



January 2018

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Happy New Year!



California-Nevada Annual Conference The United Methodist Church



December 31, 2017 - January 6, 2018

The California-Nevada Annual Conference is inviting everyone across the denomination to pray for God's guidance in fulfilling the mission of the church. Their aim is to ask and listen for God's leadership at this critical time by praying daily and fasting weekly for our church, mission, and future.

Each annual conference is taking one week to have intentional prayer. Our district's week of prayer will be December 31, 2017 - January 6, 2018. Join the UMC prayer community by signing up for a time to pray every half hour of the week, post a prayer on the online Prayer Wall, or join a Virtual Prayer Room!

For more information on how you can participate, visit the California-Nevada Annual Conference website at <https://www.cnumc.org/>.

New Smartphone Giving Option



We are excited to announce a new mobile app that you can use to make secure donations to the church through our existing platform, Vanco Solutions. In addition to giving through our website, you can download the free app **GIVE+** from iPhone App Store or Android Play Store. Once download is complete, search First United Methodist Church by zip code **95354**. Click on create an account or use Give Now.

When paying (contributing) with a credit or debit card as your payment method, please consider clicking on the button, "Help offset the processing fee", which will include a 3% fee of your total transaction to assist the church in offsetting these processing fees. Please note that when paying with a checking or savings account, there is no additional percentage fee involved with your payment (contribution), avoiding an additional cost to the church.

Thank you for your continued support!

Un-Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, January 6 | 9:00 a.m.

"Many hands make light work"



On Saturday, January 6, our church will make the transition from Christmas to Epiphany and take down our beloved Christmas decorations and store them until next year.

This is a big task, and we need your help! If you are able, please join us on Saturday to assist in taking down our holiday greens. In particular, much assistance is needed to disassemble the large Sanctuary Christmas tree. Large tasks become small when divided among several people. Hope you will join us!

United Methodist Women Pin Recognition Sunday

Sunday, January 7, 2018



The United Methodist Women's annual pin recognition ceremony will be held during worship on Sunday, January 7. Special Mission recognition pins are rewarded to those women whose work behind the scenes or in organizational or leadership positions on UMW mission projects has benefited our church and the community.

A cake reception will immediately follow the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate our amazing UMW!



United Methodist Women

UMW is a community of women committed to supporting and improving the lives of women, children, and youth. They nurture and encourage one another to grow spiritually through worship, Bible study and prayer.

January Program Meeting Thursday, January 4 | Fireside Room | 10:00 a.m.

Start off the New Year with the United Methodist Women! There are plenty of ways to connect with this wonderful fellowship of women dedicated to helping women, youth and children locally and worldwide.

Join us in the Fireside Room for the Installation of Officers led by Janet Harper plus Pledge Service and Budget Adoption. The new year of 2018 holds numerous new opportunities of mission and service for UMW!

January Fellowship Groups:

Tuesday, January 2	Nifty Needles - After the holidays, join this group of crafters and begin a new project! Always good conversation, yummy food and exchange of ideas. Not a crafter? Come along anyways! You will enjoy the fellowship and warmth.	Home of Mary Swier 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 2	BRAGG Book Reading Group - Need a good book to read? Enjoy great food? Join this welcoming group of women who love to read and enjoy dinner together. The book discussion will be on, "Surprised by Joy," by C. S. Lewis.	Thai House 3400 Tully Rd. 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 6	Saturday Seekers - Join the discussion of the book, "Launch Your Encore," by Finzel and Hicks. This is a wonderful discussion group with a lively exchange of ideas and opinions! Come early to order food.	Frost Bakery 901 N. Carpenter Rd 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, January 9	Tuesday Study Group - Continuing the book study of, "Not Safe for Church." Come and discuss this timely topic.	Home of Rennie Blair 1:30 p.m.

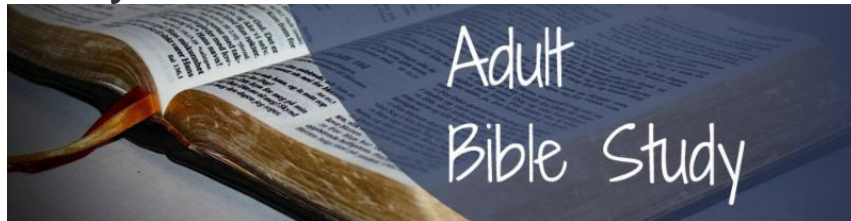
**Special 2018 Project
Calling All Knitters, Crocheters and Sewers!**



In the months ahead, Assembly 2018 planners are inviting United Methodist Women who have skills in knitting, crocheting or sewing to create baby hats for those in need. The baby hats may be made from fabric, fleece or yarn. Need a pattern? Contact Judy Church. Let's see if we can make at least 100 hats by May 1st! Bring completed hats to any UMW meeting, drop off in the church office or give to Margaret Barker, Virginia Carder or Olive Vinande. Thanks for your help, time and talent!

Contact Olive Vinande at ovinande@yahoo.com for more information regarding our United Methodist Women's Group.

Adult Bible Study



January Schedule:

Sunday Mornings	Lean In Sunday School - Adult Bible study class. Be there and be blessed!	Conference Room 9:05 a.m.
Wednesday Mornings	Midweek Moments with God - A small group discussion. Everyone is welcome!	Library 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, Jan 10 & 24	Men-to-Men Group - An early morning men's Christ care group.	Library 7:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan 24	Fourth Day Christ Care Group - Pray, study, and act together.	Home of Virginia Carder 12:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Isaac Estrella Marrielle Estrella	2 Ui Cha Iijima	3	4	5 Sean Prevette Dallas Riches Hellen Willhide	6
7 Ed Von Borstel	8 Kevin Leppla	9 Makena Merritt Jagger Simas	10 Bill Burchell	11	12 Celena Desaire	13 Audrey Brown Kay Goodbar Sally Pratt
14	15 Nicholas Castillon	16 Judy Aprile Barbara Neer	17 Chuck Lynds	18 Zachary Giddings	19	20
21 Lois Antonelli	22 Jim Struck Marion Von Borstel	23 Debra Buckles Penny Raab	24	25 Ron Unruh	26	27 Matt Littlepage
28 Ross Dickerson	29 Lori Brunsvold	30 Barbara Tregea	31			

Birthday Sunday Fellowship | Sunday, January 14 | Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us after worship to celebrate our January birthdays with birthday

cake, coffee, and punch.

**Downtown Music Series Presents:
A Piano Recital by Misha Galant
Friday, January 12, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.**



Born into three generations of musical heritage, Misha Galant *gave* his first full length public recital when he was only 12 years old. Mr. Galant has already garnered many awards and honors, including first prizes at the Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition, the Ross McKee Piano Competition, the Pacific Musical Society competition, the San Jose International Piano Competition, and the Henry & Carol Zeiter piano competition at UOP. He was the state winner in both the 2010 and 2015 MTAC concerto competition, and in 2015 he was inducted into the selective Young Artist Guild.

Mr. Galant *wrrrently* studies in the Columbia University and Juilliard School Exchange in New York City, under the tutelage of M atti Raekallio. His playing displays brilliant technical mastery and a natural musical connection to *even* the most difficult piano repertoire. Tickets: \$15.00 general, \$10.00 student.



**John Wesley Society
FUMC Endowment Fund**

The Answer is in the Wind!

An old proverb says "*Raise your sail one foot and you get ten feet of wind.*" These words can also be applied to estate planning. With just a little planning and the right kind of help, you can make a world of difference.

Estate planning is a lot like sailing. With the right equipment, a map, a compass and strong sails, you can safely reach your destination and avoid trouble. Like sailing on a fair day, a current estate plan can help you achieve your goals and plan for whatever lies ahead.

A will or trust that provides for family lets your loved ones how much you care. It also gives you an opportunity to continue to support the causes that are important to you. Even better, when you include a gift to a charitable cause, such as your church, you benefit.

Gift planners of First United Methodist Church are available to help you maximize the impact of your charitable giving for our church. Contact the church office at (209) 522-9046 or a member of the FUMC Endowment Team for details or questions regarding contributions or planned gifts.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare..., to give you a future with hope."

*The John Wesley Society of FUMC is a chapter of the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

January EVENTS

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
New Year's Eve	1 Happy New Year's Day <i>Offices</i>	2 <i>Closed</i>	3	4	5	6 UnHanging of the Greens <i>9am</i> Sanctuary
7 UMW Pin Recognition & Reception FH ~ Communication Team Mtg Conf Rm	8	9	10	11	12 DMS Misha Galant Piano Recital <i>7:30pm</i> Chapel	13
14 January Birthday Celebration FH	15 Martin Luther King Day <i>Offices Closed</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 H4TH Wrap-up Conf Rm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	<u>FAMILY</u> 29	<u>PROMISE</u> 30 Mental Health Wellness Group Fireside Room	<u>HOST</u> 31	<u>WEEK</u>		

Save the Date

First United Methodist Church

The 2017 - 2018 Season

Angela Kraft Cross

Pipe Organ Recital
Friday, September 8, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$20 general, \$10 student

Patty Castillo Davis

Singer—songwriter
Friday, October 6, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 student

Richard Cionco

"The Romantic Spirit" Piano Recital
Friday, November 3, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 student

The Christmas Story

An Oratorio by Heinrich Schutz
Sunday, December 17, 10:00 AM
Donations accepted

Misha Galant

Piano Recital
Friday, January 12, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 student

A Musical Potpourri

Eclectic Music Concert
Friday, February 23, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 student

Anita Felix and Miles Graber

Violin and Piano Recital
Saturday, March 17, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 student

MSYO Chamber Ensembles

Youth Chamber Ensembles
Sunday, April 22, 3:00 PM
Tickets: \$10 general, \$5 student

Choir and Handbell Concert

Featuring the FUMC Choir and Handbells
Friday, May 18, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$10 general

Tyler Hayford

Piano Recital
Friday, June 8, 7:30 PM
Tickets: \$15 general, \$10 student

DOWNTOWN MUSIC SERIES

AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UMCOR Relief Kit Ministry

UMCOR Depot West
Salt Lake City, UT



UMCOR Depot West is located in the western Jurisdiction and provides an opportunity for volunteerism with the UMCOR kit ministry. Depot West is a 22,000 sq. ft. warehouse where volunteers verify and make kits. UMCOR Depot West works closely with Crossroads, an ecumenical organization that provides community support to those in need.

Maybe you're thinking about a possible individual or team experience at UMCOR. If your group is looking forward to 2018 or 2019 dates in Salt Lake City, UMCOR Depot would like to encourage you to make your reservations with them soon. Their calendar is filling up rapidly and would like to make sure groups like ours are not turned away.

Please contact Alisa Quist at 801-322-4131 for assistance or Rev. Brian Diggs, Associate Director UMCOR West Office and Depot.

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