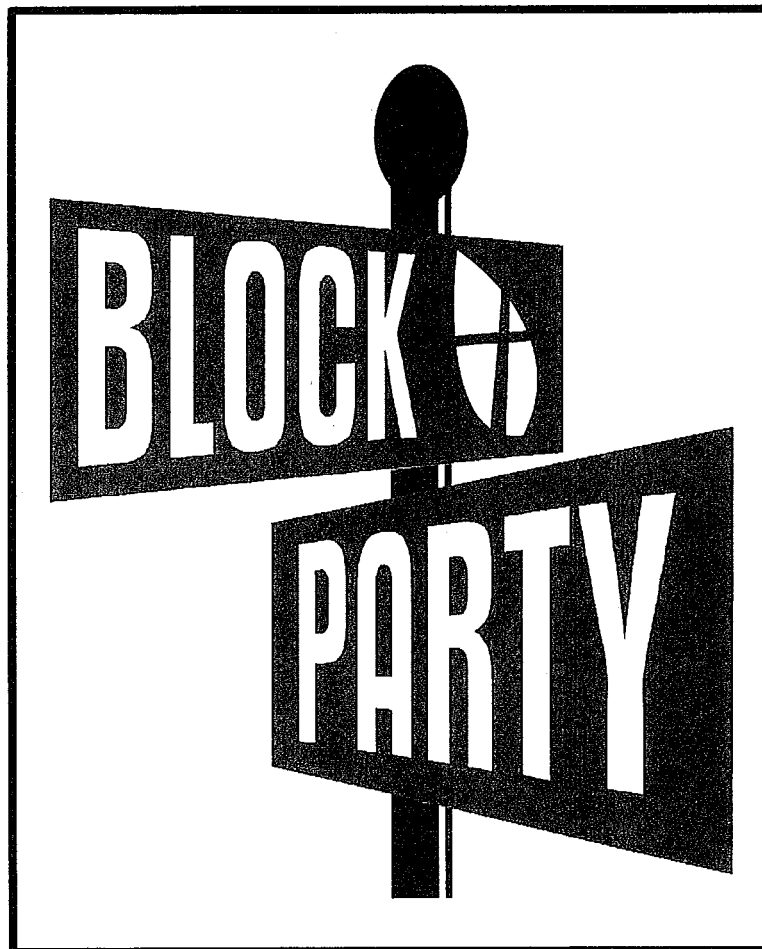


WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

AUGUST 2019



Neighborhood block party
August 29 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Whitney Elementary School
{details inside}

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Facebook — Whitney United Methodist Church

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

1st Mondays

Stephen Ministry 6:30
p.m.

2nd & 4th Mondays

Shawlers 6:30 p.m.

Third Monday

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 10:00
a.m.

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From our pastor.....



Rev. Christina

Water is an important part of our spiritual lives. In Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well (John 4), Jesus offers her living water. Jesus says to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water (literal water from the well) will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give will become in them a spirit of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14).

As Christians our water source is this spring of life that comes from Jesus which keeps our spirits from being parched. This water is also the water symbolized in our baptisms. At the beginning of a baptism service, these words are read "Through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered without price."

In baptism we are claimed by God and included in mighty acts that God is doing in the world. We are given new birth—new spiritual life in the love and grace of God. In our baptism, God chooses and claims us for a continual relationship. Even long after our actual baptism, God keeps transforming us.

The waters of baptism are a means of grace--- ways that God's grace is poured in to our lives and ways that we experience the presence of God. The waters of baptism also connect us to each other. They initiate us into the community of the body of Christ.

But baptism is more than just an event that happens at one point in our lives and then ceases to have much meaning. Baptism is not just an event but the beginning of a way of life. "Baptism signifies that we as followers of Jesus will have further and deeper experiences of God, further acts of Christian commitment, and ministries in the world." (From the United Methodist Book of Worship).

So in this water of our baptism, we continue to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus. Through this water of baptism is birthed the various ways that we are all called into ministry and ways that the Spirit of God invites us to be part of the in-breaking of God's spirit into the world.

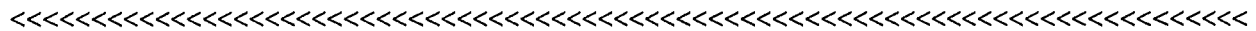
Our challenge is that many people were baptized as infants and have no memory of their baptism. Or even if one does remember it, it often was long ago. As United Methodists we do not believe that you need to be re-baptized (God's love and promises remain steadfast). But we understand the need to remember our baptism: to remember the promises of God's love and grace given to us in those waters. To be reminded that God is using us to bring hope and grace into the world. To be reminded that we are loved.

baptism. But there are times when it is helpful to be able to actually touch the water and interact with that living water of God.

So for the rest of the summer, I put the baptismal font right in the back of the church (and put water in it!) When you come into worship, or leave from worship, or are in the sanctuary for any other reason, I invite you to dip your fingers in that holy, living water. For those who are comfortable, you can dip your fingers in the water and then do the sign of the cross on your forehead or body. (Do not worry—that is not only for Catholics). May this water—remind you of God’s love for you and for the ways that God is using you to bring love and grace into the world. May it also remind us that we do not follow Jesus all by ourselves but we are all connected together in the waters of baptism.

Blessings,

Rev. Christina



Rev. Christina’s sermons are available

- 1) **In Print on the Welcome table in the sanctuary. You can get single sermons, or after a sermon series is over, there will be a copy of all of the sermons in that series.**
- 2) **On the church website---www.whitneyumc.org. You can download the latest sermons or you can hear the sermons that are broadcast through our Radio program *Reach out and Trust*. (Note—one the website—there is usually a few weeks lag time in getting the sermons on the website—especially with the radio program.)**

Did you know that there are devotional magazines at the church for you to use? They are in the hallway on the cabinet next to the bookcase (which has books that you can borrow -- **UPPER ROOM-** Daily Devotional **POCKETS---** Monthly resource for children

FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR UPDATE
Whitney’s Staff Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC) is actively working to fill our Family Life Director position. The position is being advertised and applications are being accepted.


For questions or more information contact:

Rich Keefe, SPRC Chairperson

Whitney United Methodist Men will meet for their summer gathering at the home of Stewart Gardner on August 27 at 6:00 p.m.

2880 W. Palouse

208-860-7398



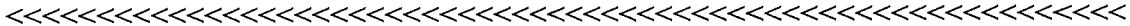


United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women at Whitney have been busy even though we are not meeting formally in July and August. Dianna Shea and Carla Biersdorff attended Mission u at Boise First during July and Lory Nesor has been teaching the mission study on the 150 years in mission of United Methodist Women at four different Mission u events in Idaho and Oregon. We will resume meeting on September 5 with a potluck lunch at noon followed by a program presented by Lory Nesor.

A huge thank you to Jim and Joyce Obland for delivering 10 flood buckets to UMCOR in Salt Lake City on their recent trip. We are so grateful that they are there where they can be distributed as needed.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY --- At Whitney Elementary from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. August 29.

Join us as we welcome the children and families back to school. Whitney UMC will have a booth as part of this event to share a bit with our neighbors about who we are as a church. We also provide the cookies for this event.

Ways that you can participate:

- 1) Donate items for our give away basket--- Chocolate, popcorn and family type games and family appropriate movies would be great. Bring to the church by August 26.
- 2) Donate cookies. We go through about 1000 cookies in this event and we need your help to make this happen. Cookies can be homemade or store-bought. Bring to the church by Noon on August 29.
- 3) Help setting up our booth on that Thursday (time around 2:00—we will confirm as we get closer)
- 4) Be a part of our booth. Greet people who come by. From 4:30-7:00. You can come for all or some of the time.
- 5) Help clean up our space--- at 7:00 pm.
Look for signup sheets in the middle of August.
This is always such a fun event to be part of and a wonderful way to meet our neighbors and let them know who we are.

CONGRATULATIONS

to all those who helped clean up the kitchen and KEEP it clean. It passed inspection from Central District Health Department with on July 23 with:

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- 6 Glenna Finley
- Adam Whistler
- 2 Anne Gallagher
- 9 Jim Nolan
- 12 Mike Cooper
- Hannah Hopson
- 13 Eric Nielsen
- 15 Lucille Colson
- 16 Bob Storm
- 19 Lois Wand
- 20 Jenneth McNeese-Ayodele
- 21 Lexie Schachter
- 27 Kaylyn Fournier
- 31 Ian Gris

IN OUR PRAYERS

Carl Harden, Stan Herzinger, Glenna Finley, , the Family of Billie Lirgg, the Family of Ron Jordan,

SHUT-INS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Dortha Bixler, Jake Finley, Don Halsey

INCESSANT PRAYERS

Cheri Carter, Ruthie Carter Ruthie's Grandson, Carter, Richard Miller, Bonnie Hawk, Marvin Wolfe and family, Val Vittori, Sue Frear, Dale and Evelyn Thompson, Marlys Tudehope

MILITARY PRAYERS

David L. Hawk, Mark Jerome

STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING

Jenneth McNeese-Ayodele, Justine Niyogushimwa, Marissa Jerome, Nicole Jerome, Nick Nesor, Braeden Dunten, Spencer Jordan, Jordyn Walhof, Hayli Ball, Hannah Ball, Christopher Kozama, Masson Furitami

COMMUNITY REWARDS

FROM FRED MEYER

April 1 – June 30, 2019

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households

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donations

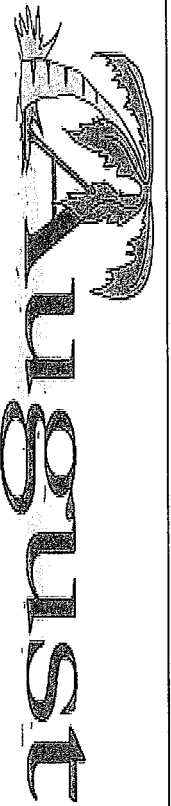


- Kathy & Lew Hammers
- Bonnie & David Hawk
- Nancy & Jim Kerns
- Sharon & Richard Miller
- Maran & Brandon O'Meara

AUGUST HOSPITALITY

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Coffee	Communion Stewards
August 4	Noa Nesor	Doug & Lori Davis	Emily Nelson Julie Hall	Glenda Berto Mikki Carr Sally Cupan
August 11	Dewey Knowles	Diana Shea Brad Miniasin	Lorrie Baer Gaye Cabe	
August 18	Glenda Berto Jenneth	Kathy Hammers DeDe Matthews Julie Hall	Kathy & Arny Skov Gordy & Jody Myre	
August 25	Jana Hedges	Gordy & Jody Myre	Janice Spencer Julie Hall Paul Jones	

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



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:20 am Children's SS	5 9:30 am Finance 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry 6:45 pm Worship team	6 6:00 pm Scouts	7 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 6:00 pm Potluck	8 10:00 am Visitors follow-up	9 +++++Family Camp++++	10 ++++++ 10:00 am Saturday lunch
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18 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:20 am Children's SS	19 6:30 pm Shawlers	20 6:00 pm Scouts	21 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group 6:00 pm Potluck (last one)	22	23	24 10:00 am Saturday lunch 2:00 pm Memorial service for Billie Lirges
25 10:00 Worship 9:30 am Nursery Open 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:20 am Children's SS 11:15 am Coffee with the Pastor	26 6:30 pm Shawlers	27 6:00 p.m. UMMI gathering at the home of Stewart Gardner 6:00 pm Scouts	28 1:30 pm Prayer & Share Small Group	29 Neighborhood Block Party 4:30 - 7:00 pm	30	31 10:00 am Saturday lunch