TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2024





Sunday Morning

Nov 3, 2024
Rev. Elizabeth
Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Sermon: "Peace in Life and in Death"
All Saint's Day

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



Elizabeth's Epiphanies

Many thanks to Marla Jo High for her inspiring message last Sunday. I am grateful that lay people are willing to share their faith journey.

This Sunday we will observe All Saints Sunday. It has been my tradition to honor those in our congregation who died this past year. We will print the names of members in the bulletin, and have an opportunity to name those beyond our church community. I hope our remembrance will be meaningful to you. See in worship--online or in person!





Daylight Savings Time ends November 3rd. Don't forget to set you clocks back an hour.

"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



COOPERATIVE PARISH UPDATE by Rev. Elizabeth

Conversations about St. Paul's UMC and Trinity UMC continue as we develop a "cooperative parish" and work together. The goal is to have a more effective United Methodist presence in the Idaho Falls community. At the Third Sunday Workshop on October 20, 2024, the participants reviewed demographic information about the Idaho Falls population and discussed implications for our ministry. The information comes from a market research company MissionInsite, which is owned by Experian, the credit bureau. The annual conference pays for each church to access the database.

Within a 15 miles radius of Idaho Falls, the population is 159,645. It is projected to grow by 13.7% by 2028. In 2010, the population was 100,242. The average age is 36.59 with 51% of the population under the age of 35. The average household income is \$88,464 and is projected to increase to \$101,302 by 2028. 91% of adults are high school graduates. The research also provided insight into ministry recommendations for our particular population.

The top 10 recommendations were:

- 1) Warm and friendly encounters
- 2) Quality sermons
- 3) Traditional worship experiences
- 4) Opportunities to develop personal relationships
- 5) Holiday programs/activities
- 6) Opportunities for volunteering in the community
- 7) Adult social activities
- 8) Family Oriented activities
- 9) Celebration of sacraments and
- 10) Seniors/retirees activities.

We will continue to discuss the recommendations and ways to implement them over the next several months.

If you would like to participate in these conversations, plan to attend the Third Sunday Workshop. The next one is scheduled for November 17, 2024 at 3:00pm at St. Paul's. The format will be a bit different. 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 and God, church, theology, the Bible, or something else. We will bring snacks to share and fellowship.

"I have thought I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God; just hovering over the great gulf; till, a few moments hence, I am no more seen; I drop into an unchangeable eternity!"

-John Wesley
Wesley reflects here on the brevity
of life and the eternal hope
Christians hold beyond this life.

ST. PAUL'S AD COUNCIL 2025 VISION AND GOALS

CONNECT...GROW...SERVE

Connect in fellowship and fun developing relationships within our church and community. Grow in discipleship, prayer, and faith in Christ. Serve in justice and compassion for everyone.

Goals should be: Measurable, Specific/Realistic, Attainable, Timely (if appropriate insert a month), Clear and Understandable, Identifying the End Objective.

3-YEAR GOALS (2025-2027):

- Grow the St. Paul's UMC congregation to 150 people attending regularly.
- Become more involved and visible within the local community.
- Continue volunteer service engagement to help with church (i.e. liturgists, ushers, greeters, music, counters, kitchen,)

2025 GOALS

- Explore further options on transportation for our seniors/homebound folks to come to church and special activities. Purchase or lease like a van ministry (potential for the Idaho Falls Circuit use).
- Expand St. Paul's Soup for the Souls program (not during the Summer) by opening up the soup lunch as a mission opportunity to our Methodist and local communities. Phase one is an invitation to the homeless, people in both our congregations, LGBTQ+, and City of Refuge communities. Future expansion and scope will be determined by the end of 2025.
- Participate in quarterly community events for increased visibility & involvement (i.e. Pride Day, 4th of July, Ammon Days, and others)

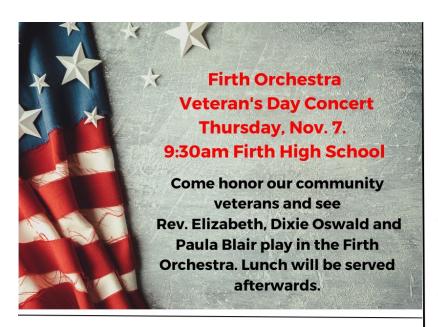
- Explore further options and costs to install an electronic digital sign on the corner of St. Clair and 17th Streets; obtain bids/options, City regulatory concerns and present to the Ad Council and Church Family for support.
- Since Habitat for Humanity is focusing on the new Peterson Park "communityliving" project and no longer building individual houses, we will work with them to determine how St. Paul's can be involved.

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.



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!



Our next Soup for the Soul will be on
November 13th at noon
at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
We can't wait to come together again for another afternoon of food, friendship, and nourishment for the soul. All are welcome.



Lay Ministry is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. As Christians we are all called to this ministry or priesthood – not just clergy. 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 <u>ekroen@yahoo.com</u> 503-312-4138, 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.





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.

NEW PICKLEBALL COURT



A donor and a few members of St. Paul's are involved in our church having an indoor Pickleball Court. When our St. Paul's Boy Scout Troop 382 dissolved, they made a donation to St. Pauls and asked that funds be used in our gym/fellowship hall as that is the area they used most often. Lynda Fennern and her father, Ralph Halstead spend a few hours measuring and putting down removable tape to insure we would have room for the court. Once we are sure about where the court would be best placed, we will paint the floor with those markings.

Rev. Elizabeth and Ralph are planning to offer pickleball lessons. Watch for announcements in the newsletter or let Angela know if you would like to play.

St. Paul's 3rd Quarter Budget Summary January 1 - September 30, 2024

INCOME

Pledged, Non-Pledged, Collection Plate, Etc. Income \$172,513 Interest and Dividends \$14,471

TOTAL INCOME \$ 186,984

EXPENSES:

Pastor, Staff, Contracts & Dayroll expenses \$138,255

Conference Apportionments \$ 22,759 Church & Parsonage \$ 29,314 Worship Expenses \$ 4,009 Missions \$ 2,621

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 196,958

NET Loss as of 9/30/2024 \$ (9,974)

COMMENTS: Through September 30th, we are running slightly behind in income to cover our expenses. However, our program and mission projects continue to reach the community with your help. St. Paul's will be paying 100% of our Apportionments by the end of the year. Please contact Lynda, Lacey or Chris if you have any questions.

TRINITY'S UMC FINANCIAL STATUS January 1 - September 30, 2024



Income \$137,498 Expenses \$112,259 Current net income \$25,239

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.

<u>United Methodist Women's Luncheon:</u>
Tuesday Nov 12th at 1:00pm. At Papa Tom's Pizza.
Talk to Sharon Evans for more info.

LOIS & JUDY FUELING UP BEFORE THE RACE!





Homeless Stand Down

Saturday, November 9th, 2024 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Skyline Activity Center 1575 N. Skyline Dr., Idaho Falls



This annual event allows individuals and families that are homeless, Veterans, and community members that are on the brink of being homeless, at high risk of being homeless, or the majority of their resources are for rent to connect with service providers with resources for housing and other needs.

FREE!!

HOT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED FROM 9:00-11:00 A.M.

FREE!!

Veteran Services Medical Screenings Flu Shots Winter Clothing Cold Weather Gear Food Community Resources

DONATIONS IN NEED PRIOR TO THE EVENT

Your donations will be distributed to the homeless at this event.

Items needed for Donation:

Clean and Lightly Used Warm Winter Clothing

Cold Weather Supplies such as blankets, sleeping bags

Food that is easily transportable Such as hot cocoa, soup packets, fruit cups, tuna/crackers, granola bars

Donations can be dropped off Between Nov. 1st to Nov. 8th

Idaho Falls Activity Center – West Room 1575 N. Skyline Idaho Falls, ID

> Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Free Transportation is available to the event, but must be scheduled by Friday, 11/1
Call CLUB, Inc. at (208) 529-4673 to reserve your ride



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The next United Methodist Women's
Luncehon will be held on
Tuesday, November 12,
at Papa Toms Pizza on Woodruff.

Join us for a time of fellowship, good food, and connection. All women are welcome to attend. Sign up in the church information hall or talk to Sharon Evans.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

First of all, thank you to the women and men who helped make the Progressive Dinner a success!! Many positive comments were heard about the decorations and the wonderful array of desserts. Boy, did we have desserts!!! Many of the leftovers were taken to the Soup Kitchen on Friday where they were gladly received. Thanks to you all!!

Save the date of November 9th. The United Women in Faith of Blackfoot will have their annual Fall luncheon and bazaar. It will be at their church (Jason Lee Methodist) starting at 11:00. It is always a lovely lunch and many beautiful crafts and foods to buy. Let's have our unit go and support them. Our next unit meeting will be November 14th with Deaconess Jeanie Hughes providing the program. Jeanie was our representative at the UWF annual conference in Albany, OR. Thank you Jeanie for being there for us! We're looking forward to hearing all about it.

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.

We are planning to accept up to 20 families this year. This is how we will connect with families to adopt this Christmas. We accept families YOU (Our Church Family) and Trinity UMC recommend. We are also accepting families through St. Vincent de Paul, and Hawthorne Elementary School. Applications are available in the church office and can be picked up during office hours Mon-Thurs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning.

DUE DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS - Sunday, November 10th (Applications cannot be accepted for families who are receiving other Christmas help.) Please let us know of any families or individuals you recommend.

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 Jerry Cass St. Paul's Mission Coordinator

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Sunday, November 3rd Day Light Savings Ends!

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 practice at 12:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

Monday, November 4th

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

Tuesday, November 5th

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Wednesday, November 6th

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 Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Thursday, November 7th

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

Friday, November 8th

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

Sunday, November 10th

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"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

Job 1:21

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