

# THE MESSENGER

## WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

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### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

It's that time of year again when we fill Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Nugget and Chadder will kick this off on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> with a special Children's Message. This year, due to COVID19 restrictions, we will not be building boxes together at the church, but you are encouraged to build them at home with your families with the items that you purchase. This year there is also the option of building a shoebox on-line with your donation. For more information or to build a box on-line, go to:



<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

All boxes made at home must be turned into the church by **11:30 AM on Sunday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that we can take them all together to our local drop-off location that afternoon.

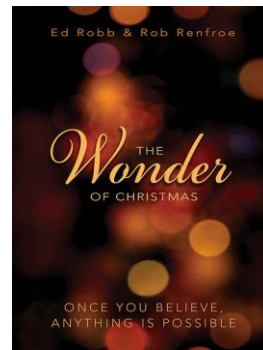
### Thanksgiving Food Collection

Thanksgiving Sunday is Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will be once again collect non-perishable food items during our Thanksgiving Litany. This year the items will all go for our church's emergency food cabinet in the office (for those who contact our church with a food emergency). **All canned goods should have a pull-tab for easy opening.** Suggested items for you to bring are: fruit cups, bottled water, granola bars, ready-rice, canned vegetables, canned milk, tuna pouches or cans, canned sausages, beef stew, chicken, ravioli, etc., ramen cups, soup cups, noodle cups, rice cups, oatmeal cups, and crackers.



**Thanksgiving  
Donations  
Needed**

### Advent Study: Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>



We will begin our Advent Study, The Wonder of Christmas, early on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, before Thanksgiving week, and finish this 4 week study on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Study will be on Tuesdays at 12 noon and 6 PM by Zoom video conferencing. Seven people are planning to join this study and books have already been

ordered, but if you are interested, you could order your own book and let Pastor Judy know. Each session will feature a discussion of the chapter as well as a short video clip loaded into the zoom conferencing.

Here is a description of the study: The Christmas season is always filled with wonder, but this year rediscover the true wonder of Christmas by sharing the love of Christ with others. This study centers on looking to the Christmas story and the stories of real people today to find inspiration and ideas for reflecting the light of Jesus at Christmas time and throughout the entire year. Chapters include: The Wonder of a Name, The Wonder of a Star, The Wonder of a Manger, and The Wonder of a Promise.

### Volunteers Needed for Cleaning the Church

Please sign-up on the sheet on the sanctuary ledge to clean the church! Although pews, the fellowship area and rest-rooms are regularly cleaned after use, a deep cleaning of our church (including mopping floors, dusting and polishing) is really needed at least once (and preferably twice) a month. You are kindly urged to please sign-up or call/text/email Pastor Judy or Gary to let them know when you can do this!





UMW met on October 14th at Vesco Park. Debbie, Shelly, Trudy, Jackie, Melody Ann, Pastor Judy and I were in attendance. We voted on our

2021 board, which remains the same as this year. President: Ann, Vice President: Debbie, Treasurer: Shelly, Secretary: Trudy. Thank you for volunteering once again!



Trudy has also volunteered to be our Prayer Pal coordinator for 2021! It's time to sign up for 2021 Prayer Pals. Trudy Rollison has emailed out the forms and left some at the church. You can email the form back, call her (623-4971) and she will take the information over the phone or give her a completed form. New Prayer Pal assignments will be given at the January social. **At this time of year it is very important to remember your Prayer Pal.**

With the COVID situation the UMW will not be hosting our annual Christmas Bazaar this year, unfortunately. However, we are hosting a "No Craft, Craft Fair" in doing so, we are asking folks to make a donation as to what they would have spent at the Bazaar, if you are interested. The No Craft, Craft Fair will start on Friday, November 20th and run through December 30th. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Church with the line item No Craft, Craft Fair. Thank you for your continued support.

UMW will be having a December social/luncheon. Time and place is yet to be determined. Have a Wonderful Day! Ann Harris

# FINANCES

It is with sincere appreciation I write this. COVID did not slow down the generous tithing in 2020. The church met, and continues to meet, all the financial obligations. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation we will enter into 2021 in good standing. Thank you, Martha Fenner, for your time and expertise as financial secretary. In January Jackie Riggan will fill that position.

Also, in January I will complete the 2020 general fund books and reports for audit. Around the end of January the books will be transferred to Sheila Bunch the new church treasurer. Sheila once owned her own business and is well qualified for this volunteer position. Jackie and Sheila you bless the church with your willingness to fill these positions.

September the general fund balance closed at \$32,012.35 and savings \$13,658.81. Workman's compensation and church, plus parsonage, insurance will be due by the end of the year.

Blessings to all, Trudy Rollison, Treasurer

## Card Ministry Donations

Lola Bohm, card ministry chair, is asking for donations of greeting cards. In particular anniversary, birthday and blank cards are requested. The cards can be left in the church office or delivered to Lola. Lola does a great job in lifting spirits with this ministry.



The **Winnemucca United Methodist Men** will meet at The Pig restaurant for lunch on **Thursday, Nov. 19th @ 12 noon**. All members are encouraged to invite someone who has never attended a UMM function, or someone who has not attended in sometime.



### Birthdays for November 2020

- Gail Andrews – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Kailynn Yetter – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>
- Jamie Schroeder – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>
- Jeff Andrews – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>
- Dan Shepler – Nov 7<sup>th</sup>
- Jason Schroeder – Nov 14<sup>th</sup>
- Zwaantje Rorex – Nov 15<sup>th</sup>
- Rich Stone – Nov 20<sup>th</sup>
- Steve Nye – Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

### Volunteers Needed every Sunday

Please sign up to be an usher, a greeter, the liturgist or the media tech to run the Power-Point (training is available). We do not have all the liturgists we need for November, and we still need sign-ups for future months and the other important jobs. Sign-up in back of the church or call the church office to tell us when you can serve!



### 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 October, our Soup Kitchen volunteer night is **Wednesday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 PM**. We have adopted new protocols and will now be serving meals in the kitchen for take-out only. Please let Pastor Judy know if you would like to help.



### Wedding Anniversaries for November 2020

Paul & Jeannie Carter – Nov 28<sup>th</sup>



Want to join a **Prayer Text Group**? If you text on your phone and would like to be part of our church's prayer chain by text then please text Gail Andrews at 360-961-1742, tell her your name and let her know you'd like to be part of it.

You can also call the church at 775-623-2814 if you are interested.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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

**Group** meets in-person 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.



## November 2020 Worship Plans

### Nov. 1st: 22nd<sup>t</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and All Saints Sunday

**Message:** "Enduring as the Saints"

**Theme:** "Let us seek to imitate our Lord Jesus in his perseverance, and the heroic saints who are in that 'great cloud of witnesses above'."

**Scripture Readings:** Revelation 7:9-17 and Hebrews 12:1-2

**Key Verse:** Hebrews 12:1

Holy Communion (w/candles on the altar for those members/constituents who died this year)

### Nov. 8th: 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

**Message:** "Grace Through Faith" by Certified Lay Minister Gary Robbins

**Theme:** We are justified by God's grace through our faith in Jesus Christ.

**Scripture Readings:** Romans 3:21-31 and Ephesians 2:1-10

**Key Verse:** Ephesians 2:8-9

### Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>: The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

**Message:** "Where is Your Storehouse?"

**Theme:** Our riches can be destroyed here on earth; but if we are rich in good deeds and are generous, willing to share, we will have treasures laid up in heaven.

**Scripture Readings:** Luke 12:13-21 and I Timothy 6:17-19

**Key Verse:** Matthew 6:20-21

### Nov. 22nd: Thanksgiving / Christ the King Sunday

**Message:** "Thanks for God's Steadfast Love"

**Theme:** God's steadfast love is something we Christians can count on; we can rely on it every day of our lives to bring us through whatever we face.

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 118:1-4, 13-21, Lamentations 3:1-3, 19-26, and John 3:16

**Key Verse:** Psalm 118:1

### Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>: The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Message:** TBA

**Theme:** We must be ready for the coming of Christ!

**Scripture Readings:** TBA

**Advent Candle Readers:** TBA

**Key Verse:** TBA

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

Dawn Burger / Erica Ellefson

Brenda Todd

Oliver Stone & Parents  
(Mark & Marie Stone)

Ruthann Foppiano

Suzan Hanel's son Todd

Marie Carver & Family

Denise Dolphin's  
brother-in-law Randy

Shawn Ferguson & Family

Bonnie May Keel

Margaret Sandbak's son Chris

Fire Fighters, Fire Victims  
and Evacuees in CA, OR, WA

Curtis Sandbak / Barbara Sealy

Helen Burnett / Betty Steinhauer

Mary Laub

Sheilah McKinney

Sibyl & Wilbur Carlton

Soledad Grey / Marilyn Draper

Johaunna Maloon

Amar Singh & Family

Blake Family / Sexton Family

Lorraine Poukish / Amity Robbins

Steve & Vicki Nye / Jeff Johnson

Those suffering from COVID-19

Healthcare Workers everywhere



*“O Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 118:1,  
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.” Proverbs 3:5*

As I write this, two days after the 2020 election, there is uncertainty about the outcome of our nation’s presidential election. Some are facing this uncertainty with anger and frustration; others are facing it with patience and peace. In a time where there is so much disagreement and polarization of opinions, I was thankful that some of my Facebook friends (of opposing parties!) had posted these words of quiet confidence: “You know what I’m going to do the day after Election Day if my candidate loses?...Go to work. Be Happy. Live my life. Love others. If he wins?...Same.” By quoting this, I’m not saying that we shouldn’t care about the outcome of the election; I think it’s good to have political positions on important issues that impact our lives and the lives of others who are vulnerable. That’s why people get so impassioned when it comes to elections!

But I do think we have to trust God with the results, trusting that he knows how to take even negative outcomes and circumstances (the ones we didn’t want) and work them together for good. I believe we should pray specifically for God to work for the good of people that we are concerned about, and we should pray for whoever gets elected (maybe especially if it’s the one you didn’t vote for) that God’s will is done through (or in-spite-of) that individual.

I hope that, whatever the outcome of the election, there will be peace and that God’s people will work for justice and peace in this world. I hope that our governing officials will show good character in their words and deeds, and seek to build bridges with those they disagree with.

Life is fragile and there are many uncertainties we face-like elections, our health, finances, job security, our children’s choices, and the loyalty of those we call friends. But we can rejoice that in the midst of uncertainties, we can be certain and assured of God’s loving care. God said, “I will never leave you or forsake you (Joshua 1:5)...”Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10...and, “I (Jesus) am with you always until the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:20)

This assurance of God’s presence should cause of us to be filled with Thanksgiving! Let us truly give thanks to the Lord for he is good and His steadfast love endures forever. Because of His faithfulness to us, we can trust him with whatever feels uncertain or out of control in our lives. When the future path seems cloudy, we can trust him with all our hearts and not rely on our own insights in any given situation.

Brothers and Sisters, during this season of giving thanks, be sure to lift up many thanks to our awesome God- from whom all blessings flow, and make sure to take the time to thank those who are a blessing to you! I want to say thanks to all of you who serve the Lord through our church! May the Lord richly bless you and your families during this Thanksgiving season!

-Judy Robbins



# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Worship 10 AM <b>All Saints Sunday Holy Communion</b> Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2. SPRC @ 4:30 Annual Church Conference @ 5 PM via Zoom	3. <b>Election Day</b> NAMI Support Group 5 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	4. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	5. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	6.	7.
8. Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9.	10. NAMI Support Group 5 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	11. <b>Veterans Day</b> RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	12. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	13.	14.
15. Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16.	17. <b>Advent Bible Study 12 Noon &amp; 6 PM</b> NAMI Support Group 5 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	18. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	19. <b>UMM Lunch 12 noon @ The Pig</b> Soup Kitchen 6 PM	20.	21.
22. <b>Christ the King Thanksgiving Sunday</b> Worship 10 AM <b>OCC Christmas Boxes Due</b> Soup Kitchen 6 PM	23.	24. NAMI Support Group 5 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	25. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am WUMC Serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-6:30 PM	26. <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> Soup Kitchen 6 PM	27.	28.
29. <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30.					