



**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**

Mondays 9:30 am - Buhl UMC  
Tuesdays 10 am - Jerome UMC  
Tuesdays 2 pm - Twin Falls UMC  
Wednesdays 10 am - Hagerman UMC  
Wednesdays 6:30 pm - Wendell UMC

### **Lenten Lunches**

Wednesdays - 12 noon - Buhl UMC

## **Palm/Passion Sunday - March 25**

Worship at regularly scheduled times.

## **Maundy Thursday - March 29**

5:30 pm - Fish Dinner/Communion - Buhl UMC (RSVP office or Betty Lou)  
5:30 pm - Dinner/Communion/Tenebrae Service - Twin Falls First UMC

## **Good Friday - March 30**

10 am - 2 pm - Stations of the Cross - Pastor Penny's  
12 pm - Tenebrae Service - Jerome UMC  
6:30 pm - Tenebrae Service - Wendell UMC

## **Easter Sunday - April 1**

7 am - Sunrise Service - Hagerman - DeKleinhans Home, 4896 River Road, Buhl  
7 am - Sunrise Service - Twin Falls - Shoshone Falls  
Worship Services held at all churches at regularly scheduled times.

Everyone is invited to attend the meals and services at any church.

If planning to attend the Maundy Thursday Fish Dinner & Communion at Buhl UMC, please RSVP to Betty Lou Wilson 208-543-6294 by March 25.

For directions to the DeKleinhans' home for Easter Sunrise Service call Bobi or Jim at 208-543-5316



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[www.umoi.net](http://www.umoi.net) and [greaternw.org](http://greaternw.org)

Western Jurisdiction of the UMC  
[www.westernjurisdictionumc.org](http://www.westernjurisdictionumc.org)

United Methodist Church  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

UMCOR  
[www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)

Global Ministries  
[www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org)

Discipleship Ministries  
[www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)

General Board of Church & Society  
[www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org)

Connectional Giving  
[www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org)

Camp & Retreat Ministries  
[www.gocamping.org](http://www.gocamping.org)

## The Revised Common Lectionary

March 4 (purple)  
3rd Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

March 11 (purple)  
4th Sunday in Lent  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21  
March 18 (purple)

5th Sunday in Lent (purple)  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-22

March 25 (purple)  
Passion/Palm Sunday  
Liturgy of the Palms  
Mark 11:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Liturgy of the Passion  
Isaiah 50:4-91  
Psalm 31: 9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:57

## March Preaching Schedule

### Pastor Mike

Hagerman UMC 9:30 am  
Buhl UMC 11:30 am

### Pastor Penny

Wendell UMC 9:30 am  
Jerome UMC 11:30 am

### Guest Pastors

Twin Falls 9:30 am  
Filer 11 am

March 4 - Peggy Gulbranson  
March 11 - TBA  
March 18 - Mark Crothers  
March 25 - Danny Crego

## Bishop's symposium and NLI 2018 March 7-10, Cathedral of the Rockies

**Bishop's Symposium** - Bishop Elaine Stanovsky invites clergy and laity to attend a Bishop's Symposium event on March 7 in Boise, at Cathedral of the Rockies. This half-day will be the second option of her multi-option symposium that kicked off with the November program, "No Joke Live." The March session will again include the No Joke Live team as well as noted author, activist, and theologian Brian McLaren.

**Northwest Leadership Institute (NLI)** - When the leader grows, the organization grows. Join us March 8—9 in Boise at the Cathedral of the Rockies for a few days designed to inspire, strengthen, equip and renew church leadership teams. NLI is one of the largest mainline leadership events in the Northwest. This year the theme is Re-formation. Semper reformanda ("always reforming") is one of the enduring slogans often associated with the Protestant Reformation. Here we are, 500 years later, reforming again. Join us and bring a team as we learn together. This year's NLI features noted author and theologian Brian McLaren.

The cost for the Symposium alone is \$30, if you will also attend the Northwest Leadership Institute the cost is \$99. You can register here: <https://cathedraloftherockies.org/NLI-Registration>.

## Revised Common Lectionary for Holy Week

March 26 (purple, red or scarlet)  
Monday of Holy Week  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

March 27 (purple, red or scarlet)  
Tuesday of Holy Week  
Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

March 28 (purple, red or scarlet)  
Wednesday of Holy week  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

March 29 (purple, red or scarlet)  
Holy (Maundy) Thursday  
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 30 (no color)  
Good Friday  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

March 31 (no color)  
Holy Saturday  
Job 14:1-14  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
John 19:38-42

April 1 (white or gold)  
Easter Day  
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

A lectionary is a list of scriptural texts recommended for use in worship or study on a particular day. Liturgical colors are specific colors used within the context of Christian liturgy to underline moods of the season or for special occasions.



## UMCOR Update by Donna Waltman, Conf. UMCOR Coordinator

UMCOR is concentrating on three relief kids, health, school, and cleaning buckets. These will be distributed within the United States because transportation overseas has become outrageously expensive. So instead of sending physical items, money will be sent from UMCOR headquarters to the country overseas so they can purchase items locally.

Money is always needed to buy supplies, but it lacks a personal touch. Getting together, collecting supplies, and making kits is a great way to bring communities together. This can be groups within the church or in the local community. Money collected for UMCOR kit is sent through your local church treasurer to the conference treasurer marked UMCOR Material Resources.

UMCOR Sunday is March 11. Your church could celebrate by bringing items for kits to church and assembling kits that Sunday (or any Sunday in March). This is also the Sunday for special offering for UMCOR which supports all administrative costs for UMCOR.

There may be openings this July and August for teams at the depot in Salt Lake City. If a team (no matter what size) from our churches is interested, contact the MVM office.

Steve Matthews will be picking up kit supplies at churches from Oregon and Idaho at the end of April. He makes this trip several times each year. An account to reimburse him for expenses has been set up at the conference office. Note donations to Conf. Global Missions 1-44-320-5499.

## 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.

## Our Shared Giving Apportionments

### Our 2017 Apportionments:

Buhl	\$6,745	paid \$6,745
Filer	\$6,382	paid \$600
Hagerman	\$6,537	paid \$1,000
Jerome	\$8,643	paid \$8,643
Twin Falls	\$27,037	paid \$23,115
Wendell	\$5,112	paid \$750
Total	\$60,456	paid \$40,853

### Our 2018 Apportionments

Buhl	\$6,117
Filer	\$5,244
Hagerman	\$6,212
Jerome	\$7,955
Twin Falls	\$23,366
Wendell	\$3,890
Total	\$52,784

We paid \$40,853 (67.5%) of our combined shared giving in 2017. This is a big increase and the highest percentage since becoming United Methodist Magic Valley Ministries. We paid \$35,053 (55.7%) in 2017, \$32,079 (47.4) in 2016, \$33,788 (50.8%) in 2014 and \$33,802 (51.7 %) in 2013. Let's see how much we can increase for 2018! Apportionments are based on our actual spending. The churches of the conference paid 81% of 2017 apportionments. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky is encouraging our conference to work on increasing the percentage of apportionments paid.

## Support Voices Against Violence Local Mission Focus 2018

**The United Methodist Church is committed to ending the horror of domestic violence. Our Social Principles address family violence and abuse.**

We recognize that family violence and abuse in all its forms—verbal, psychological, physical, sexual—is detrimental to the covenant of the human community. We encourage the Church to provide a safe environment, counsel, and support for the victim. While we deplore the actions of the abuser, we affirm that person to be in need of God's redeeming love (2012 Book of Discipline ¶161.G).

A resolution titled "Eradicating Sexual and Gender-based Violence" passed at the 2016 General Conference calls the church to raise awareness of sexual and gender-based violence. The resolution that will be in effect for the years 2017-2020 states, The Church must reexamine the theological messages it communicates in light of the experiences of victims of sexual and gender-based violence... Part of our call, as individuals and as a Church, is seeking to address the root causes of violence, working to eradicate it in its multiple forms, and being God's instruments for the wholeness of affected women and children (to be published in 2017 Book of Resolutions)

Talking about domestic violence in our churches is a good place to start and supporting local agencies which seek to end this violence is a way to act. This is why the United Methodist Magic Valley Ministries churches are supporting Voices Against Violence as our shared mission for 2018 **Currently we are collecting food and other items they need. Bring them to your church. Pastors and leaders will deliver them.**

**Food needs: canned beans, dry beans, peanut butter, rolled oats, canned fruit in juice, canned vegetables, low-sodium soups with pull tab lids, canned tuna in water, shelf stable milk, coffee, pasta.**

**Other needs: bath towels, tampons, pillows, diapers, dryer sheets, tweezers, bathroom cleaner, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash.**

## Lenten Message from Council of Bishops

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, I greet you as we enter the Lenten Season – a season of reflection and preparation for the celebration of Jesus’ triumphant resurrection on Easter.

The pattern of our Lenten journey was set by Jesus during his 40 days of solitude, fasting, prayer and testing in the Judean desert. This was an essential period of preparation for Jesus’ public ministry.

But, the goal of our Lenten journey was revealed by Jesus when he first foretold his disciples of his death and resurrection. Mark’s Gospel has Jesus saying: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” (Mark 8:34-35)

What does it mean to lose one’s life for the sake of the gospel? It means to live the same purposeful life Jesus lived. It means to deny our preferences for the sake of Jesus’ kingdom purposes. It means to set aside our self-interest so that others may have a more abundant life. It means we are saved in order to participate in the salvation of others. It means our hearts will break for the very situations that break the heart of God.

Our beloved United Methodist Church is in a season of Lent. We are in an intense season of prayer, discernment and exploring what it means to lose one’s life for the sake of the gospel. The Commission on a Way Forward and the Council of Bishops have entered a critical time of reflection, prayer and fasting as we seek to listen deeply and expectantly to the Holy Spirit. We are confident God’s Spirit will guide the Commission and the Council in discerning where God is leading our church and how, through Christ’s grace, we will continue to do ministry and make disciples throughout the world.

We invite all United Methodists to join us in this Lenten reflection by focusing on the mission that Jesus Christ gave us at the end of his earthly ministry after he triumphantly overcame sin, hatred and death to give birth to a church grounded in the new covenant of love. Please join us in these Lenten disciplines of surrendering our lives to the way of the cross.

- Take at least 30 minutes every day in Lent to pray, offering God your requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving. Pray for the members of the Commission on a Way Forward. Pray for your bishops. Pray for the church and pray for the whole world. 1 John 5:14-15 reminds that we should have bold confidence that “if we ask anything according to God’s will, God hears us. And if we know that God hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of God.”
- Take time to fast, whether it is from food or from some activity. Take the example of Jesus who withdrew to the desert to fast from food and pray for 40 days before starting his public ministry. Our fasting brings us closer to God and enhances our prayers. In whatever we decide to do, we must remember as Romans 14:17 tells us: “For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”
- Take time to reflect on your spiritual gifts and resources that God has blessed you with and share them with others. Donate your time or money saved by fasting to your local church for missions and ministries that benefit your local community directly. Offer your service for acts of compassion and advocacy. Take the example of the first Christians who “were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.” (Acts 2:44-45)

During this Lenten season, let us continue to live out our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Together, let us lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel. By doing so, we will honor the Lord’s Prayer that the kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven and thereby glorify God.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President  
Council of Bishops  
The United Methodist Church

## UMCOR Sunday - March 11

UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) cost of doing business. UMCOR reaches out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Giving on UMCOR Sunday enables UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of each designated gift goes entirely to specific causes. The United Methodist Committee on Relief receives no World Service funds or any other United Methodist apportionments.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs go where they are most needed: to assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest. Please give generously on March 11th.

### *Stations of the Cross: Good Friday, March 30 10 am to 2 pm*

*Walk the Stations of the Cross set up  
in the labyrinth at Pastor Penny's home,  
4292 N 1500 E, Buhl*



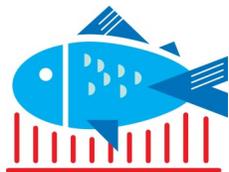
## **New Members will be welcomed on Easter**

Are you interested in becoming a church member? Talk to a Pastor about joining the United Methodist church.



### **Buhl MC, 908 Maple St., Buhl, ID 83316**

Every Sunday	10 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:30 am	Worship
Every Monday	9:30 am	Lent Study
Tuesday, March 13	3:30 pm	Church Council meeting
Thursday, March 29	5:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Fish Dinner & Communion



## **Maundy Thursday Fish Dinner and Communion Service**

**Thursday, March 29, 5:30 pm**

**Buhl UMC - RSVP to Betty Lou 208-543-6249**

### **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, March 1	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	Lent Study with Pastor Penny
Sunday, April 1	7 am	Easter Sunrise Service at DeKleinhans' home

## Easter Sunrise Service at Bobi & Jim DeKleinhans



**April 1, 7 am**

4896 River Road, Buhl - call 208-543-5316 for directions.

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

Every Sunday	9 am	Worship
Every Wednesday	6:30 pm	Lent Study with Pastor Mike
Sunday, March 4	11 am—2 pm	First Sunday Dinner
Friday, March 9	2 pm	United Methodist Women (UMW)
Friday, March 30	6:30 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service

### 1st Sunday Dinner

### Wendell UMC

**March 4, 2018, 11 am - 2 pm**

Menu: corned beef and cabbage

Cost by donation

### Good Friday

### Tenebrae Services

12 pm - Jerome UMC

6:30 pm - Wendell UMC

## 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 am	Lent Study
Every Wednesday	5 pm	Mary and Martha Food Pantry
Thursday, March 1	12:30 pm	United Methodist Women (UMW)
Sunday, March 4	8 am	United Methodist Men's Breakfast
Sunday, March 11	1:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, March 15	2 pm	Rebecca Circle
Sunday, March 18	1 pm	Creekside Assisted Living Worship
Wednesday, March 21	12 pm	Susannah Wesley Circle at Jerome Pizza Hut

## **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	Lent Study with Pastor Penny
Every Wednesday	12:15 pm	Brown Bag Mini Concerts—Winter Series:Organ
	1:30 pm	Needlewits (ladies gather to stitch, knit, etc, & visit)
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 67 (no meetings during spring break)
Sunday, March 4		1st Sunday Food Drive for Twin Falls Schools
Sunday, March 11	10:45 am	Board of Trustees
Thursday, March 29	5:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Sunday, April 1	7 am	Easter Sunrise Service at Shoshone Falls

### **Thank You**

*Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer, and for the love you have all shown me over the past few weeks. Special thanks to the everyone who helped provide the wonderful dinner.*

*Ila Capps.*

### **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.*

### **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.*

## **Maundy Thursday Soup Dinner, Communion, Tenebrae Service**



**Thursday, March 29, 5:30 pm**

**Twin Falls First UMC**

## **Easter Sunrise Service at Shoshone Falls**

**April 1, 7 am**





# John Nilsen in Concert

Hagerman UMC

Saturday, March 24, 3:30 pm

Twin Falls First UMC

Sunday, March 25, 2 pm



ADVENTURE IS WAITING.  
BUILD YOURS AT [BEASCOUT.ORG](http://BEASCOUT.ORG)

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



Bring your lunch and eat at a table in the sanctuary.

Sit in a pew, relax & listen. Stay as long as you wish.

## Brown Bag Mini Concerts

Winter Series: Organ

First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls

Wednesdays 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm

Feb. 21, Feb. 28, Mar. 7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, Mar 28

360 Shoshone St. E, Twin Falls



First United Methodist Church

## Annual Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, March 17

9 am - 4 pm

*\*Whether you are looking for a gift for yourself or for someone special, our local artisans will have a variety of beautiful and unique items that are sure to please\**

**Boy Scouts will be selling hot food.**

**Free Admission**

360 Shoshone St. E, Twin Falls

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**Website - [www.tffumc.com](http://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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