

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 Epic of Eden: Jonah Bible Study



We will begin this study on **Tuesday, Jan. 19th at 12 noon and 6 PM** by Zoom video conferencing. **Contact Pastor Judy by 5 PM Jan. 8th** if you'd like her to order a book for you. They are \$16 each. Even without the book, you'll get much out of the

video we'll be watching for our discussion. Anyone is welcomed to attend. So far, 10 have said they'll participate. Just let Pastor Judy know if you are interested.

About the Study: When most people think about the book of Jonah, they think about a children's story. Others think about a story they've heard so many times there could not possibly be anything new to learn from it. Well strap in, because this study is designed to prove all those assumptions wrong! In the book of Jonah, we find a professional holy man, a lifer in the faith who is about to have the God he thinks he understands challenge him with an assignment that he can hardly get his brain around.

In The Epic of Eden: Jonah, Dr. Sandra Richter takes us on a journey through Jonah's life that leads us all to the place where we realize that our God is way bigger than we thought. Not only will we learn everything we ever wanted to know about the brutal Assyrians of Nineveh, ancient seafaring ships, and large aquatic creatures, but we will also be challenged with the same message that confronted Jonah. Are we willing to let God be God, to move us out of our comfort zones, and embrace a calling that might just take us to the edges of the world we know? In these pages you'll find engaging teaching that explores the context in which the book of Jonah was written and connects it to the big story of the Bible. And discover how the story of Jonah is still speaking to us today

United Methodist Women

Hi All, 2021 is here and I hope that the UMW will be able to hold some socials and even events this year! Last month I held 2 games through our [Facebook page](#) which were a lot of fun, keep a lookout for more soon! UMW ended our **No Craft/Craft Sale** and we are so thankful to all of you who donated to our event. We raised **\$635.00!** These funds will be put to good use.



I hope everyone has a Blessed month and Stays Safe! Please feel free to call or text if you need help with the [Facebook page](#), or anything else pertaining to UMW (702-523-0586). Enjoy this Blessed Season and I look forward to seeing you all sometime in the New Year! Ann Harris

Cash for Kids Books

Thank you SO much to everyone who donated money to my classroom. My students each got to take home 2 books over Christmas Break to add to their libraries. I can't wait to order more! The students love the book so much. Macie Mavity

Upcoming Confirmation Class



One of our junior high youth has expressed an interested in attending a Confirmation Class. It would be wonderful if other youth could join the class so that there is more than 1 attending. This is a 12-week class and we are hoping to get it started soon, perhaps in February. There will be an information meeting about Confirmation on January 31st at 11:30 AM in-person at the church, following our safety guidelines, as well as by zoom for those who'd rather not come in-person. Please inform Pastor Judy if you know a youth who is interested in attending the class.

FINANCES

The church ends the year in good financial status. What a blessing! The **Christmas Greens profit is \$2,066.15**. Thank you for participating in this. The property insurance is paid for 2021 in the amount of \$6,670.23.

Please seriously consider keeping your tithe at the same amount or slightly increased for 2021. The church is very conservative on spending. There are routine bills that must be paid to keep the doors open. Your contributions are very important.

Sheila Bunch is your new church treasurer as I step down within the next few weeks. Once again I thank Sheila, she has great skills.

Happy New Year, Trudy

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 restrooms 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!



Birthdays for January 2021

Mike Marsh – Jan 3rd
Seamus Maloon – Jan 4th
Tanya Grady – Jan 8th
Susan Rorex – Jan 12th
Ethan Andrews – Jan 21st
Chaslynn McAllister – Jan 23rd
Toddy Folgate – Jan 24th
Sheila Filippe – Jan 26th

Upcoming Church Meetings

Church Meetings that should be held in January or early February include:

Board of Trustees Worship Committee
Education Committee Church Council
Staff Parish Relations Committee

Committee Chairs should please seek to schedule a meeting soon!

Volunteers Needed Every Sunday

Please sign up to be an usher, a greeter, the liturgist, or the media tech to run the PowerPoint (training is available). We do not have all the liturgists we need for January, and we still need sign-ups for future months and the other important jobs.



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).



The **Winnemucca United Methodist Men** will be meeting during the month of January due to the COVID situation. All are encouraged to call each other and stay in touch.



Wedding Anniversaries for January 2021

Wilbur & Sybil Carlton – Jan 1st
Lane & Libby Fifield – Jan 5th

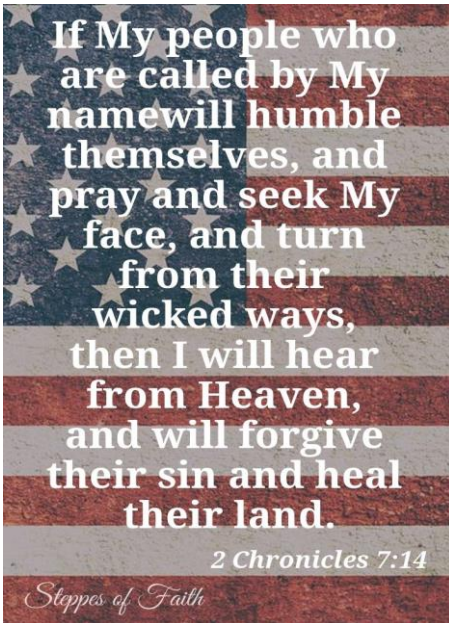


National Alliance on Mental Illness

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) **Family Support Group** is now meeting in-

person every **Thursday at 2 PM**. We 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.



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.

Soup Kitchen Ministry Update



The Winnemucca Ministerial Association Soup Kitchen, which is housed in our downstairs social hall and kitchen, is open on **Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 PM**,

passing out free meals to any who attend. Various civic, school, and church groups come once a month to safely prepare and serve the meals. Currently meals are given as take-out meals only due to our COVID19 Safety Protocols. Pastor Judy has been contacting each group to make sure they understand these protocols. Our churches' monthly day for this vital ministry is the 4th Wednesday of the month. In Jan. our **UMC Soup Kitchen night is Wed. Jan. 27th, 4:30-6:30 PM**. Please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797 if you are interested in helping on Jan. 27th.

PRAYER
for
2021

Dear Jesus,

As we enter 2021, I'd like to pray for not only the myself, but the whole world, and that with this new beginning we can find hope, healing, and prosperity.

Please watch over us and give us the strength to continue moving forward. I pray that the world may overcome this pandemic and that you help to heal all of those who have suffered in any way throughout this year.

Jesus, please help me to use what I learned throughout this year's hardships to better me, the world, my community, and my relationship with you. I pray that I will continue to grow closer to you and that my faith will flourish.

Thank you for helping me to get through the year and giving me the opportunity to enter into a new one. I pray that this new year is filled with joy, peace, love, and hope. Please continue to watch over me and guide me as I embark on this journey.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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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)

Family of Vicki Nye

Family of Soledad Grey

Linda Grant and family

Jeff Johnson/Susan Maloon

Elise Menard's Grandmother Anatolia DeLeon

Suzan Hanel

Shelly Noble's cousin Paul

Friend of Ann Harris

Ann Shepler/Johaunna Maloon

Jack MacGyver/Curtis Sandbak

Family of Richard Payne

Don Swanson/Bill Collison

Dawn Burger/Robin Riggan

Tracy Openlander & Family

Erica Ellefson/Brenda Todd

Ruthann Foppiano/Sande Olson

Suzan Hanel/Cody Bengoa

Bonnie May Keel/Barbara Sealy

Shelia Bunch/Sharon McAllister

Helen Burnett/Betty Steinhauer

Mary Laub/Sheilah McKinney

Sibyl & Wilbur Carlton

Carl Weber/Marilyn Draper

Blake Family/Sexton Family

Amity Robbins/Lorraine Poukish

January 2021 Worship Plans

Jan. 3: Epiphany of the Lord

Message: "What Can We Learn from the Three Kings?" by CLM Rolly Rollison

Theme: Renew your faith in Christ and shine His light!

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12

Key Verse: Matthew 2:2

Jan. 10: Baptism of the Lord

Message: "God's Endorsement" by CLM Gary Robbins

Theme: As God's children, believing in Christ, we are endorsed by God.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 139:1-18 and Mark 1:4-11 .

Key Verse: Mark 1:11

Jan. 17th: Human Relations Day

Message: "The Diversity of God's Call"

Theme: We celebrate the diversity of God's call that reaches out beyond us to beckon people from every age, nationality, status and ethnicity to follow Christ.

Scripture Readings: I Samuel 3:1-10 and John 1:43-51

Key Verse: John 1:46
Holy Communion

Jan. 24th: 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: "Repent and Follow!"

Theme: God can do amazing things through us when we repent of our sin and follow Christ wholeheartedly.

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and Mark 1:14-20

Key Verse: Mark 1:15

Jan. 31st: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: The Christ of Scripture-Our Authority

Theme: Scripture is our authority because it illuminates our understanding of Christ; it's important for us to know all the blessings, privileges, and authority we have access to as believers.

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 18:14-20 and Mark 1:21-28

Key Verse: Mark 1:22



“...make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves...” Philippians 2:2-3

In January each year some sifting occurs in our church committees as some folks rotate off and new folks rotate on to serve. This year 2 important positions in our church are being filled by brand new people. For several years now Trudy Rollison has faithfully served as our church treasurer, a position that carries much responsibility. We give much thanks to Trudy for all the time and effort she gave to this important role! And we are blessed that Sheila Bunch has now accepted this responsibility, willing to serve the Lord with her gifts in this position.

Likewise, we have been blessed that Martha Fenner has diligently served as our Financial Secretary for many years and we give thanks for all the time and effort she has given in this role! And now Jackie Riggan will be taking on this important responsibility. As we give thanks for the gifts and graces that God has given Jackie and Sheila, let's also remember that they need our prayers and encouragement too. During worship on Jan. 17th we will have a prayer for all our incoming 2021 church leaders, asking that God would guide and strengthen them for their tasks.

I give thanks for the friendly shifting of power that can occur in our church leadership as the outgoing leaders acknowledge, embrace and take the time and effort to work with the incoming leaders to make sure they have the understanding they need to take on these important services. This shows much love, good character, and a desire to see things running smoothly and effectively in our church on the part of these out-going leaders with this transition of power, passing the baton on to others.

Wouldn't it be great if our out-going leaders in our nation's capital had the same altruistic desires in making a humble and smooth transition of power to those who were elected to fulfill those roles?

Good character, common courtesy, and a gracious, humble acknowledgement of reality have been lacking there in the past months and it has been painful and embarrassing (at least for me) to see that happen with our nation's leader. And it sadly led to some folks going beyond any kind of peaceful protest. The riotous intrusion into our nation's capital building on Jan. 6th, disrupting congress' work of certifying the election, was a shocking thing to watch, tragically involving loss of life.

And now, on Jan. 7th, the day after these events, there is a promise from our president of a peaceful transition of power. Let's certainly pray that those words of a peaceful transition become a reality! In I Timothy 2:1-2 the Apostle Paul urges that "requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

This scripture is why I pray every Sunday during worship specifically for our local, state and national leaders-that they would look to God in all their decision making, and that God's will would be done through them. I believe we should pray for them regardless of which party they are in, or whether or not we voted for them. (and maybe we should pray even more for them if we didn't vote for them!)

Let's continue to pray for those in authority in our church, in our community, our state, our nation and in our world that there may be peace!

-Judy Robbins

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3. Epiphany of the Lord Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	4.	5. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	6. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	7. NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	8.	9.
10. Baptism of the Lord Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	11.	12. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	13. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	14. NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	15.	16.
17. Human Relations Sunday Worship 10 AM Holy Communion Special Offering Soup Kitchen 6 PM	18.	19. Jonah Bible Study 12 Noon & 6 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	20. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	21. NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	22.	23.
24. Third Sunday after Epiphany Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	25.	26. Jonah Bible Study 12 Noon & 6 PM	27. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am	28. NAMI Support Group 2 PM	29.	30.
31. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM		Soup Kitchen 6 PM	WUMC Serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-6:30 PM	Soup Kitchen 6 PM		