

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 18, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering		Mark Anderson
Welcome		Jennifer Lively
Prelude	“My Heart is Filled with Longing” J.S. Bach	Mark Anderson
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Call to Worship		Chris Holden
Hymn	“O Jesus I Have Promised “ Congregational Singing	p. 396
Pastoral Prayer		Jennifer Lively
Lord’s Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing “ Kathryn Bosworth and Jason Peters	
Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Congregational Singing	p.95
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Luke 18:18-30	Chris Holden
Sermon	“Follow Me”	Mosy Moran
Hymn	“Holy Spirit” Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
Music:	Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	”Days of Elijah” Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Benediction		Mosy Moran
Closing Song	“Thanks God” Mary Bash, Praise Team and Congregation	
Postlude		Mark Anderson
Helping with worship today		
Worship Leader		Jennifer Lively
Preacher		Mosy Moran
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Musician	Mark Anderson, Kathryn Bosworth and Mary Bash	
Choir Director		Jason Peters
Liturgist		Chris Holden
Lead Usher		Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader		Nancy Copp
Sound and Video Tech		Mosy Moran
Acolyte		Izzy Perez



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Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am

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

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth McVicker!

Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth announces the appointment of Rev. Elizabeth McVicker to Trinity & St. Paul's United Methodist Churches in Idaho Falls, Idaho, effective March 1, 2024, in a three-quarter time position.

Rev. McVicker is an ordained elder in the Mountain Sky Conference of The UMC. Rev. Kathy Neary, will continue her part-time, interim ministry through the end of March. The GNW cabinet's commitment to provide leadership in Idaho Falls once each month will continue through May.



Dear Family and Friends of Trinity and St. Paul's United Methodist Churches,

Much sooner than we expected, Bishop Bridgeforth has appointed the Rev. Elizabeth McVicker to serve St. Paul's and Trinity UMCs at ¾ time beginning March 1. That's a mere 4 weeks away! I know how much we all love change 😊, and this will give us plenty of time to practice thanking God for sending us challenging situations to grow our discipleship skills! Below you will find the official letter announcing the appointment. You will hear much more from the church leadership about ways we will make this transition a healthy and productive one for Rev. McVicker and our churches. I will be overlapping with Rev. McVicker for the first two weeks of March to help her get settled in. I look forward to serving y'all in February and early March. I see a party in our future to celebrate all the good work we have done!

**Blessings,
Pastor Kathy**

WHAT IS LENT, AND WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH IT?

Starting with Ash Wednesday, February 14, we are going to be observing the season of Lent. "Lent" is an Old English word that roughly translates to Spring. The Lenten season extends for 40 days, from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter, which is March 31 this year.

Before you get out your calendars and start counting, know that we don't count the Sundays in this time period, because every Sunday is a little "Easter" celebration. Now go get your calendars and count up the days of Lent!

The season is forty days long because 40 is a special number in the Bible, representing "a long time." Noah's ark was floating for forty days, or "a long time." The Hebrews wandered in the wilderness for forty years. King David reigned for forty years. You get the idea. In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent forty days (a long time) in the wilderness before he began his public ministry. It is this forty-day period that we mimic through the season of Lent. Traditionally this is a time of reflection, in which we spend "a long time" considering how we are living our lives in relationship with God and others. The season of Lent ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. In many Christian traditions people keep a 24-hour vigil, ending Easter morning, to really prepare themselves. (We aren't doing that.)

Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, with a worship service at 7 pm at St. Paul's UMC. Rev. Don Yeager has graciously agreed to preside at this service for us. It will be a meaningful way to set your sight on the coming season of Lent.

For our Sunday worship services during Lent, we will be guided by the book, "Jesus' Vision for your One Wild and Precious Life," by Mike Graves. In this book Rev. Graves reflects on the fact that we sometimes spend too much time thinking about the death of Jesus and not nearly enough time learning from the life of Jesus. Each Sunday in Lent the sermon will focus on a different chapter from this book. You are invited to do an independent study of the book in preparation for Sunday Worship services. See more information about this book in this newsletter.

I hope you will take this Lenten season to reflect on the gift from God of your one wild and precious life. What will you do with that life?

Pastor Kathy



CONNECT.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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 UMC

Ladies Luncheon:
Second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Location TBD

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Once a month come feed your appetite and soul while you connect with others.

**Tuesday, February 20th
at 12:00pm**

Taco Soup & Dessert will be served

WOMENS OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP

The Ladies group meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the St. Paul's Fellowship hall. The group meets for fellowship/ community service.

We take a personal approach to our faith, relationships, and blessing others. All women are welcome.

The women's outreach focus for Feb 21-Mar 20 will be supporting St. Paul's Easter Basket Ministry.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

A special Charge Conference meeting to approve the clergy compensation package will be held on

February 21st at 6 pm via Zoom
for St. Paul's and Trinity Ad Council Members.

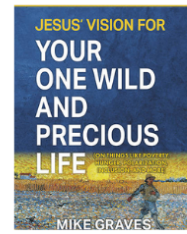
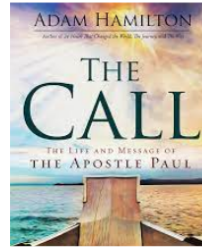
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WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Men and Women's Study group meets Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.
Women's Study group meets Tuesday at 1 p.m.

INDEPENDENT LENTEN STUDY

Everyone is welcome to participate.
Anyone interested in a book, see Melinda.



EASTER BASKET MINISTRY

St. Paul's and Trinity will be putting together 150 Easter Baskets that will be given to the children of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate).

We need:

- Books, puzzles, games
- School supplies (crayons, pencils)
- Small novelty toys (bubbles, play dough, cars, stickers)
- Candy (individually wrapped) bite size or snack size
- Wrapped fruit snacks, fruit drinks, granola bars.

If you would like to donate money to the project, please write Easter Baskets in the check memo line and put your check in the offering plate. Easter Basket items will be collected from February 18 through March 17.

We will be filling the Easter Baskets after Palm Sunday 11:00am Service at St. Paul's on March 24.

All are welcome and encouraged to stay and help. INVITE A FRIEND.
For more information, please contact Melinda Ginosar.

This Week At St. Paul's UMC & Trinity UMC

Sunday, February 18th

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC
9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC
Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC
Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC
Choir Practice at 12:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC
Bible Study at 3:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

Monday, February 19th

Scouts BSA Female Troop at 6:30pm at St. Paul's UMC

Tuesday, February 20th

Soup for the Soul at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC
Women's Bible Study at 1pm at St. Paul's UMC
N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Wednesday, February 21st

Men's Coffee at 8:30 or 9am at Perkins
Women's Outreach Fellowship Group at 9:30am at St. Paul's UMC
Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC
Ad Council Charge Conference Meeting 6pm via Zoom
Gather at the Table @ 6:30pm at Trinity UMC
Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC
Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Thursday, February 22nd

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

Friday, February 23rd

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

Saturday, February 24th

Sunday, February 25th Welcome Rev. Kathleen Weber

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC
9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC
Worship Service at 11:00 am at St. Paul's UMC
Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC
Choir Practice at 12:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC
Bible Study at 3:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

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"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you
compassion.

For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!"

Isaiah 30:18

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