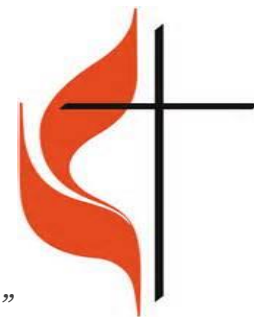


THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Our Mission Statement: *"To be hospitable, to serve, and nurture the way Jesus did."*

February 2018 – Issue 18

The United Methodist Men will host the annual **Sweetheart Stew February 11**. This gala event is not to be missed and has been going on for more than 40 years. Started by former U S Navy cook Don Engstrom, a member of our church from the 1940's until his passing, using a recipe and cooking methods he developed while on active duty. The mantle of leadership was passed on to Wayne Beene a while back and except for adjustments in quantities to keep pace with congregation size has remained true to Don's recipe. Come hungry and enjoy themed table decorations along with serving duties handled by the men.



Our **Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be Wed. February 14th at 12:15-12:45 PM** in our sanctuary. Come during your lunch hour for a brief time of singing, scriptures, prayer and meditation, reflecting on our mortality and need for salvation with the receiving of ashes in the sign of the cross on your forehead or back of your hand. This marks the beginning of our Lenten journey remembering the loving sacrifice of Christ on the cross.



Lenten Soup Suppers will be happening **every Tuesday night during Lent beginning February 20th at 6-7:30 PM** here at the church in the fellowship area in back of the sanctuary. Participants will

take turns preparing the delicious soup and leading a devotional and time of discussion. All are welcome to attend this informal time of inspiration!

Church Council will be meeting **Tuesday February 6th at 5 PM**. All committee chairs or representatives and other church leaders please attend!

The **Family Connections Support Group** (for those with loved ones who have mental health issues) **may be changing their meeting time** which is now scheduled for **Tuesdays at 1 PM** as we seek to accommodate the schedules of new attendees. So please talk to Pastor Judy concerning the weekly day and time (as it may change) if you are interested in attending.



There will be a no-host **Pancake Dinner on Fat Tuesday (or Mardi Gras), February 13th, 6 PM at Pete's Kitchen restaurant** across from the church. (Of course since you

are paying, you can order anything you want off the menu, not just pancakes, except no alcohol please since it is a church gathering.) Come for a time of fun and fellowship on the day before Ash Wednesday!

Our **WUMC youth**, older elementary children and their families are urged to help Pastor Judy **serve at the Soup Kitchen every 4th Wednesday 5-7 PM**.

In January only 1 youth (not from our church) and Gary helped Pastor Judy so she is hoping for more helpers this month on the 28th! Please let her know if you are planning to come help.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.



Trustees

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of Meeting January 12, 2018

Attendance: Ron Riggan, Wayne Beene, Ed Andrews, Mary Agnes Boni, Richard Rollison, Shelly Noble, Rich Stone, and Pastor Judy Robbins.

Meeting called to order with a pastoral prayer at 12:05 PM. Minutes of the December 1st meeting were read and approved.

There was continued discussion of security problems of church access. Rolly presented a new electronic door entry lock with optional features for coded digital key access as well as a physical key. There was discussion of this for the front door as well other options including extensive remodeling of rear door access. Combination for the office safe was changed by Ed several years ago but might have been given to someone and he will try to find it. No decisions were made.

All current officers were unanimously re-elected: Ron Riggan, chairman; Ed Andrews, vice-chairman; Wayne Beene, secretary; Marvin Zaske, treasurer of Building Fund; and Mary Beene, treasurer of Memorial Fund.

The pastor requested use of the conference room on Saturdays to conduct a 6-hour class for the National Alliance on Mental Illness for six weeks beginning in March. Also, Gary Robbins needs occasional random Saturday use of the conference room for a 4H class in rocketry that he leads. This was approved by voice vote.

Barbara Sealy is the current manager of the Food Bank and the Soup Kitchen.

A conference endowment fund for this church of unknown origin has been paying minor quarterly dividends for several years. These minor amounts have been used in general operating funds. Should this be changed? A written policy should be established. Wayne will present an old unapproved policy at the next meeting.

Small repair items were discussed. Rich Stone will replace a faulty light switch in the ladies restroom and Ron Riggan will look into plumbing and washer problems at the parsonage.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on Friday, April 13, 2018 at noon.

Meeting adjourned about 1:10 PM

Wayne Beene

The Winnemucca United Methodist Women met in January for a meeting and Prayer Pal reveling. At the meeting the following officers were voted in: Trudy

Rollison, President – Debbie Stone, Vice President – Shelley Noble, Treasurer and Pam Barnes, Secretary. Please give your support and encouragement to these volunteers.



UMW will have a variety of activities this year. Anne Harris will be hosting a tea (date pending). **On Feb. 10th Pastor Judy will host the next meeting at 10 Arnold street at 10:00 a.m.** Mary Beene will coordinated the No Bake Bake sale for March. **June 9th our church will be hosting the circuit United Methodist Women from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We will provide a salad lunch to those who attend. The event is free to all women of our church and surrounding churches. **July 14 and 15 the Blake missionary family will be visiting our church.** The activities for this visit are yet in the planning stages. Just mark your calendar and plan to attend. Not scheduled yet is the rummage sale and bazaar. If you would like to chair/coordinate one of these events please let Trudy know.

New Prayer Pal assignments will be distributed soon. Keep your secret prayer pal close in prayer, send cards and make an effort to let her know she is in your thoughts. The only gift required is at the reveling in January of 2019.

Please attend the next meeting Feb. 10th at 10 at the parsonage. New ideas are welcome!

Church Financial Report for January 2018

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| Beginning Checking Balance | \$18,738.21 |
| Deposits | 5,534.22 |
| <u>Withdrawals</u> | <u>12,044.87</u> |
| Bank Balance 12/31/17 | \$12,277.56 |
| <u>Outstanding Checks</u> | <u>178.39</u> |
| Quicken Balance | \$12,049.17 |

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| Claimant Fund | \$13,478.76 |
| Savings | \$8,149.14 |



Please lift up in prayer those listed here

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.
Thank you, my Lord. Amen.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

Bernie Jackson

Sibyl & Wilbur Carlton

Stan Rorex / Damian Latham

Helen Burnett / Soledad Grey

Terrie Marsh / Liam Meyers

Cherrie Robinson / Anthony Clift

Kathy McKinney / Amity Robbins

Janet Kennedy / Eli Stone

Johaunna Maloon / Steve Nye

Family of Bart Tatum

Family of Tim Naveran

Jim & Karen Cassidy

Nye's grandson Andre (deployed)

Christy Yetter's daughter Samantha & Family



Wedding Anniversaries for February 2018

25th – Steve & Denise Dolphin

February 2018 Worship Plans

Feb. 4th: The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: "Having the Right Priorities"

Theme: Having an intimate relationship with Christ is the main thing we want to be about in all of our mission and outreach activities.

Scriptures: Mark 1:29-39 and I Corinthians 9:16-23

Key Verse: Mark 1:38

Feb. 11th: Transfiguration of the Lord

Message: Returning God's Love

Theme: God keeps his promises and shows us committed, unconditional, sacrificial love; that's the kind of love we should have for God and for others.

Scriptures: John 14:15-21 and I John 4:7-12

Key Verse: I John 4:7

Feb. 14th: Ash Wednesday

Message: "How to Observe Lent"

Theme: "Jesus is our spiritual compass, and as we get off the expressway of our lives, to slow down and spend time in meditation, we'll grow deeper in our faith and love of God."

Scriptures: Joel 2:12-17 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Key Verse: "...Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love..." Joel 2:13b

Feb. 18th: First Sunday in Lent

Message: "When We Suffer"

Theme: Whatever suffering you've had to face, remember that Jesus suffered too, and he understands, sympathizes and helps us.

Scripture Readings: I Peter 3:18, 4:1-5, 12-16, 19 and Hebrews 4:14-16

Key Verse: I Peter 4:19

Feb. 25th: Second Sunday in Lent

Message: Moving Forward in Faith

Theme: The promise of God's love & presence can sustain us and keep us moving forward in faith whenever we face potential hindrances.

Scripture Readings: Mark 8:31-38 and Romans 4:13, 18-25

Key Verse: Romans 4:20-21



“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” I John 4:7-8

When we think of February many of us think of Valentine’s Day, a great day for sharing expressions of love with our loved ones. It’s a day that many look forward to, but for others it may only remind them of their loss of loved ones, and loneliness. I think that’s where we as Christians need to step in to share the love of Christ beyond our families, opening our hearts to share love with the hurting or lonely people in our world. With that in mind, I thought it would be great if we made some special Valentine’s cards for those sick or recovering from illness and elderly shut-ins in our congregation. We’ll be doing this at the UMW meeting at my house on Feb. 10th at 10 AM, as well as possibly during the fellowship time (or Sweet Heart Stew meal) following worship on Feb. 11th if we don’t finish them that Sat.

February 14th (Valentine’s Day) is the beginning of our season of Lent, a time when we remember the great love Christ has for us, a love which compelled him to suffer and die for us sinners! We’ll receive ashes as a sign of our mortality and need for salvation during our Ash Wednesday Service which will be at 12:15-12:45 PM that day. As a Lenten discipline this year (as we did last year) we’ll be having devotions and dinner together at our Tuesday night Lenten Soup Suppers beginning on the 20th. Everyone is invited to attend. We meet at 6 PM at the church and we take turns making the soup and bringing the devotion/guiding the discussion. I was impressed with the devotions that were shared last year and the good discussions we had, along with some yummy soups, and I anticipate the same will be true this year. So you should plan to attend!

You’ll also notice that there will be new Lenten Banners hanging in the chancel of the Sanctuary starting in mid-February. Thank-you to the Worship Committee for working to bring beauty and visual enhancement (reminders of the meaning of our liturgical seasons) to us during worship.

Whenever I think about God’s amazing love expressed through the sacrificial death of Jesus I think of the words of I Corinthians 13:4-8 (“Love is patient; love is kind, love is not envious, etc.”), and I ask myself, “Can I say that I am ‘I am patient; I am kind, I am not envious, etc?’”. Then I realize that my ability to love according to God’s standards is still a work in progress. And I remember the assurance the Apostle John gives us in his gospel and epistles about abiding in God: “Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing...As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love...” (John 15: 5b, 9-10a). “God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God...God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.” (I John 4: 15, 16b)

So brothers and sisters as we approach Valentine’s Day (which is Ash Wednesday this year) and the contemplative season of Lent, let us seek to truly abide in God, remembering the great love God has for us in Christ, and let us seek to grow in that love and share His love with others. God’s love to you!

-Judy Robbins



Birthdays for February 2018

1st – Vicki Nye

7th – Vicki Christensen-Lewis

9th – Christy Yetter

11th – Corrine James

15th – Bernie Jackson

24th – Steve Dolphin

26th – Mark James

28th – Sam Dittman

February 2018

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| 4. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM Holy Communion | 5. | 6. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM (?) Church Council 5 PM | 7. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM | 8. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM | 9. | 10. UMW Meeting 10 AM Church Parsonage |
| 11. Worship Service 10 AM Annual Sweet Heart Stew 11:30 AM | 12. | 13. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM (?) Fat Tuesday No-Host Pancake Dinner at Pete’s Kitchen 6 PM | 14. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM Ash Wednesday Service 12:15 – 12:45 PM | 15. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM | 16. | 17. |
| 18. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM | 19. | 20. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM (?) Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM | 21. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM | 22. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM | 23. | 24. |
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