

# WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

*Worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
3315 Overland Rd. Boise, Idaho 83705*



## SAWTOOTH FAMILY CAMP August 10,11,12,2018



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### OPPORTUNITIES

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School  
8:30 a.m. (summer  
hiatus)  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Sunday  
School 10:20 a.m.  
Nursery 9:30 a.m.

Mondays  
River Bank Choir  
(summer hiatus)

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</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  
United Methodist  
Women 12 noon  
(summer hiatus)  
Wednesdays  
Prayer and Share  
small group 1:30 p.m.  
Chancel Choir –  
(summer hiatus )  
pickup choir Sunday  
a.m.

Thursdays  
WEPRAY team 3:00  
p.m.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays  
Community dinner  
6:00 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays  
United Methodist  
Men 9 a.m.  
(summer hiatus)

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From our pastor.....



In this month's column we will continue our conversation about worship. In April, we talked about what worship is, last month we looked at the order of service and why things are in the order they are. This month, we will conclude this conversation by looking at communion.

Holy Communion is one of two sacraments in The United Methodist Church (baptism is the other one). On the night that Jesus gave himself up for us, he initiated this rite with his disciples, and commanded his followers to "do this in memory of me."

Communion is called by a variety of names which help us better understand a bit of its meaning. *The Lord's Supper* highlights that it is a meal that is hosted by God where we are the guests at the table. *Holy Communion* highlights that this is a holy meal and that there is an intimacy between Christ and his body the church when we partake of this holy meal. *Eucharist* is the Greek word meaning Thanksgiving and Eucharist reminds us of the spirit of joy and thanksgiving that permeates the rite. United Methodists tend to use the word Holy Communion or just communion.

Holy Communion uses two ordinary elements of bread and fruit of the vine. Most United Methodist Churches only use grape juice. Some denominations like the Catholic Church and the Orthodox churches only use wine. We use both grape juice and wine.

There is a ritual surrounding the blessing of the elements that is called the Great Thanksgiving. Some times in worship we use the call and response Great Thanksgiving liturgy where the congregation has lines they either say or sing (we usually sing these responses). Some Sundays, we do not use the full sung response liturgy. It depends on the theme of the Sunday. No matter whether the liturgy is responsive or not, there is a flow to the words that are said. The first part exalts God as our creator and the faithfulness of God's love even when our love fails. The second part exalts Jesus and what Jesus has done for us. Then there are what is called "the words of institution", that call to mind what Jesus did in that upper room. It starts with "On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread. . ." The second paragraph begins, "When the supper was over, he took the cup . . ."

Then there is the prayer that God's Holy Spirit would be poured out on all who are gathered and on the gift of bread and the fruit of the vine. Then the prayer continues "Make them (the bread and grape juice and wine) be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his love." As United Methodists we believe that the bread and grape juice/wine, become for us Christ's body and blood as we partake of them. They are not just symbolic. But neither are they Christ's body and blood when they are just sitting on the plate or in the chalice.

The only person who can bless the elements for communion is a minister who has been either ordained or licensed for ministry. But lay people can help serve communion and can take communion out to people who cannot come to worship.

There are two different schools of thought about when you serve the people serving communion. The school of thought about serving the pastor and servers first has two thoughts to it. 1) The understanding that the pastor should receive first in a sense of hierarchy and 2) the idea that you cannot give to others what you have not received yourself.

The other school of thought is to serve the servers last as a sign of humility and servant hood. This understanding sees communion as a meal. In our society, the person who hosts a dinner party rarely serves themselves first before they serve their guests. So in communion, the pastor who represents Christ is seen as the host, and therefore the pastor and those who assist the pastor, take communion after the congregation has received.

This second school of thought is the model I was taught and is the model that feels most appropriate for how I understand my role in communion.

We believe that communion is a means of experiencing God's grace. While there are many theological things that go on in communion, we do not have to understand what is happening in communion, to experience this grace freely given to us. As United Methodists we believe that the communion table is open to all people. You do not have to be a United Methodist or a member of this church to come and receive God's grace for you. All are welcome.

Communion can be taken as often as we want. John Wesley (founder of Methodism) believed you should take it as often as possible—daily if possible. Today, most United Methodist churches serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month, although there are United Methodist churches who serve it every week. At Whitney UMC, we serve Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Blessings,

Rev. Christina

**GOOD NEWS!**

Our \*Apportionments were paid in full in 2017 and we are paid in full up to this point this year.

The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the church wide budget to conferences and local churches. For United Methodists this method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition.

Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts and service to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

\*The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) recommends "the formulas by which all apportionments to the annual conferences shall be determined, subject to the approval of the General Conference." Previously, they were based on membership. However, each annual conference has the authority to decide its own formula for the apportionments to local churches within its boundary. Whitney belongs to the OR-ID Conference.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
*from Lory Nesor*

In May, Rev. Christina and I traveled to Columbus, Ohio to attend the United Methodist Women Assembly. Assembly is held every 4 years and is a gathering of more than 6000 women from all over the world. The theme was "Power of Bold" and we celebrated our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday which will be on March 23, 2019. We went a day early so that we could participate in an Ubuntu day of service where we volunteered in the Columbus community. Rev. Christina moved and arranged furniture in a Habitat for Humanity Restyle Store and I pulled weeds and planted peppers in a community garden run by a Presbyterian church. After working for several hours we all gathered at the Ohio State Capitol where we joined other faith groups and labor unions, calling for a living wage for all. The scripture focus for Assembly was the story of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Each day we were told the story through word and dance. We heard from speakers who are leaders in the area of climate justice, women's rights, and rights for children. We each attended different workshops. As well as learning about the issues that United Methodist Women support, we met old friends and made new ones. There was so much energy, excitement and enthusiasm. We are a group of diverse women – all races, cultures, countries and ages. In the final speech of the Assembly, Harriet Jane Olson, our CEO challenged us to be the change needed within the church and within our world. We pray, we persist and we use our power to make change. She said there are three things we need to do:

We need to understand that UMW is a leader – we are the largest women's organization in the U.S.

We need to invite new voices into our groups.

We need to mobilize for justice and commit to advocacy for the least of these.

If you haven't already, please join us. We will meet again on Sept. 5 with a potluck at noon. The program will be on the issue of Immigration.

AWARDS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Yuni Rueda earned the Bishop's Award for her fearlessness in addressing the issue of immigration and speaking out on her own personal story as a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Bishop Elaine Stanovsky said, "you have been an incredibly powerful witness to us. You have put a face on those four letters – DACA. You're a connector for us. May you never forget that God loves you and you are precious to God. God is working through you to bless the world." Yuni responded by saying:

"I know for a fact that if it weren't for God and the United Methodist Church I wouldn't be here. Don't stay quiet. I encourage you guys to speak up and not lose hope. It amazes me to see how God is working in us, especially in these times."

The Whitney UMW group has known Yuni and her work for several years and have given her scholarship assistance as she pursues a degree in nursing at Western Oregon University. She is from Wilder Hispanic Ministry and in addition to speaking out to the press about DACA, she also serves on both the Oregon-Idaho and Western Jurisdiction immigration workforce teams. We will continue to pray for Yuni and all of the young people who are DREAMERS.

ROCKS OF AGES! *By Lorrie Baer*

Have you noticed the new rocks around the church building? They are taking the place where only weeds grew and trash collected. They were placed there in the last 2 weeks by hard working volunteers, may I refer to them as Seniors? Thanks to the following for their time and aching backs: John Owen, Jim Baer, Linda Budolfson, Lorrie Baer, Kacey Larracoechea, David Hawk, Janice Spencer, Carla Biersdorff, Bert Allen and Phyllis Ross. This fall we hope to have another improvement project ready to go. Plan to join us. The rocks won't be quite so large.

Lory Nesper grew up in Baker, a little town in eastern Montana. Both her parents were educators and the family was active in a community church where her father was the organizer. She received a degree in secondary education from the University of Montana in Missoula. During college, she met her husband Fred Nesper who was from Hawaii. After marriage, they settled in Pearl City, Hawaii, on Oahu. Fred became a mortgage banker, and Lory taught middle school for 37 years.

Lory and Fred joined Trinity United Methodist church in Pearl City in 1968. It was a rapidly growing church full of young families. During the next 26 years the church built 2 buildings and did a major remodeling. Fred chaired the building committee. Lory was Superintendent of children's activities during much of that time. She also became President of the United Methodist Women.



The Nesper Family at Trinity UMC

The Nesers became parents of three children: Rick, Mark and Linda. After college all three settled on the US mainland—Linda working for the government and living in West Virginia; Rick and Mark in Boise. Rick is in business, while Mark teaches health and PE at Lake Hazel Junior High and coaches girls basketball.

Fred Nesper died suddenly of a heart attack at age 52 in 1994, and all had a difficult adjustment.

Arnold Furtutani bought the house next to Lory, and the two became good friends. They were married in 2004. Lory became very close to Arnold's children and grandchildren and continues to spend time with them in Hawaii during winters.

As Lory's grandchildren began to arrive in Idaho and West Virginia, she and Arnold began to spend more time on the mainland. Although Arnold was Buddhist, he encouraged Lory to continue to be active in her church and to take leadership positions. During the 1990's she served as United Methodist Women Hawaii District President, and from 2001 to 2005 she served two terms as Conference President of UMW in the California Pacific conference. As she spent more time in Boise, she also began to attend Whitney Church as an "affiliate member", while still retaining her membership at Trinity in Pearl City.

Mark joined Whitney, as well. Mark's son, Nick, began attending Sunday school at Whitney when he was five years old and joined Whitney with a confirmation class as a young teenager. This fall Nick will enroll as a sophomore at Portland State University to major in music production. Marissa (three years younger) also attended Sunday school at Whitney from the time she was very young. She is now a junior at Borah High. Linda's daughter, Hina, will start her high school years in West Virginia. ... Rick's daughter Noa joined Whitney June 3 and is known to most. She serves as an acolyte and sings with the Riverbank youth choir. Noa told this writer that she felt it was a meaningful opportunity to be able to serve communion at the recent Annual Conference. "I really felt a connection with people I served," she said. Noa will be a freshman at Sage International School this fall. Rick's wife, Darcy, was an active member at Whitney and became a Stephen Minister before her death in 2016.

After Arnold's illness and death in 2011, Lory began taking more responsibilities at Whitney. In 2013, she transferred her primary membership to Whitney, but she continues to be an "affiliate" member at Trinity in Pearl City and attends church there when she is in Hawaii. She joined the Whitney choir and became a Stephen Minister. She took on the leadership of Joseph's Closet along with Linda Budoffson. Lory agreed to serve as representative to annual conference and serves on the finance committee and the church council. She is President of UMW. Lory also coordinates volunteer work with Whitney Elementary School.

Lory volunteers for Jesse's Tree which provides rent assistance and plays the clarinet in two bands—the Capital City Mulligan band and the Boise Community band. She advocates for political action for certain social issues.





**THE ARC IDAHO — We invite you to volunteer!**

The Arc Idaho is a nonprofit that provides services to empower and support adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Southwest Idaho. We are working to bulk up our volunteer program as our clients would benefit greatly from mentorship, guidance, and a helping hand from invested community members. Our participants need your willingness to help. Volunteers provide much needed social contact and friendship that participants may not otherwise receive at work or home. Volunteer possibilities include:

- Work mentorship for our work services program
- Help in our residential group homes
- Organizing arts, crafts, and games for our participants
- Helping facilitate community outings and events for our recreation program
- Landscaping and maintenance help-Data entry and administrative tasks
- Organization and cleaning help in our warehouse for collected used goods

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator:



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 Amelia Messenger Volunteer Coordinator,  
 The Arc Idaho- 4402 Albion Street, Boise, ID 83705  
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**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Three young ladies completed the instruction and were Confirmed during worship on June 3. Kaylyn Fournier, Noa Nesor, and Miriam Fridel can now build on the foundation of the faith journey. Kaylyn also received the Covenant of Baptism that day. Bibles were presented to Zach Warner, Ruth Gardner and Samara Legg who have completed the third grade.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Kathy Skov
- 5 Nancy Kerns
- Marv Wolfe
- 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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Carol & Dave Adams
- Becky & Al Gris
- Dotty & Carl Harden
- Sharon & Eric Tabb
- Christina Thompson & Clint Wachi

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To our own Gordy Myre!  
 In the MS Bike-a-thon held in Logan, Utah, Gordy completed a 19 mile ride only one week after his shoulder surgery. Way to go, Gordy!

**SUMMER KIDS NEWS**

All elementary Sunday School children will be welcome to come to the Nursery after the children's moment during worship. There will be activity planned for them by Lorrie Baer and Jody Myre. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Lorrie.



# Whitney United Methodist Church Family Camp

**August 10, 11 & 12, 2018**

Come enjoy Whitney UMC's Family Weekend at  
Camp Sawtooth, 35 miles north of Fairfield, ID.

Adults, Couples, Singles and Families....come.

Cost: \$45 per adult for the entire weekend.

No charge for children/youth under 18.

For more info and/or to sign up please call the church  
office, 208-343-2892 or send an email:

[3315whitneychurch@gmail.com](mailto:3315whitneychurch@gmail.com).

**All food Included.**

Let us know of any allergies ASAP.

*Cabins, Tent spaces, RV  
Parking --- Fun and  
Fellowship. Camp Fires,  
Hiking, Fishing, and time to  
just "be"!*

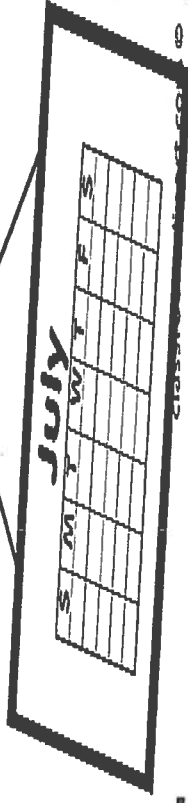
**See the newly dedicated  
Welcome Center.**





**WORSHIP WITH US**  
Every Sunday  
10:00 a.m.

JULY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(dates and times subject to change)						
1 10:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Nursery 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible study 10:20 a.m. Children's SS	2 10:30 a.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	3 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	4 Office closed No prayer & Share No summer potluck	5 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY Praise Band	6	7 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch
8 10:00 a.m. Worship	9 6:30 p.m. Shawlars 6:45 worship team	10 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care	11 2:00 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 6:00 p.m. Summer potluck	12 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY Praise Band	13	14 10:00 a.m. Saturday Lunch
15 10:00 a.m. Worship	16 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry	17 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Intentional discipleship	18 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 6:00 p.m. Summer potluck	19 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY Praise Band	20 6:00 p.m. Community dinner	21 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch
22 10:00 a.m. Worship	23 6:30 p.m. Shawlars	24 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	25 1:30 p.m. Prayer & Share small group 6:00 p.m. Summer potluck	26 3:00 p.m. WEPRAY Praise Band	27	28 10:00 a.m. Saturday lunch
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