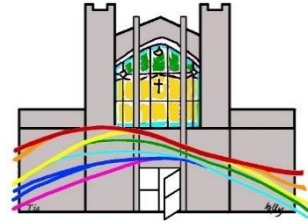


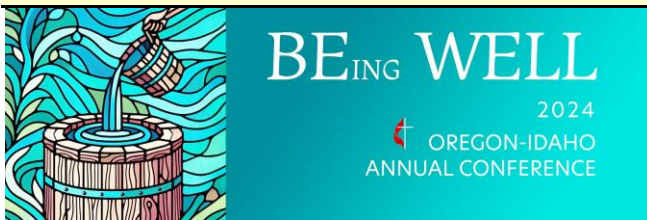
# Trinity Times



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

## News update for August 8, 2024

### Report From Annual Conference



#### Report of Lay Members Jim and Cindy Mason of St. Paul's to the Oregon-Idaho Conference held June 20-23, 2024 at Tigard, OR

This was the first time we had attended an Annual Conference and were amazed at the packed agenda and opportunities for fellowship. Our Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth presided over the four day meeting. Our theme was Being Well. We had videos presented that reflected what churches were doing to implement mental health, spiritual health, ecological health, physical health, plus conference camp & retreat ministries, and theological seminaries.

We were briefed on the happenings at General Conference regarding the major changes coming regarding the removal of harmful language regarding LBGTQIA people as well as the pending legislation

regarding regionalization around the world. See attached link regarding summary of General Conference - [general-conference-legislative-recap.pdf](#) ([resourceumc.org](#))

We learned that there are approximately 350 church buildings in the Greater NW Area with 40% of those churches with average attendance per Sunday of less than 25 people. This creates issues in assigning full Elders to each church. The Area classifies pastors as: Elders, provisional members, associates, licensed local pastors, certified lay ministers, and lay assigned persons. To cover the pastoral needs of the congregations, it is necessary for the Bishop and his staff to be creative in assigning pastors to existing churches. There have been Elders assigned to two or more church buildings in a district. part-time pastors and other classifications of pastors that are not yet Elder. Some congregations are being led by Lay Leaders or Deacons or Deaconesses.

We were updated by speakers and videos regarding the many things the UMC does in our district. conference and the area covered by our Bishop. We covered issues working through the MILE focal points and the many entities that we support in our area. OR-ID AC 2024 on Vimeo.

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**This Week at Trinity**

**Thursday** (August 8)

- 9:30 pm UWF Exec. Board
- 10:30 pm Worship Planning Meeting

**Friday** (August 9) *Office Closed*

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

**Saturday** (August 10) *Office Closed*

**Sunday** (August 11)

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

**Monday** (August 12)

- 7:00 pm N.A

**Tuesday** (August 13)

- 7:00 pm N.A.

**Wednesday** (August 14)

- 10:00 am Upper Room Study
- 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,  
I have been at the Bonneville County Fair this week spending time with the young people and the families of our churches.

Their hard work and dedication clearly shows as

they show animals and demonstrate their projects. I think it is important for me to support our young people, and I have learned so much about them and the world of 4-H.

I hope that as I enter into their world, they will know they can call upon me as their pastor in times of celebration as well as crisis. I give thanks for the many young people in our midst!

Blessings,

~Rev Elizabeth

## UWF News:



# United Women in Faith

"I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream!!" Anyone growing up in the Midwest knew that Sealtest ice cream slogan from the 1950's and 60's.

August brings the 'dog days' of summer and with it the United Women in Faith annual ice cream social. We will be gathering at Trinity at 1:00. It will be fun to catch up on our summer news and learn about our fall events. (And have ice cream!!!)

HEY THERE  
*You're Invited*  
TO OUR ANNUAL  
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm  
Trinity UMC**



## Conference Reports (cont.)

In presentations and workshops, we discussed Ministry that Matters where we discussed working together across the Area.

By consolidating functions, as the Bishop recently did with the District Superintendents, we can focus our ministries in the local church communities with An emphasis on housing, climate, hunger and health. By setting our ministry across the Area, the Council on Finance & Administration will be better able to craft a budget for 2025. Bishop Cedrick has asked each of the three conferences in GNW area to wait to develop and pass a budget for each conference until after a period of intentional reflection and conversation about our values, priorities and level of commitment to collaboration across the Greater NW area.

These discussions will be held by zoom through the end of September. A special session will be called to approve the 2025 budgets. Setting Ministry Priorities: Conversations about Mission & Budget across the Greater Northwest Area - Greater Northwest Area I News ([greaternw.org](http://greaternw.org)).

Several video and panel discussions addressed the work of the Equity Cohort to address our work on eliminating racism. We are making progress.

The plenary (legislative sessions) was conducted by Bishop Cedrick and were orderly and professionally organized by the parliamentarian. The 0-1 Conference voted on the following Action Requests and Standing Resolutions as determined by the Legislative Assembly:

### Action Requests

- AR1 Opioid Overdose Reversal Agents
- AR2 Local Church Appointment Change Leave
- AR3 Seeking a Lasting Peace in Gaza/West Bank and Israel
- AR4 Update to Board of Trustees Policy for sale of a parsonage
- AR5 Amend the Conference Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) Policy
- AR6 Adopting the Code of Conduct issued by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Interagency Sexual Ethics Taskforce
- AR7 Divesting from Fossil Fuels

### Standing Resolutions

- SR1 Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice Through Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions
- SR2 Supporting Middle East Peace Efforts
- SR3 Confronting Racism and White Supremacy
- SR4 Climate Stewardship includes Reducing Greenhouse Gases
- The Bishop read an apology drafted at the General Conference from the Church to all our communities for our complicity in sexual misconduct.
- Special worship services were held for Commissioning and Ordination with Reading of Appointments and the Memorial Service.
- We were amazed at the work being done in the Oregon-Idaho Conference with our apportionments. The conference was uplifting and inspiring!



## Third Sunday Workshop

The next gathering to discuss the Cooperative Parish model for the Idaho Falls United Methodists: Better Together will be Sunday August 18 at 4pm at Trinity UMC. Last month we had a ministry evaluation of the 2 churches. We also conducted SWOT ( Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of the individual churches and the Cooperative Parish. Each week there will be an article in the newsletter reviewing the progress of our conversations. Please feel free to contact any of the Discernment Team with questions and thoughts. The members of the Discernment Team are: Rev. Elizabeth, Sherry Newey, Don Rohde, Melinda Ginosar, Jeannie and Richard Hughes, Ray Miles, Tommy Lew and Jill Eckelsdaffer.

## 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. Most were returning clients, with 4 new clients. 68% have cellphones and 64% have valid ID.

## 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.

There are three opportunities to participate in the "Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course" this summer. One on Monday afternoons and two on Tuesday evenings. Courses coming this fall include "Spiritual Gifts - Each One a Minister," "Preaching - From Pew to Pulpit," "Social Principles - Justice in Everyday Life," "Polity - Life Together in the UM Connection," and "Leading in Lay Pastoral Care." You can find the schedule at [beadisciple.com](http://beadisciple.com). If you are seeking certification or annual recertification as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker, make sure you keep track of your classes and submit a report at your fall charge conference.

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](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com)

# Castle Bridge Preschool



3 OR 4 DAYS PER WEEK  
 MORNING AND  
 AFTERNOON SESSIONS  
 LANGUAGE ARTS  
 MATHEMATICS

SMALL CLASS SIZES  
 MONTHLY FIELD TRIPS  
 DAILY SNACKS  
 OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

## NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025

WWW.CASTLEBRIDGEPRESCHOOL.ORG  
 325 ELM ST., IDAHO FALLS

Castle Bridge Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year!

To apply, please contact us for a printed application, or you can find the application below in the "Forms" section.


Please mail the application and registration to:  
 Castle Bridge Preschool  
 325 Elm Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

The board is happy to announce that we will now be adding **Monday afternoon** to our scheduling options for next year.

The options will now be:

- 3 days (Tues-Thurs) or 4 days (Mon-Thurs) a week
- Morning or afternoon sessions or all day
  - qualifying 501 (c) 3 non profit
  - early drop off is available
  - a sibling discount is available

- Days and times of operation
  - Monday-Thursday 9am-11:30am (4 day/week)
  - Tuesday-Thursday 9am-11:30am (3 day/week)
  - Monday-Thursday 12:30pm-3:00pm (4 day/week)
  - Tuesday-Thursday 12:30pm-3:00pm (3 day/week)
  - Children may choose to attend both AM & PM sessions.
- Ages: 3- and 4-year-olds
- Website is [castlebridgepreschool.org](http://castlebridgepreschool.org).



## Daily Prayer

Relax and breathe deeply for just 60 seconds!

Visualize the breath of God filling every pore and all that is old, negative and stale being released.

Lord, give me an Open Heart.

Lord, give me an Open Mind.

Lord, may our gathered fellowship always have an Open Door.

**A THREEFOLD CORD IS NOT QUICKLY BROKEN.  
 ECCLESIASTES 4:12**



## River Concert Series



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

Members of St. Paul's and Trinity will be 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 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.



The weather couldn't stop the crowd from enjoying The 40 Somethin' Band, as the audience danced in the rain.



### Schedule

- August 13th - Snake River Strings Band - Strings
- August 20th - Idaho Muscle - Audience Request
- August 27th - Mike Banks Jazz Quartet - Jazz



Above: On August 6th, 22nd Street brought their brand of vocal jazz to the stage.  
Below: On August 13th, the Snake River Strings Band will take the stage.



## Sawtooth "Senior Shindig"



Article taken from [gocamping.org](http://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](mailto:registrar@gocamping.org)).

Mailing address:  
Sawtooth Camp  
PO Box 68  
Fairfield, ID 83327  
Camp Director Email:  
[sawtoothumcamp@gmail.com](mailto:sawtoothumcamp@gmail.com)

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

We are updating our Sunday morning fellowship schedule.

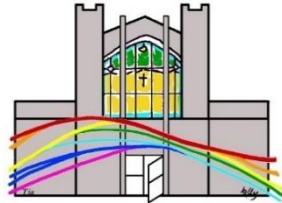
- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Soup Brunch**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Potluck Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish to share
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Joke2boy@aol.com)



### Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Sherry Newey-(385)405-5011  
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### Chair of Trustee

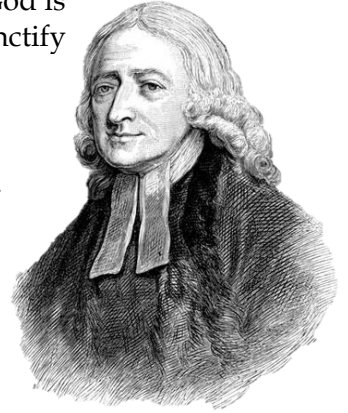
Don Rohde (860)810-3227-  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)

### Chair of Finance

Open

## John Wesley Quote

"To this confidence, that God is both able and willing to sanctify us now, there needs to be added one thing more, --a divine evidence and conviction that He doeth it. In that hour it is done: God says to the inmost soul, "According to thy faith be it unto thee!" Then the soul is pure from every spot of sin; it is clean "from all unrighteousness." The believer then experiences the deep meaning of those solemn words, "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.""



~Sermon 43 "The Scripture Way of Salvation".

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - June 30th, 2024



Income	\$ 82,478
Expenses	<u>\$ 76,472</u>
Current net income	\$ 6,006

## Birthdays

### July

Connor Carroll	08/10
Jakob Bryan	08/11
Sophia Griffith	08/13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			7 10:00am Upper Room Study  7:30pm Scouts BSA	8 10:30am Worship Planning Meeting @St. Paul's  1:00pm UWF Ice Cream Social  	9 Office Closed  7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	10 Office Closed
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