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And The Beat Goes On....

Greetings once again from your friendly music director, Tammy Owens. By the time you are reading this the choir and the bell choirs will be enjoying a well deserved break. They work very hard for nine months preparing music for each service. They are very dedicated to learning the music which often requires them to practice at home in addition to our weekly rehearsals.

Here is a summary of their season this year. The Sierra Ringers and the Campana Ringers performed 22 pieces this year. They played for both services twice a month. They also performed two one hour long concerts and played for the Volante assisted living center once. The Chancel Choir performed 46 songs this year with 16 of them being brand new. They too did an evening concert sharing the Christmas Cantata. In addition, several of our choir members have performed solos throughout the year and some will also sing solos during the summer.

That's a lot of music by anyone's standards. I know that you miss hearing them during the summer but they truly need this time to recharge. They will start rehearsing again the last week of August so that they may continue to serve you.

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.

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The photo of crocus is an earlier banner used in Save the Spirit, but still beautiful even if it is slightly out of season. Other photos by Sharon Hoelscher-Day, Kathy Wicker, Laura Bridwell, and Unknown photographer who did the images of the May 31st clean up event at the church.



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 June

Worship Series - Rooted in Christ

June 01, 2025 - Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Scripture - Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Theme: From Ascension to Witnesses

June 08, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Scripture - Acts 2:21 - Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Theme: Saved by the Lord

June 15, 2025 - Trinity Sunday

John 16:12-15

Sermon Scripture - John 16:15 - All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Theme: Declared through Christ

New Worship Series: "Dear Children of God"

June 22, 2025

Galatians 3: 23-29

Sermon Scripture - Galatians 3:28-29 There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 3:29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Theme: One in Christ

June 29, 2025

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Sermon Scripture - Galatians 5:22-23 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 5:23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

UWF Calendar Items

June 2, 2025 - Craft Faire Workshop - 9:30 am - noon

June 16, 2025 - Craft Faire Workshop - 9:30 am - noon

June 16 - Timeless Treasures Collection - 10 am-noon

July 7, 2025 - Craft Faire Workshop - 9:30 am - noon

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



Collecting, Collecting, Collecting

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, June 16. 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. Also welcome are broken gold chains or single gold earrings that you might have in your drawer. In recent years, we have been able to turn those gold or sterling silver donations into cash for charities. No clothing, please.

2024 UWF Reading Program

Thanks to the United Women in Faith our church has a regular reading program. 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 ones in our local 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, 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.

One of the new books is *The Power of Together* by Jim Putman. This book explores how building relationships within the church can strengthen and deepen our own Christian faith.

People are meant to be in families and groups that care for, love, and listen to one another. The author gives examples of how being part of a spiritual family helps individuals navigate the challenges in their lives. He describes how families love each other no matter what, can prevent problems and be restorative. Sometimes we think we can just make it alone without any help or support. Even Jesus brought diverse people close to him and his ministry. He loves them even when they weren't lovable.

This book looks at the importance of "doing life" in close fellowship with other believers bringing you closer to others and to Jesus.



Annual Church Picnic

June 14, 2025

Sign Up In The Narthex!

Where's the MEAT?

Member Care will supply it.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know: What is Farkle?

What is going on with that Youth Group? The Youth Group is very diverse and filled with busy active kids. We have baseball players, volleyball players, skateboarders and singers. We accept all ages from three year old to middle school.

This group of fun kids and adults gets together every Wednesday for games, crafts and fun. The Youth Group has had some intense games of UNO, Spoons and *Farkle*, along with energetic games of Kickball and Wiffle Ball. We do obstacle challenges around the playground equipment, we practice our golf swings and basketball shots. We will even spend an afternoon bowling at the Sierra View Lanes in Gardnerville. Our times together are filled with stories, laughter and learning about new things.

This summer the Youth Group is planning to work the soil in the garden area and share the fruits of our labor with the church. We will be outside as the weather warms up with water games, volleyball and other shenanigans.

A special thanks to Nancy Deis for her support of our Youth Group.



Calling All Cookie Bakers!

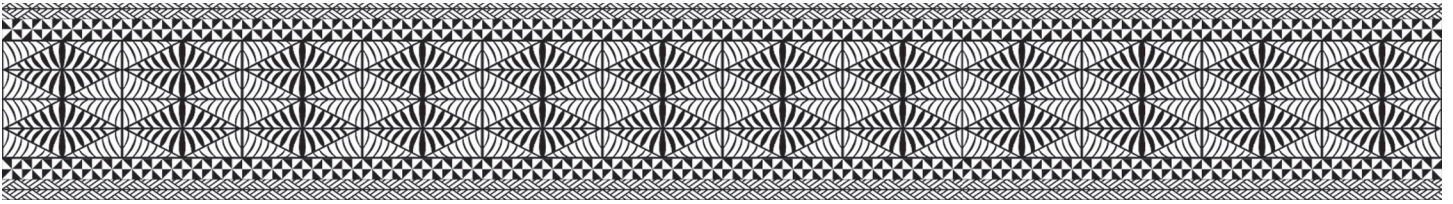
UWF will again celebrate the “Welcome Back To School!” cookies in mid August for all the teachers and school staff of Douglas County. We will need lots of cookies to do this - at least 108 dozen. We are asking everyone who appreciates our teachers and staff to bake cookies, without nuts or frosting. Start early and freeze for August.

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



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is our redeemer and savior through his great works on the cross and resurrection. This month's worship series will be a two-part series - Rooted in Christ and Dear Children of God. The two-worship series will cover the first three Sundays of our doctrinal observance of Ascension, Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity. During the last weeks of June we will be focusing on the events that took place when the spirit traveled with Jesus' disciples and followers to the different parts of the world. We begin with the letters of the apostle Paul.

The encouragement for the month of June is to enjoy God with your families, friends, and loved ones as we live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our summer travels discovering different places to be "one" with one another. As the school year ends within this very month, let us recognize the grace of God that has provided us with warm weather, community events, and praise to the Lord that we have arrived in the half-way point of this year.

I ask you for your prayers as my family and I will be traveling to the 2025 United Methodist Church California Nevada Annual Conference in Sacramento, California on the last week of this month. May the decisions and conversations our conference acknowledges continue to encourage us to follow Jesus, thrive in community, and heal the world. May you be filled with grace in this summer season as you see a warmer presence of God's grace in your adventures, in your homes and abroad. Be well my church-family.

Bless You All, Latu



Adult Confirmation Class

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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.

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/>

May 30-June 1 - Mission U - Aptos, CA

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 June 2 and 16 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 meet every Monday till November. If you have questions or new craft ideas, contact Nancy Raymond or Kevin Heckart.

Summer Fun!

Save the Date! Our local United Women in Faith is hosting a “Charcuter-Tea & Talent” on Saturday, August 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. If you would like to host a table or have a hidden talent to share, contact Linda Malconian or Nancy Raymond.

Watch for Sign-up Sheets on the UWF Bulletin Board. Sign up by August 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! We hope to see you there!



On Mother’s Day, May 11, UWF president, Ann Robar, presented its 2025 Special Recognition Awards to Nancy Raymond and Nancy Deis for their contributions to our local UWF and to our Carson Valley United Methodist Church as well.

UWF Thanks

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts to the UWF Baby Shower for moms at the City of Refuge. Your generosity is appreciated. The City of Refuge provides a safe place for young women who experience an unexpected pregnancy but don't have the support and help they need, or have no where to go. City of Refuge is here to support them through pregnancy and birth and help get on them on their feet, free of charge. The City of Refuge and Carson Valley Food Closet are just two of the charities that the United Women in Faith supports financially from the profits of our craft faire each year.



The Feeding of Volunteers

A Follow-up

May 31, 2025 (Dateline, somewhere in Gardnerville)

So. . . We had a happy, hungry sweaty pack of about 30ish folks belly up to the feed in the Fellowship Hall, to partake of hotdogs, hamburgers and assorted chips, carefully barbecued by Master BBQ Specialist Len. Thanks Len!! Lots of water consumed, good fellowship and conversation, no bad jokes. A good day for it, and Len gave us a choice of rare, medium, and well-done burgers. Hotdogs were singed. I mean, come on, how can you mess up a hotdog? Copious amounts of American cheese provided, plus leftover donuts from earlier. Pastor Latu gave the grace.

Oh yeah, before all the good food and fellowship, we had a Church clean-up day. Originally scheduled from 9:00 to 12:00, started early and knocked off at 11:00 due to the heat.

But. . . We got the stump out of the center section, thanks to Nancy D and her husband - and his jeep with the big winch, and replacement plants have been purchased. Many thanks!

The garden area, unused for somewhere around five-ish years, was rototilled and raked, in preparation for the youth group project. In the past there has been lots of good fresh produce available to members from that garden. Good goal.

The Stolls have a small tractor, that was used to move decorative rocks to needy places, and for moving dump bound stuff. Yup, filled three (3) trailers with "stuff." Big thanks!

All and all, we had a good clean-up day, and about 30 participants (hard to count, they kept moving around), and we can all be proud of our beautiful Church and it's appearance. Thank you for all who came and dined. And worked.



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

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