

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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June 2019



Whitney Sawtooth Family Camp

August 9,10, & 11,2019

Whitney families and friends are invited to attend and enjoy this camping weekend.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School and adult

Bible Study — summer hiatus

Children's Sunday School

10:20 a.m.

Nursery 9:30 a.m.

Monday

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

UMW summer hiatus

Wednesday

Prayer and Share small group

1:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir summer hiatus

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 —

summer hiatus

Every Saturday

Saturday Lunch 10:30 a.m.

From our pastor.....

I had occasion recently to read the first 100 or so pages of The United Methodist Book of Discipline (BOD). The BOD is the book that has all of the rules and doctrine of the United Methodist Church. We usually use it to get the rules and guidelines for church meetings, selling of church property and the social principles that guide the life of the church.



But there is the hidden gem in the first 100 pages that tells of the history of the church, our theological task and the mission and ministry of the church. I have certainly read this section before, but as I read it again, I was reminded. As the larger United Methodist Church is struggling with knowing what our purpose and future look like, it was a blessing to be reminded of who we are and what the mission and ministry of the church is really about.

Most church members do not need access to a good portion of the BOD. (You probably do not care about the administrative order of the General Council on Finance and Administration!) But these first 100 pages give each of us the reminder of where the United Methodist Church has come from and what our mission and ministry task really is. So for the next few newsletter articles, I am going to pull out parts of this section to help guide what we do as the church.

¶ **120. *The Mission***—The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

¶ **121. *Rationale for Our Mission***—The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and by exemplifying Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world. The fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world is the vision Scripture holds before us. The United Methodist Church affirms that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the world, and the Lord of all. As we make disciples, we respect persons of all religious faiths and we defend religious freedom for all persons. Jesus’ words in Matthew provide the Church with our mission: “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you” (28:19-20), and “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. . . . You must love your neighbor as you love yourself*” (22:37, 39). “From *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church -2016*. Copyright 2016 by The United Methodist Publish House.”

As you read these words:

What jumps out at you?

How does this mission of the larger United Methodist Church reflect (guide, speak to) the mission focus of Whitney UMC to disciple, serve and provide resources to children and families?

In your understanding, what is a disciple of Jesus Christ?

We make disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world **BY** proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and by exemplifying Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor. How do you proclaim this good news in your daily life? How do you love God and neighbor?

May the Spirit of God continue to guide and direct us as we live out this mission and ministry of the church!

Blessings
Rev. Christina

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Shelley Cooper led the group in making weighted blankets. These are blankets which create deep pressure touch which is thought to help calm the nervous system and decrease anxiety. They were originally used to help children with autism sleep better but have been found to be beneficial for anyone needing help in sleeping. One blanket was completed and several are in different stages and will be completed at home.

Our June meeting will be on June 5 with a potluck at noon.
Jan Spencer will lead us in putting together 6 flood buckets for UMCOR.

We are asking anyone in church who would like to donate items to bring them to the church office any time before Sunday June 2. The list follows this article.

Becky Platt, who has just returned from a week at UMCOR, will speak about her experiences.

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

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Cleaning Kit

- One 5 gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid**
- One 32-64 oz. Bottle liquid laundry detergent**
- One 16-40 oz. Bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)**
- One 16-34 oz. Bottle dish soap (Dawn works the best)**
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (3 solid or 3 gel fresheners are also acceptable)**
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)**
- One scrub brush (with or without handle)**
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes – no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels**
- 5 scouring pads sponges – no stainless steel pads with soap in them**
- 36-50 clothespins**
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic)**
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon sizes)**
- 5 N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3mm thickness) no surgical masks**
- Two pairs kitchen gloves – durable for multiple uses**
- One Pair work gloves – cotton with leather palm or all leather.**

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ANY TIME BY SUNDAY JUNE 2



UMCOR brings hope and relief to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or [natural disaster](#). UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. After flood waters have receded, wounds have been tended, basic needs met, and the world's attention has faded, The United Methodist Church continues to be present by providing ongoing assistance.

UMCOR provides survivors not only temporary relief, but also long-term education, training, and support. While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations, the most important partners in the work of recovery are those being served.

UMCOR is currently engaged in relief efforts in Texas (Hurricane Harvey), in Syria (civil war), Sierra Leone (mudslides), and many other places around the world.



Annual Conference

What do we mean by “Annual Conference”?

In The United Methodist Church we use the words “Annual Conference” to designate three things.

Annual Conference, the area designates the regional boundaries of The United Methodist Church. An annual conference may cover an entire state, only part of the state, or even parts of two or more states. There are also three missionary conferences in the United States, which rely upon the denomination as a whole for funding.

The United States has 63 annual conferences, supervised by 50 bishops. There are 59 annual conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, which are supervised by 18 bishops. Whitney UMC is part of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference which covers all of the state of Oregon, and Southern Idaho.

Annual Conference also designates the organizational body of the denomination. The annual conference has a central office and professional staff that coordinate and conduct ministry and the business of the conference. The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference has our central office in Portland. Our Bishop is Elaine Stanovsky who is also the Bishop of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference (Washington and the panhandle of Idaho) and the Alaska Missionary conference.

Annual Conference, the event, is a yearly gathering ---usually in May or June—where all clergy members and an equal number of lay members selected from the local churches attend their conference’s Annual Conference session. They meet together to worship, fellowship, and conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. During these sessions, members of the conference hear reports of past and ongoing work; adopt future goals, programs and budgets; ordain clergy members as deacons and elders; and elect delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

Oregon-Idaho’s Annual Conference Event for 2019

For 2019—Annual Conference will be held in Eugene, OR at the Hotel Eugene and Eugene First United Methodist Church.

What is the theme for this Annual Conference?

In her invitation letter to Annual Conference members, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky wrote:

We will explore what it means to love God with our whole HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH and MIND and NEIGHBOR as we love our SELVES. We’ll dig deeper into our four year theme and scripture Luke 10:25-28. I will bring an episcopal address and your elected delegates will report on the General Conference 2019 ...”

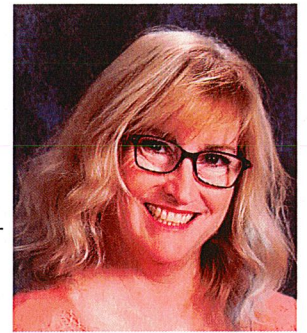
And we will search for answers to the questions: What did General Conference decide? What difference does it make? How will the Oregon-Idaho Conference serve God in the future light of these actions?”

Who are our delegates to Annual Conference?

Rev. Christina, Lory Nesper and Kimberly Gardner will be representing Whitney UMC at Annual Conference this year. Lesli McGowan will be attending in her transition to being a licensed local pastor. Miriam Fridel will be attending as a page.

Letter from Lesli McGowan

On May 22, I officially retired from the Boise School District, where I have been blessed to have worked these past 20 years. Another chapter of my life, in my rear-view mirror. In a few short weeks, I will begin my next chapter.



I started my process into set apart ministry, well over 10 years ago and experienced many family issues, roadblocks and distractions that slowed, even stopped my process. But, in the Summer of 2017, I restarted my candidacy, quite determined to follow through, and since that time I have been on the path towards becoming a Local Licensed Pastor. I completed licensing school in the summer of 2018 and will begin Course of Study (Graduate level seminary classes) this Summer, just weeks before I begin my first Pastoral appointment at the Simpson United Methodist Church and the Wesley Foundation at WSU in Pullman Washington. It's crazy but I can actually look back and see where God has been calling me to this, for well over 25 years. You could call me a slow responder.

I moved to Idaho as a young teen, from So. California in January 1978. For the past 41 years, beautiful Boise has been my home. Leaving here is going to be bittersweet. It has been said, that you cannot experience growth, without some kind of change. So, I am making a big change.

The move will also increase the distance between myself and my precious daughters, Madi-31 (Boise) and Abbi-25 (Phoenix). I will actually be a bit closer to my daughter Cait-29 who lives in Perth, Australia. Closer to her by 45 miles, which really doesn't lessen much of that distance. Yet, somehow I am comforted by the fact that sacrifice also accompanies growth.

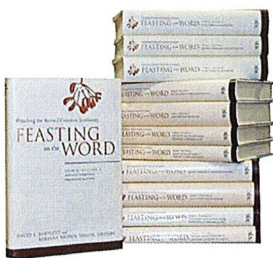
Fun fact- my youngest daughter Abbi and her partner James Markman, just got engaged over the Memorial Day weekend. I am thrilled that my family will be growing by (1) son-in-law.

Moving also means that I will be leaving my church family and home. This too, will be tough. You all have been my friends, my main support, my cheer squad, my encouragement, and my dear, beloved family. You have walked with me in the good and the bad of life and ministry. It was here that I heard clearly and responded to God's tug on my heart. I will never forget how you all helped me to discern and eventually answer God, submitting my life with a resounding, "Yes Lord, send me". You will be missed terribly. I will hold each of you in my heart and in my prayers. You will always be with me, my home, my church, my family. Know that I love and appreciate you all more than I could ever say here.

Fun fact- I do have a guest room and I love having, guests/visitors/family. I would love to see you up in the Palouse!

With my whole heart,
Lesli

During worship on June 9, 2019, we will celebrate Lesli McGowan's transition to being a local license pastor and her new appointment to Simpson UMC in Pullman, WA. This will be Lesli's last Sunday with us.



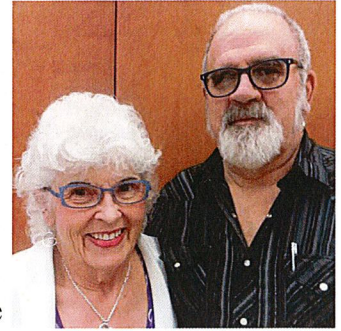
As a going away present, the church is giving her this preaching resource that will be invaluable for preaching. (Rev. Christina uses this resource a lot!). For all 12 volumes it is \$400. If you would like to contribute, just put a check in the offering plate marked Lesli gift, or talk to Rev. Christina about giving electronically. You are invited to sign the books which are on the back table in the sanctuary.

With this twelve-volume series, Westminster John Knox Press offers one of the most extensive and well-respected resources for preaching on the market today. The twelve volumes cover all of the Sundays in the three-year lectionary cycle, along with moveable occasions. The page layout is truly unique. For each lectionary text, preachers will find brief essays--one each on the exegetical, theological, pastoral, and homiletical challenges of the text.

Johnna and Malcom Dunten

Key leaders here at Whitney United Methodist Church

Johnna Meiser was born in Twin Falls and moved with her family from Wendell, ID, to Boise in 1958 when she was in the 3rd grade. The church she attended after arriving in Boise was the Cathedral of the Rockies. She actively participated in the church choirs as well as the Bell Choir and MYF. She served as a Past Honored Queen and a Past Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughters.



Competitive bowling at the local, state, national and international levels were part of her life for decades. Accomplishments she earned were a 300 game, several 700+ series and numerous other awards including several Bowler of the Year plaques. Malcom urged and supported her 100% to go for her goal to join and participate in the Women's Professional Bowling Association. Her drive was to achieve some of these accomplishments because of her physical challenges after the car accident.

Malcom was born and raised in Meridian, Idaho and left there for the United States Marine Corp after high school graduation. During their senior year they met and dated off and on. Johnna attended Boise State University during the time Malcom was in Vietnam. After serving in Vietnam, he returned to Boise on leave for their wedding.

They were in an extremely serious car accident on May 21, 1971, that happened one week before the wedding. Since they were both hospitalized for several months, the wedding was postponed until November 13, 1971. Rev. Ed Stanton performed the wedding ceremony as his first after arriving at Whitney.

Over several decades they definitely appreciate all of the prayers and support from friends, family and members and constituents here at Whitney. Malcom has had 12 surgeries while Johnna has accumulated 30+ surgeries. A special thank you to Kathy and Arny Skov for the dedicated and special prayers over the past 48 years.

“We were blessed with our precious gift, Rhonna, our ‘miracle-baby’ (nicknamed by our Orthopedic Surgeon who had told us we may or may not have any children because of my injuries.) Rhonna Dunten-Schachter was born on September 8, 1972. She is now a wonderful wife of 19 years (on July 24th) and an amazing mother.” Rhonna is married to Gregory Schachter and he is an amazing son-in-law.

After the wedding, Malcom was medically discharged from the USMC. He worked for Idaho Power and then a video game business until his retirement in 2013. Johnna retired with disabilities in 1999.

Malcom has been involved with Camp Sawtooth for about 30 years and on the Sawtooth Site Committee representing Whitney United Methodist Church. He took part enclosing the cabins, remodeling the Nurse's cabin, helped with construction of the Managers' Cabin and the New Welcome Center as well as being a part of moving the two Hupfer cabins to their new locations behind the PGC cabin.

Prior to Camp Sawtooth, he spent 10 years volunteering for the March of Dimes.

The Duntens enjoy traveling, cruising, camping, board games and bridge/pinochle. Malcom is a John Wayne fan. They totally enjoy spending as much time together as possible. After all of the surgeries between them, everything they are able to do are gifts.

They have been active grandparents with their grandson, Braeden and his baseball as well as Lexie, their

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MISSION u

Mission u is an event held every summer by United Methodist Women to give women (and men) opportunities to learn more about the mission of the church. Each year there are three studies – one spiritual, one geographical and one issue study. Because of the size of our conference, we are holding 4 week-end schools.

The two Idaho studies are in Boise from July 12-13 and Burley August 9-10.

The studies this year are:

Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship led by Carole Sullivan;

What About Our Money? led by Rochelle Killete

Women United for Change led by Lory Nesor.



The study leaders do a lot of reading and receive a week-end of training. The registration fee for this year is \$80 and includes dinner on Friday night and lunch on Saturday.

There is a registration form in this issue of the Chronicle or you may see Lory Nesor for one. The deadline to

SCHOLARSHIPS

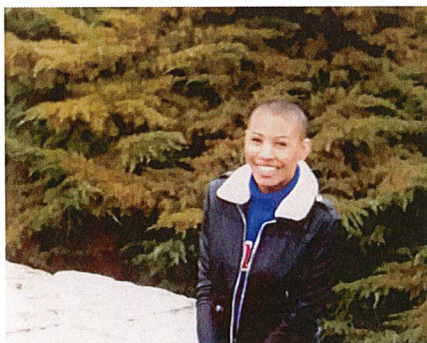
United Methodist Women is pleased to announce that we will be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to two young women who have roots at Whitney. These will be awarded on Sunday, June 2 during the worship service to:

Jenneth McNees-Ayodele who has attended Whitney since a child and became a confirmed member several years ago. She will be attending Boise State University and majoring in Nursing and Psychology.

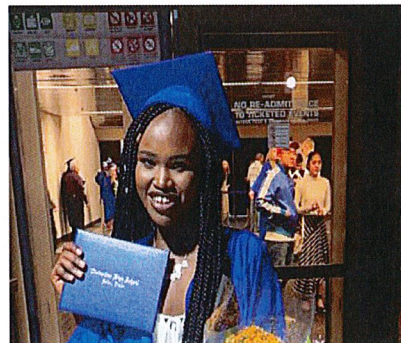
Justine Niyogushimwa who attended Whitney as a new refugee in Boise and was a member of the youth group. She will be attending the College of Idaho majoring in International Political Economy.

Congratulations to both Jenneth and Justine and God's blessings go with them as they continue their education.

Jenneth Rae McNe-Ayodele is a graduate of Riverstone International School. Her gpa was 3.8. She was a member of the Student Council, studied Creative Philosophic writing, Multimedia Art, clothing and fashion design, music and dance. She also enjoys world history, and was an event volunteer for Global Lounge along with working at Old Navy. Her career plans include nursing and potentially psychology as she studies at Boise State University.



Justine Niyogushimwa graduated from Timberline High School with a 3.6 grade point average. She was very active in the Key club, International club, the Tree Club and also volunteered at teachers conferences, climate lobby conference, Youth Activism Network and the Idaho Coalition against sexual and domestic violence. She plans to study International Political Economy at the College of Idaho.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Diana Ernest
- 7 Chris Ernest
- 9 Ana Valverde
- 11 Kinley Buckley
- 12 Thelma Cripe
- 17 Marilyn Edwards
Zack Warner
- 22 Don Hutchinson
- 23 Gaye Cabe
- 25 Maggie Storm
- 29 Lois Hutchinson
- 30 Keith Gillespie

JUNE ANNIVERSARY

- Diana & Tony Ernest
- Blanche & Herb Kadel
- Helen & Richard Shelby
- Cathi & Mel Slocum

HONORING OUR STUDENTS

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Braeden Layne Dunten
graduate from Northwest Nazarene University with a degree in accounting.
Jaime Ellis (Jim & Barbara Nolan)
graduate from the University of Idaho studying Journalism and Animal Science.
Peter Basolo graduate from Master's University in Santa Clarita, CA studying Computer Science

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Christophe Kozama (Lory Nesor)
Jenneth McNeese-Ayodele
Christopher Kozama (Lory Nesor)
Masen Furutani (Lory Nesor)
Justine Niyogushimwa
Jordan Walhof
Hayli Ball (Mikkie & Tyke Carr)
Hannah Ball (Mikki & Tyke Carr)

Thank you, Whitney Methodist Men.

The ladies of the church appreciate and enjoy being recognized and honored and the lovely roses and gifts you presented to us made out Mother's Day extra special. Many, many thanks.

Thank you from Malcom for the outside work party on May 18. Lorrie Baer and Joel Michaelsen showed up to help me.

Scout Troop 49 which Whitney UMC sponsors will hold a yard sale in the church parking lot on June 7th and 8th. Church members are also welcome to bring items for sale if they wish.

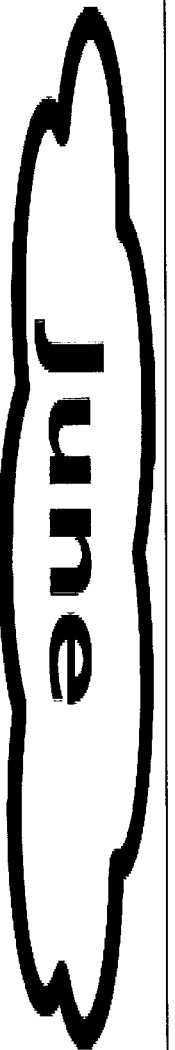
TIME TO PLAN FOR SAWTOOTH FAMILY CAMP

Friday August 9 at 3:00 p.m. until Sunday August 9 at 3:00 p.m.

At least 35 adults are needed to attend in order to maintain our reservations for this time frame. Children are also welcome and there is no charge for those under 18 years of age. The fee for adults is \$50 for the weekend which includes food and lodging. There are new colors of t-shirts this year and they can be ordered in advance. Sign up sheets are in the back of the Sanctuary or see Johnna or Malcom for additional information.



Whitney United Methodist Church
Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 Worship Graduate Sunday 9:30 am Nursery Open 10:20 am Children's SS 2:00 pm DYMCO	3 7:30 6:30 am Finance Ministry	4	5 12:00 noon UMW 2:00 pm Prayer & Share Small Group	6 10:30 am Visitor follow up 5:45 pm Praise Band	7 Scout troop yard sale	8 9:00 am UMM 10:30 am Saturday lunch Scout troop yard sale
9 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 10:20 am Children's SS	10 6:30 pm Shawlers	11 10:00 am Congregational Care	12 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group Annual Conference*****	13 5:45 pm Praise Band *****	14 6:00 pm Community Dinner *****	15 10:30 am Saturday lunch *****
16 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 10:20 am Children's SS Father's Day	17 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	18	19 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group	20 5:45 pm Praise Band	21	22 10:30 am Saturday lunch
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