



# Share The Spirit

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## Remember This?

*We reminded you`all early about this upcoming event. So here you get it again:*

**Saturday May 31. 2025 at 12 noon!**

Come one, come all. Hamburgers and hotdogs prepared on our custom barbecue, by world famous griller LEN FRUEH. (with minor assistance by his trusty sidekick Al (Dave) Baumruck. American cheese and other fixins` available. And drinks!!!

AAAAND,....

Just as a happy coincidence, we are planning an all-hands Church clean-up Day from 9:00 a.m. to noon that very same day! Such a deal.

This will be a chance to pretty up the Church and grounds after the long winter. The weather should be nice, and we can enjoy some fellowship and exercise - good lightweight cardio stuff.

Here are a few ideas:

R and R the garden area.

Clean out the leaves in and around the dog park and pavilion.

Clean the area of the new youth playground.

Check and adjust the drip system.

We have a stump in the center circle that needs to go away.

Clean up “stuff” between and around the containers.

Other stuff to be determined!!!

Oh, and dress for gardening or cleanup, bring hand tools, and a good attitude. Water, etc. will be provided. Such a deal!!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship hall, please sign up so we know how much food to buy.

Come and have fun and help keep our church beautiful.

*Signed, Al*



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## Scriptures and Sermons May 2025

“Believing into Christ”

May 04, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture - John 21:1-19

Sermon Scripture - John 21:15

THEME: Do you love me?

May 11, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Easter  
MOTHER'S DAY

Scripture - John 10:22-30

Sermon Scripture - John 10: 27

THEME: The Voice of Jesus

May 18, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture - John 13:31-35

Sermon Scripture - John 13:34

THEME: A New Commandment

May 25, 2025 - 6th Sunday of Easter

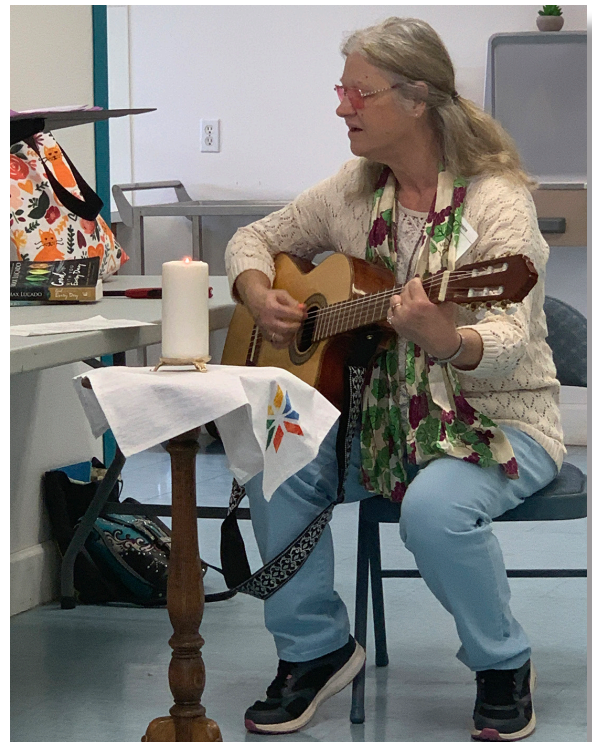
Scripture - John 14: 23-29

Sermon Scripture - John 14:27

THEME: Peace in Jesus



The banner photo of Job's Peak after a recent snow shows off the diversity of weather in the Carson Valley. This photo and Holy Humor candids by Kathy Wicker. UWF photo by Sharon Hoelscher-Day



*Tamara Brewer leading the opening song at April's UWF meeting.*



## 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.



## Calling All Crafters!

Heavenly Holiday Faire Craft workshops will start meeting the first and third Mondays of the month on May 5 and 19 from 9:30 til noon. Even if you don't consider yourself "crafty" there is something for everyone to make. Try something new!

Supplies are also available if you have projects you want to make at home. If you have questions or new craft ideas, contact Nancy Raymond or Kevin Heckart.

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## May UWF Meeting

The United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, May 8 in the education room for its annual Baby Shower for moms at the City of Refuge. The monthly potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and the Baby Shower at 12:15 p.m. Desert will be provided at the luncheon.

The City of Refuge and Heifer International are just two of the charities that the United Women in Faith support financially from the profits of our craft faire each year. At its April meeting, UWF voted to send \$500 to the Heifer International to support clean water projects, garden seeds, 2 sets of honeybees and a flock of chickens. Heifer International helps families around the world become self-sufficient and improve their standard of living.

A list of needed items for the City of Refuge Baby Shower is on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Wrapped gifts can be left the basket in the Narthex or brought to the May UWF meeting.

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## Timeless Treasures Collection Continues

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the third Monday of each month between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. The next collection day will be Monday, May 19. Spring cleaning 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 Timeless Treasures. 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.

## 2025 UWF Reading Program

The United Women in Faith at our church increased the budget for our reading program. You can browse all the books in the 2025 program at <https://bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith>, some are in the Douglas Co. Library. Men and women of the church are encouraged to read at least one book from each of the five categories: You can read any of the new books or any of the books from recent years in our church library. The new UWF reading program book names are posted in the Fellowship Hall and in the Library. For more information contact Carol Coleman or Pam Forest.

The goal is to 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. Reporting forms are in the church library.

One of the new books is *The Gift of the Unexpected* by Jillian Benfield. Gwen Marsh reports that this is a true story found in the category of Spiritual Growth. Jillian Benfield was a successful news anchor and journalist. Life changed directions for her when she received the unexpected diagnosis that her second child had trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome). Her spiritual life and purpose were tested as she chose to undergo a transformation when her family moved from remote Alamogodo, NM to Tucson, AZ where there would be care for her child.

Jillian used her God-given gift to become an advocate for full inclusion of people with disabilities.

This book is an inspiration for anyone who may be living out an unexpected life that may lead to the abundant life God promises. A verse of healing for her was Psalm 139:13-14 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

## Annual Church Picnic

June 14, 2025

Hang on to the date!

Where's the MEAT?

Member Care will supply it.



## Holy Humor Sunday - A Look Back



*It is hard to tell just who is the leader here. Goofy has the PVC wand in his teeth and looks ready to conduct the Sierra Ringers in the Disneyland March. Lead on!*

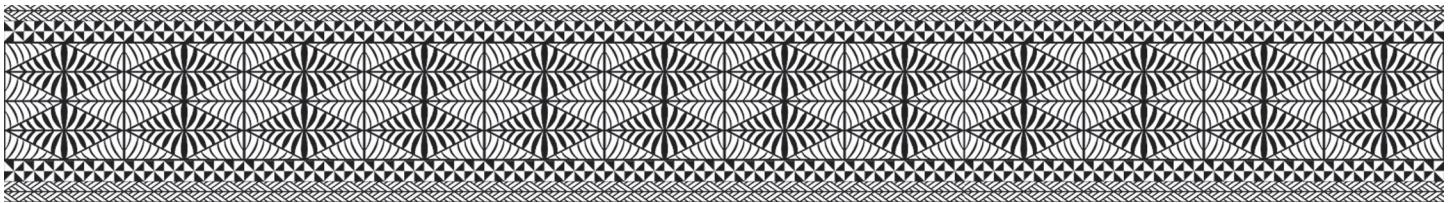


*Nancy brought all her critters to share with the congregation. Toni here is examining his dinosaur while the possum plays (sorta) dead.*



*Members of the Sierra Ringers bell choir have outfits for every occasion, and Disneyland togs fit in beautifully with the Holy Humor Sunday theme. Great hat Sue Baumruck!*





Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we welcome the coming weeks of May, let us praise God for the warmer weather and the seasonal flowers that appear in our beautiful city of Gardnerville. This month we begin our new worship series titled Believing into Christ which focuses on our senses to hear, smell, touch, or feel. Believing into Christ is not a mandated daily endeavor that is concentrated one-dimensionally, it is an encouragement to pursue Christian ministry physically with the lens of Jesus to read into our world.

In my younger years, I idolized National Football League Hall of Famers like Ray Lewis, Junior Seau, Mike Alstott, or Patrick Willis. Football was my favorite sport to play in my teens to early adult years, and in my style of play I would try to match the intensity and charisma these individuals demonstrated when they played during the season. Sometimes I would get warnings from my coaches encouraging me to slow down or to be more patient. I reflect on these past yearnings as influential moments that played a pivotal role to me in becoming a servant of Jesus Christ today.

We spend so much time trying to grow up to aspire to influential people who have played a key role in our lives. We aspire to be like our parents, siblings, teachers, or media stars. These are great aspirations; however, as Christians there is a more important aspiration we must uphold as salt and light to this world. We are encouraged to be like Christ: to listen like Jesus, to love like Jesus, to seek peace like Jesus, and to be aware of our surroundings like Jesus. Our call as Methodists every day is to be like Jesus. During the few weeks in May we will explore the Gospel of John, in which he encourages us to do all things through Jesus Christ, for He was the Word that became flesh.

Lastly, I would like to wish all the mothers in Carson Valley United Methodist Church a Happy Mother's Day. One of the attributes we learn from Jesus is his close relationship with his mother; that encourages us to love our mothers or those who were mothers to us. May we celebrate all the mothers in our congregation and beyond to continue bringing the presence of motherhood to all spaces. I pray that you all live everyday just as Jesus did in showing his love and mercy for all people. May you aspire to be like Jesus. *God Bless You, Latu*



*Liturgist Al Baumruck does his annual reading from the Dead Sea Scrolls. Why he chose the snake puppet is anybody's guess.*



*Meredith and Mike Jessup taking Latu up on his many offers to come with blanket, come with your popcorn!*

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

**Worship Schedule**  
*Sundays*



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