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The Steeple Bell

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## Souper Bowl Sunday

Today, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join our youth as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Our youth have a soup pot at the sanctuary doors and invite you to drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship and the Youth Group will forward your gift of caring to Community Outreach. Please support their efforts to help those in need right here in Vernon County.



## Boy Scout Sunday



We will celebrate Boy Scout Sunday on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The scouts will assist in the worship service that morning and will have their Annual Chili Feed in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Boy Scout Sunday by enjoying the Chili and showing your support for the Boy Scouts.



## Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity Baked Potato Luncheon is Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall (old Aldi's Store). A baked potato with toppings, homemade pie and drink are available for a \$6.00 donation. Serving will begin around 11:00 am and will continue through the noon hour.



## Bake Sale for Haiti

The question of how to use a 4-H project to help others has prompted Morgan and Sydney Ernsbarger to coordinate a Bake Sale. Baked goods from their Local and State Fair winning recipes will be featured for purchase with all proceeds going directly to the United Methodist Committee On Relief. Show your support for their efforts by shopping after the services on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> or at the Lenten Service that evening. If you wish to contribute by demonstrating your baking skills, that will also be welcomed. Together we can let 4-H mean Head, Hands, Heart and Help for Haiti.



## We Are On Facebook

The Church has a Facebook page. Even if you do not have a Facebook account you can still view the page. If you do have a Facebook account you can become a "Fan" of the Church. You can find the link on the church website at [www.umcn.info](http://www.umcn.info) and look to the upper right where the quick links will show "Nevada UMC on Facebook". Become a fan today and track the weekly happenings of your church.



## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will have their first General Meeting of 2010 on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. They will enjoy the Boy Scout Chili Feed for lunch and then move to the sanctuary for their meeting starting at about 12:15 pm. All women of the church are invited to join in the fellowship of the United Methodist Women.



## Earthquake Relief

You can continue to follow the work of the United Methodist Church in Haiti by using the link "The Emergency In Haiti" that you will find at [www.umcn.info](http://www.umcn.info) on the Church website. This will tell you what we are doing as a denomination as well as a local congregation.

We have already sent \$4,100.25 in cash donations. However, we are still accepting financial donations to assist in the relief effort in Haiti. The donations will be sent through the United Methodist Committee on Relief. One hundred percent of all gifts sent through UMCOR will be used for the designated emergency. Checks should be made out to the church and then put UMCOR or Haiti in the memo line or on the giving envelope.

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## Ash Wednesday

Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the start of Lent with a short service for the imposition of the ashes. The service will be at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

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## Learn About Lent



On Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> there is a special event on the church calendar. It reads "Learn About Lent." The activities planned for that day are open to anyone that wants to attend. It is being set up as a hands on learning experience for the kids in the church (and friends from outside the church) to help them understand what the season of Lent is about and why it is important. Even though the activities are kid based, all ages are welcome to come by and get involved. Doing these hands on activities with the kids in the community helps build Christian family ties. We will begin at 12:00 pm.

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## Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School & Coffee Corner 10:15 am  
Contemporary Worship 11:15 am

## From the District Superintendent

The Treasurer of the Annual Conference has closed out the 2009 financial records for the apportionments and it is time once again, to express my gratitude to each of you for all the effort you have expended in seeing that your congregation's Conference apportionments were fully funded in 2009. It is always a blessing to see the results of your commitment in supporting the mission work of The United Methodist Church.

Ever since 2005 when the churches gave only 81.58% of their apportionments, churches in the district have been funding the apportionments at a level over 90%. While the numbers have changed some every year, (2006 - 95.68%, 2007 - 93.71%, 2008 - 94.63%) I have been appreciative of your effort to keep our giving above that amount. Due to the challenges our churches faced during the recession, our district came in at 90.47% for 2009 with fourteen churches that did not fully fund their apportionments. While the percent of giving is lower than past years, I realize it represents the commitment of so many dedicated United Methodists in this difficult year and I am very grateful for all your efforts. Despite the decline in Conference apportioned giving, the 2009 district apportionments were fully funded. Thank you for your generous giving to the connectional ministry of our church! I appreciate your commitment to funding our ministry in the district and beyond.

Joyfully yours,  
Sandra L Nenadal  
Southwest District Superintendent

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## Lenten Series Schedule

- February 21<sup>st</sup> . . . . . United Methodist Church  
Rev. Ted Estes
- February 28<sup>th</sup> . . . . . St Mary's Catholic Church  
Rev. Ralph Clark
- March 7<sup>th</sup> . . . . . All Saint's Episcopal Church  
Fr. Justin Hoye
- March 14<sup>th</sup> . . . . . United Methodist Church  
Rev. Kim Osborn
- March 21<sup>st</sup> . . . . . All Saint's Episcopal Church  
Fr. Justin Hoye
- March 28<sup>th</sup> . . . . . St Paul Lutheran Church  
Passion Story

# Faith Dogs Paw Prints

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## February 2010

It's February, the month we celebrate Love. How great it is then, that we are still talking about how nothing can separate us from God's love. Nothing and no one will ever be able to make God quit loving us. Sometimes when you are having a bad day I hope you will remember the words in the Bible verse listed below. Romans 8:38 would even be a great verse to share on Valentines cards February 14<sup>th</sup>!

Then, on February 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Lent. The love theme fits well then too because Lent is when we start getting ourselves ready for the Easter Season. The lenten season gives us a chance to show how much we love God and love that God sent his son to take away our sins...which is what we celebrate at Easter.

Love, Lent and Easter. It is all connected. It is all the same. If you are having a hard time understanding how to show God your love during lent then I REALLY encourage you to come over on Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> so you can learn what lent is and why it is important.

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The Bible **Verse** for tonight is...

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38

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## February Announcements

**Next Faith Dogs is February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> is also Ash Wednesday & Challenge night for Faith Dogs.**

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, is Learn about Lent here in the Fellowship Hall.**

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## Challenge

Don't forget to be ready for Challenge on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are stuck on the BLACK collar, bring back the January and February issues of Paw Prints with the activities completed.

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[On The  
Web](#)

[www.umcn.info/faithdogs/](http://www.umcn.info/faithdogs/)  
[faithdogs.wordpress.com](http://faithdogs.wordpress.com)



## Valentines Word Search

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J E U L F V M W Y K M I  
K N M R O S E S Q J C K  
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ARROW  
BE MINE  
CANDY  
CUPID  
FLOWERS  
FRIENDSHIP

HEART  
HONEY  
LACE  
LOVE  
PINK

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ROSES  
SWEETIE  
SWEETS  
VALENTINE



The tradition of Lent is for the preparation of the believer. This is accomplished with time of prayer, confession of wrong doing and a practice of self-denial. The idea is to prepare us for the annual remembrance of the events of Holy Week where we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is 40 days in length (not counting Sundays) starting with Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and culminates in the Easter celebration on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the Sunday Lenten Services that we are participating in again this year I want to encourage you to plan to do a couple of things this year.

- ☞ You have about 10 days to make a decision as to what you might give up as an act of self-denial. It might be a food, beverage or some activity. However, it should be something that calls you to make a sacrifice.
- ☞ Plan to be in Church every Sunday during Lent as each time we gather we will plan to practice a common prayer of confession.
- ☞ Make a point to actively pray each day. Pray specifically for the world, your neighbors, your church, your friends and your family. When possible pray for them by name. You can use a family photo album to help focus on individual members of your family.

One last thing that I would invite you to consider is that each Tuesday during Lent I plan to offer a prayer service between 12:15 pm and 12:45 pm in the sanctuary. This service will be a time of silent and verbal prayer. There will be suggested prayer themes and suggested scripture readings each week. These will be offered not to limit your prayer but as a way of helping to focus your prayer. Consider putting the Tuesday prayer services on your calendar now so you will be ready when Lent starts. The first prayer service will be Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

See You at Church,  
Pastor Ralph

### Attendance

January 31 <sup>st</sup>	
9:00 am Traditional	105
10:15 am Sunday School	72
11:15 am Contemporary	32

### Stewardship

Week Ending 01/31	
General Budget	\$ 3,806.50
Sunday School	13.75
Youth Talent	307.00
Student Ministries	60.00
Memorials	20.00

### Prayer Concerns

The Family of Laurel Mason, Stacy Symes, Joy Craft, Debbie Flanery, Gordon Schuster, Doug Donaghue, Cathy Baker, Jennifer Shannon, Floreine Moore, Marty Caldwell, Mable Urner, Marge Holznagel, Lynne Logan Clawson, Mary Alice Shannon, Shirley Rundel and Daniel Meisenheimer and the people of Haiti.

### Lenten Series Schedule

The Community Lenten Series begins Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> here at our Church starting at 6:00 pm with Rev. Ted Estes bringing the message. Following the service there will be a soup supper downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The New Directions Sunday School class is in charge of providing the soup for the supper that evening. We need people to provide a crock-pot of soup, help dish up the soup and coordinate the meal. If you can help us out please eMail us at [volunteer@umcn.info](mailto:volunteer@umcn.info) or call the church office at 667-5435. There will be a free-will offering taken during the Lenten Series that will go to support local missions here in Nevada.

### Thank You

Thank you for the retirement flower. I have enjoyed serving as the bookkeeper these past three years.

Gene Lightner

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 1:30 pm

## Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

Lay Speaker Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

11:15 am Contemporary Worship

12:00 pm Youth Group

3:00 pm Health Kit Drop Off

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am Bazaar Workday

10:00 am Kindermusik

12:00 pm Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Habitat Board of Directors

5:30 pm Kindermusik

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am TOPS

11:00 am Habitat Baked Potato Luncheon

12:30 pm Helping Hands Circle

4:30 pm Senior High Youth Bible Study

6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Senior Fun

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Boy Scout Chili Feed

11:15 am Contemporary Worship

12:15 pm UMW General Meeting



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