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Carson Valley United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

The Church has established an endowment fund to provide a source of income that will be used for future needs as determined by the Board of Trustees. The Endowment Fund is currently designated to support the ongoing expenses of maintaining the Church Building and operating equipment.

Endowment funds are held completely separate and apart from the general operating funds of the church.

You can be a part of this effort by contributing to the Endowment by any of the following methods:

- A donation of cash or a donation of appreciated securities.
- A future charitable donation in your will or your living trust and/or
- The creation of an endowment during your lifetime.

The church endowment is a non-profit charity as a 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code: therefore, contributions to the endowment are tax-deductible, consult your tax advisor.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Carson Valley United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, please complete the form on the other side of this brochure and mail to:

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The banner photo of soft water and scratchy branches is a study in textures at Washoe Lake taken by Kathy Wicker. Photos of the UWF holiday party submitted by Ann Robar.



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 & Scripture January 5 – 12, 2025

“Re-Membering the body”

Sunday January 5, 2024

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture - Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 2:11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Theme: Gathering Together With Jesus

Sunday January 12, 2024

First Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon Scripture - Luke 3:21-22 Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 3:22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Theme: Bounded in Jesus’ Baptism

Sermons & Scriptures January 19 – 26, 2025

“Where you are: Embracing the Familiar”

Sunday January 19, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture - John 2:1-11

Sermon Scripture - Luke 2:7-8 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 2:8 He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it.

Theme: When the wine runs out

Sunday January 26, 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture - Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Scripture - Luke 4:16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom.

Theme: Holy Habits

January UWF Meeting

Start your new year with United Women in Faith on Thursday, January 9 in the Education Room. The potluck luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m., and the program starts at 12:15 p.m. This month's programs will be "Carrying our Faith Forward" and "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial." We will also be installing the 2025 officers and will hear the final results from the craft faire. Come join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! All are welcome! No reservation or RSVP needed.

UWF Will learn about human trafficking and possibly drug issues in our county at our February luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Sergeant Jeff Johnson, who is with the Sheriffs Department in Douglas County.

Holiday Cookies

Once again this year we were blessed with many cookie bakers allowing us to fill over 20 cookie tins to deliver to folks at home and to our first responders and firefighters. We also served cookies to those attending the choir cantata and the bell concert. Thank you to all who made, packed, delivered and served cookies!



Abby's Crossing Collection

UWF Will be collecting for Abby's Crossing January through our March meeting. Please check our bulletin board for a new list of items needed. I will bring copies to our January luncheon As well.

Beverly Griffith-Williams



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.

Book Review

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng is reviewed by Ann Robar.

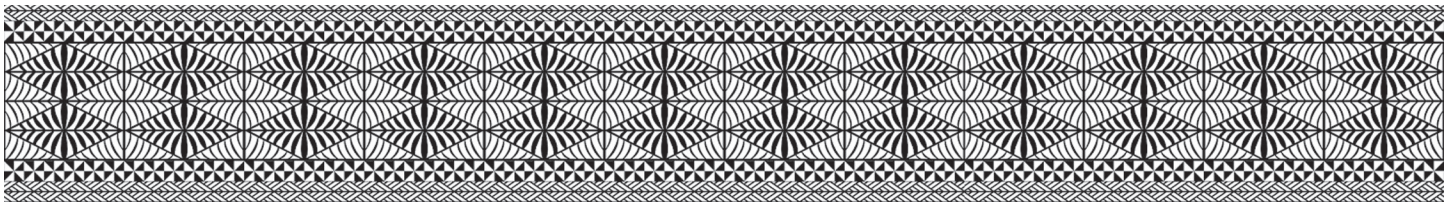
This is a very timely fiction book about a 12 year old boy called Bird who is living a quiet existence with his loving but broken father, Ethan. His father has taught him to not ask too many questions, stand out too much, or stray too far from home. For a decade, their lives have been governed by laws written to preserve "American culture" in the wake of years of economic instability and violence. To keep the peace and restore prosperity, the authorities are now allowed to relocate children of dissidents, especially those of Asian origin, and libraries have been forced to remove books seen as unpatriotic—including the work of Bird's mother, Margaret, a Chinese American poet who left the family when he was nine years old.

Bird has grown up disavowing his mother and her poems; he doesn't know her work or what happened to her, and he knows he shouldn't wonder. But when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find her. His journey will take him back to the many folktales she poured into his head as a child, through the ranks of an underground network of librarians, into the lives of the children who have been taken, and finally to New York City, where a new act of defiance may be the beginning of much-needed change.

This is a quick read and a very timely tale of the dangers of xenophobia and fear and its impact on people, families, and government. It is a heart wrenching story of a mother and son.

Christmas Around The World





Happy New Year everyone! I am very excited to present this month's worship series in two parts titled: Re-mem-bering the Body and Embracing the Familiar. Our two-part worship series is focused on putting our congregation back together in reflection on the scriptures in our lectionary for this month.

When we are focusing on “Re-mem-bering the Body” we are reorienting, reorganizing, and putting our church community together in worship and praise for the new year. The first two weeks will also encounter the importance of gathering as a church to seek Jesus at the beginning of the year, alongside remembering the importance of baptism as our sacrament in connection with Jesus Christ. When we regather as the body of Christ, we are reminded that we see the light of God within one another, and we are also the light to the communities we live in throughout the world.

During the last two weeks of January, we will shift gears to a worship series titled Embracing the Familiar. This section of worship is related to the season of Ordinary Time — one of the longest liturgical seasons on the Christian calendar. This Ordinary Time, I invite you to look at where you are as individuals and as a community. We want to do that in two parts. We begin with what is familiar, what we see every day, and what we do week by week— the familiar, and maybe the over-familiar. We need to look at what we've seen so much that we don't see it anymore. But we need to look; we need to see because this is where we are.

As your pastor, I am honored to lead you with our wonderful staff during this new year and month full of grace and compassion. May the spirit of God be your guiding light as we regather our thoughts for this new church year to follow Christ, thrive in Community, and heal the World.

God Bless you all. Pastor Latu Paea

UWF Holiday Party!

36 ladies celebrated an exciting trip around the world at the UWF “Christmas around the World” Holiday Party in December.

We had a wonderful trip led by a flight crew of Captain, Nancy Deis and crew, Linda Malconian and Cheryl Eggert. We got to see how Christmas is celebrated in other cultures and regions and shared holiday favorite desserts. Decorated tables included “destinations” like Greece, Mexico, Germany, Norway, Australia, and Tonga. Fun was had by all.



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

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