



Whitney United Methodist Church
3315 W Overland Rd
Boise, ID 83705

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 16: Soup Sunday

February 21: Community Dinner

March 16: Soup Sunday

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at
www.whitneyumc.org.

Whitney Quarterly



Whitney United Methodist Church
Winter 2025 Edition



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Worship: Sundays at 10:00 am: in-person
or live streamed on our YouTube channel
@Whitney UMC Boise

Saturday Lunch: 10:30 am – noon

Community Dinner: Every 3rd Friday
from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

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PASTOR'S NOTE

"Then Jesus went with them to a garden called Gethsemane and told his disciples, 'Stay here while I go over there and pray.' Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he plunged into an agonizing sorrow. Then he said, 'This sorrow is crushing my life out. Stay here and keep vigil with me.'"

- Matthew 26:36-38

As we start out this new year, this new set of three hundred sixty five days, this new set of 525,600 minutes, our world has already experienced unprecedented disaster – most specifically and notably in the United States being the fires engulfing urban communities in Los Angeles. For many people there are many things that face us in the very near future which cause concern, or anxiety, or fear, or depression. Our hearts break at the devastation we are watching through screens, watching our neighbors of every walk losing their homes, their savings, their lives, and this is not the end of witnessing climate disasters and their immense devastating impacts.

In this time, the ways that we show up to and for our communities becomes even more essential. Our world continues to move at an immense pace around us, and globally there are trends shifting further and further into realms of fascism and dictatorship. There is no telling what will happen in the coming weeks, months, and years, but Dr. Rebecca M. David Hensley reminds us that "a Christian ethic for such a time as this calls us to stay awake to whatever atrocities might lie ahead in the coming [days]. It calls us to turn our anticipatory grief into communal grief through prayer vigils and public protests. It calls us to transform our communal grief into social activism that holds authorities at all levels accountable for the wellbeing of all peoples and all of God's sacred creation."¹

There is much to grieve and there is much to worry about. And we have been here before. Now is the time for building resistant community together. Jesus asks us to stay awake and keep watch. Stay awake and pray. Stay awake and act comes next. And we can only do that together.

Rev. Hannah J. Andres

¹ Hensley, Rebecca M. David. "The Truth Will Set You Free? Anticipatory Grief Ahead of Trump's Re-Inauguration" in *Faith and Democracy*. <https://goodfaithmedia.org/the-truth-will-set-you-free-anticipatory-grief-ahead-of-trumps-re-inauguration/> Published January 16, 2025. Accessed January 16, 2025.



NOVEMBER COMMUNITY DINNER



CRAFT FAIR



JOYFUL NOISE



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

During the month of November we did an all church collection of items for City Light. At our November meeting, Jean Lockhart, COO of City Light gave a presentation on their program for women and children. We presented her with the items which she gratefully received. We will be taking a tour of the City Light facility for our May meeting.

We will not be meeting in January. We are having our Christmas luncheon on Saturday January 4, 2025 at 12:30. All women of the church will receive an invitation to this potluck lunch. Instead of a gift exchange we will be giving to the children of Whitney Elementary. They have expressed a need for sweatpants - sizes 5-12/14.

All women are invited to join United Women in Faith. You don't have to be a member of the church nor do you need to be a Methodist. Our goal is to put faith, hope and love into action as we minister to women, children and youth. We are an active group at Whitney and meet the 1st Wednesday of every month except January, July and August. We also have a circle, Celia Cowan, which meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Come join us!

At the November United Women in Faith luncheon we were happy to welcome Jean Lockhart, C.O.O. of the Boise Rescue Mission.



After her presentation we loaded Jean's car with all the items our Whitney congregation so generously donated for the City Light Women's and Children's Shelter.



United Women in Faith

JOSEPH’S CLOSET

This has been a busy season for us. We opened on Oct. 18 and from then until the first of December we have given over 300 coats and accessories. We are grateful for the many donations we receive. Three churches on the Bench have containers for collection. They are Wright Congregational, All Saints Episcopal and Red Rock Christian. We also receive donations from Meridian UMC and Kuna Nazarene. This is truly an ecumenical community ministry. Many of our guests are living in their cars or in tents. Others are families who have just moved here - many from warmer climates. Volunteers from Whitney and our greater community staff the Closet on Tuesdays and Saturdays and 3rd Friday evenings. We will be closing the Closet on January 18 but because of the wonderful donation of our storage shed, we will still be able to give out items to persons who contact the church and continue to receive donations.



“A Story from the Closet”

Several years ago, someone donated a beautiful red wool cape to Joseph’s Closet. Many women tried it but the cape was either too long or too large. One afternoon a tall, stately woman who was a newly arrived refugee from the Congo, came in. She rummaged through the coats, tried on several but nothing worked. Then one of us remembered the bright red cape. She put it on and it was a perfect fit. She was beautiful! As she looked in the mirror, we knew that not only would the cape keep her warm, it would also lift her spirits.



JOSEPH’S CLOSET BENEFIT CONCERT

Strains of piano music - everything from boogie woogie to classical was heard at Whitney on November 17. Our gifted musicians - Juli Draney and Becca Taylor and our talented administrative assistant - Sonrisa Garcia Draney plus a friend of Whitney - Mitch y Elliot presented a wonderful concert to benefit Joseph’s Closet - Whitney’s warm clothing ministry. A full house enjoyed the music and donated \$1535.00. This will be used to finance the rental of the trailer and to purchase needed items. Afterwards we enjoyed cookies and community with our guests. Thank you so much to our musicians for this beautiful gift!

