

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**March 10, 2024**

**4th Sunday in Lent**

Gathering	Ann Shively
Welcome	Rev. Elizabeth McVicker
Prelude	Ann Shively
Acolyte	
Call to Worship	Samuel Morco

Hymn	"The Summons"
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Elizabeth McVicker
Lord's Prayer	
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar

Offering	Gathering our Gifts
Offertory Music	"Come, Celebrate Jesus" Chancel Choir

Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	p.95
	Congregational Singing	

Offertory Prayer		
Baptism	Sophia and Samantha Morco	p.39
Scripture Reading	Mark 6:30-44	Samuel Morco
Sermon	"You Give Them Something to Eat"	Pastor Kathy Neary

Hymn	"There's a Spirit in the Air"	p. 192 (vs.1, 3-6)
	Congregational Singing	

Communion Music:	The Great Thanksgiving
	Organ
	Prayer After Communion

Hymn	Congregational Singing
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Prayer of Farewell	Melinda Ginosar
Benediction	Pastor Kathy Neary

Closing Song	"Thanks God"
	Jerry Shively and Congregation

Postlude	Ann Shively
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**Helping with worship today**

Worship Leader	Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher	Rev. Elizabeth McVicker
Kids Time	Melinda Ginosar
Musician	Jerry and Ann Shively
Choir Director	Jason Peters
Liturgist	Samuel Morco
Lead Usher	Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader	Nancy Copp
Sound and Video	The Heart Event



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11:00 am**

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

### MY LAST NEWSLETTER ARTICLE



I am sad that this is my last newsletter article for you all, as my time as your part-time, interim, two Sundays-a-month pastor is coming to an end. March 10 will be my last Sunday with you, and I then return full-time to my regular job. For the last eight months, it has been my honor to work with you as we try to imagine the future of United Methodism in Idaho Falls. We have had a wild and precious time together!

We have accomplished a lot in this short time. I am most impressed with the Trinity and St. Paul's congregations' renewed sense of being in ministry together. So many of you stepped up your commitment to leading our congregations in this time when it was crucial to do so. We have discovered that God is calling us in so many ways to proclaim God's love and grace with renewed energy to all of Idaho Falls. Answering God's call together makes so much sense, and it is a lot of fun too!

As I have been telling Rev. Elizabeth about our ministry here, I found myself saying again and again, "Oh, you are going to love this person! They are so much fun to work with!" My other common comment was, "They are the kindest person you will ever meet." I know that the future ministry of these two churches is in good hands, and moving forward with Rev. Elizabeth is going to bear fruit for a long time to come.

I will be returning full-time to my regular job as the small church consultant for the PNW Conference. I travel around Washington and northern Idaho visiting small churches, all of which have the same questions about the future that you have. I'm sure I will be using what I have learned here in my future work. Thank you for all that you have taught me.

It is important in moving forward that I step away completely from my work here in Idaho Falls to give you and Rev. Elizabeth the space to grow your relationships. I won't be contacting you, and I trust that you will bring all your pastoral needs to Rev. Elizabeth. I'm sure that sometime in the future (at least a couple of years from now) we will see each other again, and share fond memories of this year of experimentation.

One last memory: a couple of weeks ago at Trinity we found ourselves unexpectedly without a piano player for our Sunday service. I had convinced myself that we would just do without music for one Sunday. Lo and behold, Marilyn Taylor came waltzing down the aisle (using her walker of course) and said she could fill in for us. I didn't even know she played the piano! Her kind offering of her musical talents was the perfect example of how so many of you have demonstrated your love for these two churches. May we all go forward, becoming the people God has made us capable of being!

-Pastor Kathy Neary

## PASTORAL CONNECTION



Dear Friends of Trinity UMC and St. Paul's UMC,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor and look forward to getting to know each of you personally. I was born in Rangoon, Burma and grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I was raised in the United Methodist Church. I have 2 children. Katie is a student at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. Alice is a student at the University of Utah. My mother, Nellie Tay, lives with me. I have served churches in Arizona, Wyoming and Utah. You will hear lots of stories about my life in the sermons. I hope you will share stories of your life when we visit. I am extremely grateful for the work that Rev. Kathy has done among you these past few months and hope that together we can continue to move forward.

I truly believe that God will be among us as we share life and ministry together.

-Rev. Elizabeth McVicker



### FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR KATHY NEARY

Join us for a luncheon on  
Saturday March 9th  
at 12:00pm  
at St. Paul's UMC

Come and thank Pastor Kathy for the work and love she has shown St. Paul's and Trinity UMC the past several months.

JOIN US FOR A COMBINED

### Sunday Service & Luncheon

March 17th  
at  
10:00am  
At Trinity UMC

There will be no service at St. Paul's UMC on March 17th. Join us for a combined service and a Luncheon to follow to honor Rev. Elizabeth McVicker

- **March 24:** DS Karen joins us. Worship at 9 am at Trinity and 11 am at St. Paul's, with a workshop at St. Paul's at 4 pm
- **March 31:** Easter! Sunrise service at 7 am at St. Paul's. Worship at 9 am at Trinity and 11 am at St. Paul's

## CONNECT.

### 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

### Ladies Luncheon:

The Ladies Luncheon will be meeting at Homestead Pizza and bowling at 1:00 pm on March 12th.

### Soup for the Soul:

March 19th at noon at St. Paul's UMC Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

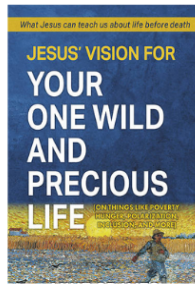
### United Women of Faith

The UMW meets the Second Thursday of each month in the parlor at Trinity UMC at 1:00pm

## GROW.

## SERVE.

### BIBLE STUDY!



**Everyone is welcome to participate.**  
**Beginning March 6th**  
**3:30-5:00 pm**  
**at Trinity UMC**

**This six week class will cover the entire text, Your Wild and Precious Life. This rich text written by, Mike Graves takes us through the life of Jesus and the importance of Jesus when he was alive and among us. The book leads us through seven words/ teachings of Jesus. We will discuss and reflect upon these teachings discovering how these teachings apply to us today. Books are available.**

**CONTACT JEANIE HUGHES FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

### COURSE SCHEDULE

- Week 1:** Introduction and Chapter One, A Life Worth Living and "Follow Me"
- Week 2:** Chapter 2, "Good News to the Poor"
- Week 3:** Chapter 3 & 4, "Blessed are the..." and "You Give Them Something to Eat"
- Week 4:** Chapter 5, "Your Faith Has Made You Well"
- Week 5:** Chapter 6, "The Kingdom of God is Like"
- Week 6:** Chapter 7, "Love of God and Neighbor" and What's Next?

**Contact Jeanie Hughes for more information.**



**We are still in need of hostesses for the tea party. If you are interested in helping contact Lacey Moon or Connie Dobbins.**

Thank you to those who helped prepare baskets and items for the Easter Baskets!



### 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SERVICES



### Regional Council for Christian Ministry Lenten Services 2024

**11:30 – 1:00**

**soup at 11:30 and 12:30 – message at 12:00**

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#### • Wed. Mar. 13th

Location: St. Paul's United Methodist, 1730 St Clair. Preacher: Reverend Mike Knauff, (First Evangelical Lutheran)

#### • Wed. Mar. 20th

Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 455 W Sunnyside Preacher: Reverend Ann Bjorklund (New Day Lutheran)

*Do You Want to Fast  
This Lent?*

**Fast from hurting words ... and say kind words,  
Fast from sadness ... and be filled with gratitude,  
Fast from anger ... and be filled with patience,  
Fast from pessimism ... and be filled with hope,  
Fast from worries ... and have trust in God,  
Fast from complaints ... and contemplate simplicity,  
Fast from pressures ... and be prayerful,  
Fast from bitterness ... and fill your hearts with joy,  
Fast from selfishness ... and be compassionate to others,  
Fast from grudges ... and be reconciled,  
Fast from words ... and be silent so you can listen!**

-Pope Francis

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

### Sunday, March 10th **FAREWELL PASTOR KATHY!**

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

### **BAPTISM FOR SOPHIA AND SAMANTHA MORCO**

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

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

### Monday, March 11th

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

### Tuesday, March 12th

### **LADIES LUNCHEON AT HOMESTEAD PIZZA AT 1:00 PM**

N.A at 7:00 pm at Trinity UMC

### Wednesday, March 13th

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

### **LENTEN SERVICE AND SOUP AT ST. PAUL'S UMC AT 11:30AM**

Bible Study at Trinity at 3:30pm

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, March 14th

### **UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH AT 1:00PM AT TRINITY UMC**

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

### Friday, March 15th

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

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

### Sunday, March 17th **WELCOME REV. ELIZABETH MCVICKER!**

### **COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM AT TRINITY UMC**

Luncheon following the Worship Service at Trinity UMC

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

## 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

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**Do not be afraid, little flock, for  
your Father has been pleased  
to give you the kingdom.**

**Luke 12:32**

