



# Share The Spirit

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## Carson Valley Community Food Closet

The Carson Valley Community Food Closet has been serving Douglas County for more than 35 years. The clients include newborns to senior citizens, individuals and families, who from time to time have needed some assistance to get themselves back to a point of being self-sufficient.

Through a screening program, provided by the Douglas County Social Services Department, qualified clients are provided with vouchers that can be redeemed at the Food Closet for food and various items used in their daily lives, i.e., soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, laundry detergent and diapers.

The Food Closet is a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors that oversees paid positions, including Directors of the day to day operations, and full and part time Associates, as well as nearly sixty volunteers.

They are primarily supported by the generous donations of food, supplies and money from churches, service clubs, businesses and individuals. For many years, our single largest fundraiser was the annual “Wacky Waddler Wiver Wace” (aka Rubber Ducky Race). Usually held during the Carson Valley Days Sunday activities, the “Wace” generates nearly \$9,000 a year.

In 1992 KTVN Channel 2 News in Reno, started an annual Food Drive during the Christmas season. They had locations in Reno and at the Governor’s Mansion in Carson City. For seven years Carson City shared the Donations received with the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. In 1999 The Carson Valley Inn in Minden, began to host the KTVN “Share Your Christmas” Food Drive for our Community. Every year there is a “friendly” competition between the different locations to see who can raise the most donations of food and money. While Reno typically receives large monetary donations, often the Carson Valley site brings in the most food donations, often over 200,000 pounds!

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## Sermons & Scriptures November

November 3, 2024 (All Saints Sunday)

Scripture: Mark 12:28-34

Sermon Scripture Mark 12:29-30 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 12:30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Theme: The greatest commandment

November 10, 2024

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

Sermon Scripture: Mark 12:44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Theme: God's abundant gift

November 17, 2024

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

Sermon Scripture: Mark 13:5 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray.

Theme: Led by Jesus

November 24, 2024

Scripture: John 18:33-37

Sermon Scripture: John 18:37b For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Theme: Listening to Jesus' voice



The banner photo is by Cecile Brown - "Detail of Leaves in Little Antelope Valley" - 2024 fall color.

Photos of beautiful Northern Nevada by Sharon Hoelscher-Day and Kathy Wicker, and pics of UWF activities by Sharon and

Kathy captured Sierra Ringers in mid-ring.



## 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.

## Decorating For Christmas

We are decorating the church for Christmas on Friday December 6 at 9:30 a.m. We need both men and women to help. Call Nancy Raymond at 775-720-6266 with questions. We need you!



## 2024 UWF Reading Program

Thanks to the United Women in Faith our church has a regular reading program. Congratulations to all our readers this past year! You can browse all the books in the 2025 program at <https://bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith> Our local UWF groups will be purchasing several books, plus these 21 are in our local Douglas Co. Library.

### Education for Mission:

Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past & Reimagining our Future

The Girl with the Louding Voice: A Novel

The Making of Asian America: A History

Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People

How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America

### Leadership Development:

Raise your Voice: Why We Stay Silent & How to Speak Up

### Nurturing for Community:

All That is Secret (An Annalee Spain Mystery)

All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times

All My Rage

Starfish (downloadable from overdrive audio book)

New Kid

Berry Song

Something Happened in Our Town

### Social Action:

Our Missing Hearts: A Novel

Solito: A Memoir, Zamora

The Sun does Shine: How I Found Life & Freedom on Death Row

What We Owe the Future

This is Your Time

Victory. Stand!

Raising My Fist for Justice

### Spiritual Growth:

Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day

The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women

And their Lessons for Today

Men and women of the church are encouraged to read at least 1 book from each of the five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Books from the current year & 4 previous years are also eligible. This year's program ended in August, but you can start reading for next year's program with any of the books from recent years in our church library.

**GREAT CHANGES ARE HAPPENING!**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**Fun On the Lawn & BE FED**

**Every Wednesday**

**Bring a Friend!**

**4:30- 6 pm Snacks & Games & Crafts**

**Wiffle Ball Volleyball Kick Ball Football  
And More!**

## Fall Harvest Potluck

**Sunday, November 17**

Turkey and ham will be provided by the Member Care Committee. Please sign up by November 10 - we need a head count!

## \* Last Minute Reminders

We are down to the wire here folks!

All completed crafts should have been turned in by Monday, October 28, 2024

Thursday, October 31, 2024 is "Trunk Or Treat" in the church front parking lot. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 1, 2024 is a Very Important Date because:

\*All baked goods and other items for this area are due by NOON!

\*Candyland - All candy by NOON here as well.



# Community Food Closet

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Our Church is an ongoing supporter of the Food Closet. Every third Sunday we collect donations of food and personal hygiene items. We also set up a "Food Corral" in the Lobby in November and collect donations for the "Share Your Christmas" Food Drive, which takes place on the first Friday of December. CVUMC has donated up to 1,600 pounds annually in the past.

## History

The need for a Food Closet in the Carson Valley was identified in 1988 by the Director of the Douglas County Social Services Department, Karen Hamperle (now Karen Goode).

With the help of local churches, service clubs, businesses and volunteers, the first location for the Carson Valley Community Food Closet was in a garage at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church on Church Street. The demands on the Food Closet soon made this space obsolete.

The second location was a 400 sq. ft. space in the Carson Valley Heating and Air Conditioning building in downtown Gardnerville. This site worked well for about four years when once again the growing needs in our community caused us to seek a larger space.

In 1996, through a Block Grant and a community wide campaign of donations of time, material, money and land, the Carson Valley Community Food Closet and the Family Support Council of Douglas County became joint tenants in the "Hussman Building" located on Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville.

Once again the Food Closet needed more space and in 2019 they moved into their current location, which provides warehouse space, a spacious waiting room, a training area where Clients can learn how to cook efficiently with the types of foods received from the Food Closet.

The Food Closet is a vital part of our community and the Carson Valley United Methodist Church has been there for them from the beginning.

## Annual Fall Food Round-up

Starting on Sunday, November 10, 2024, the congregation of the Carson Valley United Methodist Church will hold it's annual "Fall Food Round-up". A "corral" is set up in the church's entryway, and everyone is encouraged to bring items to fill it for the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. We will take these donations to the

Annual "Share Your Holiday" Food Drive at the Carson Valley Inn on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Items requested by the Food Closet include non-perishable goods, personal hygiene supplies and pet food.

Let's fill the Corral to overflowing this year!

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## Stewardship 2025 Update

Congratulations on a wonderful Stewardship Campaign for 2025. With our theme of "All God's Children", people turned in their "Estimate of Giving" Cards with some amazing pictures of themselves from the past. The pictures will remain on the front wall of the Sanctuary for a couple of weeks. Take a moment to view them, you won't be disappointed.

As of this writing, we are quickly approaching our goal of financially supporting God's Church in 2025. What an amazing Congregation we have! For those that have submitted their cards already, we thank you for your continued support. If you would still like to submit an Estimate of Giving card, they are available in the Church Lobby.

Everyone of us is a Child of God.

Blessings to all.



*Join us on Sunday, November 10, 2024, as we Honor our Veterans during our morning Worship Services. Come and be a part of this special day*



## Native American Heritage

November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to reflect on the rich gifts and stories of the Indigenous peoples who have shaped the land on which we live, work, and gather for worship. Many of us may not know that our church buildings stand on land that once was inhabited by diverse tribal nations, each with a particular language, culture, and traditional practices. This month offers the church an opportunity to listen, learn, and humbly build relationships grounded in mutual respect, allyship, and support.

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## November UWF Meeting

“Washoe Life Today” is the program for our local United Women in Faith on Thursday, November 14 in the education room. The potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 am and the program at 12:15 p.m.



Kathy Rakow, Hung-A-Lel-Ti Washoe Tribe will speak about modern Washoe life at our November luncheon. Please bring your World Thank Offering to the meeting.

Come for Food & Fellowship! All are welcome! No reservation or RSVP needed.

## Alpine Kids Family Outings

Saturday, November 23 - Turkey Bingo at Turtle Rock Park. 1-4 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of pizza, hot dogs, chips, water, sodas and desserts benefit Alpine Kids Young Adult Program

Saturday, November 30 . Brunch and Movie 10 a.m. in CVUMC Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and other goodies to eat. Movie to be announced.

## Mark your calendar for UWF Holiday Party!

Celebrate Christmas around the World on December 15 at 2 p.m.

All ladies of CVUMC are invited for a wonderful trip around the world to see how Christmas is celebrated in other cultures and regions. Please bring your favorite holiday dessert to share or bring a dessert from another country or culture, if you wish. Invite your lady friends and ask them to also bring a dessert to share!

If you would like to host a table, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the United Women of Faith bulletin board. As hostess, you choose your “destination” and decorate your table however you would like.

Sign ups to “travel” with us will be on the bulletin board in November. There will also be a sign-up sheet to help with set-up and clean-up.

Please join us on this exciting trip around the world for Food, Fun & Fellowship! We hope to see you there! (This event will be held in the CVUMC Fellowship Hall – no passport needed!)



*October UWF potluck.*





## Music Notes

Hello again from your music director. The Bell Choirs and the Choir are currently working hard to prepare for their December performances. Now is the time to mark your calendars.

Chancel Choir, Christmas Cantata, "Peace."  
December 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Sierra Ringers Concert, December 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Sierra Ringers at the Volante Senior Center,  
December 14, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

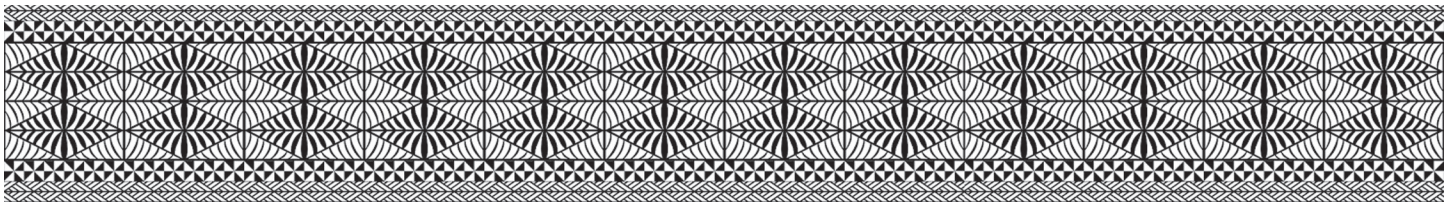
Campane Ringers at Jacks Valley Elementary,  
December 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.



## Competition?

*Lately, we seem to be having a little friendly competition between two of our photographers. Sharon Hoelscher-Day (top photo) and Kathy Wicker have both been out and about with their cameras (maybe iPhone cameras) shooting the beauty with which God has blessed Northern Nevada. Sharon shot lifting fog in the Carson Valley, and Kathy captured a view across Washoe Lake and the Carson River. Kathy has another photo on the next page.*





For this month of November we will be observing a worship series titled: Truth Telling.

The series highlights the words of Jesus empowering our actions and our own words. The series will continue to utilize the book of Mark in observing the stories of Jesus to recalibrate the truth of the gospel in deep thoughts, devotion, and prayer.

Our series will equip our faith journey before we travel into the liturgical season of Advent, and reminding us of our calling as followers of Jesus Christ to be salt and light to this world. Also, on November 3, 2024, we will be celebrating the saints that have passed on in our church, and in our personal lives. Those that have contributed to our walk of faith today. We will have a litany to remember their names during our worship service.

The symbolism of ordinary time is the reconstruction of our faith-walk with God before we end the year, with a celebration of Jesus' birth and a welcoming the new year. I urge you to take the time to read this month's lectionary (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/>) for every week to invite the Word of God into your life and also prepare you for our month of celebration of Advent and Christmas season.

*Blessings, Latu*

## Summer Plans for Sierra Service Project

Plans are in the works for our youth to attend a session of Sierra Service Project next summer.

At Sierra Service Project sites, youth have the opportunity to serve in a variety of ways. Sometimes the projects involve building a ramp or roofing or building a shed or painting a house – all done for someone in need. Other times the youth are involved in environmental work like creating a community garden or beach restoration.

The youth are put on work teams led by the chaperoning adults. There can be participants from four or five other churches, so there is great opportunity to make new friends. There are morning devotions and evening worship.

Nancy Deis has been many times (14 summers) and is very excited that our youth at Carson Valley can have this opportunity.

Any questions about SSP can be directed to Nancy. Stay tuned for more information and ways you can help.

## Holiday Cookies Needed!

Once again our local UWF is gathering cookies to distribute to shut-ins and first responders. Please bring your cookies by noon on Sunday, December 8 and mark "UWF."



*Sierra Ringers sport their new logo shirts and ring out beautiful music at early and late services.*

## CA/NV UWF Recognition


At this year's Great Northern District's Annual Celebration in October, our local UWF group was once again recognized. We had six women who were recognized for completing the Reading Program's five categories and we were the ONLY group in the district that received the "Mission Today" award completing activities in all 4 categories - Faith, Hope, Joy and Love.



We are also excited to announce that Tamara Brewer was installed at the celebration as the new district Spiritual Growth Leader.

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

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