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Nothing can separate us from God

Have you ever had a dilemma at the checkout line in the grocery store where there is candy, soda, and other goodies staring at you as you proceed to the counter? I relate this to how we all struggle with our own challenges, temptations, and decisions in daily life. At times in dealing with the multitude of things in our lives, we cannot make up our minds or come to a realization of what am I supposed to do?

Sometimes the world we live in can ignite anger or frustration because of the things we observe on social media or hear on the radio. Nevertheless, friends and family members can also be overwhelming or damaging in our journey with Christ because we invest our trust in their support and counsel.

When I struggle with a difficult situation or decision I often reflect on the words of Paul written in Romans 8:38-39 which says: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our emotions and feelings can get the best of us but we have a comforter that is able to redeem us when we are traveling on a path of darkness. Suffering, fear, and anxiety surround us constantly preventing our journey to progress feasibly forward. For even in the midst of war, natural disasters, and illness, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

We must remember as disciples of Jesus Christ that we must live into the journey of Christ to stabilize our hearts through the grace of God. This also reaches into our purpose of ministry to bring Christ into places that “feel” separated or divided from God, our purpose is to reconnect the world to its Creator.

Live in Peace my friends.



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Scriptures & Sermons for July

July 5, 2026 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Independence Day weekend)

**Pastor is on leave

Preacher will be Tamara Brewer

July 12, 2026 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Communion Sunday)

Romans 8:1-11

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Theme: We are God's people

July 19, 2026 - Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:12-25

Romans 8:15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Theme: The Spirit of faith

July 26, 2026 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:26-39

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Theme: *Nothing can separate us from the love of God*



Credit for the banner photo of the choir at Pentecost goes to Tammy Owens. Blessing of the animals photo by Kathy Wicker, and Laura Engel shot the youth group campfire scene. Shave Ice is by Julie Franklin, and Len Freuh gave us the image of one of the new chairs.



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.

Fellowship Hall Chairs Fundraiser

Great job! In only three weeks we raised enough money to purchase 150 new chairs to replace the 30-year-old, well-used, gray chairs that have served us well. We are so Blessed to have such a generous Congregation to be able to make this happen.

Thank You June/Hello September

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, along with the dishes you provided at the June 6 church picnic.

The next food event, along with a car show will be September 20, 2026.

Member Care Committee.



Cookies for Teachers!

Each year the United Women in Faith celebrate the dedicated teachers and staff at the Douglas County Schools with "Welcome Back to School" homemade cookies.

We will need lots of cookies to do this - at least 108 dozen. We are asking everyone who appreciates our teachers and staff to bake cookies, without nuts or frosting. Start early and freeze for August.

Cookies should be at the church by noon on August 10th please label for "school." Packing to be done on August 12th at 1 p.m.

If you would like to deliver cookies, please contact Tamara Brewer or sign up on the list on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Save the Date!

Youth Overnight

August 16, 2026

Fun plans are being made to say Goodbye to Summer break and Hello to the new school year, and Latu, Nancy and Laura are still planning the details. The youth will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday night swim, play games, eat dinner, play more games and eat s'mores by the bonfire.

Sunday morning the Youth will be hosting breakfast for the congregation between the Sunday services.



Hard Work Rewarded

Those who joined together at the church on June 20th for the "Weeds! /wēdz!" project were rewarded with more than that satisfied feeling of a job well done. They scored shave ice in 12 possible choices. The church campus looks grrr ate!

Meet Our Landscaper: Ian Orr

If you are wondering why our church campus always looks immaculate and well-maintained, you have probably seen Ian Orr driving the lawn mower, fixing our sprinkler system, or blowing the dirt around the campus. One year ago, this humble man came into our office and offered his landscaping services for our church. God has blessed our church family with this great individual, and I wanted to introduce him to the church.

Ian has been married to Tiffany for about three years, and they both reside here in Gardnerville. I learned that he was married by former Pastor Tony Hoefner in this very church. In his free time, Ian enjoys spending time with family and pursuing hobbies such as skiing, hiking, and gardening.

One of the most interesting facts about Ian is that he was born in France and raised on Orr's Island in Casco Bay, Maine. In a recent conversation, we both agreed that a potential favorite meal would be a steak-and-lobster dinner outdoors.

If you ever see Ian around the church campus, don't be shy to give him a quick "hello" or greeting. We give praise to God for his provisions of bringing great people into our church community to serve, using their gifts and talents. May we continue to utilize our own callings in building God's kin-dom in our communities.



Above: Ian and his wife Tiffany in a probable selfie

Right: A well-guarded Cockatiel and two curious Cockers were three of the many animals blessed at the June 13th Blessing of the Animals in the church dog park. Most were canines and just one bird.



UWF “Sundresses & Sandals “

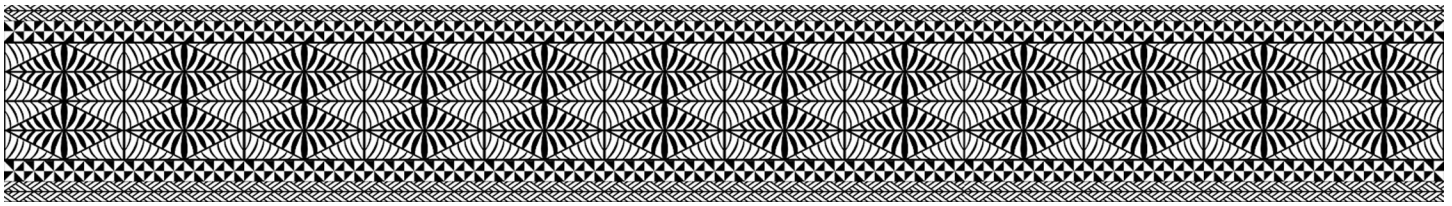
August 22

Time to pamper yourself at the UWF Summer Brunch Event, “Sundresses & Sandals “ on August 22 from 10 a.m. Come for Food, Fun & Christian Fellowship! All women of the church welcome!

Sign up sheets are located on the UWF Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your “gal pals” for a cool, summer day to refresh and renew. For

Event Questions, contact Ann Santos or Linda Malconian. RSVP on UWF Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall by August 16.





Core Faith

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray that all is well with your journey this year as we enter the seventh month, July. Our worship series for this month is “Core Faith,” which guides our biblical reading into the letters of Paul to the Romans.

Core faith is a worship series that encourages our journey with God as we walk with Him in the Spirit. I often try to explain to our parishioners or people around in the community what this means: “walking within the Spirit.” The apostle Paul reminds us in various chapters of Romans 8 that “walking within the Spirit” is journeying with the purpose of living for God.

When we live for the Lord, we cannot engage with the Most High with our finite understanding because we have the free gift of Grace. Grace is what pushes, pulls, or stabilizes the direction of our “walk,” defining our lives within Jesus Christ. Our intentions must be “Christlike,” in which we must have the mind of Christ to direct our hearts to the standards of his teachings.

The mind of Christ becomes the agency that transforms struggles, trauma, pain, and temptations into peace and a life filled with joy. One of our scriptures for this month reminds us that in our journey within the Spirit, we will experience frustration, anger, or uncertainty. However, grace is always available in any given moment to remind us of our purpose and our direction to move forward with Christ Jesus.

Our core faith is establishing our lives daily to honor God through Jesus Christ. May we not forget the significance of the Holy Spirit as our advocate and comforter, strengthening our walk to be truthful, merciful, compassionate, loving, and patient with one another. May we also not forget that we are continuing in our core faith to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Be well.

Pastor Latu Paea

Attention Readers of United Women in Faith!

If you have completed one, two or three books in each of the 5 mission emphases categories, please complete the "Reading Program Reporting Form" and place the completed form in the UWF mailbox in the church office. Or you can hand the completed form to Pam Forest.

The "Reading Program Reporting Forms" are available in the church library. The forms are located on the top shelf of the UWF bookcase beside the 2026 books.

At the beginning of August, the completed "Reading Program Reporting Forms" will be mailed to Conni Lancaster in California and she will generate the certificates of accomplishment.

If you are interested in earning a certificate next year (2027), please start reading now! There are

plenty of books to choose from in the church library in the UWF bookcase. On the side of the bookcase, there are lists of acceptable books that can be checked out of the Douglas County library. Read and broaden your horizons!

To earn a reading certificate for 2026, one book from each of the following categories must be read: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Contact Pam Forest with any questions.

Vegetable Garden Activity

You may notice things growing in the Vegetable Garden behind the church. We have a sister and brother that are using our Garden to grow food for the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. If you see them out there working, say hello and thank them for their service.

Where Do Craft Faire Proceeds Go? - Part 5

All of the profits from the UWF Heavenly Holiday Craft Faire the first Saturday of November are given away to local, national and international charities and missions that focus on women and children.

Each year our local UMW supports a wide variety of missions related to women, children and families with funds generated at our annual Heavenly Holiday Faire in November. This month we highlight two more:

Project Santa Claus

Each year, supported by generous individuals, businesses and service clubs, Project Santa Claus provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of children in need in Douglas County. This continues a 32 year tradition of the project working to help our local children.

Project Santa Claus now coordinates with the Department of Social Services, the Washoe Tribe, CASA, and the Family Support Council to identify less fortunate families who need the community's support for their children to have a joyous Christmas. Individuals and families can take one or more "Angels" off of a tree at one of more than 20 locations, buy and wrap the requested gift(s), and return the gift(s) to the location where they picked up the Angel(s) by December 6.

UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR works with vulnerable communities to strengthen self-sufficiency and encourage partnerships. UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases of poverty, ministers to refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and actively works to reduce hunger.

UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters, such as hurricanes and wildfires, in the United States every day. The Malawi Provisional Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe and The United Methodist Church in Mozambique will each receive a grant in response to Cyclone Ida's devastating rains and flooding. Hurricane Dorian's hit to the Bahamas was severe, and UMCOR was there. UMCOR helps when earthquakes and typhoons hit across the world.

Timeless Treasures

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the 3rd Monday of each month between 10 AM and 12 noon. The next collection day will be Monday, July 20.

This is the perfect time to donate any Christmas (and other) 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 Brenda Hulphers with any questions.

Workshops. The next workshop will be Monday, July 6 and 20 in the Education Room.

Everyone is welcome! All levels of skill and talent! Craft supplies are provided so just bring yourself and any ideas you might have for new crafts.

**Come &
Join In The
Fun!**



Ice Cream Social

With the "Capitol City Community Band"

Sunday, July 19th at 3:00 pm

Get Crafty This Summer!

Mark your calendar for the first and third Mondays from 9:30 - noon for the 2026 Craft

JULY BIRTHDAYS



Linda Miner	7/4
Glenn Davidson	7/4
Sue Baumruck	7/6
Vicki Kinnaman	7/7
Helen Swenson	7/13
Linda Malconian	7/14
Homer Boone	7/14
Carol Coleman	7/17
Rosemary Gatewood	7/22
Courtney Nicholas	7/26

ANNIVERSARIES



John & Pam Forest	7/2
Latu & Losa Paea	7/8
Nat & Julie Franklin	7/20
Alan & Sally Lopeman	7/22
Len & Denise Frueh	7/23
Skip & Edie Veatch	7/26

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


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