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February UWF Luncheon Meeting

Start the year out right by joining us for our UWF Potluck Luncheon Meeting on February 8th at 11:30 a.m.. Think Valentine's Day and emphasis on love. United Women in Faith is all about loving and caring for others, especially women and children. Our Carson Valley UWF is no exception, not just in February! All year long our unit donates to organizations (local, national, and even international) that focus on helping women and children.

The February luncheon meeting offers fellowship, a delicious potluck lunch, and information about an organization that is truly love in action. Kids & Horses Program Director Catherine O'Brien will explain how it is making a huge difference in the lives of many of our neighbors.

In addition, in an annotated "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" we will recommit ourselves to care for not only each other but all of creation. Love calls us to give from the gifts that have been shared with us, so an offering will be collected.

Installation of 2024 officers was scheduled for January but was postponed when snow canceled the meeting. You will enjoy a "sweet" ceremony!

UWF meets February 8 in the Education Room. Lunch is at 11:30, program at 12:15. No reservations required! Questions? Contact UWF President Ann Robar.

Come for fun, food and fellowship. If you have holiday tins that you don't want to save, please bring them for us to use for next year's holiday cookie distribution.

We encourage anyone interested to attend. The business meeting follows the program. Hope to see you all there!



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Calendar Items

Jan. 30 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m. Feb. 8 - UWF Potluck Lunch & Meeting 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 - Timeless Treasurers Collection

10 a.m. - Noon March 4 - Craft workshop - 9:30 a.m. - Noon

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March 5 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m.

March 8 - UWF Potluck Luncheon & Meeting 11:30 a.m.

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.



Sermons and Text for February

Theme for February: Depths of Love

February 4, 2024

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon Scripture - Mark 1:38 - He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do."

Theme: Love your neighbor

February 11, 2024 (Transfiguration Sunday)

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Scripture - Mark 9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Theme: The Son of God

February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday)

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also Theme: The heart of Jesus Christ

February 18, 2024 (First Sunday of Lent) Mark 1:9-15

Sermon Scripture - Mark 9:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Theme: Jesus in the wilderness

February 25, 2024 (Second Sunday of Lent)

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Scripture - Mark 8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Theme: Take up your cross

Craft Workshops

Mark your calendar! Craft workshop volunteers start meeting again in March on the first and third Mondays of the month - 9:30 a.m. until Noon.

Timeless Treasures Collecting Starts UWF Reading Program

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, February 19. This is the perfect time to donate any Christmas 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 us, but 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 Sue Hanley with any questions.

Collecting for Abbey's Crossing

In February and March, the United Women in Faith will be collecting needed items for Abbey's Crossing at their monthly meeting or in the box in the entry hall. Abbey's Crossing is a confidential domestic violence shelter located in Douglas County run by the Family Support Council. It can house up to 13 women and children for 90 days.

Laundry liquid soap (Hypo allergenic, if possible)

Dreft® baby liquid laundry detergent

Fabric liquid softener

Bathing Body washes (least scented)

Hand soaps

Liquid Dish detergent

Paper towels and Toilet paper

Hair brushes for adults and children

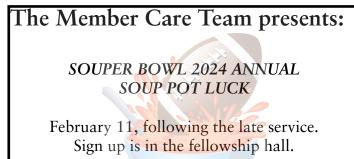
Diapers: 1 package each, sizes from newborn to 5

*Adult and child underwear, all sizes

*Sport bras, all sizes

*Socks, children and adults

LAST COLLECTION MARCH 13 - UWF GENERAL MEETING. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



You will be home in time for the game.

Our local United Women in Faith will again sponsor its Reading Program. New books will be available in our church library later in February. Please contact Carol Coleman, the reading program coordinator, if you have any questions.

The United Women in Faith Reading Program books are divided into five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Books are available for people of all ages and reading levels. Eligible years: For 2024 books from the 2019, 2020, 2021-2022, 2023 and 2024 Reading Program lists are all eligible for Reading Program reporting credit, if you have not previously read them.

UWF Encourages you to read

5 books each year.

1 book from each category.

Selections from the current reading lists if not included in previous reports.

Regular reading of response magazine or Faith Talk podcasts.



Yes, little robin, it is still wintertime out here, although it is hard to tell. Hang in there because more snow is coming. Photo by Kathy Wicker.









Nobody is safe from Kathy Wicker's Candid Camera: 1. Nancy, Linda and Lynda 2. Overhead lighting is not a good look for everyone Al. 3. Open wide and let beautiful music come out. 4. WHAT? 5. Happy to be here.



Liturgical Walk Towards Lent

February starts our liturgical walk towards Lent. Lent is a penitential time for Christians who observe 40 days of fasting and abstinence. The 40 days represent the days Jesus spent in the desert preparing for his public ministry. We focus on realigning ourselves with the values of Jesus Christ in worship, fellowship, and personal faith with God. Yes, there is abstinence from things we like, but our real focus in this season of Lent is growth in faith. Lent is a time for getting our spiritual house in order and inviting Christ into our lives--a time where death and resurrection correspond to the ascension of Jesus.

We often take time off from our commitments to renew, restructure, or redirect our energy for the obstacles of life. Taking time off can range from a vacation or time off from a work area. Sometimes time off allows us to work on something that needs improvement in our own life.

Sometimes, the time off is not just one day or a year but whatever time it takes to progress when wrestling with a challenge. However, a life of following Christ and understanding his struggle as a human in a wicked world brings us a little closer to God. In order for us to know what God wants in our life, experience, and faith, we must have a commitment to Him. Lent is a short time of commitment but in alignment with God through His son Jesus Christ.

The theme for February is the Depths of Love, in which we observe scripture that is related to the love of Jesus for his disciples, people, and God. This is a month of learning from Jesus Christ and modeling a life living in Christ.

I have prepared this Lent season's message to be accompanied by a virtual weekly devotional video, six-week Bible study, and sermon preaching. As I have committed to walk with you during the 40 days of Lent, I invited you all to commit for 40 days and join our Bible study. The Bible study will end before Holy Week so that we are able to observe activities during this important week and to bring Christ in alignment to our faith during Lent. I pray that you all will draw closer to God as we travel through February. Amen.

Your Pastor, Latu Paea



Above: Gracie Hermione talks with Nancy about answering God with a hearty "Here I Am." Right: Berta is in deep discussion about fishing with Roxana. Re the critters' names, Nancy says it is like having 50 children. She sometimes has to look up their names. Photos by Cecile Brown & Kathy Wicker.



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Saturday, February 10, 2024 - Chinese New Year celebration from 2 - 6 p.m. at the church. The Year of the Dragon celebration potluck will be a lot of fun for all. Fun and games include Bingo.



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