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"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

Pastor's Perspective

For everything that happens in life – there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven:

*A time to be born, a time to die;
a time to plant, a time to collect the harvest;
A time to kill, a time to heal;
a time to tear down, a time to build up;
A time to cry, a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, a time to dance;
A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up;
a time for a warm embrace, a time for keeping
your distance;

A time to search, a time to give up as lost;
a time to keep, a time to throw out;
A time to tear apart, a time to bind together;
a time to be quiet, a time to speak up;
A time to love, a time to hate;
a time to go to war, a time to make peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, (The Voice)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Wow! What a summer it has been, and fall is fast approaching. By the time this newsletter reaches your hands, teachers will have had preparation work days and most students will have returned to school. Please let me catch you up on what has been happening recently and what is about to happen as we speed through the changing seasons.

Last September, Trinity celebrated the 100th anniversary of our beautiful sanctuary with dinner and a concert. At that time, Nancy Stewart and Reverend Ruth thanked those who had already pledged or given money toward restoration and renovation. They also promised that folks would be hearing from them about further fundraising needs.

That time has come!

On Thursday, September 16th, Trinity accepted a bid from Alan Clark Construction for \$448,000.00 to complete the indoor renovation work. Their bid was the lowest of the five received. That amount represents an increase of about 15% over the estimated projected cost figured in 2016. **The bottom line is that we need to raise about \$85,000 more to cover the base cost of renovation and any contingency costs that might come up.**

How can friends and members of Trinity help? First of all pray. Prayer is the power behind all that is accomplished. If you have already donated or fulfilled your pledged amount, thank you so much for your generosity! If you are able to give more, that would be wonderful. If you have not yet pledged, and would like Reverend Ruth and Nancy Stewart to visit with you about creative ways to give, or to get more information, please leave a message at the church office for them to be in contact with you. If you would just like to send a check, that would be awesome! We are extending the time you may order commemorative bricks until September 30.

Fall programming begins at Trinity with Rally Day on September 9th. Come and bounce in the castle shaped bounce house. Come sign up for: Sunday School classes for all ages, vocal choir, praise band, adult and youth Bell choir, and various volunteer opportunities. Come enjoy the picnic after worship.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Sunday School for All Ages

10:15 am Worship for Everyone & Kids Church

Looking Ahead:

September 3rd - Labor Day

September 9th - Rally Day – Start of Sunday School and Fall schedule

September 15th - Idaho Falls Pride Parade and Festival

September 15th - Walk to End Alzheimer's – Memory Methodists Team

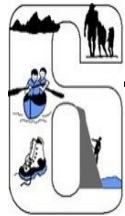
September 21st - Progressive Dinner - "Appetizer Night at Trinity" 5:30-8:00

October 19, 20 & 22th - Idaho Falls Opera Theatre

November 5th - Charge Conference (Monday)

↻ New Church Email Address ↻

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Scouting Troop 6 News - Robin Stewart

The scouts of Troop 6 just held elections and re-elected Walker Meek for a second term as Senior Patrol Leader.

The scouts are looking forward to a water sports outing August 24th through August 26th. They will also be learning their new leadership positions at the outing by attending an "Introduction to Leadership Skills - Troop," otherwise known as ILST.

Next month the scouts are planning a combined mountain bike/canoe trip in Island Park, using the mighty Buffalo River and the Railroad Bike Trail - hopefully getting some miles on their cycling merit badge - or just to have some fun.

Lone Star Geyser in Yellowstone is the planned backpack trip for October.

The Philmont Crew, who had their trip to New Mexico cancelled, finished plan "B" in Glacier NP, completing 50 miles in 7 days. Looks like they just missed fire season in the park, with the recent Glacier National Park fires burning in areas the scouts just hiked in. It's interesting to see the ecology of the forest and the role fire has in the health of the forest.

November will be a repeat of the annual Green Canyon Hot Spring outing, where Troop 6 invites the Webelos and Arrow of Light Cubs to join us for the day.



Around the Church



Feeding the Flock

Our last pot luck breakfast of the season will be Sunday, Sept. 2nd. Sad, but true.

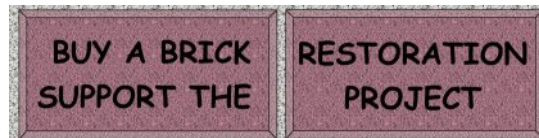
The good news is that the Boy Scouts will begin cooking breakfast for us the **third Sunday** of each month starting September 16th at 8:30.

We will begin our regular fourth Sunday pot luck lunches on September 23rd after worship.

Side dishes are requested for the Rally Day lunch on Sept. 9th.

Brick Campaign

The deadline for purchasing bricks has been extended to the end of September. Order forms are available at the office.



Kids Corner - Betty Anderson

Kids Time - Kids' Church with activities and lessons will continue during worship services. Please volunteer to assist. Activity bags are available in the sanctuary, and the Nursery is open for children 5 years and under.

Acolytes, Readers and Sound Room Techs - Please volunteer to help with these elements of worship. We would like the children and youth to assist each Sunday.

The Theme of **"We are Christ's Hands"** - Continuing through the fall, handprints of various sizes and colors will be available for everyone at the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to take one, write your name on it, and share how you are using your hands, hearts and minds to share the words of Jesus as he left this earth and asked his disciples to begin his work. *You may create more than one hand print.* We will display the hands that are created.

News about Children and Youth - Betty Anderson

Summer Camping

How grateful we are to share the news that 10 children and youth from Trinity spent a week at church camp in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho this year. They were all so excited and overjoyed with the experience. They participated in an elementary camp at Sawtooth UMC Camp and a junior high at Luther Heights Bible Camp. We are very grateful for the leadership of Rev. Ruth Marsh as Dean and Tia Durrant and David Armstrong as counselors at Sawtooth. Even transportation provided by the families of the campers was fun.

The costs of a week at camp for each of these campers was covered by the families and church members through the Trinity Camp Fund. We could still use a little more money in the fund for this year but any extra will be applied to another year. THANK YOU so much for the generous support for our youth. We have awesome kids in our midst!!!

Vacation Bible School - "We are Christ's Hands"

What an exciting week of music, games, friendship, storytelling and more was had with the 40 children, youth and 12-14 enthusiastic adults who helped make this an outstanding week for everyone. We learned how to use our body, mind, spirit and hands to serve others as Christ asked us to do when he went to heaven. We dramatized Bible stories, got the walk to the Food Basket with cans of food and have a tour. We assembled hygiene kits for UMCOR, and made an altar cloth to be sewn together as an altar cloth for use during worship. We learned how to use prayer part of daily life and the importance of the Golden Rule. The final day was celebrated with our families at our picnic. It was a delightful week at the church, filled with the noise of children learning how to serve God and each other. Thanks to all who made this a great week at Trinity for our young future leaders.

United Methodist Women—UMW - Mary Nagel

The August Ice Cream Social was well attended, delicious, and included a great program by Karole Honas.

September will be busy:

- ⇒ Kelly Carney will provide the program for the unit meeting September 13th.
- ⇒ Susannah Circle meets on the 26th at 7:00.
- ⇒ Ethel Clark Circle meets on the 27th at 1:00

⇒ The Sage District Annual Meeting will be held September 22 in Payette, Idaho. Those wishing to attend please contact Marilyn Taylor or Joni Pace.

As always, take advantage of the U.M.W. library in the Parlor. Read, read, read this fall!



Trinity in Mission

Things you can do this month!

- Bring plastic bags to be woven into mats for the homeless. Put the bags in the plastic tub by the Elm Street entrance.
- Be sure to check the Promise Ridge House wish list in the BLAST each week.
- Bring school supplies for F.I.S.H. School Backpacks. There are lists available at the church, and monetary donations are always welcome for buying needed items.
- Consider bringing in extra produce and even cut flowers to sell as mission produce.

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						1 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
2 9:30 Potluck Breakfast 10:15 Worship & Kids Church 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	3 Labor Day <u>Office Closed</u> <u>NO Soup Kitchen Mission</u> <u>NO Theology On Tap</u> 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	4 4:30 Girl Scout Leaders Gp 7:00 PEO <u>7:00 Trustee Meeting</u>	5 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room 7:30 Boy Scout Troop 6	6 9:30 UMW Executive Committee Meeting <u>10:00 Kitchen Inventory</u> 8:00 Serenity Seekers	7 Church Office Closed 9:00 Community Partners <u>10:00 Kitchen Inventory</u> 6:30 <u>Dinner & Movie: "The Shack"</u> 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	8 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
9 Rally Day 8:45 Continental Breakfast 9:00 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship & Kids Church 12:00 Rally Day Picnic 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	10 10:00 F.I.S.H. 7:00 Wesley Handbell 7:00 Girl Scout Leaders Gp 7:00 Theology On Tap 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	11	12 9:00 Breakfast - O'Brady's 11:00 Upper Room <u>6:30 Finance Committee</u> 7:30 Boy Scout Troop 6	13 <u>9:00 Steering Committee</u> 1:00 UMW Unit Meeting 8:00 Serenity Seekers	14 Church Office Closed	15 <u>News Letter Articles Due</u> <u>11:00 Pride Parade</u> <u>11:00 Alzheimer's Walk</u> 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous
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30 9:00 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship & Kids Church 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	Oct 1st 11:00 Soup Kitchen Mission 6:00 Beginning Bronze 7:00 Wesley Handbell 7:00 Theology On Tap 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	Oct 2nd <u>7:00 Trustee Meeting</u>	★ Cub Scouts will meet at the 1st Presbyterian Church for the duration of renovation and construction.	♥ Trinity will offer communion and mom hugs at the pride festival.	☺ Memory Methodist in ALZ walk on Sept 15 at Snake River Landing this year.	⚡ Progressive Dinner Tickets on Sale \$7 from Pam in the office. They will go fast so buy them this week!

SEPTEMBER

Please have your articles for the October newsletter submitted to: donrohde@aol.com no later than Saturday, September 15th, so we can get the newsletter out in a timely manner. Thank you!
Don Rohde-Editor
donrohde@aol.com

Trinity Restoration - Nancy Stewart



Highlights of our summer include:

We had a Contractor Walkthrough with 10 general contractors on August 2: led by Richard Creason of the Myers Anderson Architectural firm.

On September 16th we selected the low bid of \$448,000 submitted by Alan Clark Construction. Five general contractors bid, and for reference the high bid was \$673,444.

The selected bid is 15% higher than our estimate. Therefore, we will not complete the Parlor, the structural columns in the basement or add HVAC in office and copy room at this time.

We need to raise an additional \$85K to cover the higher costs and contingency for the project.

We have applied for a bridge loan of \$135K from the Sage District Extension Society to be paid back upon receipt of the \$95K grant from Sacred Places and the proceeds of additional fundraising.

Folks are working right now to empty the affected areas and find storage locations for all of our treasures.

The roof contractor pre-construction meeting is scheduled for September 5 with Robison Roofing and Richard Creason at 9 AM.

Pastor Ruth and Nancy Stewart will renew fundraising efforts for Trinity Restoration donations/pledges. The total we still need is \$85,000 before we sign a contract for the internal renovation project.

tion project.

Our Trinity Restoration Capital Fundraising Campaign to date has ~\$588K. We have already spent \$28K for the stonework, \$45K for the architect and \$99K for the roof replacement. That only leaves us \$416K for the interior renovations. If we include the \$8K for the appliances, we need to immediately raise \$40K before we can sign the contract to start construction. Additionally, before the end of the year, we need to raise \$45K to cover the contingency costs.

We are optimistic that with our last push we can raise the rest of the money. This project is about our next 100-years of Methodism at Trinity and serving in our community.

Thank You, Lord, for Your guidance and your faithful servants in Your church.

Dinner & a Movie Friday Sept. 7th

Friday 6:30 – Dinner and Movie will feature **The Shack** as a review with discussion this time. Potluck theme is Soul Food.



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Elizabeth Swedin	9/7	Rich Edwards	9/20	For additions or corrections in birthdays please contact Pam in the church office 208-522-7921.
Jean Winter	9/8	Gary Wilson	9/21	
Diane & Mike Croson	9/8	Sue O'Steen	9/27	
Ed Simmons	9/10	Jonathan Bean	9/29	
Bessie Boyd	9/16	Doug O'Brien	9/29	
Clara Jacobson	9/19	James Schaffer	9/29	



Handbell Choirs - Shelly Siemer



The handbell choirs will begin rehearsals for the fall season in September.

- The Wesley Handbell Choir rehearsals are on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 pm, and will start September 10th.
- The beginning bell choir, Beginning Bronze, rehearses on Mondays from 6:00-6:45 pm, starting on September 17th.

New members are welcome in both choirs.

Previous handbell experience is not required for either choir, but the ability to read music is required for Wesley Bells. The ability to read music is encouraged but not required for Beginning Bronze.

Contact Shelly at TrinityBellsIF@gmail.com or 208-521-1288 for further information.

2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's



It is time to sign up for the ALZ walk and start collecting donations. Sept. 15th is coming up fast.

Last year we raised \$2,370

Location: Snake River Landing

Times: Registration 10am

Ceremony at 11am

Walk at 11:30am

Team Name: Memory Methodists

Website:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2018/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=11183&pg=entry

Thanks for supporting the ALZ Team!

Contact - donrohde@aol.com

Cub Scout Pack 6 - Sam Bays

One thing that never ceases to amaze me is how fun and meaningful Scout training can be. The first week of August my wife received a great opportunity to meet other scout leaders and learn how to become a better leader in a week-long class called Woodbadge. At Woodbadge one is placed in a group of strangers to form a Patrol. Each Patrol member has a responsibility to serve his/her patrol. Nikki was the "scribe," meaning she wrote a short article for the "Gilwell Gazette." I'm so proud of my wife for sticking with her Eagle Patrol and challenging herself to grow her leadership skills. Here is something that she wrote that I found inspirational:

"Service is the action of helping or doing work for someone. Day five found the Eagles coming down from the sky and joining Troop 1 to perform the service of building a dam. Rocks, logs, and sludge were moved to improve the dam. Laughter was abundant as logs were tossed, sludge was moved, and rocks were stacked by Woodbadgers.

Just like the dam being rebuilt, today those of us at Woodbadge are being rebuilt to be our better selves. We will go home tomorrow and take our Woodbadge tickets to our communities, families, and scouts. We will be working hard to rebuild or build upon the existing dams in our lives. Woodbadge has changed our lives for the better. It will always be a part of us. We will treasure our time here. Treasure the friendships made. Treasure our families more. Life is short. Treasure it. "Sometimes you never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." Dr. Seuss.

Leaders are like Eagles, they don't flock, you find them one at a time.

(Nikki at far right in photo)

