

THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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All ladies of the Winnemucca United Methodist Church are invited to join us after church on **Sunday, January 21 at Chihuahua's Grill & Cantina** for a no-host

lunch and our 2017 Prayer Pal Reveal. Please plan to join us whether you had a Prayer Pal last year or not. We will enjoy fun, fellowship – and maybe conduct just a couple of business items.

The need for a 2018 UMW Chairperson/president will be discussed--something you might want to prayerfully consider--please.

Also please start thinking about the future "look" of our Prayer Pals. Do you want to see it continue as it is? Discontinued? Changed up? Do you have any ideas we can use? We need to hear your input. You can email Debbie Stone with your thoughts and ideas or concerns before the meeting.

So, mark your calendar and we hope to see you on the 21st.

Let's **take down** all of our **Christmas Decorations** at Church this Sunday, Jan. 7th after the worship service! And don't forget to take home any poinsettias that you may have brought.

Pastor Judy will be out of town attending the Clergy Orders Retreat Jan. 15th-18th.



The Winnemucca United Methodist Men will be meeting for lunch on **Sunday, January 7th @ Noon at Sid's restaurant.**

We will be discussing major projects for 2018, including the Sweet Heart Stew (scheduled for February) and the future of the Labor Day weekend Buckaroo Breakfast. All men are invited to attend.

Human Relations Day – Special Offering

Sunday January 7 is Epiphany Sunday. During our time of Holy Communion there will be a special offering for **Human Relations Day** (which is **actually Jan. 14th**). The Human Relations Day offering supports the Community Developers Program and community advocacy through UM Voluntary Services, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation program, General Board of Church and Society. **Offering envelopes for this special offering will be available during worship on Jan. 7th and 14th.**

A Youth Confirmation Class is being planned for any

youth interested in becoming a member of the church, or just learning more about our Christian faith and the United Methodist Church. This **12 session class** is tentatively planned to begin on Jan. 21st and will be held Sunday mornings 8-9:30 AM through the end of April. And the Service of Confirmation is now tentatively scheduled for May 20th (Pentecost Sunday). If any youth and their parents are interested, please see Pastor Judy or Mary Agnes Boni for more information



January 2018 Worship Plans

Jan. 7th: Epiphany of the Lord

Message: "Gifts from Kings, for The King"

Theme: The best gift we can give God is our whole self- heart, soul, mind and body, to use for His service.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6
and Matthew 2:1-12

Key Verse: Isaiah 60:3

Holy Communion

Jan. 14th: Human Relations Day

Message: "Who God Has Chosen"

Theme: Loving impartially takes an alert, vigilant attitude of concern because it's so easy to fall into worldly habits of selfishness and favoritism.

Scriptures: Luke 4:16-30 and James 2:1-9

Key Verse: Luke 4:18

Jan. 21st: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany/Ecumenical Sunday

Message: "Responding to God's Call"

Theme: Are we willing to lovingly respond to God's call to be fishers of men even to those we may perceive to be enemies?

Scripture Readings: Mark 1:14-20
and Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Key Verse: Mark 1:17

Jan. 28th: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: "The Gospel and Discernment"

Theme: Sometimes we need a bold confrontive approach in sharing Christ; other times we need careful analysis and discernment in knowing how to communicate Christ effectively.

Scripture Readings: Mark 1:21-28
and Corinthians 8:1-13

Key Verse: I Corinthians 8:9



Birthdays for January 2018

3rd – Mike Marsh

4th – Seamus Maloon

8th – Tanya Grady

12th – Susan Rorex

21st – Ethan Andrews

23rd – Chaslynn McAllister

24th – Toddy Folgate

26th – Sheila Filippe



Wedding Anniversaries for January 2018

1st – Wilbur & Sybil Carlton

5th – Lane & Libby Fifield

DECEMBER 2017 INCOME AND EXPENSES

Beginning Checking Balance	18,738.21
Deposits	5,534.22
Withdrawals	12,044.87
Bank Balance 12/31/17	12,277.56
Outstanding checks	178.39
Quicken Balance	12,049.17

**The LORD is close to
the brokenhearted
and saves those who
are crushed in spirit.**

—Psalm 34:18

Youth Group Soup Kitchen Ministry

Don't forget that **all youth, older elementary kids and their parents** are invited to come help Pastor Judy **serve at the Soup Kitchen every 4th Wednesday** of the month. They will help serve on Jan. 24th 5-7 PM. Helpers are urged to come to the alley door of the church and ring that doorbell for entrance. See Pastor Judy for more info.

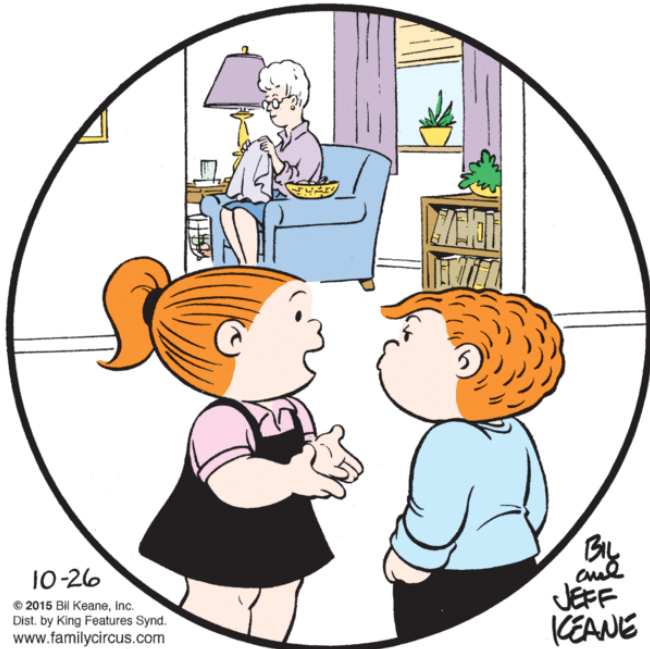


As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.



The Family Connections Support Group meets every Tues. at 1 PM in the church conference room. This support group is for anyone who has a family member struggling with mental illness or issues that require them to need

psychiatric care. Talk to Pastor Judy for more information.



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"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."



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 / Bart Tatum

Jim & Karen Cassidy

Nye's Grandson Andre (deployed)

Christy Yetter's daughter Samantha & Family

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER
so that you may be healed
THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON
is Powerful & Effective
James 5:16



From the Pastor's Pen

“Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.” Romans 12:11

Have you made any resolutions at the beginning of this new year? Most of us can probably think of things we want to do better or differently in 2018 and perhaps we are already taking steps to do them. If your physical health needs improvement, perhaps you've already started dieting, exercising more, or going to bed earlier. If your house work needs improvement, perhaps you've already thrown out some old stuff and done some deep cleaning. If your relationships need improvement, perhaps you've already reached out to others with phone calls and get-togethers and have had some meaningful conversations.

Of course one relationship we should never neglect is our relationship with God. During my Christmas vacation I received and read several cards and letters from old friends. One old friend from my seminary days, a woman named Esther, has been battling a debilitating chronic illness for years. My once energetic, outgoing friend has been unemployed, on disability and unable to do much because of her fatigue. Despite this she continues to stay close to the Lord and has made it her habit, for several years now, to read through the entire Bible in a year. Then she shares how God's word has spoken to her during the year in her annual Christmas letter. I'm so impressed that she continues to keep her spiritual zeal and desire to be used by the Lord to bless others despite her illness. I think her example is a real inspiration to us.

At the beginning of a new year we should all seek to renew our energy and passion for God so that we have a zeal for serving Him. And with that energy and passion at work in our lives individually, when we come together as a church family great things should begin to happen as we seek to serve the Lord together. Just imagine the kind of programs, outreach activities, classes and events we could have at our church if we were truly ardent in spirit, filled with zeal and eager to serve the Lord! I have lots of ideas of things we could do

together that I hope to inspire you all to consider. But it will require a willingness and desire to make serving the Lord through the church a priority in your lives. So I am praying for each of you that you would “lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees”... so that you may “run with perseverance the race that is set before us...” (Hebrews 12:12, 1b).

Let's not lag in zeal, but be ardent, filled with the Holy Spirit, eager to serve the Lord in this New Year of 2018!

-Judy Robbins



