



Share The Spirit

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Summer UWF Get-together!

Our local United Women in Faith is hosting a “Charcuter-Tea & Talent” on Saturday, August 23 from 2 - 4 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to share their talent at this ladies only fun summer event. Your talent can be anything from yodeling to juggling or playing an instrument. You can also do something silly like tell jokes, or a funny skit! Get some friends together and do a group performance! It’s all for fun! UWF invites all CVUMC ladies and you are welcome to invite your friends!

We also need table hostesses! You can decorate your table as you wish! There is no specific theme so any decor is fine. Have fun with it!

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with ingredients for the charcuterie table as well as help with set up and clean up.

Sign up sheets are located on the UWF Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up by August 15 in Fellowship Hall. Invite your “gal pals” to a cool, summer afternoon.

If you would like to host a table or have a hidden talent to share, contact Linda Malconian or Nancy Raymond. Please join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! We hope to see you there!

Timeless Treasures Collection Continues

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the 3rd Monday of each month between 10 a.m. and noon. The next collection day will be Monday, July 21.

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.



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Scripture & Sermons For July

July 6th, 2025 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Galatians 6:1-16

Theme: Let us work for the good of all

July 13, 2025 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 1:1-14

Theme: Heard of this hope

July 20, 2025 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 1:15-28

Theme: Christ the Head of the Church

July 27, 2025 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Colossians 2:6-19

Theme: Raised with Him from the dead

UWF Calendar

July 11-13 - Great Northern District Spiritual Retreat - Auburn, CA - canvuwf.org

July 19 - Mission U - Sacramento, CA

July 22 - UWF Board Meeting

July 25-27 - Mission U - Oakhurst, CA - canvuwf.org

August 8 & 9 - Mission U - Fallon, NV - canvuwf.org

August 23 - UWF Summer Gathering
"Charcuter-Tea & Talent" - Carson Valley United Methodist Church

August 28-31 - Mission U - McKinleyville, CA - canvuwf.org



The banner photo is obviously a view of the front of the church, but the photographer is unknown. Kathy Wicker took the photo of the little boy on page 3, and Pam Forrest contributed photos of Evelyn Conradi's 100th birthday.



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.

The Member Care Team asks you to

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SEPTEMBER 14
will be our CHURCH CAR SHOW
and Salad Potluck



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: 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 recent years in our church library. The new UWF reading program book names are posted in the Library. For more information contact Carol Coleman or Pam Forest.

One of the new books is *Words of Love*. This book is written by Eugenia Anne Gamble, a retired Presbyterian Church pastor, who is also an award-winning author, retreat leader and congregational consultant. This book is a healing journey with the Ten Commandments. She examines their application for modern-day Christians for the spiritual truth, showing us wholeness and well-being. Exploring the Ten Commandments evokes a sense of wonder and creativity.

Eugenia is a vivid storyteller, blending biblical scholarship with pastoral insight into the struggles of everyday life. These are words from the heart of God, given to reconcile the creation of God to us, His people. There is much to learn and enjoy in each chapter.

Calling All Cookie Bakers!

UWF will again celebrate the “Welcome Back To School!” cookies in mid August for all the teachers and school staff of Douglas County. 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 12. Packing to be done on August 12 at 1 p.m. If dropped off at church on Sunday, August 10, please label for “school.”



This photo by Kathy Wicker is one of those serendipitous moments that happen now and then. This little boy is just plain fascinated with Nancy Deis' and Puppy's message from the bible even though they could not be here in person.



Did You Know.....

That our current hymnal reflects the church's commitment to inclusivity and diversity?!? How did that come about?

In case you didn't know, hymnals existed even before the formal unification of the Methodist denominations. Joint hymnals began to emerge as different Methodist groups collaborated. This was the case for the 1905 and 1935 hymnals.

In 1939 another hymnal was created with the merger of the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The next merger was in 1969 with the Evangelical United Brethren Church. This merger caused a need for a new hymnal that reflected the diverse music traditions of all the denominations involved. It took 20 years before a revised and inclusive version was published.

The United Methodist Hymnal that we use is the official hymnal of the United Methodist Church and this version is relatively new. The general conference adopted and released the hymnal in 1989.

This hymnal was designed to reflect diverse musical traditions and incorporate a broader range of styles, languages and cultures. The new hymnal took significant steps towards creating a more inclusive and diverse hymnal. New Material included African American Spirituals, songs in Spanish, German, and Native American as well as Evangelical and Gospel Hymns.

More than just songs, it includes prayers, responsive readings, ritual and other worship aids. Most importantly this 962 page book reflects the church's commitment to inclusivity and diversity. As Paul Harvey might say, "now you know the rest of the story." But... more to come next month. *Tammy Owens*

Great Northern District UWF

Great Northern District United Women in Faith sponsor several spiritual and learning opportunities during the summer. There will be four Mission U sessions this summer. This year's theme is Practicing Hope Together. Registration and more details are available at <https://canvuwf.org/>. See

July 19 - Mission U - Sacramento

July 25-27 - Mission U - Oakhurst, CA

August 8 & 9 - Mission U - Fallon, NV

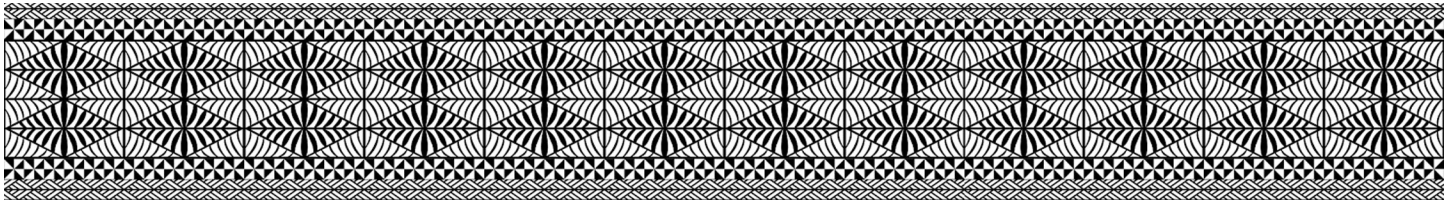
August 28-31 - Mission U - McKinleyville, CA

Get Crafty!

Heavenly Holiday Faire Craft workshops will start meeting the first and third Mondays of the month on July 7 and 21 from 9:30-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. After Labor Day, the craft workshops will be every Monday till November. If you have questions or new craft ideas, contact Nancy Raymond or Kevin Heckart.

Profits from the November 1st Heavenly Holiday Faire are used to support local and national charities and missions that support women and children. 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, Partnership of Community Resources, Project Santa Claus, Project School Days, Suicide Prevention Network, & Xquisite. Funds also go to Church Outreach to Local Families in Need and National & International Charities: Gum Moon Residence, Mary Elizabeth Inn, UMW Missionaries, Earth Angels, Heifer International and UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief - global humanitarian disaster aid.





Adult Confirmation Class

As we continue to be in community as God's living body of Christ here in Carson Valley United Methodist Church, we are also approaching an important event on the calendar – our California Nevada Annual Conference in Sacramento, California. The conference brings all our church districts together to have a conversation about our mission as the visible body of Christ in this world.

After my endeavors at the Annual Conference, I will be holding a six week adult confirmation class titled: Thriving in Community, which will be concentrated on United Methodist Church teachings and history. This four-week confirmation class will cover the history of the Wesleyan heritage, church polity and missions, sacraments, grace and the holy trinity, salvation and free will, and the Wesleyan quadrilateral.

This class will be recorded beginning on July 09, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., and run until August 13, 2025. Importantly, it is open for all people in our local church to attend this adult confirmation class. It will be a time to have an in-depth conversation about our United Methodist teachings and doctrine. Please bring your writing materials, Bible, and a heart full of the Spirit.

As your pastor, I will provide you with information about our United Methodist denomination - a tool to draw closer to Christ. We all have our gifts and talents that have been blessed into our lives by the grace of God. Confirmation is for youth and "wiser" adults who have questions or are uninformed about the church's teachings. Confirmation is a formation process that reminds us that we are God's as explained in Jeremiah 18:6. He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel."

May we lift God in our presence, gifts, talents, church, and prayers. God bless you all. *Latu*



**Evelyn Conradi celebrated her 100th birthday on June 20th, but the congregants at the 10:30 service enjoyed her cake and congratulations on the 15th.*

**At right, Kathy Wicker has been travelling around with her camera, and she caught a good shot of this group of wild horses at Washoe Lake.*

TaDah!

Come and eat ice cream and listen to the
Capitol City Band
Led by our own Music Director
Tammy Owens.
July 20 at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



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

Worship Schedule Sundays

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Watch for Important Youth Group Upcoming
Events in August and September. More
information in the August newsletter.

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