

# TRINITY UMC & ST. PAUL'S UMC NEWSLETTER

September 5, 2024



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



## Elizabeth's Epiphanies

This Sunday is Rally Day when we will kick off our ministries. St. Paul's Chancel Choir will be back from summer break. There will be an opportunity to learn about new Bible Studies and other activities. Ryan Atwood is organizing a new young adult group Trinity is starting a bell choir. Sign ups will take place at both churches during the community meals following the worship services. I hope you will make a commitment to participate in one activity in addition to worship so that we can Connect, Grow, and Serve as the body of Christ. See you Sunday

*Rev. Elizabeth*

## Sunday Morning

**RALLY SUNDAY**

**September 8, 2024**

**Rev. Elizabeth McVicker**

**Scripture: James 2:1-17**

**Sermon: "Spiritual Gifts: Switch Hitters"**

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

*"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



## UPDATE FROM REV. ELIZABETH

We continue to have a strong showing of people at the Third Sunday Workshops. This is a good sign that we are holding momentum in our work together. Through the Third Sunday Workshops, led by the Discernment Team, we have essentially completed the steps in Chapter 1 of the Cooperative Parishes book:

- **Chapter 1 Checklist**
- **checked Establish your why**
- **checked Partner with District Superintendent**
- **checked Create Prayer Team**
- **checked Create Discernment Team**
- **checked Conduct Ministry Evaluations**
- **checked Conduct Focus Group Conversations**
- **checked Conduct SWOT Analysis of Individual Churches**
- **checked Communicate Discernment Regarding the Team's Analysis and Recommendation**

Chapter 2 calls for even more intensive work. It involves gathering data and creating a venn diagram of the Leadership's Passions,

Community Needs, and Congregation's Gifts (p. 59). The overlap between these three projects is where a vision to reach unchurched people will emerge.

The current project is to identify the passions and gifts of the church leaders through Rick Warren's S.H.A.P.E spiritual gifts assessment. It is rather long, and somewhat daunting, but it will prove to be very useful in many ways. It took me about 2 hours to complete. Most of the Discernment Team has completed the process and the two Church Councils will be asked to participate as well.

Now, I invite you into this process. Would you participate in the SHAPE spiritual gifts assessment? I am attaching it to this email. Please complete the assessment and send the page that starts with "My Shape Profile", the 2nd to last page, to Don Rohde in hard copy or email to [donrohde@aol.com](mailto:donrohde@aol.com). Don will compile the results.

The results we have already received have brought great insight into how we can utilize each person's gifts to complement one another. I hope you will participate so that you can grow in your discipleship as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Many thanks!

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**If you have an article or information for the newsletter it needs to be submitted to St. Paul's UMC by 9 am on Wednesday mornings to be included in that weeks newsletter.**

## 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.



## 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**.

## RALLY SUNDAY!

Rally Day is Coming!

Join us on **Sunday, September 8**, for Rally Day, the exciting annual kick-off of our church's programs and music ministry. We invite you to attend our worship service, followed by a meal and fellowship.

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore how you can **Connect** by assisting with worship, **Grow** through fellowship and small group studies, and **Serve** through our various ministries.

**Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**  
Don't forget to bring a friend—everyone is 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](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com) 503-312-4138 [Facebook.com/UMCLaity](https://www.facebook.com/UMCLaity)



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

Our September unit meeting is Thursday, Sept 12. We will have a program about the Lord's Prayer given by Joni and those who attended Mission u. Also, save the date for our Sage District Celebration. This year it's September 28th at Hillview UMC in Boise. This will be a virtual zoom meeting from 9:00 to 3:00. Our UWF Unit will meet in the parlor at Trinity. Let's have good participation. While it is a Saturday, we always have a good time and learn lots. The program will be given by Amanda Hutchinson Weaver. She will share about new positive UWF changes and the future of UWF/ Where do we fit as a part of the United Methodist Church/How does change directly effect UWF Local Units/What if a church closes. There will also be an afternoon memorial service honoring those members who died this last year. Our local unit has submitted Betty Carpenter and Pat Dunzik for the memorial. It's a busy month in September and UWF is back in full swing!!!!

**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

## HOMELESS SERVICES

In July there were 198 homeless services supplied in the 18 days we were open. This is up from June's count of 163 in 16 days.

This represented services to 51 unique people (up from 48).

The services provided included 183 showers (up from 142), 44 loads of laundry (up from 33), and 17 requests for supplies (up from 8). The clients ranged in age from 5 to 73 with an average age of 47.

Time in the church varied from 1 min. to 291 minutes with an average of 43 minutes. Most were returning clients, with 5 new clients.

74% have cellphones and 74% have valid ID.



## BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Greetings bell ringers, There are many hand bells at Trinity United Methodist Church that need to be rung. This letter is to determine how many prospective ringers there are to get the Wesley Bell Choir started again.

Two people have shown an interest in being the director, however, it is needed to know if there are enough ringers available to ring if one can be hired. Rehearsal times have not been determined since they depend upon ringers and directors.

Please let Mary Taylor know, if you could/would be interested. Her email is dtaylorid809@gmail.com.



## 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.

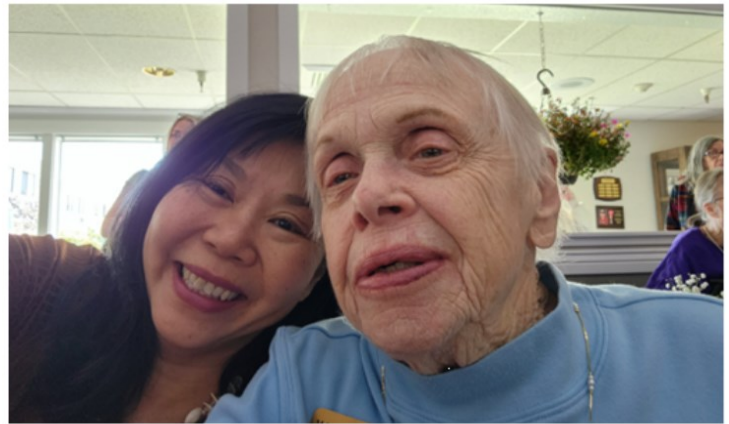




## Our Methodist Family



We are thrilled to share a wonderful update about the Meyer family who are long time members of St. Paul's UMC. After much anticipation and many prayers, Rozalyn and Lilyan have been discharged from the hospital and are finally home! We rejoice with the Meyers and thank God for His faithfulness. Please continue to keep them in you prayers as they settle in and enjoy this special time together as a family.



### **MARILYN TAYLOR HONORED**

Marilyn Taylor, a long-time member of the Idaho Falls community and Trinity UMC, was honored as a Silver Star of Idaho Falls in an awards ceremony on Thursday, August 29. She was among many outstanding leaders from the IF community who were recognized. Congratulations, Marilyn!



## 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



**A COMMUNITY FOOD BASKET**



**Casino Royale Night**

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

HOLIDAY INN & SUITES, 3005 S.FORK BOULEVARD

TICKETS & SPONSORSHIPS Scan 

INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$100  
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GAMES!  
 MUSIC!!  
 FOOD AND DRINKS!!!  
 SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION




**Come Support  
 The Community Food Basket**

Casino Royale Night will be held  
 Saturday, September 14th  
 from 5pm-9pm  
 at the  
 Holiday Inn & Suites.

Join in the fun and games, with dinner,  
 drinks, cash bar, music, silent and live  
 auctions. Individual tickets are \$100 and  
 sponsor ships are available.



**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.**



**SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**

St. Paul's has identified two areas of recurring need within our community. For a number of years St. Paul's has supported the students and staff of **Edgemont Elementary School** and **Teresa Bunker Elementary** with health supplies. They have asked us to concentrate on the health supplies listed below:

- **Kleenex tissues**
- **Antiseptic wipes( Clorox wipes)**
- **Hand sanitizer (Teresa Bunker only)**

**The Community Food Basket** has indicated their priority need are food items children can use to prepare a meal for themselves (eg. When parents are at work.) (Not the baby supplies we've done in the past) Ariel Jackson, Executive Director at Community Food Basket has asked for the following items:

- **Hot or cold cereals**
- **Canned meals (eg. Chili, Stew, Spaghetios)**

If you would like to contribute to either or both causes, you can drop off your items at the office at St. Paul's or Trinity any time **before September 9** when we plan to deliver all donations.

If you would like to participate but prefer not to go shopping and would prefer to make a cash contribution, contact **Jerry Cass** or **Chris Holden** and we will do the shopping for you.

**MISSIONS = God's Love Working Through You.**



# 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

## Trinity UMC

**Pastor:** Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

**Chair of Admin Council:** Gene Summers

**Lay Leader:** Tommy Lew

**SPRC:** Sherry Newey

**Trustee:** Don Rohde

Connect with Trinity UMC

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<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>

### Sunday, September 8th **Rally Sunday!**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

**POTLUCK FOLLOWING TRINITY UMC SERVICE**

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

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

**POTLUCK FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

### Monday, September 9th

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

### Tuesday, September 10th

**United Methodist Women's Luncheon**

**1pm at Papa Kelsey's**

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Wednesday, September 11th

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 12th

**UWF 1pm at Trinity UMC**

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

### Friday, September 13th

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

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

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

## ST. PAUL'S UMC

**Pastor:** Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

**Council Chair:** Chris Holden

**Member Delegate:** Cindy Mason  
Jim Mason

**Trustees:** Jim Mason  
Jeff Bell  
David Lively  
Cindy Mason

**Treasurer:** Lacey Moon

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**Ministry Coordinator:** Melinda Ginosar

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**For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**

**Romans 12:4-5**