



United Methodist

Magic Valley Ministries

Buhl, Filer, Jerome, Hagerman, Twin Falls, Wendell

One Ministry ~ Six Churches ~ Sharing Mission

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The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Movie Time

with Pastor Mike

Sunday, Jan. 21, 3 pm

See *The Queen of Katwe*

At Twin Falls First UMC

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Super Bowl Party Feb. 4, 2018 Twin Falls First UMC

Watch the game.
Bring food to share.
Time TBA.

Our United Methodist Connections

Sage District

Rev. Gwen Drake

District Superintendent

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Oregon Idaho Annual Conference

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky

www.umoi.net and greaternw.org

Western Jurisdiction of the UMC

www.westernjurisdictionumc.org

United Methodist Church

www.umc.org

UMCOR

www.umcor.org

Global Ministries

www.umcmision.org

Discipleship Ministries

www.umcdiscipleship.org

General Board of Church & Society

www.umc-gbcs.org

Connectional Giving

www.umcgiving.org

Camp & Retreat Ministries

www.gocamping.org

The Revised Common Lectionary

January 1 (white or gold)

Holy Name of Jesus

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:15-21

January 6 (white or gold)

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 7 (white)

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 14 (green)

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 21 (green)

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 52:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 28 (green)

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

Preaching Schedule

January 7 & 14:

Pastor Mike at Wendell UMC and Jerome UMC

Pastor Penny at Twin Falls First UMC and Filer UMC

Guest Preacher at Hagerman UMC and Buhl UMC

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Human Relations Day - January 14

United Methodists help bridge the gap between church and community by participating in the Human Relations Day offering. Human Relations Day is one of our six Special Sundays with offerings. It is observed annually on the Sunday before the national observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Your donations support the Community Developers program, related to the General Board of Global Ministries. These persons work in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Another Global Ministries-affiliated effort benefiting from the Human Relations Day offering is the United Methodist Voluntary Services Program. Essential to this program are grassroots organizations that work through youth and young adult volunteers to challenge oppression and injustice.

Also benefiting from the Human Relations Day offering is the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program, which is a program of the General Board of Church and Society.

Give generously on January 14.

District Superintendent, Gwen Drake, Retiring

Speaking from the Heart - December 2017 - Gwen Drake, District Superintendent

This is my seventh year as a District Superintendent. It is my 31st year of ministry. The Bishop and the Board of Ordained Ministry have received my letter requesting the retired status effective July 1, 2018. After weeks of prayer and discernment, I believe God is calling me into this new status.

My ministry has taken me from the southern coastal range of Oregon to the high desert of Idaho. I have met many faithful Methodist people who love Jesus and their church. I have seen the decline and been part of the cultural shift. I know it will take enormous change for the United Methodist Church to survive beyond the next 10 to 20 years. It will take creativity and innovation and the willingness to let go of what used to work and what “feels like church” to people my generation. I am more than willing to hand off my role and my preferences to the next generation. It is time for change. It is time for us to come together and listen to new ideas and support risk. It is time for us to truly open our doors to all people, especially those who feel excluded by our polity.

The next several months I will be preparing Sage District for their next District Superintendent, whoever that is, by making the best appointments possible, by listening and supporting clergy and their congregations, and leading the cabinet with openness and honesty. It has been an honor to serve as a pastor and District Superintendent. It has been meaningful, challenging, rewarding, and heart-breaking. I have received more grace from colleagues and congregations than I deserve. I have learned to lean on my colleagues on the cabinet and especially on Jesus. I have more questions than answers in this uncertain time.

Retirement will be a time of re-designing my life with long hikes, deep conversations, connecting with family and friends, and letting go of a role where my work was never done. One of my dreams is to walk the Camino. I will continue to work behind the scenes and at the ground level for an inclusive church and a nation that values kindness, respect, civility and mature leadership.

Gwen Drake

Twin Falls First UMC, 360 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	10:45 am	Adult Sunday School
Every Monday	7 pm	Boy Scout Troop 67
Every Wednesday	1:30 pm	Needlewits (ladies gather to stitch, knit, etc, & visit)
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 67
Sunday, January 7		1st Sunday Food Drive for Twin Falls Schools
Sunday, January 14	10:45 am	Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 16	7 pm	Church Council

Warm up Twin Falls

Donations of hats, scarves, and gloves can be dropped of anytime at the church. A donation box is located in the Friendship Room. Over 300 items were put out in December.

First Sunday Food Drive

Each month the Twin Falls congregation holds a food drive on the first Sunday. Food can be left at the church any time. The food is donated to the Twin Falls School District food pantries which help hungry kids.

Buhl UMC, 908 Maple St., Buhl, ID 83316

Every Sunday	10 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, January 9	3:30 pm	Church Council meeting

Filer UMC, Fifth and Union, PO Box 254, Filer, ID 83328

Every Sunday	11 am	Worship
1st and 3rd Tuesday	12 noon	Kiwanis Meal
Thursday, January 4	2 pm	Friendship Circle

Hagerman UMC, Fourth and Salmon, PO Box 486, Hagerman, ID 83332

Every Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	11 am	Adult Bible Study
Every Wednesday	8 am	Breakfast at Snake River Grill
	10 am	Bible Study with Pastor Penny

Jerome UMC, 211 S. Buchanan, PO Box 90, Jerome, ID 83338

Every Sunday	10 am	Sunday School
	11 am	Fellowship Time
	11:30 am	Worship
Every Monday	10 am	Prayer Partners
Every Monday	7 pm	Boy Scout Troop 139
Every Tuesday	10:30 am	Espresso Readers
Every Wednesday	5 pm	Mary and Martha Food Pantry
Thursday, January 4	12:30 pm	United Methodist Women (UMW)
Sunday, January 7	10 am	United Methodist Men's Breakfast
Wednesday, January 17	12 pm	Susannah Wesley Circle at Jerome Pizza Hut
Thursday, January 18	2 pm	Rebecca Circle
Sunday, January 21	1 pm	Creekside Assisted Living Worship

Donations of hats, scarves, and gloves, which will be put outside for people who are cold, can be brought to Jerome UMC any Sunday. Items can be home made or store bought.

Wendell UMC, 175 E. Main, PO Box 96, Wendell, ID 83355

Every Sunday	9 am	Worship
Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Bible Study with Pastor Mike
Friday, January 12	2 pm	United Methodist Women (UMW)



First Sunday Dinner - January 7, 2018

Wendell UMC 11 am - 2 pm,

Menu: Spaghetti cost by donation

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360 Shoshone St. E.
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Inside:

Spaghetti Dinner

Movie Time

Super Bowl Party

2018 Church Leadership

Donate scarves, hats and glove to Jerome UMC or
Twin Falls First UMC

Website - www.tffumc.com

Deadlines for bulletins. Items for the bulletins and weekly announcements are due in the Administrator's office on Monday by Noon.

Deadline for Newsletter articles, event promotions and notices for the monthly UMMVM newsletter are due in the administrator's office by the 15th of each month.

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