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## Summer UWF Get-together!

Get ready for a fun afternoon this summer when our local United Women in Faith host their “Charcuter-Tea & Talent” on Saturday, August 23 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Last call! We are looking for volunteers to share their talent at this ladies only fun summer event. Your talent can be anything from yodeling to juggling or playing an instrument. You can also do something like tell silly jokes, or a funny skit or tying knots! Get some friends together and do something together! It's all for fun! UWF invites all CVUMC ladies and you are welcome to invite your friends!

We also need table hostesses! You can decorate your table as you wish! There is no specific theme so any decor is fine. Have fun with it! Sign up sheets are located on the UWF Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to attend by Aug. 15 in Fellowship Hall. Invite your “gal pals” to a cool, summer afternoon.

If you would like to host a table, have a hidden talent to share or any questions, contact Linda Malconian or Nancy Raymond. Please join us for Food, Fun & Fellowship! We hope to see you there!

## Did You Know.....Part 2

By Tammy Owens

The Faith We Sing Hymnal or as we know it....the skinny hymnal:

The Faith We Sing hymnal is a supplement to the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal, and was published in 2000. This hymnal is designed to be used with the main hymnal, to enhance the musical worship experience while maintaining a strong theological foundation.

It is organized thematically to emphasize the Trinity and the roles of God the Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit. It includes 284 contemporary hymns composed between 1985-2000. This hymnal provides diverse worship styles which include praise and worship music, American ethnic music, gospel songs, non western music, service music, gender neutral texts, and liturgical chants from the Taize community.

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The banner photo is a "Photoshop-ed" rendition of an old CVUMC photo by Kathy Wicker. There are some old friends pictured, and some of you may recognize them from an earlier summer tea.



## 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.

## Scripture & Sermons for August

**August 3, 2025 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture - Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon Scripture - Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on the things that are above,  
not on the things that are on earth.

Theme: Set your mind.

**August 10, 2025 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sermon Scripture - 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

Theme: By Faith...

**August 17, 2025 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture - Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sermon Scripture - Hebrews 12:2

Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Theme: Looking to Jesus

**August 24, 2025 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture - Hebrews 12:18-29

Sermon Scripture - 12:26-27

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." (27) This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Theme: The unshakable promise of God

**August 31, 2025 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sermon Scripture - Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Theme: Do all the good you can



## Welcome Back Cookies

School is starting in a month!! Again this year we are delivering "Welcome Back to School Cookies" to the teachers and school staff and we need your help. We need bakers to bake a lot (110 dozen) cookies without nuts or frosting. We need a few people to help with packing up the cookies, and we need folks willing to deliver the cookies to the schools.

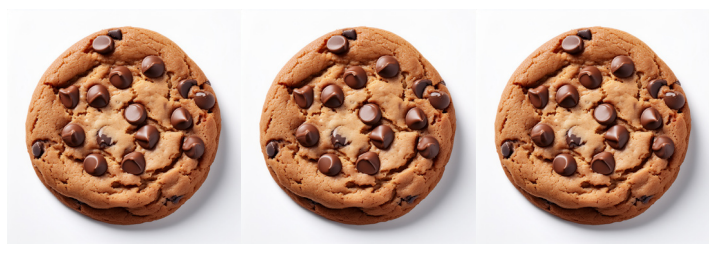
If you want to support the teachers and school staff, please consider helping out. There is a sign-up sheet on the UWF bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**Cookies:** No nuts or frosting. To be delivered to the church kitchen by noon on August 12. Label with "Teachers" and label if gluten free.

**Packers:** Be at the church at 1 p.m. on August 12.

**Delivery People:** Deliver to the school on August 13 by 1 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this outreach.



*Dueling puppets? Or puppet lessons?*

## 2025 UWF Reading Program

Join the United Women in Faith at our church as they read up a storm this year. Men and women of the church are encouraged to read at least one book from each of the five categories: Education for Mission Category, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth. You can read any of the new books or any of the books from recent years in our church library. The report of the books you read this year is due on August 17. The new UWF reading program book names are posted in the Library. For more information contact Carol Coleman or Pam Forest.

One of the new books is *The Gift of the Unexpected* by Jillian Benfield. This true story falls under the Spiritual Growth section. Jillian Benfield was a successful anchor and journalist, but her life changed direction when she received the unexpected diagnosis that her second child had trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome.) Her spiritual life and purpose were tested as she chose to undergo a transformation with her family living in remote Alamogordo NM and later in Tucson, AZ where there would be care for her child.

She used her God-given gifts to become an advocate for full inclusion of people with disabilities. This book is an inspiration for anyone who may be living out an unexpected life that might lead to the abundant life God promises. A verse of healing for Jillian was Psalm 139:13-15, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

### SEPTEMBER 14, POTLUCK & CAR SHOW

The car show is returning with the promise of more cars this year. (Len and Latu take care of that)

The proud owners will be joining us for our Sept. Salad Potluck following the second service.

Watch for the sign up later this month.

SEPTEMBER 14th, 11:30

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Member Care Committee

## Did You Know. . . Part 2

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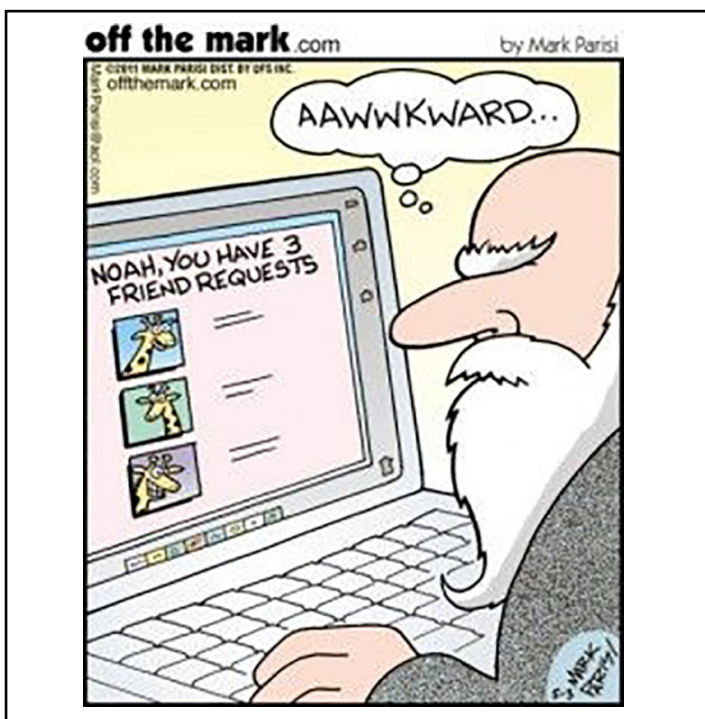
Various editions are available to accommodate different needs such as a slim pew edition, a singer's edition, an accompaniment edition, editions for instrumentalists, a worship planner edition, a guitar edition, braille and American Sign Language, as well as MIDI editions.

Our Staff takes advantage of these wonderful resources of diverse literature to select the hymns each week to reflect the scripture topic. We only introduce new hymns to the congregation when it best fits the scripture topic of the week.

Now you know more than you ever wanted to know about our hymnals.



*Tammy Owens still conducting the Capitol City Band in front of First United Methodist - CC*



## Blessings of backpacks

This month, we will be blessing backpacks, staff, educators, and those who have retired from the field of education. As a church, we believe our young people should have access to quality education that is inclusive, equitable, and accountable. In the words of the UNCF (United Negro College Fund) "the mind is a terrible thing to waste," emphasizing the importance of learning as a tool to acquire opportunities and for imperative growth.

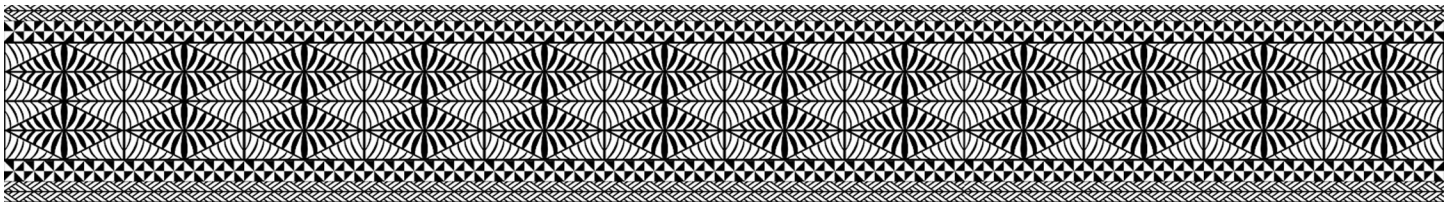
Furthermore, there is a sanctified calling for young people universally because they are the present and the future of our societal transformation. Our roots in advocating for education can be traced as far as the nineteenth century. Methodism had established or has been affiliated with more than 200 educational institutions. John Wesley believed that everyone should have access to education regardless of gender or class. He opened a school for children of coal miners called Kingswood School in which he championed education as a way to ensure that leaders would act ethically and responsibly.

On August 17, 2025, I call on the church body to join me in blessing the backpacks of our youth along with educators and school staff as they enter a new year of learning in their respective educational institutions. As a church, we honor our covenant with our young people and guide their walk with Jesus Christ in education. Education opens their minds to learn new skills and lessons while faith opens their hearts to be the light of the Lord in an educational setting. We are living in a time where belief in Jesus is considered a religious perspective outlawed in our places of learning. I see differently as a believer in Jesus Christ because a heart that's led by the Spirit can utilize education to bring transformation into the world.

You have a role as the church to guide our youth in our local congregation to be Christlike in their actions and commitments. Jesus shows in the synoptic gospels that we should know the difference between what we give to Caesar (the government) and what we give to God. Church-family, let us bring our youth to the Lord this new year, to walk with them in this new school year. Let us remind one another of the importance of the words of the apostle Timothy: Let no one despise your youth but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Blessings,  
Latu Paea





## Dear Children of God, part 2

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is great joy to serve you as your pastor in this church congregation as we witness together the power of the Holy Spirit encourage us to live Christ's ministry in our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. For this month our worship series is titled: Dear Children of God part 2. This month's worship series is the second part of the worship series that began in June, and follows the written epistles addressing a network of churches and believers to walk faithfully in Jesus Christ.

I remember as a teenager there was a social media platform called *myspace* and it was a communication tool to connect with family, friends, and people around the world. In my time, before the availability of handheld phones to access social media accounts, everyone would have to fight over a computer in the library or student union section to access their *myspace* account. As my friends and I got our computers, we would check our messages and read the great words shared with our friends and family.

*Myspace* had given me a connection with my relatives in Tonga, Australia, New Zealand and across the United States. I felt connected with them without having to purchase a phone card or remembering a long email account. It filled an emptiness of disconnection inside of me knowing that I could see the pictures of my relatives and eventually chat with them on live chat, and this gave me joy in those moments.

This month's worship series brings to light the importance of staying connected with our siblings in Christ. Many of us have different ways of communicating with our fellow church members or "churchgoers" in conversation and interaction. We share ideas, praises, and prayers as Christians with one another, because we have formed a trust in Jesus Christ that connects us as God's children. Our connection with one another is not only personal but it is spiritual. When we know how our neighbor is doing, we know the encouragement of the apostle Paul as he said: "we are bearing one another's burdens." I encourage you to stay connected to one another in love and mercy as Jesus remained connected with his disciples in the Holy Spirit as he ascended into heaven.

God Bless You, Latu Paea



## End of Summer Bash!

How do you celebrate the end of Summer Vacation? You have a Bash! All the Youth are invited and may bring friends! On Friday August 8 the Youth will have an overnight at the church. It will be filled with games, food, campfire, s'mores and much more!

The bash will start at the Swim Center on Friday night at 5:30 p.m. After swimming for a couple of hours we will return to the church for dinner, reflection with Pastor Latu and more games. After everyone is totally exhausted we will sleep at the church. Saturday morning will be filled with cooking breakfast and some more fun!

The adults, maybe some of us can be called adults, are Nancy Deis, Latu Paea and Laura Bridwell Engel. Permission slips are required for

this event, so please see Laura Bridwell Engel for more details or give her a call. 775-250-7081.

Items kids will need to bring:

- ☆Swimsuit
- ☆Towel
- ☆Any swimming gear they want
- ☆A change of clothes
- ☆Appropriate PJ's
- ☆Sleeping bag
- ☆Pillow

☆Air mattress, if you have one. Church members, if you have an air mattress we can borrow for the evening, it will be greatly appreciated.

## Adult Confirmation Class

This month's worship series is All Access. It is a month that celebrates the membership of Christ's visible body here at Carson Valley United Methodist Church. As your pastor, you probably have heard me repeating publicly the word "memberizing," a coined term that manifested when I brought new official members into our church congregation. We are celebrating our membership in God's church whether you are a member of this local church community or a professing member of another church denomination.

Our celebration answers the call to revisit our Methodism as God's people, and to have a conversation about our church denomination. On July 9, 2025, we began our first week of the adult confirmation class discussing our core beliefs and the history of John Wesley. This class is held on Wednesday mornings for six weeks ending the last session on August 13, 2025. The objective of the adult confirmation class is to teach, equip, encourage, and guide our church congregation within the mission of the United Methodist Church. The confirmation class provides an abstract lecture on Methodist history, doctrine, social principles, and the mission statement in the annual conference.

Furthermore, as United Methodists, we bring everything forth to God in our worship, service, gifts, and prayers. Having access to these things brings a connectional relationship that we value in Christ's love as his children. When we create a church that is accessible for all people to witness God's love through His only begotten Son, we are telling the community and the world that they have a seat at the Lord's table.

Blessings,  
Latu Paea

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## Mission U - Great Northern District UWF

Great Northern District United Women in Faith sponsors several spiritual and learning opportunities during the summer. There will be four Mission U sessions this summer. This year's theme is "Practicing Hope Together." Registration and more details are available at <https://canvuwf.org/>

August 8 & 9 - Mission U - Fallon, NV  
August 28-31 - Mission U - McKinleyville, CA

## Greetings Great Northern District!

As I begin my service as the Superintendent of the Great Northern District, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you.

I am a child of the California-Nevada Annual Conference, born into a family who have been active members of our churches going back several generations. Raised in the Central Valley of California, I have a deep appreciation for "small town" culture and rural communities.



This is the start of my 29th year under appointment in our Annual Conference. I've served our congregations in Taft, Kerman, Santa Cruz, and Cameron Park as well as on Conference Staff as Assistant to the Bishop and to extension ministry at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

My wife and I live in Cameron Park, which is part of the Great Northern District, with our two high school age daughters. My wife, Kara, works in public education.

Given the relatively close proximity of our home to West Sacramento, the Great Northern District Office will continue to be located at the Conference Center. Of course, a certain percentage of my time will be spent visiting throughout the expanse of our scenic District. While some of those visits will be on Sundays, I will also be trying to prioritize opportunities to travel and connect with you in your communities during the week. With two school age kids at home, the weekends are precious, especially as they move through high school.

As I begin this new role, I ask for your patience and your prayers. I look forward to getting to know your churches, ministries, and larger communities in the months ahead!

Blessings,  
Mike  
Rev. Michael Harrell, Superintendent  
Great Northern District





## Get Crafty This Summer!

Heavenly Holiday Faire Craft workshops meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month on August 4 and 18 from 9:30-noon.

Even if you don't consider yourself "crafty" there is something for everyone to make. Try something new! Supplies are also available if you have projects you want to make at home.

After Labor Day, the craft workshops will meet every Monday till November. If you have questions or new craft ideas, contact Nancy Raymond or Kevin Heckart.

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## Timeless Treasures Collection Continues

Please bring your boutique-quality treasures to the church education room on the 3rd Monday of each month between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. The next collection day will be Monday, August 18.

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 Timeless Treasures. No clothing, please.

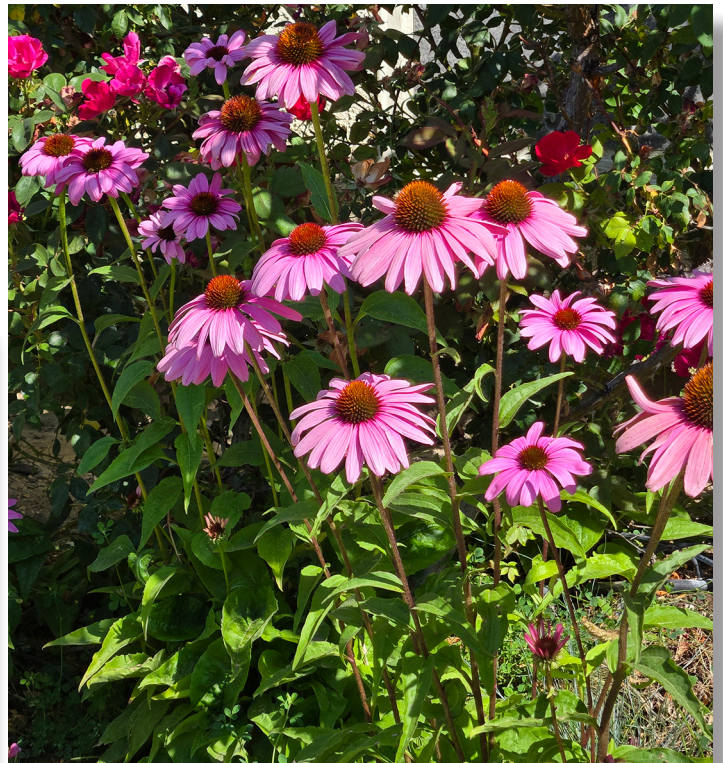
Thank you all for your help! Your donations are the reason Timeless Treasures will be successful. Contact Alison Grey, Marsha Gallegos, or Brenda Hulphers with any questions.



*Always a pithy comment - stop and smell the roses and read the signs.*



Remember - UWF's Charcuter-Tea & Talent  
August 23, 2 - 4 p.m.



*Our volunteer gardeners have beautified the entry to the church once more. There are flowers for every season along the walkway. What a beautiful greeting. Photo by Kathy Wicker*

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

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