

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

**News update for May 16, 2024**

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**This Week at Trinity**

**Thursday** (May 16)  
 • 1:00am UWF Unit Meeting

**Friday** (May 17) *Office Closed*  
 • 7:00pm N.A.  
 • 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.

**Saturday** (May 18) *Office Closed*

**Sunday** (May 19)  
 • 8:30am Fellowship Coffee and Donuts  
 • 9:00am Sunday Worship  
 • 10:30am **Fellowship Scout Brunch**  
 • 6:00pm N.A.

**Monday** (May 20)  
 • 7:00pm N.A

**Tuesday** (May 21)  
 • 7:00pm N.A.

**Wednesday** (May 22)  
 • 10:00am Upper Room Study  
 • 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting  
 • 7:30pm Scouts BSA

***Pentecost Sunday***  
 Remember to wear red this Sunday to honor  
 this special day.

Come see us on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>  
 We livestream every service!

## Elizabeth's Epiphanies

This Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost when the Holy Spirit arrived with wind and fire. Fanned by the flames of the good news of Jesus Christ, thousands came to believe. How is the Holy Spirit at work in our days? I hope you will worship with us online or in person to find out!

### Follow the footsteps of St. Paul

Rev. Elizabeth invites you to join her on a trip to Greece and Turkey to see the 7 churches of Revelation, Ephesus, Istanbul and the Peloponnese in Greece. The 17 day trip from Sept. 15, 2024 to Oct. 1, 2024 costs \$5890.

Let Rev. Elizabeth know if you would like more information.

### Graduates honored on June 2

We would like to honor family of our church members who are graduating from high school, college or other levels on Sunday June 2. Please let the church office know their name, school and how they are related to you.



## Idaho Falls United Methodists Coming Together

You are invited to participate in the Third Sunday workshops as people from both St. Paul's and Trinity envision the next stage of ministry together. The next workshop will be Sunday, May 19 at 4pm to 5:30pm at St. Paul's. We will focus on Chapter 1 of the book "An Effective Approach to Cooperative Parishes" by Lay Kotan. Please order your copy on Amazon or ask Melinda Ginosaur, St. Paul's Ministry Coordinator, for help to obtain your copy. The goal is to establish the reasons for working together, form a Prayer Team, establish the Discernment Team, and Re-cap the Ministry Evaluations that were done with Pastor Kathy. Then we will look to the work that needs to be done before the next workshop on June 16.

Questions? Contact Rev. Elizabeth.

Snacks will be provided afterwards for those who would like to stay and socialize.

*~Rev Elizabeth*

## UWF News



United Women in Faith

The next United Women in Faith Unit meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June.

We hope to see you there!

## Vocal Competition

If you have a star voice, and would like to earn a cash prize, consider joining the Luminescence vocal competition coming Saturday, June 9!



First Annual  
**LUMINESCENCE**  
Vocal Competition

**Cash Prizes**

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Trinity United Methodist Church  
237 N Water Ave., Idaho Falls

Youth Competition: 1:00 pm • \$20 to compete

Adult Competition: 7:00 pm • \$25 to compete

General Admission: \$5

Go to  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqAm-vh1sPy6DsDuchKvYFr6bVDHp-X4SHos3CuRoH-E4brJQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfqAm-vh1sPy6DsDuchKvYFr6bVDHp-X4SHos3CuRoH-E4brJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)  
for more information

## Meet the Pastor

Rev. Elizabeth has scheduled Small Group home meetings in May so that the members of the two congregations can meet her and have a chance to talk. The meetings will be like an informal tea with coffee, tea, cookies, and pastry served. The goal is to have a mix of people from both congregation at each of the Small Groups. People have already signed up to be the hosts for each group and to provide a meeting place. Now the congregation can sign up to attend a group of their choice. You should act quickly because

the groups are limited to 6-7 people and will fill up quickly. To sign up to attend a small group contact Sherry Newey at Trinity and Jennifer Lively at St. Paul's. They have the master signup sheets at church and fellowship time. There are still 2 groups that still need a host and location. Meeting times include:

- 5/16 Thr @ 2:00 pm
- 5/21 Tue @ 6:30 pm
- 5/23 Thr @ 3:00 pm
- 6/08 Sat @ 2:00 pm

## General Conference Wrap-Up

*Story from UM News*

It could be argued that this was the most consequential General Conference since the 1968 assembly that created The United Methodist Church. The church going forward from here is different than it was just a few weeks ago. During the 10 days, delegates considered more than 1,000 petitions. Among other actions, they approved a new retirement plan for clergy, granted deacons authority to offer Holy Communion and conduct baptisms in their ministry setting, celebrated church milestones, agreed to a full communion relationship with the Episcopal Church, and approved the departure of four Eurasian annual conferences that plan to become the autonomous Christian Methodist Church.

## Scholarships

### ATTENTION High School Seniors and College Students!

The TUMC Endowment Committee is kicking off its scholarship process for the 2024/2025 academic year.

Two scholarships are available:

1. The Hazel Skelton General Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000
2. Chesbro Music Scholarship: one scholarship, up to \$1,000, for those pursuing a college major or minor in music.

The applicants should be active member/participant of Trinity United Methodist Church or St Paul's United Methodist Church.

Applicants will be considered for all available scholarships, with selections made based on individual scholarship criteria. Therefore, each applicant only needs to submit one application package. Completed application packages, including a brief essay, transcripts, and two letters of reference, are due no later than June 1, 2024. Completed application packages need to be type written and E-mailed to

[TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com](mailto:TrinityUMCIIdahoFalls@gmail.com)

Scholarship applications are available on the church website at [www.tumcif.org](http://www.tumcif.org) or by contacting the church office or Kathy Borland. The application has been updated as a "Form" document to assist you in completing it electronically. A scholarship checklist is also posted on the website to help you. If you have questions regarding the process, please contact Kathy Borland at [kaborland28@gmail.com](mailto:kaborland28@gmail.com)

## Homeless Services

In April there were 154 homeless services supplied in the 17 days we were open. This represented services to 44 unique people. The services provided included 137 showers, 36 loads of laundry, and 10 requests for supplies. Supplies included socks, underwear, sleeping bags, and gallon bottles of water. The clients ranged in age from 19 to 73 with an average age of 48. Time in the church varied from 1 min. to 188 minutes with an average of 41 minutes. Most were returning clients, with 9 new clients. 62% have cellphones and 69% have valid ID.



## Sawtooth Camp



Who we are:

Camp and Retreat Ministries of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church Mission Statement.

We are people dedicated to creating sacred spaces of Christian hospitality and learning.

We offer these spaces so that people may...

### **Experience God's love**

- Engage with creation
- Develop loving interdependence with each other and the Earth
- Act with justice\* in the world

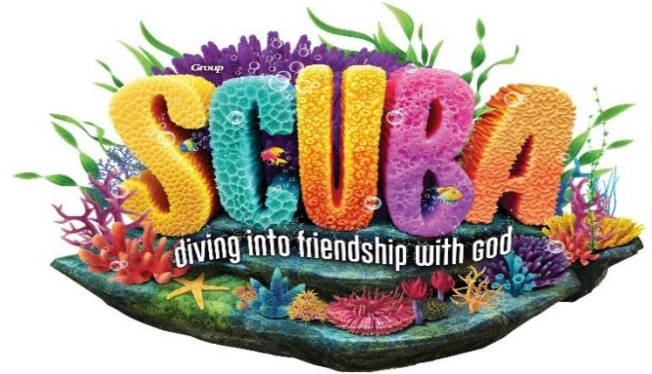
*Vision: A world of wonder, love, and justice*

We serve individuals, families, educational institutions, religiously affiliated groups, social service agencies, community service organizations, and other nonprofit organizations that enrich life in the world.

Leave the busy, noisy world behind and share with your group a peaceful, profound experience deep in the Sawtooth Mountains.

You will be walking in the valley where Native Americans, explorers, miners, adventurers, and sportsmen have enjoyed a wilderness experience for centuries.

## Vacation Bible School



St. Paul's will be hosting Vacation Bible School in July.

**VBS is July 15-18, 9:00am - Noon.**

Save the date!

Dive Below the Surface to Build a Strong Faith.

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

More information to come soon!

## Camp Sessions

<a href="#">Sawtooth Senior High Camp</a>	Completed Grades 9th-12th Summer Youth Camps	7/7/2024 - 7/13/2024	Subsidized Rate: \$445   Full Rate: \$499 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)
<a href="#">Sawtooth Junior High Camp</a>	Completed Grades 6th-8th Summer Youth Camps	7/14/2024 - 7/20/2024	Subsidized Rate: \$445   Full Rate: \$499 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)
Summer camp in the Sawtooth mountains for junior high students (ages 12-14). <a href="#">more →</a>			
<a href="#">Sawtooth Elementary I</a>	Completed Grades 3rd-6th Summer Youth Camps	7/21/2024 - 7/27/2024	Subsidized Rate: \$445   Full Rate: \$499 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)
<a href="#">Sawtooth Backpacking Adventure Camp</a>	Completed Grades 7th-11th Summer Youth Camps	7/21/2024 - 7/27/2024	Subsidized Rate: \$445   Full Rate: \$499 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)
<a href="#">Sawtooth Elementary II</a>	Completed Grades 3rd-6th Summer Youth Camps	7/28/2024 - 8/3/2024	Subsidized Rate: \$445   Full Rate: \$499 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)
<a href="#">Sawtooth Outpost Camp</a>	Completed Grades 5th-8th Summer Youth Camps	7/28/2024 - 8/3/2024	Subsidized Rate: \$445   Full Rate: \$499 (A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot. This deposit will not be refunded but may be transferred to another session.)
<a href="#">Sawtooth "Senior Shindig"</a>	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.)

Sawtooth Camp			
Title	Age Level	Dates	Cost
<a href="#">Memorial Day Work Party</a>	All Ages/Family Family/Multi-generational Events Volunteer Opportunities & Training Events	5/25/2024 - 5/27/2024	Donations welcome to defray food costs
<a href="#">Sawtooth On-Site Training Weekend</a>	Ages 16 and up Volunteer Opportunities & Training Events	6/7/2024 - 6/9/2024	No fee; donations for food are gladly accepted
<a href="#">Sawtooth Family Camp</a>	All Ages/Family Family/Multi-generational Events	6/14/2024 - 6/17/2024	\$162 Adult   \$112.50 Youth (ages 10-17)   \$79.50 Child (ages 3-9)   \$0 Under 3 (ages 0-2)   \$550 Family Maximum (1 per household)

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are updating our Sunday morning fellowship schedule.

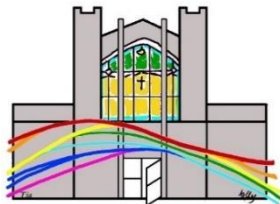
- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**  
Bring your favorite cookies or cake
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**  
Bring your favorite cookies or cake

## Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

### Chair of Admin Council;

Gene Summers  
[joke2boy@Aaol.com](mailto:joke2boy@Aaol.com)



### Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

Bev Kemp-(208)569-6149  
[bevmkemp@gmail.com](mailto:bevmkemp@gmail.com)

### Chair of Trustee

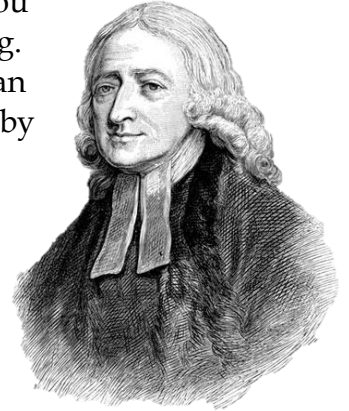
Don Rohde (860)810-3227-  
[donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com)

### Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

## John Wesley Quote

“Do nothing on which you cannot pray for a blessing. Every action of a Christian that is good is sanctified by the Word and prayer. It becomes not a Christian to do anything so trivial that he cannot pray over it.



~Conscience

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - March 31, 2024



Income	\$ 46,998
Expenses	\$ <u>51,349</u>
Current net income	<\$ -4,351>

## Birthdays

### May

Tuckett, Danielle	05/16
Borland, Mark	05/20
Bradshaw, Lyndell	05/23
Gonzalez, Jr	05/25

## RCCM News

**FISH:** Bev Kemp will be doing some investigating on resources for homeless housing since requests for utilities and rent have increased. She will give a report on her findings next month. This is FISH's

quieter time. All is well. They will be doing their summer BBQ fundraiser for school supplies but do not have a date yet.

**Community Food Basket – Idaho Falls:** Ariel Jackson reported in March: 1281 families, 3051 Adults, 2137 Kids, 298 Seniors, 133 new families and 232 babies (4640 diapers). Warehouse Lot Sale was April 13<sup>th</sup> and netted over \$23k. Postal Carriers will allow bags to be stapled to postcards for their food drive on May 11th. CFB is looking for volunteers to help with stapling – see attachment to email or call to volunteer.

- Sewer repair will be less than originally thought thanks to a different company who will use a hydro tool to blow out the sewer line.
- Grants received for Washer and Dryer at DC.
- Waiting on grant funding for other projects, Canopy for Patron Ramp, Snowplow Truck, Replacement Refrigerators.
- Also asked to have your congregations save their egg cartons and deliver to the CFB Warehouse.

**Little Church in the Pines:** Rev. Neal Humphrey reported that attendance has been normal for the winter season and finances were holding mostly steady- although down from last year a little. Please watch your email for an upcoming invitation to host a Sunday with your church at Little Church this summer. There will also be other events

that you can come to Island Park and attend. Please encourage your congregations to take part.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Lenten Services were well received. We split \$797.50 between CFB and The Soup Kitchen. Rev. Lea suggested that we consider some additional marketing next year for the services.

RCCM meeting hosts will invite a nonprofit to speak at our meetings if they choose.

### **New Business:**

Bev Kemp will give a report next month on her investigation into homeless housing resources in Idaho Falls.

### **Community News:**

Summer Lunch Program does not have a sponsor and summer lunch funding was turned down by the Idaho Legislature. Community Food Basket will try to take up some of the slack with food bags of individual kid friendly foods given to families during the summer. CFB is asking for donations specific for that program and also for volunteers to help fill the bags and distribute. Churches were asked for additional ideas or input and it was also decided that Rev. Lea would write a letter to the editor about the situation and it would be sent out to RCCM for pastors to sign if they were willing.

We welcomed Rev. Elizabeth McVickers and she gave the closing meditation and prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.



## WJ Delegates Celebrate Removal of ban on LGBTQIA+



From *Western Jurisdiction UMC News May 1<sup>st</sup>*  
Delegates and observers from the Western Jurisdiction are celebrating this morning, after harmful language for LGBTQIA+ persons was removed from the Book of Discipline at General Conference in Charlotte.

"We started the morning singing 'There's a song in every silence...at the last a victory' and 'We'll tell the story of how we've overcome.' And do we have a story to tell! We've made it clear that all of God's children are beloved and free to serve and respond to God's call," said Rev. Dr. Kristin Stoneking, a queer clergy reserve delegate from the California-Nevada Conference.

Rev. Jeffrey Kuan, clergy delegate for the California-Nevada Conference, gave up his seat in order to allow Stoneking to cast her vote.

"I felt the lift of a weight of 32 years since answering God's call to serve as an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Though I expected celebration and elation, the depth of joy in my heart surprised me," said Stoneking.

Without debate during the approval of the consent calendar, delegates vote 692-51 – or 93 percent – passage of several legislative items, including the removal of harmful language that banned, specifically the ordination of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals."

And there are to be no penalties for clergy or church from holding same-sex weddings, according to reporting from United Methodist News Service.

Jan Nelson, a lesbian lay delegate from the Oregon-Idaho Conference who has attended several General Conferences where there were tears of sorrow, summed her feelings in one word. "Hallelujah!" she said.

"The pain and grief from 2019 has been transformed to the joy of freedom for all," said Don McCammon, a lay delegate from the Mountain Sky Conference.

During a break shortly after the vote, delegates from across the connection gathered together to sing, cry and celebrate this historic moment.

"The passing of the LGBTQIA legislation is a monumental moment in the history of the UMC," said Micheal Pope, lay delegate from the California-Nevada Conference. "As the people called Methodist, we are saying we believe that all of God's children are sacred in God's sight. We the people called Methodist chose love over fear and hate. Our LGBTQIA siblings have been welcomed and have been seen. The affirmative vote is our apology for the past. I look forward to going home and saying to all of my LGBTQIA siblings the Methodist church will do no harm."

"We've waited so long for this moment," said Rev. Elizabeth Ingram Schindler of the Pacific Northwest Conference. "We just feel so, so grateful for everyone who's come before,

who has in the work to make this happen — to make this space for everyone who is called to serve.”

Rev. Jim Doepken, first-elected clergy delegate from the Alaska Conference, echoed much the same sentiments.

“We have been working toward full inclusion of all our LGBTQIA+ siblings for years and celebrate along with them and our friends at General Conference,” he said. “It has been a good day with lots of work ahead. As our Bishop Cedrick Bridgforth has said, we pray the changing legislation comes with a change in behavior.”

## Habitat for Humanity

We are coming up on the one-year anniversary of our Help Build Hope house build in the parking lot at

St. Paul’s. As the project nears completion, there are a few more opportunities for all of us to help finish so the family can get moved into the house.

1. Donations for the appliances-We are accepting donations to be applied toward the purchase of new appliances for the house. Need is estimated \$2500-3000. Checks may be dropped off at St. Paul’s office or placed in with the Sunday offering. Please mark checks for Habitat for Humanity.

2. Volunteering-I took the liberty of volunteering St. Paul’s and Trinity for a couple jobs:

a. Landscaping the yard-This will probably require ~ 1/2 day. (Date TBD- probably 3 rd week of May)

b. Final house cleanup-Depending on the number of volunteers, this should also be a half-day. (Date TBD- probably mid-June)

I will post the actual dates when those are finalized. I recently toured the house and it’s beautiful. Let’s help finish this project so the family can get moved in and make it a home. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to [jerrylcass@gmail.com](mailto:jerrylcass@gmail.com)

or text/call 208-520-4501.

Jerry Cass  
Missions

## Food Basket Needs

The Community Food Basket of Idaho Falls needs your help!

We have an unfortunately large population of people here that cannot get basic food for themselves or others, and rely on the food basked for their meals. However, the Food Basket relies on YOU to help them get this vital aid out.

Please consider donating some of the below items to help out your community!

Food Items we are most in need of:	Food Items For Kiddos we are most in need of:
Canned Fruit	Canned Fruit
Ramen Noodles	Cold Cereal
Cereal	Hot Cereal
Canned Beans ( <i>chili beans, pinto, black beans</i> ) <b>(High Need)</b>	Nutrigrain Bars
Peanut Butter	Peanut Butter
Canned Chili	Pop Tarts
Pasta Sauce	Jelly
Mac & Cheese <b>(High Need)</b>	Mac & Cheese <b>(High Need)</b>
Can Tuna or Chicken <b>(Very High Need)</b>	Ramen Noodles
Side Dishes, Not Mashed Potatoes ( <i>stuffing, flavored rice, noodles w sauce</i> ) <b>(High Need)</b>	Can Tuna or Chicken <b>(Very High Need)</b>
Diced Tomatoes	Ravioli or Spaghetti O’s
Canned Soup <b>(High Need)</b>	Canned Soup
Or,	Snacks, <i>crackers, etc.</i>
Any other food you wish to donate.	Fruit Snacks
<b>Thank you for your kindness!</b>	
<b>**Please no open or home canned items**</b>	
We can take every \$1 donated and turn it into \$4.80 worth of food!	
	Want to Volunteer? Check our website: <a href="http://Feedidahofalls.org">Feedidahofalls.org</a>

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