

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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COME! WALK WITH US!



JOIN OUR TEAM!

October 14 — 3:00 p.m.

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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.

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

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.

3rd Friday

Community dinner 6:00 p.m.

1st Saturday

United Methodist Men 9 a.m.

Every Saturday

Saturday Lunch 11:00 a.m.

From our pastor.....

“Are you allowed as a pastor to take Advent off?” That was the question my oldest daughter asked me when I first talked with my family about the idea of taking renewal leave in December and January. I laughed and said, “It is not usual. But it is the time that I need.”



As clergy, we are encouraged to take renewal leave every four or so years to allow us time to renew and recharge ourselves to continue to do our ministry effectively. I previously took renewal leave in July 2013 and it feels like it is time to take leave again. So I have requested from my District Superintendent and Whitney’s Staff Parish Committee, to take renewal leave from November 26, 2018 to February 8, 2019.

The months of December 2018 and January 2019 will be the two months paid leave that is allowed in the Book of Discipline. November 26-Nov 30, 2018 and February 1-8, 2019 will be vacation time that will allow me to transition into leave and then transition back out of it.

I am in need of renewal leave that allows me time for deep spiritual reflection as well as time for rest and spending some quality time with my family. As I pondered when was a good time for this, I realized how much I desire to have one of the two deep spiritual seasons of the church calendar as time for my own spiritual journey. As a pastor it is very hard for me to experience the depths of Advent and Lent, when I am working to make sure my congregation experiences the depth of those two seasons. Often I make it to Easter and Christmas and I think to myself that I missed the purpose of the season.

So this leave will allow me to take off the season of Advent and the month of January. I am planning on starting my leave by spending a week in the first part of December at St. Gertrude’s Monastery in Cottonwood and then ending my leave by attending the 5 Day Spiritual Academy in Gallant, AL. The time between will be time with my family and time to explore the blessings of Advent, Epiphany and a bit of ordinary time without the demands of ministry.

This leave has been approved by Whitney UMC’s SPRC and Church Council.

Whitney’s worship team has already lined up people to take care of worship and preaching. We have someone lined up to head up pastoral care and our finance team is looking at the financial part of this leave. Next month in the newsletter, we will list the people who will be stepping up to take care of ministry while I am away.

I am grateful for this opportunity for spiritual renewal. I am also very grateful for the support I have received from church members about taking this leave. I will miss being present with you during those 10 weeks, but I know this time away will allow my spirit to renew and connect deeper to God. Then when I come back in February, I will be ready to continue to do the ministry with you that God is calling us to do.

If you have any questions about this leave, you can talk to me, or Rich Keefe, who is Whitney’s SPRC contact person.

Blessings,

Rev. Christina

Church Council Minutes - September 9, 2018

Meeting focus: Looking Around

Getting our heads and hearts around the current reality in the church
and the mission field in which we are doing ministry

Members attending: Rev. Christina Thompson, Joyce Obland, Romona Walhof, Lory Nesor, Lesli McGowan, Johnna Dunten, Bert Allen, Rich Keefe, Stewart Gardner and Dianna Shea. Also participating was Jim Obland (Whitney UMC Treasurer).

Meeting Facilitator: Joyce Obland, **Timekeeper:** Lory Nesor, **Taking Minutes:** Dianna Shea, **Opening Prayer:** led by Johnna Dunten

Minutes - May 5, 2018: Minutes were approved with correction in "Attendees". Lesli Price was corrected to read Lesli McGowan

Facilities: Johnna Dunten

Johnna presented Trustee, Malcom Dunten's report on the current status of the church facility.

Council recommendations:

Develop a list of willing volunteers to help with church tasks. Romona Walhof and Rev. Christina will explore volunteer possibilities.

Staff Status- paid and not paid: Rich Keefe and Joyce Obland

Rich and Joyce met with church paid staff and one unpaid staff, Lorrie Baer, Children Sunday School and Nursery. Overall, all enjoyed what they were doing and felt positive about the future. They all mentioned needing more volunteer help in their areas.

Council recommendations:

That the next review includes coordinators of church ministries and programs

That two questionnaires be developed. One specific to paid staff that includes a review of job description, salary review and performance feedback and one for unpaid staff and ministry leaders.

Find ways to better recognize the efforts of staff and volunteers

Ministries and Programs – Lory Nesor and Romona Walhof

Lory and Romona reported that all ministries and programs are actively invested in their respective responsibilities and that eight of the 19 categories have added something new to their activity.

Council recommendations:

That the newly- formed New Visitors Committee cover the gap in following up on folks who are not new visitors but do not fall under Congregational Care.

That the Confirmation Class graduates be invited to serve as liturgists

That the Worship Assistants be responsible for assigning folks to make announcements for Sunday service.

What is working, what is not

There was further discussion on what is or is not working. The conclusion was that great strides have been made in all areas but there remains the need for more volunteer participation in every aspect of church activity. More effort is needed in clearly communicating those needs to the congregation. And, to continue to tweak and improve upon the God-led work being done..

Nominations for Council seat vacancies:

A call for names to nominate will be published in the October Chronicle and Phyllis's email of Weekly Church Schedule. Joyce Obland will coordinate and submit the request.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

Minutes by Dianna Shea

United Methodist Women



Our September meeting focused on the refugee population in Boise as well as information about DACA. We watched two videos which were interesting and informative.

On Sept. 22, 6 of us traveled to Payette for the Sage District UMW annual meeting. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Brian Diggs, the administrator of the UMCOR depot in Salt Lake City. He gave a very interesting talk about the history of UMCOR and the direction they are now going. They will only organize 3 kits – Hygiene, School and Flood Buckets and they are currently only shipping within the United States because of the high shipping costs. A special offering was taken to be given to UMCOR.

During the business portion of the meeting, Lory Nesor was elected and installed as a member of the Sage District Nominating Committee for the next two years.

Our next meeting will be October 3 at noon with a potluck lunch.

We will be having our pledge service for the coming year as well as information on issues which are important in the upcoming election.

All women are welcome to join us.

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

Joseph's Closet



A “thank you” brunch as well as a kick off for the new year was held at Linda Budolfson's last week for those who have been and will continue to be involved in Joseph's Closet for the coming year.

We are excited to start setting up the first week of October and our *opening day will be Saturday, October 13.*

We appreciate all of the articles of clothing that have been brought in during the summer and your generous monetary donations. Coats, gloves and other warm clothes are always needed.

This ministry of Whitney's reaches out into the community, giving people not only the warmth of winter clothing but also the warmth that comes from God's blessings.

If you would like to join us on a Wed. afternoon or a Sat. morning, just talk to Lory Nesor.



ALL CHURCH TOWN HALL MEETING

NOVEMBER 11, 2018 — immediately following worship

Come learn what ministries the church is working on,
hear an update from the Church Council,
hear what plans have been put in place while Rev. Christina is on renewal leave,
vote on new leaders for 2019.

You will also have a chance to ask questions.

The Intentional Discipleship Team — where did it come from?

Another piece of the plan for restructuring our processes at Whitney UMC is well underway. As part of the plan approved on by the congregation in April 2016, we are implementing processes to encourage people as disciples of Christ: to strengthen their faith and to grow in their Christian beliefs and actions. The Church Council directed The Intentional Discipleship Team to develop ways to encourage folks to explore their faith, find ways to walk-the-walk of their beliefs, and grow in their faith so that they in turn can help and encourage others to grow in their faith as well. Intentional Discipleship is charged with hosting and beginning studies and discussions that will help people get together in small groups to grow in discipleship and increase their participation in the life of the Church at Whitney UMC.

This last year, the Intentional Discipleship team hosted **Alpha** classes as one of the steps to introduce people to small groups. The team also hosted a discussion of the book “**Mere Christianity**” this past Spring to get folks together to strengthen their faith and bond together.

Beginning Sunday October 7th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be SOUPER SUPPERS with five different groups studies offered.

1. **The Gift of Service** – Exploring spiritual gifts and how to use them to help others and to experience the joy and rewards of using these talents for God.
2. **What is the Bible?** – Discussing the book written by Rob Bell that offers new ways to look at the Bible and find truths you may have not noticed previously.
3. **A Disciple’s Path** – Looking at what is a United Methodist and deepening your relationship with Christ and the church.
4. **Jesus Feminist** – Revisit and discuss the Bible’s view of women.
5. **Finding Your Way Through the Bible** – (Youth Study) – A fun and interactive study for learning about the Bible and how to find your way around it.

The SOUPER SUPPER study groups will meet *the first, second, and third Sunday evenings* of October and November. On those Sunday evenings: evening begins with a light supper, followed by an interactive worship service, and ends with participants moving into small discussion groups. Child care will be provided.

The *fourth Sundays* of both months will be MANNA Fellowship Potlucks for a time of fellowship and community building as a way to deepen our discipleship through fellowship. The format for the fourth Sunday Manna Fellowship is for people to bring a potluck dish to share and enjoy time of fellowship and conversation.

You are encouraged to step out of your comfort zone and join in with one of these groups to explore possibilities that appeal to you. **Please sign up soon for the group of your choice as we may need to order additional materials.** Sign up sheets are in the office and Sanctuary,

In the future, one of the goals of the Intentional Discipleship team is to establish an on-going weekly Sunday evening worship service. A second goal is to offer other small groups meeting on different days and at different times. Please let us know if there is a time you would prefer to participate in a small group. Currently, the Intentional Discipleship team consists of Lesli McGowan, Stewart Gardner, Bert Allen, Dianna Shea, and Rich Keefe. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.



MARY KIENZLE by Ramona Walhof

Mary Kienzle grew up in Oregon. She lived in several small towns and graduated from high school in John Day. She received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow in 2008 with a double major in music and Radio/TV/Digital Media Production. She says, "I prefer to be behind the camera, not in front of it."

Mary moved to Boise to take a job with channel 2 KBCI—now KBOI, where she worked for six years. Since 2014 she has been employed by channel 7, KTVB. Mary says, "Reporting news is exciting because you never know what you will be doing; it can be tragic, but it can also be heart warming."

As a musician, Mary specializes in oboe and voice. Since she works afternoons and evenings, she says playing for churches is the best way to use these skills. She sings in the Whitney Chancel Choir and plays the oboe for First United Methodist Church in Boise when asked.

Mary has taken three international tours to perform with musical groups. During high school she traveled to Europe with the Oregon Ambassadors of Music where she performed with both the band and the choir. As a student at Eastern Oregon University, she traveled to Ecuador with the Chamber Choir. With the University of Idaho Vandaleers, she traveled to Ireland for two weeks of performances. She also had the opportunity to sing in Carnegie Hall with combined choirs performing "Carmina Burana" in 2010.

After college graduation when Mary was looking for a place to live in Boise, her father referred her to a former pastor of Whitney Church. Matt invited her to stay in the parsonage basement until she could find permanent housing. She appreciated this offer, found an apartment nearby, and joined the church.

Mary's parents, Louise and Jamie Kienzle, have taken 6 mission trips to Kenya, 3 of which were led by Louise. Mary participated in 2 of these. She says, "The people are already Christian and very spiritual, but need help with medical services, education, and construction. Many are very poor. They remember members of mission teams and are very appreciative." Building those relationships means the most to Mary. In 2014 and 2018 Mary has worked in Maua and Meru assisting with medical services. These missions are coordinated by the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. She has also worked with teams to build houses in 4 days.

After the mission assistance they provide, most members have been able to take a safari tour in Africa.

After her first trip to Kenya, Mary made a 50-minute documentary on the work done by the mission team there. This film now belongs to the Oregon/Idaho United Methodist conference which shows it on request. For her second trip to Kenya this year, a friend in Kenya asked Mary to make a film about a rescue center for boys near Maua. This film is now on YouTube. You can find it at Watoto wa Adadi Rescue Center on Michael Goodman's channel.

Earlier this year Mary joined with two other women to enter a i48 documentary challenge sponsored by the Boise City Department of Arts and History. The video they made is called "Baghdad to Boise" and is on the YouTube channel Lady Les Bois. Mary does the shooting and editing, but prefers that other team members handle writing and organization of the videos. Mary has her own YouTube channel, Kienzle08 which shows other videos she has done.

She was honored this year when a KTVB story she did with a reporter was nominated for an Emmy through the Northwest Regional Awards. It was on the flooding in Weiser, and the newscast including that story won the Emmy for the best evening newscast. Mary is proud of her work, but expects to be good. She said, "It is what I was trained to do."

Mary Kienzle is a skilled and talented member of Whitney Church. She says: "My family is just me and my cats." And she says, "Most people just know I'm in the choir." But there is much more to Mary than that. Watch her on channel 7 news; watch her on YouTube; and talk to her after church on Sunday mornings, a very interesting young woman.

Put on your walking shoes and join us for the 2018 CropWalk in Julia Davis Park at 3:00 p.m. on October 14th.

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! Contact the church office or Lorrie Baer if you are interested.



The Craft Fair is just around the corner and will include: lemon curd, special cakes/pies, candies, cookies, home-canned jams, jellies, salsas, candles, aprons, towels, pot holders, etc.

All items for the Craft Fair must be labeled. You may not know about pricing but at least put the labels on. The labels will be available in the office after the October 1st.

There will be sign-up sheets on the back table after worship on Sunday. These sheets are for you to sign up for helping in the kitchen, Grandma's Attic, Silent Auction, Setup/teardown or just wherever help is needed. Join in the fun.

October 30 – Set up tables



November 1 – Bring your goodies, crafts and slightly-used items for Grandma's attic. Displays can be put out AFTER 12:00 noon when the tables have had the tablecloths put on.

November 2 – Craft Fair opens at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Dinner will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the Craft Fair will close at 7:00 p.m.

November 3 – Craft Fair opens at 10:00 a.m. with lunch served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the Craft Fair closes at 2:00 p.m. **All meals are \$7.00.** Tickets are available from the cashier. After 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, all of the tables, chairs and crafts need to be removed from the Fellowship Hall and reset for worship on Sunday morning. All able bodies are welcome to help. Any crafts or goodies, etc.

will be put in the hallway for sale after worship on Sunday.

SQUARE

Did you forget your checkbook or cash for the offertory during worship? Would you like to have an opportunity to use a credit or debit card? Then go to the back of the church, look for the sign, and have your card charged the amount you request.



On November 4 we will celebrate All Saints Sunday when we remember our loved ones who have died since All Saints Sunday last year. If you have had a family member or friend who has died since Nov 5, 2017 and would like their name read during worship on All Saints Sunday, please let Phyllis in the Office know.

Blessing of Animals

October 21 at 4:30 pm in the back parking lot of the church.

Bring your animals and we will ask God's blessing upon them.

This service of blessing witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation and the animals that God has created.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeremiah Smith
- 2 Kathy Hammers
- 13 Gordy Myre
- 16 Jane Henderson
- 17 Dewey Knowles
- 20 Evelyn Daniel
- 22 Sally Cupan
- 26 Jerry Tudehope

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The Church Council is currently accepting nominations from those interested in serving on the Council. Names may be submitted to any current members:

- Bert Allen
- Kevin Daniel
- Johnna Dunten
- Lesli McGowan
- Stewart Gardner
- Lory Nesor
- Rich Keefe
- Diana Shea
- Ramona Walhof

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

Jeff and Sue Higgins



My heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, and food brought to our home after my leg surgery. Mel and I have felt surrounded by love by so any and your prayers and love have strengthened us throughout this long ordeal. God bless you all.

Cathie Slocum

OCTOBER HOSPITALITY

	Acolytes	Liturgist	Greeters	Coffee	Communion Stewards
October 7	Kaylyn Fournier Noa Nesor	David Hawk	Shirlee Hubbert Iva Fingerson	Mikki Carr Tyke Carr	Sally Cupan Betty Dippi
October 14	Grace Fridel Zack Warner	Joyce Obland	Bobbie Fuller Ruthi Carter	Jim Obland Joyce Obland	
October 21	Kaylyn Fournier Miriam Fridel	Bert Allen	Kathy Hammers DeDe Matthews	Arny Skov Kathy Skov Jody Baer Gordy Myre	
October 28	Noa Nesor Zack Warner	Rich Keefe	Jody Baer Gordy Myre	Barbara Martin	

Estate Planning Workshop
5th Monday of the Month

Attend the "Give Now, Give Later, Give and Receive" workshop

Be a good steward of the gifts you've been given, and learn how to make giving an act that benefits you and the people and causes you care about.

Are there people and organizations in your life that you care about and want to help financially? Learn strategies around sustaining your church's foundation, supplementing an endowment fund or leaving an inheritance.

October 29, 2018 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary.

October Worship Service --- "Give"

Definition of "give"

- 1. freely transfer the possession of (something) to (someone); hand over to.
- 2. freely devote, set aside, or sacrifice for a purpose.
- 3. cause or allow (someone to have something), Provide, supply with.

During Worship during October we will wrestle with what means to give. How do we give of our time, give of our wealth, give of our life and give all we have? On October 28, we will have the opportunity to dedicate what we are given to God for the coming year.

Date	Theme	Scripture
October 7, 2018	Giving time	Mark 7:24-37 Faith of the Syrophoenician woman. Throwing crumbs to the dogs.
October 14, 2018	Giving of our wealth	Mark 10:17-31 What must I do to inherit eternal life. Sell all that you own and follow Jesus.
October 21, 2018	Giving life	Mark 10:35-45 Request of James and John to sit with Jesus in Glory.
October 28, 2018	Giving all we have	Mark 12:38-44 Poor widow giving her money and the Pharisee giving their money to the treasury.



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



OCTOBER
2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dates /times subject to change	1 4:00 p.m. Riverbank Youth 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	2 9:30 a.m. Visitor follow up 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	3 12:00 noon UMW 2:00 p.m. Prayer & Share 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	4 3:00 p.m. WEPFRAY 5:30 p.m. Praise Band	5 9:00 a.m. UMM 10:30 a.m. Saturday Lunch	6 9:00 a.m. UMM 10:30 a.m. Saturday Lunch
7 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. "How to..." 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study 10:20 a.m. Children's SS 5:00 p.m. Souper Supper	8 10:30 a.m. Finance 12:30 p.m. Budget 4:00 p.m. Riverbank Youth 6:30 p.m. Shawlers	9 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	11 3:00 p.m. WEPFRAY 5:30 p.m. Praise Band	12 7:40 a.m. Donuts with Dads @ Whitney Elementary	13 10:30 a.m. Saturday Lunch Church Charge Conference @ Emmett
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