

THE MESSENGER

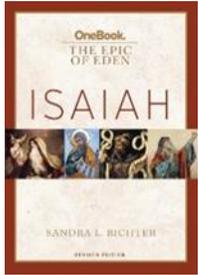
WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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Epic of Eden-Isaiah Bible Study



Our Tuesday Bible Study group has just started **The Epic of Eden-Isaiah** by Dr. Sandra Richter, an Old Testament Professor. The group has been meeting at **12 noon On Tuesdays in-person and Zoom video conferencing and 6 PM on Zoom** only (joining by phone is

also possible). There is a 30 minute video clip for each session then discussion to follow. This 10 week study began on June 1st and will conclude in August. You should have a copy of the book to join us as there is some reading to do prior to each session, but you can also get something out of the video teachings without the book; just let Pastor Judy know if you are interested and she'll send you the Zoom link. Here is an explanation of the series: **"Often named 'the fifth gospel', the book of the prophet Isaiah has more to say about Israel's coming Messiah than any other Old Testament book.** Brilliant, courageous, uncompromising, this prophet declared that 'the year of the Lord' had come and God's people needed to either step up, or stand down. Indeed, when Isaiah spoke, kings trembled. But too often, when Isaiah speaks today, God's people have trouble hearing. Why? We often miss the larger context. Dr. Richter takes participants back to the eighth century BCE. This study explains Israel's religion and economy, explores the definition and role of the prophets, and helps us to apply the message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today."

New Members to be Received on June 20th

We are anticipating 4 people to join our church on June 20th, two by transfer from another UMC (Jesus and Sherry Cisneros) and two by Profession of Faith (Roland Davies and Joe Zuchero). Please keep them in your prayers!

Remembering Vicki Nye and Wilbur Carlton

As no formal memorial services were planned for Vicki Nye and Wilbur Carlton we will have an opportunity to share our memories of them during Sunday morning worship in June. This coming Sunday, June 6th, during our Joys and Concerns, we will share our memories of Vicki Nye. On Sunday, June 20th, we will likewise share our memories of Wilbur Carlton.

United Methodist Women



The UMW had an enjoyable May social meeting outside at Vesco Park. Suzan, Trudy, Martha, Jackie, Lola and Ann were in attendance. We discussed a few events for this year. We May have a

Rummage Sale so gather those items you would like to donate! We **Will** have some type of Bazaar this year! Crafts, soup lunch and bake sale. If you would like to be part of the Craft section, please start making your crafts now so they will be ready! The Next gathering/meeting will be **Monday, June 14th at Noon OUTSIDE at Chihuahua's (if the Mormon crickets have left, otherwise I will move the location).**

Education Committee News

The Education Committee hosted our May "Youth Connection Time." We are trying to connect our Youth Together with



fellowship time of their own. Youth Connection Time was a Meet and Greet and In-Home Scavenger Hunt. Three Youth (and parent) attended via zoom along with Pastor Judy, Gary and Chadder! Look for our next event! (To be determined)

Marilyn James Confirmed on May 30th

After meeting with Pastor Judy for many weeks of teaching and discussion and meeting with her Mentor Mary Agnes Boni, Marilyn James confirmed her faith in Christ and became a member of our church. Here are some pictures of that special Sunday:



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Recently, during Sunday Morning Worship, Loree Robinson, Sibyl Carlton and Gail Andrews received prayer shawls. The women of the church have restarted this caring ministry. Please see Trudy Rollison if you are interested in participating in it.

Knit Club to start June 17th

Are you interested in learning how to knit, or are you already knitting and looking for a group to knit with? Consider joining the Knit Club. The first gathering will be June 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the home of Trudy Rollison, 4355 Bonanza Circle. Please let her know if you plan to attend (623-4971) so chairs can be in place. If you have environmental allergies please know her home is non-smoking but she does have a small dog. This knit club idea was brought forth at the last UMW meeting, however; it is open to your friends and family over 13 that would like to learn. If you are a new knitter please let Trudy know. Supplies will be loaned until you know if you want to continue knitting. Continued in next column is Trudy's invitation for the Knit Club:

KNIT CLUB INVITATION

An informal knit club is forming and you are invited! If you are a beginner, it is a great place to learn, discover tips and tricks, learn about resources and build confidence. Seasoned knitters can share their passion, knowledge and provide education and assistance for those who want to learn. We will gather once a month and meet at homes or public places. The place of the next meeting will be discussed at each meeting. COVID reminds us that we need to be mindful of contagious medical issues. The women who have expressed interest in this club have all been vaccinated for COVID. If you have not been vaccinated, or want to be extra cautious, please wear a mask. Also, if you are having flu, cold, or COVID symptoms please skip the gathering. This is not meant to be harsh, let's keep everyone healthy! You are welcome to invite others but please share this letter with them.

Some guidelines to keep everyone comfortable include:

1. No politics
2. No dues
3. The gathering will focus on knitting and knitting resources/learning only
4. BE – courteous, kind, humorous, supportive, caring and positive
5. Share resources, knowledge, and encouragement
6. At times knitting is frustrating, it is okay to vent that frustration!
7. Join us when you can but life happens and you might not be able to make each gathering
8. Please bring your own snack and drink.
9. Limit “share” time. (Of course, people will be curious about your project and can talk with you one on one.)
10. Have fun, relax, laugh, knit and enjoy

Once our group is established, we can add other ideas and activities. The group may want to learn about yarn, fiber content, yarn weight. Or, we might all want to make the same thing such as slippers or a prayer shawl. Our ideas will expand and grow as we get to know each other. We even might want to go to twice a month! We will revisit this after meeting at least six times.

Stitch on, Trudy

FINANCES

The ending balance for our General Fund accounts as of May 30, 2021 are:

Checking account \$26,548.28
Savings account \$17,659.84

Peace with Justice Sunday:

On **Sunday June 13th** we will observe Peace with Justice Sunday and there is a **special offering**. Your offering supports Peace with Justice ministries in our annual conference administered by our conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, and Peace with Justice work in the US and around the world, administered by the General Board of Church and Society. On such ministry, for example, helps students in Pennsylvania educate their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad. If you'd like to give towards this special offering please make your check out to Winnemucca UMC and in the memo line please put "Peace with Justice" Sunday special offering.

The **Winnemucca United Methodist Men** will be meeting for lunch at The Pig Restaurant on Friday, June 11th @ 12 noon.



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**, serving

free meals downstairs in our social hall 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**. Our next UMC Soup Kitchen night is **Wed. June 23rd, 4:30-7 PM**. Please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797 if you are interested in helping.

STEWARDSHIP

During the past year, we missed being around friends and family. Now, we gingerly step out into that social world again, including church, where we sing, listen, pray, and finally get to look into each others eyes and share our stories. We pray to God for strength and wisdom, to bring an end to the pandemic, but we also do our part. Those of us who can, get vaccinated to help prevent the spread of the virus. All of us pay more attention to hygiene, to isolating ourselves when sick or at risk. These are the responsible human steps that we take, even as we commend ourselves to God's care.

Church is like that too. We know that we can feel God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus anywhere, under any circumstance. At the same time, keeping a physical sanctuary, with a pastor thoughtfully preparing sermons and actively caring for the congregation, with staff to carry out so many tasks, with its soup kitchen and support groups, is vital to our identity and ministry. As the Church treasurer, I pay the bills and keep the books, so I have a front row seat to what it costs to operate our beloved church. Thanks to everyone's contributions, we are staying afloat.

I realize that we all receive GoFundMe's, "for my birthday I would like you to donate to", and other such requests on a regular basis. The church offering just becomes another item in the charity basket. I have seen it that way myself. This year, I sat down and started rereading the Bible from the beginning, and it became very clear to me that God asks for first fruits, not leftovers. God is pretty clear about this. I went through my budget and took the leap into tithing. Yes, there were some things I had to give up, but not nearly as much as I thought. Now, the first item every week is my tithe to the church. It feels pretty good! I know that I am helping keep alive a wonderful spiritual home and ministry. It reminds me that we are first and foremost the spiritual sons and daughters of God, not just humans converting our hard work into money to pay for necessities and indulgences.

Please take a moment to pray and think about what you can do with your first fruits. To see the Church ministry grow, maybe even get a fresh coat of paint - how wonderful is that? Please also know that whatever you can contribute, even if it is small, is blessed and much appreciated.

Your sister in Christ,
Sheila Crawford Bunch

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!



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.

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.

Outdoor Sunday Worship in June or July?

If anyone is interested in helping us have an Outdoor Worship Service either on June 20th or 27th or July 4th, please let Pastor Judy know. Location? Water Canyon would be ideal, if there aren't any Mormon crickets up there. Or we could worship in someone's backyard. Everyone may need to bring their own chair. If someone would like to volunteer their backyard for this service please let Pastor Judy know ASAP.



Outdoor Worship Service



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.

Volunteers Needed Every Sunday

Please sign up to be an usher, a greeter, the liturgist, or the media tech to run the PowerPoint and sound board (training is available) this month. We still need **liturgists for the month of June**, and sign-ups for future months and the other important jobs.



Wedding Anniversaries for June 2021

Vic & Mary Ann Miller – June 12th

Skip & Renee Mayo – June 13th

Rolly & Trudy Rollison – June 16th

Andy & Courtney Rorex – June 20th



Years ago I attended an excellent continuing education course at the Mennonite Brethren Seminary's Center for Peacemaking in Fresno California. The Center for Peacemaking is working with the Fresno City Police Department in handling misdemeanor cases and even some felony cases. They utilize a technique in which the victim and offender are able to come face to face to listen to each other express their feelings. Of course this only happens with offenders who are sorry for what they've done and want to make up for what they did. The victim is able to state their feelings, and the offender is able to apologize and together they come up with acceptable terms of conciliation.

If something is stolen, the offender agrees to replace the item. If something is damaged, the offender agrees to make the proper repairs. This gives the offender an opportunity to make up for the wrong they have done. And it gives the victim the satisfaction of facing the offender, getting their feelings out, and seeing that direct restitution is made. And within this process there is also the possibility for forgiveness and reconciliation, if both parties have that desire. They can even become friends. Apparently there have been some tremendous results with criminal cases that have been mediated by the Center for Peacemaking.

This month during worship I'll be sharing the scriptural lessons I learned at the Center for Peacemaking involving conflict management from the Genesis stories of Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph. We'll see that Abraham usually dealt with conflict by a form of separation, not involving reconciliation. Jacob sought to appease his enemy to even the score between them, involving conciliation, but not real reconciliation. But the story of Joseph is one of real true reconciliation, involving reassurance and comforting his former enemies. These are themes of peacemaking and wisdom that we can certainly apply to various situations of conflict that we may find ourselves in during our lifetimes.

I hope to see many more of you in worship this month! Come listen to the wisdom of these lessons!

-Judy Robbins



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)

Johaunna Maloon

Dan & Ann Shepler

Family of Bill Collison

Mike Andrews & Family

Cindy Tatum / Gavynn

Sibyl Carlton & Family

Family of Helen Burnett

Melody Ann Hahn / Don Swanson

Ed & Gail Andrews

Ed & Gail's niece Jaemi Allen

Sibyl's relatives Donna Bradford,
Melinda & Ron Parsano

Margaret's move to Arizona

Mary Ann Miller's grand niece

Steve Dolphin, Shawn, Hakan

Chauntall's Uncle David
and Aunt Jen

Tracy Openlander & Family

Linda Felton & cousin Kathleen

Oliver Stone & Parents

Suzan Hanel / Cody Bengoa

Dawn Burger / Robin Riggan

Ann Harris' Aunt Lynn

Barbara Sealy / Betty Steinhauer

Mary Laub / Sheilah McKinney

Marilyn Draper / Amity Robbins

Blake Family / Sexton Family



Birthdays for June 2021

Daryan Dittman – June 3rd
Hayden Case-Mayo – June 4th
Cody Harris – June 9th
Nick Rorex – June 12th
Johaunna Maloon – June 17th
Justin Hernandez – June 19th
Makenna Mavity – June 22nd
Jeanette Jones – June 24th
Kade Harris – May 24th
Bailey Rorex – June 26th



June 2021 Worship Plans

June 2nd: The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Message: “Abraham’s Way of Conflict Management”
Theme: Separation was the common way for Abraham to deal with conflict; we can see 4 types of separation throughout Abraham’s life.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 13:2-13, Acts 15:36-41 and John 17:20-23

Key Verse: John 17:22

Remembering Vicki Nye

Holy Communion

June 13th: The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Message: “Appeasing an Enemy: Jacob’s Way of Evening the Score”

Theme: Jacob sought to appease his brother Esau; there was conciliation, but not reconciliation.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 33:1-11, Hebrews 9:11-14, 24-26, and Matthew 5:23-24

Key Verse: “But now (Jesus) has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.” Hebrews 9:26b

June 20th: The 4th Sunday after Pentecost/ Father’s Day

Message: “Our Heavenly Father: Creator and Re-Creator”

Theme: Our Heavenly Father wants to deliver us from whatever demons may be plaguing our lives; He wants to recreate us from the inside out.

Scripture Readings: Luke 8:26-39 and Galatians 3:22-29

Key Verse: II Corinthians 5:17

Remembering Wilbur Carlton

June 27th: The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: “Joseph’s Reconciliation: Reassurance and Comfort”

Theme: God’s love and forgiveness, extended to us through the death of Christ, drives away any fear and enmity we may feel towards God and towards others so we can be fully reconciled with them.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:1-8, 50:15-21, Romans 5:6-11 and Matthew 5:43-45a

Key Verse: Romans 5:10

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & Zoom) 6 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	3. NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	4.	5.
6. Pentecost 2 Worship 10 AM <i>Remembering Vicki Nye</i> Holy Communion Church Council after worship Soup Kitchen 6 PM	7.	8. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Zoom) 7 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	10. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	11. UM Men's Lunch 12 noon @ The Pig	12.
13. Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	14. UM Women's Lunch 12 noon @ Chihuahua's	15. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & Zoom) 6 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	17. Knitting Group 1 PM @ Trudy's NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	18.	19.
20. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM <i>Remembering Wilbur Carlton</i> Father's Day Soup Kitchen 6 PM	21.	22. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & Zoom) 6 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	23. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am WUMC serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-7 PM	24. NAMI Support Group 2 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	25.	26.
27. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	28.	29. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & Zoom) 6 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM			