

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 wonderful outdoor social in Jackie's front yard on July 31st. Pastor Judy, Trudy, Suzan, Dawn, Jackie, Melody Ann, Lola and

I were able to attend. We've included a picture.



UMW had a nice Zoom social on July 25th. We chatted and visited. Pastor Judy, Trudy, Jackie, Dorothy and myself attended. I forgot to snap a picture! Please, remember your Prayer Pal.

The **next Outdoor social will be Wednesday, August 19th at 10 AM**, would anyone like to open their shaded yard or grassy area for us to use? 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](#) that I update regularly. If you don't have Facebook and would like a text let me know at 702-523-0586.

Take Care, Ann Harris

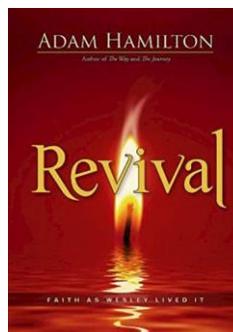
The **United Methodist Men** are once again teaming up with the **Christian Motorcyclist Association**-Winnemucca Chapter to put



forth the **Buckaroo Breakfast**. This annual event will take place during the Tri-County Fair, over Labor Day weekend. Breakfast will be served on **Saturday, Sept. 5th & Sunday, Sept. 6th from 7 AM to 10 AM**. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-12 years old. The location will be the Exhibit Hall lawn, at the fairgrounds.

Due to COVID 19, additional precautions will be taken including social distancing of tables, and all meals will be served in take-out boxes with prepackaged utensils. Those preparing and serving the breakfast will be wearing face masks and gloves.

There will also tentatively be an **outdoor worship service on Sunday morning, Sept. 6th @ 10:30 AM**. Anyone wishing to help out with the breakfast or the worship service should contact Gary Robbins or Pastor Judy.



Revival Study Continues

A total of 6 are studying the book **Revival-Faith As Wesley Lived It** by Adam Hamilton via Zoom video conferencing on Tuesdays at 12 noon and 6 PM. The book not only describes John Wesley's life and faith journey, but it also helps each person consider their own need for personal revival

to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The study will continue on Aug. 4th, 11th, 18th and Sept. 1st will be the last session. **What study shall we do next starting in September for the fall? Please let Pastor Judy know what you are interested in soon** as books for the next study will need to be ordered by the end of August.



Asking Your Ideas for the Landscape Project

As stated in our June newsletter, (Trudy Rollison's article) 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. The congregation is deeply appreciative of this donor! Secondly, sincere appreciation to Jackie and Ron Riggan for getting bids, seeing the first two steps through and for paying for a recent 2nd round of weeding/ herbicide and maintenance. Thanks Ron and Jackie! 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 Trudy Rollison at rollisontrudy@gmail.com by August 14th!

She 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 on behalf of the Winnemucca United Methodist Women and the Board of Trustees.

Out of Town/Family Time

Pastor Judy and Gary will be visiting Judy's family in California from Sunday afternoon, August 23rd and will return by Tuesday evening, August 25th.

Celebrating the Life of Stan Rorex

A Celebration of the Life of Stan Rorex has been scheduled for Sat. **August 22nd at 10 AM** at the Winnemucca Convention Center.

Remembering Cherrie Robinson

A Memorial Service for Cherrie Robinson is being planned for some time in August (possibly the 16th) at our church. We will make sure to inform everyone by email when it gets scheduled.

Visit from Sean and Carrie Blake

Originally scheduled for mid-July earlier this year, a **visit by SIM Missionaries Sean and Carrie Blake has now been re-scheduled for September 26th-27th**. They will be speaking in church on Sept. 27th and there will be an outdoor evening gathering on the 26th. See their article to read what they were doing in July, and check your email in the next couple days as their list of August prayer requests will be forwarded to you.

WUMC Soup Kitchen

Night In August this is on **Wednesday, the 26th from 4:40-6:30 PM**. The

Community Soup Kitchen is currently serving take-out meals from outside the church building. Please let Pastor Judy know if you would like to help. Under the new safety protocols only 4 can serve in the kitchen at one time and must wear masks and gloves.



Wedding Anniversaries for August 2020

Mike & Corrine James – August 26th

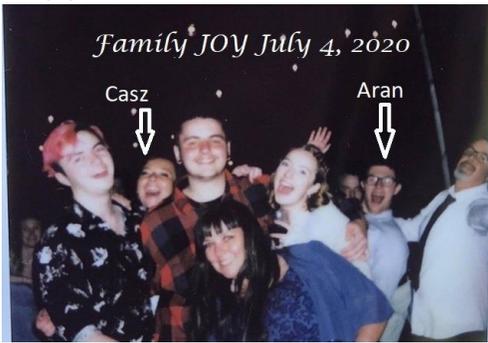
Mike & Theresa Mavity – August 29th

From Sean & Carrie Blake:

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27

Dear Prayer Warriors - Please forgive us for not getting prayer points out this month. Rest assured, come August 1, you will have a fresh list in your mailbox. We are busy and full of praise... Below are a few of the goings-on that give insight into our joy.



Casandra and Aran were married on July 4. The wedding was originally planned at a venue that was to do everything. But, in order to *have* a wedding, they had to move the location

(and date) and everyone worked as a team to pull together an amazing day that we hope will be a sweet memory for all.

Carrie is currently in New Mexico. She is in a Christian Health Education training course all this week. The timing of this is perfect, since Azel has requested help addressing women's and children's health issues. Praise God for His perfect timing and pray that Carrie is able to get the key people in Azel to begin building their team and organizing sooner than later. Given that it looks like we might be in the States for a while (our guess is at least another year) due to COVID, Carrie also pursued and was awarded her New Mexico Licensed Midwife credential. During the coming months, she will also complete her Samaritan's Purse DART training, a Mental Health Coach certification, and continue showing up, drinking coffee, talking Jesus here and in Niger.

Sean is in the midst of two seminary courses. Each class requires about 3 hours per day of his time, We are thankful to be here in the States so that he can work through as many courses as possible. Sean has also been very engaged with one of our churches in Washington (where we've been living since the end of May).

There continue to be indications and outright professions of people placing their faith in Christ. God certainly continues to move in the North and this is what we request that you pray about each day between now and the end of July.

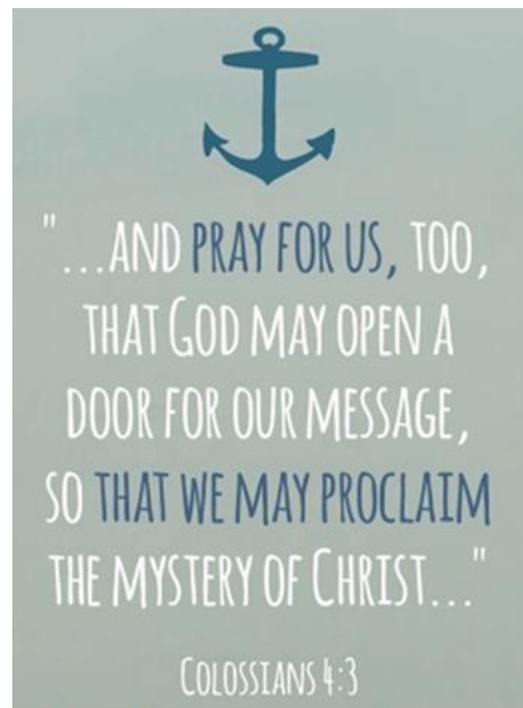
Praise to God that he has allowed each of us to participate through prayer and action in His movement among the Tamajeq people.

Last fall, we made a decision that we wanted to pursue purchasing a home in the States. We had no idea how this would happen, given our income and our housing expenses (at the time) in Niger. With our move to Agadez, our housing costs in Niger were significantly reduced. Upon our return to the States in April, we jokingly started looking at houses online while in quarantine. Through a series of divine appointments, we discovered that we qualify for some special lower income aid to purchase a home, we happened upon a house that we adore, and closed on June 15. We will use our full housing allowance to go toward the payments and the remainder will come out of our salary. It will make money tight, but we are thrilled to have a home base after 6 years of wandering and looking forward to our kids and grandkids having a grounding place, as well. We're still pretty stunned, as we had figured that it would be several years out before this would happen, but we are so full of praise.

Again, please accept our apologies for being out of touch for several weeks. "See" you in two short weeks with a full Prayer Points email for August! :)

As always, we praise God for you and your commitment to the Tamajeq people,
Sean & Carrie

SIM Missionaries #029349





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 / Jackie Riggan

Dawn Burger / Gladys Boyd

Suzan Hanel's son Todd

Lola Bohm's sister Lorraine

Heather Andrew's mom Cindy Tatum

Margaret Sandbak's son Chris

Family of Chip Rollison

Family of Stan Rorex

Family of Cherrie Robinson

Family of Angelica Guzman

Durell Nelson / Louden Nelson

Helen Burnett / Linda Felton

Mary Laub / Sheilah McKinney

Sibyl & Wilbur Carlton

Soledad Grey / Amar Singh

Johaunna Maloon

Blake Family / Sexton Family

Lorraine Poukish/ Amity Robbins

Danny Gay / Les Davies

Steve & Vicki Nye

Rich Stone's Family

Michael Ingram

Family of Mary Ann Miller

Myrna Gallian's relative Eddie

Those suffering from COVID-19

Healthcare Workers everywhere

Racial Justice in America

Integrity/Safety of Law Officers



Birthdays for August 2020

Wilbur Carlton – Aug 1st

Max Mavity – Aug 2nd

Amity Robbins – Aug 4th

Rolly Rollison – Aug 5th

Debbie Stone – Aug 5th

Theresa Mavity – Aug 13th

Massey Case-Mayo – Aug 16th

Luke Fentress – Aug 22nd

Kathryn McKinney – Aug 26th



National Alliance on Mental Illness

The NAMI (**National Alliance on Mental Illness**) **Family Support**

Group meets every **Tuesday at 5 PM**. They have been using the fellowship area under the safety protocols (wearing masks, physical distancing, etc.) and sometimes 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.

News from the Christian Education Committee

At the beginning of June Jackie Riggan spearheaded a project of giving gifts to graduating high school seniors connected to our church. There were 4 youth, **Max Mavity, Ryan Andrews, Caden Rorex and Amity Robbins**, who each received a gift bag with a water bottle saying "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) and a Chamber Check. The gifts were purchased through our youth fund. Thanks for doing this Jackie!



With the reopening of our church on July 5th, Gail Andrews made **Take-Home bags** for any children attending our worship services. These bags contain Bible stories, coloring and other activity pages for kids to use during worship or at home. Thanks for doing this Gail!

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).



PRAYER FOR UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Bless us, Divine Father, help us to find unity with each other, to work together to deliver your word, Oh Lord, for we know man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Help us to be a blessing to others, help us to be like Jesus, Oh Loving Father; kind, caring, compassionate, loving, giving, forgiving and humble.

August 2020 Worship Plans

Aug 2nd: The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Handling Disappointments"

Theme: We need to stand upon the promises of God and hope in Him whenever we face life's disappointments.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 29:15-35 and Romans 8:18-25, 28

Key Verse: Romans 8:28

Holy Communion

Aug. 9th: The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Wrestling with a God of Grace" by

Lay Minister Gary Robbins

Theme: Let's keep on asking and struggling, seeking God and holding on to Him with all our might.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 32:22-31 and Romans 5:6-11

Key Verse: Luke 18:7-8

August 16th: The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Forgiving and Moving Ahead"

Theme: Let's ask God for a sympathy to forgive and a heart to love whoever has offended us.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:1-15 and II Corinthians 2:5-11

Key Verse: II Corinthians 2:10-11

August 23rd: The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "What are You Afraid Of?"

Theme: We don't have to live in fear because God's perfect love casts out fear.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10 and I John 4:15-19

Key Verse: I John 5:4

August 30th: The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Gifted Servants Together"

Theme: We all need what each of us has to offer to build up our church!

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3:1-12, 4:10-17 and Romans 12:3-8

Key Verse: Romans 12:5-6a "...we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us..."



This is a very full newsletter! I thought it was important to inform all of you about the church reopening protocols and I hope you will read through them carefully to know what they are. And I especially want to thank everyone who served on the COVID19 Relaunch Team who helped put our safety plan together.

I also want to thank everyone who was willing to come be ushers, greeters, liturgists and media techs during worship in July. It certainly takes more than a pastor to run the church! I know that August can be another month when many are out of town, but we really do need everyone's help filling in as ushers, greeters, and media techs (thankfully we have enough liturgists for August!) Gary or I can train you to usher and run the media, too. We have enough help lined up for Sunday the 2nd. So please let me know if you are willing to come help on the 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th.

I understand if some of you are still uncomfortable about coming back to indoor worship right now because of the pandemic; I'm just glad you have the option of worshipping along with us on Facebook Live on the [Winnemucca UMC Facebook](#) page.

I'm thankful that during these days of safety protocols and restrictions that we've still been able to have Bible study by Zoom, the UMW has met by Zoom and in outdoor fellowship, and the UMM have met at a restaurant. As of this writing the men are still planning on putting on the Buckaroo Breakfast and I'm hoping on doing another outdoor worship service that Sunday (Sept. 6th) on the Fairground's lawn. Please keep all of this in your prayers!

So thank-you to all of you who are doing your part to keep our church's ministries going during these restricted times. Let's continue to prayerfully and faithfully do our part to serve the Lord through our church!

-Judy Robbins

New Church COVID 19 Safety Protocols

In June our church's COVID 19 Relaunch Team meet by Zoom conferencing to discuss safety protocols for relaunching worship inside our sanctuary. We submitted our plan to our District Superintendent who approved our plan and our church reopened for indoor worship on July 5th. Here are the details of that plan:

Church leaders plan to communicate with all our members and constituents by newsletter, email, group text, and direct phone calls. We will continue to offer our online worship service via Facebook Live and the recording will be on Facebook and YouTube with a link from our website. We will also mail out a sermon/bulletin to those who can't attend and don't have internet.

Safety Actions include posters and other handouts posted instructing folks on how to prevent the spread of COVID19. Our sanctuary is only being used once a week and the building is being sufficiently cleaned and sanitized after each service. It is the responsibility of each person that enters the building between services to ensure that the areas they occupy are sufficiently sanitized prior to leaving the building. Our normal average attendance does not exceed 50% of any room used. Each person entering our church will be reminded of the CDC guidelines regarding physical distancing, hand washing, and wearing of face coverings. Hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes are available in multiple areas within the church building, including restrooms. Folks will be urged to wipe down restroom areas they touched before exiting the restroom. Restrooms will be thoroughly cleaned after each worship service. Open trash cans are also readily available in multiple areas.

All persons entering our church building other than on Sunday morning for worship have been instructed that they are to ensure that all areas that they have occupied while there have been sanitized prior to leaving the building. All staff and volunteers have been instructed that they are not to come to church if they are showing any signs of being ill, including any symptoms of COVID19. All staff and volunteers have been instructed on following the CDC guidelines of hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, physical distancing, and wearing of face coverings.

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Worship within our sanctuary will continue as outlined in the protocols received from the Annual Conference and the CDC. We have obtained prepackaged communion kits and these will be spread out on a table in the narthex along with bulletins, visitor cards and offering envelopes for folks to individually pick up. All attendees will be consistently reminded that they must follow the CDC guidelines regarding physical distancing, hand washing, the use of hand sanitizer, and use of face coverings. People will be urged to bring their own Bibles, masks and hand sanitizer (although masks and hand sanitizer will also be available for those who need them.)

People will be told prior to the church reopening and at the beginning of each worship service that singing is discouraged. Instead they can hum along with the music, clap or wave hands, or just silently follow along with the words. Worship activity paper bags will be available for young children which will be taken home by them. People will be urged to greet one another by waving, bowing, or some other gesture (peace sign, Vulcan salute, etc.) rather than by physical contact. Attendance will be taken by an usher with a check-off list.

There will be disinfecting wipes in each pew and worshippers will be asked to wipe down their pew area with a wipe before exiting the pew and to throw out the wipe in the trash container in the narthex. There will be an offering basket near the back of the sanctuary for folks to drop their offering and visitor cards in as they leave the sanctuary. If someone enters the church and is unwilling to follow our safety guidelines they will be asked to do so, or to consider watching the service at home on Facebook Live, or the recording later. After worship ushers will dismiss folks pew by pew to aid physical distancing. After all have left, ushers will clean high touch areas with disinfecting wipes.

All ministry activities such as Bible studies, UMW and UMM will be held either at 50% of capacity in the conference room (using folding chairs that can be wiped down instead of the fabric chairs), the fellowship area behind the sanctuary, outside in a park or at a restaurant with other safety protocols in place, or they will be held by Zoom.

Outside groups using our facility, such as the AA and NAMI groups will be taught about our protocols and must write up their own plan based on our protocols. They must keep track of their attendance. They will be asked to bring their own coffee, instead of making it at the church.

They will be asked to use the fellowship area with folding chairs (instead of the conference room), which is large enough for them to physically distance themselves and easier for them to wipe down afterward. They will be asked to bring their own disinfecting wipes and to wipe things down before they leave. (The church will also have some available if they need them.) They must use a protocol checklist that they must check off, sign, and turn in to the church office so we'll know that the cleaning has been done prior to leaving.

An Essential Ministry – The Ministerial Association Soup Kitchen which is run out of our church will continue to distribute pre-boxed or bagged meals outside in the parking lot until the COVID19 threat subsides. Posters stating our protocols will be posted in the kitchen so that any groups using the kitchen will know to wear masks and gloves, keep physically distanced and thoroughly clean up after themselves.

Pastor Judy (who is now the current President of the Ministerial Association) will see to it that soup kitchen volunteers know our protocols and will prepare a check-off sheet for them to sign indicating that the protocols were followed and the kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned.

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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