

# THE MESSENGER

## WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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### Planning for the Blake’s Visit

Sean and Carrie Blake, missionaries to Niger that our church supports, are scheduled to be in Winnemucca Sept. 26th-27th. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to hear more about their work in Niger and how God is using them to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, especially since they are not back in the USA every year to visit supporting churches. So we should avail ourselves of this wonderful opportunity to hear from them in person!

We'd like to have a good turnout for a dinner type meeting on **Saturday, Sept. 26th @ 5 PM** (perhaps in someone's backyard or in a park using our COVID19 protocols), as well as for the **worship service on Sept. 27th @ 10 AM** at the church to make their trip to Winnemucca worthwhile.

For planning purposes, our Missions Team, who are making the arrangements, needs to know a definite YES or NO, if you plan to attend in person for either the social gathering with a possible meal on the 26th and in person for church on the 27th. If you're planning to watch the service on Facebook Live let us know that too. The Mission Team needs an **RSVP response by September 12th** next week, so they know how to plan for this event. Please respond with your RSVP to Mission Team member Gail Andrews at [wmcagail@icloud.com](mailto:wmcagail@icloud.com) by September 12th.

### Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Worship Service

Please note that our regular church worship service for **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> will be held at 9:30-10:15 AM** instead of starting at 10 AM, so that whoever wants to watch the on-line 10:30 AM service at Annual Conference may easily do so following our service.

**United Methodist Women** had a social on August 26<sup>th</sup> outside at Vesco park. Pastor Judy, Melody Ann, Lola and myself were able to join, we had a nice relaxing visit.



Our next **Zoom social** will be **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**.

Our in-person September social date will be announced. Please, remember your Prayer Pal.

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

### Administrative Meetings in September

Thursday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM the Lay Leadership/Nominating Committee will meet in the fellowship area of the church.

SPRC Meeting: date and time TBA

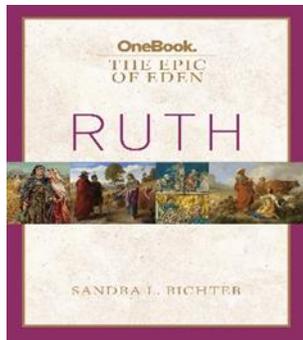
Trustee Meeting: date and time TBA

Church Council Meeting: date and time TBA

It is important that our Administrative Committees start meeting to prepare for our fall annual Charge Conference (date and time TBA).

**New Bible Study, The Epic of Eden: Ruth, starting Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Please let Pastor Judy know by 12 noon this Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> if you'd like her to order a study book for you!** The cost is approximately \$14.95 (there is a discount for ordering 5+ books). So far 9 people will be participating in this 6 week study which will be by zoom video conferencing Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>-Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. You are also welcome to order your own study book and let Pastor Judy know that you'll be attending the group. There are daily study assignments which will be discussed at each weekly session along with a video segment of teaching by Dr. Sandra Richter.



Here is a description of the study: Set in the midst of one of the most corrupt eras of Israelite history, Ruth is a story about three compelling characters. Naomi is an elderly widow who has lost everything and returns to her homeland empty and bitter hoping simply to survive. Ruth is Naomi's young daughter-in-law, also a widow, and a foreigner, who at great personal cost refuses to let Naomi face the future alone. Boaz is the local patriarch—a man of wealth and influence who in this epic tale is given the opportunity to do the right thing, even though the right thing might not be the *obvious* thing. In *The Epic of Eden: Ruth*, Dr. Sandra Richter makes each of these characters come alive. Participants in this study— young and old, men and women, church and unchurched—will be challenged as they see themselves in these characters and find themselves faced with many of the same questions and challenges. Here is real life, lived out by real people with real fears, real struggles, real hope, and real faith.



The Winnemucca United Methodist Men will meet at The Pig restaurant for lunch on **Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon**. We will be discussing spiritual gifts and how we can encourage each other to serve the church. All men are welcome to attend.

**2020 California/Nevada Annual Conference Session Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

This year Annual Conference was scheduled to be in Modesto in June, but due to COVID-19 it was delayed until September. Last month it was then decided that Annual Conference would not be in-person due to the virus threat, instead it will be held virtually by Zoom video conferencing. Those participating are limited to Clergy and Lay Members who had to pre-register for it and will be trained prior to the conference in how to vote and interact in this format. (Pastor Judy and Lay Member Gary Robbins are pre-registered.)



On the last day of the conference, **Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a worship service for Ordination and Commissioning of Clergy at 10:30 AM, and all of us from all the churches are invited to watch this service** (the Bishop will probably be preaching). The Conference will be letting us know how to access this on-line service and that information will be emailed out to everyone in our church once it is received. For more information go to [cnumc.org](http://cnumc.org).

**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).



**WUMC Soup Kitchen**

**Night** In August this is on **Wednesday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-6:30 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 four can serve in the kitchen at one time and must wear masks and gloves.



**Here are some upcoming community events you may want to support:**

**Humboldt Connections Suicide Prevention** invites us to take part in their annual campaign to #KillTheStigma during Suicide Awareness Month. The event runs from **Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>-Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** and it involves using any color chalk to write in chalk a message of support, understanding and help on your local street, sidewalk or driveway. Then take a photo of your artwork and upload it tagging Humboldt Connections to the image and using the #LetsChalkAboutMentalHealth. Please send any pictures to Pauline Salla at [pauline.salla@humboldtcountynv.gov](mailto:pauline.salla@humboldtcountynv.gov) and she will post it on their social media pages.

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual “**Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope**” will be **Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 9 AM as a Facebook Live event. You can like the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention (NCSP) Facebook page and join the event at [facebook.com/nvsuicideprevention](https://facebook.com/nvsuicideprevention).

You can also register for the event at [nvsuicideprevention.org/event/14<sup>th</sup>-annual-virtual-walk-in-memory-walk-for-hope](https://nvsuicideprevention.org/event/14th-annual-virtual-walk-in-memory-walk-for-hope) and make a donation to this cause.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Age-and-Dementia-Friendly Winnemucca and Humboldt County & Humboldt Volunteer Hospice Sprint Triathlon** will be held live or virtual on **Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 7 AM. It involves a 1/3 mile swim, a 6 mile bike ride, and a 3 mile run. Cost is \$25 per registrant (individual or team of 2 or 3). All proceeds will be used for Alzheimer’s Awareness expansion of our Fitness Park, Alzheimer’s and dementia education, and HVHospice respite services. For more information and to register contact Gini Cunningham at [ginile25@gmail.com](mailto:ginile25@gmail.com) or [www.adf-winnemucca.com](http://www.adf-winnemucca.com).



**Wedding Anniversaries for September 2020**

Jake & Heather Rorex – Sept 1<sup>st</sup>

Mike & Heather Andrews – Sept 25<sup>th</sup>



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.





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.***

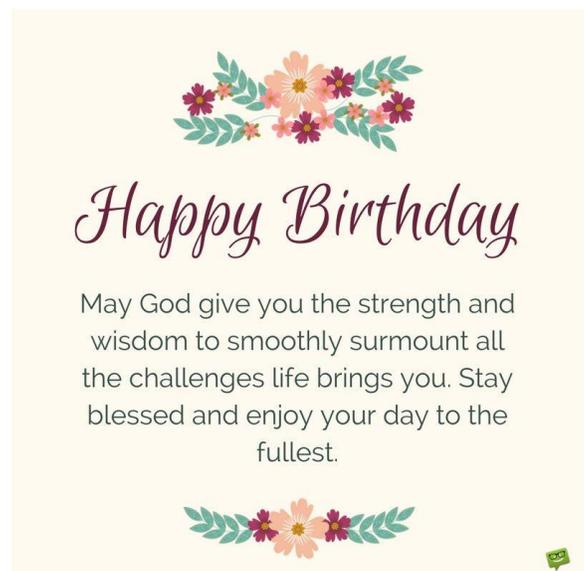
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

Robin Riggan / Jackie Riggan  
Dawn Burger / Gladys Boyd  
Blanca Viramontes & Family  
Suzan Hanel's son Todd  
Heather Andrew's mom Cindy  
Margaret Sandbak's son Chris  
Tammy Batteate & Family  
Gail Basten's sister Jill  
Riggan's traveling mercies  
Henry & Jane Sandbak  
Victims of Hurricanes  
Helen Burnett / Betty Steinhauer  
Mary Laub / Sheilah McKinney  
Sibyl & Wilbur Carlton  
Soledad Grey / Amar Singh  
Johaunna Maloon / Elaine Tripp  
Blake Family / Sexton Family  
Lorraine Poukish/ Amity Robbins  
Danny Gay / Les Davies  
Steve & Vicki Nye / Jeff Johnson  
Marilyn Draper  
Brenda Barrido / Dick Matthy  
Myrna Gallian's relative Eddie  
Those suffering from COVID-19  
Healthcare Workers everywhere  
Racial Justice in America  
Integrity/Safety of Law Officers



**Birthdays for September 2020**

Austen Mayo – Sept 3rd  
Denise Dolphin – Sept 9th  
Ryan Andrews – Sept 10th  
Waylon Jones – Sept 12th  
Keira Lindeman – Sept 16th  
Macie Mavity – Sept 16th  
Susan Maloon – Sept 16th  
Paul Carter – Sept 17th  
Trudy Rollison - Sept 17th  
Sarah Gillihan – Sept 18th  
Cash Gillihan – Sept 19th  
John Matlock – Sept 23rd  
Tracy Openlander – Sept 24th  
Les Boni – Sept 25th  
Mike Andrews – Sept 29th  
Dawn Burger – Sept 30th





In these on-going days of COVID19 restrictions and precautions I miss having normal interactions with people in person rather than by phone and video conferencing. And there are so many of you that I've missed seeing these past 6 months! I was thankful when many of our Nominating Committee members said recently, "let's meet in person instead of by zoom", and we can do so safely, physically distanced in the fellowship area.

I do want to reassure you that **it is safe to return to in-person worship in our sanctuary** as we are following protocols about wearing masks, physically distancing ourselves in pews, not shaking hands or hugging, and each person wiping down what they touched with a disinfecting wipe before leaving. The summer months our numbers in worship are generally lower than other times and with COVID19 our numbers have been even lower. I am thankful, though, that many of you are taking the opportunity to watch and participate in worship through Facebook, either joining us live at 10 AM, or watching the recording at a later time. It's always wonderful to read your "hellos" and other comments on Facebook when you are watching live; it's encouraging to me to know that many of you are truly with us at a distance and when you make a comment it lets the others watching know that they are not alone. So, please keep those comments coming!

I know that many of our seniors are still hesitant to attend worship in-person because they prefer staying secluded at home. I understand and I know it is a very personal decision. However we do need enough folks who are willing to come in and be liturgists, musicians, media volunteers, ushers and greeters to help our worship services run smoothly. And we also need help with cleaning the church regularly, so I hope some of you will volunteer so that the church can be well cleaned at least twice a month (at least the sanctuary, restrooms, and narthex) so it doesn't just fall on Gary and I to do it.

As we move into September it's important that we begin doing all the work necessary to get ready for our annual Church Conference. Actually this year they are calling them Charge Conferences because they are going to be done with our Superintendent in attendance by zoom and I'm hearing that it may

just be our Church Council members who will be invited to attend (although that could change as many clergy would prefer that all their members be invited to attend.) We will probably be hearing more about that soon. Anyway, there is work to be done by our Lay Leadership/Nominating Committee, as well as the SPRC, Finance Committee and Church Council to get ready for the fall conference. So I will be contacting those of you on these committees to schedule some meetings.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns, prayer requests, or if you just want to talk! And I do hope to see more of you in-person in worship this month!

-Judy Robbins

### **September 2020 Worship Plans**

#### **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>: The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Message:* "How to Restore a Friendship"

*Theme:* Friendships are restored as we forgive, or seek forgiveness and reconciliation, putting on the armor of light and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.

*Scripture Readings:* Matthew 18:15-20 and Romans 13:8-14

*Key Verse:* Romans 13:8  
Holy Communion

#### **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

*Message:* "Loving Ourselves and Forgiving Others" by Lay Minister Gary Robbins

*Theme:* If we don't forgive, we are the ones who are hurt and held in bondage.

*Scripture Readings:* Matthew 18:21-35 and Genesis 50:15-21

*Key Verse:* Matthew 6:14-15

#### **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

*Message:* "Why We Shouldn't Envy"

*Theme:* If we really know Christ and are filled with the Spirit it will banish envy from our hearts.

*Scripture Readings:* Matthew 20:1-16 and Philippians 1:12-26

*Key Verses:* Exodus 20:17

#### **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

*Message:* TBA by Missionaries Sean and Carrie Blake.

*Theme:* TBA

*Scriptures:* TBA

*Key Verse:* TBA

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Revival Bible Study 12 noon and 6 PM (via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	3.  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	4.	5.
6. Worship 10 AM (In-Church and Facebook Live) Holy Communion Soup Kitchen 6 PM	7.	8.  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	10. Nominating Committee 11 AM @ Church  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	11.	12.
13. Worship 10 AM (In-Church and Facebook Live)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	14.	15.  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16. UMW Social 9:30 AM (via Zoom) RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	17. CA-NV Annual Conference Session (via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	18. CA-NV Annual Conference Session (via Zoom)	19. CA-NV Annual Conference Session (via Zoom)
20. Worship 9:30 AM (In-Church and Facebook Live) CA-NV Annual Conference Worship Service online 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	21.	22. Ruth Bible Study 12 noon & 6 PM (via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	23. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  WUMC Serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-6:30 PM	24. UMM Lunch 12 noon @ The Pig  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	25.	26.
27. Worship 10 AM (In-Church and Facebook Live)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	28.	29. Ruth Bible Study 12 noon & 6 PM (via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  Soup Kitchen 6 PM			