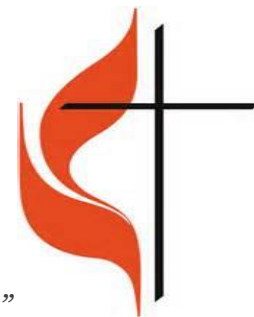


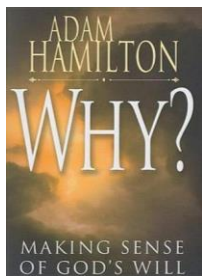
THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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Tuesday Noon Study Group

Our Tuesday noon study group has decided to continue with the Upper Room Study through the month of January. Starting February 4th we will do a 4 week book/DVD study of "Why?-Making Sense of God's Will"

by Adam Hamilton. The chapters are: "Why Do the Innocent Suffer?"; "Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?"; "Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?" and "Why God's Love Prevails". Everyone is welcome to attend; **please let Pastor Judy know ASAP if you'd like her to order a book for you.** Also we are now deciding what to study beginning in March for Lent. Some suggestions are "Creed-What Christians Believe and Why; Exploring the Apostle's Creed" by Adam Hamilton (Pastor Judy has 4 copies of this book which can be borrowed), and also "The Way-Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. This series has video of Hamilton's trip to the Holy Land as he focuses on Jesus' ministry from his Baptism through the events of Holy Week. Please let Pastor Judy know if you are interested in one of those book/DVD studies, or if there is something else you'd like to suggest that we study for Lent.



Church Committees

Administrative Meetings in January

Trustees will meet Sunday January 19th at approximately 11:30 AM

Church Council will meet sometime in late January or early February – TBA

Worship Committee and Christian Education Committee also need to schedule a meeting!

Pastor Judy on retreat

Pastor Judy will be out of town attending the Clergy Orders Retreat at Asbury UMC in Livermore CA Jan. 28th-31st. Lay Minister Gary Robbins will be here to cover any emergencies.



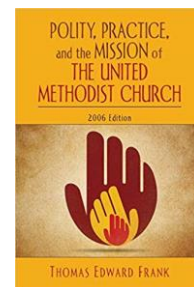
United Methodist Women Prayer Pal Revealing!

All ladies of the church are invited to our annual Prayer Pal Revealing on **Saturday, January 11th, at**

10:30 AM at the home of Vicki Nye, 2838 Great Basin Avenue. This is a potluck luncheon followed by Prayer Pal Revealing. If you did not have a prayer pal in 2019, please still come, and if you would like, bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange! There will also be a short UMW meeting; the main agenda item will be the **election of new officers** for 2020.

Lay Ministry Training Class

Donna McKibben, lay leader/speaker at Sparks UMC and on the District Lay Ministry Committee, recently emailed the church as the committee is seeking to establish a Great Northern District East School of Lay Ministry Training. The first class will be **UM POLITY** taught by Rev. Craig Dale (from South Reno UMC) on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 to be held at S. Reno UMC, 200 De Spain Lane, Reno 89511.** This class is for **ANYONE** who might be interested. Those who want to attend do not have to be current Lay Servants/Speakers/ Leaders or upcoming Lay Servants/Speakers/Leaders. **ANYONE** is welcome to attend the class. The only criteria is they must be willing to fully participate having done the pre-homework (getting the book, etc.), pay the \$20 fee and fill out a registration form.



Please see the flyer on the church bulletin board for more info, or contact Pastor Judy or Gary to forward the flyer to your email. On it you will find all the information regarding the curriculum: book, teacher's instructions, etc. Please register and pay on-line if at all possible. If not, please send Donna the registration form and a check for \$20. (continued on page 2)

FINANCES

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The cost of the Christmas green came to \$2,947.62. Subtracting that from the \$4,780.00 deposited the net gain for the general fund is \$1,832.38. A very profitable fundraiser! The insurance for the church and parsonage came due in December at a cost of \$6,413.69 which is paid. The church closes out the 2019 financial affairs in good standing. The ending checking balance for 2019 is \$17,470.79. Savings closes at \$9,167.55. Thank you for your tithe, time and talents given in 2019. You made a difference in the wellbeing of the church and its missions.



The Winnemucca United Methodist Men will be meeting for lunch on **Sunday Jan 12th @ 1 PM at Sid's restaurant.** We will be discussing upcoming events for 2020, including the Sweetheart Stew, scheduled for February.

Aluminum Can Recycling

The church collects aluminum cans for redemption to support the **pastor's discretionary fund.** Parishioners can bring their bagged collections to the church or to the house of Ed & Gail Andrews at 5060 Palisade Drive, Winnemucca (775-623-5750 / 360-961-5881).



Tuesdays at the Soup Kitchen

Recently the Winnemucca Ministerial Association decided to change the Soup Kitchen time on **Tuesdays** from 12 noon to **6 PM.** This change was needed as it was difficult to line-up workers at 12noon and the number of people eating at noon was low. They are hoping the 6 PM time will be better for both the volunteers and the diners. But they are **currently in need of individuals who can commit to being in charge of cooking and serving the dinner on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.** If you are interested in heading up the 3rd Tuesday dinner, please call Soup Kitchen Director Barbara Sealy ASAP at 775-625-2223, or let Pastor Judy know.

You can pay by check at the time of class if need be. It must be a check or money order, they cannot accept cash. For more information you can contact Donna on her cell phone at 775-842-9204 or email her at: dnn.mckibben@gmail.com.



Church Planting

Lay Church Planting Academy
Our California-Nevada Annual Conference Superintendent for Congregational Development, Rev. Craig Brown, is encouraging lay persons who are seeking to launch new ministries in any way to consider participating in a training event: The Lay Church Planting Academy. Brown writes- "These new ministries can take a variety of shapes and purposes. Perhaps you are considering launching a new small group ministry or some form of a Fresh Expression. Your church may be prayerfully discerning a new effort to connect with new people in your community. Regardless of the size and scale, this "academy" is designed to lift up the leadership of gifted lay persons in your church or circuit... We have partnered with Path 1 from Discipleship Ministries to pilot this first academy." This Academy will begin on January 25 with a Saturday workshop and will conclude with a final workshop on June 6, both at the Conference Center in West Sacramento. Between these two workshops are six online webinars. If you are interested in participating in this Lay Church Planting Academy, please speak to Pastor Judy ASAP as she must recommended interested lay persons for this series.

Volunteers Needed for Church Janitorial

Work: Please remember that there is a sheet in the back of the sanctuary for volunteers to sign-up to clean our church. We thank those who helped out in December, but we still sign-ups for January. Having two people sign-up each month, (one person every other week) is a minimum. There is a list of janitorial duties on a sheet beneath the sign-up sheet. Please consider serving our church by signing-up soon to clean!

WUMC Soup Kitchen Night

is the 4th Wednesday of every month. In June this is on **Wednesday, January 22nd from 5-7 PM.** Pastor Judy hopes that more youth and adults from our church will be able to come help at the Soup Kitchen.



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



Wedding Anniversaries for January 2020

Jan 1st – Wilbur & Sybil Carlton

Jan 5th – Layne & Libby Fifield



Birthdays for January 2020

Jan 3rd – Mike Marsh

Jan 4th – Seamus Maloon

Jan 8th – Tanya Grady

Jan 12th – Susan Rorex

Jan 21st – Ethan Andrews

Jan 23rd – Chaslynn McAllister

Jan 24th – Toddy Folgate

Jan 26th – Sheila Filippe



The **NAMI** ([National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)) **Family Support Group** meets every

Tuesday at 5 PM in the church conference room. This is a **confidential support group** for those with loved ones struggling with mental illness or issues requiring them to need psychiatric care. For more information speak to Pastor Judy.

The **NAMI Warmline** is a stigma-free, non-crisis, phone service you can call or text at **775-241-4212** to speak one-on-one with a NAMI WNV CARES Operator. The Warmline is staffed by trained peers in recovery, who provide support to peers by telephone. All phone calls received are kept confidential and callers remain anonymous. Knowing someone cares can motivate us to carry on in recovery. The Warmline is not a crisis line. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or emergency, please contact 911.



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)

- Robin Riggan
- Amity Robbins
- Dawn Burger
- Ed Andrews
- Stan Rorex
- Steve Nye
- Cherrie Robinson
- Jim Redden
- Tanya Crespin
- Glenda Hensley
- Doug Staton
- Rich Stone's Parents
- Sally Schumacher's Dad & Niece
- Carl Weber
- Jack Harris
- Durell Nelson
- Louden Nelson
- Helen Burnett
- Marilyn Draper
- Mary Laub
- Sheilah McKinney
- Sibyl & Wilbur Carlton
- Amar Singh
- Johaunna Maloon
- Kelli Campbell
- Carolyn Romero
- Soledad Grey
- Scott & Joanie Kent
- Blake Family
- Sexton Family
- Lorraine Poukish
- Floyd & Laurie Blanton
- Ray's friend Darla
- Danny Gay
- Les Davies



Recently you may have heard about the proposal for separation for our UMC denomination that has been publically announced. What we all need to understand is that this is one of many such proposals that will be discussed at the upcoming General Conference to be held May 5-15 in Minneapolis, so right now it is only a proposal. And we have no way of knowing if any of the proposals will actually be approved by the General Conference.

Having said that, this recent proposal, called The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation is unique because it was agreed upon by a diverse group of 16 people from various countries and theological viewpoints. And it was mediated by a renowned lawyer who is famous for his mediation successes. And, from what I've been reading thus far, I believe this proposal is finding acceptance among church leaders all across the spectrum of liberals/progressives/centrists/and traditionalists. Even though not everyone is happy with all of the stipulations of the proposal, many are seeing it as a way to establish peace in what has been decades of contention for our denomination.

Some of asked me already what I think would happen to Winnemucca UMC if this proposal is passed. Of course that is the question on my mind as well, and one that many local UM Churches and pastors will face if the separation becomes a reality. From what we saw last year when we had the special congregational meetings prior to General Conference 2019 we know that there is a diversity of opinion on the issue of human sexuality within our congregation. And I've been very glad that we've had some frank discussions and have been able to amicably agree to disagree on this and many other issues. I certainly hope that those open and amiable discussions can continue, especially if any of the proposals calling for separation passes at General Conference.

I will be sharing more of my thoughts about this in my sermon on Jan. 26th. I truly believe that even when we can't agree on things, we can still love each other and work together as much as possible. I urge you all to read up on these proposals which I'm sure you can find by looking on-line at our conference and denomination websites, [UM News](#), etc. And something we should all be doing now is praying about what the delegates will be facing at General Conference 2020. Let's pray that God will guide the proceedings and that God's Will will be done!

-Judy Robbins

January 2020 Worship Plans

Jan. 5: Epiphany of the Lord

Message: "Jesus Came to Be the Light"

Theme: Jesus calls us to walk with Him as children of the light.

Scripture Readings: Matthew 2:1-12 and I Thessalonians 5:5-8

Key Verse: John 12:46

Holy Communion

Jan. 12: Baptism of the Lord

Message: "Christ's Baptism and Ours"

by Lay Minister Gary Robbins

Scripture Readings: Matthew 3:1-2, 5-6, 11-17 and Romans 6:1-14.

Key Verse: Romans 6:4

Jan. 19th: Human Relations Day

Message: "The Cost of Following Jesus"

Theme: Is loving and following Jesus the most important thing in your life, regardless of the cost?

Scriptures: Matthew 19:16-29 and James 1:2-4

Key Verse: James 1:2-3

Jan. 26th: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: "Being Amicable When We Disagree"

Theme: Even when we can't agree we can still love each other and work together as much as possible.

Scripture Readings: Mark 9:38-41 and I Corinthians 1:10-18

Key Verse: "...lead a life worthy of the calling ...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

January 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:30 AM	2. Thursday Bible Study 6 AM	3.	4.
5. Worship Service 10 AM Holy Communion	6.	7. NAMI Family Support Group 5 PM	8. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:30 AM	9. Thursday Bible Study 6 AM	10.	11. UMW Prayer Pal Reveal at Vicki Nye's 10:30
12. Worship Service 10 AM UMM Lunch at Sid's – 1 PM	13.	14. Tuesday Bible Study 12 noon NAMI Family Support Group 5 PM	15. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:30 AM	16. Thursday Bible Study 6 AM	17.	18.
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