

Share The Spirit

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Craft Market is Here!

This is it folks, The Holiday Craft Market has arrived, and all will be revealed on Saturday, November 7. Activities and important deadlines are noted below:

Setup - All week November 2 through 6 in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, Education Room, Hallways. All help is greatly appreciated - ask department chairs where you can provide that help.

Craft Market - A wonderful selection of holiday goods crafted by UWF members throughout the year. Items range from Holiday Wreaths to baby and infant gifts. Specialty "departments" are noted below. Open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 7. As in the past, unsold items will be available again on November 8, between church services. Sharon Calvert is general chair.

Basket Raffle - Theme baskets. Tickets drawn and announced at 3 p.m. See Jan Pohlman or Linda Kozak.

CandyLand - From barks and brittles to truffles and toffees, candies make the holidays extra merry! Candy is due at church by noon on Friday, November 6 wrapped and ready for pricing. See Ann Santos.

Calling All Bakers - ALL baked goods are to be at the church by NOON on Friday, November 6 for the bake sale portion of the market. Penny Puente is chair.

Lunch - Service starts at 11:30 a.m. Suzy Wennhold knows what is going on.

Silent Auction - Items for auction range from Timeshare weeks to art and jewelry items. Bidding closes at 3 p.m. on the 7th, winners will be notified. Nancy Deis and Sharon Hoelscher-Day are in charge.

Timeless Treasures - Gently used housewares and decor items at great prices. This year's items are ready and waiting for shoppers. See Alison Grey, Marsha Gallegos, or Brenda Hulphers

Visit from Santa - at 10:30 a.m. and a special **Kid's Market**.

See photo on page 3.



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The banner photo of fall color is by Cecile Brown - Antelope Valley, CA in 2025. Kathy Wicker gives us the sunrise, a confirmation and Craft Market roll out. Ken Struven contributed the photo of October 11th confirmations & scholarship.



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 November

November 1, 2026 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost (All SAINTS SUNDAY)

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sermon Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 2:10

Theme: You are witnesses

November 8, 2026 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost (Veterans)

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 25:13

Theme: Keep Awake

November 15, 2026 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 25:21 (revised standard version)

Theme: Well done, good and faithful servant

November 22,2026 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 25:34

Theme: Come, you who are blessed

November 29, 2026 - 1st Sunday of Advent (Candle of HOPE)

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Sermon Scripture - Lord, Restore us

Theme: Praise be to God

Cookies for Home-Bound

Each year the United Women in Faith provide cookies and visitation to our home-bound members as a kick off to the Christmas holiday season.

Homemade cookies are needed with "warnings" that might cause an allergy (nuts, coconut, etc.). Much needed are gluten-free and sugar-free items.

Mark your cookies "UWF" and bring to the church by noon December 6.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child's Shoeboxes are ready for packing! What a blessing to participate in this international ministry for the third year!! Little did Jill & David Cooke realize in 1990 as they filled & sent shoeboxes to Romanian orphanages that their efforts would become a worldwide outreach! Their project merged with Samaritan's Purse in 1993 and shoeboxes are now shipped from the United States, Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom to more than 175 countries & territories (12.2 million boxes in 2025)!

* Please make good use of the items included in most boxes (toothbrush holder; zippered pencil pouches for pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scissors and even combs; sheer cloth bag for matchbox cars, games and other small toys; the little carabiner for hair ties, scrunchies, jewelry, etc.) and toss all that extraneous packaging material!

* The church is covering the $10 shipping cost donation for each box.

* Boxes are due by sundown November 22nd.

* Return boxes to the wicker chest in the church library.

* Many, many thanks for participating in this ministry!

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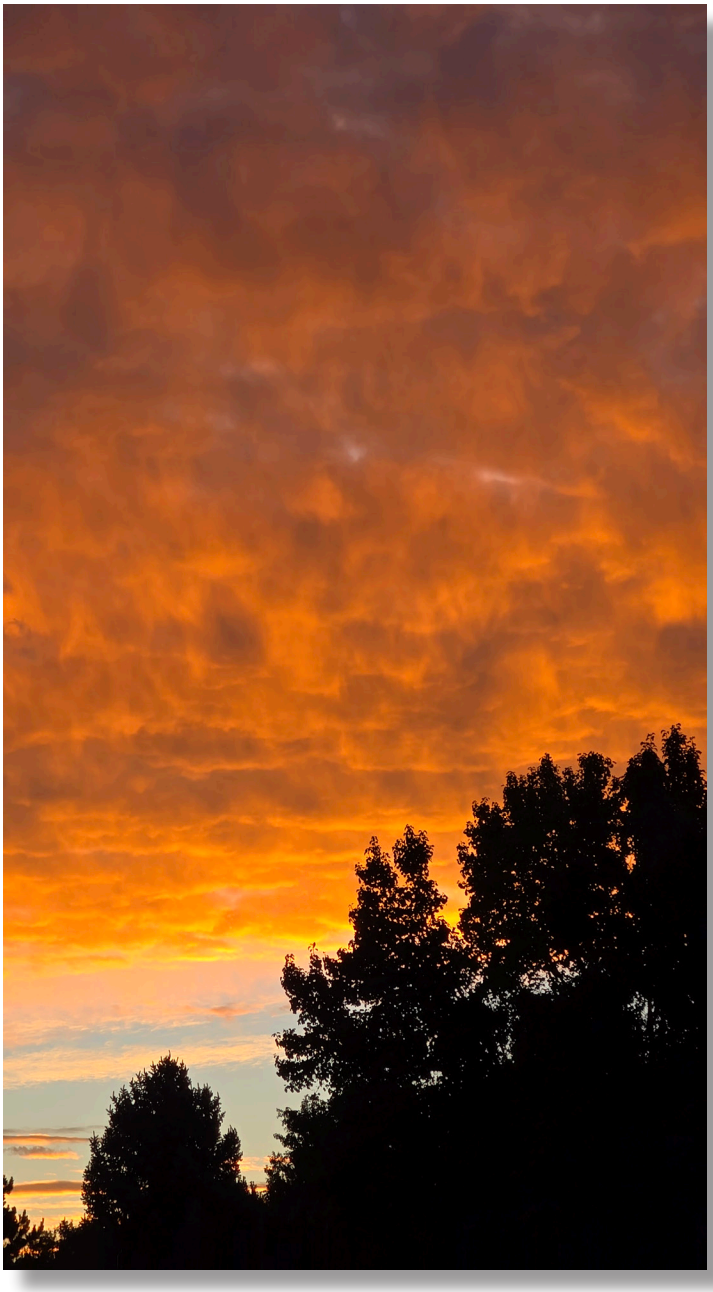
2026 UWF Reading Program

All women of UWF are encouraged to read! Women or men can start reading now to complete the requirements for a 2027 reading certificate. To earn a reading certificate for 2027, one book from each of the following categories must be read: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Expand your knowledge and spiritual growth by reading. Contact Pam Forest with any questions.

One of the books on the UWF reading list and also in our Douglas County Library is *James* by Percival Everett. It is also a Pulitzer Prize Winner and New York Times Best Seller. The book reimagines the adventures of Huckleberry Finn told from the enslaved Jim's Point of View.



Sharon Calvert rolls out the advertising banner.



Autumn in the Carson Valley and its environs is spectacular, and sunrise is no exception. Kathy Wicker got up early to capture this one.

Scholarship Winner

At right is Caitlyn Duarte receiving the Carson Valley United Methodist Church annual scholarship award. This year the award is for $1500, will be used by the recipient to further her nursing education. Caitlyn, who has "always wanted to be a nurse" will use the scholarship to pay expenses of her last semester in the nursing education program. She wants to specialize in labor and delivery nursing. Congratulations Caitlyn and good luck on your career path.

All Saints Sunday

Psalm 107:9 - For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Growing up in the Methodist Church, I have been fortunate to be guided by exemplary church leaders throughout my faith development. The list of these influential individuals is extensive, as they supported me during challenging periods in my adolescence, attended my earliest sporting events as a child, and advocated for me when I was nominated as a candidate for licensed pastoral ministry. I am truly blessed that these remarkable people—these saints—served as instruments of inspiration, helping me to sustain my relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

This month, we will celebrate those individuals who have been the "saints" in our personal journeys of faith. When such individuals are part of our support system, they serve as beacons, opening our hearts and minds to the presence of God.

All Saints Sunday is a time to honor the saints within our congregation and those who have been called by God into eternal life. It is also an opportunity to recognize the saints throughout the world who continue to serve as guiding lights of faith for others.

Psalm 107:9 reminds us of the abundance of God's provision in our personal lives. Even though we rely on the essentials of food and water to sustain our lives, God also provides godly people who are familiar with his ordinances. The Scriptures show that prophets and apostles were prepared by someone who was actively committed to the Lord.

So as you meditate this month, may you remember those great people and honor their names in your gifts and talents.

Amen.



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the redeemer and peacemaker of the world. This month's theme is "Praise be to God," dedicated to Thanksgiving, a national holiday on November 24th. Many of us have plans for this special day, but it is a sacred time for the church to thank the Lord for leading our path into the months leading up to Advent.

Various preparations are underway across the different departments within our church's ministry as we anticipate the Christmas season. Offering thanks to God involves recognizing and appreciating His presence as the foundation of our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we demonstrate our gratitude by sharing good works within our local communities and with one another as brothers and sisters in faith. One tradition I cherish and strive to uphold each Sunday during our morning worship is the passing of the peace, which encourages all in attendance to greet one another with words of affirmation and welcome.

In my native Tongan culture, giving thanks to God is showing up for one another as family or friends. The power of presence reminds your loved ones that they are loved, cared for, and tended to in the seasons that come and go. My mother always told me that presence is more valuable than money because it shows the compassion within a person's heart.

Carson Valley, we have done some great things in our church community throughout this year. Still, we have the energy and grace to walk into the last months of this year with the spirit of gratitude. I hope that you take time in your personal devotion to reflect on the journey you have had this year and so far in life today. "God is good all the time" because He walks us to life giving waters and leads us to green pastures in all the circumstances before us. In this season of thanksgiving, what are you thankful for in this month? How will you show your gratitude in the coming weeks of Advent to God?...May it be so.

Methodists Love a Potluck

Fall is in the air and it's time for the Fall Harvest Potluck on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 11:30, following the second service. The turkey and ham are a donation from the Moxleys and Baumrucks. A big thank you to them. Beverages are provided by Member Care and you provide the rest. Sign up will be for side dishes and desserts, your favorites for this time of year.





Here is an advance "thank you" for all the Craft Market work and workers: "Thanks to all the committee chairs, volunteers, shoppers, donors, crafters, bakers and candy makers, the United Women in Faith's annual Christmas Holiday Market is a success."

Where Do Craft Faire Proceeds Go? - Part 7

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

Austin House provides emergency shelter for children from birth to age 18 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. As the only children's shelter in rural Northern Nevada, we offer 24/7 care and support until a safe, long term placement is found. They provide a safe, nurturing environment for 50-75 children each year with basic needs met with care and consistency. Children receive balanced meals, clean clothing, and essential personal items. We coordinate transportation to school and activities, arrange medical screenings, vaccinations, and doctor visits, and offer educational support, emotional care, and counseling to help each child heal and thrive.

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Alpine Kids program was founded in 1981, by Founder & Director, Edie Veatch, in Alpine County, California. It is a non-profit group connected to the Carson Valley United Methodist Church.

Their Mission: To prevent child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence, while strengthening families & communities through play.

Their Goal: To make life better for children, seniors & their families by teaching them how to play together without the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vaping.

Visit https://carsonvalleyumc.com/alpine-kids-ministry or contact Edie Veatch.

Family Support Council provides a wide range of services to individuals and families in crisis. They operate a confidential shelter called Abbey's Crossing. FSC provided 185 number of bed nights during the quarter of January-March, 2026. Their dedicated staff spent more than 2600 hours supporting adults with developmental disabilities. They have been serving the Douglas County community since 1982, with services like therapy, parenting classes, and supervised visitation. For more details visit their website at https://www.family-support.org/

If you or someone you know is in danger, our 24 hour crisis line is here for you. Call (775) 782-8692

And The Beat Goes On…….

Hello church family. This is a message from your music director Tammy Owens. As I'm sure you have heard: CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!! With that said it is time to mark your calendar with some concert dates.

The Campane and Sierra Ringers will be performing a holiday concert DECEMBER 6 at 6:30 p.m. Just to peak your curiosity a little, there will be a Tammy Twist to this concert. You're not going to want to miss the fun.

Our wonderful choir will be performing the Christmas Cantata "Joy!" DECEMBER 13 at 6:30 p.m. Following the Cantata, we will all raise our voices to sing some of our favorite Christmas Hymns (carols). I predict that it will be a very joyous experience. So bring a friend and come join us.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!!



UWF Meeting and Luncheon

Mark your calendar for November 12, the second Thursday. The UWF group will meet in the Carson Valley United Methodist Church, education room. The monthly potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at 12:15 p.m. This month's program is about indigenous people around the world presented by our local members.

There are no dues for United Women of Faith, just come and enjoy the Christian fellowship and good food.

UWF Officers Needed

Two officer positions will be open in 2027, secretary and social action. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good choice for either position, please contact President, Tamara Brewer, brewertamara777@Gmail.com

Have a Heart?

In December, the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center is celebrating its 30th Annual Gallery of Trees and 22nd Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Contest! And once again, CVUMC has entered a tree in this fundraiser for the Museum. Our tree's theme is "Keep Christmas in Your Heart."

When you're decorating for the holidays and run across Valentines Day decor you no longer want, please consider donating it for our tree! A collection bin will be in the Narthex after the Heavenly Holiday Market wraps up.

The holiday gala at the Museum on December 5 kicks off this collection of beautiful trees and creative gingerbread houses, and offers fun for the entire community.

Tree removal begins on December 28. Until then, please visit the Museum during the holidays and vote for our tree! All proceeds support Museum programs.

Happy Holidays…and thank you!

Ann Santos

Congratulations



Aubri Barclay, Hunter Isaacs were confirmed members of Carson Valley United Methodist Church on October 11, 2026. Then on October 25, Owen Lundquist also became a member through confirmation. To add a special touch, Laura Engles gave us all the meaning of each student's name.

Young people fourth grade and above also receive Bibles from the church. October has been a banner month for the youth of CVUMC!



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

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