



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.

## 8th Annual Sawtooth Camp Sunday

### August 5, 2018

THE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCHES OF THE MAGIC VALLEY

ARE JOINING TOGETHER  
FOR A DAY OF FUN & WORSHIP  
AT SAWTOOTH CAMP.



Reservations for attending must be made by July 15.  
*Sign up at your local church or call the Magic Valley  
Ministries Office at (208)324-2981 (leave message).*

### Our Pastors and Staff

**Reverend Michael Hollomon**  
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## 5th Annual Mission Trip to UMCOR West January 6-10, 2019



**Be in mission supporting the work of the United Methodist Church.  
Assemble relief kits so they are ready to be sent after a disaster.**

*Cost is \$210. Covers lodging and food.  
Deposit of \$50 due by Aug. 26, 2018.  
Contact the MVM Office for information.*

## Our United Methodist Connections

Sage District  
Rev. Gwen Drake  
District Superintendent  
email [gwen@umoi.org](mailto:gwen@umoi.org)

Oregon Idaho Annual Conference  
Bishop Elaine Stanovsky  
[www.umoi.org](http://www.umoi.org) 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

June 3 (green)  
2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10 (green)  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 8:4-20  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

June 17 (green)  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20 or Psalm 72  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
John 17:6-19

June 24 (green)  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Samuel 17:32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

## June Preaching Schedule

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

Pastor Penny

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

Pastor Mike on June 3, 10, 24

Mark Crothers on June 17

***Twin Falls First UMC 9:30 am and Filer UMC 11 am***

Peggy Gulbranson on June 3

tba June 10

Pastor Mike June 17

Danny Crego June 24

## MVM Office Moving

June will be a time of transition as we move toward being a five church cooperative. The business office of the Magic Valley Ministries will be at the Jerome UMC. Mail for the MVM can begin to be sent to UMMVM—Jerome UMC, PO Box 90, Jerome, Idaho, 83338.

Pastor Mike will have a working office at Filer UMC and Jerome UMC. Etha will have a desk at Jerome UMC and will be in one or two times a week when bulletins, newsletters or other printed items are needed.

Pastor Mike and Pastor Penny continue to be available by cell phone. Etha will be available at the Twin Falls church through June 30. After July 1, Etha will be working 10 hours a week and will be available by cell phone at 208-329-0254 (leave a message) Messages can also be left at the Jerome UMC and will be checked about once a week.

## Five Church MVM begins July 1

The United Methodist Magic Valley Ministries cooperative will continue with five churches from Buhl, Filer, Hagerman, Jerome, and Wendell. Reverend Mike Hollomon will continue as full time lead pastor and Penny Hodges will continue as half time lay assigned pastor. Etha Carruthers will continue as administrative assistant at about 10 hours a week.

As this change was a surprise announcement by the cabinet, the SPRC has requested a grant from the conference Equitable Compensation Commission to help cover the shortfall of funds brought about by this change. We expect to hear an answer from them before Annual Conference in mid-June. Back up plans are in place for this appointment year and the MVM Leadership/SPRC will keep our congregations informed as we move ahead.

Pastors and MVM Leadership are beginning to look at our ministry in new ways as we move to serving the rural communities of the Central Magic Valley. If you have thoughts or ideas for new or changing ministry, please visit with the pastors.

What will continue? Sawtooth Sunday will continue to be sponsored by the UMMVM as a Sage District/Magic Valley/Southern Idaho event. 5th Sunday Worship will continue with the next date to worship together on September 30 at Jerome UMC. The Festival of Carols will be re-imagined with a new approach and location to be held on December 8. The 5th Annual Mission Trip to UMCOR West will take place in early January. We will continue to serve our communities and always look for ways to be in ministry as individual churches and as one ministry.

## Twin Falls First UMC - New Direction

On Sunday, April 29 District Superintendent, Rev. Gwen Drake, announced that the Oregon Idaho Cabinet and the Greater Northwest Innovation Cultivation Team have designated the community of Twin Falls as a strategic area to focus on with resources to help revitalize Twin Falls First UMC.

On May 22 Rev. Gwen Drake and incoming DS, Rev. Karen Hernandez announced to the Twin Falls congregation that Reverend Duane Anders from the Cathedral of the Rockies will be appointed to the Twin Falls church. A plan to revitalize the church was introduced. Reverend Anders will be working with the congregation to develop and oversee a team to revive the church and hire a pastor. The conference will provide financial support for five years to help in this process.

Pastor Duane asked that members and friends of Twin Falls First UMC pray for two things:

1. That God's will be done.
2. Give me a heart for the things God is doing.



## Annual Conference—June 13-16—Boise

**Legislative petitions to the 2018 session of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference are now available for review** on the conference website. Six action items and ten standing resolutions have been submitted.

Submitted action items include changes to scholarship policies for clergy, actions to support civil rights (including bi-lingual signage at churches), and a rule change to enable distribution of the conference journal via print on demand. Standing resolutions speak to the values held by the Conference. Submitted items include supporting inclusion for lay staff, a position on climate change, support for human rights in the US and Middle East, support of fair trade, abolition of human trafficking. Detailed information can be found at [www.umi.org/legislation](http://www.umi.org/legislation). If you have questions or comments visit with your Lay Member to Annual Conference or call the MVM Office.

### Draft of Revised Social Principles Released

The draft of the revised Social Principles was released after years of listening and writing sessions. United Methodists are invited to weigh in on the content throughout the following months. The draft and the mechanism through which individuals can submit comment are accessible at [www.umcjustice.org/sp2020](http://www.umcjustice.org/sp2020).

General Conference in 2012 tasked the General Board of Church and Society with conducting listening sessions across the connection. From these listening sessions, Church and Society concluded that the Social Principles needed to be more theologically grounded, more globally relevant, and more succinct. At the 2016 General Conference, Church and Society was further tasked with bringing revised Social Principles to the 2020 General Conference.

“The current draft of the Social Principles is very much a work in progress,” stated Dr. Randall Miller, vice president of the General Board of Church and Society and chair of the Social Principles Task Force. “Very often in our Church what is made public is close to a finished draft, but in this case the GBCS Board and the members of the Writing Team made a very deliberate decision to make this working draft available for comments and suggestions by United Methodists from around the world. As much as humanly possible, we want the new Social Principles to reflect the diversity of our worldwide connection.”

“The Social Principles strengthen the witness of United Methodists across the world,” said the Rev. Neal Christie, assistant general secretary for education and leadership formation at Church and Society. “These words reflect who we aspire to be as a Christian community engaged in the timely realities of our world. I hope this revision process energizes United Methodists to use the Social Principles in their congregations and communities.”

Readers of the draft will notice that two sections are not drafted: “Human Sexuality” and “Rights of Persons of All Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities.” Church and Society has decided to be informed by the actions of the special session of the General Conference in regards to the content for these sections. Following the called session of the General Conference in 2019, language will be developed in preparation for the 2020 General Conference.

“This has been a years long process, and we are excited about this next step,” shared the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, general secretary of the General Board of Church and Society. “I am grateful for the hundreds of United Methodists who have devoted time to this endeavor in service to the Church, and urge everyone to read the draft and submit feedback.”

The opportunity to weigh in on the draft will run until the end of August.

**There will be a discussion about this draft on the first day of Annual Conference. All who are interested are invited to join the discussion on Wednesday, June 13, 2 to 4:30 pm at Boise First UMC (Cathedral of the Rockies). This is open to all—not just annual conference members or attendees.**

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

Every Sunday	10 am	Adult Sunday School
	11:30 am	Worship
Tuesday, June 12	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, June 7	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

**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	Expresso Readers at Lulu Mae Coates house
Every Wednesday	5 pm	Mary and Martha Food Pantry
Sunday, June 10	8 am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, June 17	1 pm	Creekside Assisted Living Worship

**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

**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)

**Rummage Sale - Saturday, August 25, 8 am to 4 pm**

**Twin Falls First UMC**

**Donations accepted—contact Fran Tubbs 1-208-691-9461**



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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.

Contact for the office—  
Call 733-5872 or email  
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