, Provide your Name, Address, Phone #, and your Church.

Lay Pastoral Care Giving by *Tim. M Farabough*Participant's Book • ISBN • 978-0-88177-554-9 • \$18.00
Participants' book is available at Upper Room, Cokesbury, and Amazon in paperback.

Lay Pastoral Care Giving offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others. Expressing care to someone in need—whether within the community of faith or beyond—may seem the most natural thing in the world. For some, it is; for others, it's less so. All can improve.

*Each participant must have a book, read it and complete assignments, and be fully engaged in all eight, 90 minute sessions with audio and video capability active.

Lay Servant Ministries Advanced Course Life Together in the UM Connection (UM Polity) Oct 28 – Nov 25, 2024



TIME: Mondays. 6 – 8 pm PT
Oct 28, & Nov 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024
LOCATION: On Line Zoom Course
INSTRUCTOR: Emilie Kroen,
Oregon - Idaho Ann. Conf.
Director of Lay Servant Ministries
COST: The cost of the book
REGISTER: By Oct 20, 2024
Email: ekroen@yahoo.com,
Provide your Name, Address, Phone
and your local church setting.

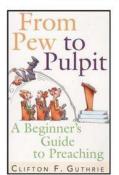
The Method of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity and Organization @ \$20.99 by Laceye C. Warner; Participant's Book – AB717.978-1-42676-717-3. Available at Cokesbury and Amazon.

This accessible book uses a Wesleyan theological frame—connection—to help readers understand United Methodism's polity and organization as the interrelationship of our beliefs, mission, and practice. The book is organized into four parts—United Methodist beliefs, mission, practice, and organization. Governance practices and organizational structure are framed within a Wesleyan theology of connection.

*Each participant must have a book, attend all 5 sessions with audio and video capability active at all times..

Lay Servant Ministries Advanced Course Called to Preach

Tuesday Evenings, Sept 17 - Oct 16, 2024



TIME: 6 – 8 PM Pacific Time

DATES: Sept 17, 24, & Oct 1, 8, & 15

INSTRUCTOR: Cindy Abbey, CLM LOCATION: Zoom This course is offered by Or-Id Conf.

COST: The cost of the book

REGISTER By Sept 9, 2024

Email: ekroen@yahoo.com, Provide your Name, Address, Phone # and your local church setting. Course size is limited. Register quickly

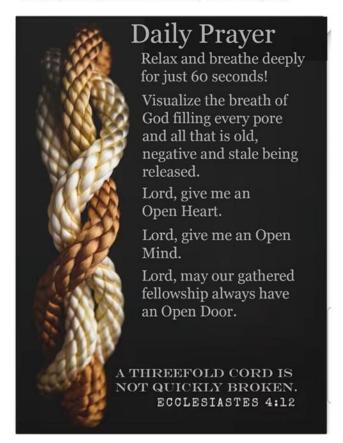
From Pew to Pulpit: A Beginner's Guide to Preaching

By Clifton F. Guthrie Participant's Book ISBN 13: 9780687066605• Available from Cokesbury, Upper Room, and Amazon \$10.79

Called to Preach is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence.

Questions? Please email Cindy Abbey csabbey 1865@gmail.com

*Each participant must have a book, attend all 5 sessions and if on Zoom, with audio and video capability active throughout.



Fall Bible Studies Begin



Isaiah "Striving Less and Trusting God More

This 7-week study, using Melissa Spoelstra's book, will focus on Isaiah's call to rely on the Lord. Everyone from both churches is invited to participate in the studies held at St. Paul's.

Women's Bible Study Group

Thursdays at 1pm Beginning September 19th Facilitated by Mary Bash

Co-Ed Bible Study Group

All are welcome Fridays at 2:30 pm Beginning September 20th Facilitated by Connie Dobbins and Lori Wickham

Contact Connie Dobbins for questions or to let us know which study you would like to attend.

Sawtooth "Senior Shindig"



Article taken from gocamping.org. Edited for Space. Getting older sure isn't easy, and sometimes it seems as though things are on a fast track down hill! But do not fear!! We are all in this together, and now is your chance to spend some time with other Seniors in the beautiful Sawtooth Mountains at Sawtooth Camp!

This Senior Shindig is meant to be a laid-back, fun experience for everyone to enjoy making new friends and having wonderful adventures. You will have the opportunity to grow spiritually while making lasting friendships and memories for years to come!

Important Details to Know Before You Go:

Check-in for Sawtooth "Senior Shindig" will be any time after noon on Monday. If you are unable to arrive by 5pm, please contact the Sawtooth Camp Director via the email address below. If you will be arriving after dark, please let the camp know so that someone can be available to welcome you and help you get situated in your assigned cabin. The first meal is at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

Senior Shindig" will officially conclude on Friday right after lunch, but those wanting to "hang around" for the afternoon are welcome to relax and enjoy the site. Singles will be assigned sleeping cabins, with restrooms/showers nearby. Couples will mostly be assigned their own cabin

unless they request to share with another couple/friends. Please note this on your housing form during registration.

Campers need to bring bedding, towels, toiletries, a warm jacket for mornings and evenings (6,000 ft elevation) and any special articles you might need. Please note that there is no cell phone coverage at Sawtooth Camp or internet use for campers. Campers are encouraged to use phones for taking photos while they are at camp. Campers are discouraged from using phones for gaming, watching downloaded videos, any social media platforms, etc. "Disconnect" and enjoy nature!

Our website has information about what to bring, directions to camp, camp policies and health forms. If registering by phone or mail, please send a completed Health Form for EVERY CAMPER to the camping office at least 10 days before the camp begins. If you have special dietary needs, please contact the camp director at least two weeks in advance. (Contact information below.) Registration Questions or more information? Contact Holly Dolan, our camp registrar at 503-802-9214 or (registrar@gocamping.org).

Mailing address:
Sawtooth Camp
PO Box 68
Fairfield, ID 83327
Camp Director Email:
sawtoothumcamp@gmail.com

Members of Trinity or St. Paul's planning to attend, or who have questions, should contact Betty Anderson at 208-521-3039 or bettyellenba@gmail.com so we know how many people from Trinity and St. Paul's plan on going.

Sawtooth "Senior	Age 55+	9/9/2024 -	Regular Rate: \$216 Senior Rate: \$199 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is
Shindig"	Adult Retreats & Camps	9/13/2024	required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be
			transferred to another session.)

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are updating our Sunday morning fellowship schedule.

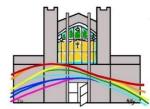
- Every 1st Sunday: Soup Brunch Bring your favorite Soup.
- Every 2nd Sunday: Potluck Brunch
 Bring your favorite dish to share
- Every 3rd Sunday: Scout Brunch
 This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- Every 4th Sunday: Potluck Brunch Bring your favorite dish to share

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

Chair of Admin Council;

Gene Summers
Joke2boy@aol.com



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Sherry Newey-(385)405-5011 ladylevi12@aol.com

Chair of Trustee

Don Rohde (860)810-3227-donrohde@aol.com

Chair of Finance

Open

John Wesley Quote

"Let it not be said, "They sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words; but they will not do them. Thou art unto them as one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not!" O that ye may "not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the word," that ye may be "blessed in your deed!" . . . But O! "who is sufficient for these things?" Who is able to stem the general torrent? to combat all the prejudices, not only of the vulgar, but of the learned and the religious world? Yet nothing is too hard for God! Still his grace is sufficient for us. In his

~ The Danger of Riches, 1872.

Financial Statements

name, then, and by his strength I will

Our church's financial status January 1 – July 31st, 2024



endeavor."

 Income
 \$109,026

 Expenses
 \$87,589

 Current net income
 \$21,436

Birthdays

August/September

Ken Brown 08/31 Joey Ford 09/07 MAY 23, 2024 NEWS UPDATE

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