

THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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Independence Day Worship Time Change

The **4th of July Parade** will be on **Sunday morning at 10 AM**. It goes right down Winnemucca Blvd. and it is a huge water fight with water balloons, sprays from hoses, etc. Although it is disappointing that the Silver State Rodeo folks have chosen to have this parade during most churches' worship time, we must do what we can to "go with the flow". So we have **changed our worship time to 9 AM for this Sunday only** and we hope to finish worship around 9:45 AM. We urge everyone, then, who want to go home to exit the parking lot via 2nd street as Winnemucca Blvd. will most likely already be closed for the parade. Yet, in the spirit of "going with the flow" and it being the 4th of July, **Pastor Judy suggests that we all dress casually for worship and even plan to go out and enjoy the parade afterwards, and to get wet too! (And you may want to bring your own camp chair to sit in to watch the parade.)**



Outdoor Sunday Worship – July 18th



Outdoor Worship Service

Our Church Council discussed having an outdoor worship service/picnic and we've chosen it to be on **July 18th at 10 AM at Highland Park**. Due to continuing COVID19 carefulness we are thinking it would be easier for everyone to just bring their own food with them to eat during the fellowship time following the service. (Any food you may want to share with others must be prepackaged in individual servings for folks to take.) Plan to attend!

Pastors on Vacation

Pastors Judy and Gary will be out of town on vacation July 20-27. Lay Minister Rolly Rollison will be on call in case of emergencies. He can be reached at 775-625-7854.

United Methodist Women

UMW met in June outdoors at Chihuahuas. We had a nice visit and meeting. We are doing a Christmas sale, baked goods, soup lunch and crafts. If anyone is interested in making crafts for this sale, please do!



We are in need of a new treasurer! Shelly is moving and we need someone to fill this role. Ideally this lady will shadow in August, get everything transitioned and then take over in September.... Are YOU available to fill this need? Please consider your time and talents in this matter. Thank you!

UMW is planning on doing a group service project! This project is helping Pastor Judy with **soup kitchen on Wednesday, July 28th!!** Serving food is from 6-7 pm, however we need to set up, help prepare food and clean up, so I would say 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm depending on what is prepared. Please let me know if you are available to help with this UMW service project either via phone, text or on the [Facebook event](#) posted.

Our next gathering/meeting will be a **Coffee Hour on Tuesday, July 27th at 9:30 am**, hosted by Theresa Mavity in her backyard: 4125 Two Rock Drive. Coffee, iced tea, water and muffins will be served. Blessings, Ann – 702-523-0586

New Members Were Received on June 20th

We had 4 people join our church on June 20th, 2 by transfer from another UMC- **Jesus and Sherry Cisneros** (from Florin UMC in south Sacramento County) and 2 by Profession of Faith, **Roland Davies and Joe Zuchero**. Please get to know them and keep them in your prayers!



STEWARDSHIP

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time; we can give our expertise; we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.” – Steve Goodier

It's been a challenging year, and as church leaders, who manage the budget, we are grateful that monetary giving has been generous and consistent. We currently sit in a position where the bills are paid and there is a bit in savings. With your continued commitment to your tithes and offerings, we pray this sustains. Our current budget is conservative, there's nothing extra in it, but together we are making it work.

A church does not, however, survive on money alone. Make no mistake, the money is important, and always remember your monetary gifts serve our connectional church. That means your funds start in Winnemucca and then go further to our district, conference, and world! Today I ask you to take a minute and consider, besides what you put in the offering plate, what ELSE are you giving to the Winnemucca United Methodist Church?

Many hands make light work (old English proverb) is still true today. Yes, we are a small congregation in number, but we are large in spirit, and how you give of your time and gifts matters to the life of this church.

Of course, there always tasks that need done. Church cleaning day went very well a couple of months ago when we worked together for just over an hour to clean and shine our building! We are grateful for those who have skills to share that make it possible for repairs and maintenance to continue. We appreciate those who have gifts of music and speaking and enhance our worship services when they volunteer.

The **Winnemucca United Methodist Men** will be meeting for lunch at Sid's Restaurant on Friday, July 9th @ 12 noon. We will be discussing the future of the Annual Buckaroo Breakfast, scheduled for Labor Day weekend.



Beyond volunteering for tasks and committees, I ask you to consider just giving more of your time and make a conscience decision to be PRESENT in the life of our church. If your attendance has fallen off, pledge to attend worship again, even if only once or twice a month. Maybe you're ready to consider joining a bible study, bringing refreshments after church, attending a UMW or UMM lunch? Yes, you will learn and benefit from being there, but maybe even more, you'll make the day of the *others* in the group who have less fellowship or social interaction opportunities than you do. Your presence, smile, and conversation might be a true gift to someone that day! Brothers and sisters in Christ, we need YOU! We need a little of your time, or lot of your time... whatever you have to give... *we appreciate and need YOU* and your presence in our church!

Peace, Theresa Mavity
Congregational Lay Leader/Admin Council Chair

The Epic of Eden-Isaiah Study Continues

Our Tuesday Bible Study group is continuing with The Epic of Eden-Isaiah by Dr. Sandra Richter, an Old Testament Professor. The group has been meeting at 12 noon in-person and by Zoom videoconferencing and 6 PM on Tuesdays by Zoom only (joining by phone is also possible). There is a 30 minute teaching 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. 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. In this series, 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 message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today."

FINANCES

Ending balances for June 2021:

Checking \$23,987.01

Savings \$18,159.84

All current bills are paid. Many thanks for all your offerings.

Knit Club

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 next gathering will be **Thursday, July 14th 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 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. Below 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

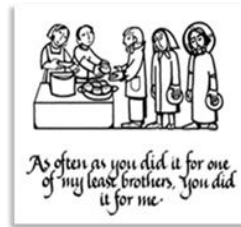
Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawl
Ministry

The women of the church have restarted this caring ministry. Please see Trudy Rollison if you are interested in participating in it.

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. July 28th, 4:30-7 PM**. The United Methodist Women will be assisting this month. Please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797 if you are also interested in helping.



Birthdays for July 2021

Mary Ann Miller – July 4th

Jennifer Yetter – July 5th

Devron Denison – July 12th

Lola Bohm – July 15th

Vic Miller – July 21st

Judy Robbins – July 25th



Wedding Anniversaries for July 2021

Paul & Sally Schumacher – July 29th

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.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family Support

Group is now meeting in-person every **Friday at 4 PM** in the church conference room. 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 July**, and 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.



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

Johaunna Maloon

Ed Andrews

Dan & Ann Shepler

Family of Jesse Gilboy

Mike Andrews & Family

Family of Helen Burnett

Melody Ann Hahn

Don Swanson

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

Barbara Sealy

Betty Steinhauer

Mary Laub

Sheilah McKinney

Marilyn Draper / Amity Robbins

Blake Family / Sexton Family

July 2021 Worship Plans

July 4th: The 6th Sunday after Pentecost /Independence Day

Message: "Delight in God's Law".

Theme: Knowing and obeying God's laws will keep us morally on-track, producing blessings for us individually, and collectively, and will ultimately benefit our nation.

Scripture Readings: II Kings 23:1-7, 24-25,

I John 2:3-5a and Matthew 5:17-20

Key Verse: Joshua 1:8

July 11th: The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Jesus: the Good Doctor and the Great Healer" by Lay Minister Gary Robbins

Theme: Do we have any preconceived notions or prejudices which deter us from reaching out to God?

Scripture Readings: II Kings 5:8-16 and

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Key Verses: James 5:14-15a

July 18th: The 8th Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Worship and Picnic at Highland Park

Message: "Healing for Bruised Reeds"

Theme: If you feel wounded and broken by past tragedies or sins, turn your life over to Jesus who can certainly heal and transform you.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-3, Mark 5:24b-34,
and John 8:1-11

Key Verse: Isaiah 42:3

July 25th: The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Feeding the Five Thousand" by Lay Minister Rolly Rollison

Scripture Readings: Psalm 145:10-18,

Ephesians 3:14-21, and John 6:1-21

Key Verse: John 6:11



There have been changes happening in our church as we have lost some folks due to death or moving away, as well as folks taking on new important roles in the church, different than their previous roles. We have also welcomed new folks into the life of our church recently and we look forward to becoming better acquainted with these brothers and sisters in Christ!

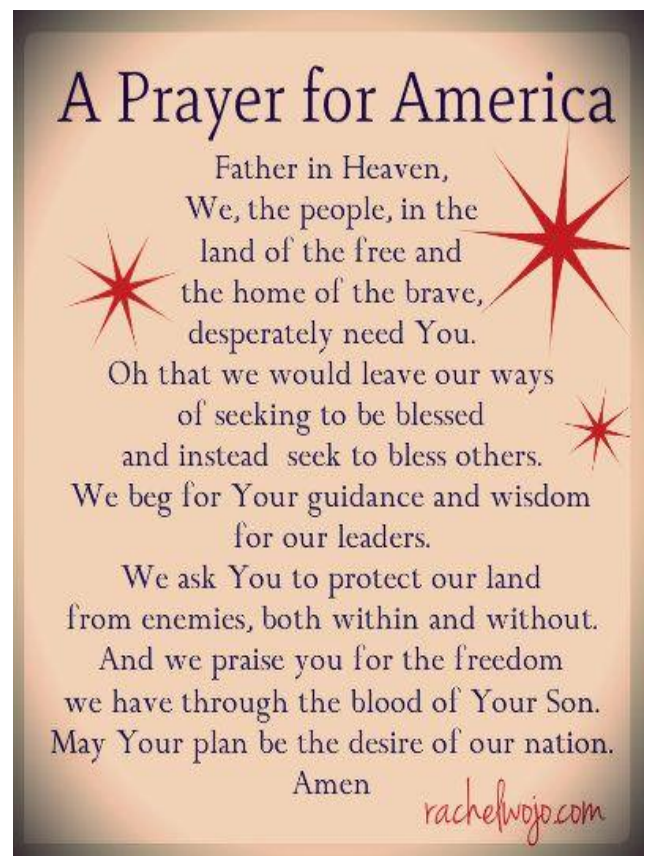
One area of our church that has been affected by changes this past year has been that of Christian Education. Some of our usual gifted members on that committee are no longer part of the committee. And the one who has been chairing the committee since being elected last fall is no longer able to continue chairing it and has this week resigned from the committee. At this point, I'm calling on our congregation to do some serious praying about the future of our church's ministry to children and youth. I'm praying that God will raise up folks within our church who have a passion for working with children and youth, who will be willing to step in to help rally our church into make this a priority. I'm praying that we can get programs and activities organized that would attract families with children and youth into the life of our church. Anything that we attempt must begin with much prayer and a sense of commitment, so I'm asking each of you to please pray about our church's Christian Education for children and youth, and to also prayerfully ask God what you, yourself, can do to help with this important ministry. (You don't need to be on the Christian Education Committee to help with this!!!)

My hope is that we can at least start with providing something for younger children whose parents bring them to worship. In the past we've had folks who've been willing to take the children out for a Sunday School lesson just after the children's message for the rest of the service. What I'd like to see happen is that we have folks who are willing to take the children out for a Bible lesson for at least during the time of the sermon, so that parents can listen to the sermon without having to supervise their kids.

This coming Sunday, July 4th, Gary is willing to be the one to take any kids that may come to the room with the windows behind the sanctuary to lead a quick Bible lesson during the sermon. Gary is only able to do this once a month when we are both at worship together, so we also need others who are willing to take at least 1 Sunday a month to do this. Would you please pray about this important ministry and please let me know if you are willing to be a ministry volunteer for our children and youth?

I'm hoping and praying that by seeking to provide this short lesson for kids during the sermon, we can encourage families with kids to come to worship and be a part of our church! Please pray about this with me!!!

Judy Robbins



July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2. NAMI Support Group 4 PM	3.
4. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 9 AM Holy Communion 4 th of July Parade 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	5.	6. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & Zoom) 6 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	7. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM	8. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9. UM Men's Lunch 12 noon @ Sid's Restaurant NAMI Support Group 4 PM	10.
11. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	12.	13. Isaiah Bible Study 12 Noon (Live & Zoom) 6 PM (Zoom) Soup Kitchen 6 PM	14. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Knitting Group 1 PM @ Trudy's Soup Kitchen 6 PM	15. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16. NAMI Support Group 4 PM	17.
18. Outdoor Worship and Picnic at Highland Park 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	19.	20. Soup Kitchen 6 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	21. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am Soup Kitchen 6 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	22. Soup Kitchen 6 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	23. NAMI Support Group 4 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	24. Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation
25. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	26. Soup Kitchen 6 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	27. UMW Coffee Hour 9:30 AM @ Mavity's Soup Kitchen 6 PM Pastor Judy & Gary on Vacation	28. RAA Meeting 10:30 Am UMW serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-7 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	29. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30. NAMI Support Group 4 PM	31.