

THE NUGGET

Open Door United Church of Christ

All the chocolate you can eat!

WINE BY THE GLASS
TO ENJOY WITH
CHOCOLATE TASTINGS
\$5!



RAFFLE BASKETS!
TICKETS \$5 EACH OR
5 FOR \$20

Tickets: \$15 each \$5 kids under 8 Family of Four Package \$35

Saturday, February 8, 2025 1-4 pm

Scan the QR code for tickets, or visit www.fccmurph.org Tickets also available at the door.



What's Going On?



You are invited to
A MEDITATION SERVICE IN THE TRADITION OF TAIZÉ
Wednesday, February 5 at 7pm

Gather in the candlelit sanctuary for the simplicity of music and meditation, prayer and silence

Our Youth Confirmands continue to progress in their journey with their dedicated mentors. Confirmation classes this month will be on **February 9th and 16th.**





In partnership with The Resource Connection, WIC will be distributing resources in the Social Hall on **Thursday**, **February 13 from 9am to 4pm**.



We will have Family Program on Sunday, Feb. 9 and Sunday, Feb. 23 from 12 - 2pm.



Pastor Bonnie and Dr. Daryl will be on vacation from
Tuesday, Feb. 25 - Wednesday, March 12.





Moderator's Message

The liturgy for worship on February 2 was focused in part on the "Rocky Road" Jesus traveled, which led to discussion of our own modern day rocky roads. That certainly seems to be true for us in today's world, right? The fires, hurricanes, crashes, homelessness, threats to our safety at home and abroad, and the divisive and disturbing political environment all add up to come pretty big

boulders in the road! Penny and Mickey counseled generous love to withstand the rocks and crevasses of these times. One way that we can live this radical love is through radical giving.

Now is the time to identify our gifts and apply them to the world around us – whether it be local or global. Are you passionate about helping children become ethical and loving adults who follow Jesus' teachings? Get involved in teaching Sunday School or helping with the Family Program. Interested in keeping our church strong and healthy, and able to continue to help shape our local community and world? Volunteer for one of our teams – Outreach and Social Justice, Worship, Finance and Facilities. Wanting to get involved in the homelessness problems in our area? Look into volunteering at Sierra Hope or Habitat for Humanity. These are local organizations that are actively addressing some of our most pressing local challenges. There are just so many ways for us to counter the upheaval of our world in positive and loving ways. Unable to physically be involved due to time or other constraints? Give generously to Open Door UCC or the charity of your choice.

I recently read the following quote from John Pavlovitz and this seems to summarize my thoughts pretty well:

"Good Humans, we need to explode outward from our cores right now, with all the courage, love and mercy we have so that those who arrive long after our passing will benefit from the light we create in these days. If ever we needed the good people, we need them now."

With radical love for all of you,

Carrie Shinn, Moderator

Christian Education

While our Christian Education Director, Patty Haskell is on her wonderful adventure in India, please enjoy these photos from the last Youth Field Trip. They went to Elevate Trampoline Park in Sonora. It sure looks like everyone had a good time!

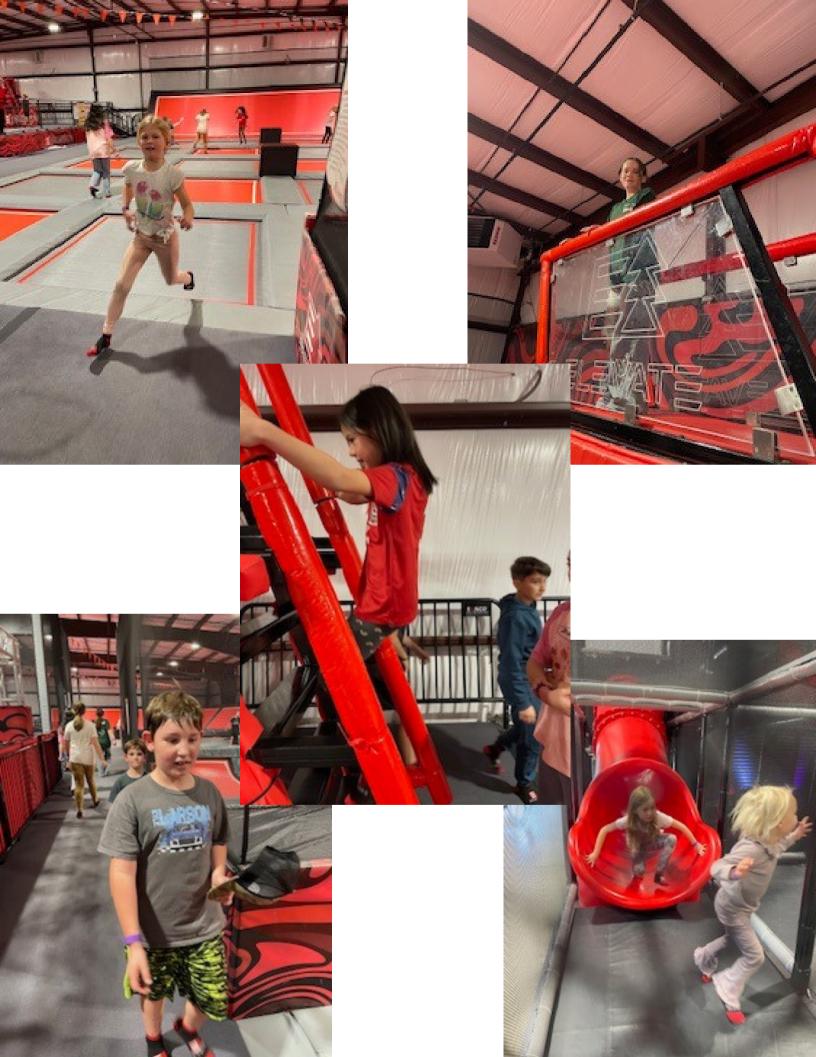














Katherine Kett 6
Angela Patterson 9
Paula Smith 11
Tracey Ellifritz 12
Carol Dougherty 14
Shad Sundberg 16
Monika Riedel 18
Vena Graves 19
Chelsea Page 19
Colleen Silva 21
Wendy Haslid 27
Tari Takara 27

Don't see your birthday listed?
We promise it isn't on purpose.
Please contact the church
office to have your special day
added to our list.



The scriptures tell us:

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.." Hebrews 1 - 11

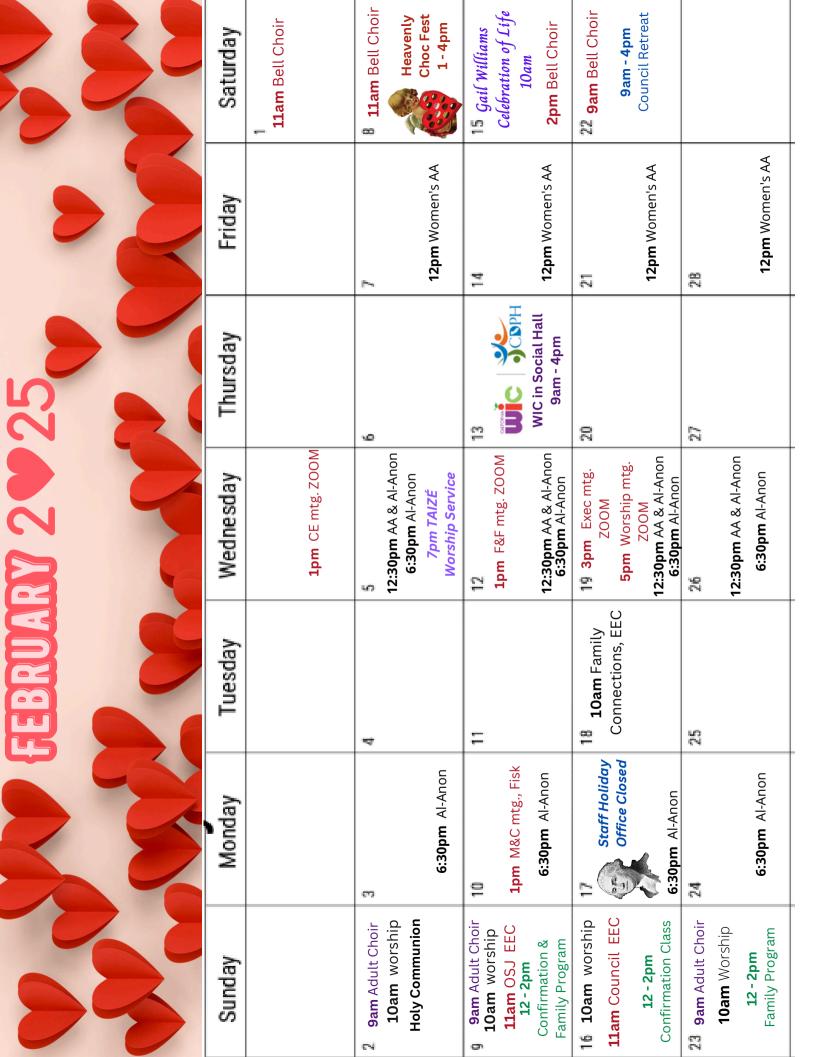
We continue to witness the stories of how God answers our prayers!

God hears our cries and answers them.

Let us pray daily for the following members and friends of our community:

Prayer List:

Mike (Mark McCormick) Tari Takara Sophie (Angela Patterson) Jonelle Lewis (Jenny Fuqua) Ben Richardson (LaMonts) Grace Smith and Family (Sadie Oneto) Liz and Diane Tussey Vena Graves Bruce (Miriam Thorsen) Dodi Horvath Peter & Marian Egbert **Erin Stephens** Brian (Nancy Burton) Lynda Goodman (June Perry) Rev. John Randlett Rev. Marti Williams Daniel Smolich (Liz Tussey)



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The Nugget Committee invites you to submit articles of interest and wishes to stress that the deadline is always the 15th of each month.

The Committee reserves the right to edit submissions for length and content.