



A Message from Kimberly Gardner

Family Life Ministry updates

This month will see quite a transition in the church as we move to in-person worship. Although it is an exciting development, we also know that returning to church in-person will require us to make a few changes at least in the short-term. Please remain patient and grant us all grace as we experiment once again with changing circumstances. Some things will work and some things just won't!

What families and kids can expect:

The nursery: The family life team, especially Lorrie Baer, have been working to clean, reorganize, and sanitize the nursery in preparation for in-person worship. The nursery will function as a one-room Sunday School for our little ones and our grade school kids. Starting on June 13th, the nursery will be available for our children, however, we are encouraging families to remain together in the sanctuary during the worship service.

Worship bags: We will be providing bags for our children full of materials to keep them busy during in-person worship for those families who choose this option.

Sunday School: Grade school children will be welcomed into our one-room nursery/Sunday School area during in-person worship. Children will participate in a shortened "children's church" worship service with prayer and Bible reading. After this short service, children will be invited to participate in arts and crafts for the remainder of worship.

Children's moments during worship: We will continue to watch pre-recorded children's moments during in-person worship, at least for the month of June.

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**In-Person Worship
returns on June 13th!
Please check
whitneyumc.org
for details!**

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What we accomplished this past month:

Air Bee N Bee:

Our pollinator garden event was a big success! We have beautiful flowers planted in our brand-new flower box. It gave us an opportunity to worship together and to learn a little about the many different species of bees we have as neighbors. Special thanks to Stewart Gardner for building our box and to Kacey, Anna, Zena, Becky Gris, Henry, Ian, and Lorrie Baer for planting our Air Bee N Bee. Coral took some fantastic pictures for us, too! We will plan on our Sunday School kids visiting our pollinator garden during worship services once we are more confident about how those services will go!



We also planted a few pumpkin seeds while we were there. They are really taking off!

Play structure: The Air Bee N Bee isn't the only surprise on our grassy grounds; thanks to the Scouts, our play structure got a lovely makeover! We are so grateful to them for this act of generosity.

Looking ahead:

Sawtooth Camp!!!! Check out our website, whitneyumc.org, for details on elementary, youth, and family camp dates. We hope to see you there and remember we have financial assistance for families and kids who want to attend.

We are so excited to see everyone on June 13th and look forward to worshipping in ways that are pleasing to our God, our Creator, our Savior.

With love,

The Family Life Ministry team

Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 13 – Rev. Jane – “Jesus’ Encounters with Women – Mitey (sic)” – **Mark 12:41-44**

June 20 – Pastor Jack – “Means of Grace” – **Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

June 27 – Pastor Jack – “Obstacles to Grace” – **Matthew 6:25-34, Luke 6:37-38**

July 4 – Pastor Daryl Blanksma – “The Promise” – **Genesis 12: 1-9, Romans 4: 13-25**



Rev. Jane Shaffer



Pastor Jack Bynum

Member Spotlight

Barbara Nolan



Barbara grew up in the Congregational Church in Livingston, MT. She sang and learned to play the piano as a child. She sang in all the church kids' choirs and was thrilled to sing with her Dad when she was old enough to join the chancel choir.

Barbara graduated from high school valedictorian of her class. Shortly after graduation, she married Bob Putnam whom she had met at church camp. Bob joined the army, and they moved to Fort Hood in Texas for a year. Barbara returned to Montana to live with her parents while Bob was stationed in Okinawa. Then they took up farming in Sidney, MT where their son Don was born. After two years they moved to Dixon where Bob ranched with his father. Barbara was left a young widow with a young son when Bob was killed in a trucking accident. She then moved to Miles City to live with her parents.

Jim Nolan was the pastor of the church Barbara attended in Dixon. After she moved to Miles City, they corresponded, and he came to visit when he could. They were married a year later and they moved to Roundup, MT. After a year they moved to Darby, MT where Jim was an Educational Counselor for Job Corps. By that time Barbara had had several jobs working for the chaplain in the army and a bank in Miles City and as secretary in other locations. Jim accepted an invitation to pastor a United Church of Christ in Fairfield, Mt. They also spent a year in Lancaster, PA while he earned a second Master's degree. They returned to Montana, but in 1973 Jim accepted a call to serve Wright Congregational Church in Boise. By that time they had 3 young children: Don, Bob, and Amy, and Barbara was enjoying her role as wife and mother.

Jim retired from the ministry in 1984, and Barbara took a job for Boise US Employees Federal Credit Union where she worked for the next 17 years. Jim worked at a variety of other jobs.

Barbara found Whitney UMC and the Whitney Women's Chorale in 1988. That fall she joined the Chorale and the church choir. Rev. Ray Wright was pastor, and she enjoyed his preaching. She also joined the Celia Cowan Circle of the UMW.

After retiring from the Credit Union in 2001, Barbara became active in the UMW and began to help with community dinners. She also became a Stephen minister and is still active in those ministries today. She does beautiful sewing and knitting and joined the Shawlers group. She began contributing to the Craft Fair while it was run by the Women's Chorale and is still making bags, towels, and other items that customers admire and buy with enthusiasm.

Barbara and her two sisters learned to swim as children when they built a community pool in Livingston. The girls spent many happy hours there each summer. She has continued to swim which has helped to keep her fit. She had back surgery in 2014 to fuse her back and now has two titanium rods so that she cannot bend. She said she can never remember being without pain until this surgery, and it has relieved pressure on her organs.

Barbara says, "Whitney UMC has become my home, and the members my family. I have missed everyone

We've had a lot of changes this past year and another activity, **Mission u**, has moved online.

While virtual, the planning team is still creating spaces for spiritual community, lifelong friendships, lessons that change us and our communities and spiritual practices. At Mission u this summer we will examine the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools and how we can respond faithfully. Our 2021 **Mission u** will offer the following studies:



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- **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique Morris
- **Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship** by Darryl Stephens

Classes will be: Thursday, July 8 - Saturday July 10 — Choose one from two of the above studies

Thursday, July 29 - Saturday July 31 — Choose one from two of the above studies

Mission u will begin on Thursday evening with welcome, introductions and worship; classes will begin on Friday morning and end Saturday afternoon. These studies will be virtual on Zoom.

Registration information will be available June 1.

Both of these classes are relevant to our times. You do not have to be a United Methodist Woman to participate and men are welcome. This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn, listen and be involved.

Please remember that the church functions because of YOUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS! There is an ONGOING need for EACH OF YOU to help keep our church functioning. If you haven't volunteered recently this is your opportunity! Without help from EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, ministries and programs may have to be cut; so volunteer to help out your favorite ministry or program TODAY! Thank you.

Whitney UMC Income versus Expenses Year-to-Date 2021

Month	Income	Base line monthly expenses (salaries, benefits, apportionment etc.)	Other monthly expenses	Budgeted Bottom Line Individual Monthly Total	Year-to - Date Running Total
January	\$11,508.59	\$11,294.54	\$13,229.71	\$13,015.66	\$13,015.66
February	\$20,717.88	\$11,294.54	\$10,024.01	\$600.67	\$13,616.33
March	\$22,163.67	\$11,294.54	\$8,260.34	\$2,608.79	\$11,007.54
April	\$18,807.68	\$11,294.54	\$4,725.09	\$2,788.05	\$8,219.49
May	\$13,845.11	\$5,697.01	\$23,595.25	\$15,4478.15	\$23,666.64

Barbara Nolan

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during the pandemic, but I have also enjoyed having more time at home. She is eager to return to in-person worship, but hopes others can take on some of her church jobs. Their sons are now located in Albuquerque and Washington State, while daughter Amy is in Boise. Don is a realtor and construction worker; Bob is an engineer; and Amy is an Administrative Specialist for St. Luke's. They have five grandchildren, Natalie in VA; Sarah in WA; Robert in Butte, MT, and Amanda in VA. Jaime, the youngest, now lives in Coeur d'Alene and is the only one married.

Barbara has worshipped and worked in many churches, but has been at Whitney for more than 30 years and is happy and loved here.



The Scout Troop #49 has been sponsored by Whitney for well over 50 years.

They offered to redo the play set on the lawn of the church grounds. It looks super after they stained, straightened, provided the canopy and moved it away from the sprinkler heads.

We offer a very special thank you to all of them for this outreach project.

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Prayers & Concerns



Pastor Daryl Blanksma

Rev. Christina & her family;

David & Bonnie Hawk;

Dale & Evelyn Thompson;

Ellen Herzinger; Sharon Miller;

Whitney UMC Staff Parish Relations Committee;

Carla Biersdorff; Faith Warner; Sam Ross;

Rev. Karen Hernandez (Sage Dist. Superintendent);

Those hospitalized and/or recovering from surgeries, rehab. And other medical issues;

All Members of our Whitney Family;

All those touched by Covid, or distributing vaccine;

Our Country.

INCESSANT PRAYERS

Cheri Carter; Keith Gillespie;

Ruthie Carter; and

Ruthie's Grandson, Carter.

MILITARY PRAYERS

Adam Whistler, David L. Hawk, Laura Irish, and Mark Jerome.

STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS

OF HIGHER LEARNING

Austin Furutani, Braeden Dunten, Christopher Kazama, Jenneth McNees-Ayodele, Jordyn Walhof, Justine Niyogushimwa, Marissa Jerome, Jarissa Nesar, Masson Furutani, Nick Nesar, & Nicole Jerome.

Reminder: You may submit Prayer List additions to the church office for the next Chronicle.

Deadline is the 25th.

Whitney Members Gather to Say Good-Bye to Rev. Christina



Eighty people took advantage of the opportunity to say goodbye to Rev. Christina Thompson at the Farewell Gathering and Service June 6th. The weather cooperated and we physically distanced together to hear words of encouragement from Rev. Christina; our district superintendent Rev. Karen Hernandez; and some leaders of our congregation.



An especially poignant time during the service was when members were called upon to share a characteristic of Rev. Christina and how she had affected them personally. People spoke with love and compassion as they related the impact she made on their lives.

The P.A. system was still operational when Bert Allen shared a little-known song, *When Someone We Love* that spoke of how love for another grows with the passage of time and life shared together. The chorus says, "We love you dear friend, and we treasure your life. We tenderly hold you in the palm of our hands."



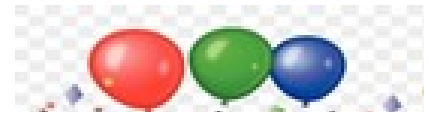
The service ended with Rev. Karen Hernandez sharing about grief and how it is a valid emotion that deeply affects us spiritually, emotionally, and physically. She led us through an exercise to acknowledge how grief is affecting our bodies and let it go.

In addition to the ceremony of farewell, several presentations expressed appreciation for each member of the family. The United Methodist Women acknowledged Rev. Christina, Kimberly Gardner and Jody Baer presented gifts to Grace and Miriam, and Kevin Daniel made sure Clint was acknowledged for his many years of service and dedication to Saturday



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Celebrations!



June Birthdays

- 9 Ana Valverde
- 12 Thelma Cripe
- 17 Marilyn Edwards
- 17 Zack Warner
- 23 Gaye Cabe
- 25 Maggie Storm
- 29 Lois Hutchinson
- 30 Keith Gillespie



June Anniversaries

- 13 Blanche & Herb Kadel
- 14 Richard & Helen Shelby
- 16 Mel & Cathie Slocum

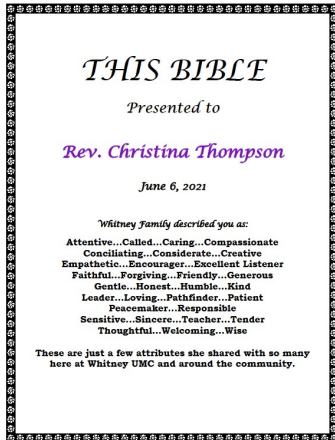
*Did we miss **your** birthday or anniversary? If so, please report it to the church office.*

Good-Bye to Rev. Christina

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Lunch, Community Dinner, and endless United Methodist Men activities and projects.

On behalf of Whitney UMC, Johnna Dunten presented Rev. Christina with a new study Bible and invited everyone to sign the Bible with a short anecdote or



comment for Rev. Christina to treasure. Rich Keefe presented Rev. Christina with a gift card from Whitney UMC and also explained the congregation and friends had made multiple donations toward additional gift cards that the family can use to replace possessions that must be discarded.

Be sure to look at the image of the Bible Plate provided by Johnna Dunten that compiled many of the words used to describe Rev. Christina.

Photos were provided by Coral Swofford

Contributors to the program were Rev. Karen Hernandez, Rich Keefe, Lory Nesor, Johnna Dunten, Kimberly Gardner, Steward Gardner, Bert Allen, Jodie Baer, and Kevin Daniel. Special thanks to Gena Waller, Melinda Maillard, and Dianna Shea, and the United Methodist Women for refreshments, set-up, and decorating; Lorrie Baer for plants, flowers, and decorations; Stewart Gardner, Joe Maillard and Malcom

Dunten for setting chairs and tables; Bert Allen for the sound system; Johnna Dunten for our safety station; and all the volunteers that helped with set-up and tear-down.



Whitney UMC Church Council Members for 2021

Kimberly Gardner,
Family Life Director
Glenda Berto
Johnna Dunten
Stewart Gardner
Rich Keefe
Lory Nesor
Dianna Shea
Gena Waller

Our Vision

Whitney UMC is a **School of Love** where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves and creation as Jesus teaches.

Our Mission Focus

Discipling, Serving, and Providing Resources to Children and Families.

Ongoing Study Groups

Practical Scripture —
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom
Intentional Discipleship —
Sunday Evenings, On Hiatus