

THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



November 2023 – Issue 84

Annual Church Conference - Sat, Nov 4th



Our **Church Conference is at 11 AM this Saturday**. This is our annual business meeting of the church where we vote on the membership report, our pastor's

2024 compensation, our church leaders for 2024 and we affirm our Lay Servants/Speakers. Our Circuit Leader Rev. Dawn Blundell from Fallon will preside. There will be a **light soup/bread/desert lunch provided**. All church members are welcome to attend and vote at the conference.

All Saints Sunday is November 5th



During our All Saints Sunday Service we will be remembering our beloved saints who've recently died with the lighting of candles and celebrating Holy Communion. Don't miss it!

Fall Back Sunday Morning

Don't forget to set your alarm clock **back 1 hour** before you go to sleep **Saturday night** as Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM Sunday. Yeah, we get to sleep in a bit!

Thanksgiving Sunday Potluck - Nov 19th



On Sunday, Nov. 19th please bring food items to church for our **Emergency Pantry**, such as cans with a flip top, fruit cups, bottled water, (or anything that can be easily opened). There will be a **potluck following the worship service**. Look for the Potluck sign-up sheet on the ledge in back of the sanctuary.

Christ the King Sunday – November 26th

On Sun. Nov. 26th we will celebrate the baptism of Mary Sauer and we will give Bibles to our kids who are 3rd grade and above. We'll also begin putting up decorations for Advent after worship.

Christmas Greenery Orders due no later than Saturday, Nov. 4th



The greenery sale will be going on until this Saturday morning Nov. 4th when all orders must be turned in at our Church Conference. You can **turn your orders in to the church office, or to Project Chair Mary Agnes Boni who will be in church this Saturday**. Please be sure to collect payment at the time of sale, and have your checks made out to Winnemucca UMC. Delivery time frame for items coming to the church will be the week after Thanksgiving; remember the gift items on the back of the brochure are delivered directly to the recipients. We will announce delivery of the evergreens via an email announcement.

United Methodist Women Christmas Bazaar



Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, December 2nd from 9 AM-2 PM** with set-up on Dec. 1st 10 AM-2 PM. Theresa is in charge of vendors. Ann and Dorothy are in charge of the Soup Lunch. Jackie is in charge of the Bake Sale. Mary Agnes is in charge of Christmas Greenery Sales, and we still need someone to be in charge of the Christmas Past tables.

Heifer Project Collection Happening Now

Our Sunday School kids are now collecting money to send to [Heifer Project](#) (which supplies heifers, goats, chicks, etc. to impoverished nations). Look for their colorful collection box on the sanctuary ledge.

Advent Study Begins Tuesday, Nov 28th



We are currently deciding on a curriculum to use for Advent and the books will be ordered soon. The study will be on Tuesdays Nov. 28-Dec. 19th at 12 noon in-person at the church and by Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend (with or without a book) and you may order your own book if you don't order one through Pastor Judy.

FINANCES

Treasurer's Report

Greetings fellow Christians! The current **checking account** balance, including pending automatic payments through November 6, 2023, is **\$3067.72**. The current **savings balance is \$26,703.90**. **Giving** in October totaled **\$3,254**. We did not transfer \$500 to savings in October as we would normally in order to maintain a sufficient balance in the checking account.

We are finalizing **electronic giving**, which should be available soon. You will be able to send offerings using the **Zelle** system from your bank account to the church bank account. The advantages are that there is no cost to you or to the church for this secure bank-to-bank service. We will send out an email with details on how to use Zelle as soon as we have tested it.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. We have much to be grateful for.

Your sister in Christ,
Sheila Crawford Bunch
Treasurer, WUMC

Board of Trustees

Just a word regarding recent repairs:

- Church electric panel, \$1000;
- Parsonage fascia (roof edge), \$500;
- Still to be done before winter: Parsonage gutters, \$3200;
- Project for next year: Repaint parsonage cornice (area under the eaves), \$600.
- Completion of these above four repairs should bring critical maintenance up to date for both buildings.

Roland Davies, Trustees Chair

Holy Spirit in Acts Bible Study continues



Our study on the Holy Spirit in Acts will continue **Nov 7th and 14th on Tuesdays at 12 noon**, in-person at the church and on Zoom. Then we will take a break to do an Advent

Study until after New Years.

United Methodist Women Happenings



United
Women
in Faith

If you don't come to UMW you don't know what you're missing. On Oct. 7th Corrine and April treated us to a lovely tea. The

tables were beautifully decorated with fall décor, which served as a lovely backdrop for all the gorgeous antique teacups and matching saucers that they also provided. Those in attendance brought a plate to pass and, as usual, with Methodist women, there was no shortage of delicious treats. Thanks Corinne and April for organizing such an enjoyable afternoon with a fun Bible game and a touching reading of "The Teacup Story." Our Oct. 30th meeting was a Taco Bar. Thanks to all who provided the delicious lunch. Future events were planned at this meeting. They include:

- **Saturday, December 2nd – Christmas Bazaar** from 9 AM-2 PM with set-up on Dec. 1st 10 AM-2 PM. Theresa is in charge of vendors. Ann and Dorothy are in charge of the Soup Lunch. Jackie is in charge of the Bake Sale. Mary Agnes is in charge of Christmas Greenery Sales, and we still need someone to be in charge of the Christmas Past tables.
- **Friday, December 15th – Christmas Brunch Social** at Theresa's home. Bring a dish to share.
- **Sunday, December 17th – Advent Dinner** after worship. Debbie and Theresa are in-charge. UMW is providing the meal.
- **Jan. ? – Prayer Pal Reveal.** Date, time, place to be determined.

The group voted to send \$100 as a donation to the Northern Nevada Food Bank in honor of Rev. John Emerson, who was a former pastor here, who died recently. (article written by Jackie Riggan)

United Methodist Men



The UMM will be donating \$400 to the [Christian Motorcyclists Association's Run For the Son ministry](#). Run for the Son is the

Christian Motorcyclists Association's investment into world-wide evangelism. Over the past 36 years Run for the Son has played an important role in 37 million salvations in 194 countries around the globe. The UMM will be **meeting for lunch on Friday, November 10th** at Sid's Restaurant @ 12 noon.

Volunteers Needed Every Sunday



Please sign up to be an usher, a greeter, the liturgist, the media tech to run the power-point, or to bring refreshments for fellowship time after worship. We still need a **liturgist for November 19th and 26th**, and we need folks to sign up for 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



Our church collects aluminum cans for redemption to support the **pastor's discretionary fund** which is utilized to assist individuals with gas, lodging, bill paying and other short term expenses. Parishioners can bring their bagged collections to the church and place them room #3, up the hallway from the Conference Room.

Clothes, Jackets, Sleeping Bags, etc.



Low income folks and the homeless in our community are often in need of cold weather clothes, socks, jackets, blankets, sleeping bags and tents. Items can be left in the social hall for distribution to our soup kitchen guests.



Birthdays for November 2023

Gail Andrews – Nov 2nd

Kailynn Yetter – Nov 4th

Jamie Schroeder – Nov 4th

Jeff Andrews – Nov 4th

Dan Shepler – Nov 7th

Jason Schroeder – Nov 14th

Zwaantje Rorex – Nov 15th

Rich Stone – Nov 20th

Steve Nye – Nov 25th

Soup Kitchen Ministry



The Winnemucca Ministerial Association Soup Kitchen, housed in our downstairs social hall and kitchen, is open on **Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 PM**, serving free meals to any who attend. Various civic, school, and church groups come once a month to safely prepare and serve the meals. **Members of our church are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month** and will be cooking and serving dinner on **Tuesday, November 21st from 5 to 7:30 PM**. Please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797 if you are also interested in helping.

Donations to Church Food Pantry



We are always seeking donations for our church office food pantry. This ministry provides **canned and non-perishable food items** to people in need who might not be able to access our Community Food Bank. Items to be donated may include, but are not limited to: canned soup/stew/ravioli; bottled water, fruit/jello cups; canned fruit/vegetables; breakfast bars. Please remember any canned items should have a **pull-top** (not requiring a can opener).



Our NAMI ([National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)) Family Support Group meets in-person every **Friday at 4 PM** in the church conference room. This confidential support group is 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 2023 Worship Plans

Nov. 5th: All Saints Sunday

Message: “Oil for Our Lamps

Theme: The “oil” of the Holy Spirit keeps us burning/serving God.

Scripture Readings: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Matthew 25:1-13

Key Verse: I Thessalonians 4:13

Holy Communion (w/lighting candles for saints who’ve died)

Nov. 12th: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: Choose to Rely on God

by CLM Gary Robbins

Theme: We need to make a personal choice to rely upon our faithful and giving God.

Scripture Readings: I Kings 17:1-16 and Philippians 4:10-19

Key Verse: Philippians 4:12-13

Nov. 19th: Thanksgiving Sunday

Message: “God Will Meet Our Needs”

Theme: When we are obedient to God and generous in our giving, God will meet all our needs.

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 8:6-20, Philippians 4:14-19 and Matthew 6:25-33

Key Verse: Philippians 4:19

Potluck Lunch following worship

Nov. 26th: Christ the King Sunday

Message: “Knowing and Serving Christ Our King”

Theme: As we seek to know Christ more, be obedient to Him as King, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit, God will work through us to reach others.

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Luke 10:1, 17-24

Key Verse: Ephesians 1:17

Celebration of Baptism: Mary Sauers



Wedding Anniversaries for November 2023

Paul & Jeanie Carter – Nov 28th

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.**

1st Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

Family of Rev. John Emerson

Steve Nye / Suzan Hanel

Anne & Dan & Johaunna

George Schipper, Sr.

Dorothy Brinkoetter

Gary’s sister Nyree Martinez
and sister-in-law Sandi Robbins

Judy English

Soren Alderman

Dawn’s neighbor Glenda

Mike Montario

Arianna Nye / Marilyn Draper

Melody Ann Hahn

Danny Ridley / Ryer Barnes

Lola Bohm

Amity Robbins

Dawn Burger

Sibyl Carlton

Donna Wirthlin

Dawn’s friend Sandy Ferguson

Edwin Francisco

Betty Steinhauer

Mary Laub

Nation of Israel and War Victims

The People of Ukraine

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	3. NAMI Support Group 4 PM	4. Annual Church Conference 11 AM (Soup Lunch provided)
5. All Saints Sunday Holy Communion Worship 10 AM <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> Soup Kitchen 6 PM	6.	7. Book of Acts Bible Study 12 noon Soup Kitchen 6 PM	8. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	10. UMM Lunch 12 noon @ Sid's NAMI Support Group 4 PM	11. Veterans Day
12. 24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	13.	14. Book of Acts Bible Study 12 noon Soup Kitchen 6 PM	15. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	17. NAMI Support Group 4 PM	18.
19. Thanksgiving Sunday Worship 10 AM Potluck Lunch after worship Soup Kitchen 6 PM	20.	21. WUMC serves Soup Kitchen 4:30-7 PM	22. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	23. Thanksgiving Day Soup Kitchen 6 PM	24. NAMI Support Group 4 PM	25.
26. Christ the King Sunday Worship 10 AM Advent decorating after worship Soup Kitchen 6 PM	27.	28. Advent Bible Study 12 noon Soup Kitchen 6 PM	29. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30. Soup Kitchen 6 PM		