



# Share the Spirit

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### Work Party / Workday

Bored? Tired of winter blahs? Ready to get out and DO something? Such a deal for you!!

Come to Church Saturday April 13, 9:00 a.m. to Noon! Oh, and dress for gardening or cleanup, bring hand tools, and a good attitude. Water etc. will be provided and we will Barbeque you lunch! Such a deal!!

We have not had an all hand clean-up day in years, and there are lots of things that could/will benefit from some TLC.

Here are a few ideas:

Paint the wrought iron gazebo and chairs by the memorial garden,

Sand and stain the picnic tables.

R and R the garden area.

Clean the white figurines along the driveway.

Clean out the leaves in and around the dog park and pavilion.

**\*Prep the area for the new youth playground\***

Check and adjust the drip system.

Pull and re-locate the advertising stakes in front of the church.

Other stuff to be determined!!!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall, please sign up so we know how much food to buy.

Come and have fun and help keep our church beautiful. And, take a look at the related article Trustees - Who, What, Why on page 3.



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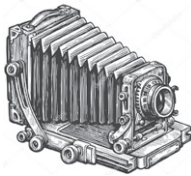


Photo Credits: Banner Photo - Kathy Wicker- A nice spring photo. And then. . .on page 6, **EASTER!** or Carson Valley Easter as we like to call it.

Losa's February solo along with the translation from Old Tongan to English, and three pics of Nancy Deis with critters.

## Prayer Tree

God answers prayers, everyone needs a prayer said for them. A prayer of praise, a prayer of need or a prayer for comfort.

There is a prayer tree in the back of the sanctuary with several names and organizations that are in need of prayer. Please stop by and take a prayer slip and pray for that person during the week.



## Scripture & Sermons For April

“How shall we live”

### April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Theme: Peace Be With You

Sermon Scripture: John -20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

### April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 24:36-48

Theme: Peace Be with you

Sermon Scripture: Luke 24:38 “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

### April 21, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 10:11-18

Theme: The Good Shepherd lays down his life

Sermon Scripture: John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

### April 28, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Theme: Abiding in the true vine

Sermon Scripture: John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

## Member Care Volunteers

Would you like to help a fellow church member? Member Care provides help via rides to doctor appointments, help with shopping and meals when there is a need.

If you would like to join others who already help members, please call Sue Baumruck at 775-771-2950.

## Reminder For The Ladies

## We Dress Up On Mother's Day

## Trustees – Who, What, Why

By Al Baumruck, Trustee Chairperson

We are blessed to be able to worship in a beautiful building on a great piece of property, and we also have a wonderful parsonage where our pastor and his family live. As a homeowner, or renter, you know that there are things that must be monitored and repaired, and changed, and updated in order to keep your place(s) in good shape. For our church, this where the Trustees come in.

There are nine of us, serving a 3-year obligation on a rotating basis. We meet, along with the pastor and the office manager at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. However, every time we are around, we all are watching and looking for stuff that needs to be handled. We have a great asset in Len Frueh as well. He is very in tune to the needs of our properties and is pro-active in keeping them in good repair.

A prime example of ongoing maintenance is our aging heating/cooling system. We are continually dealing with issues that need to be fixed **Now** – so that our occupants can be comfortable.

Unlike your own residences where you do not have numerous groups using your main building almost every day. I hope!! These groups do have some impact on or building, the allowing these non-profit organizations to meet here is part of our mission and reputation in the valley.

So, if you see something that needs attention, or if you would like to be part of our committee or and of our other committees, let us know, or let the office know.

Thank you, Al

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## Austin's House

At the last UWF meeting, the group decided to put together a raffle basket to donate to the Austin's House fund raiser. The theme the group chose was Family Night Fun. Sharon Calvert is heading up this and suggests family games, puzzles, popcorn, snacks, items for boys or girls, teens, babies. Or it could be tickets to the movie theater, swim center, train rides. The ideas are almost endless.

If you wish to donate to the basket, we will be collecting items for the basket at both the April and May UWF meetings or you can drop them off at the church office with Len marking them "To Sharon Calvert."

## 2024 UWF Reading Program

Each year the United Women in Faith offer a reading program. Men and women of the church are encouraged to read at least one book from each of the five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Books from the current year and four previous years are also eligible. Our readers are recognized at a district UFW meeting. Each year UWF purchase new books to add to our church library.

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### Book Review

*I Am A Girl From Africa* by Elizabeth Nyamayaro

This book is a soul-nourishing memoir of Elizabeth Nyamayaro, who tells her life story. Life was very hard in Africa. Her parents didn't have food to feed her, so her grandmother raised her. At the age of 7, Elizabeth nearly starved after a drought hit her village in Zimbabwe; then a UN lady saved her life by giving her food and water. Elizabeth made a promise to God and herself that when she grew up, she wanted to work for the UN and help others.

This is an extraordinary woman's story of persevering through incredible odds and finding her calling to deliver an important message of hope, and empowerment to fight for equality and equity. Her family believed in God and always tried to take care of each other and the people in their community.

Elizabeth had a heart for helping others. After many trials and tribulations, she did get a job at the UN. She was instrumental in many changes in Africa and other countries. Hunger, poverty, education, child mortality, gender equality, child marriage and gender-based violence are a few of the projects she worked on to make huge changes for the good of many people.

*Carol Coleman*

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## April UWF Luncheon Meeting

Celebrate spring at our UWF Potluck Luncheon Meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m. Our April theme is Food Faith and Fellowship

UWF meets in the Education Room. Lunch is at 11:30, program at 12:15. April's program is guest speaker Camille Howard from Gardnerville Empty Bowls. Empty Bowls is a grass roots movement by artists and crafts people in cities and towns around the world to raise money for food related charities to care for and feed the hungry in their communities.

Come for fun, food and fellowship. Final collection day for Abbey's Crossing, see the list in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you all there! We encourage anyone interested to attend or invite a friend. The business meeting follows the program. No reservations required! Questions? Contact UWF President Ann Robar. Hope to see you there!

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## Craft Workshops Update!

Our first craft workshop was held March 4, 2024. We had 9 ladies in attendance and hoped to see more of you at the next Workshop held on March 18. We did some brainstorming and some new ideas emerged. Please think about these ideas as we go forward:

- Sport table with items involving local teams, national teams etc.
- Expand our critter table with items for pets, Also items for pet lovers themselves.
- An expanded western table along with more Nevada items.
- A craft table with items for young people to purchase.
- Items that might interest men and boys.

Please bring your ideas to the next workshop or contact Nancy Raymond who is chairman of the crafts - she loves new ideas. November 2 will be here before you know it. If you have questions about anything else contact Sharon Calvert, Craft Faire Chairman.

Mark your calendar! Craft workshops for the Heavenly Holiday Faire started meeting again in March. Craft supplies are provided, but bring your ideas for new craft items. Come for fellowship, fun and creativity!

## UWF's Mission U



Many of you have heard either directly from Pastor Latu or in church meetings that our local UWF will be hosting a Mission U at our church on June 28 and 29. Recently, I have learned that many don't know what Mission U is so here is a brief explanation.

Mission U (formerly Schools of Christian Mission) is United Women in Faith's transformative education program that offers biblically grounded studies relevant to the times.

These studies inform, motivate and enrich our commitment to being in mission and ministry for a more just and equitable world.

Mission U inspires personal and collective change and equips us to put faith, hope, and love into action.

In 2024, the theme is "The Kin-dom Is Among You: Drawing Closer to God and One Another." The main group leader this year is Michael Pope who is a dynamic and entertaining leader/facilitator. There is fun as well as sacred music lead by Jo Neisch.

Interested in deepening your faith in community? Gaining experience interpreting scripture? Working toward healing for yourself, your community and all of creation? Meeting other UWF women in our conference? Then Mission U is for you! The cost is \$75 per person and our local UWF has some scholarship funds available should you need that. To register, log on to [canvuwf.org](http://canvuwf.org). I hope many of you will register and attend for this rewarding experience.

*Ann Robar, UWF President*

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## Alpine Kids

### Saturday, April 27:

Teddy Bear Parade at Diamond Valley School. Alpine Kids will have a booth with a craft project, and we will give each child a book. Bring a stuffed animal and be part of the parade led by Smokey Bear and Honeybear. Lunch is included at this family event.

### Saturday, May 18:

Alpine Kids is teaming up with Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors Program so families can have a great day at Davis Creek in Washoe Valley. You can hike the many trails around the area, or bring your camp chair and enjoy just sitting and visiting. Sierra Club does need people to sign up ahead of time



## Remember Losa's Beautiful Solo?

**“Teu ‘auhia ka mavae mo e ‘Eiki**

Losa sang this hymn in “Old Tongan, a language no longer spoken, and we have here a translation obtained from friends by Latu and Losa.

**Teu auhia ka mavae mo e ‘Eiki**

*I will be lost if I was to be separated from you Lord*

**Mole ‘eku kaveinga pau**

*Everything that I have planned has been lost*

**Ne u he au he malie ‘o ‘eni**

*My search for direction is unsure*

**Toki faka’ofa koau**

*Take pity on me*

**Chorus:**

**Sisu, Sisu e**

*Jesus, oh Jesus*

**Kuoke afio’i pe si’ete fiemo’ui**

*You know everything in my life and I want to live*

**Sisu, Sisu e**

*Jesus, oh Jesus*

**Ko ko e pe, teu hao ai.**

*Found in you, I find safety*

## Lenten Bible Study 2024

Praise God for whom all blessings flow! It is my honor and privilege to announce that we have completed our six-week Lenten Bible Study for the Lenten liturgical season. The average attendance for our study curriculum was between (15-17) attendees alongside our viewers on YouTube. We shared conversation, input, testimonies, and bible readings during the one-hour session that was followed by fifteen minutes of questions.

To assist us in our bible study during the Lenten season we read the book *Savior* by Magrey R. DeVega. The six chapters presented different angles for viewing the importance of the cross as a sacrifice, ransom, moral example, reconciliation, cleansing, and victory. Moreover, the six atonement theories are Christian-based approaches to our theological concept of how we are to understand the significance of the cross.

While we read the book *Savior* an opportunity to look into our own lives unfolded. We reflected on sin and

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## April Movie Night Musical

Come and enjoy the delicious new release of the Musical “Wonka” on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. “With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.”

This is a lighthearted and magical Musical that will delight all ages. Come and delight as well in our amazing Popcorn; I can’t imagine what the surprise treats could possibly be. This will be an evening to remember.



## Bible Study

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repentance as important pillars with which to view one’s life in God’s presence. The Bible was our grounding, and we referred to many scriptural passages to affirm the atonement theories presented. Also, as we read our scriptures and contemplated every chapter weekly, the author’s introduction for every session online structured the discussion in our bible study.

Indeed, the provision of donuts for every bible study session was imperative because it facilitated a spiritual consciousness in a time of thought and deep concentration. I would say, our bible study and reading of *Savior* brought us closer to God along with each other, because we held each other in support during discussion. I say, that bible study is a time to get to know God and to know the people around you. It is a beautiful cohesion of divine and finite presence. My encouragement for all bible readers in the world is to go out as Salt and Light in Following Jesus, Thriving in Community, and Healing the World. May God Bless you all church family.

*Pastor Latu Paea*

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## Timeless Treasures Collecting Starts

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the 3rd Monday of each month between 10 a.m. and 12 Noon. The next collection day will be Monday, April, 15.

This is the perfect time to donate any Christmas items you no longer want!

Timeless Treasures isn’t a rummage sale. If you think someone would like receiving an item as a gift, it probably will be perfect for us. No clothing, please.

Thank you all for your help! Your donations are the reason Timeless Treasures will be successful. Contact Alison Grey, Marsha Gallegos, or Sue Hanley with any questions.



## “How Shall We Live?”

Expert law writer Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. said “To live is to function. That is all there is in living” which brings an important aspect of existence to how we, as God’s creation, are to coexist in this world. To function is to live by a standard that will bring results, longevity, and prosperity. One of the things we recognize in today’s world is the type of standard that we are living abundantly to function, which has created a type of dysfunction in coexistence with one another. As a church community, we have departed from the Lenten season in which we have engaged - a 40-day observance in spiritual isolation to draw closer to God.

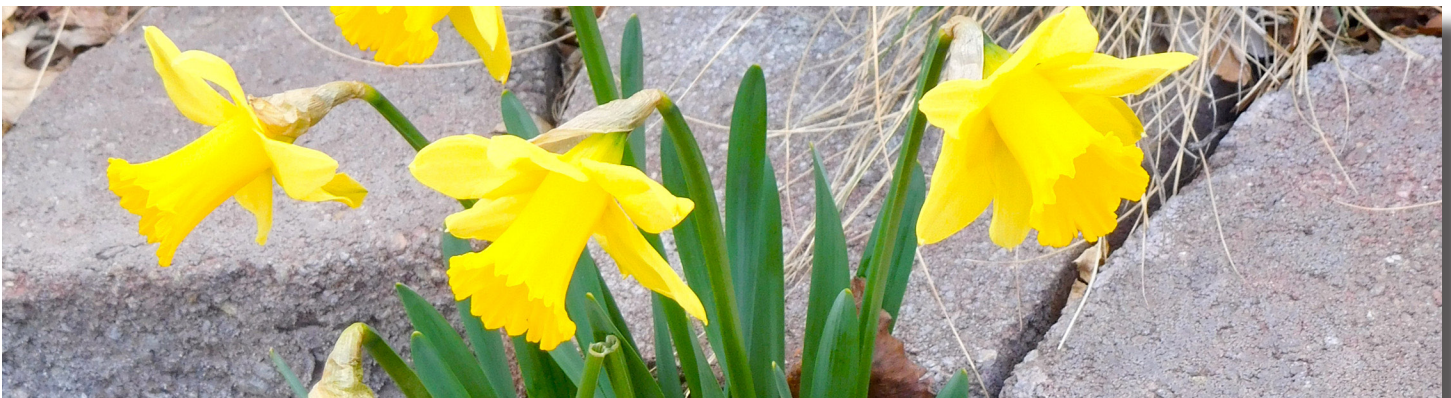
After our Maundy Thursday service, we have transitioned over into the liturgical season of Easter. We are locating ourselves as God’s people into the “shoes” of the followers of Jesus after His resurrection. We can ask the question: how was life after Jesus was resurrected? Moreover, as humans, when something happens that is very traumatic or life-changing, our natural response is to readapt to those conditions. In her article titled: *Borderlands La Frontera: The New Mestiza* author Gloria Anzaldua calls our sudden vulnerability as a “conscious rupture.” When we speak of a conscious rupture in our experience, we are speaking of reinterpretation or renewal of our current existence.

Easter is a time of reinterpretation and renewal because of the conscious rupture that occurred on Calvary when Jesus Christ endured on the cross and fulfilled, on a Sunday morning, the resurrection. Our question during the Easter liturgical season is: what now? Jesus’ disciples were anxious about what was to happen to them in the coming days because of the persecution of Jesus’ followers after His death. One of the scriptures for this month is John 20:19-31, in which Jesus appears to his disciples, and one of the disciples by the name of Thomas can confirm by touching Jesus’ hands and side that the Gospel is true.


Church family during our time in the Lenten season we drew closer to God in prayer and devotion. On Easter Sunday, we shouted Hallelujah because He Has Risen Indeed! Through the account of Thomas in the book of the apostle John, we know that the gospel of Jesus Christ is true. Just as the disciple Thomas was doubtful, we are also guilty of doubt when we are living as God’s people. In times when we touch our Bibles or read the Words in our scriptures, we are constantly touching God through Jesus Christ. We also feel God’s presence in our worship and devotion. Today, the question is: how shall we live? We should live as light in this messy world. We should live as living Gospels to a world that proclaims *god is dead*. We are living testaments to the Resurrected Jesus.

I ask you Carson Valley United Methodist Church to consider this month’s theme as “How shall we live” to live life in Christ for He has risen indeed! Live life resurrected. Resurrect your prayer life, devotion, family time, fellowship, and self-care. Also, do not forget to resurrect your presence in the community, time with the elderly, give to the poor, love the unloved, and support those in suffering. You are the body of Christ resurrected. Live it to its fullest potential.

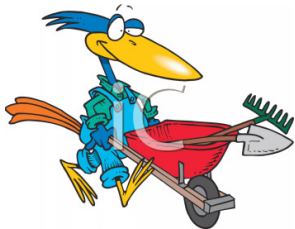
*Pastor Latu*



**Worship Schedule**  
*Sundays*  
 Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship time follows morning services  
 Loving child care provided


  
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