

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News update for May 9, 2024

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This Week at Trinity

- Thursday (May 9)
• 1:00am UWF Unit Meeting
Friday (May 10) Office Closed
• 7:00pm N.A.
• 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
Saturday (May 11) Office Closed
Sunday (May 12) Mother’s Day
• 8:30am No Donuts, by your treats at the Sweet Treat Sale
• 9:00am Sunday Worship
• 10:15am Sweet Treat Sale
• 10:15am Brunch
• 6:00pm N.A.
Monday (May 13)
• 7:00pm N.A.
Tuesday (May 14)
• 7:00pm N.A.
Wednesday (May 15)
• 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

Are you happy? Do you feel like you are on the right track with God? Psalm 1 gives us guidance on centering our lives on God for true happiness and prosperity. I hope to see you online or in person as we hear God's word for us and celebrate our Mothers--biological, adopted, and claimed.

Blessings,

~Rev Elizabeth



UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith Unit meeting will be May 9th at 1:00 in the parlor at Trinity United Methodist Church. Jan Karinen has arranged for Celeste Eld, from Hospice of Eastern Idaho, to be our guest speaker. Hospice of E. ID is one of the areas for our local mission giving. Judy Rupe and Bev Kemp will host. This will be our last unit meeting until our ice cream social in August. It will be an afternoon of good information and fellowship.

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:

- 5/11 Sat @ 2:00 pm
- 5/14 Tue @ 10:30 am
- 5/14 Tue @ 3:00 pm
- 5/16 Thr @ 2:00 pm
- 5/21 Tue @ 6:30 pm
- 5/23 Thr @ 3:00 pm
- 6/08 Sat @ 2:00 pm

WJ Delegates Celebrate Removal of ban on LGBTQIA+



From Western Jurisdiction UMC News May 1st

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 from 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.”

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

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

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.



Mental Health First Aid

Are you an adult who needs to know how to help your kids with mental health? Then this FREE class is for you. This class is designed for adults who interact with youth, so if you're a teacher, healthcare worker, nanny, or just have younger siblings, this would be a wonderful class to take.

FREE CLASS

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID for YOUTH

When: Saturday, May 11, 2024 @ 8:30am – 2:30pm
Where: 168 S. University Ave. Blackfoot, Idaho
What: Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to support adults who interact with youth (ages 4-18).



To Learn More and Register!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YMH1stAid2024>

Jason Lee Memorial United Methodist Church | Southeastern Idaho Public Health | Mental Health **FIRST AID**
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR MENTAL WELLNESS

Have questions? Email hollykarchner@isu.edu

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.

Mother's Day Sweet Treats

Help us get kids to camp! Consider buying some of our sweet treats this Mother's Day to offer your support.



Mother's Day Sweet Treat Sale

Come support the **Camp Kids Group** as they raise money to go to **Sawtooth Church Camp**

There will be a variety of sweet treats available following the 9:00 am Worship Service at Trinity on May 12, 2024. Take some home to enjoy or buy some for your loved one.



Camp Sessions

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)

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.)

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are updating our Sunday morning fellowship schedule.

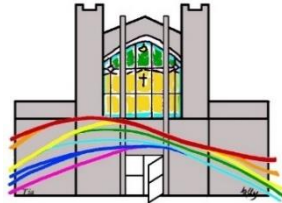
- **Every 1st Sunday: Regular Brunch**
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2nd Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**
Bring your favorite cookies or cake
- **Every 3rd Sunday: Scout Brunch**
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4th Sunday: Coffee and Donuts**
Bring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

Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year.

Chair of Admin Council;

Gene Summers
Joke2boy@Aol.com



Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

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

Chair of Trustee

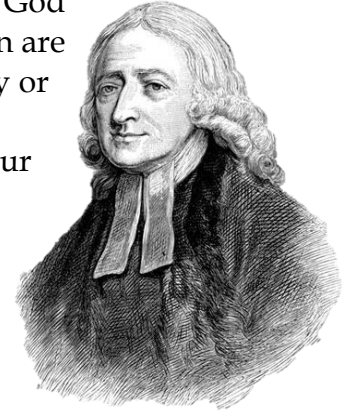
Don Rohde (860)810-3227-
donrohde@aol.com

Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

John Wesley Quote

"All the blessings which God hath bestowed upon man are of his mere grace, bounty or favour; his free, undeserved favour; favour altogether undeserved; man having no claim to the least of his mercies. It was free grace that formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into him a living soul and stamped on that soul the image of God, and put all things under his feet. The same free grace continues to us, at this day, life and breath and all things. For there is nothing we are or have or do which can deserve the least thing at God's hand.



~Salvation By Faith

Financial Statements

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



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

Birthdays

May

Miller, Debbie	05/11
Kiefner, Edward	05/12
O'Brien, Cheryl	05/12
Tuckett, Danielle	05/16

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 13th 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:

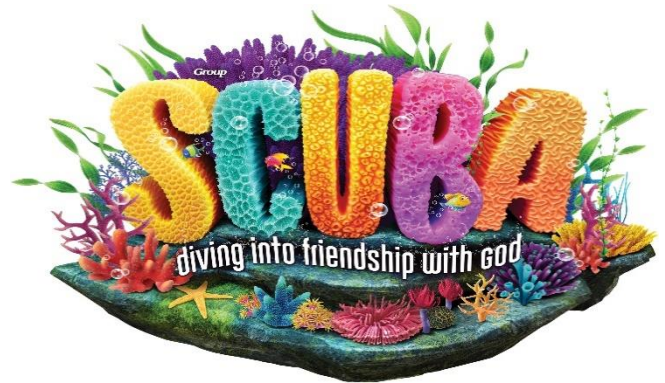
Summer Lunch Program does not have a sponsor and summer lunch funding was turned down by the Idaho Legislature. Community Food Basket will try to take up some of the slack with food bags of individual kid friendly foods given to families during the summer. CFB is asking for donations specific for that 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.

Spring Concert



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!

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!



**COMMUNITY
FOOD BASKET
IDAHO FALLS**

351 W 14th ST
Idaho Falls, ID
(208) 524-0994
*"Your
hometown food
pantry since
1980"*

Food Items we are most in need of:

Canned Fruit
Ramen Noodles
Cereal
Canned Beans (*chili beans, pinto, black beans*) **(High Need)**
Peanut Butter
Canned Chili
Pasta Sauce
Mac & Cheese **(High Need)**
Can Tuna or Chicken **(Very High Need)**
Side Dishes, Not Mashed Potatoes (*stuffing, flavored rice, noodles w sauce*) **(High Need)**
Diced Tomatoes
Canned Soup **(High Need)**
Or,
Any other food you wish to donate.
Thank you for your kindness!
****Please no open or home canned items****

We can take every \$1 donated and turn it into \$4.80 worth of food!



venmo

@CFBIdahoFalls
208-524-0994

We also accept electronic donations via Venmo

Food Items For Kiddos we are most in need of:

Canned Fruit
Cold Cereal
Hot Cereal
Nutrigrain Bars
Peanut Butter
Pop Tarts
Jelly
Mac & Cheese **(High Need)**
Ramen Noodles
Can Tuna or Chicken **(Very High Need)**
Ravioli or Spaghetti O's
Canned Soup
Snacks, *crackers, etc.*
Fruit Snacks

Want to Volunteer?
Check our website: Feedidahofalls.org



**COMMUNITY
FOOD BASKET
IDAHO FALLS**

www.feedidahofalls.org

Community Food Basket is a project of the
Regional Council for Christian Ministry, Inc. a
nonprofit corporation.

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

or text/call 208-520-4501.

Jerry Cass
Missions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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