



Share the Spirit

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Annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert Returns to CVUMC

Join us at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. for our annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert. The Capital City Community Band will be performing as we enjoy yummy ice cream with all the goodies. Volunteer “scoopers” are encouraged to contact Len. Come eat, listen, dance, and have a great time! Donations for the Band will be happily accepted.

The Carson Valley United Methodist Church is located at 1375 Centerville Lane in Gardnerville. For more information please call 782-4600 or look us up at www.carsonvalleyumc.com or on Facebook at Carson Valley United Methodist Church.



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Craft Workshops!

Mark your calendar! Craft workshops for the Heavenly Holiday Faire start meeting again July 1 and 15 from 9:30 am - noon, the 1st & 3rd Mondays. Craft supplies are provided, but bring your ideas for new craft items. Come for fellowship, fun and creativity! Please bring your ideas to the next workshop or contact Nancy Raymond, and questions about anything else contact Sharon Calvert.

Timeless Treasures Collecting Starts

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the third Monday of each month between 10 a.m. and Noon. The next collection day will be Monday, July 15. 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. No clothing, please.



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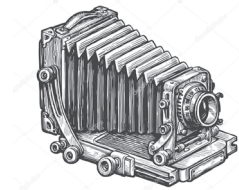
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The banner photo is by Sharon Hoelscher-Day - it is cropped from her original photo of Lenticular clouds over the Carson Valley. See page 6 for the original and other great photos from eager photographers. Ken Struven - pastor handing out bibles, Sharon - Church picnic, Kathy Wicker - England and balloons

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.



July Sermon Themes and Texts

July 7, 2024 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Theme: In Weakness and In Strength

Sermon Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9 but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

*Worship Series Theme: Worship with Rejoicing (July 14, 2024 - August 18, 2024)

July 14, 2024 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Theme: Let us rejoice in Worship

Sermon Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:18-19

6:18 When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts,

6:19 and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

July 21, 2024 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Theme: One Church for all people

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 2:14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

July 28, 2024 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:6-15

Theme: Our call to confession

Sermon Scripture: 2 Samuel 11: 15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

A Cool Painting Party!

Empty Bowls of Douglas County raises awareness about hunger in our community and raises funds to benefit the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. For more information about Empty Bowls, visit <https://www.emptybowlsdouglascountynv.com>

Throughout the year, various local groups create ceramic bowls of food-quality safeness. Then other organizations and individuals paint them! Finished bowls are sold at participating schools, art shows, farmer's markets, and community events. The annual Empty Bowls Fall Community Event on Oct. 19 offers food provided by local restaurants and support from local businesses and service clubs.

If you would like to help by decorating a bowl at our church on August 6 from 1-3 p.m., Please RSVP by July 6 to Ann Santos, ASNDRLN@aol.com / 623-340-6914 (text).. The class is free, but you can buy your finished bowl for \$15 (small) or \$25 (large). No experience necessary!!

Member Care

Thank you to all who came to the annual church potluck picnic. The delicious foods, burgers and hot dogs were excellent.

Thank you to the guys on the bar-be-que, Al Baumruck, Chick Moxley and our own Latu.

Member Care, co-chairs Sue Moxley and Jan Pohlman



They may call him four-eye, but he just extended it to six with the fold up shades. Al Baumruck sits front and center at the annual church picnic. He is obviously one of the bbq chefs - note the apron.

2024 UWF Reading Program

One of the UWF Reading Program books is *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, Eisinger Scott Becker

Susan Hanley says, "This book was a real eye opener and memoir as to what went on in 10 American concentration camps after Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese. Over 120,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned by the US government during WWII."

George Takei's memoir reveals the lessons learned beginning at four years old finding his birth country at war with Japan after the attack. In 1942 Franklin Roosevelt ordered every person of Japanese descent on the west coast to be shipped to relocation centers thousands of miles from home to be held for years under armed guards. George's family of faith in God helped them through the years of hardship behind wire fences and poor living conditions.

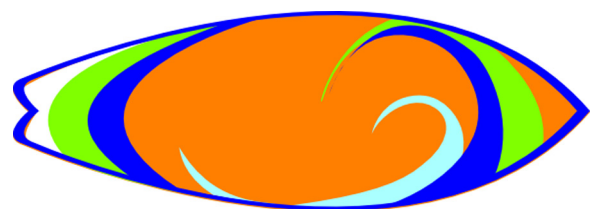
This is a true story of a brave Japanese/American family laid out in cartoons so young children as well as adults can learn this history.

At the end of George's story he finds an astonishing future. It is in our church library and can also be borrowed from our Douglas County Library.

Each year the United Women in Faith offer a reading program. 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 and four previous years are also eligible.

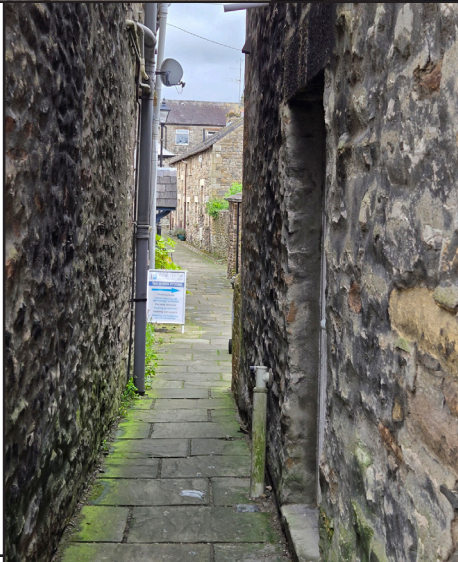
Summer Reading Camp for Youth

United Women in Faith is sponsoring a Summer Reading Camp for the youth in our church. Read five books from the church library this summer before school starts and win a gift card to Yogurt Beach. See Laura Bridwell if interested.





The announcement of Kathy Wicker's retirement from bell directing and photography brought forth some interesting photos from church members. Ken Struven started sharing his photos (page), and Sharon Hoelscher-Day did as well. Here we have Sharon's Job's Peak, two views of Tahoe, and Altocumulus lenticularis duplicatus cloud formations. Kathy is no quitter either. She submitted some great hot air balloon shots taken before she departed for Great Britain. She brought back a nice collection. Salt Pie? Legend has it that this was a salted mutton pie! No thank you.





Praise be to God that we have journeyed through the first half of 2024, and now arrive in July where we will celebrate our country's Independence Day. As happy as we are as a church, I wanted to share a praise with you all that I have been reappointed here to the Carson Valley United Methodist Church. My family and I enjoy every moment as your pastor leading our church community in the light of Jesus Christ and His teachings. God has worked in our local church community and changed many people's lives with our ministry, worship, and the extensions of our outreach. Our church continues to carry out many ways of preaching the Word of God through Jesus Christ in our gifts and talents.

For July let us lift our church in worship. When we worship Jesus Christ as one people, the Bible tells us that we are undivided. Christ has taken it to the cross to eliminate any hostility that would prevent anyone from drawing close to him.

Our worship reminds us that we were once separated -- as Paul would refer to "Jews or Gentiles." In the church's history we have endured racial segregation in different parts of our conference. Today, we worship as the body of Christ throughout major parts of the world, cultures, languages, and communities. John Wesley reminds us, "The world is my parish." He meant that the gospel of Christ is for all people who are called by God's grace.

Every aspect of our worship service reminds us of our Methodist heritage--implementing the presence of the Holy Spirit within our church community. Our song of gathering, the invitational prayer, the prayers and praises, and the children's message, even the choir's anthem all play a pivotal role in reminding us that we are one with one another, one as a church, and one with God.

My sermons in July will talk of our weaknesses and strengths in the presence of God. For seven weeks, July 14 to Aug. 18, we will look at important parts of worship that include our worship as God's people, confession, call to worship and our prayers as a church.

We have plans for a Bible-study in mid-summer. We also plan for faith formation sessions before the year ends.

I hope you all have a blessed July full of worship, prayer, and acts of mercy to our community and beyond. Let it be known in your reading of scripture, reason, experience and carrying our traditions as Methodists that we must continue to Follow Jesus, Thrive in Community, and Heal the World.



May 26, 2024 –Latu awarded Fourth Grade Bibles to Hunter Isaacs and Owen Lundquist. Ashlyn Isaacs received a book of childrens' prayers.

Mission U Wrap-up

Our local UWF welcomed 45 people from Northern California and Nevada to the two-day Mission U event at our church on June 28 and 29.



A special "thank you" to our UWF President, Ann Robar, for her leadership, patience and good humor as we hosted this event in our church. Kudos go to Ann Santos who headed the food committee, and to volunteers who provided four delicious meals, plus snacks for Mission U participants. Thanks also to Pastor Paea who taught one of the classes.

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

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Children's Play Area Making Progress

One of the sections of the children's play area is fenced with two access gates, and work on the remainder is moving forward. The equipment has arrived, and is waiting for qualified assemblers to put it together.

The CVUMC Trustees have brought the playground project this far in a few short months. Watch for further progress photos in the coming months.