



Share the Spirit

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*Join us for
Holy Week*

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 10
Worship 8:30am & 10:30am
Bell Choir and Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 14
Communion 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 15
Tenebrae Service 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 17
Sunrise Service 6:15am
Worship 8:30am & 10:30am
Special Music



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UMW Calendar Items

April 4 - Craft Workshop - 9:30- noon

April 7 - UMW Potluck Luncheon Meeting
11:30 a.m.

April 18 - Craft Workshop - 9:30- noon

April 25 - Timeless Treasurer Drop Off -
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

May 2 - Craft Workshop - 9:30- noon

May 3 -- UMW Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

May 14 - Baby Shower for City of Refuge -
requested items are on the UMW bulletin board in
the Fellowship Hall



United
Women
in Faith

UMW Is Rebranding!

Effective March 3, 2022, United Methodist Women will be doing business as "United Women in Faith" and have a new logo. The leadership will be rolling this out over the remainder of this year.

The decision was made to be more inclusive and more welcoming to a broader audience - basically any women who believe in our mission and purpose, neither of which have changed, whether or not they are members of the United Methodist Church.

United Women in Faith will still be a part of the United Methodist Church and most administrative processes will remain the same. As we learn more about the rebranding we will share it at our monthly meetings and with our church at large. (<https://uwfaith.org/>)

Scripture & Sermons For April

April 3 Fifth Sunday in Lent - Communion Sunday

Color: purple

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Title: *Hope for Dry Bones*

April 10 Palm Sunday

Color: purple

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Title: *Hosanna!*

April 17 Easter Sunday

Color: white

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Title: *Something Unexpected*

April 24 Holy Humor Sunday

Color: white

Scripture: 1Corinthians 1:18-25

Title: *Foolish Wisdom*



2022 Reading Program Books

The 2022 Reading Program books are currently available in our church library to check out. Complete the card with your name and try to return within two weeks so others can read the books. Chair, Carol Coleman reports that if you read at least one book from each category you are eligible to be recognized by the district UMW. Books from the current year and four previous years are eligible. All books are on the upper shelves of the bookcase near the library window.

Susan Hanley reviews *Finding Jesus at the Border* by Julia Lambert Fogg. The aim of this book is to help us understand the experience of migration and border crossing through the eyes of people crossing these borders. When reading the stories of brothers and sisters in Christ tell of their stories to seek asylum and pursue the American Dream, we hear Jesus voice embodied in their experiences.

Jesus crossed many borders. The first time he was a baby with Mary and Joseph when they fled from Roman Palestine/Bethlehem to Egypt to avoid Herod's threats. One has a better understanding after reading the stories and hardships of Christians crossing our borders.

It suggests that we should be educating our communities and reading Scripture in a new way. We should think of what Jesus would do-if confronted with the inhumanity of our current immigration system.

UMW April Meeting

The UMW luncheon general meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7. Come enjoy a delicious potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m. learn about the various programs, classes and events that the UNR Cooperative Extension provides here in Douglas County.

Our program speaker, Lindsay Chichester, Extension Educator and County/Department Leader, oversees all programs, budgets and staffing, as well as delivers programming on a variety of animal sciences and beekeeping. She will offer a fun activity so we hope to see you there as we experience our UMW theme for 2022 the "Joy of Outreach, Engagement and Growth."

During our business meeting, following the program, we will be voting on our annual Heifer International donation. Details are on the UMW bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!

Kitchen Volunteers Welcome

If you would like to help with coffee and snacks after service, please sign up on the calendar in the kitchen. You can do early service, second service or both. You would defrost cookies, and put out the snacks on plates or trays. Make coffee, heat water for tea, make a pitcher of lemonade and iced tea, and set out the condiments. After second service you would also turn off the coffee burners, dump the coffee and food left, wash the dishes, gather trash and place clean bags in cans. Dump trash in the dumpster in drive way. Then make sure the kitchen door is locked and the lights are off as you leave.

While we are on the subject of the kitchen, please do not put dirty dishes away in the cupboards! I am still finding dirty items put back in the drawers and on the shelves. We are trying to practice good sanitation to keep everyone healthy. This is important for All of Us! Thank you to all of you who are helping and practicing good sanitation and hand washing. That small effort is well worth the time.

Mark your Calendar and start your shopping! The City of Refuge Baby Shower is coming Saturday, May 14!

UMW Craft Workshops Resume

Time to get crafty again beginning the first and third Mondays in March. You do not need to be “crafty” or have specific skills - all are welcome. Co-Chairs, Nancy Raymond, Debbie Ham and Kevin Heckart announced that Monday, March 7 from 9:30 am till noon was the first workshop. There will be projects ready for you to tackle or bring your own projects. You can also get supplies to do projects at home.

Timeless Treasures Accepted

UMW will begin collecting items for Timeless Treasures (formerly known as Grandmas Attic) April 25, and each fourth Monday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please bring items that others may enjoy and treasure, please no clothing.

Gently used items, such as dishes, pictures, jewelry, things you may love, but no longer have room for. If you need another day or time, please contact Barbara Gustafson or Marsha Gallegos and we will be glad to help.

Heifer Project Choices for 2022

UMW’S support for Heifer this year is \$600.00!! Choices of THREE Heifer programs include the following:

Empowering Women Farmers in Nepal, an ongoing program that helps women learn agricultural and business skills so they control raising their products and selling them. In some areas women have developed Co-Ops to their benefit. This program has lifted the standard of living for women and their families. Our support would aid in continuing to grow this successful program in Nepal.

The Blue Flames Project in Senegal provides bio-digester systems to women and their families that creates renewal energy to stoves in their houses. This frees women and children from having to spend hours daily foraging for fuel to burn. It helps sustain remaining forests and other vegetation, preventing erosion, and helps the climate.

Giving Animals and Training to women and their families to raise the animals is the third choice. This choice also includes funding schooling for a girl.

Look for the Heifer poster on the UMW bulletin board for more detailed information and/or go online to heifer.org. UMW will vote for our choice in April.



Schedule For April

Saturday, April 9 – Car Wash Fundraiser at CVUMC 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Donations will be used for teen outings. Volunteers are needed.

Saturday, April 23 – Families enjoy a Guided Tour of the Stewart Indian School on Snyder Street in Carson City from 10 a.m. until noon. There will be a scavenger hunt to identify the rocks that were used by the students to build the school buildings.

For those who cannot do the walking required for the tour, there is a marvelous museum that tells the history of the school from the time it opened in 1919 to when it closed in the 1980s. There is a gift shop with many handmade Native American items. Lunch to be announced.

Then from 2 p.m. on we will be at the Nevada Railroad Museum. The trains are not running until Memorial Day so we will have a ride in the motorcar. This outing is paid for by donations.

Please RSVP for all outings at least 15 days prior to the event.



Kathy Wicker has been back! She was here to snap this great photo of trio - Ann Delahay, Penny Puente and Sharon Hoelscher Day singing “Amazing Grace” at the first service on March 20

That's What I'm Talkin' About

Springtime—Stop and Smell The...Ice Cream?

“Mmmm, that’s good stuff,” Mom was enjoying her ice cream under the trees at the little Camp Richardson shop. I looked down at the big-as-your-head lump of ice cream on my cone, “Yep, it sure is!” Actually, I couldn’t tell how good it was. I haven’t been able to taste or smell for years. When we get ice cream, I always ask for the coffee flavored kind—not because it’s all that great, but it has the strongest flavor. The downside: eat a couple of pints of coffee on a cone and then try to go to sleep that night.

I remember exactly when my sense of smell left me. Fifteen years ago, I was a summer camp counselor, and all week I kept asking my buddy, Lee, “Do you smell that horrible smell?” By the time camp was over I’m pretty sure he thought I had a mental condition associated with summer camp. He started asking me about my stress level, and whether I’d been bitten by any strange bugs. By the time camp was over I had lost my sense of smell. I believe I’d given myself some sort of sinus contamination by using an old bottle of nose spray. That’s my story, and I’m stickin’ to it...

Over the years, I learned this is not an uncommon condition. Several people have professed their solidarity with me. I figured it was just a part of living—live long enough and your smeller will conk out.

At any rate, I was resigned to never tasting again. Then, I contracted Omicron a couple of months ago. You know—that variant of Covid that was prevalent through the fall and winter. While Covid is potentially deadly, it’s cousin Omicron is not so much (but I found that you’ll still be treated like a leper). As I recovered, I noticed that I could smell things. Whatever had taken my ability to smell away had been attacked and killed by Omicron! A fellow pastor joyfully exclaimed the same thing had happened to her after 10 years of odorless living and then enduring Omicron.

Now, I’m not advising anyone to go out and get Omicron to fix your smeller. I’m setting the stage so you’ll understand a bit of my enthusiasm for the smells and tastes of life. I love the smell of the spring morning. It smells like grass turning green; like damp sage; like smoke from distant fireplaces. I love the tastes of pretty much everything—except Grape Nuts. After making them my breakfast staple for years, they aren’t so good anymore. I told Martha they taste bad, and she said, “I would think so...”

Here we are in spring, with April and Easter upon us. It is a time of new life, and I am experiencing newness—a resurrection of sorts. It’s almost a spiritual experience. Is it possible that tasting and smelling are supposed to give us an expectation of heaven? Isaiah declares that God will prepare a feast for us (Isaiah 25:6). On the other hand, when the Old Testament condemns idols for being lifeless, it says they, “neither eat, nor smell,” (Deut. 4:28, Ps 115:6). I don’t know for sure what our transition to the next life will be like, but I think we will have some sort of “senses” that we will use to perceive our environment—and it will be good.

Paul writes in 1Corinthians 15, that this earthly body is just a shadow of the heavenly one. One part of the message of Easter is *new life*. I’m finding that it is possible to experience newness of life here and now. Boy, I can’t wait for that ice cream store at the lake to open this summer—maybe with some Grape Nuts sprinkled on top...

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Cor 15:54-57)

Be the church, --pastor tony

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A “Banner” Volunteer Opportunity

In the past you may have noticed that we have had four tall, colored Banners hanging in the front of the Sanctuary. There are four sets with four different colors to highlight the Liturgical seasons. Have you noticed that they have not been there in quite some time? The volunteer that use to hang them for us is unavailable to continue doing so.

We have a long extension pole with a special attachment to facilitate putting the Banners in place. It takes about an hour to hang them and they are only changed about six times a year.

If you are interested or Spirit is guiding you to this volunteer opportunity, please contact Tony or Len.

Abby's Crossing

UMW is collecting a wide variety of items for Abby's Crossing, a local domestic violence shelter.

Items include: diapers (newborn to size 5), feminine hygiene products, full size shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, razors and shaving cream.

Also: first aid kit with Tylenol (adult, children), allergy medicine children's and adult, alcohol wipes, Band-aids.

Paper goods (paper towels, septic safe toilet paper, napkins, printer paper), laundry detergent, softener (hypo allergenic). And, new underwear (various sizes women and children) and sports bras various sizes.

Just bring to the April UMW meeting.

