

News update for July 27, 2023

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Important Message for our Church

Pastor Kathy has written a group letter for us about the future of our church. Things have changed and will continue to change for Methodists in Idaho Falls, and we should be informed about it.

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (July 27th)

Friday (July 28th)

- 7:00pm N.A.

Saturday (July 29th)

Sunday (July 30th) **Worship in the Park**

- 9:30am Donuts and coffee
- 10:00am Worship at Tautphaus Park
- 11:30am Potluck Brunch
- 6:00pm N.A.

Monday (July 31st)

- 7:00pm N.A.

Tuesday (August 1st) **August**

- 7:00pm N.A.

Wednesday (August 2nd)

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

Trinity Homeless Services

Homeless Services are available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services.

Real Talk~From Pastor Kathy

People younger than me have an expression they use these days: “real talk.” Real talk, as opposed to small talk, is conversation or writing that gets right to the point with no fussing around. I’d like to share some real talk with you in this article. Normally, as the new pastor I would ease into sharing the information below, but we don’t have time for such small talk. It’s got to be real talk, right now.

The situation we find ourselves in is that United Methodist ministry in Idaho Falls has reached a crossroads. If we continue to do what we are doing, *and nothing else*, there will be no United Methodist ministry in Idaho Falls in just a few years. I won’t list a bunch of statistics here (please come to the Aug. 10 meeting to hear the details) but the truth is our congregations do not have a lot of time left to continue the ministry they are engaged in right now. The advanced age of our congregants, and the lack of people under 40 years of age, are the most obvious signs that we are facing shortened lifespans as viable churches. Less obvious is the fact that our ways of expressing of the Christian faith are no longer relevant to our neighbors. I see already how important Sunday morning worship is for the folks who attend our worship services. However, our neighbors are not joining us because they don’t want to join us. They don’t have the desire to express and fulfill their spiritual needs the way we do. Singing hymns, absorbing lectures on scripture passages, and partaking in communion rituals are strange, uninteresting customs to them. Here’s the hard truth: *all the people who want our kind of Christianity are already participating in our church ministries. Our congregations are not going to get any bigger.* No advertising campaign, no charismatic young

pastor, no aftermath of a horrible national tragedy will bring more people into our churches to worship as we do, or study the Bible as we do, or participate in charity projects like we do. We are it. And we are no spring chickens.

Our situation is not unique. Indeed, most of our UM churches in the greater northwest area face the same reality we do. Aging congregations, and older, irrelevant (to younger folks) expressions of Christianity mean most of our churches are on a path toward closure. The question before us is, if we can’t “grow” our existing congregations, can we develop new ministries that are relevant to our neighbors, making the love and grace of God that already is present in our neighborhoods more visible and real?

Please hear me clearly: **one** facet of our future as United Methodists in Idaho Falls is the ministry of care and support for the saints of our churches. Our saints have given their time, energy and resources to the ministries of our churches for decades, and we must provide them with the care and support they need in the latter part of their lives. This is the Christian thing to do.

However, this cannot be the main or only ministry we engage in. God is calling us to be and do more. This year we are going to explore, experiment, and research new forms of ministry that might lead us into our new future. We will start by meeting our neighbors. Not to ask them to come to “our” church, but to find out what God is doing in their lives. We want to partner with God in whatever God’s new plans are for folks in Idaho Falls. Sounds scary, right? It is. But with God’s help, all things are possible. I think this is enough “real talk” for now. May God strengthen us for the journey ahead.

~Pastor Kathy Neary

All Church Meeting

August 10th at 6:30pm

At St. Paul's UMC

This will be a joint meeting with St. Paul's congregation to have presentations from the committees of both churches about the state of the churches. It is a chance to understand the workings, finances, and missions of the two churches. How are they different? How are they the same? How do we complement each other? How are we redundant? In the future you will be asked to decide on the future of Methodism in Idaho Falls. To do that you will need to understand the reality of the current finances, resources, and missions of the two churches.

Be Informed About your Churches!

Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's walk will be held on Saturday, September 23th. The Trinity team "Memory Methodists" is participating in the 2023 walk. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to fight Alzheimer's.

To join the Trinity team sign on to:
https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=16521&pg=entry

Register for:

[Memory Methodists](#)

Team Captain: Don Rohde



5th Sunday Church in the Park

On July 30th we are having the first ever "Church in the Park." At 10 am we will have a joint service with St. Paul's at Tautphaus Park Shelter #1 followed by a potluck brunch. Fried chicken, water, plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Also bring your lawn chair for comfortable seating during the service. This will be in place of normal services at Trinity or St. Paul's.

Shelter #1 is at the corner of Park Drive and Picnic Way.



Special Service at Tautphaus Park

Join us for a special worship service
Sunday, July 30th at 10:00 am
at Tautphaus Park's Shelter 1

After worship we will be having a potluck and time of fellowship.

Chicken will be provided

Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share



Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

- **Every 1st Sunday: Soup Potluck**
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2th 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

Little Church in the Pines

Little Church in the Pines, in Island Park is still encouraging RCCM churches to host one Sunday service in July or August. Currently three churches have confirmed: (First Pres), (LDS) and August 13 (St. Paul's UMC). Hosts provide greeters/ushers, special music, and cookies for 80-100 people. Supplying a pianist is desirable, but not essential. Congregations may use the Little Church facilities, including a large downstairs meeting room, for related church activities such as a leadership retreat. To reserve a date or ask questions, contact Worship Chair Pam White at 208-346-6135 or pkwhite@ymail.com.

Check out their website: www.littlechurchinthepines.org



Financial Statements

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



Income	\$101,111
Expenses	<u>\$93,044</u>
Current deficit	\$8,067

Blood Drive!



Blood Drive

**Idaho Falls
Interfaith Community
Idaho Falls Blood Donation
Center**

1165 E 17th Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

The American Red Cross continues to see a concerning trend - blood donations are being sent to hospitals faster than they are coming in. The Red Cross has collected about 50,000 fewer blood donations than needed over the last two months. This is happening during the "100 Deadliest Days" that sees a sharp increase in traffic accidents and fatalities.

The Idaho Falls Interfaith Community is coming together to host a blood drive on August 1st at the Red Cross donation center at 1165 E 17th Street in Idaho Falls to ensure our community has blood when it is critically needed.

Donors and drive volunteers are needed. Schedule online at Red Cross Blood.org INTERFAITHCOMMUNITY or call Angela at 208 520-1957.

Birthdays

June

Empey, Chance	07/27
Nelson, Blair	07/28
Summers, Bailey	07/30
Sorensen, Josh	08/02
McCall, Alasdair	08/03
Wooten, Al	08/03
Oliver, Ben	08/04
Milam, Linda	08/05
Osteen, Olivia	08/06



John Wesley Quote

“Have patience and you will see farther. In a few years you will find out that neither these are half so necessary to salvation, nor those half so destructive as you now imagine.



...
 Jealousy and suspiciousness I defy and abhor, as I do hell-fire. And I believe nothing, great or small, without such kind of proof as the nature of the thing allows.”

~ To Samuel Furly, 1762

UWF NEWS



United
 Women
 in Faith

Can you believe it’s almost August? Where has summer gone – possibly melted away. Our next unit meeting will be August 10 in the church parlor. It will be our ice cream social. Hopefully many of you will be able to join us.

A big thank you to Don Rohde and Sherry Newey for all of their help with Mission U. Couldn’t have done it without you. We had a great group.

See you soon
 Lyndell



Summer Camp Scholarships

We had 14 kids go to the three sessions at Camp Sawtooth. We are excited to have this many children participating this year. 8 of the 10 children from last year are returning and the others were new campers. They were partially paid for by parents and family, but we still need to raise scholarship funds for the remainder of the cost.

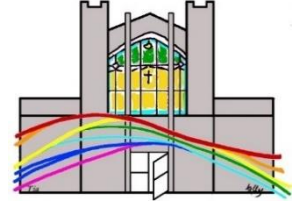
Trinity has had a long tradition of assisting with scholarships. Please give what you can to the fund so these youths can have a life-changing experience. We will continue to accept donations through the summer.

Call Betty at 208-521-3039



Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve: **Chair of Admin Council;**
Open Position



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

Homeless Services

In June there were 145 homeless services supplied in the 17 days we were open. This represented services to 51 unique persons. The services provided included 118 showers, 38 loads of laundry, and 15 requests for supplies. The supplies included emergency food, hygiene kits, sleeping bag, socks, underwear, gas, mail and computer use. The clients ranged in age from 18 to 74 with an average age of 44.7. Time in the church varied from 1 min to 170 minutes with an average of 38 minutes. 17 visitors were new clients for us. 72% have cellphones and 88% had valid ID.



Thank-you letter

May 19, 2023

Trinity United Methodist
Church

237 N Water Ave

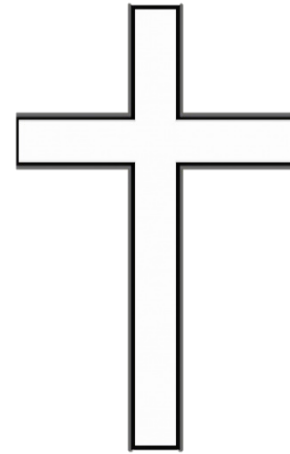
Dear Kathy & Mark Borland and all
TUMC Members,

I hope you are doing well! I just wanted to thank you for all the support you have given me throughout my life. From learning music with Marilyn Taylor through the Bells of Joy to

receiving the Pete Isaksen scholarship 3 years in a row, Trinity United Methodist Church and its

outstanding members have helped me find my path in this everchanging world.

To give you an update as to where I am today, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration and a Bachelor of Business in Management last year from Idaho State University. Wanting to further my education, I decided to pursue a master's degree. I am happy to say that within 1 year I have completed my Master of Business Administration Degree from Idaho State University! I would not have been able to accomplish this without the financial support from Mr. Isaksen and the prayers prayed by the members of the church.



Starting in June, I will be moving from Idaho Falls to Boise to pursue a job in the healthcare industry. This position is the head administrator of a 12 bed assisted living and memory care facility, Ashley Manor. Throughout my MBA I found a passion in senior care through the guidance of an outstanding professor. I deeply look forward to the positive impact I can make in senior care as I start my career.

Again, thank you all so much for the opportunity to pursue and accomplish my big dreams in so little time with an abundance of support from all directions. I am beyond excited for this new journey and overcome with gratitude.

Best wishes,

Shaylee Cutler

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