

News update for January 25, 2023

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Update:

February 14th is Ash
 Wednesday.
 We will be having a joint
 worship with St. Paul’s
 United Methodist Church on
 that day.

This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (January 25th)
- Friday** (January 26th) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
 - 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
- Saturday** (January 27th) *Office Closed*
- Sunday** (January 28th)
- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
 - 9:00am Sunday Worship
 - 10:30am Fellowship Scout brunch
 - 6:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (January 29th) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A
- Tuesday** (January 30th)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (January 31st)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
 - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

Looking Ahead

- **January 28** - 9 am Worship with Cascadia District Superintendent Tim Overton Harris
- **January 28** - 4 pm Workshop with Cascadia District Superintendent Tim Overton
- **February 4** - 9 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **February 11** - 9 am Worship with Pastor Kathy
- **February 14** - 7 pm, Ash Wednesday, Joint service at St. Paul's,
- **February 18**, 9 am Worship lead by a lay person from St. Paul's
- **February 25**, 9 am Worship with Rev. Kathleen Weber. District Superintendent Crest to Coast Missional District

Homeless Services

In November there were 131 homeless services supplied in the 17 days we were open. This represented services to 41 unique people. The services provided included 115 showers, 30 loads of laundry, and 15 requests for supplies. The supplies included 4 sleeping bags, pillows, socks and underwear, we also helped a client get a copy of his birth certificate. The clients ranged in age from 22 to 72 with an average age of 50. Time in the church varied from 2 min. to 111 minutes with an average of 34 minutes. 10 visitors were new clients for us. 58% have cellphones and 86% have valid ID.

Mitten Tree

This year we chose to support the Rise Up: Teen & Children Crisis Center of Eastern Idaho. It is located at 1140 Science Center Dr. Idaho Falls.

The Director, Staci Sutherland and staff gave a program to the United Women in Faith, at the November meeting. After learning about their program, we at Trinity offered to use the annual Mitten Tree donations for RISE UP. We want to thank you all for the generous donations. There were 42 prs of socks, 11 hats, 4 prs of heavy mittens, and 30 prs of gloves. THANK YOU so much for the donations. I took the donations to the to Rise Up and they were very grateful. Staci gave me a tour of the facility and I learned a lot more about how they are helping children and youth and their families in a time of crisis.

The United Women in Faith took an offering at their December meeting and donated all the proceeds to Rise Up as well.

~Betty E. Anderson



Gratefulness and thank You

Since July 2023 when we became a church without a full time, we have been struggling to know what to do next. We are trying to adjust to a new way of thinking about the life of our church. The church has always functioned with volunteers but now more than ever we all need to do the best we can to offer our assistance for the Sunday worship and other programming activities. Please take time to offer your assistance as we work together for the future of Trinity UMC in Idaho Falls.

During the Fall Season and Christmas time we had many people that provided assistance for the Sunday Worship Services and we are so grateful for all of it. One person that we need to recognize is Maria Harrison, who was in charge of the food and decorations for the 2 big dinners in Mary Dawson Hall in October and November.

Maria then took charge of the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary, parlor and entry ways for the Christmas Season. It was beautiful and made the Christmas season so special.



We had the youth assisting at the dinners and then many of them helped during Advent, lighting candles and reading. Many of our Camp Kids were a part of the Family Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's and more folks helped with the late service on Christmas Eve too.



Another person we want to recognize is Don Rohde who for many years has donated his time to do administrative tasks at Trinity. We so appreciate his talents and skills in a very important way. Don is still helping Trinity but had to step back a bit because he is helping care for his family in Utah. We can still reach him, by phone and the internet but he will not be here in person for a little while.

There are many more dedicated folks that we are grateful for and we will share more information as we move forward.

Thank you.

~Betty E. Anderson

What's Up at Trinity?

In the interest of keeping our circuit of churches well informed, I'm writing about the meeting the Trinity congregation had on Jan. 14. We met to discuss the future of the worshipping congregation. There were about 25 people in attendance, both in person and online.

I called the meeting to let the congregation know, that, in my experience, it seems as if the worshipping congregation has about two years of vital ministry left. My reasoning was based on two facts: the financial situation won't sustain our congregational ministries beyond that point, and we have too few people who can step into leadership roles at this time.

Acknowledging this situation actually frees the congregation to imagine what wonderful ministry they can do for the next two years. We talked about what aspects of our current ministry we really want to continue and enhance. There was a lot of desire to continue our ministry of hospitality to everyone who comes to Trinity for worship and other events. "Trinity feels like having a warm blanket placed on your shoulders," was a statement made. Now Trinity folks are looking at what they can do to enhance that feeling for everyone who walks through the doors of the church, both long time members and newcomers. We will find ways to make sure everyone knows that God loves them, whether they are there to worship, or to take a shower, or to listen to a concert.

It's important to know that the building itself is a ministry of sorts. During these two years we will be looking at ways to grow the ministries we already have that are building centered, like the ministry to people experiencing homelessness, and our hosting

of musical and theater groups and other community groups. We will also examine what new ministries might grow in our building. I'm hoping we will get some expert help from the Conference to do this analysis. We are going to dive into this part of our calling right away, though. As we divvy up the various parts of this work, please know that we hope St. Paul's folks will help out in the areas of their interest.

What does this mean for our Idaho Falls circuit? For the next two years we will continue to operate as a circuit, sharing a pastor and doing ministries together whenever possible. We've seen in the last seven months how fun this can be. We'll continue to dream together about the future of United Methodism in Idaho Falls. We will not be afraid of that future, but open minded and open hearted toward whatever and wherever God leads us. Pray for each other during this transition time and be kind toward one another. We are in this wonderful situation together, as God has always intended.

~Pastor Kathy

UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

No current news at the moment. Stay safe and have a lovely day!

Thank you.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

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

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

Chair of Admin Council;

Gene Summers
Joke2boy@Aaol.com



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149
bevmkemp@gmail.com

Chair of Trustee

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

Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - December 31 30, 2023



Income	\$190,141
Expenses	<u>\$169,341</u>
Current net income	\$ 20,800

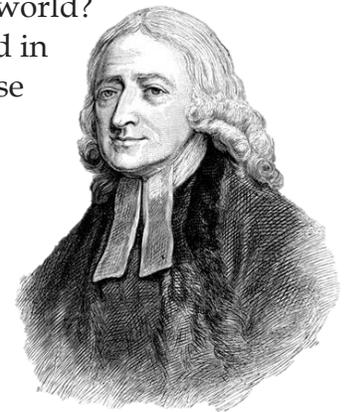
Birthdays

January

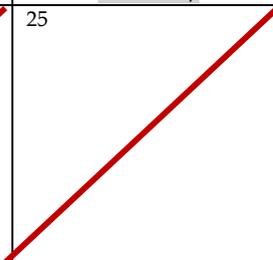
Marsh, Ruth	01/25
Denning, Jeff	01/26
Denning, Trudy	01/26
Ford, Ellie	01/26
Schaffer, Laura	01/28
French, Betty	01/29
French, Theo	01/29
Zwygart, Maddix	01/30
Griffith, Leo	01/31

John Wesley Quote

“Why is there sin in the world? Because man was created in the image of God, because he is not mere matter-a clod of earth, a lump of clay-without sense or understanding, but a spirit like his Creator, a being endued not only with sense and understanding, but also with a will exerting itself in various affections.”



~The Fall of Man

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