



# Share the Spirit

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## That's What I'm Talkin' About

### Friends

Riding home from high school one lively spring day, an outlet for boredom presented itself. “Let’s see how long a line of cars we can get behind us!” It seemed like a great idea to four teenagers, so we went for it with gusto—very, very slow gusto. We were packed into Randy’s tiny and phenomenally underpowered car, a Morris Minor. Although to its credit, the Morris had a good radio. At any rate, it was the perfect vehicle for our experiment.

On a two-lane highway with no shoulder that linked the school road with our town of Benbrook, we drove at what could best be called a slow trot. By the time we got to a bridge where the road widened to four lanes, we had easily achieved a mile-long line of exasperated drivers in tow. Just as we reached four lanes, Randy gassed it and we sped away laughing hysterically (we had a good downhill slope on the other side of the bridge).

I wonder why that memory is still mine. It was fun, exciting, a bit edgy, and so very juvenile. I think I still remember the epic slow-drive because it is part of me—part of who I am. Friends and the bits of life we share with them create a portion of our character. Friends take us into all kinds of fun—some good and some not. Alas times have changed, and I certainly would not advise pulling a stunt like that nowadays.

Case in point: flash forward 40 years to a little town in northeast Texas. My friend Ellie had received notice that she needed to pass a driving test to retain her license—someone had reported her bad driving. “I failed my first try. Would you help me practice?” “Sure, that seems like a great idea,” I figured a little practice was all she’d need. It turns out, I was wrong....

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## Calendar Items

- July 4 - Happy 4th of July - NO craft workshop
- July 11 - Craft Workshop - 9:30 - noon
- July 18 - Craft Workshop - 9:30 - noon
- July 25 - Timeless Treasurer Drop Off - 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- August 1 - Craft Workshop - 9:30 - noon
- August 5-7 - Mission U - Sparks UMC
- August 13 - Special UWF Saturday Gathering for Hazy, Lazy, Crazy Days of Summer at 2 p.m.
- August 15 - Craft Workshop - 9:30- noon
- August 29 - Craft Workshop - 9:30- noon
- Sept. 5 - Happy Labor Day - NO Craft workshop
- Sept. 12, 19 and 26 - Craft Workshops 9:30 - noon



Saturday, July 30, 2022: Antelope Pack Station  
The camp is still there, but the fire did a lot of damage. The horse trails were destroyed. Due to lack of business, Joe had to lay off his staff, and had to sell some of his horses.

We are going to need volunteers to help prepare the lunch. If anyone has horses and wants to bring them, you are welcome to do that. If you have not been there, the road in is steep but people do bring in their horse trailers.

## Scripture & Sermons For July

July 3 Independence Day weekend  
Communion Sunday

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Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-15

Title: *No Going Back*

July 10

Color: green

Scripture: Acts 3:1-11

Title: *Agents of Redemption*

July 17

Color: green

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Title: *Not Fair*

July 24

Color: green

Scripture: Philippians 3:12-14

Title: *Hold Fast; Press On*

July 31

Color: green

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Title: *Rich Toward God*



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## From the Kitchen

Thank you to those who have donated goodies and left overs to the church for Sunday refreshments. We are accepting donations once again. Please label for any allergens such as nuts. Please do not send your out of date items. It doesn't have to be baked goods. Fruits or cheese are welcome also.

As your gardens start to produce you are welcome to share your excess with the church or the Food Closet. This might be tough year for people. With costs rising I think we will see more people with food insecurities. Think of your neighbors and church family if you are growing.

You are welcome to make and serve coffee and snacks after church. You can work one service or both.

Thank you, *The Kitchen*



*Ann Delahay sang her rendition of Daddy's Hands (by Holly Dunn) as a special Father's Day musical offering on June 19.*

## 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 UWF. 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.

The reading program also includes children's books, like the beautifully illustrated, "When God Made the World." Each page of this poetic book tells a story of the universe that God has created. God carved rivers and brooks, mountains and caves, made beaches with sand and huge crashing waves. God made plants full of flavor, like basil and thyme, and trees that grow citrus, like grapefruit and lime. 'Cause when God made the world, God did all that God could to create every detail for our joy and our good. And God made people, people like you and me. People with souls, people with stories, a global family tree. But always remember, 'cause this much is true, God had a purpose for making you YOU. This is a delightful book to read and reread to children. Enjoy!

## Did You Know?

In March 1869 the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (the beginning of United Methodists Women, now United Women in Faith) was founded by 8 women in Boston to help provide spiritual and physical health needs of poor women in India.

The UWF theme for 2022 is the "Joy of Outreach, Engagement and Growth". .

## Crafter's Schedule Adjustment

Due to holidays, there will be a couple of adjustments to the usual craft workshop schedule in July and August. The adjustments are as follows:

- July 11 and 18 (because of July 4 holiday moved the date)
- August 1 and 15 and 29 (added a Monday as there are 5 Mondays and we're skipping Labor Day holiday)
- September starting after Labor Day, the workshops will be held every Monday.

All people are welcome even if you don't consider yourself a crafter as the chairwomen will find something you can do to help out. The workshops begin at 9:30 a.m. and go until 12 noon. Come for the entire time or any part of the time you can.

Blessings!



*Tamara Brewer, who is newly licensed by the United Methodist Church, began pastoring at the Smith Valley UMC on July 3. Congratulations Tamara!*

## Honoring Graduates

United Women in Faith recognizes local graduates at a May church service. Layne Kelly, who is active in Alpine Kids, graduated from Douglas High On-Line. He wants to learn welding and own his own welding business.

Barrett Lee graduated from Douglas High and Western Nevada College with AA degree through the Jump Start Program. She will be attending University of Nebraska, Kearny, majoring in aerospace engineering. She hopes to work for NASA or Elon Musk.

## Hazy, Lazy, Crazy Days of Summer

Mark your calendar for the United Women in Faith summer social gathering, - Hazy, Lazy, Crazy Days of Summer on Saturday, August 13 at 2 p.m. Bring a friend for a fun afternoon of fellowship, food and fun. Watch for details on the "wacky fashion show" and start thinking about what "wacky" fashion you might wear. Watch for details on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship hall. Hope to see you there!!



## Friends

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We drove to New Boston, the town where the test was administered, and Ellie drove the test route. She did OK, but I had my doubts. Then we headed back home, ten miles away on—you guessed it—a two-lane road with no shoulder. That day I learned something funny about my friend, Ellie. As she grew tired, she drove slower...and slower...and slower. In ten miles, we easily had a mile-long line of cars behind us. That's not the funny part though. No, it was not the fun I had when I was a kid. In fact, I was getting worried because drivers these days tend to get angry.

The thing about Ellie's driver training that makes me smile, even today, is the memory of what happened just before we reached our destination, where the road was finally graced with a shoulder. A red-faced man driving a pickup truck had been boiling on our bumper and was about to explode. He pulled onto that gravel shoulder as if he were driving a sprint car on a Saturday night flat track. He blew by my passenger window—exhaust roaring, gravel flying, and a middle finger righteously presented to us as far as he could stretch out his arm. “Well,” Ellie said indignantly in a voice that had become a bit shaky by now, “I wonder what got into him!”

Good times.... Friends are the people we experience life with—for better or worse. For the most part, we remember those better times and let the worse times go. I've been thinking about the spiritual significance of friendship. How is it that those people came into our lives, and for what purpose—if any? Would I be the person I am today without their influence?

We all need friends. Henri Nowen, a monk in the mid-late 20th century, wrote about friends and how rare and precious they are to him. He made the point that a priest necessarily needed to be guarded about his life, therefore friends are few. I thought of my own life, and then I thought of all of us. Henri is not so unusual—we all hide our true selves. In prayer, I began to ponder the necessity of being unrevealing. I thought, “Who would ever want to be my friend if they really knew me—my angry outbursts, my tendency to addictions, my vanity and insecurity, my need for approval.... I was still listing my “friendship baggage” when very clearly the words “*I do*,” spoke softly into my mind. Peace filled me.... Indeed, Christ wants to be our friend—baggage and all.

Pause for a moment. Appreciate and celebrate our friendships—they are precious, and they are making us who we are, and even changing us to who we will be. The greatest and most life-changing of these friendships is our relationship with Jesus. If we are intentional about this relationship, we will less and less feel the need to hide who we really are. We will find that our true self is changing. Nurture this friendship with Christ and we will know a friend that will never leave us, nor forsake us.

*What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!*

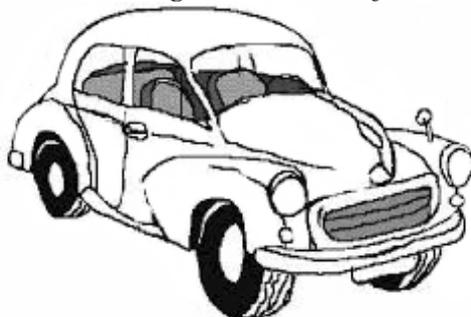
*What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,*

*All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

In case you wonder, Ellie didn't get her license renewed. Also, I may need to let you know that I no longer agree to driver training for friends. I figure that even Jesus says, “No,” from time to time....

*Be the church, --pastor tony*

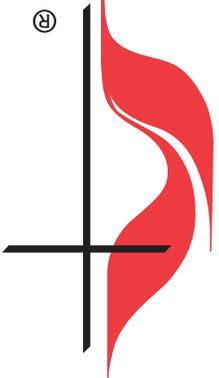


Worship 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship time follows morning services  
Loving child care provided

## Worship Schedule Sundays

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## Mission U 2022

The registration deadline is fast approaching for the 2022 Mission U 2022 on August 5 - 7 at Sparks UMC. This three day event is built on the theme “Who Can We Be Together - Building Communities of Hope and Joy.” This year’s event includes sessions for adults, youth and children. The adult and youth/young adult sessions will discuss “Community In The Midst of Challenging Time.”

Local UWF members are planning to carpool to Sparks so consider being part of this learning and spiritual event. Registration for adults is \$100. Registration deadline is July 20th/Vaccination proof is required. Look for more details on the UWF bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or online <https://canvuwf.org/>.

## Timeless Treasures Accepted

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

Please bring items that others may enjoy and treasure, but 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.