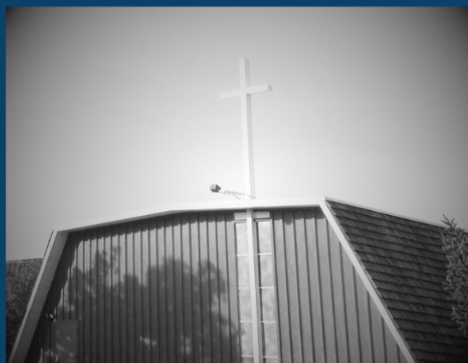


# TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

November 14, 2024



## Sunday Morning

Nov 17, 2024

Rev. Elizabeth

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8: 16-24

Sermon: "Managing God's Resources"

Services are streamed on Facebook  
Live at 9am at Trinity UMC  
and 11am at St. Paul's UMC.



## Elizabeth's Epiphanies

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of the church! Together we are making a difference in people's lives as we share the good news of Jesus' love. Every time we celebrate holy communion, we express God's love and grace. Lives are being transformed as we encounter God's presence at the Table. Together we are also making a difference in the community as people look to the United Methodists in Idaho Falls to care. We care for people who are disadvantaged and vulnerable. We demonstrate our care through action--mission projects and ongoing services to the Idaho Falls community. Together, our reach extends throughout the world through the agencies of the United Methodist Church. Our financial support provides schools, hospitals and orphanages all over the world. Your participation of your time and talents as well as your financial contributions are blessed by God and multiplied. I hope that you are considering your financial contribution to the church for next year, as you reflect on how richly blessed we are. Please mail your 2025 pledge to the church or bring it to worship on November 17, this Sunday. We will have the opportunity to present them to God and ask for God's consecration upon our intentions, trusting that God will enable us to fulfill our commitments. See you in worship--in person or online!

*Rev. Elizabeth*

*"TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD"*

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM**

237 N. WATER AVE. IDAHO FALLS, ID 83402 | 208-522-7921

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH- SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM**

1730 ST. CLAIR ROAD IDAHO FALLS, ID 83404 | 208-522-9076

## Idaho Falls United Methodists: Better Together



Trinity UMC and St. Paul's UMC have received an invitation to participate in a program called C3 Courageous Congregations Collaborative. Your Discernment Team Leaders in this new adventure are Rev. Elizabeth McVicker, Melinda Ginosar, Don Rohde, Ryan Atwood, Sherry Newey, Tommy Lew, Ray Miles, Jill Ecklesdafer, Jeanie Hughes, Richard Hughes, Gene Summers and Kelly Lawrence.

The C3 program is part of the Texas Methodist Foundation's Learning and Innovative Team funded through Lilly Endowment's Thriving Congregation Initiative. The two Idaho Falls churches would be in a group with 2-3 other United Methodist churches in the Oregon-Idaho conference to learn tools and go through a process of discernment for their growth. C3 is an amazing resource opportunity for us to learn, grow, and experience new ideas as we work together to develop the cooperative parish.

The C3 program overlaps with the work we are doing with Kay Kotan's book. In addition, we will be learning the "Five Muscles" congregations need to strengthen and flex in order to thrive and grow. The five muscles are Cultivating Grief Practices, Attuning to Purpose, Togetherness, Accessing Power, and Igniting Imagination.

For the Discernment Team, the program involves 8 monthly zoom calls, an expenses-paid ministry immersion trip for 3-5 people, and a \$3,000 grant to launch a ministry program. The cost to participate is \$500.

Trinity UMC and St. Paul's UMC are grounded in our faith and not held back by the past. We have the capacity for deep conversation and deep change and are ready to expand our imagination to discern God's dream for our new vision together.

-Melinda Ginosar

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR : ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE

St. Paul's and Trinity UMC Annual All-Church Conference will be held on  
**Wednesday November 20 at 6:30 pm  
at St. Paul's UMC.**

This is an important time for both congregations to come together and look ahead to the future. All members and congregants are encouraged to attend as we celebrate our ministries and discuss plans for the year to come. Don't miss it!  
If you are unable to attend in person there is a zoom link below for you to access the meeting.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87584858323>**

**"Having, first, gained all you can,  
and, secondly, saved all you can, then  
give all you can."**

**-Rev. John Wesley**

**Men's Coffee Group:**

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

**Women's Outreach and Fellowship Group:**

Wednesdays at 9:30 am at St. Paul's

**United Women of Faith**

The UMW meets at Trinity UMC at 1:00pm the second Thursday of each month.

**United Methodist Women's Luncheon:**

**Second** Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. Talk to Sharon Evans for more info. Location TBA.



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**



Our next Unit meeting is **November 14** with Jeanie Hughes giving the program and Jan Karinen and Nancy Copp hostessing. See you all there.



**LAY SERVANT  
MINISTRIES COURSES**

Lay Ministry is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. Each of us has a responsibility to proclaim the Good News and reach out to others in love.

- **January 6, 2025-** Lay Pastoral Care Giving

For more information contact Emilie Kroen, Director of Lay Servant Ministries, OR-ID Conference [ekroen@yahoo.com](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com) 503-312-4138, [Facebook.com/UMCLaity](https://www.facebook.com/UMCLaity)

**WHERE THERE IS HELP  
THERE IS HOPE**

- **Narcotics Anonymous** Tuesday's and Friday's 7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.
- **Candlelight Narcotics Anonymous** 7pm at Trinity United Methodist Church
- **Women's AA** Thursdays 6:30pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church
- **Trinity United Methodist Day Shelter and Homeless Services.** Open Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm.

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**



**TRINITY HAS UPDATED THE  
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

**Join St. Paul's UMC for at time of fellowship following the worship service every Sunday morning.**

## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

PRAYER



**Relax and breathe deeply for just 60 seconds!**

**Visualize the breathe of God filling every pore and all that is old, negative and stale being released.**

**Lord, give me an Open Heart.  
Lord, give me an Open Mind.**

**Lord, may our gathered fellowship always have an Open Door.**

## PRAYER NOTES



Many of the Psalms are attributed to David. Since he and his band of followers were chased all over by King Saul and others for years, it is understandable that when he eluded his enemies, he was elated! Psalm 34 is one of those times.

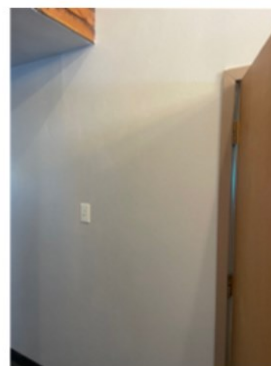
“My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.”

During the designated week of Thanksgiving, make it a point to share thankfulness with others every day!

Do you have a song, poem, or hymn that has special meaning to you? Submit your “Prayer Note” to Jill Ecklesdafer (e.jill.eck@gmail.com) to be included in our newsletter.

## TRUSTEE REPORT

Our dedicated trustees have been hard at work ensuring our church is in top shape! Recently, they replaced the office copier, donating the old one to Habitat for Humanity, repaired the roof leak, and fixed a water-damaged wall. They also updated the office safe, enhancing our church’s security. Thank you, trustees, for your commitment and care!



**top left: New copier.  
top right: repaired wall.  
Lower left the updated safe.**

## ADOPT A CHRISTMAS FAMILY TREE

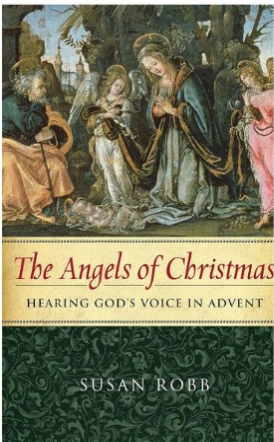


**The Adopt a Christmas family tree is up at St. Paul’s and Trinity UMC! Come in and grab a tag from the tree. Please bring your unwrapped gift back on Sunday December 8th.**

## THIRD SUNDAY “FUN” SHOP

**November 17, 2024 at 3:00pm at St. Paul's.** Instead of "work"shop, it will be a "fun"shop to get to know Rev. Elizabeth more. Participants are invited to submit a question to Rev. Elizabeth about God, church, theology, the Bible, or something else. We will bring snacks to share and fellowship.

## **THE ANGELS OF CHRISTMAS “HEARING GOD’S VOICE IN ADVENT”**



**Women’s Bible Study Group  
Thursday’s at 1pm  
Beginning November 21st  
Facilitated by Mary Bash**

**Co-ed Bible Study Group  
All are welcome  
Friday’s at 2:30 pm  
Beginning November 22nd  
facilitated by  
Connie Dobbins**

**The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God’s Voice in Advent, a four-week Advent study by Susan Robb, explores the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. In this study, the reader will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel—and other angels—in the Old Testament. The Angels of Christmas uses these four angelic appearances to discuss God’s presence in history and our lives today. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now.**



## MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Every Monday Morning via zoom.  
Contact Jeanie Hughes for more info.  
All are welcome.**



## UPPER ROOM STUDY

**Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am  
at Trinity UMC.  
All are welcome.**



## **Bell Choir**

**Bell Choir at Trinity - Come Ring with Us!**  
Whether you’re a beginner or experienced, there’s a place for you in Trinity’s Bell Choir.  
**Beginners practice on  
Sundays at 3 p.m.,  
and the Wesley Bell Choir practices  
Sunday from 4 to 5:30 p.m.**  
Come join the fun! For more information, reach out to Janet Miller.



## CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2024

St. Paul's Church is excited to offer the Christmas Adopted Family program this year with a Giving Tree located in the Church entry area. Christmas is a time to bring ALL of St. Paul's Family together as the Light of Christ within our community.

### How You Can Help:

You can purchase gifts from the giving tree for the adopted family members or donate money through St. Paul's UMC to purchase gifts and food. Make a note on your check "for Christmas families".

**\*\* If you are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact Mary Bash prior to November 10.**

### The Christmas Giving Tree will be available by Sunday, November 17th.

If you would like to purchase a specific gift but can't get to the church to choose from the Giving Tree, you can contact Mary and she will return your call from the giving tree and help you identify a gift you wish to provide.

### RETURN GIFTS TO ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE BY SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8th.

**Shoppers may be needed!** If you like to shop and have time to donate, please volunteer now! Shoppers will be provided with a list of items needed and a gift card with funds for those items. Contact Mary Bash to volunteer.

**Holiday Food for our Adopted Families!** One of the most important gifts we give this Christmas is food! Each adopted family will receive Family Friendly Gift Card in the amount of \$175 to purchase their holiday foods at WinCo. Individual recipients will receive a \$100 Gift Card from WinCo.

**Wrapping party:** There is a wrap party scheduled on December 10th, at the church in the Sonshine room from 10:00 a.m until we finish.

Adopted families will pick up their gifts on Saturday, December 14th, from 9 a.m. to noon. Families are asked to Drive by and pick up their gifts in St. Paul's Parking Lot.

In this season of preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the Light of God's love shine brightly into a dark world, bringing Hope to the world.

**Mary Bash 208-360-4208 [cheetah1954@live.com](mailto:cheetah1954@live.com)**

**Jerry Cass St. Paul's Mission Coordinator**



# International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

## November 23, 2024

Each year, AFSP supports hundreds of large and small Survivor Day events around the world, in which suicide loss survivors come together to find connection, understanding and hope through their shared experience. While each event is unique and offers various programming, all feature an AFSP-produced documentary that offers a message of growth, resilience and connection.

### Questions?

Idaho Chapter  
Christy Dirren  
Cdirren@afspidaho.org

### Local Event Information

Boise -  
JUMP 1000 W Myrtle St, Boise, ID  
83702

Twin Falls -  
Twin Falls United Methodist Church  
360 Shoshone St E, Twin Falls, ID  
83301

Blackfoot -  
168 S. University Ave Blackfoot, ID  
83221

Registration: 9 AM

Program: 9:30 AM - 12 PM



[afsp.org/SurvivorDay](https://afsp.org/SurvivorDay)



American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention

# Regional Council for Christian Ministry



**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

## Regional Council for Christian Ministry

### Administrator Job Description

- **Part time - 15-20 hours a week, occasionally more as needed**
- **Bookkeeping experience a must**
- **Ability to read and understand financial reports**
- **Quickbooks experience preferred**
- **Excel experience a must (preferred)**
- **Outlook/email experience a must**
- **Operating office machines/filing**
- **Self-motivated and organized**
- **Attention to detail**
- **Able to transcribe minutes during meetings**
- **Good knowledge of grammar, punctuation, and letter writing**
- **Good communication skills**
- **Willingness and ability to learn new skills**
- **Must have reliable transportation and current driver's license - post office and bank runs required**
- **Some ability to work remotely if needed**
- **Pay dependent on experience**
- **Hours are somewhat flexible - but meetings are scheduled monthly**


**Please email your resume to Jill at [rccadmin@feedidahofalls.org](mailto:rccadmin@feedidahofalls.org). If you have any questions you may call 208-524-9935 between 10 and 12 Monday - Thursday. Starting date would be the first part of December in order to learn the job through all of the year end job duties.**

## Annual Thanksgiving Community Interfaith Service

**November 24th 4:00 pm  
Community Food Basket- Idaho Falls  
Distribution Center Chapel  
351 W. 14th St.**

**Come and Celebrate the Blessing  
of Thanksgiving  
As a Community**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1>						
<p><b>Red Text=Events at St. Paul's</b> <b>Blue Text=Events at Trinity</b></p> <p>17 8:30am Fellowship Coffee &amp; Donuts 9:00am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Scout Brunch 11:00am St. Paul's Worship 12:30am Choir Practice 3:00pm Beginning Bell Choir 3:00pm 3rd Sunday "Fun" Shop 4:00pm Wesley Bell Choir 6:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>18 6:00pm BSA Female Troop 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>19 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>20 9:00am Men's Fit Stop 9:30am Women's Coffee 10:00am Upper Room Study 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Starts Back Up 7:00 - Contemporary Practice 7:30pm Scouts BSA</p>	<p>21 10:30am Worship Planning Meeting @ Trinity 6:30pm - Women's AA Group</p>	<p>22 Office Closed 7:00pm Candlelight N.A. 7:00pm N.A.</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>
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# 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

## Trinity UMC

**Pastor:** Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

**Chair of Admin Council:** Gene Summers

**Lay Leader:** Tommy Lew

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**Trustee:** Don Rohde

Connect with Trinity UMC

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## ST. PAUL'S UMC

**Pastor:** Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

**Council Chair:** Chris Holden

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Jim Mason

**Trustees:** Jim Mason  
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### Sunday, November 17th

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

Choir Rehearsals at 10:30 am at St. Paul's UMC

Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC

Fellowship time following the service

Choir Rehearsals at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

**"Fun" Shop at St. Paul's UMC at 3:00 pm**

Beginning Bell Choir Rehearsals at 3pm at Trinity UMC

Wesley Bell Choir Rehearsals at 4 pm at Trinity UMC

### Monday, November 18th

Scouts BSA Female Troop at 6pm at St. Paul's UMC

### Tuesday, November 19th

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Wednesday, November 20th

Men's Coffee at 8:30 or 9am at Perkins

Women's Outreach & Fellowship 9:30 am at St. Paul's UMC

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

**All Church Conference at 6:30pm at St. Paul's UMC**

Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

### Thursday, November 21st

Women's AA Group Meeting at 6:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

**Women's Bible Study at 1pm at St. Paul's UMC**

### Friday, November 22nd

**Bible Study at 2:30pm at St. Paul's UMC**

N.A. at 7:00pm at Trinity UMC

Candlelight N.A. at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

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**"As for God, his way is perfect: The  
Lord's word is flawless; he shields all  
who take refuge in him."  
Psalm 18:30**