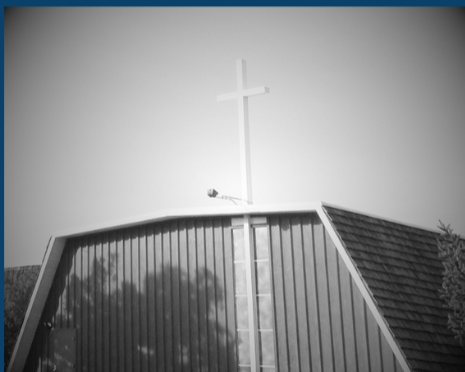


TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

September 12, 2024



Sunday Morning

September 15, 2024

Nancy Stewart

Scripture: Proverbs 1: 20-33

Sermon: "Wisdom of Prayer"

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



IDAHO FALLS UNITED METHODISTS
TRINITY & ST. PAUL'S
TOGETHER

Elizabeth's Epiphanies

We have just passed the 6-month mark in ministry together! I am impressed by the dedication of the Idaho Falls United Methodists. Many of you stepped into roles beyond your comfort zone to maintain the ministry without a "regular" pastor. One of the roles some of you learned was the preaching role. Having a robust group of lay people who are willing and able to preach is quite unique. As I entered into my role as pastor, I intended to encourage lay people to continue providing the sermon, at least once a month. In September, there will be 3 Sundays with lay preachers while I travel to Greece and Turkey to visit the Seven Churches of Revelation. This was a trip that I had planned prior to my appointment to Idaho Falls. I am so grateful to know the pulpit will be filled with capable people! Incidentally, my travel plans make it possible for me to attend church this Sunday, but I had already scheduled a substitute preacher. So I will be in church on Sunday and participating in worship in other ways! I hope to see you on Sunday, 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



In July I presented a talk about the Church Life Cycle. If you remember there are several stages a church may take to move from its birth to eventually its death. It is not mandatory that a church die but some do by not rejuvenating itself. Predictions that have been published in our own newsletter state that we may have only two years to figure out how to avoid our demise. Turning a church around and getting it to grow is a challenging proposition.

We need to go back to our birth and plot a new course on the Life Cycle. I read once that a church that has one overriding focus or purpose gives it the energy to grow and thrive. What is our overriding focus or purpose? Does our surrounding community even know what our focus is?

The first step in defining our overriding focus is to define a vision. This vision is not for the church but for the community. What are the problems that exist within our community that feels important enough that God would be willing to direct us to fix. You can look at the news or even talk to your neighbors about the problems that surround our church. If we can find traction with few of these problems, then that would be a great place to start developing a vision.

The discernment team is working on the steps that will lead us to our new vision. You can help us out if you would take the S.H.A.P.E. Assessment that is available to everyone at our churches. The information will help us generate a list of our gifts, so we might narrow in on the community's needs that will complement the gifts we have.

Ray Miles

Discernment Team member

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our drive to support two local elementary schools and

The Community Food Basket!

With your help, we were able to donate an incredible **48,700 tissues, 11,578 cleaning wipes, and 837 oz of hand sanitizer** to the schools.

Additionally, we donated **662 lbs** of food to the community food basket.

You kindness and generosity make a real difference in our community!



2024 Ministry Conference - October 11

The 2024 Ministry Conference is set for **Friday, October 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's UMC**, followed by a brief SPR meeting.

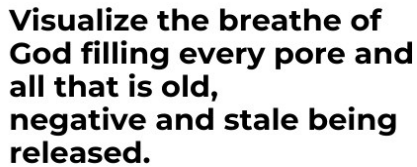
This annual event is open to the entire congregation, with church leaders especially encouraged to attend. Key topics include **Ministry that Matters, Itineracy, Lay Ministry, and Eliminating Racism.**

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

DAILY 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.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP



Trinity has updating 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.

A COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET



Casino Royale Night

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
5PM - 9PM

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES, 3005 S.FORK BOULEVARD

INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$100

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

GAMES!

MUSIC!!

FOOD AND DRINKS!!!

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS Scan



YARD CLEAN-UP DAY AT ST. PAUL'S- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Join us on Monday, September 30th, from 9am to noon for a church yard clean-up day at St. Paul's! We'll be weeding flower beds and planting grass seed to help keep our grounds looking beautiful.

Please bring your gardening tools and a willing spirit. All are welcome!

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

Monday Morning Bible Study:

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

Upper Room Study

Wednesdays at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

United Women of Faith

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

United Methodist Women's Luncheon

All women are invited Tuesday September 10th at 1pm for a Luncheon at Papa Kelsey's. Contact Sharon Evans to sign up.



**LAY SERVANT
MINISTRIES COURSES**

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.

- **September 17th** -Preaching
- **September 19th** -Discover Your Spiritual Gifts course. (Class Full)
- **October 28-** The Polity Course
- **January 6, 2025-** Lay Pastoral Care Giving

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



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thursday, September 12, will be our unit meeting. It's at 1:00 in the Trinity parlor. All are welcome from any faith. Joni will present a Mission u study on the Lord's Prayer. Also to be discussed will be our Sage District Annual meeting on September 28, from 9:00 to 3:00. This will be a zoom meeting in the Trinity parlor. It sounds tedious, but it is always fun and we learn what our district and conference are planning. The guest speaker is Amanda Hutchinson Weaver, planner for the United Women in Faith. She will be addressing topics of our new social principles, positive UWF changes, the future of UWF and where we fit in as part of the United Methodist Church. Please bring a sack lunch. Communion will be served and a memorial service will be held at 2:00. Our unit is lifting up the memory of Betty Carpenter and Pat Danzig. Hope to see you all at both events!!

**EMBRACING THE FUTURE
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN ACTION**

**Sage District Annual Celebration
Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9am – 3pm
Hillview United Methodist Church
8525 W Ustick Rd.
Boise, ID 83704
Hybrid Zoom meeting**

Let us celebrate joyfully together, in an attitude of thankfulness and friendship. Join Sage District UWF at our Annual business meeting, followed by learning about UWF changes, and in joyous worship and communion together.

If attending in person, be sure to bring your brown bag lunch. If on Zoom, prepare a simple communion offering of bread and juice for our afternoon worship service. Peace be with you all. You are welcome at our table.

FALL BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

ISAIAH: "STRIVING LESS AND TRUSTING GOD MORE"

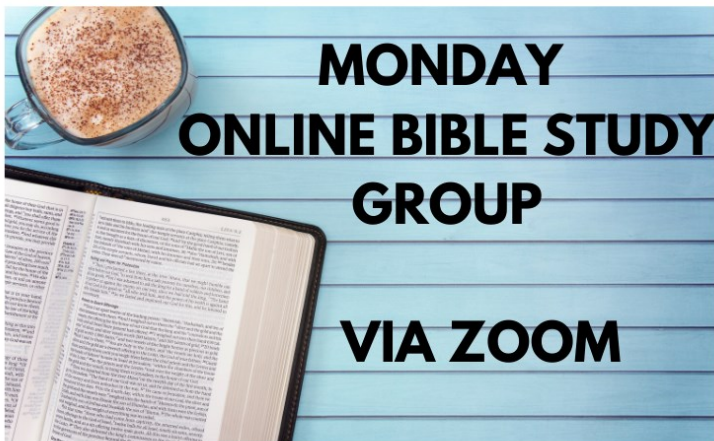


This 7 week study, using Melisa Spoelstra's book, will focus of Isaiah's call to rely on the Lord. Everyone is invited to participate in the studies held at St. Paul's UMC.

Contact Connie Dobbins for questions or to let us know which study time you would like to attend.

Women's Bible Study Group
Thursday's at 1pm
beginning September 19th
Facilitated by Mary Bash

Co-ed Bible Study Group
All are welcome
Friday's at 2:30 pm
beginning September 20th
facilitated by
Connie Dobbins and Lori Wickham



Everyone is invited to participate in a Monday morning Bible Study led by Jeanie Hughes. For more information contact Jeanie Hughes



2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Idaho Falls Saturday, September 21, 2024

Kathy Gaskill is walking and raising funds to support Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Donations can be made to Kathy by check, cash, or directly online at the QR below. Your contributions will help make a difference in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.



SHIELD616

2024 IDAHO TOUR DE SHIELD616 RIDE

Dear Friends and family,
In September 19th to 22nd, I will be riding, with the Shield 616, across Idaho to raise donations to support our first responders. I am asking for your support to donate to our first responders who put their lives on the line to keep our city safe. If you would like to make a donation, please donate to the link or QR code below
<https://shield616.org/2024-tour-de-shield616-idaho-ride/>

Thank you
Tommy Lew





CHOIR REHERSALS BEGIN

Choir rehearsals begin

**Sunday, September 8th at 10:30 am
at St. Paul's UMC.**

**Starting September 15th rehearsals will be at 10:30am
and 12:30 pm on Sundays.**

All singers are welcome.

Contact Ann Shively for more information.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR CLARA GRIMES



The family of Clara Grimes warmly invites you to a Celebration of Life service in honor of Clara. The service will be held on September 21st at 1:00 pm at Buck-Murphy Funeral Home.

Back The Blue Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday September 14, 2024

5:00pm - 10:00pm

The Venue by Signature

5990 S 45th W, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Sponsored by Henrietta Chapter #21, Order of the Eastern Star



**Silent Auction/Raffle
Bar service (beer and wine)
K-9 Demonstrations**

Pre-purchased Tickets via Venmo:

\$17.50 per person (13 and up)

\$5 for each additional immediate family member

\$45 for family of 4

3 and under are Free



Tickets at the door:

\$20 per person (13 and up)

\$5 for each additional immediate family member

\$50 for family of 4

3 and under are Free

Raising funds for:

Local Law Enforcement, K-9 units, and Chaplains of Idaho



Contact Jan Brown 208-346-0758 for more information

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.



RETIREMENT ACCOUNT CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Would you like to use a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from a retirement account to make a tithe to St. Paul’s a tax free transaction? If you are 70½ or older, you have now reached that milestone where you have to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your retirement account. If a distribution is made directly from your retirement account to St. Paul’s UMC, this will be tax free for you and a meaningful gift to support our church. This tax-free option is known as the IRA Charitable Rollover.

Simply instruct your retirement account custodian to send any amount (up to \$100,000) directly to St. Paul’s. Because the church is tax exempt, there is no tax paid on the transfer. A portion or all of your required minimum distribution is met and the money goes straight to our ministry.

“Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.”

— John Wesley

PRESENTATION ON PLANNED GIVING



Julia Frisbie of Faith Foundation Northwest will give a presentation on Planned Giving to the church on **September 29 at 4pm at Trinity Parlor**. Planned Giving covers including the church in your will or estate planning. It will be held in place of the normal September 15th 3rd Sunday” workshop.

Faith Foundation Northwest is an investment company setup to invest monies from Methodist churches. It is separate but closely tied with the Pacific Northwest Area and has Bishop Cedrick as an Ex Officio board member.

She will speak on

- 1. Planned Giving to the church**
- 2. Setting up endowments (from a donors perspective)**
- 3. Managing endowments (from a church’s perspective)**
- 4. Investing extra church monies with Faith Foundation Northwest**

For more information about Faith Foundation Northwest please see:
<https://www.faith.foundation/about-1>

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

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Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

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Sunday, September 15th

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, September 16th

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

Tuesday, September 17th

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Wednesday, September 18th

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, September 19th

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

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

Friday, September 20th

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

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

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

Sunday, September 22nd

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

**If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask
God, who gives generously to all without
finding fault, and it will be given to you.**

James 1:5