

# WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor

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

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## DECEMBER 2018

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### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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

Nursery 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday

River Bank Choir 4 p.m.

#### 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

#### Wednesday

Prayer and Share small group 1:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday

WEPRAY team 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Community dinner 6:00 p.m.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

United Methodist Men 9 a.m.

#### Every Saturday

Saturday Lunch 11:00 a.m.

From our worship leader, Pastor Jane.....

Rev. Jane Shaffer is a retired United Methodist pastor who currently lives in Boise. Jane is a native Scot who graduated with a degree in English from the University of Edinburgh and subsequently a post graduate degree in Theology from New College, Edinburgh.

Jane met her late husband John (an American) while they were at New College. They continued to live in Edinburgh for several years while Jane served the Richmond-Craigmillar Church of Scotland in a housing project parish.

Their two daughters were born in Edinburgh. Daughter Eilidh is a UMC pastor currently serving in Portland and Sarah lives in Boise where she is employed by Pacific Source.

When the Shaffers moved to the States they settled in Salem, Oregon where John worked at the County Juvenile Court and Jane served Trinity and then First UMC in Salem and then the UMC in Newberg.

Jane retired in 2010 but has continued to be active in the UMC consulting on church development, leading retreats and teaching and serving where needed. She enjoys the challenge of preaching and leading worship and looks forward to a blessed Advent with the people at Whitney.



### **Advent Worship Theme**

On Christmas Eve 1818, in a tiny Austrian village called Obendorf, the beloved carol, “Silent Night” ,was sung for the first time. Legend has it that church mice had nibbled a hole in the bellows of the organ, making it impossible to play, so Josef Mohr, the pastor, and Franz Gruber, the organist, wrote and composed the carol to be sung with guitar accompaniment at the Christmas Eve service. 200 years later “Silent Night” is a favourite carol sung at Christmastime by faithful people around the globe.

During this Advent season at Whitney UMC we will celebrate the anniversary of the carol and remember the story it tells every Sunday. To help us hear the words we will sing it in different English translations of the original German—each translation lends a slightly different emphasis to the story being told. I was born and raised in Scotland where the translation we sang is not the version sung here. The Scottish translation is the one I knew by heart before I could read and the translation sung here is different enough that I always have to listen carefully and pay attention to the words as I sing, or I end up singing a blend of words from both translations that make no sense and certainly don’t rhyme ! I’m hopeful that singing a new translation each week will help all of us pay attention to the beautiful gospel story of that still and silent night long ago. Each Sunday of Advent you can take home the worship bulletin where the words of “Silent Night” will be printed. I encourage you to spend time during the week to sing and reflect on the words in a new translation as you remember the story that we celebrate, and give thanks for God’s Gift to us – Jesus, the Babe, the Christ.

On each of the Sundays in Advent as I retell the familiar story of the birth of Jesus, I will focus on a different character named in the verses of “Silent Night”: Mary and Joseph, Angels and Shepherds and the Christ Child. The Worship Team and I have planned words and music and designed lovely visual settings and dramatic moments to enhance our worship experience. I look forward to worshipping with you.

Pastor Jane

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



At our November meeting, we participated in the World Thank Offering. It is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of undesignated Mission Giving which support the more than 300 mission and advocacy projects around the world. This is a way that individual women can respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. In 2017, United Methodist Women members raised \$1,104,991.30 for mission with women, children and youth through this offering. Our offering this year was in response to a program about the World Thank Offering which included a talk from Judy Halverson, Oregon-Idaho UMW nominations committee member. Judy gave us information regarding protecting Idaho kids from medical neglect. She encouraged us to attend the Legislative Event in February and become involved with legislation involving children.

The Initiatives for United Methodist Women for this quadrennium are:

Economic Equality

Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration

Climate Justice

Maternal and Child Health

Sage District United Methodist Women will focus on Maternal and Child Health.

*The December meeting will be on December 5 at noon with a potluck. We will discuss plans for next year and enjoy a Christmas program led by Barbara Nolan.*

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

### Church council update — November 17, 2018

Submitted by Ramona Walhof

At the Whitney Church Town hall meeting November 11, 4 new members were elected to serve on the Whitney Church Council. They are Brad Minasian, Brandon O'Meara, Lorrie Baer, and Phyllis Ross with Glenda Berto serving as alternate. Their service begins January 1, 2019, and their first Council meeting will be in February.

Meanwhile, the Council held the final meeting of its current members Saturday, November 17. This was the time to assess our goals for the upcoming 3 to 5 years by focusing on "Where is God calling us? Who are we called to reach that we are not connected with now?" We examined where our strengths and weaknesses are in current ministries. We discussed the following areas:

1. We are attempting to meet the needs of families, traditional and non- traditional, both in the church and in our neighborhood. How can we do it better? We felt God calling us in this next year to find ways to provide spiritual resources to families.
2. We are working to get to know visitors better and help them get to know us. How can we improve this?
3. Our Intentional Discipleship work has been beneficial to many. We will continue it and try to make it more flexible and imaginative.
4. We need more space for storage and meetings. We will continue to evaluate and explore short term and long term solutions.

Rich Keefe and Lesli McGowan will be leaving this Council at the end of the year. Both will continue to be active in many ministries in the church. We thank both of them for their contributions.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Jenneth McNeese
- 10 Barbara Nickelsen  
Kathy Old
- 16 Grace Fridel
- 19 Helen Shelby
- 31 Richard Miller

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Lorrie & Jim Baer  
Beverly & Neil Buttram  
Becky & Kevin Daniel  
Glenna & Jake Finley  
Linda & Bill Slupe  
Moan & Marvin Wolfe

Whitney UMC had 27 households that participated in the Fred Meyer Rewards program last quarter. So the church received a check for \$71.72. It is very easy for you to join and will not cost you anything extra. The number for the church people to use is XL760 and you can sign up at the Customer Service counter the next time you shop at Fred's.

## SAFETY EMERGENCY PLANS

In each room in the church is posted a Safety Emergency plan with information to assist you in case of any emergency.

It contains valuable information about what you should do help yourself and also help someone else in the case of a building or medical emergency. There is also evacuation procedures, the "do and don'ts" for handling a fire, weather, or intruder emergency.

Please familiarize yourself with the plan that is posted in each room and if you would like a copy for yourself a copy of one is available in the office.

## People to contact while Rev. Christina is on Renewal Leave

Rev. Christina will be taking renewal leave from Monday November 26, 2018 to Saturday February 9, 2019. Her last Sunday will be November 25, 2018 and her first day back will be Sunday February 10, 2019.

During that time she will not be available for any church related issues or pastoral need including deaths.

While she is gone, the following people will be filling in for her:

### During Advent (December 2-23) and for Christmas Eve,

Rev. Jane Shaffer will be leading worship. Lesli McGowan and other church people will be taking care of the other Sundays.

### Worship related questions and for putting items on the announcements---

Lesli McGowan, Family Life Director (208-284-4585)

### Staff related questions and concerns

Rich Keefe, SPRC contact (208-830-9166)

### Pastoral care

Glenda Berto, Whitney's Pastoral Chaplain (208-371-8050)

### Questions and needs related to church ministries

Johnna Dunten, Ministry Team Coordinator (208-631-5896)

### Anything related to the church calendar and administrative needs

Phyllis Ross, Administrative Assistant (208-343-2892)

### Anything that you do not know who else to ask

Lesli McGowan, Family Life Director (208-284-4585)

## From the Financial Secretaries:

The final bank deposit for 2018 will be made on January 4, 2019. All checks dated 2018 that are received by January 4th will be entered as 2018 giving. Anything after that will have to be classified as 2019 giving.



## IN REMEMBRANCE

Minnie Alice Ball, born on April 25, 1924, passed away on November 8, 2018 at the age of 94; surrounded by her family. Minnie was born in Garden Valley, ID. She moved to Boise as a young child with her siblings and parents, Myrtle and Albert Holcomb.

In Minnie's younger years she worked at Owyhee Candy Company, now known as the Idaho Candy Company. She loved the outdoors. Her favorite past times were camping, fishing, canning and gardening. Her flower beds were beautiful!

Minnie was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Ball, two sisters, Ellen Schultz and Mable Schultz, four brothers: Jonny, Oscar, Lester and Gene Holcomb, and her son, Roger Newton.

Minnie is survived by her daughter, Joyce Newton, her six grandchildren: Chris Phillips, Mindy Neal, Jennifer Sander, Linda Kidd, Gina Freeman and Mike Newton and 12 great grandchildren.

She will be missed dearly. Funeral services were held at Cloverdale Funeral Chapel November, 16, 2018.

## DECEMBER HOSPITALITY

Date	Acolytes	Greeters	Coffee Hosts	Liturgist	Communion Stewards
Dec. 2	Noa Nesper Kaylyn Fournier	Doug Davis Lori Davis	Dottie Harden Emily Nelson	Joyce Obland	Jim & Joyce Obland Linda Budolfson
Dec. 9	Shelley Warner Zack Warner	Mel Slocum Cathie Slocum Ruthi Carter	Mikki Carr Tyke Carr	Jana Hedges	
Dec. 16	Noa Nesper Kaylyn Fournier	Kathy Hammers DeDe Matthews	Arny & Kathy Skov Gordy & Jody Myre	Lesli McGowan	
Dec. 23	Stewart Gardner Ruth Gardner	Gordy Myre Jody Myre	Barb Martin	Lory Nesper	
Dec. 24	Linda Slupe	Bill Slupe Linda Slupe		Johnna Dunten	
Dec. 30	Noa Nesper Kaylyn Fournier	Elvin Clubb Barry Kelso	Becky Daniel Maran O'Meara	David Hawk	

## Two Whitney Leaders – Bert Allen and Rich Keefe

Bert Allen grew up in Boise and attended Whitney church as a teenager. He sang in the youth choir and became the youngest member of the chancel choir. He graduated from Borah High School; then moved to Oregon for a few years where he played with bands and assisted family members in farm work and house sitting.



After returning to Boise, Bert worked in a variety of different jobs including typesetting, massage therapy, and raising freshwater tropical fish. He met Rich and their relationship became close immediately. They have been a couple since 1983. Bert took some courses at Boise State University majoring in music.

Rich Keefe was born in South Dakota but moved to Boise when he was about six years old. He graduated from Capital High School and went to work for Bob Rice Ford in the parts department shortly after high school graduation. He stayed with this company, even when the dealership was purchased by Lithia in 2000. Recently, Rich retired after 48 years with the same company.

Rich edited *Diversity*, the newspaper of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center for about ten years. He says, "The production process was much more cumbersome than it is now."

Rich was very active for many years in an interdenominational church, but when they learned about his sexual orientation, he no longer felt welcome there. He said, "This was very hurtful and caused me to question my relationship with God." After some time he was accepted in a new age church and again felt that he could be in relationship with God.

In 2007, Bert's mother Mary Jane Allen needed help when she attended Sunday worship services at Whitney Church, and Rich and Bert began to attend with her. They became friends with the minister Matt Henry and Bert was one of the original members of the praise band "Fresh Air." He had given up music for fifteen years prior to that, so the church and the band became important and fulfilling to him.

Now Bert also plays with a band called Thee Corvids which plays everything from Celtic to new age and fusion. They have been invited to play at many festivals in Southwest Idaho.

Rich was asked to serve on the Staff Parish Relations Committee and was first co-chair, then chair. There were some delicate and demanding times as a new minister was assigned to Whitney. He reports that he did a lot of praying and studying during that process and learned a lot, and continued to serve and help with the transition. Then he moved to the Governing Board which he also chaired until the new Church Council was organized.

Rich has found working with the audio-visual equipment in the church a challenge and has worked to keep ahead.

Bert helped to plan and lead the Alpha groups which have occurred during the last two years. He is part of the Intentional Discipleship committee which continues to lead efforts to reach out to new people at Whitney and to provide new experiences in faith and services to all. During the last several months, Bert has been working with Dianna Shea to decorate the altar appropriately as seasons and sermon topics change.

Both Rich and Bert are leaders at Whitney church. We appreciate their spirit and contributions.



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



**DECEMBER**  
**2018**

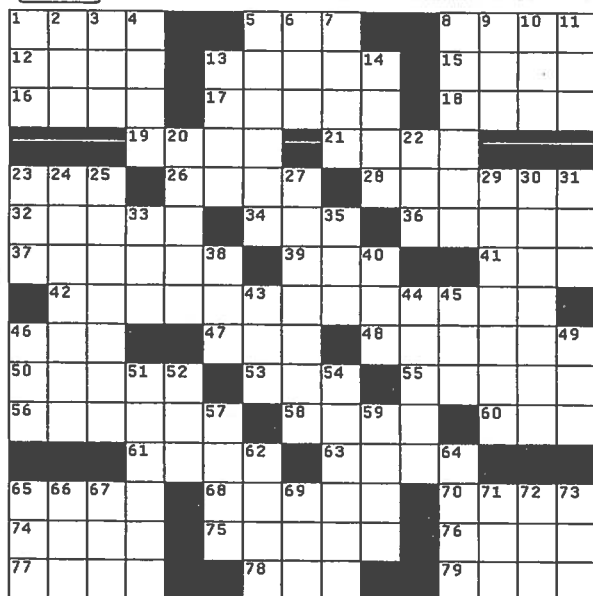
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dates/times subject to change						
<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 8:30 a.m. "How to...." 9:30 a.m. <i>Nursery</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Adult Bible study</i> 10:20 a.m. <i>Children's SS</i>	<b>3</b> 10:30 a.m. <i>Finance</i> 4:00 p.m. <i>Riverbank Youth</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Stephen Ministry</i>	<b>4</b> 8:30 a.m. <i>Visitor follow up</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Boy Scouts</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Cub Scouts</i>	<b>5</b> 12:00 noon <i>United Methodist Women</i> 2:00 p.m. <i>Prayer &amp; Share</i> 3:30 p.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Chancel Choir</i>	<b>6</b> 3:00 p.m. <i>WEPRAY</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Praise</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Saturday Lunch</i>
<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 8:30 a.m. "How to...." 9:30 a.m. <i>Nursery</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Adult Bible Study</i> 10:20 a.m. <i>Children's SS</i>	<b>10</b> 4:00 p.m. <i>Riverbank Youth Choir</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Shawlers</i>	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Congregational Care</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Boy Scouts</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Cub Scouts</i>	<b>12</b> 1:30 p.m. <i>Prayer &amp; Share</i> 3:30 p.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Chancel Choir</i>	<b>13</b> 3:00 p.m. <i>WEPRAY</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Praise Band</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Saturday lunch</i>
<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship</i> 8:30 a.m. "How to...." 9:30 a.m. <i>Nursery</i> 9:30 a.m. <i>Adult Bible study</i> 10:20 a.m. <i>Children's SS</i>	<b>17</b> 4:00 p.m. <i>Riverbank Youth Choir</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Stephen Ministry</i>	<b>18</b> 6:30 p.m. <i>Boy Scouts</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Cub Scouts</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Celia Cowan @ Sharon Miller's</i>	<b>19</b> 1:30 p.m. <i>Prayer &amp; Share</i> 3:30 p.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>Chancel Choir</i>	<b>20</b> 3:00 p.m. <i>WEPRAY</i> 5:30 p.m. <i>Praise Band</i>	<b>21</b> 5:30 p.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 6:00 p.m. <i>Community dinner</i>	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. <i>Joseph's Closet</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Saturday lunch</i>
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# Bible Crossword Puzzle

Desktop, laptop: Type with your regular keyboard. Click on a square to type across. Click twice to type down. Or click on a clue then type. Or print this page and solve on paper. Tablet, mobile, smartphone, touchscreen: Type with the on-screen keyboard below the puzzle. Tap a square to type across. Tap twice to type down. The Solve button at the top of the puzzle shows the solution.

Solve



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## ACROSS

- 1 Gawk
- 5 BB association
- 8 Knocks (2 wds.)
- 12 Inlets
- 13 Like dark soil
- 15 Object of false worship
- 16 Notion
- 17 Furnish with an income
- 18 Foolish
- 19 U.S. Air Force
- 21 Type of missile
- 23 Environmental protection agency (abbr)
- 26 Unfreeze
- 28 One of the three graces
- 32 Cracker
- 34 Foot extension
- 36 Sturdy
- 37 Memory trace
- 39 North American nation
- 41 Fixed charge
- 42 Our wish for you! (4 wds.)
- 46 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
- 47 Owned
- 48 Lower vertebrae
- 50 Jean fabric
- 53 Wet dirt
- 55 Many
- 56 Cereal fruit
- 58 Type of hairdo
- 60 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 61 Cutting tools
- 63 Bread spread
- 65 They brought gifts
- 68 Brother of Moses
- 70 Cable
- 74 Water (Spanish)
- 75 Making a knot
- 76 Water pitcher
- 77 Does (KJV)
- 78 Distress call
- 79 Bird; symbol of Holy Spirit

## DOWN

- 1 Kimono sash
- 2 Tribe of Israel
- 3 Caustic substance
- 4 Twin brother of Jacob
- 5 Dieter's joy
- 6 Rotten
- 7 OT book
- 8 Samson's brain teaser
- 9 Hoopla
- 10 Daddy
- 11 Tricky
- 13 Sister of Rachel
- 14 Young Women's Christian Association
- 20 Tie down
- 22 Good grief!
- 23 Female sheep
- 24 Cure for everything
- 25 Afghan currency
- 27 Coiled (2 wds.)
- 29 Amiable
- 30 Repeat
- 31 Yes
- 33 Epoch
- 35 Compass point
- 38 Car speed
- 40 Punching tool
- 43 Thanksgiving vegetable
- 44 Lush
- 45 Flightless bird
- 46 Popular president's initials
- 49 Big truck
- 51 Book before Jeremiah
- 52 Mingle
- 54 Evil angels
- 57 Orderly
- 59 Called
- 62 Speaks
- 64 Due
- 65 Angry
- 66 Past
- 67 \_\_\_ feeling
- 69 River (Spanish)
- 71 \_\_\_ Jima
- 72 Pastor (abbr.)
- 73 Bard's before

