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#### Get Crafty This Summer!

After Labor Day, the Heavenly Holiday Market craft workshops will meet every Monday until November 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. If you have questions or new craft ideas, contact Nancy Raymond or Kevin Heckart. No workshop on Labor Day.

#### Great Northern District Annual Celebration

The Great Northern District United Women in Faith warmly invites you to join us for our Annual Celebration, scheduled for September 13, 2025, in beautiful Redding, California. This cherished event gathers women from across our District to celebrate faith, community, and the power of united action. Whether you're a long-time participant or new to our community, the Annual Celebration offers inspiration, learning, and opportunities to connect. We will be offering a Continental Breakfast at registration and Lunch at Noon. A registration form is on the UWF bulletin board

This year's gathering promises a day filled with fellowship, worship, and celebration. Centered on the uplifting theme "Hope!", the 2025 focus inspires us to embrace optimism and believe in brighter possibilities ahead. Through hope, we strengthen our communities and nurture positive change together, united by faith. If you have questions Email:gndcomm@gmail.com or call (530)355-0580

- •Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
- Location: Redding United Methodist Church,1825 East St., Redding,CA
- Time: Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Program 10:00– 2:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Robar if you are interested in carpooling.



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Banner photo - Aloha! Yes, your editor has been to Hawaii recently. These Plumeria flowers were blooming on the Garden Walkway at her hotel. Wish you could get a whiff of their fragrance.



#### **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 September

Worship Series: I Will Call Upon The Lord

September 7, 2025 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Psalm 139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

Theme: The Lord knows

September 14, 2025 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 14

Psalm 14:6 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge

Theme: When the Lord accompanies the righteous

September 21, 2025 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 79:1-9

Psalm 79:9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

Theme: The glory of the Lord is our salvation

September 28, 2025 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Psalm: 91:14-16 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. 91:15) When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. 91:16) With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation

Theme: The Lord is our refuge

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator. Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

#### **Connections Bible Study**

Do you want to be connected? Several of us meet at Starbucks on Saturday mornings, drink some coffee or tea and make connections. We connect with the Lord by reading scripture and discussing the scripture. We connect with each other through discussion and are tremendous support for each other. We meet outside the church and connect with people from the community. We are a diverse group, but connect with each other through prayer, the bible and support of each other. In this group there is no designated leader, but we connect through our love and respect for each other.

- **T** We speak honestly and respectfully.
- T We share our own experiences as we feel comfortable doing so.
  - T We listen to each other.
- The We make sure everyone who wishes to, has the opportunity to speak.
- T We put everything in prayer and pray for each other throughout the week.
  - T We make connections.

#### Confirmation Class for Youth

The purpose of this confirmation class is to prepare our youth to respond to God's grace and to take up the responsibilities of Christian discipleship. This preparation is not just information, but foundational for a Christian life. The class will cover what it means to be a Christian, what we believe as a church, how we are to live our lives, our church history and heritage, and of course a study of the Old and New Testaments. Our church believes at age 12, youth are old enough to contribute to the life of our congregation and to live out their faith in the world.

Youth Confirmation class is starting on Wednesday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m. and continuing until October 15. The class will be held during the first part of Youth Group, leaving enough time for the kids to participate in Youth Group Games. Confirmation will be on October 19 during the Worship Service. The class will be led by Pastor Latu, Nancy Deis and Laura Bridwell Engel.



We are having an Animal Blessing Ceremony on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Parking Lot. Pastor Latu will be Blessing any and all animals/pets that you are able to bring to the Church. That may include Cats, Dogs, Lizards, Snakes, Hamsters, Horses... even Goldfish in a bowl. Come and share in this special event.



We are truly blessed to be living in this beautiful place! Kathy Wicker takes many a drive, and armed with camera, and captures that beauty to share with us. Nearby Alpine County on a Sunday afternoon.

# ☆Come One, Come All – Final Timeless Treasures Donation Day!

The final opportunity to donate to Timeless Treasures is coming up! Please bring your gently used, gift-quality treasures to the church on Monday, September 15th between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon. This is the last day donations will be accepted for the year.

Thank you all for your continued generosity — you are the reason Timeless Treasures will be a success! - Marsha Gallegos, Brenda Hulphers and Alison Grey



#### United Women In Faith



#### 2025 UWF Reading Program

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 United in Women in Faith Reading program. Seven women 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.

This year's readers completing the program included: Nancy Deis, Glenda McClelland, Sharon Hoelscher Day, Carol Coleman, Gwen Marsh, Pam Forest, and Susan Hanley. Congratulations Readers!

You can start reading now from the large selection of books in the church library under the UWF area. Any book you read on the list from the past 4 years will count toward next year's program. New books will in the library in January.



Losa Paea performed a Tongan dance as her talent at the "Charcuter-tea."



The Rag Tag Five "Band" performed "Oh, Nevada" at the annual UWF tea in August.

#### **UWF** Calendar

Sept. 1 - NO craft workshop

Sept. 2 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 am

Sept. 8 - Craft Workshop - 9:30-noon

Sept. 11 - UWF Luncheon Meeting 11:30-1 p.m.

Sept. 13 - Great Northern District Annual Celebration, Redding, CA

Sept.15 - Craft Workshop - 9:30-noon

Oct. 8 - UWF Luncheon Meeting - 11:30-1 p.m.

Nov. 1 - Heavenly Holiday Market

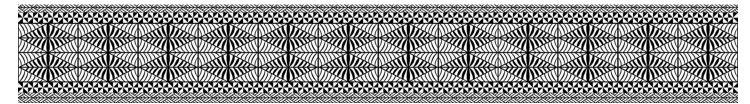
#### Summer UWF Get-together!

Thank you to everyone who made the August UWF "Charcuter-Tea & Talent" a success!

Special thanks to event co-chairs, Linda Malconian and Nancy Raymond, the UWF board members who prepared food, table hostesses who decorated the tables and all the amazing women who shared their talents.

And (not strictly UWF)... Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the cookie bakers, packers and distributors in August for the beginning of the Douglas County school year.

More than 110 dozen cookies were delivered to the schools and district offices for teachers and staff to celebrate their dedication to our local youth's education. Thank you School staff!!



#### I Will Call Upon The Lord

Greetings, siblings in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and encourage you in your walk with Christ as we continue into a new month, one that is full of adventures at the throne of God. This month, we are also observing a new worship series titled "I Will Call Upon The Lord," in which we will be reading from the book of Psalms.

The meaning of this month's worship series is a reminder to us as United Methodists that our lives must continually call to the Lord. Humans long for relationships with other human beings for sharing our concerns, grief, joys, and celebrations. As we speak about our experiences as image bearers of God through the text of different Psalms, we are called to reflect on our journey in walking through our successes and challenges. There is always a learning point in our walk forth; however, through the heavy baggage, we often forget or call on the wrong person for comfort and support.

Moreover, this month we call upon the Lord in our challenging world, one that is exposed to evil, and the darkness of human selfishness. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Calling upon the Lord re-grounds our intentions to rely on the Lord to guide our endeavors within His presence. When we deal with the injustice and mistreatment of this world, we have to lead our lives in holiness that is conceived through the teachings of Jesus Christ. When we call upon the Lord, we are inviting the Holy Spirit to encourage and strengthen our will to walk forward in challenging times to show God's mercy in our actions.

Yes, by faith only we are justified by Christ, and our decisions, actions, and thoughts must reflect that justification in who we call upon in these moments. One of the ordinances we value as United Methodists is our gift in singing hymnals or songs of praise. The Psalms are an exquisite complement to this month's worship series as we observe the authors of each Psalm present their persuasive literary writings for our readings.

May you be well siblings in Christ. Pastor Latu Paea

#### **Sweet Treats!**

What's sugary, tempting, delicious, luscious, decadent, irresistible, heavenly, addictive, and positively delightful?? Candy, of course—but not just ANY candy...we mean the tasty homemade treats offered at our Holiday Faire's CandyLand booth!

Last year, shoppers selected from an amazing 42 different kinds. Now it's time for all you confection "artistes" to dust off your best recipes and donate a batch or two (or more) to the November 1 candy sale.

Remember, many charities benefit from our Faire's proceeds. Hope we can count on you to help make a difference in the lives of women, children, and families locally and nationally.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the UWF bulletin board by October 1. Questions? Contact Ann Santos at ASNDRLN@aol.com.

#### Final Reminder!

### SEPTEMBER 14, POTLUCK & CAR SHOW

The car show is returning with the promise of more cars this year. (Len and Latu take care of that)

The proud owners will be joining us for our Sept. Salad Potluck following the second service.

Sign up in the Narthex.

**SEPTEMBER 14th, 11:30** 

by

Member Care Committee

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

## Worship Schedule

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