

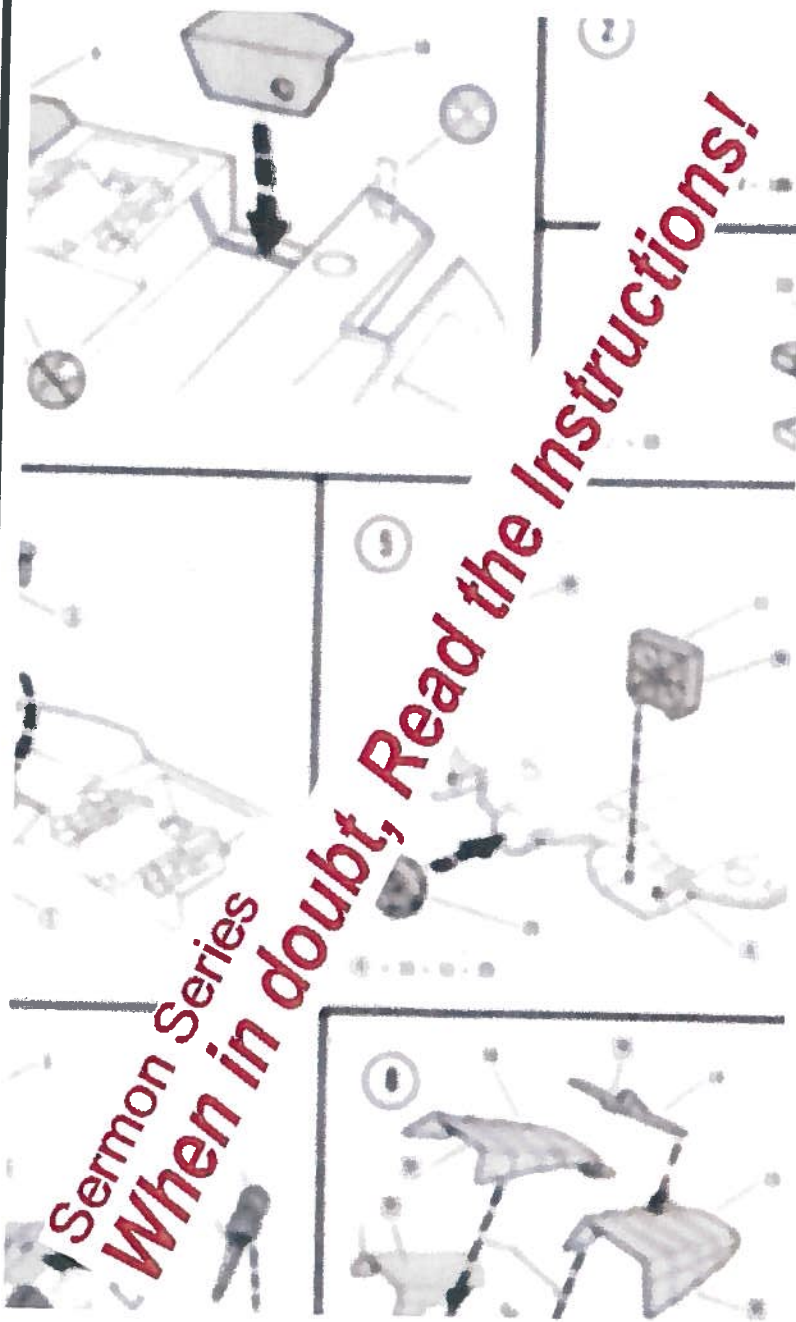
WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
3315 Overland Rd. Boise, Idaho 83705

WHITNEY

April 2018



OPPORTUNITIES

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:20 a.m.
Youth Confirmation class 11:15 a.m.
Nursery 9:30 a.m.

Mondays
River Bank Youth Choir 4-5 p.m.

1st & 3rd Mondays
Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Mondays
Shawlers 6:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday
Congregational Care 10:00 a.m.

1st Wednesday
United Methodist Women 12 noon

Wednesdays
Prayer and Share small group 1:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7 p.m.

Thursdays
We pray team 3:00 p.m.
6 Ways to Sunday Praise Band 5:45 p.m.

3rd Fridays
Community dinner 6:00 p.m.

1st Saturdays
United Methodist Men 9 a.m.

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From our Pastor, Rev. Christina Thompson

During Lent, we looked at what Jesus gave up in order for us to experience God's transformative love and grace in our lives. This series had us look deeply at the humanness of Jesus. We often look at the divinity of Christ--- his being fully God.

But this series, gave us the space to look at the reminder that while Jesus is fully God, Jesus is also fully human.

And being fully human, Jesus experienced all of the human emotions that we do. Fear, joy, sorrow, hunger, betrayal, ridicule, misunderstanding, love of family and friends etc. Any human emotion we have, Jesus had too. Jesus experienced as well, the ultimate betrayal and loss of his life.

The power of this, is that Jesus understands where we are in life. There is such power in this—to have a God who is all powerful, all knowing, creator of all things, who also is able to relate to us in a way that God, as only our creator cannot.

In the figure of Jesus, we have a God who is present with us, who comes and sits with us, holds our hand, understands the tears we shed and the pain we feel.

And then in the power of the cross and the power of the resurrection, Jesus is able to assure us of God's love above all else and is able to give us the strength, mercy, grace, forgiveness, etc. to make it through our toughest spaces and to find the joy and grace on the other side.

I pray that as we now experience the joy and power of Jesus' resurrection, that we will continue to be reminded that Jesus is both fully God and fully human and in the power of this combination, we are given fullness of life to be able to walk each day with Jesus by our side.

Blessings,

Rev. Christina

WHEN IN DOUBT, READ THE INSTRUCTIONS!

This Easter season we will encounter teachings of Jesus that end up coming in handy as the early church struggles and thrives...and ultimately handing on the instructions to us. What will we do with them?

April 8 -- Stay, Witness

April 15 --Touch, Heal

April 22 -- Beware, Don't Worry

April 29 – Don't Argue, Agree to Disagree



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Whitney United Methodist Women have been putting their love into action during the past month. We have circulated a petition which is requesting that the issue of the medicaid gap be put on the ballot in November. We learned more about the legislation that has been presented concerning faith healing and refusal of these congregations to get medical attention for their children.

Several women helped with kindergarten registration at Whitney Elementary School on March 7 and 8, pictured left to right, Carol Adams, Kathy Skov, Janice Spencer, and Lory Nesor.

At our March meeting, Johnna gave us a little quiz to test our memory and then encouraged us all to write our "autobiography" for our children and grandchildren. She gave us a very helpful outline for that.

Our next meeting will be **April 4** and **Glenna Finley** will present the program.

Our vision: Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

JOSEPH'S CLOSET

I received the following email concerning our Joseph's Closet ministry and am printing it here with the writer's permission. Our ministry has had an impact on many in our community. Lory Nesor

Dear Lory,

Thank you so much for including us in your recent *Joseph's Closet* summary mailing. It just arrived yesterday, because we moved a few miles from our former address, so it had to be forwarded. So glad it got to me!

I was so touched by all the lives you've touched these past months, and grateful the LDS community could help in some way. I most certainly will forward your kind words of appreciation, as well as your report, to all of those in our humanitarian email network. While no one looks for thanks when giving, it is nice to know that, together, we can and do all make a difference.

The work you folks do is amazing! Thank you, We will happily spread the word about your ministry and do what we can to support you.

Blessings to you, too, Lory

Sincerely,
Debbie Ableman
Meridian North Stake
LDS Church.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Ruth Ellen Samson Shults 1920-2018



Ruth Samson-Shults died at the age of 97 in Boise.

Ruth was born March 8, 1920, in Aberdeen, Idaho, to Belle and Harry Fisher. Soon after her birth, the family returned to her native state of Kansas. When they moved back to Idaho, they settled in Mountain Home, where Ruth graduated from Mountain Home High School, was selected as the Mountain Home Rodeo Queen in 1938, and met her future husband, Merle Roger Samson.

The two were married during WWII and started their family. Their oldest child, Carol, was born in Corpus Christie, Texas, where Merle was stationed and served as a flight instructor. Following Merle's honorable

discharge, the family moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, where their two other children, Kathleen and Mark, were born.

In 1955 Ruth and her husband and her family moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where she started a very successful beautician business in her home and expanded the business to the historic Bannock Hotel in downtown Pocatello.

Ruth was a mentor to her daughters and their friends. She enjoyed styling their hair, even turning their hair to lavender or peach, which they considered very glamorous. She also was a friend to all of her son's buddies, coiffuring their longer locks, which was in style at the time. She was a mother who her children confided in and shared with. These close relationships extended to her grandchildren, who also will miss her and the part she played in their lives.

Ruth was a giving and caring person who always gave her time, home, and other resources to family, friends, and people in need. She felt not only the need, but the joy of helping others.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Merle; and her second husband, Damon Shults; as well as her siblings Irene (Everett) Coons, Alice (Al) Rundell, and Harry Fisher.

She is survived by her younger sister, Doris Thomas; her daughters Carol (Ron) Eaton of Graeagle, California, and Kathleen (Bernie) Silva of Mililani, Hawaii; and her son, Mark (Cory) Samson of Boise, Idaho; her grandchildren Stephanie (Eric) Olsen of Reno, Nevada; Joseph Eaton of Reno, Nevada, Brandon (K. J.) Silva of Seattle, Washington, Jessica (Marcus) Hardy of Boise, Idaho, Keely (Joe) Nikolao of Tacoma, Washington, Kelsey (Cody) Givens of Boise, Idaho, and Mitchell (Lauren) Samson of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and ten great-grandchildren.

Ruth has been called to Heaven. She will be missed by all of her family and friends, but they know that she will live peacefully forever in the presence of her Lord and her family members who have preceded her in death.

A celebration of her life will be held at Whitney on June 23, her favorite time of year.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.summersfuneral.com

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Whitney United Methodist Women are again offering a college scholarship to a graduating senior who is affiliated with our church.

Applications are available in the church office and must be completed and returned by May 15.





SAWTOOTH WORK WEEKEND – May 25-28

Anyone who would like to help "open up Camp Sawtooth" for the summer needs to contact Malcom to get the details. This is also time to meet the new Camp Director, Robert Poe. Many will be here to work, eat, fellowship, work, eat and fellowship!! All ages are welcome and the smaller ones would also be able to help. Meals and lodging will be provided. The camp just needs to know how many to plan for so, please get your names in.

Table Talks: Finding a Way Forward Together *from Bishop Stanovsky*

What to Expect

United Methodists in the Alaska, Oregon-Idaho and Pacific Northwest Conferences are being encouraged to participate in Table Talk conversations being planned in various settings across the Greater Northwest Area. These opportunities will provide attendees a way to engage the church's current discussion of human sexuality and the report of the Commission on a Way Forward within a structure of worship and respect for one another.

To develop that sense of respect, participants are asked to commit to a covenant for respectful dialog. In short, the covenant asks them to:

1. Stay Curious
2. Be Kind
3. Listen with the same amount of passion with which I want to be heard.

Both worship and a covenant for respectful dialog are essential when we ask for God to be present in our conversations and recognize that we can sometimes get in the way. All across the area are asked to seriously consider participating in one of these opportunities.

Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky sees that respectful dialog as a key to helping the church move forward, both here in the northwest, and globally. "Christians don't need to beat each other up when we disagree." she says, "If you love your church, and want it to see its mission witness remain strong around the world, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. If you are sick and tired of opposing sides in the church fighting about human sexuality, and who should be welcome in the Church, I hope you will come to one of the Table Talks. We can find a deeper unity, and new ways of listening to God and one another."

**April 28, Saturday, is the nearest Table Talk for this area
Nampa First UMC, Nampa, ID, 1 to 5 p.m.**

NOTICE

Because of Health Department regulations, the Pantry is no longer able to use the empty egg cartons we have been collecting for them. Thanks to all of you who so faithfully participated in this ministry.

THE LARRACOECHEA FAMILY
from Ramona Walhof

Kacey Larracochea grew up on a wheat and lentil farm just outside the tiny town of Farmington along the Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho border. There were two churches in the town, and Kacey had good experiences in both, although her family were not regular church goers. Kacey occasionally attended Sunday School with her grandmother, Bible School during summers and her family participated in soup potlucks on Wednesday evenings at the United Methodist Church. She also attended Christian basketball camps in the summers during high school, and bonded with friends in college through a Bible study.



Kacey attended the University of Idaho with majors in education and Spanish. In order to student teach in Spanish, she found it desirable to come to Boise. She student taught at South Junior High under the supervision of Sharon Larracochea, her future mother-in-law. Sharon "innocently" arranged the introduction to her son, Mario, and he and Kacey were married four years later. Kacey taught at South for 10 years until her first daughter was born.

Mario grew up in Boise. He attended St Joe's, Bishop Kelly and completed his Bachelor's degree at Boise State University. Mario's parents, long-time Boise residents, met at BSU while his father, Nacho, was playing tennis for the Broncos. While, their last name is Basque, Mario's extended family lives in Mexico.

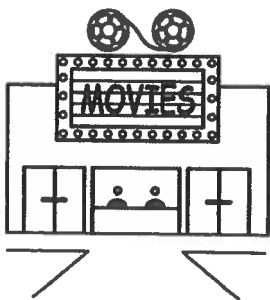
Mario works in Information Technologies, and is currently employed by Taos Mountain Inc. They have two young children: Zena, in first grade, and Anna, in kindergarten. Sunday morning worshipers at Whitney church will recognize these two energetic little girls and their cousin, Hayden, who frequently participate in the children's time during the service.

Kacey visited a few churches when she first moved to Boise, but was looking for one that reminded her of the small congregations of her childhood. She read Bible stories to her young daughters from materials she had received as a child. The girls were very interested in these stories and full of questions about them. She asked her neighbors about churches in south Boise and Jana Hedges recommended Whitney.

Kacey reports that she first came to Whitney on the Sunday morning last summer when many members were absent participating in the retreat. A small congregation was comfortable for Kacey who spent her childhood in a town of 100 people. And, as always, Whitney church people are friendly. Zena and Anna also found friends and interesting activities in Sunday school. In October they all walked in the Crop Walk for hunger.

Kacey participated in the Alpha class last fall and is helping with the new one this spring. She seems eager to learn more about Whitney church. I found Kacey enthusiastic and interested. When asked if she is interested in church membership, she responded immediately, "That's something I need to learn more about."

Whitney church seems to be a good fit for the Larracocheas. We joyfully welcome all of them.



AT THE FLICKS -- APRIL 7 -- AT 12:30 P.M.

Tickets are \$7.50 at the Flicks

The Idaho Forty-Eight Hour Film Festival ("i48") selected local filmmaker teams to make short documentaries about some person, place or event that occurs in the Treasure Valley during February 2018. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Boise Arts and History Department.

The documentary my team is working on is about refugee resettlement. We focused on a family from Baghdad Iraq and the two agencies who helped resettle them in Boise. Mary Kienzle, from Whitney, is on the filming team.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lorrie Baer
- 3 Marlys Tudehope
- 5 Lisa Blakeley
Ella Dean Chaumell
- 6 Evelyn Behncke
- 9 Betty Dippi
- 11 Mac McDaniel
- 17 Steve McGrath
- 24 Mark Nesor
- 26 Joyce Obland
- 27 Clayne Chaumell
- 28 Dotty Harden

APRIL HOSPITALITY

April 1

Acolytes – Noa and Miriam
Greeters – David Adams and
Keith Gillespie

Liturgist – Nick Alexander

Coffee Host – Ruth Romans, Emily Nelson

Communion Stewards – Clint Wachi,
Mel & Cathie Slocum, Jim & Joyce Obland

April 8

Acolytes – Kaylyn and Grace

Greeters – Gena Waller, Lori & Doug Davis

Liturgist – David Hawk

Coffee Host – Tyke & Mikki Carr

April 15

Acolytes – Zach and Grace

Greeters – Kathy Hammers, Julie Hall,
DeDe Matthews

Liturgist – Jana Hedges

Coffee Host – Kathy & Arny Skov,
Jody & Gordy Myre

April 22

Acolytes – Noa and Kaylyn

Greeters – Gordy & Jody Myre

Liturgist – Judith Alexander

Coffee Host – Barb Martin

April 29

Acolytes – Miriam and Zach

Greeters – Gaye Cabe & Betty Dippi

Liturgist – Carla Biersdorff

Coffee Host – Becky Daniel & Becky Gris

AARP Fraud program

April 30 – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The presenter, Dennis Rockwood, is an authority on many types of fraud, including identity theft, hacking and a personal recovery plan. He will answer questions and welcomes comments from folks who have suffered from being attacked with fraud in their personal accounts.

All are welcome to attend.



Four times a year, the ladies of Whitney get together for a night of fun and fellowship.

The Spring time Ladies Night Out will be at: Ceramica-Boise.

We will meet, pick out a ceramic piece, and get all kinds of creative!

It will be a wonderfully, fun evening.

Avg. cost for a completed project is \$20- \$25.

Feel free to bring a friend, a snack and/or beverage of your choice as we will be hosted in the Party Room.

APRIL 14 10:00 a.m. -- ?????

Bring your rakes and hoes and muscles to help clean up the flower beds and lawns around the church. Lorrie Baer has done it in the past and can use some help this year.





WORSHIP WITH US
Every Sunday
10:00 a.m.

April



APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Fri	Sat
(dates and times)			
1 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. Adult Sun. sch. 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study 11:15 a.m. Confirmation <i>no ALPHA/book study</i>	2 4 p.m. Riverbank youth choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	5 3:00 p.m. WePray Praise Band	7 9:00 a.m. UMM 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch
8 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday sch. 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study 10:20 a.m. Children's Sunday school 11:15 a.m. Confirmation 5-7 p.m. ALPHA/book study	9 10:30 a.m. Finance 4 p.m. Riverbank youth choir 6:30 p.m. Shawlers 6:45 p.m. Worship team	12 3:00 p.m. WePray Praise Band	14 Yard clean up 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch
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		6 12 noon UMW 2:00 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	13 Ladies' Night Out 6:30 p.m. @ Ceramica
	10 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	11 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal	18 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
	17 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Celia Cowan @ Jana Hedges'	24 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	27 6:00 p.m. Community dinner