

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

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

May 2018

Mother's Day Blessings

Just as God gives to each rose
A gentle touch of dew
And gives unto each evening sky
The lovely sunset's hue

So may he give to you
From his enduring love
Great happiness
and hearts' content
And blessings from above.

Happy

Mother's
Day

The Whitney United Methodist Men are honoring all the ladies of our church with a special Mother's Day program on May 6 immediately following Worship service.

Entertainment will be provided by the spectacular women's chorus, Capitol City Sound, directed by Andy Maddox and lunch prepared by the men will be served.

Contact us:

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Website – www.whitneyumc.org

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.

WHITNEY



From our Pastor.....

Whitney's worship team has been discussing the order of worship and looking at the role of many parts of worship. I thought I would share some of the parts of a worship service in my newsletter article for the next couple of months.

This month we will look at what worship is: June we will look at the order of worship and why things are in the order they are, and in July we will look at communion.

What is worship anyway? Is it more than just the thing we do in the sanctuary on Sunday morning?

According to the United Methodist Book of Worship, worship is "an encounter with the living God through the risen Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit." Worship is also "a celebration of the gospel in which God calls anew to us through the risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit within us enables us to hear and respond. The rhythms of call and response bring us to a communion that unites us with God and with one another, renewing us as the Body of Christ for the world." *

So when we worship a variety of things are happening.

- Worship first and foremost is encountering God and bringing praise and honor to the living God who created us, through Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Worship is first about honoring and praising who God is.
- Worship also, though, is the place where we realize that we are part of the work of God in bringing forth the Kingdom of God. Worship allows us the space to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, to recognize our sin and our need for God's grace, to be filled with that grace and then be able to go back into the world to live out that grace through the week.
- Worship binds us together with God and with one another. We worship together in community on purpose. It reminds us that we not only need God, but we need each other. When we worship together, we gather as the body of Christ and build each other up as that body.
- Worship also binds us together with the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.
- Worship is also a place where we hear the word of God read through the scripture reading and through the word proclaimed through preaching as well as through music. God speaks to us through the scripture, through the sermon, and through the music.
- I also hope that worship is the place where we learn something. While this is not the primary objective of worship, I pray that at least over time, we learn something new about God, about ourselves, about scripture passages, about the history of the church, and about how the church is to be in the world.

Ultimately worship is central to the church as a whole, as well as our local congregation and to each of us as we participate in it. It is in worship that we discover that we *are* the church. In worship we remember who we are, who God is and who we are becoming.

Next month we will look at the order of worship and why things are in the order they are — (and why the sermon is not at the end!)

Blessings,
Rev. Christina

*From the book *Worshipping with United Methodists* by Hoyt L. Hickman

United Methodist Women News

Four of us, Lory Nesor, Dianna Shea, Kathy Old and Carla Biersdorff, attended the Sage District Every Member Enrichment Event held at 1st Church on April 14. The topic was "Let Your Light Shine" and the program focused on the work United Methodist Women are doing for marginalized women. We heard these stories during the morning and then each local unit shared about what they were doing. We shared about our connection with Whitney Elementary School.

Our keynote speaker was Bea Black, Executive Director of the Women's and Children Alliance. She gave an excellent presentation on the work of the WCA and the two shelters they have for women who are victims of domestic violence. We all brought toiletry items which will be given to the women in the shelters who often come with nothing.

Whitney United Methodist Women were also recognized during the meeting for being a Five Star Unit with our giving and a certificate saying that we had completed our programming and involvement to be a Healthy Vital Unit.

Our next meeting will be May 2 at noon with a potluck. Rev. Christina will present the program.

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

Whitney Elementary Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to those who volunteered to help with *Rendezvous Round-up* which involved the 4th graders taking a trip on the Oregon Trail on April 27. They had many opportunities to experience what life would be like at that time. As volunteers we had fun sharing this experience with them.

We are grateful for those who volunteered to work with a 4th grader on their Science Fair project during the month of May. If you wish to volunteer, see Lory Nesor.

Next big opportunity to volunteer: On May 11, Whitney Elementary will have a Cultural Festival to celebrate the many cultures represented at the school. It will begin with a potluck of ethnic foods and end with cultural entertainment. They need volunteers to help with the potluck beginning at 5:15 and lasting until about 8:00. If you think you can help with this see Lory Nesor or Rev. Christina. Thanks to all of you who give in this way.

YEAH!

CONGRATULATIONS to Lesli McGowan

Lesli was recently certified as a Candidate for Ministry and will be attending Claremont Theological Seminary this summer. The school is located in Claremont, California, and Lesli will be taking a licensing course to become a local pastor. It is possible that Lesli may be appointed to a church somewhere else, but she will probably be with us for the remainder of this year.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Shelley Cooper
Jeff & Peggy Jackson
Tom & Kathy Old
Arny & Kathy Skov

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Linda Slupe
- 2 Tom Old
- 3 Carl Harden
Sue Higgins
- 5 Shelley Cooper
Bernadette Nyirabariyanga
- 7 Tom Old
- 9 Mikki Vail
- 10 Kia Wachi
- 13 Henry Gris
- 14 Ron Jordan
- 15 Cathie Slocum
Julie Whistler
- 16 Quincy Falconer
- 17 Blanche Kadel
Phyllis Ross
- 19 Malcom Dunten
- 21 Robert Gardner
Joan Wolfe
- 24 Kaden Falconer
Richard Shelby
- 25 DeDe Matthews
- 25 Brandon O'Meara
- 26 Arny Skov
- 27 Mikki Carr
- 30 Clint Wachi
- 31 Iva Fingerson
Maran O'Meara

Many thanks to the work party who made the church yard beautiful:

Malcom Dunten, Linda Budolfson, Cathi and Mel Slocum, Lorrie Baer, Stewart and Kim Gardner, Ron Blakeley, Arny Skov and a father and son duo from Whitney Elementary School

If you would like to help take care of the yard, lot and flowers, contact Lorrie Baer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OUT PARTNER SCHOOL – Whitney Elementary

Science Fair - May 25. All of the 4th graders will be involved in presenting a project at the School Science Fair. Volunteers are needed to assist a few of the students during the next few weeks leading up to the Fair. This would be a commitment to meet with the student once or twice a week for 1 hour in the afternoon from May 1 - May 25.

Cultural Festival - May 11 - 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. This is a cultural potluck and entertainment event. It will be outside but the food will be in the cafeteria. There will also be cultural entertainment. Volunteers are needed to help with the potluck organization, guiding people where to go etc. We need as many volunteers as possible. Fun evening for all of us.

If you can help with any or all of these events, please see, call, text or email Lory Nesor at 808-286-4829, lneser@aol.com, or Rev. Christina. Both men and women are needed. You will be "trained" to carry out your tasks and I promise you a wonderful, fulfilling experience as Whitney UMC carries out its mission of reaching out to our neighbors.

Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger (IIRAH)

Free Public Educational Meeting

Food Security: The Transportation Factor

Everyone needs to be able to get to a job and a food supply. How does geography or development impact that? How can we improve access?

The Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against hunger is sponsoring a community gathering to address these issues.

When: Thursday, May 10 7:00-8:30pm

Location: BSU, Student Union, Bergquist Lounge

Presenters: Elaine Clegg, Boise City Council

President Pro Tem, Stephen Hunt, Principal Planner, Valley Regional Transit

For parking info: www.iirah.org and to events tab.

For additional information:

Carol Stirling, 208-908-7890 or

carolstirling@yahoo.com

**MAY 5 -----Start signing up
for Sawtooth Family Camp**

\$45 per adult for the weekend.
free for youth under age 18
food is provided.
lodging is provided but you are welcome to bring your
own overnight accommodations.
plenty of activities, including worship, songs, hiking,
biking, crafts or doing nothing.



**A great opportunity to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.
August 10, 11, 12, 2018.**



United Methodist Women are encouraging all in the Oregon-Idaho Conference to journey with them walking across the globe for the next 76 days. It's only going to be a 24,000-mile journey. (Walk your town).

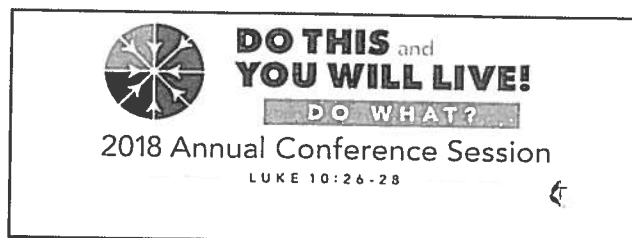
UMW started its own fitness campaign for Abundant Health, encouraging folks to get miles and miles of exercise in each day over the following days up until Annual Conference.

Their fitness journey started in Astoria and will make its way across the globe to important and historic United Methodist Women sites and get them back to Astoria before Annual Conference starts in Boise on June 13.

"We see physical health as being an expression of theology," said Becky Warren, UMW president for the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

Abundant Health is an initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries, working to bring better health to people in every place. The four focus areas are: active living, healthy eating/nutrition, mental health and drug and tobacco prevention.

2018 Annual Conference Session



The 50th Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Session will be **June 13-16, 2018** in Boise, Idaho.

Most events will be at The Riverside Hotel, with some worship services and meetings at Boise First United Methodist Church Cathedral of the Rockies in downtown Boise.



FOUR GENERATION WHITNEY FAMILY

by Ramona Walhof

Lori Davis remembers attending church at Whitney as a small child. She and her husband Doug have again been active for the last 3 years. They both grew up in families that were United Methodist, Doug in Colorado and Lori in Boise. They were married at First Church Boise and have also worshipped at Hillview. Whitney feels like coming home to Lori, and they really like Rev. Christina's leadership. They find the whole church friendly.

Lori's parents, Kathy Skalsky and her late husband, Loren, were often greeters and are remembered for helping to build the tone of friendliness at our church. The Skalskys were members of Whitney from the early 1960's until they moved to Hell's Canyon in 1987 where Loren was employed by Idaho Power. Kathy says they were not always real active, but they returned to Whitney when they moved back to Boise in 1993. And both became increasingly active until Loren became ill.

The Davises have two daughters, Sarah and Rebekah. Sarah and her husband Matt have a girl Adelynn and a boy Anderson, ages 3.5 and 2 years. Rebekah and her husband C. J. have a 2.5 year old daughter Brinley. It is not unusual to see Lori and her mother, daughter Rebekah and granddaughter Brinley together in church on Sunday morning. She says that both daughters and their families were at the Easter service, but Lori was sick and unable to be there.

Doug Davis moved from Longmont, CO, to Boise as a senior in high school. He graduated from Boise High and from BSU with a Bachelor's degree in marketing. Doug and Lori met when they both worked at the Main St. Auction. Doug worked for Boise Cascade for 40 years and is now employed in the Ada County Sherriff's office.

Lori stayed home to raise their children and ran a day-care center in their home. Now she does volunteer work in several locations. One of her favorite jobs is volunteering for the Friends of the Garden City Library where she is their Treasurer. She has been a greeter at Whitney and would consider other ministries if she finds the right fit.

Rebekah is a veterinarian at the Boise Bench animal hospital. Sarah is a school teacher, but is currently taking some time to raise her young children.

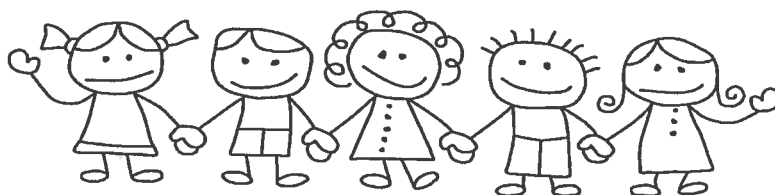
Here we have a family that are both long-term and new participants at Whitney. They continue to learn about us, and we are eager to know them all better.



Whitney United Methodist Men are saluting the ladies of the church with a special Mother's Day brunch following worship service on May 6. They are preparing brunch and we will be entertained by the women's chorus, Capitol City Sound.

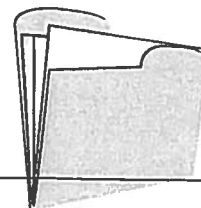
One of Whitney's contributions to the success of Annual Conference this year in Boise is to provide child care for the attendees. The conference is from June 12 – 16 and the child care will take place at Whitney on June 14, 15 16. Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the Conference will pay \$13.00 per hour to the care givers.

Don't know exactly the ages of the children or exactly how many, but that information will be forthcoming. Please, though, if you are able to give some of your time to this ministry, let Rev. Christina know and she will provide you with more details.



Some of the family folders, located in the rolling cart in the hallway are overflowing. Please look at yours and take out the materials. You might be surprised by what's been in there for several years!

If you do not have a folder, please contact the church office.



SCIENCE says we need at least 4 basic elements to survive:

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light



LOOK what the Bible tells us about Jesus:

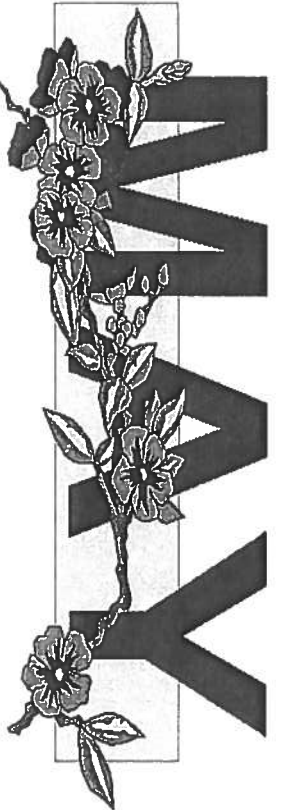
1. I am the source of living water.
2. I am the breath of life.
3. I am the bread of life.
4. I am the Light of the World.

SCIENCE was right. We need JESUS to live!



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

MAY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(dates and times subject to change)						
6 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 SS 11:15 a.m. Confirmation UMM Mother's Day Brunch 5-7 p.m. ALPHA/book study	7 10:30 a.m. Finance 4 p.m. Riverbank youth choir 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	8 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	9 12 noon UMW 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 3:00 p.m. WePray Praise Band	11 5:30 -8 p.m. Cultural Fair at Whitney Elementary	12 9:00 a.m. UMM 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch 11:30 a.m. Church
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