

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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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

With God
nothing
shall be
impossible

Luke 1:37

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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

6 Ways to Sunday Praise Band 5:45 p.m.

3rd Friday

WEPRAY team 3:00 p.m.
Community dinner 6:00 p.m.

2nd Saturday

United Methodist Men 9 a.m.

Every Saturday

Saturday Lunch 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Kim Fields, Central United Presbyterian Church, Richland, WA
(read more at UMOI.org)



*Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.” (Psalm 46:10)*

I don't know about you, but I derive my sense of worth from doing things which means that the more I do the better I feel about myself. Few things make me feel better than when I can sit down at the end of a long day and check off a list of tasks done and things accomplished.

So now you know what is important to me. The problem is that I am pretty sure that this need which is of utmost importance to me is not all that important to God.

Oh, I can make it sound right and important. I can quote scripture to justify my actions with the best of you. I am quite aware that James urges us to be “doers of the word and not merely hearers” (1:22). Like any good preacher I can justify almost anything with selected texts from the Bible. The thing is though, in my heart of hearts, I know that doing, no matter how satisfying, can never serve as a substitute for faith or a deep relationship with God. In fact, I fear that this God thing has far more to do with being than doing, which is a tough admission for a doer like me.

At least that is what I told a church the other night. I began the evening with their leadership team by asking about their hopes and dreams. I asked what was important to them and asked them to illustrate those things by listing what they were doing. The leaders immediately responded by rattling off a list of important things they were involved in that easily stretched twice as long as the names on their membership rolls. They are a very busy church. Yet when I asked them how they felt about the things they were doing they shared that they were mostly just exhausted. Worse they were running out of ideas and hope and weren't sure what to do next. They were faithfully “doing” harder than ever but none of their doing seemed to bring the results they hoped for. So I suppose I should not have been surprised that when I then asked what they needed from me a woman plead, “Just tell us what to do. We just need to know what to do.”

Uncharacteristically, my response was that the answer might have nothing to do with doing. Maybe, just maybe, what they needed to do was to concentrate on not doing for awhile. What that church lacked was a vision that went beyond simply doing as hard as they could to keep the church doors open. But sadly they did not know where to look for such a vision. Indeed, you could say that they were looking in all the wrong places. At least in my experience, vision comes from God and it seldom, if ever, comes from more doing. Vision comes from being. As the Psalmist said it comes from setting aside our busyness for a time and simply being still in the presence of God. (Those of you who have been through CLD will recognize this as the bottom of the U where you simply let go and quietly wait on the presence of God.)

That is why I advised the church to stop doing everything that was not absolutely essential, to call a moratorium on busyness, and instead do the harder work of praying and simply being still in the presence of God. I asked them to set aside three months to let go, be still, and listen together for the direction of God.

Will they be able to do it? I don't know. Heck I am not even sure I could do it. But I deeply believe it is exactly the right thing for them to do.

But what really worries me is that I fear that this illness of being overly busy is not limited to me and that one church. My guess is that most of us are too busy to listen for the “still small voice” of God and all could benefit from setting aside time to be still in God's presence.

Most of us have made Advent into the busiest time of the year as we frantically try to complete all of our Christmas projects in the name of Jesus. However, historically Advent has not been a time of busyness. It has been a time to set busyness aside in order to prepare for the coming of the Christ.

Let me suggest to you that we could all benefit from the Advent advice I gave that church. Perhaps the best gift we could give ourselves, and Jesus, this Christmas would be to set aside the busyness of the holidays and simply be still and know that God is God.

Will I be able to do it? I am not sure, but I am going to try to set aside as much of my To Do List as I can and focus instead on the reason for the list. What are you going to do? (There's that darn “Do” again. This may well be harder than I thought.)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The February meeting of United Methodist Women will be held on Feb. 6 at noon with a pot-luck lunch.

All women of the church are invited. There is a Legislative Advocacy Event which will be held on Feb. 24 and 25. This is an opportunity to learn about issues which affect women and children. Look for more details and a registration form in this issue of the Chronicle.

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



Whitney Church has a strong connection with Whitney Elementary School and partners with them in providing resources for the families of the community. For the past year Lory Nesor has been volunteering with Susan Dennis, the Whitney Community School coordinator. Each week she is touched by the care shown by everyone at Whitney School for their students. Here is one of those experiences which Lory titled:

A Christmas Wish

Nine year old Allison told her parents that all she wanted for Christmas was to serve a meal to those who are in need. Her parents checked several places and found that 12 years is the youngest age they will take to serve meals. The parents then called Susan Dennis and asked her if she had any ideas. It just so happened that it was on my volunteer day and Susan asked me if I could help with that. It was the week of community dinner, I checked with Becky Daniel and together we all made it happen. Allison arrived with her parents and 3 siblings at 5:30 p.m. and she and her two sisters helped serve our dinner to more than 60. She was polite, happy and smiling the whole time. Her parents and younger brother helped at the drink and dessert station. When it was over, they all helped in the clean-up process. Allison's mother came to me and thanked me and said that Allison had just told her that "this is the best day of my life." A Christmas wish was answered, a young girl showed her compassion for others and all of us experienced the love of Jesus that evening.

Registration Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Home church _____
 Host Housing _____ Sun. _____ Mon. _____
 allergy to pets _____
 special needs _____

Transportation needed: yes _____ no _____

Guided tour of the Capitol Building? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Fee

Full attendance \$25 _____
 (includes Sunday supper, Monday lunch & materials)
Sunday \$15 _____
 (includes supper and materials)
Monday \$15 _____
 (includes lunch, and materials)

Please return the registration fee and form by February 18, 2019

Elinor Chehey
 617 N Ross Street
 Boise, Idaho 83702
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Please make checks payable to UMW. Confirmation of your registration will be sent to you upon receiving your completed form and fee.

For additional information, contact: Mary Getchell, 208-860-2715, mlgetchell@aol.com.

2019 Legislative Advocacy Event

The Legislative Advocacy Event is an opportunity for you to learn about current legislation affecting women and children in Idaho.. We will provide printed materials about the legislative process and the state's budget process, and agendas of the Monday committee meetings. Monday, we will visit the Capitol for a 10 am tour and to attend committee meetings and the sessions of the House and Senate. Monday noon we will have lunch with our legislators at Lindsay Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, a block from the Capitol.

Schedule

Sunday, February 24--Boise First United Methodist Church

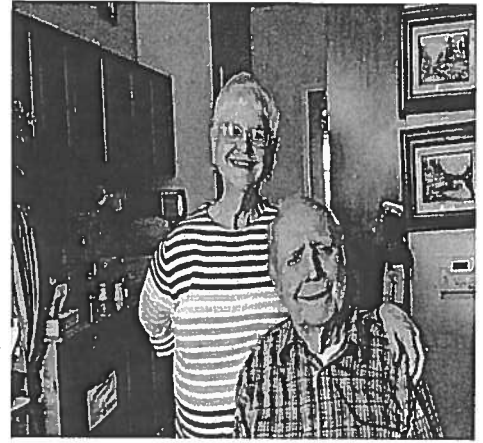
3 pm Registration
 3:30 pm-4:30 pm - Representative Ilana Rubel, District 18 Idaho House Seat A. 3rd term legislator
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Rod Gramer, Idaho for Business Education - what is ahead for education in Idaho.
 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. - Supper at FUMC
 6:30 pm-8:30 pm - Lee Flinn, Policy Director, Idaho Primary Care Association, and Christine Tiddens, Policy Director at Idaho Asset Building Network,. Expansion of Medicaid -- What Happens Next? Update on the house bill to repeal the religious exemption for parents refusing healthcare for children.

Monday, February 25

Breakfast on your own
 9:00 a.m. House & Senate Committee meeting
 House & Senate Sessions
 10:00 a.m. Guided Tour of Capitol Building
 Noon Lunch, First Presbyterian Church, 9th and State St., join your legislators for a delicious lunch and lively discussion
 1:00 p.m. Capitol Options---
 House & Senate Committee meetings
 House & Senate Sessions
 Meet your legislators

RICHARD AND SHARON MILLER

by Ramona Walhof



Sharon Miller was born in Council, Idaho. Her family moved around a lot and lived in several Idaho towns from Weiser to Lewiston. After graduating high school in Council, Sharon attended LPN training in Nampa and became a licensed practical nurse. She met Richard when she took care of him as a patient in the Weiser hospital following a motorcycle accident. They were married August 5, 1963.

Richard was born in Nampa and, at the age of 5, he moved with his family to a farm near Melba, graduating from Melba high school. He worked for Union Pacific Railroad both as a millwright and as a telegrapher. He served at several different depots across southern Idaho. As his family grew, Richard attended college and earned a degree in accounting from BSU in 1971. He then worked as an accountant for the State of Idaho for the remainder of his career.

The Millers have two children: Pam and Larry. Both grew up attending the Sunday school at Whitney. Pam sang with the Whitney Women's Chorale. She became a school teacher, but her career was shortened by a brain tumor. The Whitney church family gave much-appreciated support to the Millers during this difficult time. Pam and her husband Tim now live in Caldwell. They raised a daughter Sarah, now in Billings and their son Cody lives in Helena. Cody and his wife Laura presented the Millers with their first great-grandson Soren about 2 months ago.

The Millers' son Larry and his wife Karin live in Billings where their 3 children (Brayden, age 15; Micah, age 12; and Mackenzie, 9) attend a school affiliated with the Church of Christ.

Sharon joined Whitney church in 1971. She continued to work as a nurse, but found the irregular hours inconvenient as the children grew older. When the Whitney secretary position became open in 1975, she applied. The person first hired was unable to take the position, so she got the job by "default". Sharon was not sure she was qualified, but after 3 days training, she continued in that job for 25 years, retiring in May of 2000. She well remembers those Wednesdays when she was "up to her elbows in ink", running off the weekly newsletter on the old mimeograph!

Richard joined Whitney church several years after Sharon, but became a very active member. He served as Treasurer of the Methodist Men for many years and for a time as President. He remembers helping to take care of several different maintenance projects around the church building with some of the other men. He also played on the Whitney church softball team; served on the finance committee; and at a different time audited the church books.

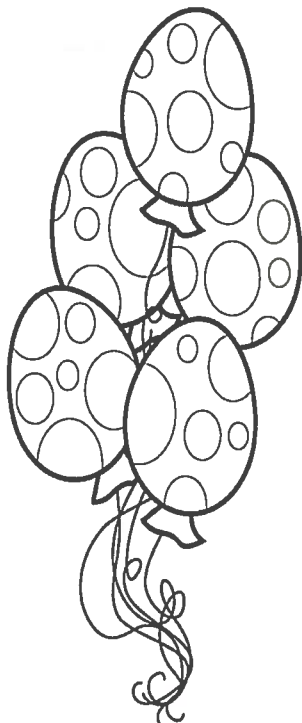
His activities outside employment and church included assisting with boy scouts (son Larry became an Eagle scout) and coaching Little League teams at all levels. He remembers that one of his Major teams was undefeated for an entire season.

Sharon served "forever" she says as treasurer of the UMW, but has now retired from that position. She continues to help with Friday night dinners, and she coordinates receptions following funerals and memorial services at the church.

Most Sundays you will find Richard seated in his wheelchair near the entrance of the sanctuary, smiling and greeting people as they arrive and sometimes as they leave the worship service. You will see Sharon busily moving around welcoming and talking with other parishioners. The Millers' activities and friendships at Whitney have been and continue to be a big part of their lives; their contributions to the church cover many years and many ministries.

February birthdays

- 1 David Adams
- 2 Becky Gris
- 3 Kathy Jordan
- 13 Barry Kelso
- 14 Val Vittori
- 15 Tiffany Kerns
- 16 Ron Blakeley
- 18 Miriam Fridel
Mary Kienzle
- 21 Amy Wolfe
- 26 Stewart Gardner
- 27 Lory Nesor
Kena Wachi
- 28 Hannah Fink



October 31, 2018 to December 31, 2018

26 households from Whitney UMC were enrolled in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program.

\$76.74 were donated from Whitney.

Community Rewards is easy to use, The more our members shop with Fred, the more money Whitney will earn!

Our number to enroll is **XL760**. Just sign in once at **Customer Service**.

HOSPITALITY

Date	Acolytes	Greeters	Coffee Hosts	Liturgist	Communion Stewards
Feb. 3	Miriam Fridel Noa Nesor	Iva Ferguson Sally Cupan	Janice Spencer Emily Nelson	Barbara Nolan	Betty Dippi Glenda Berto Lesli McGowan
Feb. 10	Linda Slupe Samara Legg	Samara Legg Miriam Fridel	Mikki Carr Tyke Carr	Nick Alexander	
Feb. 17	Becky Daniel Grace Fridel	Kathy Hamers Julie Hall DeDe Matthews	Arny Skov Kathy Skov Gordy Myre Jody Myre	Barry Kelso	
Feb. 24	Kaylyn Fournier Miriam Fridel	Gordy Myre Jody Myre	Barb Martin	James Sorenson	



Thank you Whitney Methodist congregation for participating in the 2018 St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Box Project! Together we delivered 2,475 food boxes/turkeys/potatoes that provided a nice Thanksgiving dinner for nearly 12,000 adults and children in our community. Thank you to those who donated food and for the monetary contributions. Thanks to more than 700 volunteers. Thank you everyone for making this family-to-family charity effort a success!

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

ADVENT GIVING FOR DECEMBER 2018

The United Methodist Committee on Relief —	\$180
Whitney UMC Good Samaritan Fund —	\$1657
Women and children's Alliance —	\$891
Whitney UMC Outreach Ministries —	\$355
Whitney Elementary School —	\$384
Total	\$3467

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GOOD NEWS!

From the Idaho-Oregon Conference United Methodist Church

Thank you and congratulations to the following churches that have already paid 100% of their Shared Ministry Apportionment for 2018:

Sage District

Aberdeen Hagerman Ontario American Falls Haines Paul Baker City Idaho Falls: St. Paul's Payette **Boise:** Collister Jerome Pocatello **Boise: Whitney** Joseph Richfield Buhl Kuna Richland Burley Meridian Shoshone Castleford Middleton Twin Falls: First Cove Nampa: First Vale Elgin Nampa: Southside Blvd Wendell Sweet North Powder Wilder Fruitland Nyssa

Try Alpha – Explore life, faith, meaning

You are invited to explore life, faith, and meaning in the next Alpha series. Once again the Intentional Discipleship team is offering a series of discussions on Sunday evenings. The series begins February 17 and runs through Palm Sunday. Each evening consists of dinner, a video or presentation, and a chance to discuss.



Have you already attended the Alpha series? That's okay. The discussions are different every time! And, this time, bring a friend or family member to join you. It's a perfect opportunity to have discussions about faith without pressure or an expected outcome. There are flyers and invitations available for you to take and share with others.

Each Alpha session is limited to two hours starting at 5:00 p.m. We begin with dinner, followed by a video and conclude with group discussions. We end promptly at 7:00 p.m. There is no pressure and no fee (although we do accept random contributions to pay for the meals). Childcare is provided. Please let us know if you have transportation needs and we will attempt to find solutions.

We ask that you pray for this ministry of sharing. Please pray for the participants and for the Alpha helpers and leaders. We trust God will use this program to share love and connection.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED—SOUTHERN IDAHO

Please join us

The Time Is Now United to Serve

“Love knows No Border”

Diane Schwabe will speak about

being 1 of 30 arrested at border

Friday, February 8, 2019

Southminster Presbyterian Church

6500 W. Overland Rd.

Brunch 10:00 a.m. Celebration 10:30 a.m.

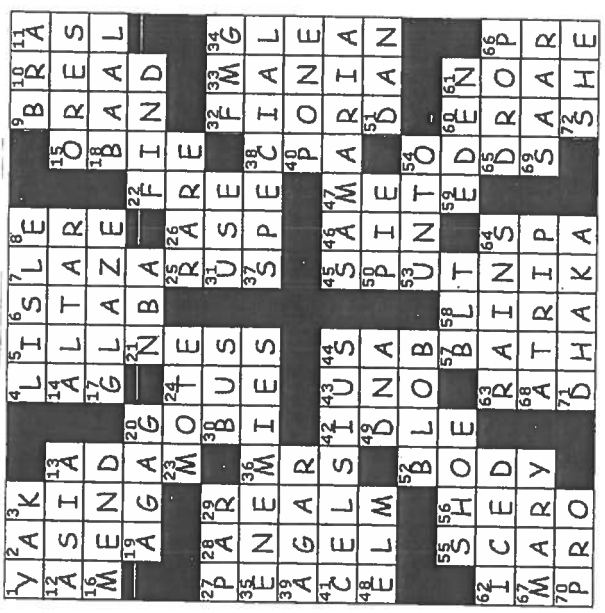
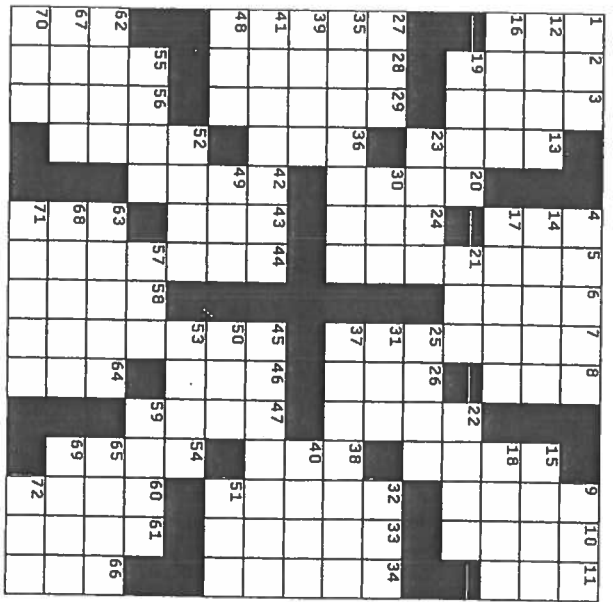
Questions? Call Jeanette 208-870-6487

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 Worship every Sunday 10:00 a.m.



2019

SUNDAY (dates & times subject to change)	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. "How to...." 9:30 a.m. Nursery open 9:30 a.m. Adult SS 10:20 a.m. Children's SS	4 10:30 a.m. Visitor follow up 4:00 p.m. Riverbank Choir 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	5 6:30 p.m. Troop 49 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	6 12:00 United Methodist Women 2:00 p.m. Prayer & Share 3:30 p.m. Joseph's closet 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	7 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY 5:45 p.m. Praise Band	8 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY 5:45 p.m. Praise Band	9 9:00 a.m. UMM 10:00 a.m. Sat. lunch 10:30 a.m. Joseph's Closet
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17 Boy Scout Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. "How to...." 9:30 a.m. Nursery open 9:30 a.m. Adult SS 10:20 a.m. Children's SS	18 4:00 p.m. Riverbank Choir 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	19 7:00 p.m. Celia Cowan @ Cathie Slocum's 6:30 p.m. Troop 49 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	20 1:30 Prayer & Share 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	21 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY 5:45 p.m. Praise Band	22 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY 5:45 p.m. Praise Band	23 10:00 a.m. Sat. lunch 11:30 a.m. Church Council @ Lory's 5:00 p.m. MANNA
24 10:00 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. "How to...." 9:30 a.m. Nursery open 9:30 a.m. Adult SS 10:20 a.m. Children's SS 11:15 a.m. Coffee with Pastor 3:00 p.m. Legislative Event Registration 5:00 p.m. ALPHA	25 Legislative Event continues 4:00 p.m. Riverbank Youth Choir 6:30 p.m. Shawlers	26 6:30 p.m. Troop 49 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	27 1:30 Prayer & Share 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	28 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY 5:45 p.m. Praise Band		



- ACROSS**
- 1 Wild ox
 - 4 Smooth tightly twisted thread
 - 9 Undergarment
 - 12 East
 - 14 Sacrificial table
 - 15 Mined metals
 - 16 Fix
 - 17 Sugarcoat
 - 18 Phoenician god
 - 19 A king of the Amalekites
 - 21 BB assn.
 - 22 Seek and you will
 - 23 Speck of wood, etc. (KJV)
 - 25 Scarce
 - 27 Standard or average
 - 30 Mass transport
 - 31 Wield
 - 32 Madagascar franc (abbr.)
 - 35 Love your
 - 37 Unique
 - 39 Seaweed
- substance
- 40 Cornmeal cake
 - 41 Temperature scale
 - 45 Region of Palestine
 - 48 Shade tree
 - 49
 - Deoxyribonucleic acid (abbr.)
 - 50 Dessert
 - 51 Tribe of Israel
 - 52 Stain
 - 53 Do others
 - 55 Footgear
 - 57 Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
 - 59 Garden of
 - 62 Chilled pours
 - 63 "When it it
 - 65 Fall
 - 67 Mother of Jesus
 - 68 A vacation (2 wds.)
 - 69 France & Germany river
 - 70 Not amateur
- DOWN**
- 71 National capital
 - 72 That girl
 - 1 Root vegetable
 - 2 Afloat
 - 3 James
 - Version
 - 4 Drag
 - 5 Malady
 - 6 Prod
 - 7 Brother of Mary and Martha
 - 8 Before, poetically
 - 9 Cereal ingredient
 - 10 Studied
 - 11 Sign language
 - 13 Father of Abel
 - 15 Off-Broadway award
 - 20 Mongolian dessert
 - 22 Grats
 - 24 Day of the wk.
 - 26 Poisonous snake
 - 27 On earth
 - 28 Heavenly being
 - 29 Domain
 - 32 Narrow sea inlet
 - 33 Insanity
 - 34 Reap
 - 36 Mr.'s wife
 - 38 Accountant
 - 42 Bored
 - 43 Spanish "one"
 - 44 Day of rest
 - 45 Russian satellite
 - 46 Old Testament city
 - 47 Allot (with "out")
 - 52 This is my
 - 54 Chances of winning
 - 55 Former wound
 - 56 Celebrity
 - 58 Italian money
 - 60 Times
 - 61 He built the ark
 - 62 Pixy
 - 63 Radiation dose
 - 64 Resort hotel
 - 66 Before (prefix)