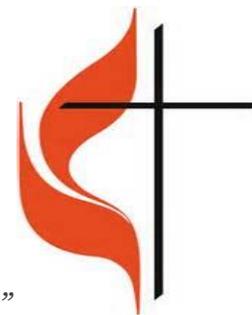


THE MESSENGER

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 Women** had a fun Zoom social on May 27th. We chatted and talked about what we have been doing and just visited. Pastor Judy,

Melody Ann, Trudy, Shelly, Jackie, Dorothy and myself attended. I believe everyone had a nice time! There is a picture of our social below. UMW spearheaded and donated \$1,000 towards the Church landscape clean up. Have you seen the clean up? The grounds looks very nice.

An outdoor **UMW Social** has been planned for **Friday June 12th at 10 AM** in the backyard of Chauntall Jones, 5187 Mt. Tobin. Chauntall will provide coffee, tea, and chairs 6 feet apart. You may bring your own beverage if desired and masks are optional. If you have any questions you can reach her at 775-223-1880.

I hope all the ladies of the church are doing well. (and the men too, of course) I am available to chat if anyone would like to. Remember we have our Facebook page, [Winnemucca United Methodist Women](#), which I update regularly. If you don't have Facebook and would like a text let me know at 702-523-0586.



Summer is here and so is the heat! I hope everyone is able to get out a bit and enjoy. And please remember your Prayer Pal!

Take Care, Ann Harris



Peace with Justice Sunday: **Sunday June 7th** is designated Peace with Justice Sunday and there is a special offering. Your offering supports Peace with Justice ministries in our annual conference administered by our conference Peace with Justice coordinator, and Peace with Justice work in the US and around the world, administered by the General Board of Church and Society. On such ministry, for example, helps students in Pennsylvania educate their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad. If you'd like to give towards this special offering please make your check out to Winnemucca UMC and in the memo line please put "Peace with Justice" Sunday special offering.

Outdoor Sunday Worship in June?

If anyone is interested in helping us have an Outdoor Worship Service either on June 21st or 28th, please let Pastor Judy know. Location? Water Canyon would be ideal, if there aren't any Mormon crickets up there. Or we could worship in someone's backyard. We would have to maintain social distancing though and everyone may need to bring their own chair. If someone would like to volunteer their backyard for this service please let Pastor Judy know ASAP.



The **United Methodist Men** will be meeting for **breakfast** on **Thursday, June 11th at 9 AM**. The breakfast meeting will be a Sid's Restaurant. We will be discussing the Buckaroo Breakfast, scheduled for the Tri-County Fair (to take place over Labor Day weekend). All men are welcome to attend.

In Memory of Stan Rorex:

Our brother Stan Rorex died on Tuesday June 2nd at his home here in Winnemucca. He had received Hospice Care since mid-May after it was determined that his cancer had progressed and that chemo treatments were not helping. His passing is a big loss to his family, his friends at church, our Winnemucca Ministerial Association, and the whole community. The Rorex family is in our prayers. They are hoping to have a Memorial Service at the Convention Center in July or when it is reopened.

In Memory of Cherrie Robinson:

Our sister Cherrie Robinson died on April 8th at a Reno hospital having been infected with COVID19 while at her nursing home Lakeside Health and Wellness in Reno where she had been rehabilitating from a lung infection for over a year. This has been very difficult for her mom, our dear sister Loree Robinson who needs all our love, prayers and friendship. There will be a Memorial Service for Cherrie at our church when the building can reopen to the public.



The **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family Support Group** meets every **Tuesday at 5 PM** using

phone conference calling. 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.

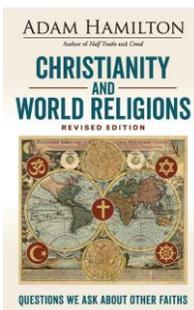
Aluminum Can Recycling

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).



Out of Town/Family Time

Pastor Judy and Gary will be visiting Judy's family in California from Sunday afternoon, June 7th and will return by Tuesday evening, June 9th.



Our **Tuesday Bible Study** group has been reading and discussing **"Christianity and World Religions"** by Adam Hamilton.

The group has been meeting at **12 noon and 6 PM on Tuesdays** by Zoom teleconferencing (with some just joining by phone). There is a short video clip summarizing each

chapter and interesting group discussion to follow. The study began on May 19th and will conclude on June 23rd. The 1st chapter discussed The Wise Men and a theology of religions. Then there are chapters on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. The 8 people participating are finding it very interesting and inspiring as we look at the similarities and differences between our faith and that of others. You don't need to have a copy of the book to join us; just let Pastor Judy know if you are interested and she'll send you the Zoom link.

WUMC Soup Kitchen Night

is the 4th Wednesday of every month. In June this is on **Wednesday, June 24th from 5-7 PM**. The Community Soup Kitchen is currently serving take-out meals from outside the church building. Please let Pastor Judy know if you are available to help.



FINANCES

Church General Fund

April **Savings** Ending \$11,158.30
April **Checking** Ending \$21,203.53

The first quarter of 2020 the church received \$18,375.00 in offering/pledges. To date the church is meeting financial obligations including the California Nevada Annual Conference Monthly tithe (10% of monthly offering). Great appreciation is extended to each person for continuing to contribute in these unstable times. Bills continue even with the church closed. Your understanding of this is a great blessing to the church family. To minimize leaving your home, checks can be mailed to the church at 138 W. Winnemucca Blvd.

With deepest appreciation,
Trudy Rollison, Treasurer

Landscape Project

The Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Winnemucca United Methodist Women, are working to enhance the outdoor area of the church. To do this the Trustees have adopted a three-part plan:



1. We have approved a \$1,200.00 bid from Martin Lopez, a license contractor, for cleanup of the exterior of the church. This includes cleaning the parking lot area, cleaning window wells, removing a tree and weeds, spraying herbicide and taking the debris to the dump.
2. The trustees will solicit bids to replace/repair the irrigation system.
3. Request idea's and bids for planting to enhancing the landscape and curb appeal.

The women's group approved \$1,000.00 and have received another \$500.00 in donations toward this project. You are also invited to contribute by making out a check to: Winnemucca United Methodist Women and sending it to Shelly Noble P.O. Box 602 Winnemucca, NV 89446.

At a future date the Board of Trustees will address painting the church to cap off this beautification effort.

Trudy Rollison, Secretary of UMW
Ron Riggan, Board of Trustee Chair

Update on Landscape Project

Two of the three steps for outdoor church improvements have been completed! The area is clean, debris removed and herbicide sprayed. This first step was paid for by donations and United Methodist Women's funds. The second step, fixing the irrigation system, is also complete and paid for by one donor. At the writing of this I do not have permission to disclose the donor's name. However, in behalf of the congregation I send my deep appreciation. Secondly, sincere appreciation to Jackie and Ron Riggan for getting bids and seeing the first two steps through.

The third step is planning improvements to the outdoor space. Plants come to mind but it could include stone work, statues or other innovative ideas. We are asking for your advice and thoughts on how to proceed:

- What would you like to see in the planting areas?
- What landscape ideas do you have?

Please send the ideas to me, Trudy Rollison at rollisontrudy@gmail.com. I will summarize the responses and send them out to everyone. The Board of Trustees will review and advise us how to proceed.

For this step we are asking for additional donations. Once a plan is approved by the Board of Trustees landscapers will be asked for bids. We have \$600.00 collected but additional funds will be needed.

Thank you in behalf of the Winnemucca United Methodist Women and the Board of Trustees.



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)

All those suffering with the corona virus:

The 55 people (active cases) in Winnemucca who now have it and are isolating at home, the 20 with test results pending, and those now in quarantine because they may have been exposed; the families of the four who died of COVID 19.

(And Praise God that 19 have recovered!)

Margaret's relative Miranda & Family

Sally's niece & relatives Jeff & Kate Straka
Virus cases on naval vessels & cruise ships Jeannie Gillins (now getting better!) Heather-nurse w/virus in Couer D'Alene ID

Health care workers everywhere including: Myrna Gallian's daughter Katy and Riggan's daughter nurses at HGH; Dolphine's daughter Stephanie & Brant ER/careflight workers; Kathy McKinney's granddaughter Jennifer-Portland ICU nurse; Mary Agnes's daughter Meghan in LV

Mary Agnes' son-in-law Dustin recovering from a serious accident; for Mary Agnes who is caring for her mom Mary Laub

Sheila Filippe's niece Lisa & all grieving the loss of her husband Bill due to COVID19.

Sally & family (death of her dad Stan Straka)

Pastor Judy's mom Lorraine Poukish

Homeless man who hangs out at our church-
Michael Ingram

Family of Alyssa Johnson (toddler killed by a rattlesnake bite)

Loree & family (death of Cherrie Robinson)

Carl Weber

Rich Stone's family

Robin Riggan

Margaret Sandbak's son Nick & sister-in-law Lois
(comfort/encouragement)

Susan Rorex & family (death of Stan)

Margaret Sandbak-full recovery

Margaret's friends Rob, Syd & Syd's dad

Steve and Vickie Nye

Melody Ann Hahn's sister Cherie

Amity Robbins

Durell Nelson

Louden Nelson

Helen Burnett

Sheilah McKinney

Wilbur & Sibyl Carlton

Soledad Grey

Suzan Hanel's husband Charlie and her brother
Stephen Williams

Dorothy Brinkoetter's friend's son Kyle and her
nephew Doug awaiting COVID19 test results

Gloria Gunderson

Johaunna Maloon

Amar Singh, wife Kelly and family

Scott & Joanie Kent

Missionaries: Blake Family / Sextons

Danny Gay

Les Davies

Dawn Burger

Gladys Boyd

Ann Davis

Justice for George Floyd/comfort for his family
and all in mourning

An end to violence & looting in our nation



I hope this finds you all staying calm and healthy as you begin to venture out more from staying at home. This has certainly been a strange spring with so many regular events canceled and businesses closed. Thankfully more things are beginning to reopen, but it's up to us to continue to use preventative practices to stay safe.

At mid-June our WUMC church building will have been closed for 3 months due to the COVID19 pandemic. And since our governor proclaimed on May 28th that churches can reopen, I know that everyone is anxious to get back into our church building to attend Sunday worship. However our Northern CA/Nevada area Bishop has not given us permission to do so. She wants us to wait until protocols are in place that will safeguard all our worshippers from Covid19. I can tell you that the result of our Bishop's announcement has left many frustrated because other churches in town are reopening now, but ours isn't.

I've been told by our District Superintendent Blake Busick that this is not a "one-size fits all churches" policy and that they will consider opening smaller, rural churches faster. But protocols must be put into place 1st to safeguard our indoor worshippers. It is unclear when a full list of these protocols will be emailed out to us, but you can read the [Summary of Re-Opening Protocol](#) elsewhere in this newsletter.

In talking to other clergy in our Sunrise Circuit here in Northern Nevada everyone is feeling like they are wanting to reopen before the end of June and many are planning to write to our Bishop to inform her of that desire and what plans they will put in place to safeguard worshippers. I believe we at Winnemucca UMC also need to do this. Perhaps if we do this, the Bishop will see our determination to re-open soon and allow us to do this.

With that in mind, I'm asking that our Church Council Members and Trustees have a Zoom meeting next week in order to discuss what plans we can make for reopening. I sent all of them an email in regards to this and hope to hear back from them so the meeting can happen soon.

I ask all of you to pray for our church building's speedy and safe reopening! In the meantime I hope you'll continue to join us by worshipping with us on Facebook live Sunday morning at 10 AM, or on the recorded service on Facebook or YouTube. God bless you all!

-Judy Robbins



Birthdays for June 2020

June 3rd – Daryan Dittman

June 4th – Hayden Case-Mayo

June 9th – Cody Harris

June 12th – Nick Rorex

June 17th – Johanna Maloon

June 19th – Justin Hernandez

June 22nd – Makenna Mavity

June 24th – Jeannette Jones

June 24th – Kade Harris

June 26th – Bailey Rorex



Wedding Anniversaries for June 2020

June 12th – Vic & Mary Ann Miller

June 13th – Skip & Rene Mayo

June 16th – Rolly & Trudy Rollison

June 20th – Andy & Courtney Rorex

Summary of Re-Opening Protocol – from our California-Nevada Annual Conference Instant Connection Newsletter

As we prepare our churches for in-person worship and ministry activities while protecting our congregations' health, the California-Nevada conference is working on protocols for our local churches to implement when the Bishop authorizes the resuming of in-person services. Here are some of topics being considered for a comprehensive document to be distributed soon.

Develop a Re-launch Ministry Team

The local churches will develop a team of 3 to 10 people, including the pastors and lay leaders, to prepare and move the church toward in-person worship. For ministry settings other than local churches, consider the director, board members, and constituents or participants

Draft a Ministry Plan Together

The team will develop a ministry plan through the lens of John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God. The ministry plan will have a strategy for implementation and monitoring of the protocols, including training staff and volunteers on proper practices, and will be submitted to the District Superintendent for approval prior to implementation.

Follow CDC, State, County and Local Public Health Guidelines

California-Nevada Conference covers significant areas of two states and many counties that experienced the COVID-19 pandemic with different intensities and subsequently developed specific guidelines, stricter than the state in some cases. Our churches continue to be asked to follow CDC, state and local guidelines as they develop their ministry plan.

Attention to High-Risk Populations, Physical Distancing and Maximum Occupancy

Each church's plan is expected to focus on protecting the population that is at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Furthermore, the guidelines for physical distancing and maximum occupancy of buildings will be followed to minimize the risk of infections in our church buildings.

Leadership, Staff and Volunteer Responsibilities and Safety Actions

Local church leaders in partnership with conference leadership will make sure that the planning and implementation of the ministry plan is a shared responsibility. The training of staff and volunteers, as well as the safety actions to be implemented are steps that reflect our Christian love for one another and for our communities.

Worship and Ministry Activities in our Buildings

Both our in-person worship and our ministry activities are integral part of our service to God and our neighbors. We will prepare to return to in-person activities ensuring the maximum protection of the people we serve, while envisioning new ways to do God's mission in each local church.

We will be cautious in re-launching in-person activities in our buildings and programs, do it gradually and with great care. Even as we move into a time with more moderate restrictions, we realize that we are not over the pandemic and it is our common responsibility to take the necessary steps to safeguard public health. We will "Do no harm, Do good, and Stay in love with God".

We pray...

Through us, God speaks words of peace, love, justice and faithfulness that challenge violence, hatred and self-interest in the world. We pray that we find courage and strength in the risen Christ to be faithful witnesses in the face of all challenges and risks.

From ELCA Prayer Ventures

June 2020 Worship Plans

June 7th: Trinity Sunday

Message: "Our Mysterious, Harmonious Triune God"

Theme: The care, respect, and harmonious interaction of the 3 persons of the trinity show us how we should cooperate and care for one another.

Scripture Readings: II Corinthians 13:11-13 and Matthew 28:16-20

Key Verse: II Corinthians 13:13

Call to Worship: Psalm 8 UMH #743

Holy Communion

June 14th: The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Following Our Call From God"

Theme: What is the call of God in your life? Are you able to receive it?

Scripture Readings: Romans 4:13-25 and Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Key Verse: Genesis 12:1, 4a "now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'... So Abram went as the Lord had told him."

June 21st: The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Father's Day

Message: "The Responsibilities of a Father Figure"

Theme: Like with Peter, God uses us despite our weaknesses and failures. He wants to transform us into influential spiritual leaders.

Scripture Readings: John 21:1-17 and I Peter 5:1-5

Key Verse: I Peter 5:2-3 "Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock"

June 28th: The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "What's Really 1st in Our Hearts"

Theme: God wants us to love him above anyone and everything else.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 22:1-14 and Matthew 6:19-21, 31-33

Key Verse: Matthew 6:20-21 "...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Prayer for justice

Oh mighty God,
All majesty is yours alone.
You alone judge the nations.
Rise up, oh Lord!
Bring your justice down.
Extend your mighty hand,
To crush the stronghold,
Of the enemy.
Send your Holy Spirit,
And legions of angels,
To fight for us.
Bring justice, my God!
The blood of the martyrs,
Cries out.
Answer their cry!
Your perfect justice,
Measured only,
By your perfect mercy.
All transgressions,
Paid in full,
On the cross of Christ.
Let the truth of,
Christ crucified,
Ring out, oh Lord!
Let the glory,
Of the resurrection of the Son,
Pour justice,
Down upon us.
Come forth, oh Lord,
Come forth now!
In the holiest name of all,
Jesus Christ,
Amen.

June 2020

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Friday

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