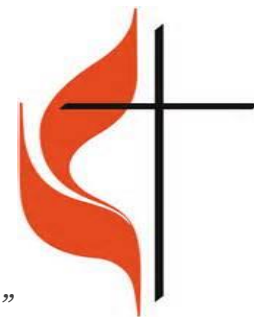


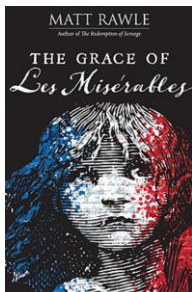
THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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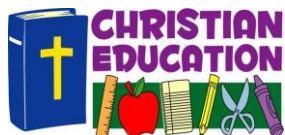
In our six-week Lenten study **The Grace of Les Misérables**, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the famous story by Victor Hugo—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

Anyone is invited to attend our study, even if you don't have a copy of the study book or have never read Victor Hugo's book. We will be watching a video clip and discussing study questions at each session. Sessions will be **every Tuesday from March 3-April 7th at 12 noon and 6 PM in the church conference room.**



The **United Methodist Men** will be meeting for **breakfast** on **Monday, March 9th at 8 AM.** The breakfast meeting will be a

Sid's Restaurant. We will be discussing upcoming events including the Father's Day worship at Water Canyon and the Buckaroo Breakfast. All men are welcome to attend.



The **Christian Education Committee** will be meeting on **Thursday, March 12th at 4 PM.** The meeting will be

at the home of Jackie Riggan at 3275 E. Thomas Canyon Road. We will be discussing plans for **Vacation Bible Camp** this summer.



United Methodist Women

The UMW met February 13th for their monthly meeting. The UMW discussed 2020 activities and ideas. UMW will be having

their annual **No Bake-Bake Sale.** The Sale will begin in March and end at Easter. We hope this will be a successful fundraiser. Please be on the lookout for the date of our **Spring Tea to be announced!** Please also remember your Prayer Pal! The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 12th at noon,** in the back room at **Round Table Pizza.**



LAY SERVANT TRAINING

The following are Lay Servant classes being offered by the Great Northern District. All classes will be held on Saturdays (unless otherwise noted) at the Sparks

United Methodist Church from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Topic, instructor and textbook are indicated. There will be a nominal fee for each class (typically \$20). To register contact Donna McKibben at 775-842-9204 or email her at: dnn.mckibben@gmail.com

28 March – Spiritual Gifts

Rev. Susan Foster

"Each One A Minister" by William J. Carter

18 April – Leading in Conflict

Rev. Art Gafke

"The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation"
by Thomas Porter

9 May – Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry

Pastor Andrew Davis

"Lay Servant Ministries" by Sandy Zeigler
Jackson/Brian Jackson

Pastor Judy and family will on vacation March 11th-15th, visiting Gary's family in Washington.

FINANCES

Checking beginning balance 1/1/2020	\$18,048.03
Deposits	7,678.63
Withdrawals/debits	4,833.39
Ending balance 1/31/2020	\$20,893.27
Savings ending balance 1/31/2020	9,657.78

WUMC Soup Kitchen Night

is the 4th Wednesday of every month. In June this is on **Wednesday, March 25th from 5-7 PM**. Please let Pastor Judy know if you are available to help.



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.

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).



Birthdays for March 2020

- Mar 4th – Jessica Stone
- Mar 5th – Heather Rorex
- Mar 10th – Alec Mayo
- Mar 11th – Sharon McAllister
- Mar 12th – Stan Rorex
- Mar 13th – Nathan Andrews
- Mar 15th – Ann Harris
- Mar 25th – Sybil Carlton
- Mar 25th – Myrna Gallian
- Mar 26th – Renee Mayo
- Mar 27th – Heather Boni
- Mar 29th – Jeanie Carter



Wedding Anniversaries for March 2020

- Mar 2nd – Joe & Zwaantje Rorex
- Mar 26th – Stan & Susan Rorex

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 and February, but we currently have no one available for 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!



March 2020 Worship Plans

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

Margaret Sandbak

Sheila Bunch

Elise's Sister Eileen

Stan Rorex / Steve Nye

Cherrie Robinson

Family of Jack Harris

Tanya Crespin / Glenda Hensley

Family of Edie Bumgarner

Rich Stone's Parents

Sally Schumacher's Dad & Niece

Carl Weber / Jim Redden

Durell Nelson / Louden Nelson

Helen Burnett / Ann Davis

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

March 1st: The First Sunday in Lent

Message: By His Wounds We Are Healed Series-
"The Wounds of Violating the Sabbath"

Theme: When we rest in Christ (putting our trust in him) we uphold the law of keeping the Sabbath.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:8-11
and Luke 6:6-11

Key Verse: Exodus 20:8
Holy Communion

March 8th: The Second Sunday in Lent

Message: By His Wounds We Are Healed Series-
"The Wounds of Dishonoring Authority"

Theme: Jesus was accused of dishonoring authority by calling himself a king. But he is the King of Kings, dishonored by many.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:12
and John 19:12-16

Key Verse: Exodus 20:12

March 15th: The Third Sunday in Lent

by Certified Lay Minister Rolly Rollison

Message: The Woman at the Well

Scripture Readings: Romans 5:1-11 and John 4:5-19
Key Verse: Romans 5:8

March 22nd: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Message: By His Wounds We are Healed Series-
"The Wounds of Adultery"

Theme: Jesus was accused of associating with tax collectors and prostitutes, but he was reaching out with compassion for sinners.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:14
and Matthew 9:9-13

Key Verse: Exodus 20:14

March 29th: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Message: By His Wounds We are Healed Series-
"The Wounds of Stealing"

Theme: Jesus was accused of forbidding the paying of taxes, but he said, "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's".

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:15 and Luke 23:1-5
Key Verse: Exodus 20:15



I was recently reading [UMnews](#) and found an inspiring Lenten letter by the Bishops of the UM Northeastern Jurisdiction. I'm sharing much of this letter (in italics) with you in my article:

The season of Lent invites us, individually and collectively, to a deep assessment of and prayer filled reflection on our faithfulness and fruitfulness. At times, we use Lent to anticipate the coming of the resurrected Christ without taking the gift of these 40 days to also examine our faith; to intentionally concentrate on our faithful response as disciples. Lent is a journey we take with Christ and one another. It is a journey that helps us to focus on our discipleship formation beginning with the reminder of our shared humanity on Ash Wednesday; traveling through the days of searching and repentance to the eager anticipation of Palm Sunday, experiencing the solemn and sorrow filled journey to the cross on Good Friday, and then celebrating the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

As we begin this Lenten journey, **“we are reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s Holy Word.”** Why do we accept this invitation and enter this kind of journey? We enter this journey because we are called to reflect on how our faithful response to Christ bears fruit in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. As Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice to bring us new life, we too are called to bring new life to our congregations, neighborhoods, and communities, called to live as resurrection people.

Our call to live as a resurrection people is especially important in these uncertain and anxious times. As our beloved United Methodist Church prepares for General Conference 2020, (May 5-15) we know these practices of the Lenten journey will prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for whatever future God holds for us. If you haven't yet read the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation I encourage you to google it and you will find many articles about it.

It is very important that everyone be informed about it as there is a strong possibility that it will be voted-on and passed at General Conference. If anyone would like to speak to me about it, please do so! However, *While plans and legislation could consume our focus and tempt us from fully engaging in Christ’s mission, our God calls us to stay focused on our reason for being. No matter the result of General Conference 2020, Jesus will be Lord, and the mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” will continue.*

As we move towards our Lenten opportunity and General Conference, we invite you to join United Methodists across our connection in a deep season of fasting and prayer. We invite you to an even deeper listening of God and one another. As we engage in conversation and discernment together, may a deeper respect and love for one another permeate all that we think, say, and do. Together, let us reflect and build upon our faithfulness to God so that we might experience the joys of fruitfulness that come with the journey of discipleship. For even in the midst of our current wilderness, God’s desire is that we might bear fruit to whomever God places in our paths and wherever discipleship leads us.

*So, let us travel this path together, allowing the fruit of the Spirit to be evident, knowing that if we do this, our future will be one where God’s people will not be shattered and bruised, but blessed and strengthened to be the community of faith God calls us to be. While there is much uncertainty in many things, Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us of God’s unfailing certainty – **“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”***

Thank you Bishops for these inspiring words. May we all take them to heart!

-Judy Robbins

March 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1. Worship Service 10 AM Holy Communion	2.	3. Lent at Lunch 12 noon NAMI Family Support Group 5 PM Lent Evening Study – 6 PM	4. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:30 AM	5. Thursday Bible Study 6 AM	6.	7.
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15. Worship Service 10 AM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	16.	17. Lent at Lunch 12 noon NAMI Family Support Group 5 PM Lent Evening Study – 6 PM	18. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:30 AM	19. Thursday Bible Study 6 AM	20.	21.
22. Worship Service 10 AM Church Council meeting after worship	23.	24. Lent at Lunch 12 noon NAMI Family Support Group 5 PM Lent Evening Study – 6 PM	25. Harmony Manor 10:15 AM RAA Meeting 10:30 AM WUMC serves Community Soup Kitchen 5 PM to 7 PM	26. Thursday Bible Study 6 AM	27.	28.
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