

# Nampa First United Methodist Church



Know Christ ♦ Love God ♦ Serve Others

## What's Happening

- ♦ Bazaar Committee—  
May 3 & 17
- ♦ Chicks and Sticks—May 5
- ♦ Blood Pressure Screening—  
May 5
- ♦ Women's Book Group—  
May 11
- ♦ Single Women Magic—  
May 11
- ♦ UM Men Breakfast—May 14
- ♦ Kids Stuff Preschool  
Graduation—May 15
- ♦ Classics Book Group &  
Luncheon—May 16
- ♦ POLLING PLACE—May 21



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## Pastor's Pen

## "No Weddings?"

Time flies. Helen and I are approaching the third anniversary of our time with you! We just got back from a family wedding in Washington. I was the officiant. I love doing weddings. And I love working with Helen, who loves coordinating wedding details and is very good at it. On the drive home we were talking about our biggest puzzle over the time we've shared here in Nampa. No weddings.

It is literally true that I have officiated at zero weddings either in our church building or outside our church building for people connected to this church since I have been pastor at Nampa First United Methodist Church. Very strange! Especially when I pull out my pastoral record book and start comparing statistics.

In my first three years at Medford, I had 21 weddings. In my first three years at Burley, 18 weddings. At Rose City Park in Portland, there were 24 weddings in my first three years. Here? Zero.

Plenty of funerals! In case you're interested, here are the three year totals:

Medford 84 (we were next to a funeral home)  
Burley 31  
Rose City Park 44  
Nampa First 32

People keep dying. Especially in Medford. But they aren't getting married like they used to. That's part of the reason for fewer weddings here. It is true all over. People are waiting longer and longer to get married and many choose to live together without the benefit of marriage. I've also been told our sanctuary layout with no center aisle for the bride's big moment causes us some couples to look elsewhere. (Although if there are any aspiring brides reading this, let me tell you that walking up one aisle and down the other maximizes the number of guests who get to admire your stunning wedding dress!)

Let's face it, declining marriage rates and a sanctuary that doesn't look like "The Sound of Music" may account for fewer weddings, but not zero weddings. There is something else going on here. You are probably expecting me to tell you what that something else is, but frankly, I don't know. It's a puzzle to me.

## Pastor's Pen continued

I'm pretty sure I'm not interested in a marketing campaign to attract more (any?) weddings. Weddings that involve couples with no connection to or interest in the church are not the best use of our time and resources. We don't need a neon sign on 12th with the words, "Wedding Chapel". That's not our mission. It's not that far to Nevada.

But I am pretty sure we need to do some work around here in building a culture that cares about marriage. Marriage isn't for everyone. We care about singles, too. We care about those recovering from a divorce, those who are grieving the death of a spouse, those who have never married, whether by choice or not. We care about gay couples who, as long as they stay in the state of Idaho, aren't likely to get married any time soon. But we also care about marriage. What would it look like if we cared even more?

We would offer excellent counseling resources. Engaged and pre-engaged couples can benefit greatly from some focused attention on their relationship under the guidance of a trained professional. Marriages, even the strongest ones, go through times of stress and trial. Often counseling can do wonders to get a couple past their impasse.

We would offer our youth guidance on relationships and on what to look for in someone you might marry. The subject of living together would need to be explored honestly and openly, including the reasons our faith tells us it's not a good idea.

Marriage enrichment classes and small groups would be frequently offered. We would be celebrating wedding anniversaries more consistently in worship. We would be taking advantage of the wisdom of those whose marriages have lasted a long time. (Larie and Earl Ratcliff's interview in worship was wonderful!!)

These are just random thoughts. Please share with me your own. If we go another three years with still no weddings here, we will survive. But if we are a church that does not intentionally encourage our marriages and our families, we might not.



### THIS MONTH'S SERMON TOPICS

May 5	"Communion 101"	I Corinthians 11:23-34
May 12	"A Museum of Memories"	Hebrews 11:32-12:2
May 19	"Why All the Red?"	Acts 2:1-12
May 26	"So Costly a Sacrifice"	John 15:9-13



## Kids Stuff News

It has been another fabulous year of preschool and it truly does not seem possible for it to be graduation time. Our preschoolers will be having their program on Wednesday, May 15th at 10:00 a.m. They will be singing and receiving their diplomas, followed by punch and cake in fellowship hall.

I want to thank all our families for trusting us with their prized possessions. We know that choosing your child's daycare and preschool is always a tough decision.

We will miss all the children that are moving on and wish them the very best. It doesn't matter if they've been with us for nine months for preschool and just moving to kindergarten or several years in our daycare and moving on . . . good-byes are never easy.

We grow to love each and every one as a part of our own family here at Kids Stuff. We can only hope that our paths will cross again some day.

*God Bless, Ms. Carolyn*

### Registration for Kids Stuff Preschool

Begins Thursday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We will be holding open enrollment for the  
3 and 4 year old classes for the fall.

(Please bring a copy of immunization records  
and registration fee to enroll)

#### **3 Year Old Class: Child must be 3 years old by September 1st and potty trained.**

Monday and Wednesday	9:00—11:30 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	9:00—11:30 a.m.
Tuition:	\$100.00/month
Registration Fee:	\$100.00 due at enrollment.

#### **4 Year Old Class: Child must be 4 years old by September 1st.**

Monday and Wednesday	9:00—11:30 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	9:00—11:30 a.m.
Tuition:	\$120.00/month
Registration Fee:	\$100.00 due at enrollment.

After preschool care is available for both classes  
at a rate of \$13.00 for up to 5 hours of care.

If you or anyone you know is interested in  
preschool or daycare, please call 467-2178.

We are also available for summer daycare needs.



*A **BIG THANK YOU** to a couple of FUMC Heaven's Heroes! The congregation as a whole may not be aware of just how many hours were put in during the month of April to beautify our circle and rose garden, but those of us here full-time saw just how much time Tom Burgess and Tim Riha put into it. Thanks again to two great guys!*

*Make that three . . . Dwayne Evanson was such a gentleman and brought Kids Stuff staff lunch one day and took care of repair of the van when the muffler fell off.*

*God Bless all three of you!*



## Leadership Team Corner

The Leadership Team met for the very first time on Monday, April 15. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- We opened with a time for centering led by Rev. Watts. This included prayer, Bible study, and looking at principles that will guide the Leadership Team's work.
- Officers were elected.
  - Chairperson (also lay leader), Leatha Thayer
  - Trustee President, Marie Hamann
  - Trustee Vice-President, Jerry Cornilles
  - Trustee Secretary, Heather Carter
  - Staff-Parish Chairperson, Kim Calhoun
  - Finance Chairperson, Don Schultze  
(previously elected)
- Others on Leadership Team:  
Tim Riha, Kathy Huff, John Watts
- We learned that the City of Nampa has reversed their earlier ruling that the GPS building must either have a permanent foundation or be removed by the fall of 2014. We have a permanent building permit. Thank you Patsy Waters for your persistence in getting this matter resolved!
- All groups in the church are being asked to take on some project of service to our community. Kathy Huff, Church Life Director, is heading this up.
- Two major maintenance projects are facing the congregation: the sealing of our parking lot and the repair or replacement of most doors in our building. A Capital Funds campaign is likely.
- Future Leadership Team meetings will be held on the second (not the third) Monday of each month. It has been suggested that once we get going we might not need to meet every month.

The Leadership Team will meet next on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the GPS building. Guests are always welcome. If there are personnel matters to discuss, guests will be excused for that portion of the meeting.

*You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept . . . If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine!! Be generous with your lives. By opening up to others you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. -Matthew 5:14-16 (The Message)*

One of the benefits of changing our church structure to a single leadership team is that this team will be taking care of the business of the church, freeing others to be in ministry, locally and globally. As committed followers of Christ, we are called to live by following his example. We are called to feed the poor, clothe the naked, share Christ's amazing love with all. One way we can share the light of Christ with others is through community outreach and service.

The Leadership Team is asking that every small group participate in an outreach program twice a year. This can be any type of service project that your group chooses. You may decide to be mentors to school children, gather books for assisted living centers or help serve food at the community shelter. We have been richly blessed. Let us share our blessings with others!

If you need more information with your outreach program, give me a call.

*Kathy Huff, Director of Church Life*

## Children's Church



Imagine a classroom where children not only learn the Bible stories, but EXPERIENCE the stories! Our Children's Church is just such a place!



Using a rotation curriculum, children experience the Bible stories in many different ways. Through art, cooking, games, music, science, storytelling, and videos these stories come to life. When children not only hear—but see and do the activities they retain 90% of the experience. As a result, the Bible and its meaning for them will stay with them for life!

Adults of any age are needed to be involved in this wonderful ministry. You may choose from any of the rotations that fit your interests. The lesson plans are already done for you. You commit to only four Sundays a year! You may learn something along with the children and are guaranteed that your heart will be warmed when you see the children "connect" with the stories.

To sign up or for more information, contact Dawn Renfrow, Children's Church coordinator.

### SAVE THE DATE!



Nampa First  
United Methodist Church  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 17-21, 2013  
9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon  
\$15.00 per child

Registration begins May 5, 2013.

Forms are available at the church office  
or on the church website at  
[www.nampaumc.com](http://www.nampaumc.com)



### UNDIE SUNDAY

[Every Sunday of May]

sponsored by Nampa First Leadership Team

Join the Leadership Team in collecting under-clothing for those living in poverty. Many times, organizations have to purchase underclothing for families who they assist that arrive with only the clothes on their backs ... "having underclothing donated is a blessing."

A few of the agencies that will benefit:  
Boise Rescue Mission ♦ Lighthouse Mission  
City Light ♦ Hope;s Door ♦ Valley Crisis Center  
Love INC ♦ Community Family Shelter

Underclothing of  
**ALL SIZES ♦ ALL TYPES ♦ FOR ALL AGES**  
for both genders  
**NEW IN THE PACKAGE OR WITH TAGS**

Look for donation box in church narthex



## Men's Ministry

Sixteen men met for fellowship and breakfast at Quik Wok Restaurant on April 9th. Our next meeting will be May 14th at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome to join our monthly meetings . . . and bring a friend!

During the breakfast meeting we are working our way through *The Man in the Mirror: The 24 Problems Men Face*. The meetings are open for discussion and the participation has been great. We may have to re-write the book . . . changing the "24" problems men have to "infinity". This meeting topic was money. Jesus said "No one can serve two masters." The word "serve" translates to "be a slave" literally and figuratively, voluntarily or involuntarily. In summary, we could list hundreds of scriptures to illustrate stewardship theology, but in the end, all we would possess is a long list of rules and regulations. Being a steward is more of an attitude; a way of looking at life as a caretaker. It is an approach to our faith. Did you know there are over 500 verses in the Bible on prayer and over 2,350 verses on how to handle money and possessions!?

Final word: Money by itself is uncomplicated. If there is a problem, it is in how "man" uses it. (Man is taken to be without gender).

*Dwayne Evanson, United Methodist Men*



Paul and Jean Brog  
446 War Eagle Way ♦ Nampa 83686  
466-5118

Entered into membership on March 31, 2013

Kelli Nelson  
1006 Ruth Lane ♦ Nampa 83686  
520-971-5068

Charles Smith, Jr.  
120 Fern Street ♦ Nampa 83686  
Entered into membership on April 7, 2013



Welcome to the newest and smallest member of our church family

*Michael Arthur Richard Pimentel*  
April 22, 2013 ♦ 9:47 a.m. ♦ 6 lbs 15 oz

Blessings to:

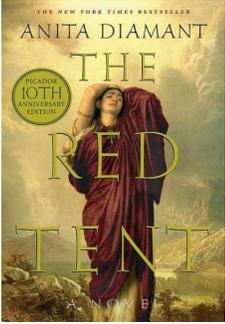
*Richard and Debbie Pimentel*  
*Hannah, Therese, Josh, David,*  
*Matthew, Charise and Analee*

Dennis Frasier and Dwayne Evanson volunteer to prepare and serve lunch at the Community Shelter on the 1st and 2nd Monday of each month. If you know anyone who needs a nutritional, hot lunch—direct them to the Community Shelter at 1412 4th Street South. Lunches are served at 11:30 a.m.





## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



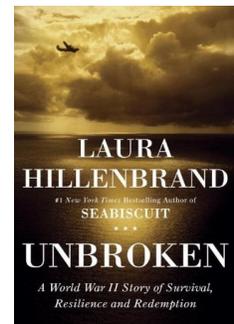
The May Women's Book Group meets May 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the G.P.S. Building (on the Youth side).

The book this month is *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. This is a fictional story about a woman named Dinah, who was the daughter of Jacob from the book of Genesis. Told in Dinah's voice, Anita Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils

of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of the mothers - Leah, Rachel, Zilpah and Bilhah - the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that sustain her through childhood, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past. Deeply affecting, *The Red Tent* combines rich storytelling with a valuable achievement in modern fiction: a new view of biblical women's lives.

All women are invited. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Carter at 466-8441.

## CLASSICS BOOK GROUP



For our senior readers, the Classics Book Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. So come for book group at 11:00 a.m. and stay for the Classics Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Feed the mind AND the body! On Thursday, May 16th, Carol Evanson will lead the discussion on *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. A World War II story of survival, resilience, and redemption.

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

For a ride call the church office at 467-1151. Questions? Contact Von Comstock at 468-9112.



The next Women's Bible Study starts Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. with Philip Yancey's *What's so Amazing About Grace?* In this study Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his

own life and in the church. He asks, How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear? And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, What's So Amazing About Grace?

Questions? Contact Kathy Huff at 466-5982.



**LADIES! SAVE THESE DATES!!**

October 11-13, 2013 for the annual Women's Retreat at the Conifer Lodge in McCall.  
Watch for more details in months to come!

**ADDRESS UPDATES**

Karla Fisher  
(formerly Karla Martell)  
19 S Bingham Street  
Nampa ID 83651  
208.869.4049

Roy Martell, Sr.  
P.O. Box 29895  
Spokane WA 99228  
208.546.1034

Clarissa Nelson  
2609 Sunnybrook Drive  
# 10A  
Nampa ID 83686  
208.466.2924

**CHICKS AND STICKS**

The next Chicks and Sticks get together will be  
Saturday, May 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the G.P.S. Building.  
Any questions? Contact Jodie Mogensen at 283-6641.

**RACHEL CIRCLE**

The next Rachel Circle will meet  
Thursday, May 9th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Polly Hayward  
located at 327 Westwood Blvd, Nampa.  
Any questions? Contact Helen Reed at 465-7315.

**SINGLE WOMEN MAGIC (SWiM)**

An invitation to any single women of the church to join SWiM  
on Saturday, May 18 @ 1:00 p.m. Hosted by Diane Morris.  
Any questions? Contact Doreen Webb at 880-4120.

**FELLOWSHIP COOKIES**

**Please note that the rotation has been re-vamped.**  
If your last name begins with one of the following letters,  
please bring 3-4 dozen store bought or homemade cookies  
before or on your designated date. If you have any questions,  
call Joanne Blanton @ 463-9415.

- F, G, H . . . May 5th
- I, J, K, L, M . . . May 12th
- N, O, P, Q, R . . . May 19th
- S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z . . . May 26th

*You are invited to come and  
see their new building!*

***St. Paul Catholic Church  
Open House***

Wednesday, May 8th  
7:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

*-or-*

Saturday, May 11th  
12:00 noon ~ 3:00 p.m.

*510 West Roosevelt Ave,  
Nampa*

*You are invited to attend*

South Side Blvd  
United Methodist Church

***100th***

***Anniversary Celebrations***

Saturday, May 11, 2013  
Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.  
Program @ 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 12, 2013  
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.  
Reception to follow

Saturday dinner tickets are \$10  
and must be reserved.  
Seating limited.

Call: 467-1087  
email: sbumc1@clearwire.net

***NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE:  
MAY 13th***



**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- May 1 Sarah Frasier
- May 2 Sandy Hopkins
- May 3 Rick Thayer (Jr.)
- May 5 Sydney Schafer
- May 5 Adrienne Young
- May 8 Sue Schultze
- May 8 Jack Burrington
- May 11 Dan Ward
- May 11 Katie Parry
- May 12 Serena Rainey
- May 12 Tom Burgess
- May 12 Renee Harvey
- May 14 Mary Ann Brown
- May 14 Cole Hatch
- May 15 Virginia Paynter
- May 15 Diane Morris
- May 18 Patsy Waters
- May 19 Roberta P. Witteman
- May 20 Heather Carter
- May 20 Emery Baker
- May 21 Barbara Dinius
- May 25 Rick Thayer
- May 25 Betty Anderson
- May 27 Robin Peterson
- May 27 Glenda Eubanks
- May 29 Jodie Mogensen
- May 30 Hal Morrison

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- May 9 Larry & Mary Ann Brown
- May 17 Bill & Betty Ziegler
- May 20 Jeff & Janel Pickens
- May 23 Hal & Aneta Morrison
- May 26 Jamie & Jenny Gould
- May 29 Jim & Patsy Waters

**NUMBERS THAT MATTER**

APRIL	7	14	21	28	N/A
9:00 a.m.	91	83	92	105	
11:00 a.m.	82	65	72	68	
6:00 p.m.	24	15	16	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>192</b>	

2013 Average: 189                      2013 Goal: 220

**Giving:**

April Revenue:	\$20,451
April Expenses:	\$15,623
Year-to-Date Revenue:	\$72,992
Year-to-Date Expenses:	\$74,883
Percentage of Apportionments Paid:	19%
Percentage of Year Gone:	33%



**DEATHS**

David Thielges, 4-2-13  
(Son of Patty Thielges)

Milford Faylor, 4-27-13





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KIDS STUFF EARLY LEARNING PRESCHOOL  
 AND CHILD CARE CENTER  
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*May 2013*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS**



Our building is  
 accessible to all!

Childcare in the nursery is provided during morning services.

9:00 a.m. – Wesley Service: Traditional worship  
 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School & Shared Fellowship Time  
 11:00 a.m.—Youth Group  
 11:00 a.m. – Celebration Service: Contemporary worship  
 6:00 p.m. – Simply Worship: For the disabled and their friends

**We're on  
 the web!**



[www.nampaumc.org](http://www.nampaumc.org)



**NFUMC STAFF**

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<b>Choir Director:</b>	<i>Jeanne Kusterer</i>
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**Office Hours**



Monday through Friday