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### November Devotion - “Names”

*Romans 10:13, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

In Tongan culture, one way we remember people who were dear to us in our life’s journey is by naming our children after them. Names have a value in the *taufatungamotu’a* (culture) because they keep the ancestral presence alive within a person and the family. My name, “Latu,” means “which direction to sail,” derived from the original Fijian name of “Ratu.” My father named me after a Tongan Wesleyan pastor who became a father figure to him during his adolescent years.

Furthermore, as I inherited the name from birth, my mother told me she wanted to name me after her adoptive father, who was a long-time choir director at their local church in Tonga. I always argued with my parents as a teenager, telling them that I can’t be like the original “latu” because I’m me. My father would often remind me to abstain from alcohol and drugs to align myself with the person I am named after.

When I visit relatives overseas, I notice that my name brings a sense of peace to my aunts and uncles. They call for me in their homes, during celebrations, or announce my name in public because it holds a special place in my family’s heart. This month, for the first Sunday of November, we remember the saints who played a key role in our walk with God. We posted the special names of those who loved, cared for, and accepted our well-being because we were valuable to them.

**Who are the names that are special to you, my church family? How do you honor these special names in your daily life?** This reflection leads us to the book of Romans, where Paul explains that those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. The name Jesus is the truth, the way, and the light to be in relationship with God. What names will you remember this month that brought you closer to God in Jesus Christ?

Let us pray: Dear Lord, we remember the names of saints who were a guide in the walk of faith with You. We pray that you keep the name of Jesus within our hearts to honor the names who brought us closer to you. In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*Latu*



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Banner photo is a beautiful shot of the Carson River taken by Kathy Wicker. It is cropped for the banner so another copy is included so you can see the lucky shot of the sun's reflection, but luck had nothing to do with it! Other photos by Kathy and Sharon Hoelscher-Day.



## 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. New prayers are added all the time.

## November 2025 Scriptures and Sermon Themes

### November 2, 2025 (All Saints Sunday)

Scripture - Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Scripture - Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Theme: Jesus, came to seek out and save the lost

### November 9, 2025 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture - Luke 20:27-38

Sermon Scripture - Luke 20:38 Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

Theme: God of the Living

### November 16, 2025 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture - Luke 21:5-19

Sermon Scripture - Luke 21:13 This will give you an opportunity to testify

Theme: Lord, Speak through Me

### November 23, 2025 - (Christ the King/ Reign of Christ)

Scripture - Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Scripture - Luke 23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

Theme: Jesus, Remember Me

### November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

Scripture - Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Scripture Matthew 24:44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Theme: Lord, I want to be ready



## Thank YOU! - Heavenly Holiday Market

Thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers who help make our annual Heavenly Holiday Market so successful. It takes many hands to make it happen. Our local United Women in Faith use the profits generated by the November 1 Heavenly Holiday Market to support more than 20 local charities and missions that focus on women and children.

Last year more than \$17,000 was raised for missions and charities. Final numbers for 2025 will come out later in November. It is UWF's only fund raiser of the year. Thank you to all the crafters, bakers, candy makers, donors for raffle baskets, food for lunch and silent auction items to make the Faire a success.

Local charities include: Abbey's Crossing, Alpine Kids, Austin House, Awaken, Inc., Backpack Buddies, Boys & Girls Club-Carson Valley, Carson Valley Community Food Closet, China Springs Youth Camp, City of Refuge, Family Support Council, Kids & Horses.

Other local charities helped are: Partnership of Community Resources, Project Santa Claus, Project School Days, Suicide Prevention Network, & Xquisite. UWF also supported our Church Outreach to Local Families in need, and the National & International Charities: Gum Moon Residence, Mary Elizabeth Inn, UMW Missionaries, Earth Angels, Heifer International, UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief.

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## United Women in Faith (UWF) Meeting

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will meet on Thursday, November 13 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. with Karen Lundy who is active in Alpine Kids and the Washoe Community. There will also be an update on the Heavenly Holiday Market.

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

### UWF Calendar Items

Nov. 3 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 13 - UWF Luncheon Meeting - 11:30-1 p.m.

Dec. 1 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

## 2026 UWF Reading Program

You can start reading for the 2026 United in Women in Faith Reading program. To complete the program read at least one book from each of the five categories: Education for Mission Category, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. You can read any of the new books or any of the books from the last 4 years in our church library.

New books will be in the library in January.

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### *The Making of Biblical Womanhood* by Beth Allison Barr

Beth Barr challenges the long-held belief that the idea that women should be submissive, quiet, and domestic – is divinely ordained. Drawing on her background as a medieval historian and her own experiences in evangelical Christianity, Barr argues that these gender roles are not rooted in Scripture but in historical and cultural traditions shaped by patriarchy.

The book combines personal storytelling with solid historical research, tracing how interpretations of the Bible have been influenced by social structures rather than divine command. Barr's writing is clear, passionate, and accessible, making complex ideas understandable to general readers.

This is a thought-provoking, faith-affirming work that invites readers – especially those in Christian communities to re-examine how history and theology have shaped women's roles in the church and home. It's both scholarly and deeply personal, offering hope for a more equal and faithful future.

Galatians 3:28 – *There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

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## Fall Harvest Potluck

November 16, 2025 at 11:45

Member Care will provide:  
Turkey, Ham and Rolls



## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) was the brainchild of a Welsh couple, Jill and David Cooke. They started sending gifts and supplies in shoeboxes to children in Romanian orphanages in 1990. Three years later this project merged with Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are now shipped to children in over 170 countries and territories as tangible evidence of God's love for them.

Last year UWF got involved in packing & sending boxes, and we're excited to get the information to all church members this year!

Please consider stuffing an empty shoebox from the narthex! Each box has a brochure with instructions for filling the box and a label for the outside of the box (to indicate the gender and age of the recipient). There is a QR code in the brochure (takes you to the website [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ)) with a lot more suggestions for gifts and an expanded list of "no-nos." Please remove all packaging from items as much as is possible (batteries must be in the original packaging, but some of the cardboard could be removed).

Boxes can be returned to Linda Miner or Nancy Deis; or brought to the UWF luncheon on November 13th or dropped in the wicker chest next to the tree in the library. Final date to get the shoeboxes to CVUMC is November 23rd. High Sierra Fellowship will have last-minute drop off times on November 24th.

Happy shopping! Thank you!

*With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.*



Newly confirmed Trinity Ivie and Ethan Lundquist with Pastor Latu Paea. October 19, 2025



*Here is the complete banner photo with all its reflections intact.*



*Here in the Carson Valley we are blessed with beautiful fall color and many churches. This is a "different" view of the Episcopal church in Minden with fall color. Both photos by Kathy Wicker.*

## Music Notes

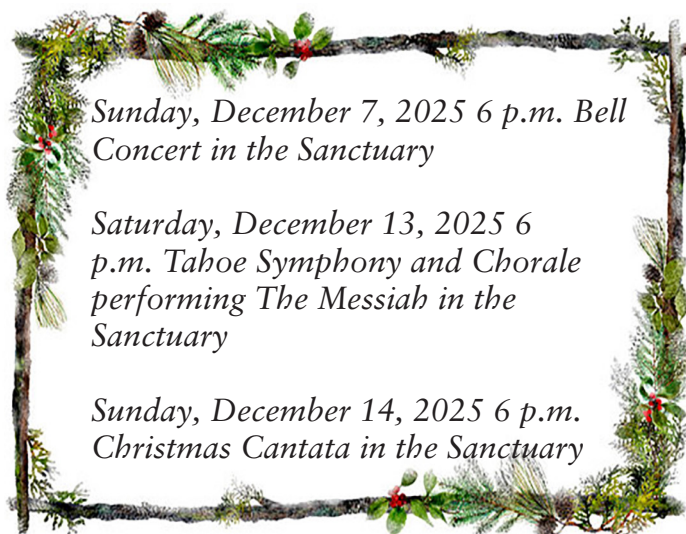
Seasons greetings from your music director. I would like to invite you to join us for two concerts in December.

The first will be December 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in which the Campana Ringers will be doing a joint concert with Tintabulation. This concert will be filled with holiday music, great musicianship and a fun time for all.

The second concert will be December 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in which the Chancel Choir will be performing this year's cantata, "Hope". This Christmas cantata uses six compelling anthems and scripture to bring the listener closer to the manger to reflect on the promises of hope found in the birth of Christ.

Join us following each of the performances in the fellowship hall for treats and refreshments.

Grab a friend and we look forward to seeing you all there!!!



## From our Youth/Sunday School

Teaching children how to pray is a beautiful thing. It begins their relationship with God and helps them feel safe.

*Thank you for the sky so blue thank you for the  
morning dew. Thank you for the birds that sing.  
Thank you Lord for everything.*

*Thank you for my home so sweet.*

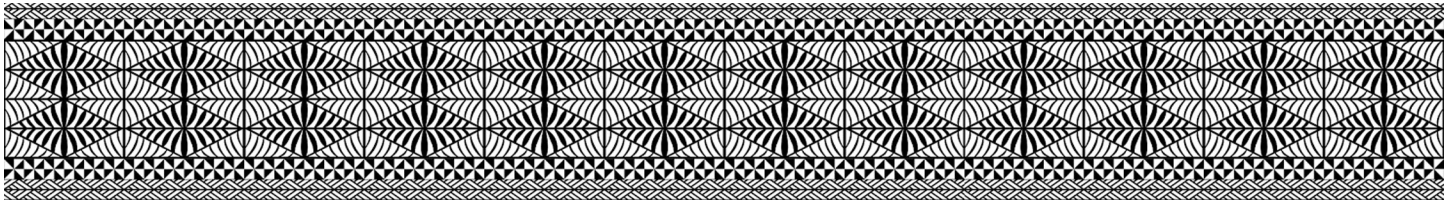
*Thank you for my hands and feet.*

*Thank you God for Joy and Grace.*

*Thank you for my happy place.*

*I'm thankful for the hugs and smiles today*

*I thank you, Lord in every way. - Amen*



This month, we are observing the worship theme titled “The Days Are Surely Coming.” In this month’s worship series, we are continuing our journey into the synoptic gospels of Matthew and Luke as they write about Jesus Christ’s life teachings to his disciples and followers. The meaning of this month’s worship theme is tailored to prepare our congregation for the Advent season.

We celebrate many things in this new month at Carson Valley United Methodist Church, including the holiday craft fair, Thanksgiving, the harvest potluck, and the transition from the liturgical season of ordinary time to the Advent season. There is a theological perspective in this month’s worship theme; we must look forward to the coming of Christ.

Our reflection on this month’s scriptures sustains us as people of God, enabling us to continue rooting our mission within the essence of Christ’s kingdom. Our worship and hope must be grounded in the Reign of Christ, who redeems us from our sins, brokenness, grief, and disappointments. John Wesley preached an Advent sermon titled “The Almost Christian,” bringing to light the importance of trusting God willingly alongside serving God wholeheartedly and unreservedly.

As United Methodists, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The love of Christ is requested in our communities and beyond because it looks beyond skin color, race, or religion. The pre-Advent season also reminds us, as the church, that there are people looking for refuge or seeking support; we as Christians must respond to these things. The encouragement for this month is to call on us as God’s people to bring God’s redeeming love to our communities, families, and the world. The Reign of Christ was not only for the believer, but it is for the sinner. In my own words, a sinner is someone that is still a work in progress.

As you enjoy this new month, I challenge you to intentionally seek out places in your local communities that need the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Take proactive steps—reach out, volunteer, pray with others, or support those in need—so that the month of November truly prepares you to welcome the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with action and compassion.

*Blessings, Latu*

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**Another Success!**  
**Heavenly Craft Market 2025**

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

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*We have been hearing from the bells a lot recently, and both the Sierra Ringers (pictured here) and the Campana Ringers have been giving us beautiful music, both familiar and new. Upcoming performances feature more music on November 30 and December 14 for the Sierra Ringers, and December 6 (concert) and 7 for the Campana Ringers.*