

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News update for May 30, 2024

A poster with a rainbow gradient background. At the top is a logo with a cross inside a rainbow circle. Below it is the text "IDAHO FALLS UNITED METHODISTS TRINITY & ST. PAUL'S TOGETHER". The main title "COMMUNITY WORSHIP & BBQ" is in large, bold, black, hand-drawn letters. Below that is "SUNDAY JUNE 30 / 10 AM" in white. The address "St. Paul's UMC 1730 St. Clair Idaho Falls, ID" is in black. At the bottom, "Free Food, Live Music, & Kids Activities" and "All are invited" are written in a cursive font.

Come join us on Sunday June 30th, for a joint St. Paul's/Trinity worship and Picnic at 10 am at St. Paul's.

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This Week at Trinity

Thursday (May 30)

Friday (May 31) *Office Closed*

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

Saturday (June 1) *Office Closed*

Sunday (June 2)

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

Monday (June 3)

- 7:00pm N.A

Tuesday (June 4)

- 7:00pm N.A.

Wednesday (June 5)

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

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

Elizabeth's Epiphanies

Dear friends,

This Sunday we begin a sermon series "On Your Mark" based on the lectionary passages in the Gospel of Mark. Scripture calls us to act upon what we believe. Before we can act, we need to be clear about our beliefs. This sermon series will provide some reflections on what I believe it means to keep the Sabbath. The term "On Your Mark" refers to the preparation we need before we "Get Set, and Go". See you in worship in person or online!

~Rev Elizabeth

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.

There is still one more meeting planned for June 8th. 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.

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. Meeting times include:

- **6/08 Sat @ 2:00 pm**

Vocal Competition

Local singing quartet Luminescence will be hosting a vocal competition at Trinity on June 8th.

If you have a star voice, and would like to earn a cash prize, consider joining the Luminescence vocal competition coming. There is an entry fee of \$20 for youth and \$25 for adults.

General Admission will be \$5. Come out and support your favorite singer!



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/1FAIpQLSfgAm-vh1sPy6DsDuchkVYFr6pVDHjP-X4sHos3CuRbH-E4brJQ/viewform?usp=sf_link
for more information

UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

Summer is underway and hopefully you are planning to join us at Mission U in July. Details will follow in future weeks. For now, I'd like to share an article from the current Response magazine (May/June 2024) written by Kim Rice Smith. Its about why younger women are not joining United Women In Faith and also a church. She writes the following:

"Can you think of anything more elusive in many UWF units than women under the age of 39?... We spend an inordinate amount of time lamenting where they have all gone."

Smith continues the article describing two women, Alisha Dahart 35 and Jamie Leach 36. "Leach says, 'I think there is such a stigma about church... People that haven't attended recently think their absolute worst church memories and associate all experiences with that. A lot of the time that includes shaming someone for who they are and life choices they have made.'

Dahart added, 'I think some women have an idea in their head as to what church and organized worship should be, and sometimes the reality is different from the idea. We are just people: human, messy, full of feelings that are both beautiful and ugly. We serve God who knows this because he created us. He wants us to come to him as we are. He accepts us, and in love we accept each other. At church we can do that and be messy together.'... When asked about advice for congregations looking to grow their 39 and

under numbers, both women gave incredibly profound reflections. 'Don't give up on your outreach. Continue to seek the younger generations out because everyone needs God. They can find him through us,' Dahart stated. Leach added, 'Love everyone where they are and encourage the younger ones to get involved. I have seen where older members want to control things and aren't receptive to new ideas. We have so much friendship, love and fellowship to share!'

Takeaways from both women are acceptance, love and allowing younger members to share their passion and gifts of leadership rolls.....Change is hard. Especially when we have been doing things the same way for a long time. Change is also exciting and empowering for women of all ages. Invite, accept, encourage, support and love. It sounds like a perfect formula to love as Jesus loves."

Kim Rice Smith is a member of United Women in Faith and a lay leader in the North Carolina Conference

Potluck Sunday

Last Sunday, coffee hour was a great success for fellowship and sharing Christ with our members. We are blessed to have this time with our church family.

If you would like to provide food items to share with your church family, for a special occasion or for no special reason, please contact Tommy or the church office. God Bless,

Tommy Lew

Sawtooth Backpacking Adventure Camp

Sawtooth Backpacking Adventure Camp - This summer Camp Sawtooth will be offering a backpacking camp July 21-28. There are still spots available for kids who have completed grades 7-11.

Participants will spend a couple days at beautiful Camp Sawtooth before heading out for a 4-day adventure in the Sawtooth Mountains.

No prior experience necessary. The dean, Ken Ryan, would be happy to speak with anyone interested and you can reach him at 208-233-3130 or go to gocamping.org for more information.



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.

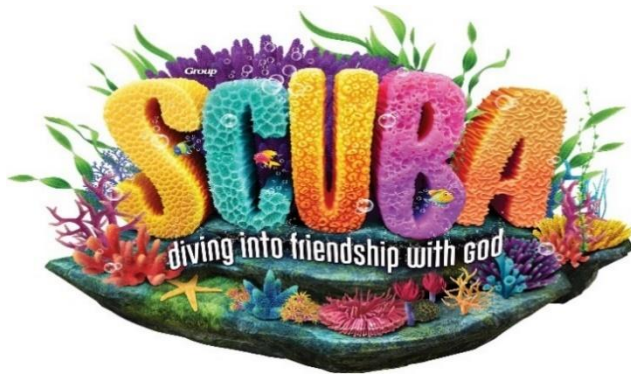
You will be walking in the valley where Native Americans, explorers, miners, adventurers, and sportsmen have enjoyed a wilderness experience for centuries.

Sawtooth Camp Sessions

Sawtooth Senior High Camp	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.)
Sawtooth Junior High Camp	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). more →			
Sawtooth Elementary I	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.)
Sawtooth Backpacking Adventure Camp	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.)
Sawtooth Elementary II	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.)
Sawtooth Outpost Camp	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.)
Sawtooth "Senior Shindig"	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
Memorial Day Work Party	All Ages/Family Family/Multi-generational Events Volunteer Opportunities & Training Events	5/25/2024 - 5/27/2024	Donations welcome to defray food costs
Sawtooth On-Site Training Weekend	Ages 16 and up Volunteer Opportunities & Training Events	6/7/2024 - 6/9/2024	No fee; donations for food are gladly accepted
Sawtooth Family Camp	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)

Vacation Bible School



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

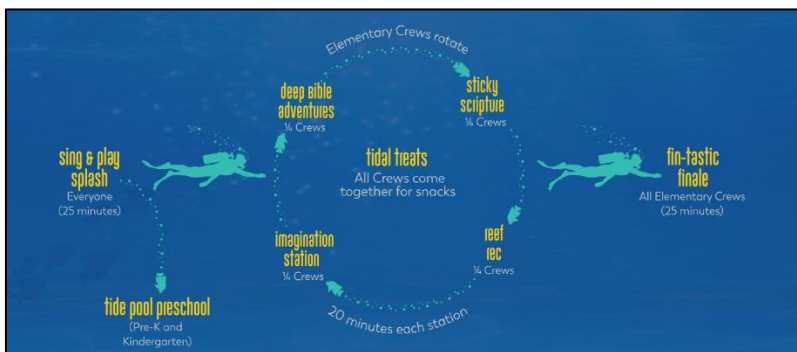
VBS is July 15-18, 9:00am – Noon.

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!



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

TrinityUMCIdahoFalls@gmail.com

Scholarship applications are available on the church website at 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

Sunday Morning Fellowship

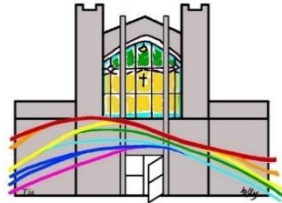
We are updating our Sunday morning fellowship schedule.

- **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

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

Chair of Trustee

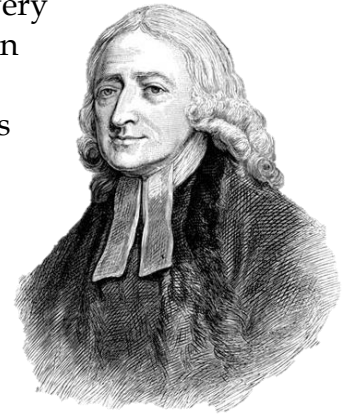
Don Rohde (860)810-3227-
donrohde@aol.com

Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

John Wesley Quote

“In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”



~Journal, 24th May, 1738

Financial Statements

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



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

Birthdays

May/June

Faith Borland	05/28
Sara Jensen	05/30
Aubrey Bottcher	06/01
Jared Blank	06/02
Brian Dickson	06/02
McKenzi Hall	06/02
Kirsten Allison	06/04
Richard Dickson	06/05
Mary Stewart	06/06

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.

Habitat House progress



Installing the handrails around the front porch

Work on the Habitat House continues, and progress is promising.



Installing the flooring in the kitchen and the

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 3rd 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

or text/call 208-520-4501.

Jerry Cass
Missions



For Kathleen Taylor

Part of the Northwest Transplant Fund

PASTA FOR A CAUSE!

Come for a delicious dinner to support Kathy on her journey to a liver transplant!

Dinner includes a choice of the following:

- Pasta or gluten free pasta
- Tomato or alfredo sauce
- Beef and sausage or Beef or No Meat
- Salad
- Dessert
- French Bread: Garlic or Plain

Tickets:

- \$15/person over 10 years
- \$10/person under 10 years
- \$50 for *family*
- Under 3 eat free!

June 29th from 12:00-2:30

Masonic Hall
225 South Capital Ave
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Buy tickets or
 donate to
 Kathy's campaign



Donations made in honor of a specific individual, or in response to campaign solicitations, are restricted by region only and do not obligate Help Hope Live to allocate funds towards a specific individual, as the IRS would deem such donations to be private gifts, which are not tax deductible. Clients receive support according to their medical and financial need. Help Hope Live is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Information: 800.642.8399.

PLUS FANTASTIC BASKET AUCTION

Great variety of baskets to choose from. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00.
 put tickets in jar in front of basket (s) for drawing.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			29 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	30	31 Office Closed 7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	1 Office Closed 
2 8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts 9:00am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Brunch (Soup) 6:00pm N.A	3 7:00pm N.A.	4 7:00pm N.A	5 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 7:30pm Scouts BSA	6 9:30am UWF Executive Board Meeting	7 Office Closed 7:00pm Candlelight N.A 7:00pm N.A	8 Office Closed 1:00pm Luminescence Vocal Competition Matinee 7:00pm Luminescence Vocal Competition
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