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# The Messenger



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On Sunday, September 11 we will be “KICKING OFF” the new Fall programming with a very special ONE worship service at 10 AM. Wear your favorite football jersey or sweatshirt or T-shirt of your favorite team. Following worship, we will have a tailgate party outside. Hot dogs will be provided. You are invited to bring your favorite tailgate food to share and lawn chairs for the tailgate party. Fun for EVERYONE! Don't miss out— bring the whole family!



The Mission of First United Methodist Church is:  
**Christ's love in action through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

The Vision of First United Methodist Church is:  
**A Christ-Centered, diverse and inclusive community, devoted to living and sharing God's grace and love.**

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:30 AM Contemporary  
10:00 AM Traditional  
Sunday School for all Ages ~ Nursery Care Available

**Church Office Hours:**  
Tues—Thurs, 9 AM—4 PM, Friday 9-1 PM  
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Join a **Sunday School Class**

Children's Sunday School  
Classes for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet at 10 AM. Come and find out what is new in Sunday School this fall!

Youth Sunday School  
The youth (7th-12th grade) meet in the Wesley Room at 10 AM. They will continue studying the curriculum "Claim the Life".

Adult Sunday School  
The Adult class meets from 9:00-9:45 in the Wesley Room. Currently they are using the book "Bible for Blockheads".

## All-Church Golf Tourney

Our annual Fall All-Church Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, September 18 at the Ben Lomond Golf Course with the first tee time approximately 1:30 PM. We will join with Community UMC for this activity. Cost will be the following: \$13.00 for players less than 60 years old; \$11.00 for players 60 or over; \$6.50 for high school or younger (to age 10). A fee of \$1.00 will be added for prizes. This must be prepaid not later than September 11, and can not be refunded after this date. You can rent an electric cart at the golf course for a cost of \$7.00 per person. A minimum of 16 players from First UMC is needed to schedule the golf tournament. So, plan ahead and sign-up on September 4 and 11 in the narthex. The golf format is a nine-hole best ball scramble where every member of the group hits a shot, and you use the best shot. Rules will be provided. Put together your foursome or sign-up and you will be placed with a group. After the golf, there will be a potluck supper (starts approx 6:00 p.m.) at the Ben Lomond snack bar facility, depending on the number of people wanting to attend. Please indicate your interest on the golf sign-up sheet. The potluck typically finishes by 7 PM. If you have any questions, contact Ray Christian at 801-479-6541.



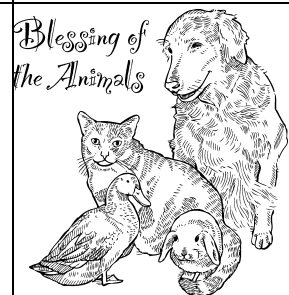
## Evening Worship Beginning Sunday, October 2

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### September Mission Box Project

This month's mission box project is *Best Friends Animal Society*. Best Friends is a little piece of heaven for the animal kind, located in Angel Canyon just outside of Kanab, Utah. On any given day, around 1700 dogs, cats, horses and other animals call this special place home. The sanctuary has a simple philosophy: kindness to animals builds a better world for all of us. Loving and professional care is given to all the animals

by veterinarians, animal trainers and volunteers. In 1980 when Best Friends was established over 17 million dogs and cats were killed in shelters every year. Now with rehabilitation, spay and neuter programs the number of animals being destroyed in shelters has been decreased to less than 5 million a year. Loose change and monies in the mission box this month will go to support Best Friends Animal Society.



*Blessing of the Animals*  
**On Saturday, September 17 we will be blessing our animals.**

**They are our friends and companions and yes, even our children. All you need to do is bring your pet to the church between 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. All animals are welcome, great or small, from gerbils to horses, lizards to fish, birds to monkeys— you get the point. Your friend will be blessed and receive a certificate of blessing. Let your family and friends know about this event. Your pet(s) have been such a blessing to you so now is the time to bless them.**

### All-Church Mission Trip

A church family oriented mission trip will be planned for a later date to Best Friends Animal sanctuary. This mission trip is open to anyone but the sanctuary does not allow children under 5 years old to volunteer. We will be staying in Kanab. There will be camping at a local KOA with cabins and hotels also available. The plan is for a week long trip with

working at the Sanctuary on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Wednesday being a day trip to a local National Park. You may be able to go for part of the trip if need be. Sign up if you are interested and tell us your thoughts on the mission trip. Contact Marty Smith, Ginger DeHeer or Pastor Michelle with any questions or concerns.

### United Methodist Women

The **Fall-Kick-off Gathering** for United Methodist Women will be Saturday, Sept. 3 at 10 AM . Please note this is a week ahead of the usual date. All women of the church are invited! Refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend and bring any questions you may have about the focus and inspiration for United Methodist Women. Jennie and Karen will share about the mission study classes they attended at the School of Mission Event in Salt Lake the end of July.

**Faithful Friends Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 27 at 1 pm. All women are invited.



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United Methodist Women are a part of **Church Women United of Ogden**. On Saturday, September 10, we invite all women to attend the Annual Human Rights celebration. It will be held at New Zion Baptist Church, 2935 Lincoln Avenue, Ogden. Contact Jennie for more information.

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**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS (MONEY and CLOTHING ITEMS) for the Crossroads Urban Center, Salt Lake, our nearest Utah United Methodist Mission center. "Undie Sunday" (July 31) brought in**

much needed socks and underwear for distribution.  
**THANK YOU FOR BIRTHING KIT** items collected for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) West Depot in Salt Lake. Keep posted for the next kit list. Collection is the bin next to the church office door.

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President, Jennie Sambamurthi will attend the District Annual meeting in Cortez, CO. Sept. 16-18. Contact: [jenniess@comcast.net](mailto:jenniess@comcast.net)

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The **October General UMW meeting** will be held Saturday, October 1 at 10 AM. Please note this is a week ahead of the usual date.

### First UMC Community Garden

We are nearing the end of the gardening for 2011, as our final irrigation will be on Sept. 30.

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to this outstanding season! You all helped with seeds, plants, tomato cages, weeding, watering, harvesting, cheer leading, and eagerly



eating all we produced!! We are so happy we could also serve those in need over at St. Anne's

Homeless Shelter with fresh veggies for their lunches. If you are yearning for one of the fine pumpkins we have, then come out to the Veteran's Fun Run and Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 8th, where they will be for sale in our pumpkin patch.

### Urgent Appeal from UMCOR West

From Rev. Brian Diggs, Director of UMCOR West  
On May 31, 2011, UM Committee on Relief's West Office and Depot in Salt Lake City celebrated its 2nd anniversary. During these two years, groups from all over the United States have come to the depot to volunteer for a week at a time to build disaster relief kits. The kits are then sent all over the world to the most vulnerable populations. This spring and summer, UMCOR West has welcomed record numbers of volunteers and our facility will be filled to capacity until the middle of November. In short, this new ministry here, in the Western Jurisdiction of the UMC, is booming beyond expectation. With this increase

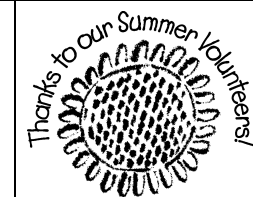
in volunteerism comes a unique problem; namely, our supplies for building UMCOR disaster relief kits are disappearing. It should be noted that all of our supplies come from the generosity of United Methodists across the country. Besides sending us supplies for the kits, congregations may also give to Advance #901440, which allows both UMCOR West and UMCOR Sager Brown to buy in bulk. Please consider helping UMCOR West further our efforts by sending supplies to us or by supporting our purchasing of supplies by using the Advance #901440 at [advancinghope.org](http://advancinghope.org). Thanks in advance for your generosity!



### MYSTERY CLASS

**Date:** Friday, September 30  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Where:** First United Methodist Church  
**What:** You will have to show up to find out!

So if you are brave and want to learn something fun, come to this class hosted by Rev. Alane with a special mystery guest.



Thank you to those that taught the children's Sunday School class this summer:  
Kristen Bell, "Bert" and his handler Vicki, Barbara Wilson, Kerry and Tim Conrad, Paul Kriekard, Tiffany Storey, Crystal Storey, Rachael Storey, Karissa Barron, Shelby Avery, Dawn Avery, Sara Erling, Cara Nielsen and Ginger DeHeer.

Thanks again for giving of your time, talents and ENERGY to our children.

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*First UMC.*  
*Thank you for your donation of \$331.43 to Pinecliff Camp. It is through generous donations like yours that we are able to provide a Christian camping experience to everyone who uses our camp during the summer.*  
*God Bless.*  
*Board of Directors*  
*Pinecliff Camp & Retreat Center*

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The United Methodist Men congratulate those that received awards from the William H. and LaDean Stobaugh Scholarship Fund. We wish them well!

- Shelby Avery**—Weber State University
- Karissa Barron**—Weber State University
- Nicole Barron**—Salt Lake Community College
- Emily Leckie**—Weber State University
- Rachael Storey**—Weber State University

### Evening Worship

Beginning October 2nd, the 8:30 AM contemporary worship service will move to Sunday evening at 6 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for others to have a chance to worship, maybe even you. In addition to the many reasons for the move, how great will it be for those attending, to worship, sing, and pray right before you start your work week. Or maybe you are out of town for the weekend. Now there is still an opportunity for you to participate in

worship when you come back into town. No need to dress up, just come as you are. The Praise Band will be providing our musical leadership. Help get the word out to your friends, family and to the community about our new worship service starting October 2nd. If you wish to post a flyer somewhere please let Pastor Michelle know and she will give you one, or more, so everyone will know about this opportunity to worship on Sunday evening.

**The Piecemakers still have a fine queen size quilt in red, white and grey fabrics for sale to benefit the church playground fund. See it online at the church website. The quilt is going on display at the Utah State Fair, Sept. 8-18. Hopefully we will find just the right buyer for this Nine-Patch beauty!**

### Book Talk

The Book Talk book for September is Outlander by Diana Gabaldon. We will be meeting on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 PM for our book discussion. The September gathering will include a potluck dinner. Contact Cheryl Thompson at 801-773-1782 to RSVP and let her know what you plan to bring for the meal. If you like to read, we would love to have you join us. It is a great way to get to know others in a small group setting and to read a good book!

### United Methodism 101

**United Methodism 101** (UM101) is a free, basic online course designed for new United Methodists and anyone wanting to know more about the denomination, as well as long-time United Methodists who would like to check their basic knowledge of the church. The course is organized for busy people who want a quick overview. Links to additional resources are provided for further study. Each of the five modules should take 20-30 minutes to complete, and

interactive exercises will be presented throughout. The five modules are:

- Introduction and Overview
- History
- Theology and Beliefs
- Organization and Governance
- Present and Future Challenges of the Church

The next course is scheduled for October 5—November 16 and preregistration is required. Go to [www.umcom.org/um101](http://www.umcom.org/um101) to pre-register and for more detailed information.

### Strategic Inclusivity Meeting

If you are interested in brain-storming a strategy for reaching out to the neighborhood and it's diverse cultures, join Rev. Alane on September 20 at 6:30 pm.

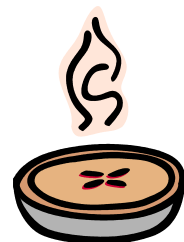
### Administrative Council

September 25th at 11:20, is our All-Church Administrative Council meeting. I invite and urge all of you to attend. For instance: committee chairs and members, volunteers, worship leaders and communion stewards, landscape artists, gardeners, office volunteers, small group participants, musicians...etc!

On October 2, the Praise Band and Pastor Michelle will begin worshipping at 6pm every Sunday evening. Worship at 8:30am will continue. If you are an early riser, join us!

### UMW Dessert Auction Sunday September 18

Bid and bid again to enjoy these delicious items—highest bidder purchases the dessert. Money raised goes to support local and national missions.



Confirmation will begin on Sunday October 2nd at **8:30 AM** and will continue through May. Classes will be held every Sunday. If you or someone you know is in 7th grade or has not had confirmation yet and would like to attend this class, please let Pastor Michelle know. If you are a parent of a youth, you will need to attend this first class with your son or daughter. This



meeting will get everyone familiar with what is expected of participants and what they can expect. In addition to attending class and not missing more than three classes, participants will need to attend worship once a month as well as Sunday school twice a month. If you are planning on being a part of the class, please contact the office by September 15 so materials can be ordered.

### Calling New Cubs!

Community Cub Scout Pack 577  
Fall Carnival!  
September 13, 6:30-7:30 PM  
First United Methodist Church  
Learn more about our Community Cub Scout Pack!  
Enjoy fun games and prizes!  
Questions? Call Evonne at 801-645-3863.

### September Youth Group Schedule\*

- September 4- Game Day
- September 11- Kick Off Sunday
- September 18- TOADS
- September 25- TBA

\*schedule subject to change

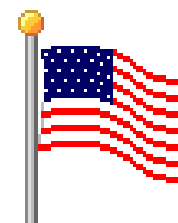
### Food Co-op Dates

Orders due: Sept. 2  
Pick-up Orders:  
Sept. 17, 10-11 AM



### Walk to Remember, Run to Celebrate

The George E. Wahlen Veterans Home Fun Run and Chili Cook-off is on Saturday, October 8, 2011. The committee has been hard at work and now we are asking for your help to get the word out for this great event. The 5K Run/1 Mile Walk starts at 10 AM at the Veterans Home with a special ceremony and ends at the church with awards for the runners. Cost for the run/walk is \$25 and pre-registration deadline is September 22. Day of the race registration is \$30. Following the race, lots of fun activities for the whole family are planned at the church such as games for the kids, horse rides, pumpkin patch, pumpkin launch, and blood mobile from Ogden



Regional Hospital. The Chili Cook-off will begin at 11:30 AM. Hot dogs, baked potatoes and water will be for sale. Complimentary childcare is available for all runners at the church. We need volunteers to assist with the run/walk so if you are interested, contact Kristen Bell or Marty Smith. If you want to cook up some chili, Vern Blair is the person you want to see. All proceeds will benefit the veterans. Come out and help us honor our veterans. Flyers and brochures are available in the church office if you would like some. Tell all your friends on Facebook about this great event.

### UMW Mission Project for McCurdy School

The McCurdy School in Espanola, New Mexico is one of only three United Methodist mission schools remaining in the USA. For years, the UMW has supported the McCurdy School with its ongoing campaign for Campbell's labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. The labels and box tops are used by McCurdy to earn cash to purchase school, classroom and office supplies.

In the last few years, they had enough Campbell's labels (1.5 million each) to purchase three new Dodge Grand Caravans! They have

also acquired computers, PE and playground equipment and calculator sets for classrooms....so much that they would not be able to afford otherwise. So keep saving those labels. They are collected all year long. On the Campbell's items, save the UPC label with the Campbell's kids. A collection box is always located in the narthex. It's one of the few mission projects that doesn't cost you even a dime.

If you have any questions, contact Julie Coley at 801-732-1038. Thank you for your continued support.



Exercise your faith— Stretch, Grow, Build—

Come to Sunday School!