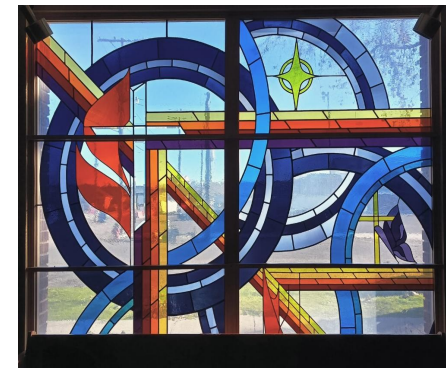


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# Glad Tidings

August 2025

The purpose of Rupert UMC is to share God's unconditional love through our words and actions. We reach up, reach out, and reach in.

RUPERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM  
Live Stream <https://www.youtube.com/user/RUMC83350>

ROCA FIRME PENTECOSTES 2:00 PM

AUGUST 17 - ICE CREAM SOCIAL - 6:00 PM  
Entertainment by David Bowman and the Eclectics

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1 - FAMILY CAMP at SAWTOOTH

Rupert United Methodist Church is ADA Accessible



## Ice Cream Social



JOIN US ON THE FRONT LAWN

FOR OUR

ANNUAL COMMUNITY

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM

HOME MADE ICE CREAM

ENTERTAINMENT BY

DAVID BOWMAN AND THE ECLECTICS



## Offerings

It is not likely that the Rupert UMC will be raided by ICE. If we were, it would probably not be on Sunday morning with our mostly lily-white congregation. It might be on a Food Pantry day, but that is also unlikely. Even so, we still need to know what to do if ICE did enter the church.

It is not legal for us to knowingly abet an undocumented immigrant by concealing, harboring, or shielding the person from detection. If ICE came to RUMC, I would encourage us not to rush people out of the church. An ICE agent would be within their rights to enter our lobby, Sanctuary, and fellowship hall. If an ICE agent asks questions about someone's immigration status, we are within our rights not to answer.

ICE agents may enter the public spaces of a church without a warrant, but not private areas. If an ICE agent wants to enter a private area, they must present a hard copy warrant signed by a federal judge. A deportation order or arrest order is not the same as a judicial warrant and does not permit an agent to enter a private space. We would ask to see the Judicial warrant if an ICE agent wanted to go through the whole church.

What is a private space in a church? It would be the responsibility of the Leadership Board to identify and distinguish private spaces in the church. The Pastor's office, the music office, the food pantry, and the archives room are the places I would consider to be private. They are private because only designated people enter these areas, and they are usually locked.

If, on the off chance, ICE comes to RUMC, don't panic. Be polite and respectful. Send someone to locate and tell the pastor, since I have been trained on the legalities. We will follow the laws regarding immigration in this church, and we will also expect our government workers with ICE to follow the immigration laws. No matter what your opinion is regarding undocumented workers and immigration, it is important for all of us to know our rights. We welcome and love all people, from undocumented workers to ICE agents, from those who want immigrants to be removed to those who want to protect immigrants, from undocumented families to long-time Rupert residents. We love. We strive to do no harm

Grace and Peace,

~Brenda



**FIFTY YEARS**  
YOU ARE INVITED TO AN  
ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE  
FOR  
**JEFF AND DEBBY HARE**  
SAT 9/6/25 2-5 PM  
HARE RESIDENCE 697 W 200 S, PAUL, ID

## OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY



The Open Hearts Food Pantry is a big part of our community outreach. We are so grateful for all the volunteers that help each week. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes and we want you all to know we couldn't do it without you! You're never too old or too young to help in the food pantry!



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Donations to the Food Pantry are very much appreciated. However, someone is bringing a generous gift of yogurt and leaving them in the basket in the front foyer. Unfortunately, the yogurt needs to be refrigerated. By the time someone from the food pantry sees them on Monday, they can no longer be used because they have not been refrigerated.

If you are bringing food to donate please put it in the kitchen refrigerator and let the office know by phone or e-mail that it is there. Thank you!

## Burley Presbyterian Ecumenical Brunch



You are invited to the Annual Ecumenical Brunch

Saturday, August 2, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Burley Presbyterian Church

2100 Burton Ave., Burley

There will be a Guest Speaker, Refreshments and warm Christian Fellowship!

Any questions, please contact Carleen Clayville at 208-312-5661



Finances

INCOME AND EXPENSES 2025

The Finance team would like to share with you how the church is doing financially. We have included the table below to give you the information. If you any questions please let someone on Finance know.

FINANCIAL REPORT - MONTHLY FINANCIALS 2025		
Item	June	Year to Date
Income	\$10,787	\$121,370
Expense	\$14,027	\$93,226
Income/ Expense	-\$3,240	\$28,144

- June contributions to the operating budget are typical for this time of year.
- Total expenses continue to be typical for this time of year.

Rupert Family Camp News

LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP / SIGN UP NOW!

Rupert Labor Day Family Camp is a 3-4 day weekend of faith, fun, games, hiking, crafts and much more. Camp officially starts on Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend but camp is open for those that like to come up on Friday. If arriving on Friday you will need to provide your own dinner as camp meals start Saturday morning.

Cabins are available for individuals and families to stay in. Cabins have bunk beds but no electricity. There are bathrooms in the cabin areas that have electricity, flush toilets and hot showers. There is also a camp area that can accommodate campers and tents. There are electric and water hookups.

The main lodge has electricity, running water and the camp kitchen where all meals are prepared. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to help with at least one meal prep and one kitchen clean up after meals. All food for the weekend is provided by the camp fund. There is a charge per person according to age. This fee pays for the use of the camp. Campers are allowed to bring snacks and drinks for use in cabins and/or lodge. There is a snack table in the kitchen where those who want to share snacks can put their contributions for anyone to have at any time. Coffee, ice tea and hot chocolate is available at all times.

Some of the activities during the weekend are bible study, crafts, pretzel making, homemade ice cream making, games, corn hole tournament, hiking, biking, swimming in the river (it is very cold), relaxing, napping, Sunday Service at outdoor chapel, and just enjoying the great outdoors in a great place.

Speak with Terri Bruns or Chris Paulson to sign up.



Church Happenings

LANDSCAPING THE FRONT YARD



Greetings everyone,  
The leadership board wanted to share an update on some of the improvements that have been done around the church in the last three months.  
As many of you know we had some concrete work done along the walkways of the building, including the addition of two steps leading to the lawn area.  
Because of new codes we are in the process of having railings and hand rails installed for everyone's safety. Hopefully they will be completed before the Ice Cream Social on August 17th.  
A special mention to Bro City construction, owned and operated by Jory Winmill, for their work on the concrete and the upcoming bid on the railing.  
The air conditioning in both church offices has been replaced . In addition, the heating and air system at the parsonage has been fixed. I would like to thank Joyce Hansen for the phone calls on behalf of our church and Cliff Heib, for his follow up.  
The leadership board would like to thank the Memorial Committee for their contribution as well as the Church Foundation.  
Blessings, Brian

AUTUMN HAVEN DEVOTIONS

The devotions were held on Monday, July 14th at 6:30 p.m. with six residents in attendance. Barbara Noss gave the program. The theme was “You Are Never Alone”. The titled scriptures were: Deuteronomy 31:8 and Psalm 23. Barbara chose familiar songs and talked about how we have lived our lives and have arrived where we are now living and we are never alone. Marion Weickum closed in prayer. There was one birthday. It was a great evening.



4th OF JULY

This year the church was represented in the 4th of July parade. Jackie Hiaring and Mary Beth Kraemer took to the streets on their electric scooters with candy, bubbles, sunglasses and other odds and ends to give out to the children. Jackie and Mary Beth had a great time and Rupert United Methodist's presence in the community was shown with lots of fun and energy!

Thanks ladies!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This week we spent awhile on the Nile in ancient Egypt with Joseph and his story from prison to the palace. We learned God gives us hope, God gives us special abilities, God gives us wisdom, God gives us forgiveness, and God gives us a family.

Vacation Bible School cannot happen without the family working together. The amazing family included: Tori Bailes, Annahi De Alba, Kris Somsen, Sara Somsen-Fowler, Tamara Wilkinson, Sherrie Mahoney, Peggy Hess, Barbara Noss, Barbara Rodgers, Jennifer Hieb, Marion Weickum, Rev. Brenda Sene, Richard Jones, Michelle Skaggs, Cathy and Dan Jarolimek, Misael Vega, Samantha Lehr, Jackie Hiaring, Mary Zarybnisky, Trish Munden, Cliff Hieb, Zach Irving, Joyce Hansen, Brian Williams, and Chris Paulson. Thank you to Lacey Rich and her amazing kids. (If I missed anyone, I am sorry for the omission.)

Our mission project this year was to collect nonperishable food for Open Hearts Food Pantry (Pharoah's Granary). On Friday, the families (Giza, Memphis, and Zoan) filled food boxes to help families through famine.



Oregon Music Hall of Fame Inductee in Concert

JOHN NILSEN

RUPERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rupert, Idaho

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:00 P.M.



Roca Firme Pentecostes Conference

The Roca Firme Pentecostes Church hosted their annua; conference on July 5. The sanctuary was full and joy filled as everyone joined in worship.

Rupert UMC was represented by Marion Weickum, Sherrie Maloney and Jackie Hiaring. Jess and Peggy Hess came during the dinner.



CROP Walk

Mini-Cassia CROP Hunger Walk

When: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Where: Riverside Park, Heyburn, near the Chamber Building

Time: Registration begins at 10:15 a.m.

We will be doing a special collection for the CROP Walk on Saturday, September 7th, 2025.

Local proceeds this year will be donated to Open Hearts Food Pantry; Rupert, Hope Community Food Pantry; Paul and Community Food Share, Inc; Burley



Music Notes

Thank you to those of you who have participated in presenting Summer Music. We still have openings in August for you to sign up. The schedule is available. Please contact Sara Somsen-Fowler at (208) 431-3623.



Memorials



Memorials were given to RUMC in April, May and June in memory of :

Keish Noriyuki  
Shirley Stoker  
Lois Morton  
Sylvia Neiwert

Gary Fowler  
Randy Bailes  
Joan Norby