

News update for September 28, 2023

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Charge Conference

On Oct. 17th, 6:30pm, Trinity UMC will be having its yearly meeting with the superintendent. Rev. Don Yeager will be the presiding elder.

This Week at Trinity

- Thursday** (September 28th)
Friday (September 29th) *Office Closed*
- 7:00pm N.A.
 - 7:00pm Candlelight N.A.
- Saturday** (September 30th) *Office Closed*
- 10:00 am Idaho Falls Opera Theatre Rehearsals
- Sunday** (October 1st)
- 8:30am Donuts and coffee
 - 9:00am Sunday Worship
 - 10:15am Fellowship Soup brunch
 - 4:00pm ACA
 - 6:00pm N.A.
- Monday** (October 2nd)
- 7:00pm N.A.
- Tuesday** (October 3rd) *Office Closed*
- 10:00am Albert Haviland Mem. Service
 - 7:00pm N.A.
- Wednesday** (October 4th)
- 10:00am Upper Room Study
 - 12:00pm JCAL
 - 6:30pm Gather at the Table
 - 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
 - 7:30pm Scouts BSA

Thought for the Day

- October 1 - Pastor Kathy Neary will be in town
- October 3 - 10:00 am – Celebration of life for Albert Haviland at Trinity
- October 5 will be “The Saints Of The Church” meeting 6:30 pm at Trinity
- October 8 - Pastor Kathy Neary will be in town
- October 15 Jim Dobbins from St. Paul’s will speak
- October 22 Rev John Tucker from Cabinet – Crater Lake D.S. will speak.
- October 29 will be the practice worship service for the Bishiop’s visit (Both Trinity & St Paul’s together at Trinity)(reformation Sunday)
- November 3-5 Brian & Andrew from Genesis Mediation – Leadership Retreat
- November 19 will be the Bishops Visit at 10 am with St. Paul’s, Trinity, and Ashton present. Held at Trinity.

Trinity Community Center

Trinity has always been a community center with its doors open to local groups striving to improve the community. We now have about 22 groups that use our building during the year. The latest additions include:

Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) now has a meeting at Trinity on Sunday afternoon each week. They provide a Twelve Step program for people who grew up in dysfunctional homes.

Idaho Falls Opera Theater is preparing for their fall production of “The Bridge Between Opera & Broadway” With performances on Oct 13-16 at Trinity

Narcotics Anonymous for Hospitals and Institutions (NA H&I) Training. The local NA governance board is holding a training program for new NA group leaders to start NA groups inside institutions where addicts who do not have access to regular NA meetings.

Snake River Radio Players will start rehearsals for their annual radio show in October. The performances are on December 7-9 at Trinity
Part of the Trinity tradition is to make it possible for other groups to do God’s work by providing a place to meet.

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 – August 31, 2023



Income	\$128,432
Expenses	<u>\$118,529</u>
Current net income	\$ 9,903

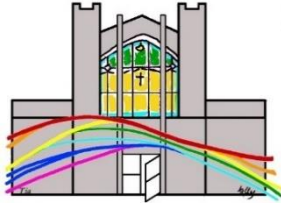
Sunday Morning Fellowship

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

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]

Birthdays

June

Bean, Jonothan	09/29
Kunter, Penelope	09/29
Schaffer, James	09/29
Benson, Shawn	10/02
Marshall, Wyatt	10/05
Stewart, Robin	10/06
Rodriguez, Sophia	10/07
French, Douglas	10/08
French, Morgan	10/08



UWF News



United
Women
in Faith

Good day! We had a great unit meeting last Thursday. We welcomed a couple of guests: Cynthia Castillo, a friend of Betty Andersen’s and Jeannie Hughes, a deaconess of the Methodist church who recently moved to Idaho Falls. Trudy and Lyndell provided the treats – apple and cherry pie ala mode. Yum!

Marilyn shared some inspirational thoughts about the “love of a dog”. We could all relate to that. Mary gave a book review of A House in the Sky from our reading list. It is a survival story. Mary said it was amazing, hard to put down.

Bev gave an overview of the FISH program and some of the services it provides. FISH volunteers have packed and delivered over 500 backpacks to area schools this fall. Kathy spoke about the Walk to End Alzheimer’s on September 23rd. If you are interested in walking or would like to donate, contact Kathy Gaskill.

Mary gave a wonderful summary of the Mission U program from July. The theme was “Who Can We Be Together”, a biblical exploration of Luke 13. Several UWF members attended the ZOOM meeting at Trinity.

Upcoming events:

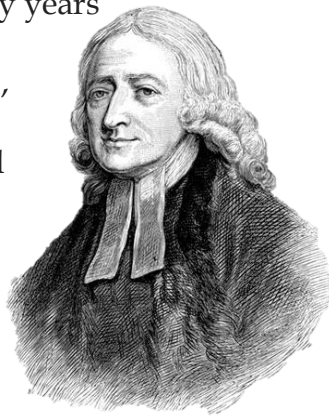
- Unit meeting on October 12th at 1:00 at Trinity. The program will be about a business called Senior Solutions,

which provides resource information about those “next steps” in a senior’s life. Sounds like a very helpful program.

- Sage District Fall Celebration will be a ZOOM meeting on September 30 from 9-3 at Trinity. Contact Mary if you are interested in attending.

John Wesley Quote

“I am one who for twenty years used outward works, not only ‘as acts of goodness’, but as communications...instead of inward holiness. I knew I was not holy. But I quieted my conscience by doing such-and-such outward works; and therefore I hopes I should go to heaven, even without inward holiness...”



Abundance of people I have likewise known, and many I do know at this day, who ‘are so grossly superstitious as to think devotion may be put upon God instead of honesty’; as to fancy, going to Church and Sacrament will bring them to heaven, though the practice neither justice nor mercy. These are the men who make Christianity vile, who, above all others, contribute to the growth of infidelity.”

~ To John Smith, 1745

Notes From Rev. Santos

We had a request for a copy of the slides used by Rev. Santos in his sermon about the Latinx community challenges and ways to connect. Here they are:

Immigrants Challenges

- Language Barriers.
- Lack of Employment Opportunities.
- Housing.
- Access to Medical Services.
- Transportation Issues.
- Cultural Differences.
- Raising Children.
- Prejudice.

Ideas to connect with the growing Latinx Community

- Make a new friend and show them your respect and kindness
- Provide meals, food, and clothes, school supplies for Latinx Families
- Become an ESL Teacher
- Pray and Advocate for Refugees, Immigrants and DACA recipients
- Sponsor Community Programs
- Share Facilities and Resources
- Assist with Translation and Interpretation
- Support and Sponsor Immigrant Kids and Youth
- Frequent a store run by an immigrant and make connections
- Challenge a racist joke, generalization, or stereotypes
- Learn about Cultural references and differences
- Study Migration History and Intercultural Literacy
- Be patient with Language Barriers
- Recognize and Value the contributions that our beloved Hispanic/Latinx Community is making to this nation

Need Help With Food?

Need Help with Food?
 Please let us help you at the
Community Food Basket - Idaho Falls
 351 W 14th St - Idaho Falls
 208-524-0994

Hours of Food Distribution:
 Monday - 3pm - 5pm
 Tuesday - 4pm - 5pm
 Wednesday - 4pm - 5pm
 Thursday - 5pm - 6pm
 Friday - 4pm - 5pm
 Closed on Saturday and Sunday



COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET IDAHO FALLS

Please bring your photo ID or Identification with a name and photo on it.
Please let us help! No one is turned away. Food is available 6 times in 6 months per family.
 WWW.FeedIdahoFalls.org

Bishop Cedrick's M.L.I.E

You can watch Bishop Cendrick Bridgeforth videos from the Greater NW Area conferences regarding his direction for our churches. There are 5 of them in total and all follow the theme of M.I.L.E.

- M:** Ministry That Matters
- I:** Itineration & Location (being window people not mirror people)
- L:** Lay Ministry Enhancement
- E.** Eliminating Racism

This will give you a clearer understanding of where Pastor Kathy is leading us. You can view these on-line using the link below. I'd encourage you to watch them, especially before Bishop Bridgeforth comes to Idaho Falls in November 19th.

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10470305>

Sleeping Bags for the Homeless

For the fourth year in a row Trinity will have +5 degree sleeping bags available for the homeless of Idaho Falls. This mission started back in 2020 as part of the Trinity Homeless Day Shelter mission and continues as part of the Trinity Homeless Services Mission run by Pastor Ryan who is the director of the program. We are partnering with the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Center to provide woven sleeping mats to go under the sleeping bags. The mats provide insulation and some water resistance. We are starting with 32 sleeping bags purchased at a discount from Big 5 Sporting Goods with Compassionate Care fund money.

In winter of 2021-22 there was only one day below zero in Idaho Falls. In the 2022-23 winter there were 24 days below zero with one night at -30 degrees. The hope is that the 5 degree sleeping bags will cover most of the nights this winter. Sleeping bags will be available mid-October when the temperature starts to drop.



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



Homeless Services

In August there were 179 homeless services supplied in the 19 days we were open. This represented services to 66 unique persons. The services provided included 147 showers, 48 loads of laundry, and 12 requests for supplies. The supplies included emergency food, hygiene kits(4), socks(2), underwear, gas(1), mail(2), driver's license replacement(1) and WIFI to study for a class(8). The clients ranged in age from 17 to 75 with an average age of 45.7. Time in the church varied from 2 min to 306 minutes with an average of 63 minutes. 20 visitors were new clients for us. 76% have cellphones and 96% had valid ID.

Habitat House Progress



The Habitat house is progressing. The exterior walls that were made at St Paul's are in place and most have the chipboard exterior sheath attach. The interior walls are stacked inside waiting to be stood up and secured to the exterior walls. Soon we will see the roof trusses in place.



ISU Wesley House is back!

This week the Wesley House at Idaho State University reopened, it had been dormant for 3 years due to COVID concerns. This is ministry supported by Pocatello First United Methodist church with occasional assistance

from other area churches. It provides a safe place for students at ISU to meet, study and have weekly group dinners. Pre-COVID Trinity took turns cooking the Tuesday night meal for the students.

Tanner and Emma Morton are the new Co- Coordinators of the Wesley House Ministry in Pocatello. They are living in the Wesley House and are excited to start welcoming students to a “home away from home” as they endeavor on their college adventures.

Their family includes our rambunctious 3-year-old, Kennedy, and two happy-go-lucky dogs, Cooper, and Willow.

Tanner was born and raised in Pocatello and is an ISU Alumnus, having just finished his MA in Political Science.

Emma is a relative newcomer to Pocatello and works at a nonprofit in Pocatello, focusing on community-driven economic development.

Both have spent a number of years volunteering and working at Methodist Camps in Idaho and Oregon, and Tanner worked with the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Church Conference before moving back to Pocatello.

They are so excited to get to know everyone as we work together to shape and reinvigorate this ministry!



Homeless Services



Homeless services have grown to 230% since spring. Showers went from 64 per month to 147 in August. The maximum capacity for showers under perfect conditions would be about 250 per month. That means we are at about 60% of capacity in the shower department.

Laundry went from 17 loads per month to 48 in August. The maximum capacity for laundry is about 128 loads per month. We are at about 40% capacity in the laundry area. That does not include washing towels for the showers that happens after hours.

The increase in the demand for laundry has led Ryan, who directs the program, to change the process from self-service which lead to people hanging around the church basement to full-service that allows our staff to get maximum use of the machines.

Ryan also helps the homeless get replacements of lost driver’s licenses so they can apply for jobs. He directs people to resources and provides pastoral counseling.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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