

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering	Kathryn Bosworth
Welcome	Pastor Kathy Neary
Prelude	Kathryn Bosworth
Acolyte	Izzy Perez
Call to Worship	Connie Patterson

Hymn "How Great is Our God"
Praise Team and Congregational Singing

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kathy Neary

Lord's Prayer
Kids Time Melinda Ginosar
Youth Camp Presentation Adellyna Castillo

Offering Gathering our Gifts
Offertory Music "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" Chancel Choir
Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" p.94
Congregational Singing

Offertory Prayer
Scripture Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12 Linda Moore
Mark 9:2-10 Connie Patterson

Sermon "When God Calls, Transformation Awaits"
Pastor Kathy Neary

Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" p. 454
Congregational Singing

Communion The Great Thanksgiving
Music: Piano
Prayer After Communion

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" p. 103
Congregational Singing

Benediction Pastor Kathy Neary

Closing Song "Thanks God"
Mary Bash and Congregation

Postlude Kathryn Bosworth

Helping with worship today

Worship Leader	Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher	Pastor Kathy Neary
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar
Musician	Kathryn Bosworth and Mary Bash
Choir Director	Jason Peters
Liturgist	Connie Patterson and Linda Moore
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

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

**Wednesday,
February 14th**

at

7:00 pm

with

Rev. Don Yeager

All are welcome!



2023 - Year-End Financial Summary

January 1 - December 31, 2023

INCOME:

Giving, Building Use, Misc. Income	\$ 241,423
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EXPENSES:

Staff, Taxes, Contract Services & payroll expenses	\$ 147,398
Conference Apportionments	\$ 24,561
Parsonage Utilities & Maintenance	\$ 6,004
Church Utilities and Maintenance	\$ 22,742
Church Insurance	\$ 9,314
Missions - Shop with a Cop	\$ 3,634
Worship Expenses	\$ 6,557
Office Supplies, Postage, Copier, etc.	\$ 5,579
Stewardship & Accountants	\$ 10,509

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$ 236,298
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NET INCOME 2023:	\$ 6,541
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COMMENTS:

Thank you, Church Family, for your continued support. In addition to the \$241,423 you gave \$41,026 in designated giving, the full report was published in the Newsletter in January 2024.

During the first 6 months St. Paul's did not have an in-residence full-time pastor and we contracted with local retired UMC pastors for Sunday worship and completed the contract with Genesis. In July we began paying St. Paul's portion of the "Experiment" costs to the Pacific NW Conference.

In January 2023 the Council approved paying Apportionments based on tithes (10% of monthly income); in 2023 we paid 84% to the OR-ID Conference. Church Insurance was paid for 18 months, which accounts for the high cost.

CONNECT.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Men's Coffee Group:
Wednesdays at 8:30 am at Perkins. All men are invited.

Ladies Luncheon:
Tuesday, February 13th at 1:00pm. New Hong Kong.

Soup for the Soul:
February 20th at noon.
Taco soup and 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.

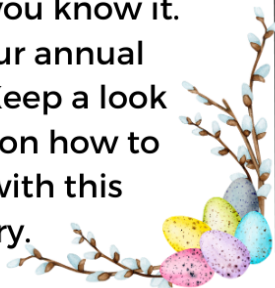
RISE UP!

The Women's Outreach Fellowship Group will be collecting snack foods & breakfast foods for at risk youth. All food will be delivered after February 14th to the Rise Up Teen & Child Crisis Center of East Idaho.

Items needed: granola bars, protein bars, fruit cups, beef sticks, shelf stable milk in boxes and more. Drop of at St. Pauls UMC.

KEEP A LOOK OUT!

Easter will be here before you know it. St. Paul's will be doing our annual Easter baskets for CASA. Keep a look out for more information on how to help and get involved with this wonderful ministry.



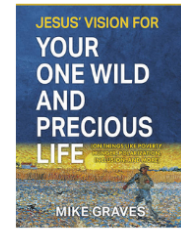
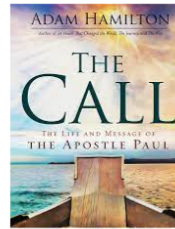
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WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

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.



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.

HELP SERVE COMMUNION

St. Paul's is in need of more people to help serve communion on Sunday morning. Talk to Jennifer Lively if you would like to help

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 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

Youth Bake Sale Camp Fundraiser following worship

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 12th

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

Tuesday, February 13th

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

Women's Luncheon at 1pm at New Hong Kong

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Wednesday, February 14th

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

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

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

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm at St. Paul's UMC

Scouts BSA at 7:30 pm at Trinity UMC

Thursday, February 15th

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

Friday, February 16th

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

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

Saturday, February 17th

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

Talk to Jennifer Lively if you would like to help serve Communion.

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"For I am confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work among you will complete it by the day of Christ Jesus"

Philippians 1:6

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