



The Messenger

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Pastor, the Reverend Philip J. Airhart

October 2011

Sunday Worship

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:15 a.m.

Nursery Care Available
Handicapped Accessible / Elevator



Ministry Contacts & Staff

Church Administrator
Etha C.

Lay Leader Ron J.

Nursery Attendants
Charee S.
Ashlee B.
Christina M.

Sound Technician
Greg P.

Communicator
Eleanore B.

Coordinator of Christian Ed.
Cathy P.

Trustee Chair Verne S.

Finance Chair Phil G.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Chair
Bob P.

Welcoming Rosie S.
Carol J.

Altar Guild Lou S.
Joyce G.

Outreach John and Colleen T.

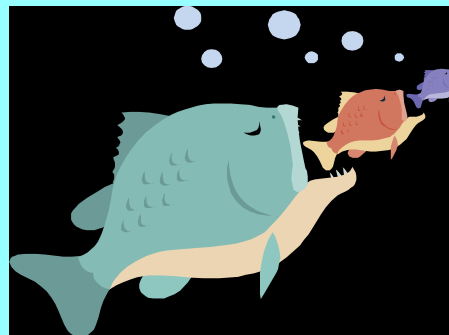
Miriam's Circle Pat H.
Ruth's Circle Doris R.

Scouting Sharon B.

Sunday, October 9

What Can We Catch?

The members of the congregation who have participated in CATCH invite you to join us for a short presentation to share what we have learned and ideas we have discussed while studying this book about fostering church growth.



PRESENTATION
11:30 A.M. IN THE
SANCTUARY

POTLUCK
12:15 P.M. IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL



October
14 & 15

**Bring your good, useable, but unwanted items to
the Retreat Center by October 12th.**

Volunteer to help!

Set up/take down tables — contact Duke (733-3160)

Sort & fold—contact Valerie (733-1829)

Cashier—Contact Janice (733-4825)

Help Customers—contact Valerie (733-1829)

Message from Pastor Phil

Holy Communion – a “Family Get-Together”

Each year, on the first Sunday in October, with many of the rest of the world's Christians we celebrate World Communion Sunday. We celebrate Jesus, and what he did for us, and for people in every corner of the world.

We celebrate what Jesus did during his ministry here on earth, and what by the power of the Holy Spirit he still does today. We celebrate the Jesus that welcomed little children into his arms, and we celebrate the Jesus who was never too busy to bless everyone, no matter who they were and no matter what others thought of them.

We gather together as a family, and as families do on every occasion when they have a “get-together” to celebrate an important event, we gather around the table to share together in a meal. We celebrate by sharing in the holiest meal of all – the Lord’s Supper. We celebrate the Jesus who considered family unity to be important, and who never missed an opportunity to bless a “family get-together” with his presence.

On this World Communion Sunday, or any Sunday on which we hold a “family get-together” around the Lord’s Table, look around and notice who is absent from the family table. Oh, I know there are always folks away on any given Sunday because of travel or illness, but those aren’t the ones I’m thinking of just now. I’m thinking of those folks who would otherwise love to be there around the Lord’s Table,

but who are physically unable to leave their place of residence. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if a way could be found to include them in this holy “family get-together” as well?

Well – there is a way to include these dear folks in our monthly family “get-togethers,” but its continued success is very much dependent on your support and active participation. Every month, the committed volunteers of our Home Communion Ministry take the elements of Christ’s body and blood that have been blessed by the pastor during the service and share them with members of the our church family who are unable to leave their homes. In doing this they “extend the table” to include a few more family members who otherwise would miss out on the holy celebration.

What a blessing to share family unity in such a meaningful way – and how sad to think that some may miss out on this blessing because of a lack of willing volunteers to share with them. Our Home Communion Ministry is ably coordinated by Phyllis P., and she would love to speak with you about the opportunities that exist right now in this wonderfully fulfilling ministry, and how you might find a place of service there. Do it today, won’t you? And keep the “get-togethers” going!

In Christ’s love – and mine,

New Members & New Employees

On September 18th we welcomed four new members to our congregation. Valerie has been worshipping with us for several years and currently serves on the Board of Trustees. Valerie has been watering our lawn this summer. Jonah has been worshipping with us for a few years. Jonah is always willing to help out with carrying heavy items or moving furniture when needed. Jonah attends CSI. Marty and Kathy began worshipping here last spring and we have enjoyed getting to know them. Be sure to welcome them to our church family. We recently hired three new employees.

Ashlee joined the nursery staff in early summer. She has a son. Christina began working in the nursery in September. She has a daughter who comes with her and three children who spend weekends with their father. Ashlee and Christina are passionate about the nursery and have been cleaning and sorting things. Stop in and say hello to them. Brenda joined us in September as organist/accompanist. She is part of the bell ringers at the Presbyterian Church.

Christian Education



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Sunday School year is off and running with 15 students so far attending our preschool, elementary and middle school classes.

35 people attended *The Bible Tells Me So* and the discussion following the film on Sept. 14. Additional classes will follow on Wednesday evenings through October, looking at specific aspects of this film and the biblical side of the controversy over homosexuality. When Pastor Phil was asked why our church is doing this study he answered that we are a church who believes, as John Wesley did, that we are to address contemporary issues of society and offer an opportunity to explore and question them in context of our faith. Please join us in the Fireside Room on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to continue this discussion.

There is still a need for additional teachers to work with our preschool through middle school classes, as well as for people willing to be substitutes. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

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Scouting Ministry

Attention Boys in Grades 1 to 5 Join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack 67 meets on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. We always have room for more boys. Tigers (1st grade), Wolves (2nd grade) Bears (3rd grade) and Webelos (4th/5th grade) meet each Wednesday during the school year for crafts, games, sports, songs, and stories.

Boys age 11 - 18 are encouraged to become a Boy Scout!

Boy Scout Troop 67 meets every Monday during the year in the Fellowship Hall. Boys participate in outdoor activities such as camping, aquatics and hiking to achieve the aims of character, citizenship and personal fitness training. Boys are invited to visit a troop meeting to see what scouting is all about.

Thank you for supporting our Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at the Twin Falls County Fair. Your purchases at the Grandstand Booth and work at the booth help keep both groups self-supporting. As always, you are appreciated.



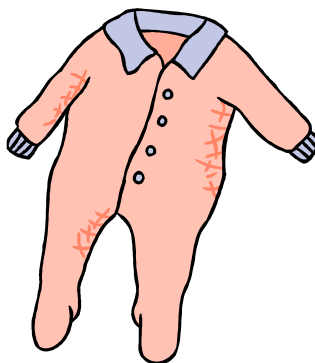
Mission Opportunities

Communion for the Homebound:

The purpose of Communion for the Homebound is to be a volunteer ministry of lay members of the First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls who work in teams to take communion to homebound members of the congregation at least every two months, depending on the number of volunteers and number of homebound members. This is carried out Sunday, Monday or Tuesday of the first week of each month when possible.

The delivery of Communion is not meant to replace lay visitation or pastoral care. Members desiring a pastoral visit for any reason should contact Pastor Phil personally to arrange a visit.

If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Phil Airhart.



Children's Sleepers Needed

We are collecting sleepers for South Central Community Action. As the temperature cools down, children need sleepers to stay warm at night in houses that are kept very cool. Bring sleepers to the Friendship Room between Oct. 1st and November 20th. A collection site will be marked.

Sheila, Outreach

Potluck & CATCH Presentation

The members of the congregation who have been participating in CATCH have finished working through the study book and have spent a lot of time discussing who we are as a congregation and what we might like to be in the future. We want to share the interesting things we have learned and ideas we have discussed with the congregation; everyone has a role in this process and a stake in its

outcome. Please join us after worship on Sunday, October 9 for a short presentation in the sanctuary, to be followed by a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The presentation will start at 11:30 a.m. and will move downstairs to the potluck shortly after noon. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck; table service and beverages will be provided.

Cathy, CATCH Participant

All Church Rummage Sale

This fall's rummage sale October 14th and 15th is an all church project. Everyone can help in some way! Bring your unwanted items that are still useful to the retreat center by the 12th of October. We need everything because we have no rummage in storage. Clean your house and garage and bring it down!

Duke and the Africans have agreed to set the tables up and set things out on Tuesday night. We have Wednesday and Thursday to get everything organized and ready for customers. If you could donate one or two hours to sort and fold it would make a big difference!

Janice will be organizing the cashiers so, if you want to take part in that, contact her! We will need two people milling around during the sale; if you would like to do that, contact Valerie.

With everyone's help, we can do this and raise needed money to help pay for roof maintenance! Call Valerie with questions or to volunteer for a specific job. You can make a difference!



Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference for First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls will be held October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Rev. Mike Holloman, who is the Pastor at Wendell UMC and Hagerman UMC, will serve as the Presiding Elder.

Each committee of the church is requested to have it's chairperson or a member present at the charge conference.

If your committee is responsible for one of the reports, the Church Administrator will contact you with the details. Please turn in your report to the church office by October 3rd.

Please note that only the Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Nominations and Lay Speakers are required to turn in reports.

All-Church Bazaar Information

Thanks to all for the many questions that have come up about the destination of the proceeds from the Bazaar this year. Since it will be an all-church effort to continue the annual Bazaar Tradition the money will go to "church missions and projects". Participating groups within the church such as UMW, Needlewits, Sunday School, etc., are encouraged to participate as a vendor and choose where the proceeds go from their group. Participating church groups will not pay a table fee and may want to indicate their cause. This will promote involvement from everyone! Each group will

report to the congregation what they accomplish in the December's church newsletter.

The Bazaar Committee, whose responsibility it is to organize, advertise, decorate and prepare the meal, will decide within that group where the money earned from the rental of the tables and the luncheon will go. This will also be reported in the newsletter.

It will be interesting to see all the good that can come from one "all-church" event.

Lynne, Bazaar Committee

Shared Ministries

The *World Service Fund* is the primary avenue of support for the global mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church. World Service connects your church to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination in the work of the general church agencies and other national and international programs.

It is the heart of our denominational presence, expressing in the Four Areas of Focus the vision and yearnings of the people of The United Methodist Church. During this quadrennium, the church seeks to focus the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world around these areas of ministry .

1. Developing Principled Christian Leaders for the Church and the World.
2. Creating New Places for New People and Renewing Existing Congregations.
3. Engaging in Ministry with the Poor.
4. Stamping out Killer Diseases of Poverty by improving Health Globally.

When you designate your offering to "Shared Ministries" you are supporting our congregations commitment to the *World Service Fund*.



Plans for the Annual Bazaar are being made. Please join together and be a part of this event November 5th from 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

There are many options to help this year!

- 1) Attend, have lunch, visit and shop
- 2) Be a vendor
- 3) Donate to the bake sale
- 4) Donate needed items for lunch (a list will be in the Friendship Room. All items must be at the church by the Sunday before the Bazaar, October 29th)



**Book Club
October 6th
7:30 p.m. at
Zulu's Upstairs
(on Addison)**

Suggested spooky reading for October is *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* by Katherine Howe. It is a great read for Arthur Miller *The Crucible* fans. We invite all readers to join us.

Misc. Announcements

Budget Requests for 2012 are due in the church office by October 10th.

We have minimal custodial service each week; each group or individual using the church is asked to clean up after an event or meeting. This includes taking care of the trash, wiping tables, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming and taking out the trash. Cleaning items are kept in the cupboards near the nursery and in the janitors room on the basement level.

College students or their parents are asked to notify the church office of current addresses.

Please label all food items left in the refrigerators. Items not labeled will be thrown away on the 10th of each month. Labels and pens are available in the drawers near the refrigerators. If your group has used the refrigerator in the past month, please check for any leftovers and take care of them.

The large cooler in the kitchen has been unplugged to save energy. If you are holding an event that requires use of the cooler, please plug it in. You will need to watch it carefully as it tends to freeze.

Church Office Hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday. Church staff will be working other hours as needed to complete administrative tasks. Please leave a message if your call is not answered. The staff will return calls as soon as possible.

Deadline for Bulletin and Newsletter. Items for the bulletin calendar, prayer requests, or weekly announcements are due in the church office each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Items for the monthly newsletter are due in the church office by the 20th of each month.

See Church Website for updated information. A building use calendar and updated information is available on our website at www.tffumc.com.



THANK YOU

Thank you for the many cards, calls, and guests at my 90th birthday party. It is a great joy to have such good friends.

Laurabelle

Thank you everyone for your concerns and prayers during the past year!

God Bless You,
Ronnie

Thank you for the prayers, kindness and love I received during my recent illness. I miss all of you and hope to be at church soon.

Jean



Lifting up our church family in prayer:

Prayers for health and healing:

Helen	Sandra
Alesa	Pat
Kyle	Roxie
Bee	Roger
OraLee	

Prayers for Long Term Medical Treatment

Ken	Casey
Sylvia	Faye
Vernon	Dick
John	

Prayers of Comfort:

The Pimper Family
The Van Dyk Family

Share a prayer request with a prayer card, or by calling the church office at 733-5872 or emailing tffumc@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events...

Boy Scout Popcorn Sale	Oct. 2, 9
World Communion Sunday	Oct. 2
Financial Peace University Preview	Oct. 6
CATCH Presentation and Potluck	Oct. 9
Columbus Day (office closed)	Oct. 10
Charge Conference	Oct. 18
Bazaar	Nov. 5
Bible Sunday	Nov. 13
Paul Saik Holiday Concert	Nov. 20



OCTOBER

Our United Methodist Connections

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