

# WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

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

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## CALLING ALL KIDS !!!!

### *Outdoor Wet and Wild Games*

Saturday Sept. 8th,

4:30-6:30 PM

*tacos and limeade for dinner*

Come with your kids and have fun  
and help out.



## Be ready to get WET!!

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Sunday

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.  
Nursery 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday

River Bank Choir 4 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
Stephen Ministry 6:30 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays  
Shawlers 6:30 p.m.

#### Second Tuesday

Congregational Care 10:00 a.m.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

United Methodist Women  
12 noon

#### Wednesday

Prayer and Share small group 1:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday

WEPRAY team 3:00 p.m.  
6 Ways to Sunday Praise Band 5:45 p.m.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

Community dinner 6:00 p.m.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

United Methodist Men 9 a.m.

#### Every Saturday

Saturday Lunch 11:00 a.m.

Contact us:

Phone – 208-343-2892

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Website – www.whitneyumc.org



From our pastor.....

The bible uses many different metaphors and images to help us understand the depth of who God is.

God as:

- creator (Genesis 1 and 2)
- a potter (Isaiah 64:8)
- a shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
- Bread of Life (John 6:35)
- comforting mother (Isaiah 66:13)
- Alpha and Omega (Beginning and End) (Revelation 21:6)
- an angry mother bear (Hosea 13:8)
- mother hen (Luke 13:34)
- protector (using the images of fortress, refuge, shelter) (many places in the Psalms)
- rock (Psalm 18:2)



Metaphors help us gain a better sense of the vastness of God. God as creator—helps us see God as the one who is creative and who created each of us. In the same images of creator—is God as the potter and us as clay. God who shapes and molds us.

But God is larger than just one who creates and molds us. God is also like a shepherd who guides us to green pastures as well as a god who is described as an angry mother bear protecting her cubs.

The image of God as rock is one that is prevalent in the Psalms as well as a few other places in the Bible. Psalm 18:1-3 says, “The Lord is my solid rock, my fortress, my rescuer. My God is my rock—I take refuge in him! God is my shield, my salvation’s strength, my place of safety. (Note that there are a few other images for God in that psalm—shield, salvation’s strength, place of safety, fortress, rescuer.)”

God as rock (along with these other images) is an image of a God who will not be moved, a God who is solid and unchanging, a God who protects us. This image of God as rock is in sharp contrast to the images of our world where things constantly seem to be moving. Our world does not always seem safe as we hear reports of shootings in schools, concerts and marketplaces.

During the month of September, we are going to look at this image of God as rock and look at the steadfast promises of God as our rock in the midst of a turbulent world. We will use four different psalms that will remind us of the steadfast nature of God and allow us to find the places of refuge and safety for us all.

Worship series will start on September 9.

See you in Worship!

Blessings,



## January Trip to UMCOR West

The 5th Annual Magic Valley Ministries mission trip to UMCOR West in Salt Lake City will be January 6-10, 2019. Though that date sounds far off, a deposit of \$50 is due now, to assure your spot! The total cost of the trip is \$210, which covers lodging and food.

This is a great opportunity to work together in mission supporting the work of the United Methodist Church by assembling relief kits and other help. Please contact the Magic Valley Ministries office (208) 324-2981, or (208) 329-0254, for more information.

## United Methodist Women

After a summer break, we will meet on September 5 at noon at the church. We will share a potluck lunch and then Lory Nesor will present the program on "Welcoming the Stranger." As a part of the program, we will view the video, "From Baghdad to Boise" which was filmed locally by Mary Kienzle and a group of women videographers. It focuses on a refugee family from Iraq and their resettlement in Boise. All women are invited to attend.



The Sage District United Methodist Women annual meeting will be on Sept. 22 in Payette. There will be several of us attending. If you would like to attend, see Lory Nesor for details.

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

## Whitney Elementary School Connection

Thanks to all of those who have helped with the Whitney Elementary School activities. There will be many more opportunities to volunteer during the school year. These opportunities will be posted in the Chronicle as well as in the morning bulletin. One of the major events where WUMC participates is at the Neighborhood Block Party which is held on the Whitney School campus on August 30.

## Joseph's Closet

It is hard to fathom that in only a couple of months it will be time to open Joseph's Closet for another year. This is our cold weather ministry to our community. We give warm winter coats, scarves, gloves, hats and socks to those who need them. The Closet will be open in the trailer from mid-October to mid-February.

How can you help? We need donations of clean winter coats in good condition for men, women and children. We also need gloves, socks and scarves. We had so many generous donations of hats last year that we probably have enough for this year. **Donations can be taken to the church office at any time.** We also need volunteers to work in the Closet on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. If you think you can help in this way, please see Lory Nesor or Linda Budolfson for details.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Fall meetings begin on September 8 at 9:00 a.m. Time for all men of the church to get together in the sanctuary for breakfast and usually a speaker. If you have suggestions for the agenda you may contact David Hawk.

The men meet monthly from September through May and pursue various projects for the church.

## Reunion & Open Invitation

Sunday, September 16th @ 5:00pm



If you have ever attended an Alpha Class, or are curious about Alpha, or curious about attending a future Alpha class, this gathering is for you!

We will have a light dinner together, as well as talk about what Alpha is all about.

We will also look at other possible study topics for discipleship this fall.

Some of the study topics under consideration are "Bible Basics,"

"A Disciple's Path," "Alpha Part 2 – Serving Others," and "Was Jesus a Feminist?"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 — 3:00 pm

### Ada County CROP Walk



The Ada County CROP Hunger Walk invites you to join us to raise money and awareness for hunger relief locally and around the world through the CROP Hunger Walk. One-fourth of the funds raised stays in our community to support the Idaho Foodbank in fighting hunger in Idaho. The remaining money is used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger in poor communities throughout the world.

Walkers ask family, neighbors, colleagues and places of worship to pledge dollars for their participation in a 3.4 mile walk. Our steps symbolize the daily journey others must make for food and clean water. Enjoy the 3.4-mile loop that begins on the Greenbelt, continues downtown past the Capitol and back to Julia Davis Park. A one-mile loop is available for those who need a shorter route. The routes are wheelchair accessible. Join us for our 37th CROP Hunger Walk!



Registration  
Now Open!



October 17, 2018

8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Riverside Hotel

### The purpose of the 2018 Summit on Idaho Hunger and Food Security:

Bring together leaders from business, government, agriculture, non-profit agencies, schools, tribal organizations, faith communities and Idahoans who have experienced hunger. Celebrate success of previous Summit on Hunger & Food Security. Educate and raise awareness of hunger & food insecurity in Idaho. Present best practices in anti-hunger food security programs and policies. Learn how to make a difference in

*Thank you to Whitney from the IRC in Boise.  
Our heartfelt thanks for your support to the victims of the  
attack against refugees. We appreciate your donation of  
money and stuffed toys for the children.*

## OPEN LETTER TO WHITNEY UMC

Our pastor, Rev. Christina Thompson, has been leading Whitney UMC members on our spiritual journey now for over nine years. We are so blessed for her prayer-based leadership and for her gentleness as she continually nudges us to follow God. Seldom do many of us stop and think about the burden and expectations this adds to Rev. Christina's "plate." The responsibility can be daunting.

Fortunately, the United Methodist Church does recognize the toll and burden this intense leadership can place on those called to lead the local churches. The UMC wisely has made provisions for their dedicated clergy to take time away for renewal. It has been several years since Rev. Christina has opted to use renewal time to help her revitalize and strengthen her spiritual core.

Whitney UMC's Church Council has authorized Rev. Christina to use a combination of renewal time and some vacation time to be away from her church responsibilities from November 26, 2018 to February 10, 2019 for a period of rest and renewal. Our United Methodist District Superintendent has also approved the leave time.

Church Council members and other church leaders are working to making sure there are plans in place for Whitney UMC during Rev. Christina's paid time away. First, Rev. Jane Shaffer will lead all worship services during Advent and Christmas Eve. Glenda Berto will lead pastoral care during Rev. Christina's absence. The worship team and Rev. Christina are already working on plans for worship in January and we will be ready to keep us all moving forward with Spirit-filled worship. While we can't replace Rev. Christina, we can be obedient servants that will follow God's guidance in meaningful worship.

I want to add one practical note for the folks keeping track of the budget. The Oregon Idaho Annual Conference has funds set that we will apply for to pay for pulpit substitutes and some other expenses incurred with the pastor on leave. A portion of the apportionments we pay every year goes into this fund to cover replacement expenses for clergy on approved leave. This helps make this time possible without it becoming a severe burden on the local church.

We will provide more details and information as the time draws closer. In the meanwhile, I hope you will join me in thanking Rev. Christina for her faithful service. Let her know you are glad she will have some time to recharge her batteries so she can continue to faithfully guide Whitney UMC into the future.

Blessings, Rich Keefe, Member, Church Council

### SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY

#### September 2

Acolytes —	Grace Fridel and Miriam Fridel
Greeter —	Robert Burge, Dennis sundberg
Coffee hosts —	Jan Spencer, Emily Nelson
Liturgist—	Kathy Old
Communion Stewards —	Clint Wachi, Joyce/Jim Obland

#### September 9

Acolytes —	Noa Nesor and Kaylyn Fournier
Greeters —	Lory Nesor, Lorrie Baer
Coffee Hosts —	Mikki & Tyke Carr, Gaye Cabe
Liturgist —	Joyce Obland

#### September 16

Acolytes —	Miriam Fridel and Grace Fridel
Greeters —	Kathy Hammers, DeDe Matthews,
Coffee Hosts —	Arny & Kathy Skov, Gordy & Jody Myre
Liturgist —	Glenda Berto

#### September 23

Acolytes —	Miriam Fridel and Kaylyn Fournier
Greeters —	Jody & Gordy Myre
Coffee Hosts—	Barb Martin
Liturgist —	Johnna Dunten

#### September 30

Acolytes —	Noa Nesor and Grace Fridel
Greeters —	Lory Nesor, Lorrie Baer
Coffee Hosts —	Mikki & Tyke Carr, Gaye Cabe
Liturgist —	Tom Old

Earn donations for  
your nonprofit!



Fred Meyer commits to bring hope and help to local neighborhoods, and are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. Fred Meyer donates millions annually to Non-Profits like Whitney UMC.

They recently updated the Community Rewards System & Whitney UMC has a new account number:

**XL760**

While the previous number will continue to be associated with Whitney UMC, it will not be visible.

New members can enroll by searching for either the new number (XL760) or Whitney United Methodist Church.

Questions:

Email [fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com](mailto:fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com)

Website <https://www.fredmeyer.com>

Call 1-866-518-2686 5:00 am – 9:00 pm PST

Check the bottom of your receipts to make sure it reads: **Thank you for participating in Fred Meyer Community Rewards. You requested Fred Meyer donates to Whitney United Methodist Church.** If this does **NOT** appear at the bottom of your receipt, check the email above or go to the website and type in myaccount. You will need to put in your Fred Meyer current card number.

You must renew your Fred Meyer card **ONLY** if you applied prior to April 1 of 2017. If you applied after April 1 you do **NOT** have to renew.

Pass this information on to friends and family so they will be able to be connected to the Fred Meyer Community rewards Program for Whitney United Methodist.



# *Birthdays of the Month*

September, 2018

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| 1  | Mel Slocum                                |
| 3  | Johnna Dunten<br>Jeff Higgins             |
| 6  | Jody Baer<br>Gena Waller<br>Kelly McGrath |
| 7  | Nick Alexander                            |
| 12 | Neil Buttram                              |
| 15 | Bonnie Hawk<br>Sharon Miller              |
| 17 | Bill Slupe<br>Eric Tabb                   |
| 18 | Jake Finley                               |
| 20 | David Hawk                                |
| 22 | John Owen<br>Evelyn Thompson              |
| 26 | Linda Budolfson<br>Brinley Christopfel    |
| 28 | Dale Thompson                             |



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| 2 | Dale & Evelyn Thompson |
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# ELECTRONIC GIVING

*Open your heart without opening your checkbook.*

## Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend
- More secure than checks
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Q. What is electronic giving?**

A. Electronic giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

**Q. What are the advantages of electronic giving?**

A. It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and improve its budget!

**Q. How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?**

A. Once you complete and sign an authorization form and return it to us, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.

**Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?**

A. Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the authorization form.

**Q. If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?**

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement.

**Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?**

A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions. It is your proof of contributing.

**Q. What if I change bank accounts?**

A. Notify the church and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.

**Q. Is electronic giving risky?**

A. It's less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.

**Q. How much does electronic giving cost?**

A. It costs you nothing!

**Q. What if I try electronic giving and don't like it?**

A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying the church at any time.

**Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?**

A. Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church along with a voided check or savings account deposit slip.

## SIGN UP TODAY.

*Authorization forms are available upon request.*

Contributions made to our office via Electronic Giving are transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network by Vanco Services, LLC. The operating rules and guidelines governing the ACH Network are set by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). Vanco is a member of the Upper Midwest Automated Clearing House Association (UMACHA) and has over 15 years of experience processing ACH transactions.

 **Direct Payment**  
**Simple Safe Secure**



# Authorization Form

Whitney United Methodist Church

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

ENVELOPE #

DATE

Type of Authorization Form:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization      | <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking/credit card information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount | <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date   |   |

Last Name

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Date of first donation:

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Frequency of donation: (please check only one)

- Weekly – Mondays
- Semi-weekly (every other week)
- Semi-Monthly – 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup>
- Monthly on the 15th

Church fund designations and amounts:

- General/Operating \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Additional Principal \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Peter's Pantry \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Lunches \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Apportionments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions:

CHECKING / SAVINGS

Please debit my donation from my (check one):

- Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)
- Checking Account (attach a voided check)

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

⑆ 123456789 0123 1234567 0001  
Routing Number      Account Number      Check Number

I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT CARD

Please charge my donation to my (check one):

- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Discover Card

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date:

Name on Card:

Billing Address (if different from above):

I authorize the above church to charge my credit card in accordance with the information above.

Signature (as it appears on the credit card): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# ESL Classes

Whitney Elementary School

*Achieve More*

## REGISTRATION

Please come on **Tuesday** to register:

September 18th	6:00 p.m.
September 25th	

- Please come at 6 pm on BOTH nights and plan to stay for 3 hours. No documentation is needed.

## CLASSES

ESL class schedule:

Tuesdays	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursdays	

- Classes are FREE and are for adults, 16 and older (cannot be attending high school).
- You can bring your children while you are in class. All children must be 3-12 years old (No Diapers). The children's program is provided by Boise Schools.

***ADULT BASIC EDUCATION CLASSES AND SERVICES ARE FREE!***



## LOCATION

Whitney  
Elementary School  
1609 S. Owyhee St.  
(between Overland and Nez Perce)  
Boise, ID 83705

**For more information,  
please contact:**

Fern VanMaren  
ESL Coordinator – Boise  
208.562.2571  
OR  
Susan Dennis  
Whitney Elementary  
208.854.6580



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# WHO'S TALKING TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT MONEY?

**Movies, advertisers, friends ... they can all affect your kids' attitudes about life—and money.**

Find out how to talk to them about influences, choices and responsible money habits. Join us for:

## **Parents, Kids and Money Matters®**

This free educational workshop, designed for you and your children and youth, will help you:

- Reflect on the values you want your kids to learn.
- Teach your kids about money and values.
- Learn practical tools to make teaching about money fun.

## **Sign up today!**

To register contact the church office at 208.343.2892 or email [3315whitneychurch@gmail.com](mailto:3315whitneychurch@gmail.com)  
Reserve your spot by September 25, 2018

This workshop will be presented by  
Laura Thompson-Aue, Financial Associate  
Erik Teig, Financial Associate, CA Insurance ID 90846

A complimentary lunch will be served.



## **Details**

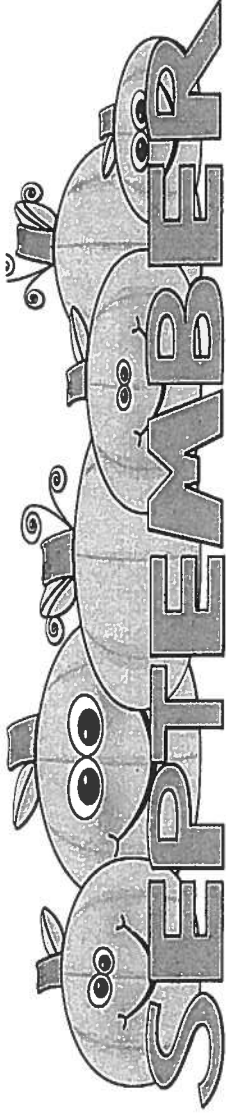
September 30, 2018

11:30-2:00

Whitney United Methodist Church  
3315 Overland Road, Boise



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



SEPTEMBER  
2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dates /times subject to change						1 9:00 a.m. UMM 10:30 a.m. Saturday Lunch
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