

# THE MESSENGER

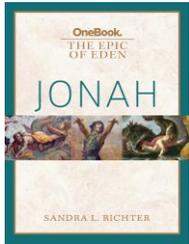
## WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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### The Epic of Eden-Jonah Study Continues



Pastor Judy will be leading the Jonah study group through the end of April. We will most likely be meeting on Tuesdays at 12 noon only by zoom video conferencing, as we did on April 6th. Check with Pastor Judy to be sure about any of the Tuesdays.

### Public Safety Officers' Appreciation Banquet

The Winnemucca Ministerial Association will be hosting an Appreciation Banquet for all Public Safety Officers (Police Dept., Sheriff's Dept., EMS, Fire Departments, etc.) on **Thursday April 22nd at 6 PM** at the West Hall of the Convention Center. Long-time previous **WMA President Stan Rorex** will be remembered at this year's banquet.

### Confirmation Class



One of our Junior High Youth, Marilyn James, is continuing to attend Confirmation Class. The

class will run through the end of May with May 30th as our Confirmation Sunday. Mary Agnes Boni is mentoring Marilyn. Please continue to keep Marilyn in your prayers!

### Church Administrative Meetings in April

- Finance Committee April 11th at 11:30 AM
- Christian Education, April 16th at 5:30 PM by Zoom Video Conferencing
- Trustees, April 18<sup>th</sup> or 25th at 11:30 AM (TBA)

### New Email Address

We are transitioning to a new email address for our church: [winnemuccaunitedmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:winnemuccaunitedmethodist@gmail.com). The old email address, [wumc@wmca.net](mailto:wumc@wmca.net), will be phased out and inactive by the end of April.

### United Methodist Women

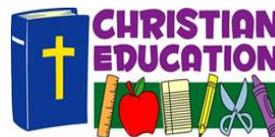
UMW will have a meeting on **Thursday April 15th at Noon** upstairs at the Church, this meeting will also be broadcast on Zoom as well. This will be a business meeting as we have the budget and other items to discuss. If you have an item for the agenda please submit it to me by Wednesday, April 14th at 4 pm.



With the weather starting to feel more like Spring, I am looking forward to UMW socials once again! Please Remember Your Prayer Pal.

Ann; 702-523-0586, [wranglerblue381@yahoo.com](mailto:wranglerblue381@yahoo.com)

### Education Committee News



The Education Committee has been busy planning several events for our Youth. For Easter we put together bags with Easter and Faith items and delivered them to the homes of the Youth in our Church, this was met with positive thanks.

We are trying to host our **"Youth Connection Time"** which is youth fellowship once a month. The first one will be via zoom, **Thursday, April 8th from 4:00 – 4:20 pm**, the link was e-mailed out last week. This first Meet and Greet will allow our youth to chat and then we will host an in-home scavenger hunt!

The Next Youth Connection Time will be Friday, May 7th at 6:00 pm Via zoom as well.

The Next Education Committee meeting will be Friday, April 16th at 5:30 pm via zoom.

Thank you, Ann

## **Helen Burnett**

Helen Burnett was a long time member of our church. Her daughter-in-law Alyce wrote this obituary:

Helen Marie Cory Burnett passed away on Saturday evening, April 3rd on the Eve of Easter 2 days before her 88th birthday. Her celebration of life service will be held later in Winnemucca and with her relatives in the Des Moines Iowa area. Helen was born April 5, 1933 to Allen and Pearl Cory in Elkhart Iowa.

Helen enjoyed her church and was involved in many activities there, such as helping to count the offering, making phone calls, welcoming new folks at worship, participating in the UMW, etc. She also enjoyed her family, cooking, music, the Women's Hospital Auxiliary and working hard in the Accounting practice with her late husband Norman Burnett, CPA. She and Norm loved to go fishing...especially at Hinkey Summit. They took their motor home across the nation sightseeing, fishing and faithfully visiting family.

Helen is survived by her aunt Mary Ann Cory of Ankeny IA, 2 brothers Bob (LouJean) Cory and Jerry (Sandy) Cory and 2 sisters-in-law Karen Cory and Barb Cory all from the Des Moines IA area, Norm's son Robert (Alyce) Burnett from Des Moines, (daughter in law Judi Burnett from Fresno CA), Grand-children Rebecca (Jason) Rothmeyer from MN, Rob (Alyssa) Burnett from Des Moines, Nick Burnett from Clovis CA, Rudy (Marilyn) Palomino from Fresno CA, 6 great grandchildren and nieces including God-daughter Liz Mitchell, Teri Hamm, Nancy Hamm and nephew Thom Hamm, plus many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents Allen and Pearl Cory, her husband Norm, Norm's son Craig Burnett, four brothers Michael Cory, Clarence Buck Cory, Lewis Cory, Jim Cory, and two sisters Darlene Hamm and Patricia Harrison. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Winnemucca United Methodist Church General Fund at 138 W Winnemucca Blvd Winnemucca NV 89445

## **"New Beginnings"**

We want to share with all of you, our church family and dear friends of 35 years, by saying that it is time for us to start a final chapter in our journey of life. After much deliberation and prayer, we have decided to move back to the State of Washington, where our life together began nearly 60 years ago. We have been searching for a loving Christian community that would provide us with all of our needs as we continue to age, and the Lord led us to a wonderful Christ led community on the edge of Puget Sound, called Warm Beach Senior Community in Stanwood, Washington (North of Seattle).

The Lord opened the way earlier than we had anticipated, but in February we were contacted and offered a lovely home in the independent living section of the campus. On our return home from Maui this week, we toured the home and accepted the offer. Because we were not expecting this opportunity so soon, we have a lot of preparation to get ready. We are going to start this new adventure of moving starting April 20th.

We expect it will take the remainder of this year to fully move there permanently, but wanted you to know that we will not be as actively involved here at Winnemucca United Methodist church. We will miss all of you who have been such wonderful friends and supporters of our faith journey. We hope to stay connected with you through the prayer chain ministry and online devotional groups as long as we are able, but we feel it is necessary that we resign, from our other leadership responsibilities at this time since we cannot be sure of when we will be in town. So we wish you all well as we start our New Beginnings!

Shalom, Ed and Gail Andrews

## **Wilbur Carlton**

Wilbur Carlton was a long time member of our church. Here is his condensed obituary: Wilbur Gene Carlton passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Harmony Manor Nursing Home. The eldest of four children, he was born Aug. 1, 1931 in Norris, Illinois to Ellis and Wilda Carlton. He graduated from Canton High School, Canton, Illinois in 1949. He then got his BA in August 1954 from Illinois State Normal Teachers College. He received his MA in Music Education in May 1964 from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. (continued on pg. 3)



The **Winnemucca United Methodist Men** will be meeting for lunch during the month of April, day & time will be announced soon.

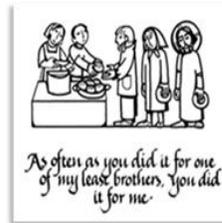
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In Nov. 1951 he married his first wife, Beverly Ann McKinney. They were blessed with three daughters: Vickie Lynn, Julie Marie, and Lynn Ann. His first music teaching position was with the Elementary and High School Districts in Cornell, Illinois. After four years with the Cornell School District, he took a position with Astoria School District in Astoria, Illinois where he remained for 18 years. In 1975, he accepted a teaching position with Lander County School District in Battle Mountain, Nevada. It was there in March 1977 that a doctor detected an impending heart block and sent him to Reno for an emergency pacemaker implant, the first of many over the next 44 years. Recognizing the need for a less time-demanding teaching position, he accepted an elementary school music position with Humboldt County School District in 1980 and it was there in Winnemucca, Nevada that he finished his teaching career at Sonoma Heights Elementary School in 1996.

In January 1982, he married his second wife, Sibyl Butcher. In retirement, he spent the next 16 years as a full time volunteer assisting her with her high school library position at Lowry High School until her retirement in 2011. Wilbur worked tirelessly at his job and expected his students to do likewise, yet he felt it equally important for them to enjoy music while learning. He recognized his students' interest in computers and utilized that interest to further their music education. He derived great satisfaction from parental comments regarding how much their children had learned in music classes and how much they liked music classes. Wilbur felt that the social aspects of music education were as important as the technical. With that in mind, he organized the first Tri-county Northern Nevada Massed Band Festival in Battle Mountain, Nevada, performing first during the school year of 1977. All band students from Pershing County, Humboldt County, and Lander County Schools participated under the direction of a guest conductor. Unfortunately, Wilbur missed his first festival due to heart surgery. Later, following his move in positions, ca. early 1980s, he was the guest director for the festival when it was held in Winnemucca. Wilbur also took much satisfaction from the 8 students who followed him into a music teacher career or music industry career.

Wilbur's additional music participation included singing in the Winnemucca Civic Chorus, the Swinging Seniors, and our WUMC choir. He developed an interest in photography. Copying family photographs led to an interest in genealogy, which introduced him to family that he never knew he had. Wilbur is survived by his wife, Sibyl, his former wife and their 2 daughters, two grand-daughters, two great grand-daughters, and fourteen nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, an infant brother, and twin siblings. Burial will be in White Chapel Cemetery in Canton, Illinois. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the United Methodist Church of Astoria, Illinois or Winnemucca, Nevada. Wilbur will be greatly missed by all of us here at the church!

### Soup Kitchen Ministry



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. Our churches' monthly day for this vital ministry is the 4th Wednesday of the month. In April our UMC Soup Kitchen night is **Wed. April 28th, 4:30-7 PM**. Please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797 if you are interested in helping.

### 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 April 2021**

Sheila Bunch – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Gary Robbins – April 4<sup>th</sup>

Helen Burnett – April 5<sup>th</sup> (in memoriam)

Maddie Mayo – April 7<sup>th</sup>

Christy Yetter – April 9<sup>th</sup>

Cresta Miller – April 11<sup>th</sup>

Jake Rorex – April 14<sup>th</sup>

Terrie Marsh – April 14<sup>th</sup>

Christine Bissel – April 16<sup>th</sup>

Javon Lindeman – April 20<sup>th</sup>

Charles McAllister – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Johnny Hernandez – April 26<sup>th</sup>

Marilyn James – April 28<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 PowerPoint (training is available). We do not have all the liturgists we need for April, 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 and place them in the storage room next between the Sunday School Classroom and the Conference Room.



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.



### **Wedding Anniversaries for April 2021**

Charles & Sharon McAllister – April 20<sup>th</sup>

Ann & Cody Harris – April 21<sup>st</sup>

Gary & Judy Robbins – April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Louis & Margaret Sandbak – April 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 call the church at 775-623-2814 if you are interested.



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)

Sibyl Carlton & Family  
Family of Helen Burnett  
Melody Ann Hahn  
Ed & Gail Andrews  
Ed & Gail's niece Jaemi Allen  
Steve Dolphin, Shawn, Hakan  
Tracy Openlander & Family  
Linda Felton & cousin Kathleen  
Oliver Stone & Parents  
Suzan Hanel/Cody Bengoa  
Family of Lorraine Poukish  
Family of Vicki Nye  
Dan & Ann Shepler  
Johaunna Maloon  
Heather Andrews/Cindy Tatum  
Family of Ron Clark  
Don Swanson/Bill Collison  
Dawn Burger/Robin Riggan  
Ann Harris' Aunt Lynn  
Ruthann Foppiano  
Sande Olson/Glenda Hensley  
Barbara Sealy/Betty Steinhauer  
Mary Laub/Sheilah McKinney  
Marilyn Draper  
Blake Family/Sexton Family  
Amity Robbins

## April 2021 Worship Plans

### April 4: Easter Sunday

**Message:** "God's Love is Shown-Joyous Love"  
**Theme:** Joy is deeper than happiness; it's based on knowing and trusting God. Just as Mary Magdalene rejoiced at the appearance of the risen Christ, we can be filled with joy and love as we meditate on Christ's constant presence in our lives.  
**Scripture Readings:** John 20:1-18 and Psalm 16:1-11  
**Key Verse:** Romans 15:13  
Holy Communion

### April 11th: The Second Sunday of Easter

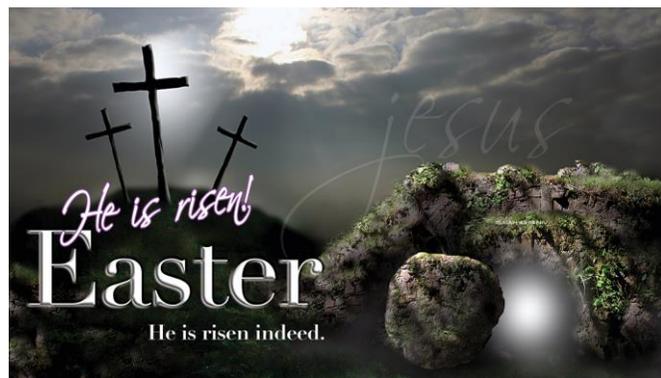
**Message:** "Awaken to Life" video message by DS Rev. Blake Busick  
**Theme:** We are called to awake from a world of illusion to real life in Christ characterized by love and joy.  
**Scriptures:** John 20:19-31 and Acts 4:32-35  
**Key Verse:** John 20:28

### April 18th: The Third Sunday of Easter

**Message:** TBA by Certified Lay Minister Gary Robbins  
**Theme:** TBA  
**Scripture Readings:** John 10:11-18, Psalm 23 and Acts 4:5-12  
**Key Verse:** TBA

### April 25<sup>th</sup>: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Message:** "Voiding Sin"  
**Theme:** We need to void sin from our lives and fill them with Christ.  
**Scriptures:** Acts 3:11-20 and I John 3:1-10  
**Key Verse:** I John 3:9





*“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so **that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.”*

I Thessalonians 4:13-14

This past year that we’ve struggled with the COVID19 pandemic, we’ve faced some real loses here at Winnemucca UMC. Two of our dear ones died due to the virus, while 3 others died of other conditions. Losing 5 people in one year is a big loss for a small church and those folks will be dearly missed by all of us! On top of those deaths is the news that some of our members will be moving out of state in the near future. Those folks will be dearly missed as well!

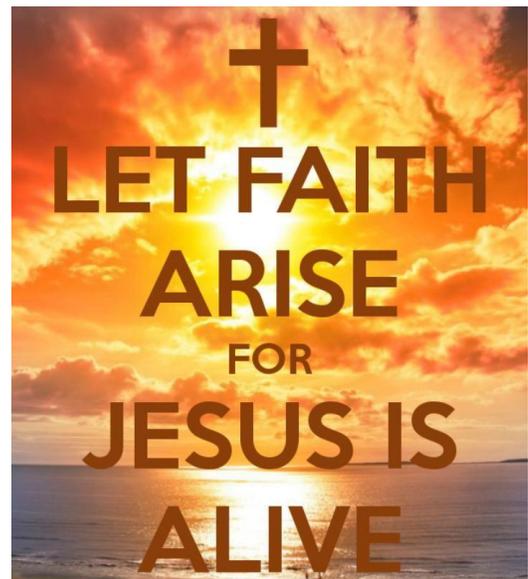
But I think we need to remember that our loss is only one side of the story. For those who are moving away, they are choosing to be in places they’ve either planned to move to in retirement, closer to family, or in senior living situations that will benefit them as they age. We need to celebrate with them in their new beginnings, even as we tearfully say farewell. For those who have died, we must remember that, as the scripture above says, we do not grieve without hope. We believe, through our faith in Jesus Christ, that our immortal souls live on and to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! (see II Corinthians 5) “If the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...” We have a new heavenly body to look forward to and in heaven we will be reunited with all our loved ones who share our faith in Jesus Christ. So we need to picture our departed church members as being reunited with their loved ones in faith and being in the presence of our loving God, and just imagine the joy they are now experiencing!

Losing many of our folks due to death or moving away may cause some of you to feel uneasy about the impact it will make on our church. I want to urge you that we must hold on to our faith and hope for the future of our church! We must trust that God will continue to bring new people into the life of our church who will use their gifts and skills to build up our congregation. God, indeed, has brought some new folks into our church this past year, and for that we are very excited!

We must also do all that we can to facilitate the growth of our church, because it takes all of us to reach out! I urge you to pray for our church daily, that God would continue to grow us in spirit and in number. I also urge you to get to know our recent new attendees that they may feel truly welcome here. And I urge you to prayerfully seek opportunities to invite your friends and acquaintances into the life of our church, to worship services and fellowship activities. I believe in the power of prayer; God will work through our faithful prayers, as the scripture says, “the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective”(James 5:16b)!

Easter is a great season of celebration and hope! The risen Lord Jesus Christ is with us, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we “can do all things through Christ who strengthens” us. So let us face the future with expectation and joy, trusting in the Lord to do great things among us!

-Judy Robbins



# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.			1. NAMI Support Group 2 PM  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2.	3.
4. Easter Sunday Worship 10 AM Holy Communion  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	5.	6. Jonah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	7. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	8. NAMI Support Group 2 PM  Youth Connection 4 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9.	10.
11. Second Sunday of Easter Worship 10 AM  Finance Committee 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	12.	13. Jonah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	14. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	15. UMW Meeting 12 noon NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16. Education Committee 5:30 PM (Zoom)	17.
18. Third Sunday of Easter Worship 10 AM  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	19.	20. Jonah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	21. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	22. NAMI Support Group 2 PM  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	23.	24.
25. Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship 10 AM  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	26.	27. Jonah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & via Zoom)  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	28. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am  WUMC Serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-6:30 PM	29. NAMI Support Group 2 PM  Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30.	