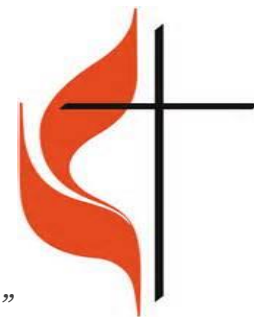


THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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Easter is April 1st! There will be a joint **Easter Sunrise Service** at Word of Light Fellowship, (WOLF) 4505 Center St. 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. Then our **Resurrection Celebration Service** will be at our regular 10 AM time at WUMC.

NAMI Family to Family Class

Starting April 14th for 6 consecutive Saturdays (thru May 19th), 9 AM-3 PM this class (led by Pastor Judy & Pam Gubka) will be meeting in our church conference room.



The NAMI (**National Alliance on Mental Illness**) Family to Family class is a free, confidential, educational program that teaches caregivers, family members, and friends how to support and advocate for individuals with a mental illness or condition. Complimentary lunch will be provided. Please let Pastor Judy know if you are interested in attending as pre-registration is required.

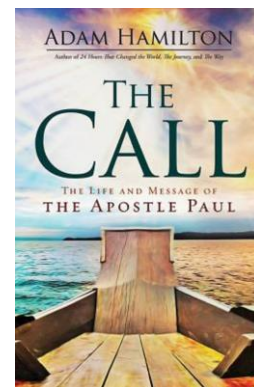


The **Faith and Wellness Group** has resumed meeting. In April they will be meeting on **Fridays at 12 noon** in the conference room. All who are interested are welcome to attend. Feel free to bring a

lunch and a friend. The hour is "flexible" to allow those who need to return to work to leave and those who wish to linger can. See Trudy Rollison for more information.

New Adult Study starts April 10th!

We'll be using Adam Hamilton's curriculum **"The Call"**. We'll meet in the conference room Tuesday nights at 6 PM (meeting April 10, 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22) **Follow the journeys of the Apostle Paul**, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this **six-week DVD & book study**, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary. All are invited; please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary, or let Pastor Judy know if you're planning to attend so she can order a book for you.



Upcoming Church Meetings

- The **Worship Committee** will be meeting Thursday April 12th, 1 PM at the church.
 - The **Board of Trustees** will be meeting Friday April 13th 12 noon at the church.
 - The **Christian Education Committee** will be meeting Tuesday April 17th at 5 PM.
 - The **Church Council** will be meeting Sunday, April 29th, following worship.
- All members of these committees/board/council please plan to attend your meeting!

There will be an **Open House Dinner Party at the Parsonage** on Wednesday April 4th 5-7 PM to celebrate **Gary Robbins' 60th Birthday**.



Stop by for some pizza, salad, birthday cake, etc. and a great time of fellowship! Instead of a gift, please bring a humorous card for Gary. Everyone is invited! Hope to see you all there @ **10 Arnold Avenue**.



The **United Methodist Men** will be meeting for lunch at Sid's restaurant on Sunday, April 15 @ 1 PM. We will be discussing

the upcoming **Buckaroo Breakfast** and also start a bible study based on **Paul's Letters to Timothy**. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

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 April 5th and 19th at 5 PM and Tuesdays April 10th and 24th at 1 PM. See Pastor Judy for more information.



The **No Bake Bake Sale** continues in the month of April. We are thankful for those who have donated to the no calorie event. You can participate by giving your donation to Trudy Rollison, Debbie Stone or Shelly Noble.



Dorothy Brinkoetter and Ann Harris are hosting the **Ladies Spring Tea on Saturday, April 21st**, at the church, at 2:00 p.m. We are looking forward to a joyful time together! Please bring a finger food dish to share and your favorite tea cup. (If you don't have a tea cup, we will have one for you) Please also bring a photo with you in it to share a little about yourself. We hope all ladies will be able to join us. We will have childcare available in the nursery as well. Please invite and bring your friends too! Please remember to **R.S.V.P to Ann Harris by April 10th**.

June 9th our church will be hosting the **Great Northern District United Methodist Women** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme is Living the Light. Our membership will provide a salad lunch to those who attend. The event is free to all women of our church and surrounding churches. Please plan to attend.

July 14 and 15 the **Blake missionary family** will be visiting our church. The activities for this visit are in the planning stages.

February General Fund

Beginning Balance	10,195.49
Deposits	8,725.00
Withdrawals	7,068.34
Ending Balance	11,852.15
Savings Balance	9,149.82



Wedding Anniversaries for April 2018

2nd – Bernie & Delphine Jackson

20th – Charles & Sharon McAllister

23rd – Gary & Judy Robbins

28th – Louis & Margaret Sandbak



Youth News- Please keep the **Confirmation Class** in your prayers. It

meets every Sunday morning (except for April 1st) 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 serving at the **Soup Kitchen** on **April 25th, 5-7 PM**. Any other adults are also welcome to come help. Talk to Pastor Judy if you are interested in helping!



“So we are always of good courage...**for we walk by faith, not by sight.** We are of good courage...”
II Corinthians 5:6-8

Into the perplexing uncertainty of life we are called to hold onto our faith and walk by faith. Then why is it we can so easily become discouraged and pessimistic when we go through personal struggles and trials? Well, if that's your issue, then you are not alone! After Jesus' death many of his disciples, filled with discouragement and pessimism, had a hard time accepting the fact that he had risen from the dead. I think many of us can relate to their feelings! But Jesus revealed himself to them and that revelation changed their lives. The risen Christ filled their lives with awe and expectation. I love the fact that the disciples continued to meet together in excitement, prayer and anticipation of the Holy Spirit whom Christ had promised to them. They learned to walk by faith, not by sight. And they were not disappointed, but grew in their faith day by day.

(By the way, if you could use a boost in your faith walk, a spiritual retreat to enliven your passion for Christ, talk to me about attending the Walk to Emmaus retreats coming up in a month. The Men's Walk is April 26-29 and the Women's Walk is May 3-6. Both are at Fallon Epworth UMC, the closest these retreats have ever been to Winnemucca! They have extended the application deadline for another 2 weeks to encourage more to attend, and I would love to sponsor you! So far we have 1 from our congregation planning to attend the Men's Walk. I will be the Spiritual Director of the Women's Walk and I'd love to take some women from our church with me! So please pray about it and let me know ASAP if you'd like to go!)

When the Apostle Paul wrote the verses printed above it was in the context of not knowing how much longer he would be alive due to his witness for Christ. But Paul wasn't afraid to die because he knew that he'd be at home with the Lord in heaven. And he wasn't afraid to continue to live either, because he knew that Christ would always be with him and would work through him while he was here on earth. So he was “of good courage” or confident in whatever God had planned for him.

And that's a lesson for us. By the way, you have an opportunity to learn more about the Apostle Paul's life and ministry by attending the new adult class “Called” which starts April 10th!

This month during worship we'll be considering how Christ is always present with us, whether we are aware of it, (or recognize it), or not. First we have to receive the good news about Christ's death for us on the cross and his resurrection which opened the gates of eternal life for all who believe in Him. Then we have to look at the evidence of the reality of who Jesus is so that we have a satisfied mind and can live in the assurance of our faith. And we have to trust that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to bring us through all the rough, dangerous places of life, and he'll even use us to point others in his direction, if we are abiding in him.

During this wonderful Easter Season I hope to see all of you in worship and I encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends too!

-Judy Robbins



Birthdays for April 2018

- 1st – Sheila Bunch
- 4th – Gary Robbins
- 5th – Helen Burnett
- 7th – Maddie Mayo
- 9th – Christie Yetter
- 11th – Cresta Miller
- 14th – Jake Rorex
- 14th – Terrie Marsh
- 16th – Christine Bissel
- 20th – Javon Lindeman
- 23rd – Charles McAllister
- 26th – Johnny Hernandez
- 28th – Marilyn James



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 & Delphine 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

Mary Beene

Chip Rollison & Family

Family of Howard Harris

Todd Hanel

Jim & Karen Cassidy

Christy Yetter's daughter Samantha & Family

April 2018 Worship Plans

April 1st: **Easter Sunday**

Message: **Receive the Good News!**

Theme: God will speak to us and make himself known to us in many ways if we are open to receiving it.

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-11 and I Corinthians 15:1-11

Key Verse: I Corinthians 15:3-4

Holy Communion

April 8th: The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Message: **What Will It Take For You to Believe?**

Theme: Have you seriously faced the doubts you may have about your Christian faith and researched your questions until you have answers? Do you have a satisfied mind?

Scripture Readings: John 20:19-31 and I John 1:1-2:2

Key Verse: John 20:27

April 15th: The 3rd Sunday of Easter

Message: **Abiding Children of God**

Theme: Having faith, resisting sin and seeking to love one another will help us abide in Christ, and abiding in Christ will cause us to grow in Christlikeness.

Scripture Readings: Luke 24:36-49 and I John 3:1-3, 23-24

Key Verse: I John 3:2

April 22nd: The 4th Sunday of Easter

Message: **Jesus, the Gate and Good Shepherd**

Theme: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to comfort and protect us through dangerous times, and wants to use us to reach out to his lost sheep.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18

Key Verse: John 10:11

April 29th: The 5th Sunday of Easter

Message: **Becoming Fruitful Branches**

Theme: God is faithfully at work in us to add strength, productivity, and spiritual power to our lives.

Scripture Readings: John 15:1-8 and Acts 8:26-40

Key Verse: John 15:5

April 2018

Sunday

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1. Easter Sunrise Service @ WOLF 6:30 AM Resurrection Celebration @ WUMC 10 AM	2.	3.	4. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM Open House @ Parsonage 5 – 7 PM	5. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM Family Connections Support Group 5 PM	6. Faith & Wellness Support Group 12 Noon	7.
8. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM	9.	10. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM Adult Bible Study – Paul 6 PM	11. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM	12. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM Worship Committee 1 PM	13. Trustees Meeting 12 Noon	14. NAMI Class 9 AM – 3 PM
15. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM UMM Lunch @ Sid's 1 PM	16.	17. Christian Education Committee 5 PM	18. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM	19. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM Family Connections Support Group 5 PM	20. Faith & Wellness Support Group 12 Noon	21. NAMI Class 9 AM – 2 PM UMW Tea 2 PM
22. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM	23.	24. Family Connections Support Group 1 PM Adult Bible Study – Paul 6 PM	25. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:45 AM Youth serve Soup Kitchen 5 – 7 PM	26. Thursday Morning Bible Study 6 AM <i>Pastor Judy gone For Continuing Education</i>	27. Faith & Wellness Support Group 12 Noon <i>Pastor Judy gone For Continuing Education</i>	28. NAMI Class 9 AM – 3 PM
29. Confirmation Class – 8:30 AM Worship Service 10 AM Church Council after Worship	30.					