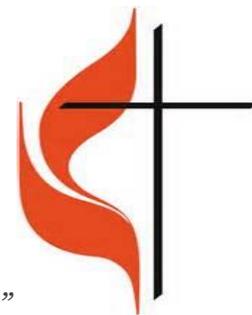


# THE MESSENGER

## WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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The United Methodist Men will host the annual **Sweetheart Stew on Sunday, February 16th.**

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 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. We will be **shopping at Ridley's** for the Sweetheart Stew on **Saturday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1 PM,** and **prepping the stew @ 2 PM.** All men of the church are welcome to join in on this event.



### UMW Prayer Pal Revealing

The United Methodist Women held our annual prayer pal revealing in January, at the home of Vicki Nye.



This was a lovely time of fellowship and friendship among our Church ladies. 2020 Prayer Pal letters have been sent to those who wished to be paired up. Please remember your Prayer Pal throughout this year. At our last meeting we voted in our 2020 Officers, they are as follows; **President- Ann Harris, Vice President- Debbie Stone, Treasurer- Shelly Noble, Secretary- Trudy Rollison.**

As we start out 2020, I would like to invite ALL women of the church to participate in our UMW Meeting, Lunches and events. I feel it's important to have a strong UMW and a camaraderie among the women of the church. Let's get to know each other better and have a few more socials! I will be looking at a few more fundraising ideas as well. Please feel free to bring any ideas or issues you may have to my attention. Please join our Facebook page to keep updated about events and issues. The page is called; [Winnemucca United Methodist Women.](#)

I look forward to serving you as your 2020 President. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon, at the Pig Restaurant** in the back room. – Ann Harris

### Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at our church on **Wed. February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:15-12:45 PM** in the sanctuary. Stop by for a brief service of scriptures, hymns, a devotion and the imposition of ashes as we begin our 40 days of Lent.



Shrove Tuesday



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

On **Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM** we will meet over at **Winner's Restaurant** for a no-host pancake dinner (or whatever you may want to eat, but let's keep it family friendly and alcohol free, please). We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday; bring some clean jokes to share! All are welcome!

### Administrative Meetings in February

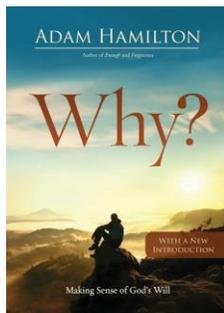
**Church Council** will meet **Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>** following worship.

The **Christian Education Committee** is working on scheduling a meeting.

The **Worship Committee** also needs to schedule a meeting!

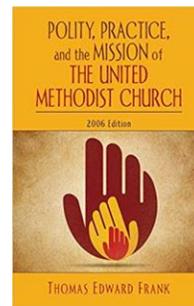
## **Tuesday Noon Study Group**

Starting February 4<sup>th</sup> our Tuesday Noon Study Group 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, and bring your lunch if you’d like; even if you don’t have a book you can learn from the DVD and group discussion. 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.



## **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. 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](mailto:dnn.mckibben@gmail.com).



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.

## **WUMC Soup Kitchen Night**

is the 4th Wednesday of every month. In June this is on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM**. Ron and Jackie Riggan are taking the lead on the dinner this month so please let them know if you are available to help.



## **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 January, but we currently have no one signed-up for February or March. 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!



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.***

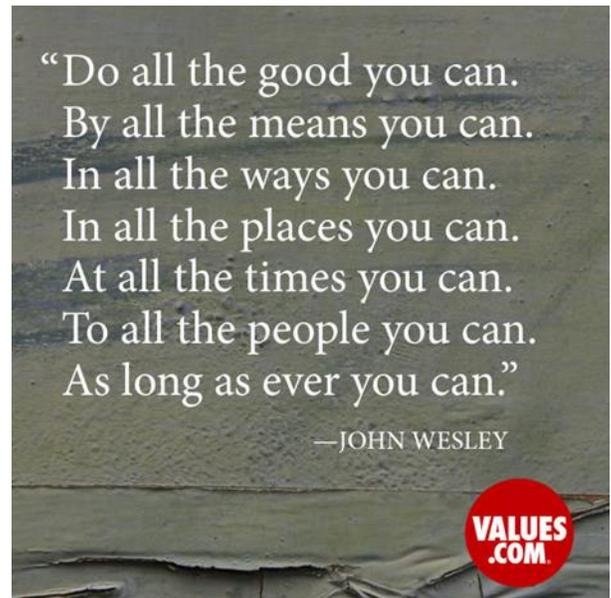
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

- Robin Riggan
- Amity Robbins
- Dawn Burger
- Gladys Boyd
- Ed & Gail Andrews
- Elise's Sister Eileen
- Stan Rorex
- Steve Nye
- Cherrie Robinson
- Jim Redden
- Tanya Crespin
- Glenda Hensley
- Doug Staton
- Eddie Bumgarner
- 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
- Danny Gay
- Les Davies



**Birthdays for February 2020**

- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Vicki Nye
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – Christy Yetter
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – Jackie Riggan
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Corrine James
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Steve Dolphin
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Myla Jones
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Mark James
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Sam Dittman



**Wedding Anniversaries for February 2020**

- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Denise Dolphin



This week (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>) I'm attending the clergy Order's Retreat in Livermore CA. One of the big topics of discussion has been the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Amicable Separation, which I referred to in my article last month, and the effect that would have on our denomination if it passes at General Conference this May. It was very interesting to hear various people say that they wished our denomination would stay united despite our differences, but also to hear some of the same people say the Protocol may be the best option for stopping the arguments and divisiveness of the conflict over human sexuality. Our Bishop was one who said this and she feels that passing the Protocol may be the most graceful way to end the debate. She also said that post separation she would still want our Annual Conference to be a place where all viewpoints are welcome so she doesn't feel that traditionalist should feel the need to leave the UMC. Perhaps she feels that way because she knows how many ethnic churches and pastors may leave the UMC if the Protocol passes and she doesn't want to see that happen. I attended a meeting of traditionalists at the retreat today (Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>) and I was surprised at the large number of ethnic pastors who attended and voiced concerns about staying in the UMC if a split occurs and traditionalists are allowed to amicably separate.

So there are a lot of clergy and churches that are wondering what's going to happen to our denomination and how that may affect clergy appointments, church membership, finances, etc. But along with a sense of anxious uncertainty, I'm also sensing the love and care we all have for each other. I've seen many of the progressives in our conference reach out to converse with traditionalists and vice-versa. It's like even though we know there are differences among us we still want to maintain Christian fellowship and love, and that's a beautiful thing to experience. As John Wesley said, "though we may not all think alike, may we not love alike?" and I've seen evidences of that this week.

I Corinthians 13 says, "so remain, faith, hope and love, these 3; and the greatest of these is love." And we love because God first loved us. Throughout this month during worship we'll be looking at the attributes of God's love for us: how God provides for us, protects us, pursues us, preserves us, perfects us etc. We'll reflect on God's sacrificial love for us and how He calls us to imitate him in sacrificing and persevering in our love.

With all the feelings of uncertainty surrounding the future of the UMC denomination it's easy for us to become anxious and frustrated. But as we spend time with God and bask in His loving care and grace we'll find strength to face the future knowing that he will show us the way and provide for us individually and as a church. Please keep all our General Conference delegates and the upcoming proceedings in your prayers. And I urge you to keep up on the latest news by reading the Protocol and other proposals that will be discussed. Also, I'm open to discussing any of this with you!

May the light of God's glorious love keep us moving forward, following Christ and faithfully trusting Him for the future!

-Judy Robbins



Ash  
Wednesday

Dear Lord, As we enter  
this Solemn and Holy  
Season, we pray that  
you would send your  
Holy Spirit upon us that  
we might prepare ourselves  
for these coming 40 days of Lent.  
Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth  
and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so  
that we can understand the magnificence of Your  
Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your  
Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of  
Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

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## February 2020 Worship Plans

### Feb. 2nd: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**Message:** "God Will Provide"

**Theme:** Just as God provided for Naomi and Ruth, and the Apostle Paul, He will provide for us.

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 146, UMH pp. 858-859

**Scripture Readings:** Ruth 2:1-12 and

Philippians 4:10-13

**Key Verse:** Philippians 4:19

**Holy Communion**

### Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**Message:** "The P's of God's Love" by Lay Minister Gary Robbins

**Theme:** God's love is pure, protecting, patient, preserving, providing, pursuing, persevering, powerful, penetrating, present, profound, perfect, and perfecting.

**Call to Worship:** Canticle of Love, UMH #646

**Scripture Readings:** Romans 8:35, 37-39

and Matthew 6:7-8, 7:7-11

**Key Verse:** Romans 8:35, 37

### Feb. 16th: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

**Message:** "The Enduring Power of Love"

**Theme:** Enduring love isn't based on feelings or circumstances, but on the assurance of God's promises; it takes faith and hope to have enduring love.

**Scriptures:** Exodus 23:4-5 and Matthew 5:38-48

**Key Verse:** Matthew 5:44-45a

### Feb. 23rd: Transfiguration of the Lord

**Message:** "Grasping God's Glorious Love"

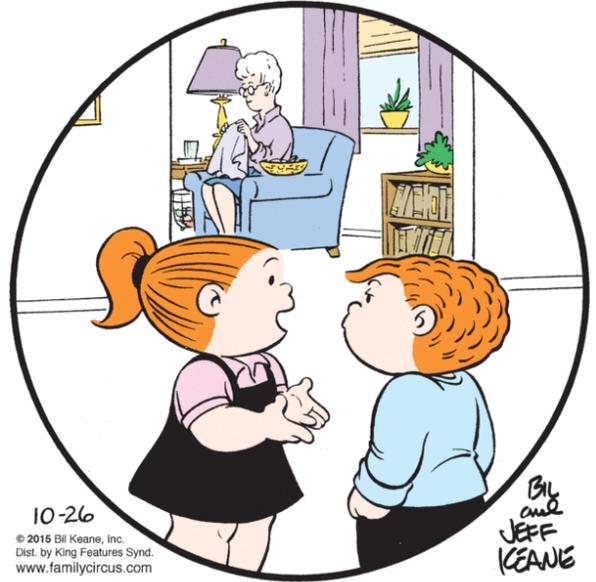
**Theme:** When we truly grasp God's glorious love none of our circumstances will be able to shake our confidence and hope.

**Scripture Readings:** Matthew 17:1-9

and Ephesians 3:16-19

**Key Verse:** "I pray that you may...know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:18a, 19



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

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### Aluminum Can Recycling

The church collects aluminum cans for redemption to support the **pastor's discretionary fund.**

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is now very low, **only \$35 left**, so any giving towards it is much appreciated! 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).



# February 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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