

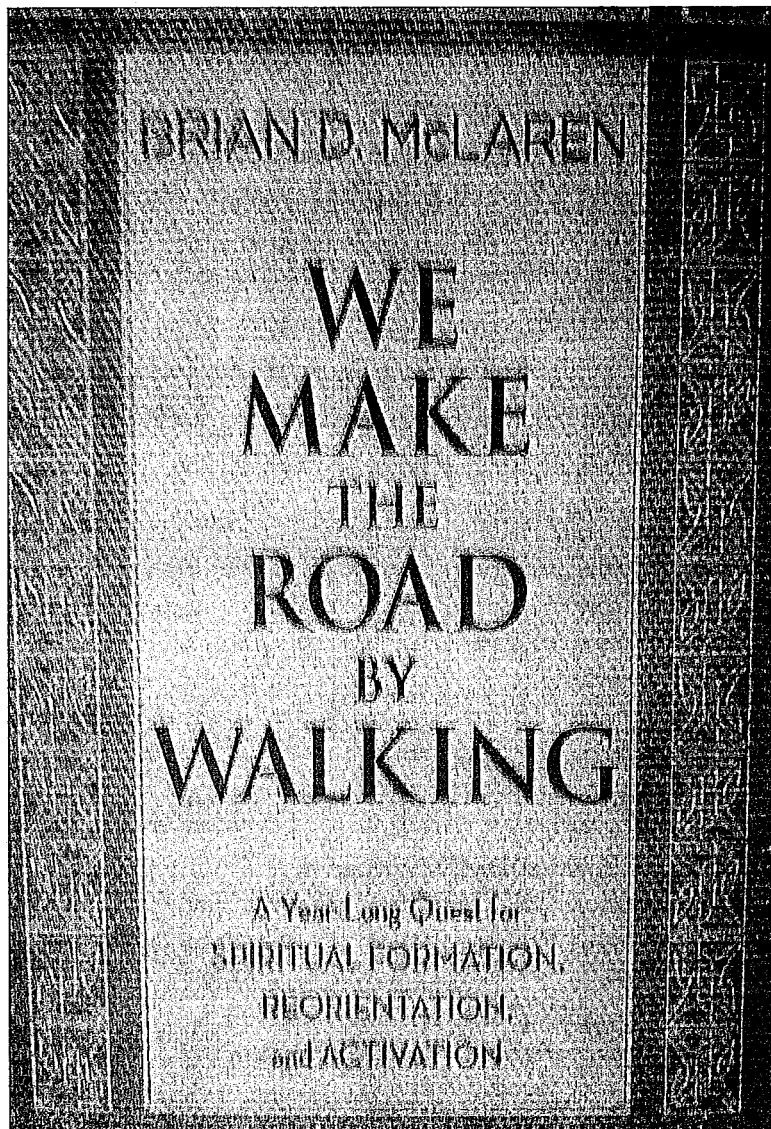
# WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor**

*Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

*3315 Overland Boise, Idaho 83705*



Join us in worship starting July 7 as *We Make the Road by Walking*. We will be looking at what it means to be *Alive in the Spirit of God*. This book, written by Brian McLaren, has been the study book for our Annual Conference this past year.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School and adult 9:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Bible Study — summer hiatus

Children's Sunday School 10:20 a.m.

Nursery 9:30 a.m.

### Monday

#### 1<sup>st</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

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.

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

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

United Methodist Men — summer hiatus

#### Every Saturday

Saturday Lunch 10:00 a.m.

From our pastor.....



In June's newsletter, I wrote about the mission and ministry of the church as stated in The United Methodist Book of Discipline. That article looked at the mission of the larger United Methodist Church which includes this line "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."

This paragraph continues with these words.

*This mission is our grace-filled response to the Reign of God in the world announced by Jesus. God's grace is active everywhere, at all times, carrying out this purpose as revealed in the Bible. It is expressed in God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah, in the Exodus of Israel from Egypt, and in the ministry of the prophets. It is fully embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is experienced in the ongoing creation of a new people by the Holy Spirit.*

As I read these words about the mission of the church, I was struck by this idea of God's grace being active everywhere, and at all times—even all the way back to God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah. We tend to think of grace as only expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a way to ponder this paragraph, I invite us to read and ponder scripture that is associated with each of those ideas --- Grace being expressed in God's covenant, embodied in the life of Jesus and experience in the life of the Holy Spirit.

***It is expressed in God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah***

Read Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6 three times.

What words pop out for you?

What message does God give you in this passage?

What does this say about God's grace embodied in the expression of God's covenant with Abraham and Sarah?

***"It is fully embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.***

Read John 1:1-5, 14 (if possible, read this passage in different translations of the bible.)

What does this scripture say about God's grace embodied in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Are there other scriptures that come to mind?+

What are you most thankful for about God's embodied in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

***"It is experienced in the ongoing creation of a new people by the Holy Spirit."***

Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. Read this scripture three times.

What words pop out for you?

What message does God give you in this passage?

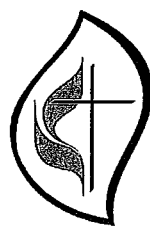
What does this say about God's grace experienced in the ongoing creation of a new people by the Holy Spirit?

I am grateful for these paragraphs in The Book of Discipline that remind us of what the mission and ministry of the church is really about.

Blessings,

Rev. Christina

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Twenty of us gathered for our June meeting to listen to a very informative and fun talk from Becky Platt entitled: "A Day in the Life of a Flood Bucket." Becky has worked at the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City several times and talked about her experiences as well as what happens to a flood bucket when it arrives at the Depot. After her talk we assembled 10 flood buckets which will be given to UMCOR. Jan Spencer organized this part of the program. We thank all those who donated items as well as filled buckets. Because of the tremendous flooding in many areas of our country, flood buckets are in great need now. These flood buckets enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.

**IF ANYONE IS TRAVELING TO SALT LAKE CITY DURING THE SUMMER AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DELIVER THE BUCKETS TO THE DEPOT, PLEASE CONTACT JAN SPENCER OR LORY NESER.**

*Our next meeting will be Sept. 4. Johnna Dunten will present the program.*

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

### A Bit about UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal 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.



### CRAFT FAIR NEWS – SILENT AUCTION

Do you have a special item – a quilt, painting, whimsical item that you have created that you would like to donate for our Silent Auction? Or maybe you would like to create a specialty basket - "A chocolate lover's dream" or maybe "Family Game Night complete with popcorn" or "A Night at the Movies" or maybe you would like to donate a week at your timeshare at some exotic location in Mexico or Hawaii? Or

you may have a friend with a business who is willing to donate a special item or a gift card or both to the Auction. These are just a few ideas that may spark your imagination. We have decided to limit the number of items to 15 this year so that they can be displayed properly and we have set a deadline of mid - October for registering your items. If you have questions, please see Lory Neser.

**Whitney UMC All Church meeting**      6-23-19      56 people in attendance

*This is a summary of the All Church meeting that was held after church on June 23, 2019.*

Rev Christina led us in prayer and gave a short explanation of what we hope to accomplish in the meeting.

**A. FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR POSITION DISCUSSION**

Rich Keefe presented the information about the position of Family Life Director. A copy of the job description is included in this newsletter. We are looking for a ½ time person. Introduced SPRC members: Ramona Walhof, Joyce Obland, Rev Christina, Johnna Dunten and Rich Keefe.

**B. ADDRESSING OUR SPACE CONSTRAINT NEEDS**

We are running out of space in the church building. On many Sunday mornings, the Sunday school classrooms are full and there is not enough classroom space for all of the age level classes we need for our kids and youth. We also struggle for space for storage and for a mid-size meeting room. There are also many Sundays when the parking lot is full.

**SHORT TERM SPACE POSSIBILITIES** Johnna Dunten addressed the Space needed by the church at least on a temporary basis. She asked everyone to think outside the box.

*Possible temporary proposals:*

- Adding a Trailer in the parking lot with room for 4 offices  
(Finance, Administrative Assistant, Pastor, Family Life Director )
- Closing the south end breezeway to make room for storage
- Obtain a storage unit – uncertain of location
- Details for removing walls, getting measurements, cost and best value to enhance education area
- Utilize dirt parking for the congregants to allow spaces for visitors

**LONG TERM SPACE POSSIBILITIES** --- Jim Obland provided longer term solutions to our space concerns.

- 3 Architects were approached to provide bids.
  1. \$22,000 to update master plans
  2. \$16,000 to update master plans
  3. \$ 6,500 to update master plans
    - a. This is provided by Larry Able who is a deacon in the United Methodist church and provides architect details at a reduced cost for his ministry

We currently have about \$100,000 in the building fund.

Becky Platt wanted us to be sure of the qualification and continuity between architects considered.

Shelley Cooper reminded us that according to the Book of Discipline, a Building Committee elected has stand along authority to go forward with the plans.

The current nursery originally was to be the conference/meeting room.

Shelley also provided other facts we need to be aware of. We do have some of the property with 'native soil' to allow building. The dirt lot should be paved to use for long term according to the city code.

### **C. STEWARDSHIP and FUNDRAISING**

Ramona Walhof educated all of us about Stewardship.

It is time to develop a stewardship committee that would help us look at our understanding of Christian stewardship as well as determine ways to raise the funds needed for these projects (Family Life Director and building needs). The stewardship ministry team would consist of 3-5 people. Ramona is willing to work on this Ministry Team as she has had years of experience of successful Capital Campaigns.

Possible options for raising these funds are

- 1) An every member canvas to talk to church members about the financial needs.
- 2) Add additional fundraising events to the church. Right now the Craft Fair is the one fund raising event that we do.
- 3) Possibility of a Capital campaign.

There are several financial needs of size we need to consider:

1. ½ time Family Life Director
2. Temporary and Permanent space
3. Redo the parking lot
4. Four offices (pastor, administrative assistant, finance and the Family Life Director)

This committee needs to meet so to plan for the fall.

Anyone interested contact Rev Christina and/or email the church.

### **D. REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Lory Nesor gave a report of Annual Conference that meet in Eugene, OR last week.

Attendees from this congregation: Rev. Christina, Lory Nesor, Kimberly Gardner, Miriam Fridel and Lesli McGowan.

The larger United Methodist Church is currently in a time of uncertainty about the future of the denomination especially as we struggle with issues of LGBTQ+ inclusion. Lory talked about the hope that she felt from Annual Conference on the future of our denomination.

If a report is wanted from Lory, she had a typed copy.

We ended the meeting with a video from the youth at Conference that they are the future and want to join the adults "at the table". Miriam Fridel was part of this video.

Rev Christina ended the meeting with prayer.

### **ADDING YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO THIS CONVERSATION**

If you have any suggestions or comments about any of these details—especially ideas about meeting the space needs, you can email the church office -- [3315whitneychurch@gmail.com](mailto:3315whitneychurch@gmail.com).

There is also a suggestion box in the hallway where you can put in your comments.

You can also contact Rev. Christina



- 3 Kathy Skov**
- 5 Nancy Kerns**  
**Jan Spencer**  
**Marv Wolfe**
- 6 Julie Kerns**
- 11 Noa Nesor**
- 15 Svetlana Maddox**
- 17 David McQuade**
- 20 Linda Jordan**  
**Linda Long**
- 24 Barbara Nolan**
- 26 Tyke Carr**  
**Thelma Cripe**
- 27 Tanner Blakeley**  
**Beverly Buttram**  
**Jana Hedges**
- 29 Julie Hall**
- 30 Carla Biersdorff**  
**Ellen Herzinger**

### Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who is going through a rough time, having a medical procedure done, or just in need of a reminder of God's love?

Give them a prayer shawl. Prayer Shawls are made by folks in our congregation and are a visible sign of God's love and care.

They are available in the church office!

### From Captain Barry Kelso:

With saddened hearts, we have been informed of the passing of Janet Coe, widow to the late Wendell L Coe who was pastor here at Whitney a few years back. She was 101 years young at the time of her passing.

She is survived by three children, Harold, Sam, and Martha, She was preceded in death by her husband Wendell and her eldest son Edward.

### Thanks

Thank you to Nick Alexander who preached for Rev. Christina while she was away at conference.

Thank you to all who contributed to the going away gift for Lesli McGowan.



- Carol & Dave Adams**
- AJ and Becky Gris**
- Dottie & Carl Harden**
- Sharon & Eric Tabb**
- Rev. Christina & Clint Wachi**

### JULY HOSPITALITY

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Coffee	Communion Stewards
<b>July 7</b>	James Sorenson	James Sorenson Shirlee Hubbert	Linda Slupe Julie Hall	Clint Wachi Linda Slupe Kathy Skalsky
<b>July 14</b>	Becky Platt	Gena Waller Brad Minasian	Lorrie Baer Gaye Cabe	
<b>July 21</b>	Bert Allen	Kathy Hammers DeDe Matthews Julie Hall	Jim Obland Joyce Obland	
<b>July 28</b>	Joyce Obland	Jody Baer Gordy Myre	Arny & Kathy Skov Gordy & ody Myre	

## ***Job Description — Family Life Director***

Whitney United Methodist Church  
3315 Overland Road  
Boise, ID 83705

The Family Life Director is a paid member of staff and an integral part of our mission focus to *“Disciple, serve, and provide resources for children and families”* within our congregation and local community. The Family Life Director works closely with the senior pastor and with other paid and unpaid staff to develop, lead, and grow ministry programs which help children and families grow in faith and discipleship. At Whitney United Methodist Church, we recognize that families come in many forms, and sizes. All are welcome to the table of Jesus Christ and that God loves all of us no matter which labels our world places on us. We are seeking a leader who has a genuine interest in responding to the hopes and concerns of all families and is excited about the opportunity to work with church leadership to develop ministries and foster an environment where all feel welcomed for who they are and encouraged to grow in their relationship with God, in personal and communal faith, and in discipleship.

This a part time paid position but may have the opportunity in the future to become a full-time paid position.

### **Roles & Responsibilities:**

- Maintain a healthy and growing spiritual life
- Regularly Attend Worship
- Participate in worship planning, other ministry meetings as may be required.
- Work with other leaders to learn about curriculum and other resources available for families to help people select appropriate resources for study and growth.
- Work closely with the worship team, church council, intentional discipleship team, Education staff, and other ministry leaders to plan and carry out ministry with families in varied and wide-ranging program which include worship, study, fellowship, and out-reach / service opportunities; also work with staff and leaders to make ministry programs applicable and relevant to varying types of family units.
- build and maintain networks with community organizations and people to connect the congregation with the community for a strong program; specifically, to include, but not limited to, our current interaction with Whitney Elementary School
- Learn about the current structure and curriculum of current children’s activities and work with the Children’s education staff in the development and leadership of Children’s education programs.
- Maintain familiarity with the congregation’s overall goals and how they are achieved through the congregation’s ministry with families
- In consultation with the senior pastor, set priorities for improvements and expansion of family activities available through Whitney UMC.
- Understand and monitor the execution of Safe Sanctuary policies.
- Prepare reports on family ministry programs for the Church Council.

- Recruit members to fill positions as necessary to accomplish goals. Meet with volunteers/unpaid staff to hear ideas and concerns; and to offer recognition and appreciation for their help.
- Ensure all events are planned and scheduled well in advance, promoted within the church and the community, and are posted on church calendars.
- Manage budgets for the Family Life Ministries and the Education Ministry.
- Over time, new tasks and responsibilities may be added and others may be discontinued as directed by and/or in consultation with the senior pastor.

### **Qualifications**

- A Christian who possess and maintains a growing personal walk with Christ through prayer and Bible study.
- Exemplifies a servant's heart and a teachable spirit.
- Possesses strong communication skills with the ability to listen to and communicate verbally and in writing with people of varied ages.
- Possesses a working knowledge and respect for the United Methodist Church doctrine and theology.
- Willingness to attend Whitney UMC regularly.
- Self-starter with initiative
- Ability to follow through and see plans to completion.
- Have experience working with children, children's activities, and curriculum.
- Ability to recruit workers, volunteers, and team members.
- Employment is contingent upon acceptable results of a background check.
- Expectation of hours - 20 hours per week. The schedule is flexible but needs to include Sundays and some weekday hours as determined in consultation with the senior pastor.

### **Supervision**

Direct supervisor is the Whitney UMC Senior Pastor.

### **Goals**

- Expand and supervise children and family activities on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.
- Build awareness in the neighborhood of children and family activities and opportunities at Whitney UMC.
- Plan toward establishing an active youth program.

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## TYKE AND MIKKI CARR

### Three Generations

Tyke and Mikki Carr are Idaho natives, except for three years spent in Kennewick, WA. They have been members of Whitney United Methodist Church for over 44 years. Tyke's parents, the Gather Adamses, were members before that.

Among many activities at Whitney, Tyke and her husband Jim were involved in Marriage Encounter, Couples Club, Softball Team and Choir, as well as preparation of dinners at the church and helping wherever else they were needed. During this time they developed lasting friendships with Malcom and Johnna Dunten, Dean and Cindy Kubena, Bill and Linda Slupe, and Richard and Sharon Miller. Tyke and Jim and Gather Adams, Tyke's father, were all involved in the kitchen remodel and bathroom expansion in the old church building.

Tyke was married for 55 years and has 5 children, one son and four daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Three of her children were married by two previous pastors of Whitney; another pastor assisted at Jim's funeral service in 2009.

Tyke spends a lot of time with her Order of Eastern Star organization which supports Service Dogs of America. She loves spending time with friends and family and having BBQs. Three of Tyke's daughters continue to live in the Boise area.

Tyke was fortunate to stay at home with her children until they all graduated from high school. She then worked for the Boise Schools Food Service program for 20 years, retiring from Fairmont Junior High in 2003. Then Tyke volunteered for many years at St. Vincent's Food Pantry.

Mikki moved home with her mother in 2009; they have fun going places together. Mikki has been very active at Whitney for many years. She taught Sunday school for 25 years. Her first co-teacher was Jesse Allen. She has always loved teaching Sunday school. (Lorrie Baer is her "go to friend"). Mikki has taught Sunday school and Bible school at every age level. She has also worked with Saturday lunch, Stephen Ministry, birthday card ministry, and more.

Mikki spent 38 years working for the Boise and Meridian School Districts, teaching in the special education program. After early retirement in May 2013, Mikki needed to be busy. She began working for the YMCA Children's Village Preschool Program in Oct. 2013. She loves working with these 3, 4, and 5 year olds.

Like her mother, Mikki is very involved in the Order of Eastern Star. She has been on many committees over the years. Both Tyke and Mikki have been officers for the state organization, and they enjoy many monthly activities as well.

## The Hurt and Hope of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference 2019

Lory and Kimberly want to thank you for sending us to the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference as Whitney United Methodist Church lay members. We are grateful for the opportunity to attend the annual conference and represent our local church. The hotel was...whimsical (pictures will be forthcoming!), the worship services were absolutely inspiring, our Bishop was wise, humble and humorous, and the conversations were, at times, intensely emotional. But everywhere we could feel the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit working to keep us all centered on Christ and his example. One important component of our role as lay members is to report back to you all, our siblings in Christ, a general impression of what took place. Lory has already addressed some of this in her talk at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> All Church Meeting. This report is meant to provide a deeper general impression and to spark, what will hopefully be, a continuing dialogue where all of our voices are heard.

### Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference and the aftermath of General Conference 2019

The tone for this Annual Conference was established by the General Conference 2019 where the vote for what is called the, Traditional Plan, narrowly affirmed our Book of Discipline's statement that, "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." Furthermore, the Traditional Plan has given "teeth" to punitive processes against clergy who are openly LGBTQ (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) or who officiate same-sex weddings. This decision pushed our United Methodist Church into anger, division and pain. This issue, more than any other, dominated the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. As our Bishop put it, "We may be at the point where those at one end of the spectrum cannot hear those at the other." If we can no longer hear each other, do we stay a united church or do we leave? If we stay, do we follow the rules of General Conference 2019 or do we openly defy the Traditional Plan and continue to live out the love of Christ as faithfully as we understand it? If we split away, what will that even look like? Every possibility promises to break our hearts, where ever we may stand on this question. This leaves us in the reality that we are now "wandering through the wilderness" not knowing what the future will look like. That is scary. However, we do not wander alone. The guidance of the Holy Spirit is with the Church and we must look for the manna in the desert to sustain us. Despite the pain we witnessed at Annual Conference, the hope, humor, and compassion showed us that the Holy Spirit is ever present and guiding us.

### The Hurt

We witnessed three manifestations of deep hurt during the Annual Conference expressed by those who supported the Traditional Plan's stance on homosexuality, those who defended a less punitive and more inclusive vision for the church and a smaller group who preferred our energies be focused on other pressing issues.

Supporters of the Traditional Plan felt that the General Conference vote had saved the United Methodist Church from straying too far in the direction of the values of "this world." According to them, the practice of homosexuality is a sin, laid down as such by sacred scripture. Their experience at the Oregon-Idaho conference, however, was far from uplifting. They felt that they were not heard and that their faithful work was vilified as evil and hateful. Many asked, why am I even here?

The LGBTQ members in the lay and clergy groups expressed a different hurt at Annual Conference. They felt the United Methodist Church had turned its back on them, denying to them their God-given call to ministry and rejecting their full humanity as a child of God. One person, during "table talk" conversations argued that the church had already survived controversies like racism and the ordination of women and could survive this, to which another responded, "sure, but

the church never said people of color or women were *incompatible* with God." Many asked, can I stay with a church that does not accept me as a full person?

We also heard many people express a great deal of frustration that so much energy and scarce financial resources were spent on a "non-issue" when so many of God's children were in need of their daily bread. Why, they asked, are we not at the Mexican border providing comfort to immigrants instead of here debating this?

These separate and intense hurts are very real and deep and threaten to divide our United Methodist Church. It indeed felt as though we were wandering, confused and heartbroken, through the wilderness.

***"But, luckily we have THE guidebook on how to wander through the wilderness" (Bishop Elaine Stanovsky)***

### The Hope

Despite the intense hurt, it was hopeful and joyous prayer, worship and discussion that left a greater mark on Annual Conference.

The entire conference attendees were divided into Table Talk groups of about 8-10. Lory was asked prior to the conference to be a facilitator of a group and although she said yes, she admits that she was apprehensive about what might happen. The first Table Talk group shared where they thought their church stood on the Traditional Plan. The choices ranged from, "It is not possible to stay at a church that is exclusive and punitive. If the UMC cannot be fully inclusive, we need to leave and start a new denomination." To "General Conference has spoken. Whether we agree or not we stay and follow the rules until the rules are changed." An excellent discussion followed with the general consensus being that we want to be inclusive and we don't want to leave our church but are willing to see where God is leading us in this whole situation. There were two more opportunities to meet on this issue and no decisions were made but people were able to voice concerns and ask for the help they felt they needed.

Another great sign of hope was the election of a very diverse team of delegates to represent us at both General Conference 2020 and Jurisdictional Conference. The team was diverse in age, gender, race, sexual identity, and experience. What a message to send to General Conference 2020!



Our new delegates!

The last evening's worship service was also hopeful. Four candidates were received for commissioning and two for ordination. The entire service from the processing of the clergy in their robes and stoles, to the beauty of the liturgy, the singing of beautiful old hymns as well as newer ones that speak of our commitment, to the words from the Bishop who as stated that, "I'm not going anywhere and that I will protect our clergy from harm." After giving her closing benediction, she

paused, looked at all of us and said, "These kids are going to be ok...and so will we." Of all of the words Lory heard at annual conference, spiritually and emotionally, these made the most impact.

What can we do about it?

1. Many of you have expressed your desire to become a reconciling congregation. The Intentional Discipleship committee is moving forward to develop a course of study that will equip us as a congregation to decide whether we become a reconciling congregation in support of the inclusion of all God's children, especially those in the LGBTQ community.
2. Bishop Elaine gave us the task of staying informed of the larger conversation, which may require reading a couple of blog posts and visiting a couple websites during each month.

Lory and I are planning on creating email alerts or bulletin updates to keep us all informed. However, this is a responsibility we all share. The lines of communication are open and we need to hear from you. Here are some links to stay informed!

[www.umoi.org/news](http://www.umoi.org/news)

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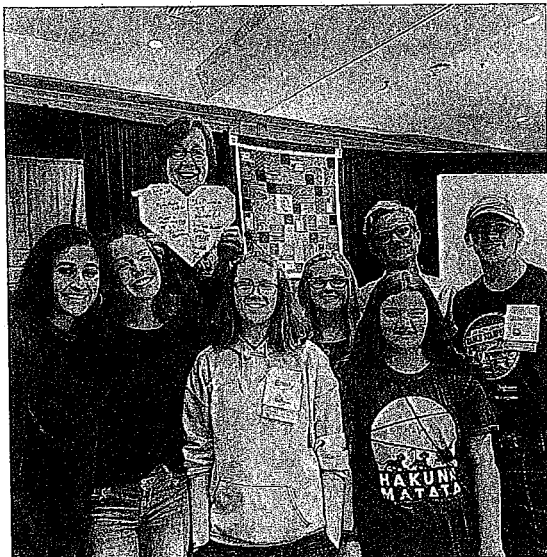
[www.resourceUMC.org](http://www.resourceUMC.org)

3. We must continue to speak in the language of Christian love rather than the language of reactionary aggression.
4. Finally, we should pray. Pray for our Bishop, our new General Conference Delegates, our Pastor, our United Methodist Church and its members who are all our siblings in Christ.

This is an important issue that will take up much of our time and energy as we experience the hurt and hope of new beginnings. However, as attendees at the annual conference stressed, we will continue to walk the path Christ has set down for us. There is much good work to be done! And for our local church we will continue to be "a gathering of joyful, excited followers of Jesus Christ feeding our community spiritually, physically and intellectually." We will continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, working together with all God's beloved children.

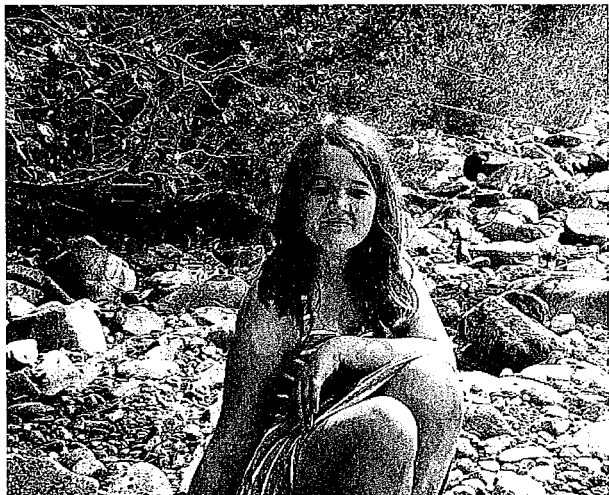
Blessings,

Kimberly Gardner and Lory Neser



Several of the Youth Group at Annual Conference pictured with Bishop Stanovsky (in back with the heart).  
Miriam Fridel, who was a page at the conference, is right front.


**MEMORIES FROM SAWTOOTH FAMILY CAMP  
SIGN UP SHEET FOR THIS YEAR – AUGUST 9-11  
ON THE WINDOW NEAR THE OFFICE**



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



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 office closed 	5	6 10:00 am Saturday lunch
7 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 10:20 am Children's SS	8 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	9 6:00 pm Scouts	10 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 6:00 pm Potluck	11	12 Mission U @ 1 <sup>st</sup> church	13 10:00 am Saturday lunch
14 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 10:20 am Children's SS	15 10:00 am Congregational Care 6:30 pm Shawlwers	16 6:00 pm Scouts	17 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 6:00 pm Potluck	18 5:45 pm Praise Band	19 6:00 pm Community Dinner	20 10:00 am Saturday lunch
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