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**Thompson**



**2020**

**WHITNEY UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**



**3315 Overland Road Boise, Idaho**

**WORSHIP TIME**

**Every Sunday at 10:00 am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Adults 8:30 and 9:30 am**

**Children 10:20 am**

**Nursery open at 8:30 am**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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**Rev. Christina Thompson**

**WORSHIP THEMES FOR MARCH**

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**STUMBLING TOWARD LIFE**

**March 1 Matthew 4:1-11 The  
Temptation of Jesus  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

We stumble over what and who to obey.  
What gives life is Scripture.  
**Communion Sunday**

**March 8 John 3:1-17 Nicodemus  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

We stumble over things we do not  
understand.  
What give us life is Jesus.

**March 15 John 4:5-42 Woman at the  
Well  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

We stumble over our unworthiness and  
the perceived and real perceptions of  
others.  
What gives us life ---living water of Jesus.

**March 22 John 6:1-4 Feeding of the  
5000  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

We stumble over our attitudes of scarcity  
What gives life – Bread from heaven

**March 29 John 11:1-45 Death of Lazarus  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

We stumble over grief, loss, sorrow. What  
give life is Jesus' Invitation – to see life



### From our pastor.....

By the time you are reading this article, we will be at the beginning of Lent. Lent is one of the seasons of the church that prepares us for the season that follows it. Like Advent preparing us for Christmas, Lent prepares us for Easter.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb 26, 2020) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 11, 2020). Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter". The reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Lent is a time for deep looking within ourselves and taking stock of who we truly are. We do this work through repentance, fellowship, fasting, scripture reading and reflecting on our baptism vows. These days of Lent remind us that our Christian life is a lifelong process of being transformed into the life and holiness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During Lent we often talk about giving something up for Lent—usually some habit that drains our energy or something that does not help our walk with God. For myself, I have found that I am mindlessly scrolling through the news feed on my phone and spending time with silly games. So I am deleting those apps on my phone and will add a spiritual devotion to read instead.

We can also add something to our lives during this season that will help us connect more deeply with God.

For my sermon on choosing life on February 16, I closed with a list of activities that we can do that would allow us to choose life. This list seems like a great list of things we can do during Lent to grow closer with God and choose the life God offers to us.

This list of options on how to choose life is written by Rev. Brett Yougner, who is senior minister of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, NY.

*Learn things you have told yourself you would have never learn. Enjoy simple things. Play with children. Laugh often, long and loud. Cry when it is time to cry. Be patient with your own imperfections as well as the imperfections of others. Celebrate sex with the one to whom you have given your life. Surround yourself with what you love—whether it is family, friends, pets, music, nature or silence.*

*Walk around the block. Turn off the television [and your phone]\*. Get together with your friends. Invite a stranger to lunch or dinner. Read a book of poetry. Clean out a drawer. Quit doing what is not worth your time. Do something so someone else will not have to. Give money to a cause you care about. Stop arguing. Apologize to someone, even if they do not deserve it. Have patience. Stop*

having patience when it is time to tell the truth. Figure out what you hope for and live with that hope.

Worship with all your heart. Pray genuinely. Love your church. Believe that God loves you. Remember the stories of Jesus. See Christ in the people around you. Share God’s love with someone who has forgotten. See that all of life is Holy. Open your heart to the Spirit. Search for something deeper and better than your own comfort. Live in the joy beneath it all. Let God make your life wonderful.

\*I added the words “and your phone.” He wrote this before our phones became such a distraction in our lives.

Blessings

Rev. Christina



## IN REMEMBRANCE

Don Hutchinson was born on June 22, 1938, in Payette, Idaho. An avid outdoorsman, Don accumulated almost 60 years of fishing on the Boise River with special spots from Barber Park and Glenwood Bridge to Duck Ally. Pine Flats near Lowman was his preferred camping hide-away for prime fishing and sometimes rock hunting.

Don met Lois Lovell at a youth church camp while they were playing volley ball and they were married on April 20, 1958. Their friends named them the king and queen of jitter bug and were fun to watch on the dance floor.

Funeral service for Dan was on February 25, 2020 at Gibson Chapel at Cloverdale Funeral Home. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ferne, his sister, Polly and his brother, Bill. He is survived by his wife, Lois, his brother Lester and wife, Marilyn, His sister, Ellen, his sister-in-law, Barbara, three God-children, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of life-long friends.

## Lenten Scripture and Reflection Booklet

For Lent, we have created a Scripture and Reflection Booklet. You can get a printed copy of it at the church, or look on a website [www.whitneyumc.org](http://www.whitneyumc.org) for an electronic copy.



Whitney’s Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has hired a new family life director. The amazing God thing is that this new hire is a member of the church! Kimberly Gardner will start on July 1, 2020 (so she can finish her doctoral dissertation).

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women of First Church invited us to join them at their February meeting. After a delicious salad potluck, we listened to Bruce Wingate, director of the Protect Idaho Kids coalition speak about their efforts to have legislation passed which will not allow parents in Idaho to use a religious exemption to prevent their children from receiving medical services. We are continuing to follow this issue as several of us attended the UMW sponsored Legislative Event held the end of February. Sunday afternoon workshops helped us to align our Christian principles with the priority issues of United Methodist Women. In the evening we heard an update about Funding Medicaid and a representative from the Idaho Department of Corrections spoke about women incarcerated in Idaho and proposed legislation, education and preparation for life after release. Monday we toured the Capitol, observed hearings and had lunch with the legislators.

**Our March meeting will be on March 4 at noon with a potluck lunch.** Rev. Christina will present the program. Also in March will be our EMEE – Every Member Enrichment Event which will be held in Fruitland on March 14. In addition to officer training, our theme will be about the Maternal Health of Marginalized Women. If you are interested in attending, see Lory Nesor.

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

## WHITNEY ELEMENTARY CONNECTION

On Christmas Eve, our Advent giving was designated for Whitney Elementary School. We presented them with a check for \$1002.00! Principal Amy Pinkerman and Susan Dennis, Community School Coordinator, were overwhelmed with our generosity. They are looking at several ideas for using the money in the best way to benefit as many students as they can. We will let you know when they decide. Thanks to all of you who chose to benefit the school in this way.

## JOSEPH'S CLOSET

Joseph's Closet closed its doors for this season on February 21. Despite the lack of snow this year, we did have some very cold weather and many in our community took advantage of our Closet. Final numbers are not in yet but as of the first of January, we had given over 400 coats in addition to hats, gloves, scarves and socks. We added a lot of blankets this year and they were gone as soon as they were placed on the shelves. Thanks to all of you for your support in many ways – donations of clothing, money and time. We appreciate it all. We especially appreciate the support we have received from other churches and organizations in the community. Our loyal workers this year were: Linda Budolfson and Lory Nesor, co-chairs, Helen Shelby, Kathy Skov, Kathy Skalsky, Julie Hall, Linda Jordan, Dianna Shea, Jana Hedges, Gena and Mike Waller, Dawn and Marilyn (Meridian UMC), Donna Lam (Collister UMC), Lorrie Baer, Nick Alexander and Malcom Dunten. **MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

### *Stories from the Closet:*

*A young woman, just released from prison, walked in with nothing but the clothes on her back. She walked out with head held high in a beautiful and warm black coat with matching red hat, scarf and gloves and several warm tops.*

*A recently arrived refugee mother from Africa with 7 children couldn't thank us enough for outfitting all of them for the winter. There were smiles all around!*



*Birthdays  
of the Month*

- 2 Melody Fournier**
- 5 Sue Frear**
- 6 Lew Hammers**
- 7 Rebecca Christophel**
- 11 Ruth Gardner**
- 12 Jeff Jackson**
- 15 Kimberly Gardner**
- Eric Owens**
- 20 Jim Baer**
- 22 Carol Adams**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Glenna Finley, David Hawk, Eric Tabb, Tom Old, Julie Bryan, Jan Spencer

**SHUT-INS TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

Dortha Bixler, Glenna Finley, Don Halsey

**INCESSANT PRAYERS**

Cheri Carter, Ruthie Carter, Ruthie's Grandson, Carter, Richard Miller, Bonnie Hawk, Marvin Wolfe and family, Sue Frear, Dale and Evelyn Thompson, Marlys Tudehope, Keith Gillespie, Malcom Dunten, The Family of Billie Lirgg, The Family of Ron Jordan, The Family of Don Hutchinson

**MILITARY PRAYERS**

David L. Hawk, Mark Jerome

**STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

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

**Please submit names to the office for listing on this new Prayer List feature.**

**MARCH HOSPITALITY**

| Date | Greeters                                     | Coffee Hosts                                    | Liturgist      | Communion Servers                              |
|------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 3/1  | Sean & Haley Falconer                        | Emily Nelson<br>Dottie Harden                   | Lory Nesor     | Kathy Skalsky, Clint Wachi,<br>Brandon O'Meara |
| 3/8  | Brad Minasian<br>Robert Burge                | Lorrie Baer<br>Gaye Cabe                        | Sharon Miller  |                                                |
| 3/15 | Kathy Hammers<br>Julie Hall<br>DeDe Matthews | Arny & Kathy Skov,<br>Emily Nelson, Dianna Shea | Becky Platt    |                                                |
| 3/22 | Gordy & Jody Myre                            | Melinda Maillard,<br>Bobbie Bynum               | James Sorenson |                                                |
| 3/29 | Maggie & Bob Storm                           | Becky Daniel, Coral Swofford                    | Johnna Dunten  |                                                |

## Invitation from the Building Committee at Whitney United Methodist Church

Whitney Church needs a new master plan for our property. Before such a plan can be created, we need input from every group and individual concerning their unique special needs and desires. Start by asking God to give you good concepts and to state your input in a clear manner.

By filling out this questionnaire, you will be making your voice heard. Please tell us your views, visions, gripes, hopes, needs and ideas for each question. We will take them into consideration in our planning stage. If you just can't deal with the computer version, make an appointment with Shelley Cooper and she will record your answers.

If you would rather speak to us in person, we are happy to set up an interview. Please contact Shelley Cooper ([kb7poi@gmail.com](mailto:kb7poi@gmail.com))

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Do you want to know what is going on in the church? Are you scheduling something at the church and need to know what is available? You have been provided with an opportunity to do so if you have access to a computer. The one thing is that you will have to accept the invitation to see the calendar. If your email address is here at the church then you should have an invitation.

Go into Google. Then click on the 9 little dots in the upper right corner. You should then find an icon that has a 31 in the middle of it. Click on that to get to the calendar. The calendar can be shown scrolling down if you use SCHEDULE or you can see it in various other ways - week, or month etc.

If you are unable to get into the Google Calendar contact Johnna, Rev Christina or Phyllis and you will definitely be added.

Let's get connected with the many happenings here at Whitney.

## Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## **Eric Owens and Scouting at Whitney.**

Whitney Church thanks Eric Owens for the work he does with the Boy Scouts and we congratulate him for the recognition he is receiving. This is what he says.

In March 2020, I will receive an award, the Silver Beaver Hall of Fame, from our local Boy Scout Council for service to Scouting. The Hall of Fame award is given to past recipients of the Silver Beaver Award who continue to stay active in Scouting for at least 10 years after receiving their Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award given by a local council. I received that award in 2006. I have been involved with the Boy Scouts of America since 1985. I have served as a Den Leader for a Tiger Den, for 2 Wolf Dens, 2 Bear Dens and 2 Webelos Dens, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 49 at Whitney UMC, Cubmaster, and now the Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 49 at Whitney UMC. I have served Scouting in the Great Smoky Mountain Council in Tennessee, the Transatlantic Council in Europe and the Ore-Ida Council in Idaho. The Ore-Ida Council based in Boise has now been renamed the Mountainview Council after merging with the Snake River Council located in Twin Falls.

I have also been the director for Fall Camporees, Winter Klondikes, Boy Scout Roundtable (monthly Leader trainings), served on the District training staff and filled in wherever I could help. I have taken Scouts to summer camps in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

I have been very blessed to see Scouting grow from an organization dedicated to helping young men learn citizenship, develop their character and commit to their physical fitness, all while performing their service to God, country, others and to themselves. I still serve in Scouting after 30 years because I see the value and promise of its programs for adults and youth. Boy Scouts of America now serves as the umbrella organization for the Cub Scouts of America (for youth from ages 5-11), Scouts BSA (which welcomed girls aged 11-18 into their own troops in 2019), Boy Scouts of America (which serves boys of ages 11-18 in troops), and Venture Scouts (which enrolls boys and girls ages 16-21 in Venture crews across the country). Whitney UMC now hosts a Cub Scout Pack (Pack 49), a Boy Scout troop (Troop 49B) and a Scouts BSA troop of girls (Troop 49G), all sponsored by the Whitney Men's Group, who raises funds for various activities in the church, including church camp scholarships as well as helping send Scouts to summer camp.

My wife, Thekla, and I met while serving at the same Air Force air station in Wiesbaden, Germany in the early 1980's. After dating for several months, we married in February 1984. The math adds up to 36 years of marriage to each other! We joined Whitney UMC upon moving to Boise in 1996, after moving from Germany to Maryland to Utah, to Tennessee and then to Idaho. Our 3 children, Matt, Josh and Beth all grew up in the church. We have been blessed to enjoy the leadership of ministers from Joe Housh to Reverend Christina. We have enjoyed Whitney's growth from the old sanctuary to the new building and look forward to many years of spiritual growth and service within its community. Whitney is home to some of the finest friends we have ever encountered. We hold you all dear to our hearts.

John Eric Owens  
Thekla Owens

## New Youth Group

Thank you to Stewart and Kimberly Gardner who have seen our need to start a new youth group and have started one. They will next meet on March 8 at noon.

How you can help? Help provide them lunch. You can either donate money to the youth group to buy lunch or talk to Stewart Gardner to provide a meal for a specific Sunday.



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Whitney UMC is hosting an Easter egg hunt for the neighborhood junior high youth and elementary kids on April 8 after school. The Cecilia Cowan United Methodist Women Circle has offered to stuff eggs--- but you can help donate eggs and candy. Bring them to the office by March 17. We also need a sponsor (or two or three) for some slightly larger prizes—like Dutch Bros cards and people who can help hide the eggs on April 8 in the afternoon. See Rev. Christina if you can help.

## MERIDIAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**“How “Suite” it is”      March 7, 2020      7:30 pm**

Centennial Performing Arts Center 12400 W. McMillan Road, Boise  
Mary Kienzle has more information about the program and tickets.



**Take one ---and take heart.  
Give one ---and give hope.**

There are Care Note booklets available in the hallway for you to use at your discretion. The little booklets offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting and provide a wealth of emotional, recovery, health, grief and eldercare support and information. Feel free to use one for yourself or pass it along to someone who might benefit from reading it.





## GENA AND MIKE WALLER

*by Ramona Walhof*

Gena Waller was born in Mountain Home AFB while her father was in the Air Force. She grew up in north Boise in a "low income dysfunctional family". At a grade school age, she was drawn to the Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church which was formerly located at 14th and Eastman. Many women there offered security and support at a time when she needed it.

Gena graduated from Boise High School and married Michael, her high school sweetheart, shortly after graduation. Mike was then enrolled at Boise State University. He earned a degree in computer science and math. Mike was in ROTC on scholarship throughout college and joined the army in 1982. He was designated Special Weapons Officer but got a secondary in Computer Science. Because of his computer knowledge, he was stationed at Rock Island Arsenal, IL, and stayed there the entire four years he served. He also earned a master's degree in Business Administration there. Gena enjoyed her life as a young mother and officer's wife on the base on the island on the Mississippi River. This time in her life also profoundly changed her, she came of age as a mother and a wife learning what each role should look like. The wildlife there was especially fascinating to her and the variety was amazing! Wild turkeys would roost every night nearby and would cross by their house every evening and morning. By the time Mike was discharged, the Wallers had two children, Brian (now working for the school district in Seattle) and Kimberly (now working on her PHD). They returned home to Boise to raise their children.

From 1986 until 2000, Mike worked for Micron Technology, in varying positions up as Director of IT Operations. Gena worked for Micron as a Production Supervisor for part of that time. In 2000 Mike took a job teaching how to automate quality assessment testing in Minneapolis. In 2006 they returned to Boise and he was Operations Manager for an international company that tests electronic equipment such as cell phones.

Gena worked as a medical coder for doctors and St. Alphonsus Hospital in several positions throughout her career. She took several years off when she thought her children needed her to be at home. While they were teenagers, the Wallers lived near Capital High and her kids' friends were always at their house after school. Gena spent a lot of time going to the kids' activities. Gena said: "It felt like a community center, and the grocery bill showed it!"

Mike developed multiple sclerosis and retired on disability in 2010. In 2011 Kimberly enrolled at Baylor University in Waco TX to earn a master's degree. Her husband Stewart stayed behind in Boise to continue teaching at Boise State University. Gena and Mike went to Waco to assist Kimberly with childcare and enjoy their first grandchild Ruth. Back in Boise in 2013, Gena went to work as a medical coder for 2 more years. Robert came along May, 2014.

Shortly after she retired, Gena came with Kimberly and Stewart to Whitney church. It did not really fit her concept of what a church looked like, but the people were friendly. She and Mike participated in an early Alpha series. Mike is a non-believer and spoke of his beliefs during these discussions and they made friends. He was surprised and pleased to be treated with respect and never criticized. This was when Gena decided that Whitney was her home. Even though Mike has not changed his beliefs, he feels that Whitney is a great church and supports Gena. He works with Gena in Joseph's Closet feeling that it is a great and necessary program and he wants to be a part of it. She serves on the finance committee and helps in the kitchen when asked. She has been involved with several other committees, and she was nominated and approved for Church Council 2020. She is a part of the women's discipleship group that meets Thursday evenings.

Gena also joined the United Methodist Women, and is the Communications Coordinator for the Sage District of the UMW. Although quiet, Gena has become a leader in Whitney Church and finds it an important part of her life.

In 2018 the Wallers and the Gardners decided to establish a two-family home. They found a large house near Whitney School and the church. Grandma and Grandpa can help with Ruth and Robert, and sometimes Mike needs extra help because of his MS. Gena loves the outdoors; gardening and taking care of her critters. She has two dogs, ten chickens, 3 parakeets and a canary. The front yard has been designated an animal habitat. During the summer she is very busy gardening and canning. She says the combined family home works out very well .



**Sage District**

**The Reverend Karen Hernandez** District Superintendent  
**Terri Bartish** Administrative Assistant

**Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference**

**The United Methodist Church**

February 6, 2020

Dear Whitney United Methodist Church,

Greetings, grace and peace in the name of Jesus. I am writing to extend my sincere gratitude for your 2019 apportionments, which you paid in full. Thank you!

It is a difficult time to be church, and there is much uncertainty in our denomination. In spite of this, you continue to be in ministry within and far beyond your local congregation. The faithful stewardship reflected by your payment of apportionments empowers the Annual Conference to remain fully engaged in the life of the global church, to support you and other ongoing congregations, to fund new ministries, and much more. Though it likely sometimes feels like just another bill to pay, your full participation empowers us to transform the world and sets a beautiful example for others.

With so much upheaval in the denomination and the world, you are boldly displaying what the unconditional love of God can look like when people come together to practice and grow in faith. Your willingness to talk about hard issues (like human sexuality and theology related to it) is a true gift. Your tireless service to your neighborhood blesses many. You are living your Wesleyan faith, and I am so grateful for that!

Thank you for all of the ways your faith shows up in the lives of your members, the life of your church, and in support of our Annual Conference's connections near and far! You make a difference, you inspire me, and you make the love of Christ visible in the world! Blessings as you continue in passionate discipleship and ministry!

Peace and gratitude,

Rev. Karen Hernandez  
Sage District Superintendent

## SCHOOL OF LOVE

The Whitney United Methodist Church Council and the Intentional Discipleship ministry have been given, through Brian McLaren, the phrase “School of Love,” which has been helping us to think about what we are doing as a church. In introducing the concept, McLaren describes what he wanted from a church when he first left the ministry:

I wasn’t looking for clever sermons or a certain style of music.

I didn’t need a church that was “cool” or “contemporary” or big or small....

Instead, I wanted and needed a church that would help me *live a life of love*, with as little distraction as possible. I needed sustenance, encouragement, and help in loving God, loving myself, loving my wife, loving my kids and grandkids and extended family, loving my neighbors, especially people I might struggle to love, and loving the earth. (*The Great Spiritual Migration*, p.50)

We believe that Whitney has been a “School of Love” for a long time: that’s what the work we do feeding our community, helping children and families, and loving one another like family is all about! But we find that this phrase, short and sweet as it is, helps us to sharpen our focus on what we want to do and how we want to do it. Schools of Love try to consider the effects on love-learning in every decision that they make. They ask questions like those in this list of McLaren’s:

What does a loving person look like in today’s world? How does love manifest differently in different personality types, different cultures, different economies, different political systems, and at different stages in life? How do parents teach their children the habits, skills, and practices of love? How do we develop appropriate love for animals, plants, and inanimate creation? What music, rituals, prayers, creeds, and daily contemplative and other spiritual practices would contribute to the development of loving people? (242)

We think that remembering we are a school of love can help us to make all kinds of decisions in a way that will keep everything we do coordinated toward following our Lord’s final commandment to “love one another” as he loves us (John 13:34). For example, for Intentional Discipleship, “school of love” is helping us focus on the kinds of programs and courses we need. For example, it has helped us in developing the upcoming Sunday Evening Gathering series for Lent: “Stumbling Toward Life: Choosing Love.”

At the most recent Council meeting, the Council was inspired by this phrase in our process of envisioning goals for the year ahead. Who knows how else it might help us? Perhaps “School of Love” could help us to better focus our message on our website and our Facebook page, for example? Could it help us as individuals or small groups to read scripture better? To understand better how to pray? Is this a notion that could help us to speak more effectively about Whitney to our friends and acquaintances?

Could “School of Love” help us to envision the ways in which we are called to organize or build our space? Does it make sense to ask what kinds of spaces help us to gather in loving community in order to--to paraphrase McLaren--provide one another sustenance, encouragement, and help in loving God, loving ourselves, loving our partners, loving our kids and grandkids and extended family, loving our neighbors, especially people we might struggle to love, and loving the earth?

We hope that you, too, will think and pray about Whitney as a School of Love.



### **Sunday Evening Gatherings Bring School of Love to Lent Study**

Whitney UMC family — you and your guests are invited to explore Lent together this year with Sunday evening gatherings to discuss how the topics of Rev. Christina’s Lenten season messages can be viewed through the “School of Love.”

Each Sunday evening during Lent (March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> [excluding the All-Church Potluck Sunday on March 29<sup>th</sup>], we will gather to share a simple meal together at 5:00pm. Then at about 5:30pm, we will all share a time of worship and discussion together to further explore the topic and related scriptures from that Sunday morning’s sermon. We will have a chance for small discussion groups within the larger group as we tackle some questions to help us grow in our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please take this opportunity to explore some different concepts as we look at being a school of love. This won’t be like some previous classes where you would be lost if you joined in the middle of the series. Each evening will be a stand-alone discussion.

Our Sunday Evening Gatherings begin with a simple meal at 5:00pm. The meal is provided at no charge; although we will accept voluntary donations to help offset the cost of the meals. There will be child care provided beginning at 5:30pm after the meal. The gathering ends promptly at 7:00pm.

Another bonus: Daylight Savings Time begins March 8 — so it will be daylight through the end of the gathering. You won’t need to drive home in the dark.



**WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY 10:00 A.M.**

**2020**

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                 | Friday                                     | Saturday                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <p>1 10:00 Worship<br/>9:30 am Nursery Open<br/>8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley<br/>9:30 am Adult SS<br/>10:20 am Children's SS<br/>5:00 pm Sunday evening gathering</p>                                | <p>2 9:30 am Finance<br/>6:30 pm Stephen Ministry<br/>6:45 pm<br/>Worship team</p> | <p>3 6:30 pm Scouts</p>                                                                  | <p>4 10:30 am staff meeting<br/>12:00 noon UMW<br/>2:00 pm Prayer &amp; Share Small Group<br/>7:00 chancel choir</p> | <p>5 5:45 pm Praise Band<br/>Men's walk to Emmaus</p>    | <p>6</p>                                   | <p>7 10:00 am Saturday lunch</p>                  |
| <p>8 10:00 Worship<br/>9:30 am Nursery Open<br/>8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley<br/>9:30 am Adult SS<br/>10:20 am Children's SS<br/>5:00 pm Sunday evening gathering</p>                                | <p>9 6:30 pm<br/>Shawlers</p>                                                      | <p>10 8-8 Election voting<br/>7:00 pm<br/>Congregational<br/>Care<br/>6:30 pm Scouts</p> | <p>11 1:30 pm Prayer &amp; Share Small Group<br/>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>                                           | <p>12 5:45 pm Praise Band<br/>Women's walk to Emmaus</p> | <p>13 6:00 pm<br/>Community<br/>Dinner</p> | <p>14 8:30 am UMW<br/>10:00 am Saturday lunch</p> |
| <p>15 10:00 Worship<br/>9:30 am Nursery Open<br/>8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley<br/>9:30 am Adult SS<br/>10:20 am Children's SS<br/>5:00 pm Sunday evening gathering</p>                               | <p>16 6:30 pm Stephen<br/>Ministry</p>                                             | <p>17 10:00 am 6:00 pm<br/>Scouts<br/>6:30 pm Celia<br/>Cowan @ Emily's</p>              | <p>18 1:30 pm Prayer &amp; Share Small Group<br/>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>                                           | <p>19 5:45 pm Praise Band</p>                            | <p>20</p>                                  | <p>21 10:00 am Saturday lunch</p>                 |
| <p>22 10:00 Worship<br/>9:30 am Nursery Open<br/>8:30 am "Practical Scripture" with Shelley<br/>9:30 am Adult SS<br/>10:20 am Children's SS<br/>11:15 am Coffee with the Pastor<br/>5:00 pm All church potluck</p> | <p>23 6:30 pm<br/>Shawlers</p>                                                     | <p>24 6:30 pm Scouts</p>                                                                 | <p>25 1:30 pm Prayer &amp; Share Small Group<br/>7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>                                           | <p>26 5:45 pm Praise Band</p>                            | <p>27</p>                                  | <p>28 10:00 am Saturday lunch</p>                 |
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