

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Gathering		Ann Shively
Welcome		Pastor Kathy Neary
Prelude	"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart "	Ann Shively
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Call to Worship		Pam Prince
Hymn	"Jesus is All the World to Me"	p.469
	Congregational Singing	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Kathy Neary
Lord's Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	"Gospel of Thanks"	Chancel Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	p.94
	Congregational Singing	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:21-31	Ann Peters
	Mark 1:29-39	Pam Prince
Sermon	"When God Calls, Depend on Friends"	
	Pastor Kathy Neary	
Hymn	"Heart Of The Father "	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
Music:	"Fill My Cup"	
	Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	"Blessed Be Your Name"	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Benediction		Pastor Kathy Neary
Closing Song	"Thanks God"	
	Jerry Shively, Praise Team and Congregation	
Postlude	"God Be With You till We Meet Again"	Ann Shively

Helping with worship today

Worship Leader	Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher	Pastor Kathy Neary
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar
Musician	Jerry Shively and Ann Shively
Choir Director	Jason Peters
Liturgist	Pam Prince and Ann Peters
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"

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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

SAVE THE DATE

St. Paul's will be having an
Ash Wednesday service.

**Wednesday,
February 14th**

**at
7:00 pm**

**with
Rev. Don Yeager**



CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

Women's Coffee Group:

Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's UMC.

Ladies Luncheon:

Tuesday, February 13th at 1:00pm. New Hong Kong on Jeanie Lee Drive

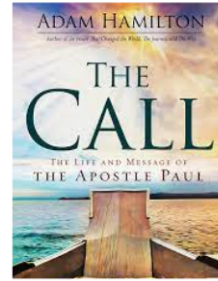
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Liam McMurtrey	Feb 01
Lysander Jones	Feb 02
Ethan Huffman	Feb 05
Llewellyn Murphy	Feb 07
Jennifer Markowski	Feb 11
Marla Jo High	Feb 13
David Zirtzlauff	Feb 16
Judy Rupe	Feb 17
Kayce Rafferty	Feb 17
Evan Tibbott	Feb 18
Terry Winterholler	Feb 19
Jerry Shively	Feb 20
Khloe Monk	Feb 20
Noah Brown	Feb 22
Christina Ginosar	Feb 23
Douglas Blank	Feb 24
Nick Raines	Feb 24

“The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”
NUMBERS 6:24-26

GROW

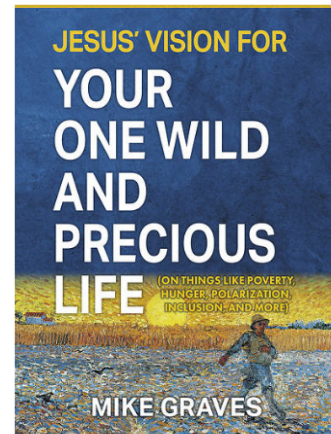
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



**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.**



VALENTINE SWEET TREAT SALE



**Come support the
Camp Kids Group**
as they raise money to go to
Sawtooth Church Camp.
There will be a variety of sweet treats
available following the 11:00 am
Worship Service at St. Paul's
on February 11, 2024.
Take some home to enjoy or buy some for
your Valentine.

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

Sunday, February 4th

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 5th

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

Tuesday, February 6th

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

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Wednesday, February 7th

Men's Coffee at 8:30 or 9am at Perkins

Women's Coffee Group at 9:30am at St. Paul's UMC

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

Gather at the Table @ 6:30pm at Trinity UMC

Cub Scout Pack Meeting at 6:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Praise Band Practice at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Thursday, February 8th

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

Friday, February 9th

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

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

Saturday, February 10th

Sunday, February 11th

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

Youth Bake Sale Camp Fundraiser following worship

Choir Practice at 12:30 pm at St. Paul's UMC

Bible Study at 3:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

**WE NEED HELPERS TO SERVE SUNDAY
MORNING COMMUNION.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SERVE
ST. PAUL'S IN THIS WAY, TALK TO
JENNIFER LIVELY.**

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

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“Go out quickly...and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame...so that my house will be full.”

Luke 14:21, 23