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November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering		Ann Shively
Welcome		Melinda Ginosar
Prelude	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	Ann Shively
Acolyte		Izzy Perez
Call to Worship		Sharon Evans
Hymn	"O Jesus I Have Promised"	p.396
	Congregational Singing	
Pastoral Prayer		Melinda Ginosar
Lord's Prayer		
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Offering	Gathering our Gifts	
Offertory Music	"Be Still and Know"	Chancel Choir
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	p.94
	Congregational Singing	
Offertory Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Luke 10:25-37	Sharon Evans
Sermon	" The M.I.L.E. on the Jericho Road "	
	Rev. Karen Hernandez, DS	
Hymn	"Heart of the Father"	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Communion	The Great Thanksgiving	
	Prayer After Communion	
Hymn	"Every Praise"	
	Praise Team and Congregational Singing	
Benediction		Rev. Karen Hernandez, DS
Closing Song	"Thanks God"	
	Jerry Shively, Praise Team and Congregation	
Postlude		Ann Shively
	Helping with worship today	
Worship Leader		Melinda Ginosar
Preacher		Rev. Karen Hernandez, DS
Kids Time		Melinda Ginosar
Musician		Jerry Shively and Ann Shively
Choir Director		Jason Peters
Liturgist		Sharon Evans
Lead Usher		Jerry Johnson
Praise Team Leader		Nancy Copp
Sound and Video Tech		Mosy Moran
Acolyte		Izzy Perez

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GROW

- P.6 Prayer Group, All Church Conference, Combined Worship and Luncheon with the Bishop, Part two of Charge Conference.

GO

- P.7 Volunteers Needed, Home build Update, Advent Volunteers, Grab an ornament
- P.8 Adopt a Christmas Family
- P.9 Weekly Events

Sunday Worship Service
11:00 am

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

**Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not
perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19.**

This past weekend the leadership of both churches met with Brian Shimer and Andrew Arthur, and me to look at what God is calling us to be and do in the future. Each church group had time separately with Brian and Andrew, from Genesis Christian Mediation, to deal with issues specific to their churches. On Saturday we all came together to learn more about the process of receiving new pastoral leadership.

The first big idea from this work that we shared was that the bishop and district superintendents now look at our churches as a circuit: the Idaho Falls circuit. Circuits of churches are a very old idea in the Methodist system. A circuit is a group of churches that shares a mission field (like the mission field of Idaho Falls) and which collaborate to provide the best United Methodist ministry in that mission field. When the bishop and district superintendents consider what pastoral leadership to send our way, they will be thinking of our two churches as a circuit and not as two separate churches. Circuits were very important in the early days of the Methodist movement since we didn't have enough pastors to support all the churches that were springing up. A pastor was called a circuit rider (because he rode a horse) and would tend to his circuit by riding from church to church. Some circuits were so large that the pastor only visited each church 4 times a year. That is how we developed the tradition of having communion only quarterly, back in the day. Those original circuit riders would be very envious of our little circuit of only two churches within 2 miles of each other!

What kind of pastoral leadership we receive will depend on what pastoral leadership needs we let district superintendent Karen know about. It is important to note that being a circuit means we still have two distinctive churches, so this is not the same as merging the churches. However, we will be collaborating and cooperating in more ways, and we may very well share a pastor (or pastors) in the future.

The second big idea we worked on was the need to develop two clear visions for our future, so that we could explain to DS Karen exactly what we felt God was calling us to be and do. The reality is the bishop and the district superintendents have a limited pool of candidate pastors and lots of churches that need new pastors. Anything we can do to communicate well our passion to follow God's leading into the future will help us rise to the top of the list of churches looking for new pastoral leadership. We worked in two groups, innovators and sustainers/saints, to begin to paint a picture of what ministry would look like in 4 years' time if we followed God's leading. We then discerned (mostly) three people who would write those visions, and the rest of the group will serve as reviewers of the vision statements. The three people working on the innovators' vision are Don Rohde, Ray Miles, and Cindy Mason. The three people working on the sustainers/saints vision are Melinda Ginosar, Jeannie Hughes, and Connie Dobson, with a fourth from Trinity to be named later. Bev Kemp and Tracy Gohr, our SPR chairs will oversee the whole process.

If you would like to share your own thoughts about our future ministry, reach out to any of the folks listed above. They would gladly receive your wisdom. And please pray for the folks mentioned here. They have a large task in front of them and could use all the help they can get.

-Pastor Kathy

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.

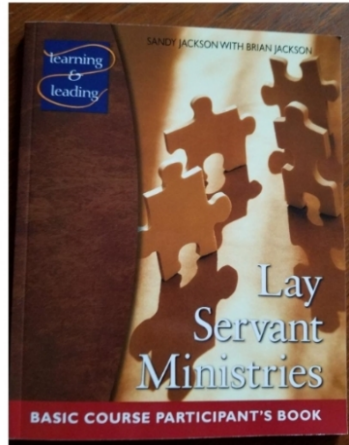
She sent a copy of the Lay Servant Ministries Catalog; a copy has been put on St. Paul's website, www.umcstpauls.com, on the Resources page.

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

REMEMBERING CARL HAROLD COOPER



November 14, 1938 ~ November 5, 2023 (age 84)

Carl Harold Cooper was born on November 14, 1938, in Duncan, Oklahoma to Carl and Norma Jean (Johnson) Cooper. He passed away on November 5, 2023, with his children by his side, just shy of his 85th birthday.

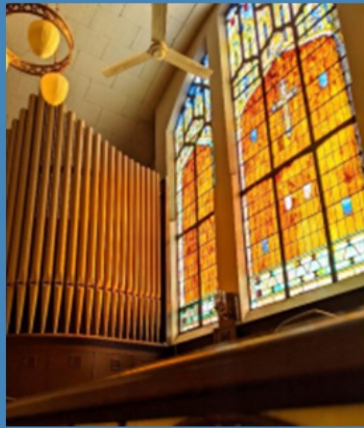
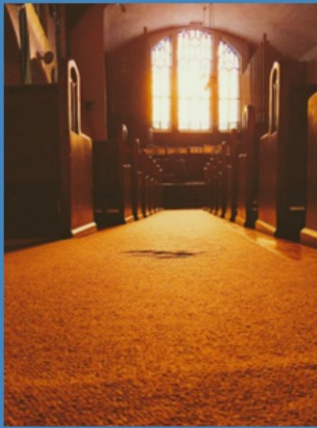
After graduating from Lawton High School in 1956, Carl attended the University of Oklahoma (Go Sooners!) where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and received degrees in Engineering and Nuclear Physics. He also met Joyce Page while at the University of Oklahoma and on April 1, 1961, they were married. After college in 1963, Carl and Joyce moved to Idaho Falls and he started his long career at the Idaho National Laboratory where he formed many life-long friendships. While working, he also received an MBA from the University of Idaho. Carl only intended on staying in Idaho a short time, but quickly fell in love with her beauty and the plethora of outdoor opportunities and of those, fishing was his passion. Ultimately he became an avid and accomplished fly fisherman and fished many of the famous and historic rivers and streams of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana. Over the years he also refined his skills at tying flies and was an active member of Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishing Federation.

After retiring from the Idaho National Lab in early 1995, Carl and Joyce embarked on a phase of motorhome adventure and travel including trips to Baja Mexico among other destinations and spending many winters in Yuma, Arizona. While not in their motorhome, they spent time with friends and family, especially their beloved grandchildren. Carl was an active member of his church community and most recently was a long time parishioner of St Paul's Methodist Church where he enjoyed the fellowship and support, particularly during the time he tirelessly took care of Joyce as she fought her battle with Alzheimer's. He was grateful to those that helped him, cared for him, and loved him.

Carl was known for his unique sense of humor and ended every conversation or interaction with a joke. His most recent favorite was: "How do angels greet each other in heaven?" "Halo". Now he's making friends, telling jokes, and saying "halo" to the other angels in heaven.

Carl is survived by his two children Kelly Cooper-Slayton (Todd Slayton) and Brently Cooper (Marybeth); four grandchildren - Marshelle (Trevor Bouten), Sara, Jessica and Jake; two great grandchildren - Vivian and Piper; his brother Gary Cooper (Debra); and his half-sister Leonda Lennon. He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce (Page) Cooper.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 18, 2023, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 1730 St Clair Rd, Idaho Falls, followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Huntsman Cancer Foundation at <https://healthcare.utah.edu/huntsmancancerinstitute/foundation>.



Very often, when the sun is still rising and the dew hasn't melted off of the grass yet, I will stand in the pews of Trinity and just gaze at its beauty.

There is a wonderful and peaceful silence that cloaks the building in the early hours of the day, and stays with it throughout. From the golden glow in the upstairs sanctuary, to the pale white light of the staircase, every room has a special radiance.



Even something as simple as the wooden benches and their flat, orange cushions have a certain charm about them.

I hope the next time you join us; you are able to take a moment to take in the astounding beauty of our church.

Peace and love,
~Nicolai Starkey

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: December 14th at 12:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC.



WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP

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

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 luncheon at Trinity UMC. **Sunday November 19th at 10:00 am.** **There will be no service held at St. Paul's UMC on November 19th.**

PART TWO OF OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual charge conference was divided into two parts. The first part was purely the business of the church. Things like a trustees report and a report about our nominations of folks to new positions of leadership were included in this part. At both churches the Rev. Don Yeager served as our presiding elder. Please thank him for his excellent work with us. (Maybe a free ticket to the Christmas cookie event would be nice?)

Numerous reports needed to be filed online, and both churches received a gold star for getting our reports in on time. Yay us!

The second part of the annual charge conference is happening this Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 pm at the St. Paul's church. Our district superintendent, Rev. Karen Hernandez, will be leading this meeting.

Expect to hear about the bishop's vision for the future through his M.I.L.E. plan. This is great timing: some of the leaders of our churches have been working on the vision of our churches. We need to be sure we are syncing up with the bishop's vision, too. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting with Rev. Hernandez. (As an added bonus, Rev. Hernandez will be preaching for us on Nov. 12.

I am attending a memorial service for my aunt on that day. Please welcome Rev. Hernandez with open arms.)

-Pastor Kathy Neary

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.

ADVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for people to lead or help with a one room Sunday School program during the four weeks of Advent that will be held during Sunday worship.

Contact Melinda Ginosar for more information.

HOME BUILD UPDATE



This week This week the shingles have been placed on the roof, locking doors have been added , and the first window was installed.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Adopt A Family Tree is up in the foyer. Pick up a tag on Sunday or during the week Monday- Thursday between 9:00am-1:00pm.

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

Sunday, November 12th **Welcome Rev. Karen Hernandez, DS**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

10:00am Worship at Trinity UMC

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

Fellowship time following service at St. Paul's UMC

All Church Annual Conference 4pm

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

Monday, November 13th

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

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

Tuesday, November 14th

Ladies Luncheon at 1:00pm at Shari's Diner

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

Wednesday, November 15th

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 16th

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

Friday, November 17th

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

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

Saturday, November 18th

Carl Cooper Funeral at 3pm at St. Paul's UMC

Sunday, November 19th **WELCOME BISHOP BRIDGEFORTH!**

8:30am Fellowship Coffee & Donuts at Trinity UMC

10:00am Combined Worship at Trinity UMC

LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

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Because of the Lord's great love we are
not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
Lamentations 3:22