



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.



Lent Study - "Creed"

by Adam Hamilton

Buhl - Mon. 9:30 am, begins Feb. 12

Twin Falls - Tues. 2 pm, begins Feb. 13

Hagerman - Wed. 10 am, begins Feb. 14

Wendell - Wed. 6:30 pm, begins Feb. 14

Filer - Sun. 10 am, begins Feb. 18 (possible class)

Sign up and pick up books at your church. Read the first chapter.

Ash Wednesday Services - Feb. 14

12 pm - Hagerman UMC

12 pm - Twin Falls UMC

6:30 pm - Wendell UMC

Other locations tba
check with the pastor
at your local church.

We will also have "ashes on the corner" from 12:15 pm to 1 pm at Twin Falls church for those passing by who seek to remember the need for God and God's healing in our broken lives.

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

Watch the game.
Bring food to share.

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.umcmmission.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

February 2 (white)
Presentation of the Lord/
Candlemas
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

February 4 (green)
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11 (white)
Transfiguration of the Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 14 (purple or gray)
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18 (purple)
1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25 (purple)
2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Preaching Schedule

February 4 & 11

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
February 4 will be Communion Sunday at all churches.

Death Notice - Doris Garrabrandt

In Remembrance - Doris Garrabrandt

April 1, 1918 – December 31, 2017

Doris Garrabrandt, widow of retired Pastor John Garrabrandt, died December 31. She is survived by her son Ted Garrabrandt and daughter Debbie Fox; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Doris was preceded in death by her daughter Pam and husband.

The Garrabrandts served Twin Falls, Jerome and Cottage Grove in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. Pastor Garrabrandt retired in 1982.

A celebration of life for Doris Garrabrandt will be held at a later date.

Elaine Stanovsky, Bishop
Dan Wilson-Fey, Conference Treasurer and Benefits Officer

New District Superintendent - Karen Hernandez

Bishop Stanovsky intends to appoint Rev. Karen Hernandez to serve on the Oregon-Idaho cabinet as Sage District Superintendent, effective July 1. In this role she will serve as the “chief missional strategist” of the Sage District, working with pastors and lay leadership of the district to find new ways to strengthen and extend United Methodist ministries in Idaho and eastern Oregon.

“Rev. Hernandez is a person of deep faith, attention to detail. She has consistently built bridges across social divides and led the churches she has served into new community engagement,” Stanovsky said.

“I believe Jesus means just what he said in the new commandment to love one another, no exceptions whatsoever—not even those who would exclude others are to be themselves excluded for the good of the whole. With equal passion and resolve, I believe that God is love, that love cannot exist apart from God, and that anyone who knows love is in relationship with God,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez was ordained an elder in 2012. She knows the Sage District well, serving currently in her seventh year as the pastor in Kuna, Idaho, and previously in Burley, Idaho from 2008 - 2011. In the Oregon-Idaho Conference, she served on the Camp & Retreat Ministries Program Division, Episcopacy Committee, and Board of Ordained Ministry. In the Greater New Jersey Conference she was the Assistant Director of Admission for Drew Theological School and Assistant Pastor of Mt. Fern UMC. She was raised a United Methodist in northeast Alabama. She is married to Ed Hernandez.

Current Sage District Superintendent and dean of the cabinet, the Rev. Gwen Drake, has requested to retire July 1. (by Kristen Caldwell, Communications Associate for the Oregon-Idaho Conference)

NLI and Bishop's Symposium - Boise

Bishop's Symposium Featuring Brian McLaren on Wednesday, March 7

The increasingly diverse communities we live in can provide great opportunities for personal learning and spiritual growth. Whether our goal is to foster better understanding of our neighbors, or to pursue creative partnerships for the common good, we can only improve the likelihood of positive results through intentional preparation.

This year's Bishop's Symposium will focus on the need to develop our capacity for intercultural communication as we experience the possibilities of interfaith relationships. At the Bishop's Symposium in Boise we will glean from the wisdom of others to learn what can be gained, and dream a little about what we might ourselves do.

United Methodist clergy and lay persons from across the Greater Northwest Area are invited to Cathedral of the Rockies for an afternoon with nationally-known author and activist Brian McLaren and an evening with "No Joke Live!" presenting three practices for crossing the difference divide on Wednesday, March 7, just prior to the Northwest Leadership Institute (NLI) on March 8-9.

Group registration for the Bishop's Symposium/NLI is \$89 - including both the symposium and NLI. The Magic Valley Ministries is registered as a group. Registration for Wednesday-only is \$30, with dinner included.

5th Annual Winter Mission Trip to UMCOR West January 6-10, 2019

Spend 3 days working at the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City!
Cost \$210 - includes lodging (shared room) and food. Contact the MVM Office to sign up.

UMCOR West Mission Trip

Scott & Claire McClure, Etha Carruthers, Pastor Mike, and Pastor Penny, traveled to Salt Lake City on January 7th to spend a few days working at the UMCOR West Depot. They opened approximately 15,000 boxes of toothpaste and prepared them to be sent to the Ukraine with a shipment of hygiene kits for refugees. They also finished placing toothpaste in the final 15 pallets of kits for that shipment. If you asked any of them if they ever thought we would open 3,000 boxes of toothpaste in 3 days, the answer would have been “no.”... but they did it, because God’s people are in need.

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity. UMCOR’s work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

In 2017 UMCOR did a study to determine how be more efficient with the distribution of relief kits. It was determined that in the United States the UMCOR depots would collect and store three types of kits (the ones most often used) and focus on delivering those kits around the US. It was determined that there are more efficient ways to get items to other parts of the world and monetary donations to UMCOR will continue to support relief and ministry outside of the US. The kits being collected and shipped from UMCOR West include hygiene kits (formerly called health kits), school kits, and cleaning buckets.

Space for next January for the fifth annual MVM Winter Mission Trip has been reserved.

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

Every Sunday	10 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:30 am	Worship
Every Monday	9:30 am	Lent Study, begins Feb. 12
Tuesday, February 13	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, February 1	2 pm	Friendship Circle

Thank You. *From our entire family, Thank all the people involved for the great funeral dinner for our mother. I know both the Filer and Twin Falls churches worked jointly on it, so thanks goes out to both churches. The meal gave us a chance to reminisce with friends of past times and to share many memories of good things with our mother. Once again, thank you and the food was awesome! Sincerely, Dave and Susan Ramseyer*

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/Lent Study with Pastor Penny

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)

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, February 1	12:30 pm	United Methodist Women (UMW)
Sunday, February 4	10 am	United Methodist Men's Breakfast
Sunday, February 11	12:30 pm	Church Council Meeting with Lunch
Sunday, February 18	1 pm	Creekside Assisted Living Worship
Wednesday, February 21	12 pm	Susannah Wesley Circle at Jerome Pizza Hut
Thursday, February 22	2 pm	Rebecca Circle

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.

Cub Scouts Pack 139 (Jerome UMC) and Pack 67 (Twin Falls) now enrolling girls.

As part of the BSA National Early Adopter program, both packs are enrolling girls ages 6-10. Contact Scout Leaders for information.

1st Sunday Dinner Wendell UMC March 4, 2018, 11 am - 2 pm

Cost by donation

Scout Sunday—Feb. 11 Jerome & Twin Falls First UMC

Celebrate Scouting Ministries by welcoming members of our Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, and Girl Scout Troops at worship.



Support Pack/Troop 67 Eat at Perkins Restaurant on February 13

Perkins has teamed with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for a Dine and Donate event. Scouts will be at Perkins to welcome you. A portion of the proceeds will go to the scouts. There will also be a silent auction and opportunity to donate to the pack and troop.

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 Tuesday	2 pm	Bible/Lent Study with Pastor Penny
Every Wednesday	1:30 pm	Needlewits (ladies gather to stitch, knit, etc, & visit)
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 67
Sunday, February 4		1st Sunday Food Drive for Twin Falls Schools
Sunday, February 4	10:45 am	Board of Trustees

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.

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.

Cemetery Plots at Sunset Memorial for Sale

The church owns six cemetery plots at Sunset Memorial Park which were donated to our church. The church is offering them for sale to those in our church family for \$1,500 each (current cost from the cemetery is \$1,895 each). If you are interested contact the church office.

Thank You

Thank you for the gift of coats and shoes for my children and for helping with the cost for them to participate in Cub Scout Pack 67. Your generosity is awesome! A Scout Mom.

Pledge for Furnace Update

The church has replaced 5 furnace/AC units in 2016 and 2017 for a cost of \$26,000. The board of trustees expects to replace 11 more furnaces over the next few years. A pledge drive was started in fall 2017. 14 households have pledged \$17,800 of which \$7,525 has been received. Donations for the furnace (without pledges) of \$6,120 have also been received. The bazaar proceeds of \$1,230 was given to the furnace fund and the previous building repair fund had \$5,000. Endowment Earnings of \$3,555 were used toward the units in 2016. This leaves \$2,500 left to pay off the units which have already been purchased—which will be covered by the pledges which will continue to be paid over the next couple of years. The next step is to begin saving toward future replacements. Thank you to all who have donated and/or pledged.

Spring Craft Fair Coming...March 17, 2018 at Twin Falls First United Methodist Church

**Interested in having a vendor table? Contact the MVM Office.
Crafts, Baked Goods, and the Boy Scouts will be selling hot food.**



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Inside:

- Lent study
- Ash Wednesday services
- New District Superintendent appointed
- Girls welcome to join Cub Scouts
- Donate scarves, hats and gloves 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.

Contact for the office—
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