

THE MESSENGER

WINNEMUCCA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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One Day Vacation Bible School – Aug 2nd!



There will be a one day VBS on **Friday August 2nd, 9-11:45 AM** at our church for kids ages 5-12.

There singing, a Bible story (Jesus and Peter walking on the water in Matthew 14), snacks, games and a craft. All children ages 5-12 are welcome to attend; please give Pastor Judy a head count, if possible. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers and let Pastor Judy know if you are interested in helping. We are planning on having a program like this once a month for kids.

Ephesians Bible Study August 20th and 27th



We will pick up the Ephesians Bible Study where we left off in June. On August 20th we'll study chapter 5 and on August 27th chapter 6. We meet on **Tuesdays at 12 noon** in-

person in the church conference room or on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

GriefShare starts again August 22nd



A new 13-week session of [GriefShare \(a faith-based Grief support group\)](#) will begin on **August 22nd**. It will be

Thursdays 6-7:30 PM. Please spread the word to folks who are grieving the loss of a loved one and could use this group. Call Pastor Judy at 916-718-3797 to register for the class, or let her know you'd like to attend when you see her at church.

United Methodist Men



Winnemucca United Methodist Men will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, Aug 23rd at Sid's Restaurant @ 12 noon**. We will

be going over final plans for the Buckaroo Breakfast, scheduled for Labor Day weekend, co-sponsored by the [Christian Motorcyclist Association](#).

Winnemucca Food Bank Fundraiser Coming-Up August 24th



There will be a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner for the Food Bank on **Saturday, Aug 24th, 5:30-8 PM** at the **west hall of the Convention Center**.

Tickets will be \$12, all you can eat and will include spaghetti with sauce and meatballs, salad, bread, drinks and desserts. Let Pastor Judy know if you'd like tickets, or you can get some at the Food Bank. There will also be a drawing for gift baskets with tickets available for purchase at the door. The drawing will take place starting at 7:30 PM that night, and you do not need to be present to win. If you have a gift basket, items for a gift basket or other items that you'd like to donate for the drawing, please let Pastor Judy know.

August 18th Potluck after Worship



Sunday August 18th there will be a potluck meal following the worship service. Please sign up to bring a dish on the sheet in back of the sanctuary.

Church Administrative Meetings in August



Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will meet at **11:15 AM** in the conference room on **Wednesday, August 21st**.

Lay Leadership/Nominating Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 15th at 11:30 AM** in the conference room.

Mark your calendars: Our Annual Church Conference facilitated by our DS Blake Busick is scheduled for **Monday September 23rd at 7 PM** and we have much to do to prepare for it!

FINANCES

Board of Trustees

Treasurers Report

As of July 31st, the balance in **checking**, including uncleared checks is **\$5027**, and in **savings** is **\$21,212**. I transferred \$5000 from savings to checking to pay our current expenses. Income remains well below expenses for the month, but that is not uncommon in the summer. We were blessed with a **new grant from the CA-NV conference to help cover the cost of a full-time pastor**, and have benefited from generous giving in January by people who pay their tithe for the full year in advance. Grant helps offset a known shortfall when we planned the budget at the beginning of the year.

We are on track with our budget goals for the first half of the year, with the understanding that we may deplete our cash reserves by the end of December. Many thanks to those who support and attend our church.

Your sister in Christ,
Sheila Crawford Bunch
WUMC Treasurer

Winnemucca Ministerial Association



Pastor Judy reported at the Church Council meeting on Tuesday July 30th that the Winnemucca Ministerial Association **account is currently very low**. This account supports **administrative functions** of the WMA, as well as supports the Soup Kitchen **paying for supplies and rent (to our church)**. This is separate from the Food Bank account which supports the Food Bank. If anyone would like to help support our Soup Kitchen, you can donate with a check to the Winnemucca Ministerial Association, noting that it is to support the Soup Kitchen. Donations can be mailed to the Winnemucca Food Bank at 150 S. Bridge St. with "attention WMA" on the envelope.

Trustees Report

Security Camera installation is complete with all 8 cameras outside the church working. We have a system password. Most urgent repair needed currently is the two air conditioners cooling the sanctuary and the classrooms. Sanctuary unit is barely working. Classroom unit is not working at all. Quote from Flores HVAC has been obtained in the amount of **\$31,600 to replace two HVAC systems including new furnace, indoor evaporator coil, refrigerant lines, and outdoor rooftop condensing units**. \$8000 donation has been received which is designated for air conditioning repairs. **Grant request to the Great Northern District Union is being prepared in the amount of \$32,000 minus the \$8000 church contribution**, and was included in the minutes of the Church Council meeting on July 30, 2024. Grant request will be submitted for the next meeting of the Great Northern District Union on Mon, Aug 19, 2024.

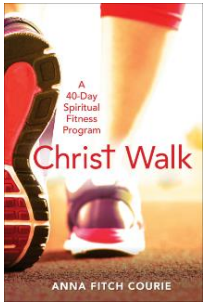
Roland Davies, Trustees Chair

Pastor's Discretionary Fund



The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to help folks who contact our church needing **assistance for gas, lodging, emergency food, or help paying utilities, rent, prescriptions etc**. The United Women in Faith group at our church generously contributes to this fund twice a year (usually spring and fall) so that folks can be helped in the coldest months. In the past couple months Pastors Judy and Gary have helped many folks with various concerns. Pastor Judy recently helped a woman who just gave birth to a baby with an NV energy bill minimum payment so that her electricity wouldn't be turned off when she got back from the hospital with her baby. Therefore, our fund now has a very low balance remaining. If anyone would like to contribute toward the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help needy folks in our community you can write a check to our church and on the memo line indicate that it's for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Christ Walk Study continues thru Aug 13th



Christ Walk, by author [Anna Fitch Courie](#), is a Bible-inspired fitness program designed to improve your physical and spiritual health. This program is for individuals and groups to **focus on improving physical health while engaging in spiritual and mental reflection and growth.**

Individuals and groups select different biblical routes to complete (through walking, running, biking, etc.), while reading a reflective passage on health and spirituality each day of the journey. Each chapter is a daily meditation on different aspects of mind, body, and spiritual health tied to biblical teachings and Christian traditions. We meet on **Tuesday at 12 noon in person and by Zoom, and by Zoom only at 6 PM** if needed. The program finishes on August 13th.

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. A number of civic, school, and church groups come once a month to prepare and serve meals. Members of our church typically serve on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, **this month we will be serving dinner on Tuesday, August 20th from 4:30 to 7 PM.** Please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797 if you are also interested in helping.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund



Our church **collects aluminum cans for redemption** to support the pastor's discretionary fund which is utilized to assist individuals with **gas, lodging,**

utility bills, medical prescriptions 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.

United Women in Faith (UMW)



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Winnemucca Women in Faith will be hosting a **flower arrangement class Friday, Aug 23rd at 1 PM** at

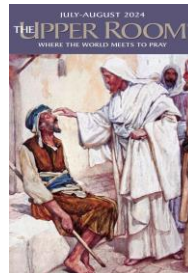
Second Street Seasonal. Cost is \$65; however, church women pay what you can and Women in Faith will offset the rest of the cost. We encourage the church women to attend. Payment can be made to Debbie Stone. Please RSVP before August 19th to Trudy at 775-623-4971.

April Cain is hosting a craft day at her home Saturday, Sept 28th at 1 PM. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Please bring food to share. The address will be provided at a later date.

Rummage sale is upon us, Saturday, Aug 31st in conjunction with the Buckaroo Breakfast. We will sort items on Thursday, Aug 29th starting at 10 AM. Donations can be dropped off at the "Creation Room" at the church or at Robinhood Realty. Tables and grocery bags are needed.

Blessings, Trudy

Upper Room Study Group Continues



Every **Wednesday night at 6:30 PM** there is a group using the Upper Room devotional questions (for Wednesdays in the back of the devotional). Corrine James and Eli Witte are co-leaders for the group. It is in-person at the church and by zoom. Please let Corrine or Eli know if you are interested in attending and/or need a Zoom link.

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 greeters every Sunday**, and we need folks to sign up for the other important jobs too. Sign-up in back of the church or call the church office to tell us when you can serve!



Birthdays for August 2024

- Max Mavity – Aug 2nd
- Amity Robbins – Aug 4th
- Rolly Rollison – Aug 5th
- Debbie Stone – Aug 5th
- Christina Yoas – Aug 9th
- Theresa Mavity – Aug 13th
- Massey Mayo-Case – Aug 16th
- Luke Fentress – Aug 22nd
- Kathryn McKinney – Aug 26th



Our NAMI ([National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)) Family Support Group meets **in-person every Friday at 4**

PM in the church conference room and on Zoom. 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 or the Zoom link please call or text Pastor Judy at (916) 718-3797.

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.

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/pudding cups; canned fruit /vegetables; breakfast bars. Please remember any canned items should have a **pull-top** (not requiring a can opener). Thank you for the recent donations from Thanksgiving Sunday!

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

~John Wesley
(1703-1791)



Wedding Anniversaries
for August 2024

- Mark & Corrine James – Aug 26th
- Mike & Theresa Mavity – Aug 29th



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 Delphine Jackson
Jewel Barnes / Dawn Burger
Dean & Carla Bensen
Michael Marsh / Jeanne Carter
Gary Frankel
Shannon Leibfried
Pastor Judy / Dan Fleanen
Family of Paula Franko
Kathy McKinney / Steve Nye
Lindsey Stepleton & baby Logan
Christina Yoas
Connie Kariotis
Will Howard / Marie Stone
Anne & Dan & Johaunna
Janice Clary
Bona Demo / Ray Rittman
Dawn's neighbor Glenda
Marilyn Draper / Anita Moats
Melody Ann Hahn
Amity Robbins / Sibyl Carlton
Sandy Ferguson
Betty Steinhauer
Mary Laub / Lola Bohm
War Victims & Hostages
People of the Middle East
People of Ukraine
Fire Fighters & Evacuees

August 2024 Worship Plans

August 4th: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "The Bread of Life That Satisfies"

Theme: Jesus is the Bread of Life; believing in him satisfies our deepest hunger and gives us eternal life.

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 5:21-33 and John 6:24-35

Key Verse: John 6:35

Holy Communion

August 11th: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "The Blind Shall See, and Those Who See Shall Become Blind"

Theme: Focused on Jesus, your spiritual eyes will never grow cloudy or blind, but will shine brighter and brighter with God's truth.

Scripture Readings: John 9:1-23 and 9:24-41

Key Verse: John 9:39

August 18: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Don't Be Weary in Well-Doing"

Theme: Sometimes we may need to take a rest, but, for as long as we live, we should look for ways to serve God; as we do, we shall be fruitful.

Scripture Readings: I Kings 19:1-10, Galatians 6:7-10 and John 4:27-38

Key Verse: Galatians 6:9

Potluck Lunch following worship

August 25th: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"

Theme: God will have the last word; His sovereign power and glory will prevail over any evil schemes of the enemy.

Scripture Readings: Colossians 1:15-20, Ephesians 6:10-18 and Luke 10:17-20

Key Verse: Matthew 28:18

Clothes, Jackets, Sleeping Bags, etc.



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

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	2. One Day VBS 9 AM to 12 noon NAMI Family Support Group 4 PM	3.
4. 11th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	5.	6. Christ Walk Bible Study 12 noon & 6 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	7. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Upper Room 6:30 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	8. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	9. NAMI Family Support Group 4 PM	10.
11. 12th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	12.	13. Christ Walk Bible Study 12 noon & 6 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	14. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Upper Room 6:30 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	15. Lay Leadership Nominating 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	16. NAMI Family Support Group 4 PM	17.
18. 13th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Potluck after worship Soup Kitchen 6 PM	19.	20. Ephesians Bible Study 12 noon WUMC serves Community Soup Kitchen 4:30-7 PM	21. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM SPRC 11:15 AM Upper Room 6:30 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	22. Soup Kitchen 6 PM	23. UMM Lunch @ Sid's 12 noon UWF Flower Arrangement Class @ 1 PM NAMI Family Support Group 4 PM	24.
25. 14th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	26.	27. Ephesians Bible Study 12 noon & 6 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	28. RAA Meeting 10:30 AM Upper Room Bible Study 6:30 PM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	29. Rummage Sale Setup & Sorting 10 AM Soup Kitchen 6 PM	30. NAMI Family Support Group 4 PM	31. Buckaroo Breakfast 7 to 10 AM United Women in Faith Rummage Sale 8 AM to 1 PM