

# Methodist Moments



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While seeking and learning His ways,  
With Jesus Christ, our savior and guide,  
We faithfully serve in love.

## Let's Change the World, Together!

### We worship and praise our God

Who isn't excited about the direction Joseph United Methodist Church (JUMC) is going? Sunday worship is more welcoming, fun and fulfilling than ever as we try new things that inform and challenge us to a deeper understanding of God's calling.

### While seeking and learning His ways

Our **Love in Action teams and advocacy groups are fully engaged.** We are blessed with great attendance and participation. People are eager to use their gifts, talents and passions in meaningful, organized ways (please see pages 3-4 for team descriptions and opportunities to serve within the church).

### With Jesus Christ our Savior and Guide

With God's joy, leading and strength we have clarity, alignment, momentum and focus. God has led us through the process of building a foundation. Yes, we are a work in progress, postured before our Lord and Savior.

### We faithfully serve in love.

May we dedicate intentional prayer for guidance, listen for His loving call, obey His direction, and go forth in joy and love no matter how big or small the task.

Thanks be to God that He has given JUMC the privilege to join Him in changing the world.

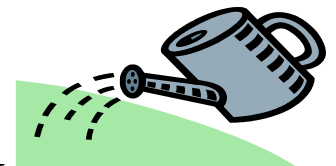
*Submitted by Linda Rooper*

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- UMW recent news
- Serving opportunity
- Important dates
- Magic Garden sign-ups

We are here  
to love God,  
love people,  
and actively  
serve the  
world.

## Magic Garden



As spring approaches (please Lord!) we want everyone to be thinking and praying about how they can help in the preparation for the wonderful ministry of the Magic Garden. Please consider signing up for one or more of the tasks on the reverse side of this page. Write your name and phone number, check any of the boxes that interest you, clip out this section, and put it in the offering plate or on the round table. Be on the lookout for more opportunities in the newsletter to serve in the Magic Garden as we progress through the year! Call Robin Martin (541) 432-4042 for information.

# Spiritual Disciplines

Just as push-ups tone our physical bodies, spiritual disciplines develop our faith and character. Through them, we see deeper levels of God's heart.

These different spiritual disciplines help to build up our spirit-man, the part of us that God completely transformed when we accepted Jesus as our Lord. They can help us hone our ability to hear God and even develop the gifts God has given us. However, practicing disciplines doesn't make God love us more or give us "brownie points." Nor does a lack of practicing them make God love us less. His love for us remains constant and unchanging, regardless of what we do.

The Christian walk is a pursuit of transformation. We once were darkness, and now we are light (Eph. 5:8). We are to live in the light. We are free to be the amazing, world-changing people God has called us to be. But just because we are talented at something doesn't mean we can neglect practice, right? Hence, the reason for disciplines that act as exercises to strengthen our spirit so that it can overcome the desires of our old nature. These might include **prayer, fasting, meditating on the Word, worship, honor, giving, writing, and forgiveness.**

Sometimes it's painful. Many times we want to quit. But the more we practice, the easier it becomes. The key is to choose to step into the grace of God: the supernatural ability to be who God has called us to be and to do what He has called us to do. Because we can't do it on our own muster; it has to be God through us. Our old self has died, and we only have life through Christ!

When we choose to move into God's ability, we are promised a reward. Through these practices we get in touch with our spirit, which is how we connect to God. This bond is more important to the Father than anything else. He sacrificed His son for it. As we practice these disciplines and mature, we grow more and more into the image of the Bride of Christ, His inheritance, the reward of His suffering.

*Submitted by Samantha Banks*

# Scripture and reflection

## Godly living in an ungodly age-Titus 1:16

Our founding fathers created a governing framework based upon Biblical principles. Slowly, we have changed from "One nation under God" to a group of people who no longer want Him involved.

Tragically, we've become in numerous ways, an ungodly nation. Many are driven by materialism and power. Immorality and rebellion are prevalent. Empty philosophy and false doctrine are widely acceptable. Underlying it all is a vocal decision to take God out of the nation's official business.

Yet even in an unbelieving society, people can, as individuals, follow Jesus. But the world will continually disseminate faulty teachings, so believers must be discerning. Otherwise, erroneous messages can lead Christians to compromise their convictions. Then affections and priorities change. Don't let the world's clamor make the Spirit's voice less audible. Without His guidance, our minds become vulnerable to lies.

The Word of God is a compass that keeps us headed in the right direction, even in the midst of confusing messages all around us every day. We need to be consistently filled with truth by reading our Bibles, as well as meditating upon and applying Scripture. God also tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). If our minds are focused upon Him, unholy beliefs will not be able to take root. The Word, our Bible, is our guidebook. We will still face difficulty as we live in this imperfect world. It is a confusing dark place that entices us but never fulfills our true longings. Yet God's truth will bring confidence and boldness, and His Spirit will direct and strengthen, enabling us to live victoriously.

Dear Lord, we desperately need your Word, O God, to give light to our days. Ready our hearts to hear you so that our souls may see and we may thus live forever in your precious grace. Amen

*Submitted by Kathy Rietman*

Build raised flower beds for Joseph School Garden

Greenhouse preparation and planning

Prepare Joseph School Garden

Prepare Imnaha Garden

Invite other churches to partner in the ministry

Lead or assist an advertising/marketing team

Prepare scripture cards to share with workers and recipients

Donate money toward costs and supplies

Shovel fertilizer

Plant seeds with children in classroom

Attend Farmers Market booth

Become a sitter in the Joseph School Garden

Rototilling of both Gardens

Get irrigation system up and running at both Gardens

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# Ministry Updates

## Advocacy Teams

**Administrative Council**-Ben Boswell, Ross Rooper, Chairman of each Love in Action and Advocacy Team. All members of congregation are invited to attend Ad Council meetings.

Decision and policy making body - Approves actions of other teams

**Staff Parish Relations (SPRC)**-Ex Officio: Ben Boswell, Ross Rooper, Lisa Dawson, Linda Rooper, John Ward, Kay Cutler, Elaine Morse, Jane Wiggins, Dave Cook, Janet Sims, Wendy McCullough, Tim Funk.

Oversees staff, liaison between staff and parish

**Board of Trustees**-Ross Rooper, Bob Rietman, David Martin, Laura Cosgrove, Jeff Dawson, Janie Tippett, Ron Clegg, Frances Buckles.

Oversees upkeep and maintenance of all church property.

**Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee)**- Kaye Garver, Linda Rooper, Betty Cosgrove, Rod Haines, Lee Cutler, Sharon Sherlock.

Nominate officers and teams for coming year.



## Love in Action Teams

**Radical Hospitality**- Linda Rooper, Susan Kost, Ingrid Cook, Betty Cosgrove, Rhonda Trullinger, Sharon Sherlock, Kathi White, Ron Clegg  
Newsletter - Greeter/Hospitality Sign-Up - Welcome Packets - Name Tags - Web Site - Directory - Advertising in Chieftain - Methodist Meals Together - Community Events - Signs

**Risk Taking Mission & Service** - Robin Martin, Linda Rooper, Angie Rubin, Tim Funk, Sue Moore, Carolyn Dawson, Randy Cosgrove, Cyndi Homan

Bishop's Initiative on Hunger - Magic Garden Project - Mission Moments - Church Camp Volunteers - Bazaar Ladies - Special Services at Church - Special Offerings

**Passionate Worship** - Kaye Garver, Claudia Boswell, Shirley Haines, Ingrid Cook, Ross Rooper

Worship Committee - Choir - Sound Tech - Communion Stewards - Offering - Art Banners - Lay Speakers - Bulletin Person - Bell Ringers - Candle Lighters

**Intentional Faith Development**- Ross Rooper, Lisa Dawson, Carolyn Dawson, Sharon Sherlock, Kathi White, Linda Rooper  
Library Shelf - Discipleship Class (formerly Sunday School) - Lay Speaker Training - Walk With Christ - Camping Programs - Small Group Programs

**Extravagant Generosity** - Lisa Dawson, Sue Moore, Betty Cosgrove, Sara Miller, John Ward, Janet Sims

Stewardship Campaigns - Financial Matters - Special Offerings - Budget Memorial Committee

## United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women focuses on ministries with women, children, and youth. The mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. The approximately 800,000 members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States, as well as in more than 100 countries around the world. This year, our local unit will focus more on local and global missions than we have in the past.

Our first two meetings of the year brought us programs on "Finding Peace With Prayer" and "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial." The 2012 Prayer and Self Denial offering will go to support people, programs and projects in some of the nearly 100 National Mission Institutions and in the dozens of Global Ministries' mission-related centers.

The Methodist Market was evaluated and a committee appointed to bring back suggestions on how to improve the Market for next year. Total proceeds from the Market were \$3,594.80 and from the Christmas Bazaar \$1,333.00.

A letter was read from Chris Mitchell, the newly elected District Treasurer, congratulating us on our giving to the District Treasurer of \$951.00 for missions.

Our next meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> at the church and we would encourage all women of the church to attend. There is no charge to join, no forms to fill out, just a desire to support the work of the church and its mission to "Love God, Love the People, and Actively Serve the World."

Submitted by Betty Cosgrove

## Tiny Little Church

Our Tiny Little Church meetings are still going strong at Kathy & Bob Rietman's on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Sunday evenings at 6 pm at Jeff & Carolyn Dawson's. The Sunday group will complete their Bible in 90 days by the end of February. This has been quite an adventure! Watch the Sunday bulletin for the new Sunday study. Both TLC groups meet on the last Sunday of each month for Potluck at the Dawson's. **ALL interested in TLC are invited for the Pot Luck at 5:30 pm LAST Sunday of the month.** Call Kathy @ (541) 426-4036 for Tuesday information or Carolyn @ (541) 432-0305 for Sunday or the Potluck information. God keeps blessing us with TLC gatherings. God Bless You.

Submitted by Carolyn Dawson

# Be in the know!

## Monthly Greeter/Host Ministry

Radical Hospitality is organizing our greeter/host ministry into a monthly sign-up program, where three to four families sign up for a specific month of duty. This team is responsible for that month to do the Greeter/Hospitality ministries. The tasks of this ministry include (but are not limited to):

- Greet and hand out programs, select candle lighters, bell ringer & offering team
- Pay special attention to visitors and children. Give visitor info and kid pack to each.
- Do coffee, tea, water and treats for after church fellowship time.
- Organize, oversee, and cleanup for potluck on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month
- Recruit help as desired for any of these duties

A detailed description of duties is available on the sign-up clipboard and bulletin board. For more information contact **Linda Rooper (208) 841-4609** or **Susan Kost (503) 720-9402**.

## Praise!

- For the sermon series “Changing the World” being well received with great participation.
- For Willa Eytchison’s recovery from heart open heart surgery.

## Pray.

- For Bob Clegg as he recovers from several surgeries since having open heart surgery in November.
- For Dan and Sue Duncan as Dan’s health continues to decline.
- For Robin Shaver to recover from a serious illness
- For Ed & Catherine McGuckin who will spend the next six months in Papua, New Guinea.
- For Malia Rooper, Ross & Linda’s grand-daughter, for safety and stability in her life.

## Community Resale Store in Wallowa

Wallowa UMC’s “Resale Store” is doing great things in their community. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by and browse around!



If you are unable to attend church and would like to have communion delivered to your home, please call Pastor Kaye



Garver at (541) 432-3102

(church) or 541-432-9029 (home).

Arrangements will be made to deliver the Sacraments at a time convenient for you.



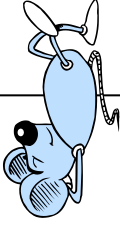


Anyone wanting to put the Joseph Methodist Cross/flame logo on their own garment at their own cost, (\$4.50) each may do so at Moonlight Graphics. You can proudly represent our fruitful congregation at trainings, conferences or even at your family reunion! A great conversation starter wherever you travel.

## Joseph United Methodist Church 2011

	Income	Expense	Difference
<b>January</b>	\$ 7,354	\$ 6,229	\$ 1,125
<b>February</b>	7,006	3,888	\$ 3,118
<b>March</b>	9,604	8,553	\$ 1,051
<b>April</b>	9,630	8,430	\$ 1,200
<b>May</b>	8,169	8,054	\$ 115
<b>June</b>	8,860	6,254	\$ 2,606
<b>July</b>	9,531	6,647	\$ 2,884
<b>August</b>	9,167	5,670	\$ 3,497
<b>September</b>	7,443	4,641	\$ 2,802
<b>October</b>	8,980	8,781	\$ 199
<b>November</b>	14,946	5,931	\$ 9,015
<b>December</b>	8,054	5,896	\$ 2,158
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$108,744	\$ 78,974	\$ 29,770

# February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Key</b>	<b>GLD</b> -Conference Leadership Development <b>CTW</b> -Change the World Team <b>EG</b> -Extravagant Generosity <b>IFD</b> -Intentional Faith Development <b>PW</b> -Passionate Worship <b>RH</b> -Radical Hospitality	1 Cheyenne Café 7:30am	2  Pastor's Day of Rest	3 Pastor's Day of Rest	4 <b>VTF/CTW</b> team at church 9am Pastor in office		
5 Disciple Class 10am <b>EG</b> at 12:30pm <b>CTW</b> team <b>TLC</b> at Dawson 6pm	6 Pastor in office	7 Prayer 9am <b>TLC</b> at Rietman 10:30am Pastor in office	8 Cheyenne Café 7:30am <b>SPRC</b> at church 8:45am Pastor in office	9 Pastor's Day of Rest	10 Pastor's Day of Rest	11 <b>CLD</b> class in La Grande 9am-3pm	
12 Disciple Class 10am <b>CTW</b> team Trustees/ <b>RTMS</b> <b>TLC</b> at Dawson 6pm Chaplaincy duty	13 Chaplaincy duty	14  Prayer 9am <b>TLC</b> at Rietman 10:30am Chaplaincy duty	15 Cheyenne Café 7:30am Pastor in La Grande	16 <b>UMW</b> at church 1pm <b>IFD</b> at church 7pm Chaplaincy duty	17 Chaplaincy duty	18 Chaplaincy duty	
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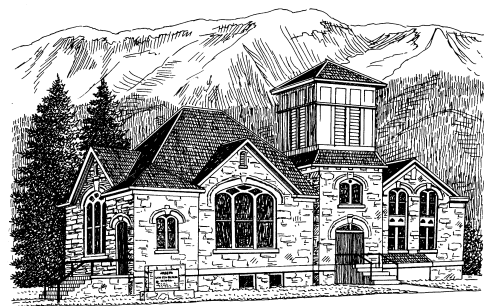
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**We hope you enjoy the newsletter!**

Welcome to this edition of Methodist Moments. We welcome your suggestions and articles. Our goal is to keep you informed of what's going on in the church, upcoming events, and other items of interest. Most importantly, we want to glorify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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