

## ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**November 5, 2023**

**Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost**

Gathering		Connie Bryngelson
Welcome		Pastor Kathy Neary
Prelude	“All The Way My Savior Leads Me”	Connie Bryngelson
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Call to Worship		Jan Wright
Hymn	“Open the Eyes Of My Heart”	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Kathy Neary
Lord’s Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	“O the Blessedness is Great ”	Chancel Choir
Doxology	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	p.94
	Congregational Singing	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 23:1-12	Jan Wright
Sermon	“Jesus Fails Us Again”	Pastor Kathy Neary
Hymn	“Lord Speak to Me ”	p.463
	Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
	Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know ”	p. 163
	Congregational Singing	
Benediction		Pastor Kathy Neary
Closing Song	“Thanks God”	
	Jerry Shively and Congregation	
Postlude		Connie Bryngelson
	<b>Helping with worship today</b>	
Worship Leader		Pastor Kathy Neary
Preacher		Pastor Kathy Neary
Musician	Jerry Shively and Connie Bryngelson	
Choir Director		Jason Peters
Liturgist		Jan Wright
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**

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

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## PASTORAL CONNECTION

### How to Talk with Your District Superintendent: Leadership Retreat Nov. 3-5

The United Methodist system for getting the right pastors to the right churches is a bit convoluted. To understand the system, we need to start with the fact that we are a connectional system, which means all our churches and pastors rely on each other to be the Body of Christ in the world. We trust that we are all working toward the growth of the Kingdom of God on earth. We've been this way (connected) since the time of John Wesley.

For this system to work, we need a lot of trust and a lot of communication between the leadership of each church and the district superintendent. We place our trust in our DS and the entire Cabinet (the bishop and all the DSs of the area) to discern, with the help of the Holy Spirit, what configuration of pastoral leadership will work best for our congregations and who might be the best pastor for each church. At the same time, the leadership of the church has a great responsibility to discern God's will for the church and commit to the vision we develop from this discernment.

To help us prepare for our responsibilities in this system we are going to be holding a leadership retreat from Friday to Sunday, Nov. 3-5. Brian Shimer and Andrew Arthur of Genesis Christian Mediation will be joining us as we practice discernment skills, develop our vision out of that discernment, and learn how to listen to and communicate well with our district superintendent Karen Hernandez.

We also need to learn to listen clearly to Karen as she explains to us the scope of her work as district superintendent to the churches of the Sage District. We are expecting a lot of pastoral changes in the district this year and DS Karen oversees them all.

### We will be meeting on:

**Friday, Nov. 3 from 6:30-8:30 pm**, as separate church leadership groups at both churches

**Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 to 3 pm** together at St. Paul's church and

**Sunday, Nov. 5, from 4 to 6 pm**, as separate church leadership groups at both churches.

Our "regular, elected leaders" have already received an invitation to this retreat, but if any of you feel called to help our churches with these next steps in planning our future, please send me an email ([kneary@pnwumc.org](mailto:kneary@pnwumc.org)) and I will be sure to send you an invitation as well. We could use all the help we can get!

## CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY

Lately, there has been talk about Certified Lay Servants for St. Paul's UMC. I reached out to DS Karen Hernandez to find out about the process of becoming certified, she put me in contact with Emilie Kroen, Director of Lay Servant Ministries, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference (503)-312-4138, kroen@yahoo.com.

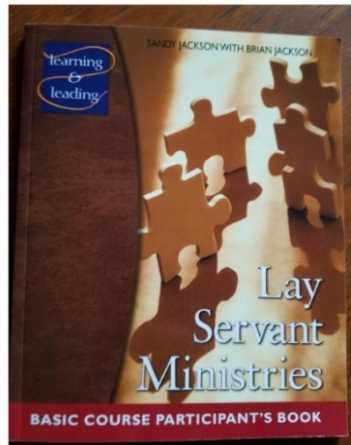
She sent a copy of the Lay Servant Ministries Catalog; a copy has been put on St. Paul's website, [www.umcstpauls.com](http://www.umcstpauls.com), on the Resources page.

In the first 10 pages, you will find all the information about becoming a Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay speaker, and Certified Lay Minister (except what is expected by the Sage district committee on ministry). The catalog also includes lots of courses, many of which are available at <http://www.beadisciple.com>.

In addition, as courses become available via Zoom, I will be happy to notify you via email. The first course to take is the Basic Lay Servant Course. She anticipates this being available on Zoom in mid to late January. Each course is 10 hours in length, generally taught in five 2-hour blocks.

Chris Holden

## Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course January 23 - February 6, 2024



**TIME:** Tues & Thurs 6 – 8 pm PST  
Jan 23, 25, 30, + Feb 1 & 6 2024

**LOCATION:** On Line Zoom Course

**INSTRUCTOR:** Emilie Kroen,  
Oregon - Idaho Conf.  
Director of Lay Servant Ministries  
& Cindy Abbey, CLM

**COST:** The cost of the book

**REGISTER By Jan 16, 2024:**

Email: ekroen@yahoo.com, or  
Call or text Emilie at 503-312-4138  
Provide your Name, Address, Phone #  
And your local church setting.

### Lay Servant Ministries \*

*Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson*

Participant's Book • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • \$11.00

Participants' books available at Cokesbury and from Amazon in paperback and for Kindle.

The "Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course" is the foundational course for Lay Servant Ministries. This is the gateway course for those who are called to be Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers. And can also be part of a person's discipleship plan to acquaint you with their gifts, calling, and responsibilities as followers of Christ.

*\*Each participant must have a book and be fully engaged in all 5 sessions with audio and video capability active.*

The Lay Ministries classes are being offered in November. The classes are essential for the development of leaders for both Methodist Churches in Idaho Falls. We will need members to step up for the future of our church. The classes are FREE! The only expense is the cost of the book, and your time. If you are interested in becoming a lay leader, you must start with the Lay Servant Basic Course. It is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 23, 25, 30, + February 1 and 6, 2023, from 6 to 8pm PST. After this class, you will be eligible for the Spiritual Gifts, Methodist theology, Methodist Devotional life, and preaching class. These classes have blessed my life, and I am sure they will be a blessing to yours as well.

-Tommy Lew

**LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES** is a leadership development program in The United Methodist Church focused on equipping and empowering laypersons who have responded to the call of God to serve in mission and ministry.

These laypersons are called to live out their own discipleship as servants in leadership through the ministries of leading, caring, and communicating.

Being called to ministry is a serious endeavor. It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Thus we must do all we can to prepare ourselves and others to serve.

For additional information and resources for Lay Servant Ministries please visit our website at [www.UMCdiscipleship.org/laity](http://www.UMCdiscipleship.org/laity) or contact the Office of Laity at [laity@UMCdiscipleship.org](mailto:laity@UMCdiscipleship.org).

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# LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CALLED BY GOD TO SERVE

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The United Methodist Church has established three categories for laypersons in the area of lay servant ministries to develop, prepare, and engage principled Christian leaders for the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world:

- Certified Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister

Certified lay servants who wish to develop their skills further may choose a track to become certified as lay speakers (those who are called specifically to pulpit supply) or as lay ministers (those who are called to long-term, intentional ministry as part of a ministry team).

## Certified Lay Servant

A **certified lay servant** serves the local church or charge (and/or beyond) and:

- provides program leadership, assistance, and support.
- leads meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion.
- conducts, or assists in conducting, services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses.
- provides congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries.
- assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion.
- teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

## Certified Lay Speaker

A **certified lay speaker** serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on lay servant ministries in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1 of *The Book of Discipline*.

The role of a certified lay speaker is a specific calling for the ministry of pulpit supply.

## Certified Lay Minister

A **certified lay minister** serves as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergyperson and:

- conducts public worship.
- cares for the congregation.
- develops new faith communities.
- preaches the Word.
- leads small groups.
- establishes outreach ministries.
- serves as a class leader.
- assists in program leadership.
- engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training such as in parish nursing, church planting, men's ministry, children's faith formation, congregational care, and more.

You don't want to be late for church.  
**Day Light Savings Time ends**  
**Sunday November 5th.**  
Don't forget to set you clocks back one hour.

**November Birthdays**

Micheline De Mulder	Nov 01
Karin Jones	Nov 04
Connie Uehling	Nov 06
Lynda Fennern	Nov 06
Abigail Moody	Nov 07
Kira Jo Lawrence	Nov 12
Steve Evans	Nov 13
Carl Cooper	Nov 14
Joshua Anthony Droogh	Nov 15
Josh Lorren Peterson Droogh	Nov 16
Linda Blank	Nov 16
Esther Bramwell	Nov 17
Tommy Lew	Nov 17
Ruby Ann Shively	Nov 19
Steve Moody	Nov 22
Suzanne Meyer Meyer	Nov 24
Logan McAlevy	Nov 26
Rosemary Norman	Nov 26

“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.”

**QUOTE AND THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“Structure is necessary, but it must always emerge out of our passion for mission -- reaching our destination. The vehicle must never become the mission. The vehicle is expendable -- being the presence of Jesus in the world is essential!”

— Jerry Cook, The Holy Spirit: So, What's the Big Deal?

**BISHOP  
BRIDGEFORTH'S  
M.I.L.E.**

You can watch Bishop Bridgeforth videos from the Greater NW Area conferences regarding his direction for our churches.

There are 5 of them in total and all follow the theme of M.I.L.E.

- M:** Ministry That Matters
- I:** Itineration and Location (being window people not mirror people)
- L:** Lay Ministry Enhancement
- E:** Eliminating Racism

This will give you a clearer understanding of where Pastor Kathy is leading us. You can view these on-line using the link below. We encourage you to watch them, especially before Bishop Bridgeforth comes to Idaho Falls on November 19th.

You can watch the videos at the link or QR code below

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10470305>



## Tree Removal

Thank you to Jim Mason and his family, along with David Lively, and Jim Dobbins for removing a dying tree from the St. Paul's property. You did a great job!



## 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, November 14th at Shari's Diner. Sign up in the information hall or contact Sharon Evans.

**Soup for the Soul:** November 9th at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC. The menu will be corn soup, rolls, and a dessert.

## ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE

Join us for our  
Annual All-Church Conference  
on  
Sunday  
November 12th at 4 pm  
with  
Rev. Karen Hernandez, D.S.  
at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY UMC WITH BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH



Join us for a special combined worship service and dinner at Trinity UMC. Sunday November 19th at 10:00 am. There will be no service held at St. Paul's UMC on November 19th.



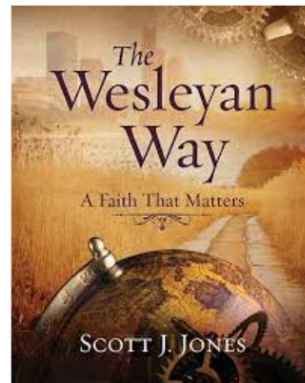
### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

Come and join St. Paul's weekly prayer group at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays in the parlor. All are welcome.

John Wesley was an activist working to alleviate human suffering, but he was also a person of prayer. It's no wonder why. Prayer, Wesley said, "is the grand means of drawing near to God" it is "the breath of our spiritual life" he said.

While petition and intercession are forms of prayer, they are not the whole. The focus of prayer is not on our requests, but on God. Prayer is how we remain in communication with God and grow in our relationship with God. In his sermon "The Wilderness State" Wesley says that "neglect of private prayer" is the most common reason people lose their faith.

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY



A Sunday Bible study for both men and women is on Sunday at 3:00 pm.

Women's Bible study is on Thursdays at 1:00 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Contact Connie Dobbins and Mary Bash if you have questions.

### STEWARDSHIP MONTH

A portion of our annual budget is for salaries. This includes the Pastor- Pastor Kathy and guest Pastors, Ministry Coordinator- Melinda, Church Secretary - Angela, sound and web technician - Mosey, Choir Directors - Jerry and Jason, Organists and Praise team members. We also have Rudd and Company as our accountants, and a paid janitorial service. All of these people are instrumental in preparing for the weekly Church services and programs offered at St. Paul's.

If you have questions or need information, both Melinda and Angela are happy to help and guide you in the right direction. They are both so positive and upbeat. It is a wonderful environment and breath of fresh air, when you walk into our Church Office.

It's also important to acknowledge all of the volunteers that manage the building maintenance behind the scenes: Jim Mason, Jeff Bell, David Lively, Tom Moore, and Jim Dobbins. We also have many more volunteers for the Bible Study Programs and local Outreach reach projects: Connie Dobbins and Mary Bash; and the entire Women's Outreach Group!!! And because our favorite past time is Potluck luncheons, we need a special pat on the back to Jerry Cass for cooking on his grill each time!

October is Stewardship month. Please pray fully reflect on your support to St. Paul's for this upcoming year. Please complete the Pledge form and place it in an envelope addressed to yourself. Please drop the form in the wooden country Church at the back of the Sanctuary. The Pledge forms will be collected through November 5th.

-Lynda

Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all the places you can at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Calling All Volunteers! We Need You!

**ST. PAUL'S IS LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AT SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.**

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Choir
- Praise Team
- Acolytes
- Worship Leaders
- Liturgists
- Kid's Time
- Communion Stewards
- Communion Servers

**Contact Melinda Ginosar for more information.**

**November 3-4: No Freeze November Coat Giveaway** - 5 to 7 pm Friday, noon to 4 pm Saturday, Rise Church; Coats are being collected until October 31; they can be dropped off at Rise Church.

## HOME BUILD UPDATE



This week stairs were built to the basement, blocking in the kitchen walls to hold the cabinets. Part of the house wrap was put up on the exterior walls.

Habitat for humanity is looking for volunteers to help finish the St Paul's Habitat House. If you would like to volunteer to help contact Habitat for Humanity in Idaho Falls at 208-521-6370 to reserve your volunteer spot.

## RCCM UPDATE

The Community Food Basket served 1,195 families which included 2,784 adults, 1,195 kids, 271 Seniors, 40 Homeless, 184 babies, 4,600 diapers and 33 patrons requesting Feminine Hygiene Items.

Fish is winding down and distributed 574 backpacks of school supplies. The next project is the Homeless Stand down on November 4. Items needed are coats, socks, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, soap, tooth paste, etc. Items can be dropped off at the Humanitarian Center. Contact Bev Kemp for further information or if you would like to help.

The Interfaith Services will be held November 19, 4PM, in the Chapel at the Community Food Basket location. The theme is Thanksgiving Traditions of Faith groups.

-Jan Karinen



## Christmas Adopt-A-Family 2023

St. Paul's Church is excited to offer Christmas Adopted Family program this year with a Giving Tree located in the Church entry area. Christmas is a time to bring ALL of St. Paul's Family together as the Light of Christ within our community. We are planning to accept up to 20 families this year.

### DUE DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS

**Sunday, November 5th.** We will accept applications no later than **November 12th.** (Applications cannot be accepted for families who are receiving other Christmas help.) Please let us know of any families or individuals you recommend.

- We accept families YOU (Our Church Family) recommend. Applications are available in the church office and can be picked up during office hours **Mon-Thurs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- We are also accepting families through St. Vincent de Paul, and two elementary school counselors in our area.

### How You Can Help

- You can purchase gifts for the adopted family members, or donate money through St. Paul's UMC to purchase gifts and food. Make a note on your check "for Christmas families".
- **\*\* If you are interested in adopting an entire family, please contact Mary Bash before November 12th.**
- **The Christmas Giving Tree will be available by Sunday, November 12th.** It will be available a little early this year due to the service we will be attending at Trinity on November 19th.
- If you would like to purchase a specific gift, but can't get to the church to choose from the Giving Tree, you can call and I would be happy to help you identify a gift you wish to provide.

### RETURN GIFTS TO ST. PAUL'S GIVING TREE BY SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Shoppers may be needed!** If you like to shop, please volunteer now!

Shoppers will be provided with a list of items needed and a gift card with funds for those items. Contact Connie Dobbins to volunteer.

**Holiday Food for our Adopted Families!** One of the most important gifts we give this Christmas is food! Each adopted family will receive a Gift Card in the amount of \$175 to purchase their holiday foods at WinCo.

**Wrapping party:** There is a wrapping party scheduled on December 13th, in the Sunshine room at the church from 10:00 a.m. until we finish. If you would like to help, contact Connie Dobbins.

**Gifts will be handed out to the adopted families on Saturday, December 16th, from 9 a.m. to noon.**

Families are asked to Drive by and pick up their gifts in St. Paul's Parking Lot. If any family is unable to come and pick up their gifts, delivery volunteers may be needed. If you are interested in providing a delivery if needed, please contact Mary.

In this season of preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may the Light of God's love shine brightly into a dark world, bringing Hope to the world.

**Mary Bash**  
**Jerry Cass St. Paul's Mission Coordinator**

# 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF

## Friday, November 3rd

**Leadership Retreat 6:30 -8:30pm at St. Paul's**

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

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

## Saturday, November 4th

**Leadership Retreat 9am- pm at St. Paul's**

## Sunday, November 5th

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC with Rev. Brian and Andrew

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

Fellowship Time following service at St. Paul's UMC

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

Adult Bible Study at 3 pm at St. Paul's UMC

**Leadership Retreat 4pm-6pm at St. Paul's UMC**

## Monday, November 6th

Scouts BSA Female Troop 6:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC

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

## Tuesday, November 7th

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

## Wednesday, November 8th

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

Women's Coffee Hour at 9:30 am

in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's

Upper Room Study at 10:00 am at Trinity UMC

Prayer Group at 12:30 pm in the Parlor at St. Paul's

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, November 9th

**Soup for the Soul at 12:00pm at St. Paul's UMC**

Women's Bible Study at 1:00pm at St. Paul's UMC

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

## Sunday, November 12th **Welcome Rev. Karen Hernandez!**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

9:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

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

Fellowship Time following service at St. Paul's UMC

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

Adult Bible Study at 3 pm at St. Paul's UMC

**All Church Conference at 4 pm with Rev. Hernandez, DS**

**Pastor:** Pastor Kathy Neary

**Council Chair:** Chris Holden

**Member Delegate:** Joni Pace

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

**Treasurer:** Lacey Moon

**SPRC:** Tracy Gohr

**Missions Coordinator:** Jerry Cass

**Council Secretary:** Linda Moore  
**Finance Secretary:** Lynda Fennern

**Ministry Coordinator:** Melinda Ginosar

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Let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

**Galatians 6:17**