

THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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United Methodist Committee On Relief

Communion for the administrative work of UMCOR.

Scouting Ministries Sunday is **March 11th**. A few Boy Scouts will be participating in our service on this Sunday.



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Lenten Soup Suppers – Our Soup Suppers are scheduled for **March 6th, 13th and 20th at 6 PM**. All are invited for this informal time of fellowship and devotion.

Let Pastor Judy know if you are willing to come with a pot of soup, salad, bread or dessert, and if you would like to lead the devotion on one of the nights.

Family Connections Support Group. This is a confidential support group for those who have a loved one with a mental illness or condition. The group will be meeting in the church conference room on **Thursdays March 1st and 15th at 5 PM** and **Tuesday March 6th at 1 PM** and **Tuesday March 27th at 2 PM**. See Pastor Judy for more information.



Pastor Judy and Gary Robbins will be out of town visiting their daughter in Utah March 21st-March 25th. Conference Lay Minister Rolly Rollison will be on call for Pastor Judy in case of emergencies and he'll be leading worship on March 25th.

UMCOR Sunday is March 4th. We will be taking up a special offering during Holy

Holy Week is March 26th-April 1st. We will once again be joining Word of Light Fellowship (WOLF) for the **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday Services**. On **Thursday**

March 29th there will be a **joint potluck dinner at 5:30 PM at WOLF** (4505 Center Street in Winnemucca), (please bring a dish to share) followed by a **Maundy Thursday Footwashing and Communion Service at 6:30 PM**. Footwashing is optional for any who attend. On **Friday March 30th at 6:30 PM** there will be **Good Friday Service at WUMC** in the style of Tenebrae (a solemn/reflective type service with scriptures leading to Jesus' death and the extinguishing of candles). On Sunday April 1st there will be a joint **Easter Sunrise Service at WOLF at 6:30 AM**. After the brief service there will be a **fellowship breakfast** at approximately 7 AM. WUMC members are asked to bring fruit and WOLF members will provide pastries/muffins, coffee, etc.



Holy Week

Youth News – Please keep the **Confirmation Class** in your prayers. It meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM in the conference room. Any youth or adult wanting to learn more about their faith is welcome to attend. See Pastor Judy or Mary Agnes Boni for more info. Also our church youth and their parents are urged to help with **servicing at the Soup Kitchen on March 28th, 5-7 PM**. Any other adults are also welcome to come help. Talk to Pastor Judy if you are interested in helping!

A logo for Confirmation, featuring a stylized cross and the word 'Confirmation' in a red serif font.



March means it is time for the Easter “**No Bake Bake Sale**”. This activity has a 35 year history in our church. To participate all you need to do is make a

donation to the UMW in the amount it would cost to bake or buy baked goods. No calories involved! Donations can be given to Shelly Noble, Mary Beene, or Trudy Rollison or mailed to church. Thank you for your support.

Please join us **March 20th at noon for a UMW lunch at Sid’s**. This is a social to gather in friendship, fellowship and get to know each other. You are important, let us get to know you better.

Mark your calendar in anticipation of a tea. Ann Harris is **hosting a tea on Saturday, April 21 at 2:00** for the women of the church. Your personal invitation and details will be mailed at a later date.

The women of our church will be hosting the **Great Northern District UMW on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 9:00 to 2:00**. The theme is “Living in the Light”. All women of the church and surrounding churches are invited to attend. We will be having a salad lunch provided by our membership. More details will be provided at a later date.

Do you want to learn more about **UMW mission and activities**? Go to: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/umwhandbook2017-2020.pdf>

There is a 210 page handbook available for reference. Also, you can friend UMW on Facebook and/or order a copy of Response magazine.

The **Faith and Wellness** group will resume **Thursday, March 15 at noon**. We will meet in the Bodily Conference room. This is open to the community so feel free to invite a friend. Let’s come together to talk about wellness using our faith to support our choices.



The children of our church will be getting into the spirit of Easter with a **Pre-Easter Celebration**. We invite all of our church kids and their friends for this gathering on **Sunday, March 25th at 11:30 AM** (following worship service). For more information, contact Chauntall Jones @ 775-223-1880.



February 2018 Church Financial Report

Beginning Checking	12,227.56
Deposits	7,429.70
Withdrawals	9,461.77
Ending Balance	10, 195.49



It is time to make our deposit for this **summer's SSP trip**. We are planning to go to:

Smith River, CA – July 1 - 7th

We need to know who is planning to go as soon as possible. All youth from **7th through 12th grade** are invited to join us. The cost is \$375.00 plus gas/food to get us there and back. This is a great experience, very valuable for community service time and growth in our Christian beliefs.

We have been doing some fundraising and plan to do a little more for those who might need help with funds. All youth may invite friends, just be aware that they too have to pay for the trip.

Please let us know ASAP, so we can get our deposit in on time.

If you would like to read more about SSP, it's programming, Smith River service, and/or activities go to: www.sierraserviceproject.org



There are a couple of opportunities coming up that I want to make you aware of in case you are interested. The first is the Walk to Emmaus retreats that are coming up at Fallon UMC. The Men's Walk to Emmaus is April 26th-29th and the Women's Walk to Emmaus is May 3rd-6th. These retreats are actually spiritual walks and an overriding theme is based on Luke 24:13-35 -how Christ appeared to Cleopas and companion as they were walking toward Emmaus on the 1st Easter Sunday and how their eyes were opened and they recognized Christ in the breaking of bread.

The retreat begins with dinner on Thursday night, then there is an ice-breaker game, a reflective video and all go to bed in silent reflection until Holy Communion before breakfast on Friday. Then Friday-Sunday there are 5 talks per day. 10 are given by Lay speakers and 5 (Grace Talks) by Clergy speakers. After each talk there is a group discussion followed by a creative expression of what was learned by each group (either by poster art, poetry, song, skit, etc.) There are times when each group shares their creative expressions, usually with lots of fun and laughter! There are also special times of worship and devotion in the sanctuary and Holy Communion is celebrated each day. There's lots of music and singing and times of group and individual prayer.

This is a guided retreat with Spiritual Directors and table leaders. (I'm excited to be the Spiritual Director on the upcoming Women's Walk!) In order to allow each person to be fully "in the moment" participants are not allowed to wear watches or use cell phones or other forms of media (there will be an emergency phone number for your family to contact you if needed). Participants and workers "camp-out" in rooms at the church, sleeping on air mattresses or cots, and bathing is usually done with a personal basin, wash cloth and towel. Each meal has a different theme with the dining room specially decorated. And there are lots of other loving surprises all designed to help the pilgrims (participants) experience the unconditional love of God. At the conclusion of the retreat Sunday afternoon there is a worship service in which pilgrims are given the opportunity to share what they have learned from their Walk and what they plan to do with it.

When I attended the Walk to Emmaus as a pilgrim in 1996 it was a completely joyful and uplifting experience and it's something I'd love to share with you if you are interested in attending. All pilgrims must be sponsored by others who have already attended to insure they have the best experience possible. So please talk to me ASAP if you are interested in attending as the deadline for applications for the upcoming Walks is the end of March.

The 2nd opportunity is the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family to Family course that I will be co-teaching on 6 consecutive Saturdays April 14th-May 19th, 9 AM-3 PM (except I'll have a substitute on May 6th when I'm at the Emmaus Walk). It will be in the conference room at our church. This course is a free, confidential, educational program that teaches caregivers, family members, and friends how to support and advocate for individuals with mental illness. The program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to an individual living with a mental health condition.

I attended the Family to Family course last spring and learned a lot, but also found support among a group of people struggling with similar circumstances. So if you have a loved one with a mental health condition and are interested in attending this course or have any questions, please talk to me. (In order to receive the course certificate you must attend at least 75% of the course, or 4 1/2 of the Saturdays). There will be a free lunch provided each Saturday.

Finally, I urge you to take the opportunity to strengthen your spiritual life by participating in the Lenten activities this month. The Tuesday night Soup Suppers have been a delight, with lots of great personal sharing. Attending the Maundy Thursday Service is such a good way to reflect on the love Christ showed in the upper room to his disciples on the night before he died. And the Good Friday Service will enable us to reflect more deeply on the suffering and death of Christ which is so important for us to truly experience the resurrection joy of Easter Sunday!

Brothers and Sisters, please give serious thought and prayer to these opportunities; they will surely bless you if you choose to participate!

-Judy Robbins



Birthdays for March 2018

4th – Jessica Stone

5th – Heather Rorex

10th – Alec Mayo

11th – Sharon McAllister

12th – Stan Rorex

13th – Nathan Andrews

15th – Ann Harris

25th – Sybil Carlton

25th – Myrna Gallian

26th – Renee Mayo

27th – Heather Boni

29th – Jeanie Carter



Wedding Anniversaries for February 2018

2nd – Joe & Zwaantje Rorex

6th – Dan & Ann Shepler

26th – Stan & Susan Rorex



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

Amity Robbins

Janet Kennedy

Eli Stone

Johaunna Maloon

Steve Nye

Mary Beene

Chip Rollison & Family

Family of Howard Harris

Barnes Family

Jim & Karen Cassidy

Nye's grandson Andre (deployed)

Christy Yetter's daughter Samantha & Family

March 2018 Worship Plans

March 4th: **The 3rd Sunday in Lent**

Message: **“A Time to Fast”**

Theme: *Jesus implied and assumed that his followers would fast. Is God calling you into a time and form of fasting during this season of Lent? Are you open to it?*

Scripture Readings: Ezra 8:21-23, 31-32

and Matthew 9:14-17

Key Verse: Matthew 9:15b

Holy Communion

March 11th: **The 4th Sunday in Lent**

Message: **“Jesus Cures Our Sin”**

Theme: *Some people experience an immediate inner healing when they come to faith in Christ; for others it takes a much longer time before the inner healing is complete.*

Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21

Key Verse: John 3:14-15

March 18th: **The 5th Sunday in Lent**

Message: **“Jesus Draws All”**

Theme: *God desires to draw all people to himself; with any activity that we do let's pray that God will use it to draw people to himself.*

Scripture Readings: John 12:20-33

and Romans 10:11-17

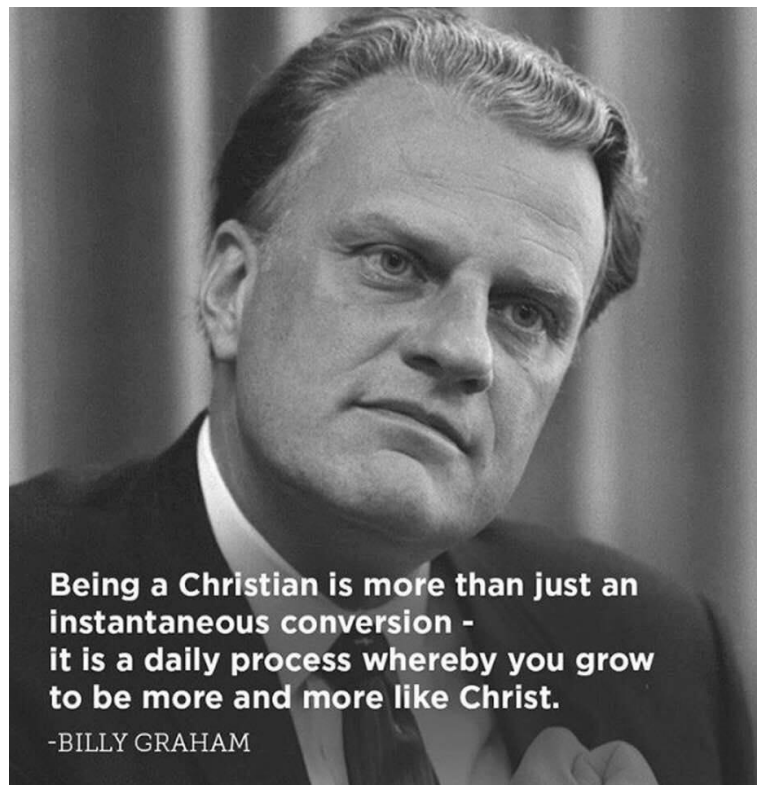
Key Verse: John 12:32

March 25th: **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Message: **“The Problem of Palm Sunday”** by
Conference Lay Minister Rolly Rollison

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-44
and Philippians 2:5-11

Key verse: Psalm 118:19



Reverend Billy Graham

Born on this Earth – November 7, 1918

Went Home to God – February 21, 2018

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM Family Connections Support Group 5 PM	2.	3.
4. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM Holy Communion Special Offering for UMCOR	5.	6. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM	7. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM	8. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM	9.	10.
11. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM Scouting Ministries Sunday	12.	13. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM	14. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM	15. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM Faith & Wellness Group 12 Noon Family Connections Support Group 5 PM	16.	17.
18. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM	19.	20. UMW Lunch at Sid's 12 Noon Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM	21. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM <i>Pastor Judy out of town</i>	22. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM <i>Pastor Judy out of town</i>	23. <i>Pastor Judy out of town</i>	24. <i>Pastor Judy out of town</i>
25. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM <i>Pastor Judy out of town</i>	26. Deadline for April Newsletter Articles	27. Family Connections Support Group 2 PM	28. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM WUMC Youth serve Soup Kitchen 5 PM	29. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM Potluck Dinner 5:30 PM and Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM at Word of Life Fellowship	30. Good Friday Service 6:30 PM at Winnemucca UMC	31.