

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.



*We will be celebrating the life
of our beloved Gail Williams
on
Saturday, February 15 at
10am at the Open Door
Church Sanctuary.*

*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!







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)

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.

FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1pm CE mtg. ZOOM			1 11am Bell Choir
2 9am Adult Choir 10am worship Holy Communion	3 6:30pm Al-Anon	4	5 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon 7pm TAIZÉ Worship Service	6	7 12pm Women's AA	8 11am Bell Choir Heavenly Choc Fest 1 - 4pm 
9 9am Adult Choir 10am worship 11am OSJ EEC 12 - 2pm Confirmation & Family Program	10 1pm M&C mtg., Fisk 6:30pm Al-Anon	11	12 1pm F&F mtg. ZOOM 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon	13  WIC in Social Hall 9am - 4pm	14 12pm Women's AA	15 Gail Williams Celebration of Life 10am 2pm Bell Choir
16 10am worship 11am Council EEC 12 - 2pm Confirmation Class	17  Staff Holiday Office Closed 6:30pm Al-Anon	18 10am Family Connections, EEC	19 3pm Exec mtg. ZOOM 5pm Worship mtg. ZOOM 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon	20	21 12pm Women's AA	22 9am Bell Choir 9am - 4pm Council Retreat
23 9am Adult Choir 10am Worship 12 - 2pm Family Program	24 6:30pm Al-Anon	25	26 12:30pm AA & Al-Anon 6:30pm Al-Anon	27	28 12pm Women's AA	

God's love echoes through us to all creation.

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, MURPHYS MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that all people are beloved by God and we strive to serve as a welcoming and nurturing church community to discern the Bible with insight for today and to live out Christ's teachings.

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.