



## A Message from Kimberly Gardner

### Family Life Updates

The announcement from our Rev. Christina that she is going on permanent medical leave hit many of us in the gut, both because her loving and effective leadership as our pastor will be missed *and* because we worry about her health. We support and understand her decision. We send Rev. Christina our love and our prayers: *May your body, heart and spirit heal during your leave!*

It is difficult to see someone we care for leave, or the dynamics we've grown accustomed to, change; people change jobs and friends move to different school districts. Sometimes these changes break our hearts, such as when couples and parents separate in divorce, or, even more devastating, when our loved ones die. Change and grief often (but not always) travel together. We see the followers of Jesus struggle through change and grief during the events of Holy Week and Easter. Can you imagine how comfortable the disciples felt with their situation right before the events of Holy Week? And I don't mean physical and material comfort, but the comfort that comes from working on a common goal with those you love, and a certainty that you are where you should be.

Then the tsunami hits: "I will suffer greatly and die."

Tectonic change is coming. The disciples initially respond with denial and fear. Like the disciples, our own insecurities and fears have a way of bubbling up to the surface during times of change and we don't always respond with discernment, faith, and love. This can harm relationships among us and can turn our hearts away from God. But the resurrection of Christ teaches us that our faith will bring us back in relationship with

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each other. Like the disciples, we must eventually give our already-forgiven sins back to the One who can shoulder the weight, because we have other work to do.

### What's happening right now:

Members of Whitney UMC continue to be the church by offering opportunities for all of us *to love God, one another, ourselves and creation as Jesus teaches.*

**Holy Week deliveries:** For Palm Sunday, you will have received a bag with materials and objects meant to assist in worship during Holy Week, including an invitation to walk the Labyrinth...in the church sanctuary!

**Walk the Labyrinth:** Come visit the building you may not have seen for a whole year! Lorrie Baer and Dianna Shea have created a beautiful and reverent space for you to come and walk, meditate, and pray during Holy Week. Contact the church office to reserve your time slot. Visit our beautiful new website, [whitneyumc.org](http://whitneyumc.org), for more details.

### Tune in to the Good News Easter Pageant!

Family Life Ministry productions presents *The Good News Easter Pageant!*

With an all-star Whitney UMC cast and costumes provided by Shelley Cooper.

Visit [whitneyumc.org](http://whitneyumc.org) for more details!

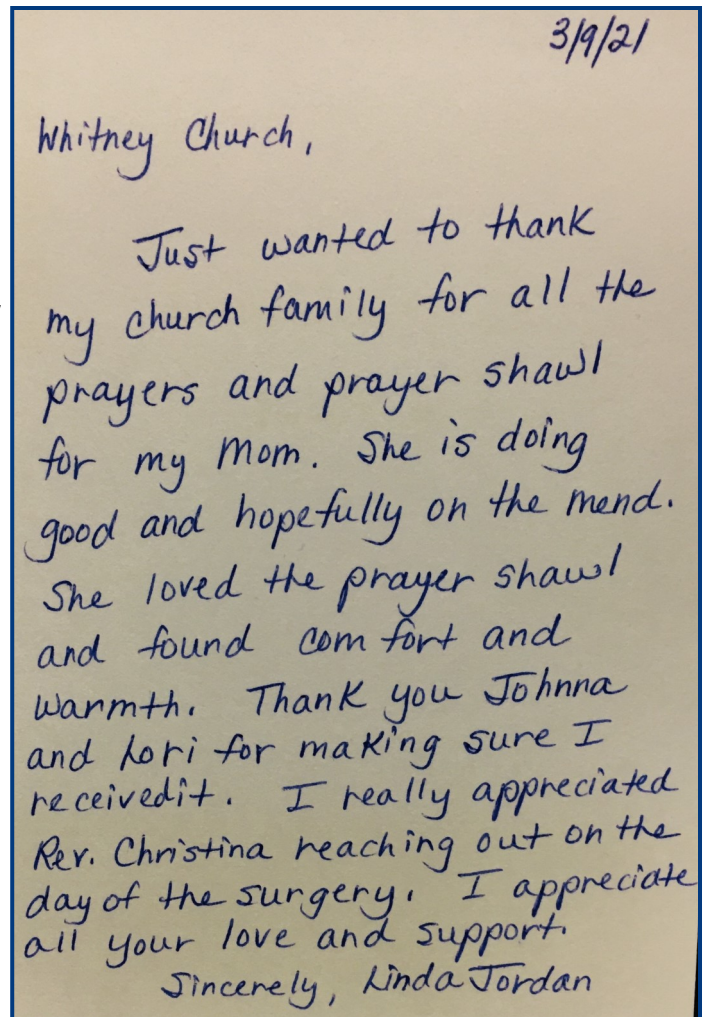
### Looking forward:

We have two wonderful and familiar faces to guide us through these next couple of months. Rev. Jane Shaffer and Rev. Jack Bynum will lead us in worship, and the Family Life Ministry Team will continue providing children's moments and at-home worship kits.

Spring is here and the weather is warming up so stay tuned for announcements about field trips! We are going to start venturing out and exploring God's creation.

Go and be the light you were created to be!

**The Family Life Ministry Team**



Rev. Jane Shaffer



Rev. Jack Bynum

## Our District Superintendent Appreciates Joseph's Closet Efforts

Lory,

I had Joseph's Closet on my calendar every Saturday with good intentions of stopping by, but obviously never got there. The note on my calendar did serve to keep me in prayer for this crucial ministry. Praise God for all of the ways community came together to support the ministry and especially those who were served by the ministry! You and your team are a great example of what's possible even amid so many necessary safety measures. Please share my enthusiastic gratitude with all who made Joseph's Closet a success in this more complicated year of service.

Peace,

Rev. Karen Hernandez

Sage District Superintendent

### Worship Preview

**April 1 — Good Friday Service** – Traveling/visitation online service with Meridian UMC, at 7pm.

**April 4 — Easter Sunday — Whitney Easter Pageant — “Good News”**

*Multi-generational video presentation of the good news of Easter*

Also offering a traveling/visitation traditional service from Meridian UMC including communion as an additional option

**April 11 — Second Sunday of Easter** – Service presented by the United Methodist Churches of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska

**April 18** — Whitney UMC worship led by Rev. Jane Shaffer.

**Scripture: Luke 24: 36-43** Jesus appears in the upper room.

**April 25** — Whitney UMC worship led by Rev. Jane Shaffer — “We are Called”

**Scripture: Psalm 23**

**May 2** — Whitney UMC worship led by Rev. Jane Shaffer — “The Emmaus Story”

**Scripture: Luke 24: 13-35**

**May 9** — Whitney UMC worship led by Rev. Jack Bynum — (more details in May issue)



**\$\$ HELP WANTED \$\$**

**A person is needed to mow  
the church's three sections  
of lawn for this summer.  
Lawn mower provided.**

**Contact Malcom**

**208-631-5897**

## Bishop Elaine Stanovsky will Appoint Whitney UMC's Next Clergy Leader

*by Rich Keefe, SPRC Chairperson*

I believe we are so blessed to be part of the United Methodist Church! We get to worship God in connection with thousands of other believers that share many common beliefs and traditions. In addition, we are able to make personal decisions concerning our faith while still sharing together in ministry and making disciples.

I speak on behalf of many members of Whitney UMC as I say we were saddened by the need for Rev. Christina to take an emergency medical leave and declare she was unable to continue as our pastor. We pray that her doctors are able to diagnose and treat her condition quickly and effectively. We also pray for her family as they face this new journey with her.

I ask you all to also pray for our church and for those who are actively working to bring a new servant of God to lead us along the path. Bishop Elaine Stanovsky has the ultimate responsibility and will appoint a clergy person to Whitney UMC. She will work with the entire cabinet, but our Sage District Superintendent, Rev. Karen Hernandez will play a key role aiding the bishop in reviewing possible candidates. Our church Staff-Parish Relations Committee has provided input through written communications and interviews with Rev. Karen. Please contact me if you have any questions about how this process works. Our new pastor's appointment will be effective July 1.

During Lent, Rev. Christina was led to teach us about following the path one step at a time — pausing along the way to listen to the voice of God and to experience the journey. This is so true for each of us and for Whitney UMC as well. While we are saddened by our loss; we can be thankful that Rev. Christina is getting the rest and healing that she needs. We can rejoice in the many years we shared with her in ministry and fellowship. I believe Rev. Christina served Whitney UMC longer than most other pastors in our history. We *will* have a service of love and appreciation to honor her and say goodbye before our new pastor arrives.

We can also be assured that God still has work for us to do. We can continue on the journey taking one step at a time. We can experience the journey and continue in ministry and fellowship — learning to be the “school of love” that Rev. Christina urged us to be. May we listen closely to God and experience each step as we move forward.



Sage District held their EMEE (Every Member Enrichment Event) on March 20 via zoom. Several from Whitney attended the meeting. The meeting centered around the theme of new beginnings and focused on the poem “The Old Threads are Unraveling.” The main speaker was Rochelle Killett who spoke about the effect of the pandemic on our lives and as we make things new, we must bring some ideas, thoughts and things from our old lives. We ended with breakout sessions to discuss how we have found our threads to be unraveling this past year and how we have been woven together during this time of separation. We closed by singing a favorite hymn – “Bind us Together.”



**United Methodist Women**

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So many of our group are knitters, quilters and crocheters, that we are printing this poem. It has a lot of meaning for all of us at this time.

***The Old Threads Are Unraveling by Julia Myers***

***The old threads are unraveling,  
Get your needles ready.  
We are stitching a new quilt  
Of humanity.  
Bring your old t-shirts,  
Worn-out jeans, scarves,  
Antique gowns, aprons,  
Old pockets of plenty  
Who have held earth’s treasures.  
Stones, feathers, leaves,  
Love notes on paper.  
Each stitch  
A mindful meditation  
Each piece of material***

***A story.  
The more colour the better,  
to call in the tribes.  
Threads of browns, whites,  
Reds, oranges  
Women from all nations  
Start stitching.  
Let’s recycle the hate, the abuse,  
The fear, the judgment.  
Turn it over, wash it clean,  
Ring it out to dry.  
It’s a revolution  
Of recycled wears.  
Threads of green, blues, purples***

***Colourful threads  
Of peace, kindness,  
Respect, compassion  
Are being stitched  
From one continent to the next  
Over forests, oceans, mountains.  
The work is hard  
Your fingers may bleed.  
But each cloth stitched together  
Brings together a community  
A world, our future world  
Under one colourful quilt.  
The new quilt of humanity.***



**April Birthdays**

01	Lorrie Baer	17	Steve McGrath
03	Marlys Tudehope	18	Anna Larracochea
05	Lisa Blakeley	24	Mark Nesor
09	Betty Dippi	26	Joyce Obland
11	Mac McDaniel	28	Dotty Harden



**April Anniversaries**

07	Nick & Judith Alexander
16	George & Barbara Nickelsen

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? If so, please report it to the church office.*

## Our Vision

Whitney UMC is a **School of Love** where we learn to love God, one another, ourselves and creation as Jesus teaches.

## Our Mission Focus

Discipling, Serving, and Providing Resources to Children and Families.

### **Whitney UMC Church Council Members for 2021**

Kimberly Gardner, *Family Life Director*  
Glenda Berto  
Johnna Dunten  
Stewart Gardner  
Rich Keefe  
Brad Minasian  
Lory Nesor  
Brandon O'Meara  
Dianna Shea  
Gena Waller

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Rev. Christina – Better Health;  
Rev. Christina & her family during this time of transition;  
Ellen Herzinger; Carol Adams; Kerri Outen;  
David & Bonnie Hawk; Dale Thompson;  
Sharon Miller – Returning home from Heart Surgery;  
Connie Davidson & her family on the death of Don;  
WUMC Worship Team & SPRC & Family Life Team;  
All Teachers & Students;  
Our Elected Officials – Both in the Federal Government and locally here in Idaho;  
All those on Hospice Care;  
All who are feeling confined to their homes;  
Coronavirus sufferers;  
The Families of All The 550,000+ People Who Have Died of COVID and Related Complications;  
All those dealing with Surgeries, Depression, Loneliness, & Fatigue.

#### **INCESSANT PRAYERS**

Cheri Carter; Keith Gillespie;  
Ruthie Carter; and  
Ruthie's Grandson, Carter.

#### **MILITARY PRAYERS**

Adam Whistler, David L. Hawk, Laura Irish,  
and Mark Jerome.

#### **STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

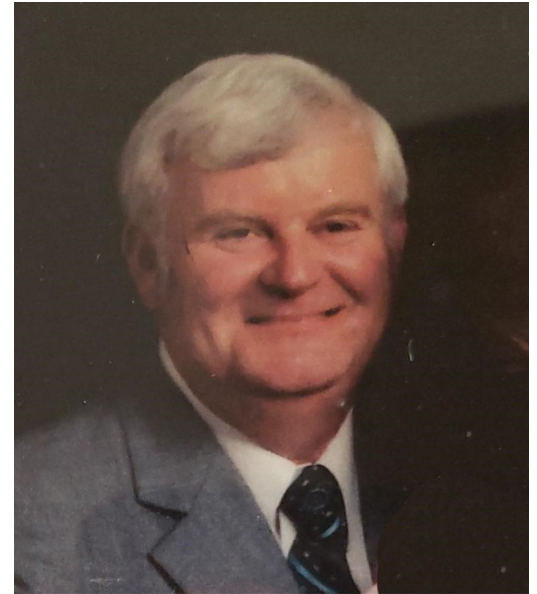
Austin Furutani, Braeden Dunten, Christopher Kazama,  
Jenneth McNees-Ayodele, Jordyn Walhof,  
Justine Niyogushimwa, Marissa Jerome, Jarissa Nesor,  
Masson Furutani, Nick Nesor, & Nicole Jerome.

**Reminder: You may submit Prayer List additions to the church office for the next Chronicle.  
Deadline is the 25th.**

## OBITUARY

# Donald H. Davidson

September 9, 1935 - March 15, 2021



Donald H. Davidson, 85, a resident of Boise, passed away peacefully on March 15th at home with family at his side.

Don was born September 9 in Jamestown, Tennessee, to Joseph and Josephine Davidson. He was the oldest of 4 children. Don moved to Muncie, Indiana joining the United States Air Force in 1957, serving his country until 1961 stationed years at the Mountain Home Airbase.

He met the love of his life, Connie (Ashley) at an Air Force dance, and were married soon after. They had two boys, Bruce and David. After living in Indiana for a few years they returned to Boise to raise their family.

Don opened his first service station on Roosevelt St. He owned and operated many stations in town. Atlantic Richfield, Amoco, Texaco and Phillip's 66. Don made a lot of friends through his businesses, his service station career spanning over 30 years connected him with thousands of Boise residents like Cecil Andrus, along with countless other local politicians. He did business with locals like J.R. Simplot, John Jackson, Gary Sullivan, and Ben Hamilton. The list of people who he considered friends more so than customers would fill this page.

Don had an unchained passion for life. He was a work hard, play harder guy. He was a member of the Elks and Eagle's Lodges, hotrod clubs and the Boise Chariots. Don was also a member of the Whitney United Methodist Church. Don loved taking Connie and the boys to Firebird races, drag racing some of his own cars. They enjoyed going to the Rodeo in Riggins; fishing at Horse Thief, Cascade and Paddock Reservoir; and road trips to see family in Tennessee.

He loved flying with John Jackson and going to the Hydro Plane Races with Ron Grove, motorcycle riding at Little Gem Cycle Park with Kenny Richie and his boys or horseshoe tournaments at the LDG and Super Bowl parties with customers, friends, and family.

Dad treated everyone alike, no matter what. He put homeless people to work or gave them what he could. He dragged home many stray dogs and people over the years.

His life was full of ups and downs but always kept his chin up.

Don is survived by his wife Connie (Ashley) Davidson, sons Bruce Davidson and Dave (Kelly) Davidson, grandchildren Joshua, Aileen and Jeremy and 4 great-grandchildren. Don is also survived by many extended family.

A committal service with military honors was held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd. in Boise. A celebration of life followed the committal service.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor of Garden City.

## OBITUARY

# Mickey Vail

1931–2021

*Hey, Dad! Hope you like this short story of your life. Your daughter, Anita.*

Mickey was born in 1931. He grew up in the Caldwell area, graduating from Caldwell High in 1949. He played football and basketball in school. He loved it and was good at it. He also swam and jogged. I remember Dad tying on his sneakers and jogging around the neighborhood before it was the cool thing to do. After high school he did a stint in the National Guard, then returned to Caldwell where he met and married the love of his life, Nellie. They welcomed 2 children into their circle, Anita and Brent. I'll say here that there was also a cat.

Mickey was a master gardener. He loved to work in his yard and could grow anything. He was especially proud of his string beans and tomatoes. When he worked outside, whichever cat lived with us at the time, followed him everywhere. You often could hear Dad quietly conversing with the cat. I don't know if the cat ever talked back but they were inseparable. Dad worked as a phlebotomist and later for Idaho Department of Highways. He was the man that made sure the concrete, asphalt and paints used for Idaho's roads were of high quality and safe for everyone using the roads. I remember many weekends going with Dad to see how his small containers of concrete were curing in the drying ovens at his lab.

Mom and Dad spent many happy days with high school friends at various social events. Mom and Dad also loved going to Jackpot, pigging out on the buffets and trying to outsmart the one armed bandits. In the last several years of his life, Dad joined Whitney United Methodist Church. His church family was very dear to him. He really enjoyed Sunday morning worship and the church community.

Dad passed peacefully away February 8, 2021.

I have to live with myself and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know.  
I want to be able as days go by  
to look myself straight in the eye.  
I don't want to stand with the setting sun  
And think of things I have or haven't done.  
I want to go out with my head erect.  
I want to deserve all men's respect,  
I want to be able to like myself.



I don't want to look at myself and know  
that I'm a bluster, a bluff and an empty show.  
I can never hide myself from me.  
I see what others may never see.  
I know what others may never know.  
I can never fool myself and so whatever  
happens, I want to be  
self-respecting and conscience-free.

~~Edgar Guest



# Galatians 5:22

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- KINDNESS
- GUIDED
- LOVE
- GENEROSITY
- GENTLENESS
- PATIENCE
- FRUIT
- SELF-CONTROL
- PEACE
- JOY
- SPIRIT
- FAITHFULNESS

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## Ongoing Study Groups

Practical Scripture — Sundays at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

Tuesday Study Group — Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom