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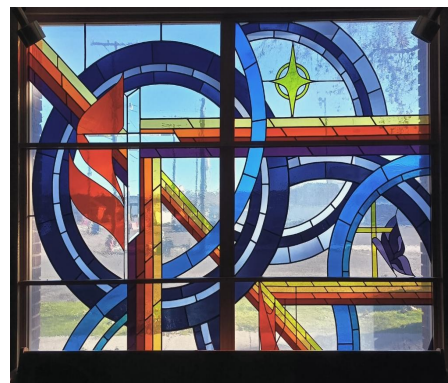
NOVEMBER 19, 2025 - Leadership Board Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
Church Conference - 6:00 p.m.

MOVIE NIGHT - Crazy Rich Asians - 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 21, 2025 - Advent Study - 9:45 a.m.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 - Birthday Party and
Christmas Caroling after church**

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Glad Tidings

November 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.

Upcoming Events



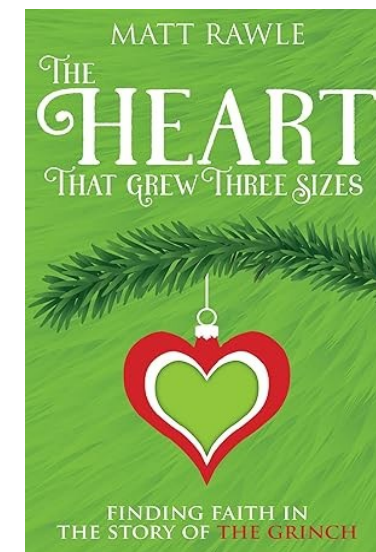
ANNUAL ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

On November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. we will have our annual church conference. At this meeting we will be informed of and will be able to give suggestions for the ministries of our church. Please attend if you are able.

A four week **ADVENT STUDY** will start on Sunday, November 30, 2025, titled "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes; Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch".

Rediscover the gift of Advent that comes without packages, ribbons, and bows.

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Rupert UMC will be hosting the Annual AF Sharps (American Falls Community Choir) Christmas Concert in our sanctuary on December 15th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The director will be Lisa Criddle and will be accompanied by David Bowman on the piano. Several of our own choir members will be singing in the AF Sharps choir. The concert will be followed by refreshments provided by United Women of Faith. A love offering for the choir will be accepted.

Offerings

Thank you to those who have sent stories to me for our Advent Devotional, “The Drama of Christmas.” If you haven’t sent yours, I can still fit your submission into the booklet!

Our theme for November is “What are you thankful for with this church?” The follow-up question is, “How will you support the church?” There will be speakers every week to share what they are thankful for at RUMC. On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, we will all have an opportunity to share our thanks to God for the church.



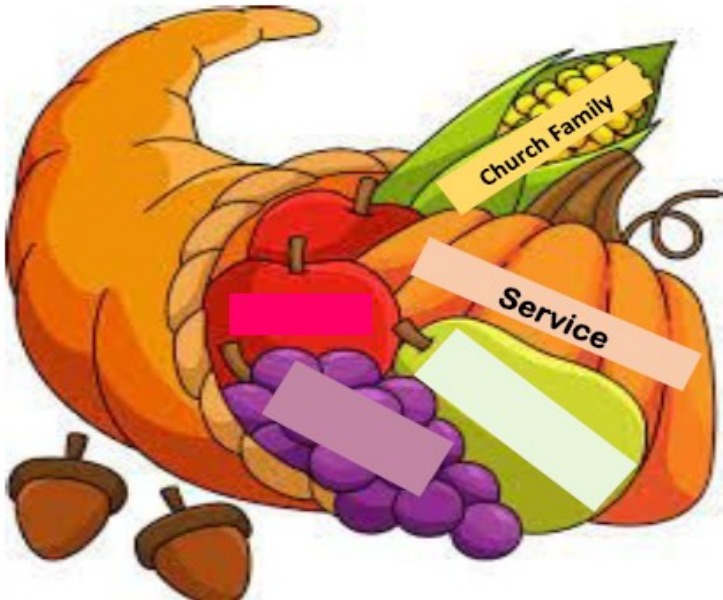
How will you support your church? We support the church in many ways. We pray for each other, for the church ministries, and for the community around us. We participate in fellowship after church, with movie nights, by singing in the choir or playing in the bell choir, by volunteering with the food pantry, by knitting and crocheting, by making and serving ice cream, by making crafts, cooking, serving and cleaning-up the Harvest Festival, by joining in so many things happening through the church! We support the church when we improve ourselves by participating in Sunday School and Bible Studies, attending special functions like a visit to Fort Hall, by taking communion to people who are homebound, by taking lay servant classes and by visiting people at Autumn Haven. We support the church through using our leadership skills, by serving on a team or the leadership board, by working with the church finances, by organizing and serving at the food pantry, by serving as a liturgist, by organizing functions, by speaking different opinions in an honest and loving manner. We also support the church through our financial gifts, which make it possible for the ministries of the church to continue.

Thank you for being the church.

~Brenda



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR WITH THIS CHURCH?

HOW WILL YOU SUPPORT THE CHURCH?



Caring and Sharing Christmas

Minidoka Health Care Foundation • 1224 8th Rupert, ID 83350 (208) 436-0481

It’s time to prepare for the 27th annual Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival!

*The 27th Annual Caring and Sharing
Christmas Tree Festival is just around the corner.
We are looking forward to another great year.
Raising over \$46,000 in 2024
was only possible because of your support,
participation, and dedication to your community.
Thank you so much.*

*In preparation of the 27th
year of Caring & Sharing, the 2025 festival theme is:
“Candy Cane Wishes & Mistletoe Kisses”*

*We will be open to the public
Friday, November 28th and Saturday, November 29th
The Festival Gala Luncheon is Friday, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.*

*We are asking for your support in this year’s Caring and Sharing experience.
If you would like to participate by donating a
decorated artificial tree, wreath, centerpiece, or other items,
please fill out the enclosed addressed postcard and return it to us.
If you would like to consider a sponsor spot this year or assist with event expenses, please
give us a call and we will send a sponsor information packet to you.*

*If you have any questions, please call Tammy at the number listed below. Thank you
for your support in this caring and sharing event.*

Sincerely,

*Tammy Hanks
Executive Director
434-8275 or thanks@minidokamemorial.com*



CROP HUNGER WALK

We received an Honor Certificate for our participation in this year's CROP Hunger Walk. Rev. Brenda Sene, Mary Beth Kraemer, Richard Jones and Stan Kraemer walked this year as Rupert UMC's team. We were able to collect \$695 to go to this year's Mini-Cassia CROP Hunger Walk.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR WITH THIS CHURCH?

"As we get closer and closer to Thanksgiving, I started thinking about what I was thankful for in our church. When my wife Cassidy and I first arrived in Rupert, we hardly knew anybody, and went to all different kinds of churches to find the one that worked the best for us. RUMC was the only church whose congregation welcomed us, got to know us, and seemed to truly care about us. I am extremely thankful to be part of a church that cares.

Now that we've been attending this church for a while, I have so much more to be thankful for: We have so many community outreach programs going on, and are working diligently to help our town and community. I'm thankful for all of it, from the food pantry to the blankets we bless, from the Ice Cream Social to the Fall Bazaar. This is a church that is actively a part of the community, not separate from it. We are an intrinsic part of Rupert and Minidoka as a whole.

Lastly, I'm thankful that RUMC is a church that puts the "United" in United Methodist. This is a church that brings people from all different walks of life together and encourages us to use our brains and think critically about our beliefs and faith to make them stronger. I'm proud that our church is not one to point fingers, but to offer a helping hand.

So, as the days get colder and shorter, take some time to introspect and think about what you're thankful for in your life. I'm thankful for you all, because you make RUMC what it is today."

Britton Bell

Church Community



Going the M.I.L.E. podcast features conversation with Cascadia District Lay Leader Larry Hermann

In this episode of Going the MILE: Stories of Calling and Ministry in the Greater Northwest, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth talks with **Larry Hermann**, a Certified Lay Minister from Bend, Oregon. Larry reflects on a lifelong call to serve that has taken shape through military service, community involvement, and faithful leadership in the local church. You can listen and subscribe to this podcast on your platform of choice such as Spotify.com, Podbean.com, or Streamyard.com.



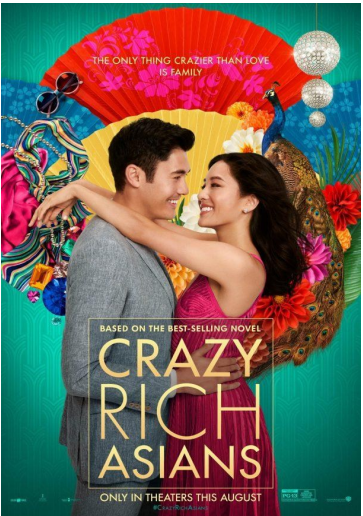
ANNUAL FISHES AND LOAVES DINNER

On November 2, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 902 6th St, Rupert, ID 83350. Please call St. Matthew's church office for more information: (208) 436-4904. Proceeds will go for goats in Africa.

MOVIE NIGHT

Come join us on Saturday, November 22nd, 2025, 6:00 pm in the RUMC Fellowship Hall for "Crazy Rich Asians". "Crazy Rich Asians" is a romantic comedy about Chinese-American professor Rachel Chu, who travels to Singapore to meet her boyfriend Nick Young's family and discovers he is incredibly wealthy. As Rachel navigates the elite world of Singaporean high society, she must confront socialites, quirky relatives, and Nick's formidable mother, who disapproves of her because of her American background and different cultural sensibilities.

Bring a drink and a snack to share and a comfortable chair if you want to. See you there!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, December 21, 2025, we will go caroling after church and after a birthday party for Jesus and a potluck.



Financial Update

INCOME AND EXPENSES 2025

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

FINANCIAL REPORT - MONTHLY FINANCIALS 2025		
Item	September	Year to Date
Income	\$9,819	\$152,162
Expense	\$14,278	\$130,990
Income/Expense	-\$4,459	\$21,172

- September contributions to the operating budget represent a slight increase from August.
- Total expenses continue to be typical for this time of year.

APPORTIONMENTS

We have received a letter from our District Superintendent, Karen Hernandez:

Dear Members & Friends of Rupert UMC,
I have received official notice from our Annual Conference Treasurer's Office that your church paid 100% of 2024 apportionments. I want to extend my deep gratitude for this accomplishment!

Whether you have a long tradition of paying apportionment in full, sometimes reach this milestone, or have worked hard to get to this point, it takes significant effort for any congregation to do so. Your church has many needs and expenses, all of which are likely increasing. Even so, you had apportionments a priority, and for that I am grateful!

As you continue in your own discipleship and your ministry that reaches beyond the walls of your church, may you be encouraged and richly blessed. Many thanks again for paying your apportionments in full in 2025.

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Karen Hernandez

Autumn Haven Devotions

Autumn Haven devotions were held on October 13, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Brenda Sene, Richard Jones, Marion Weickum and Joanne Clark shared this time with the residents. Joanne Clark gave a talk on Halloween. There are many new residents at Autumn Haven who joined the group from RUMC. They sang old hymns selected by the residents. It was a joyous time. Please consider attending on November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

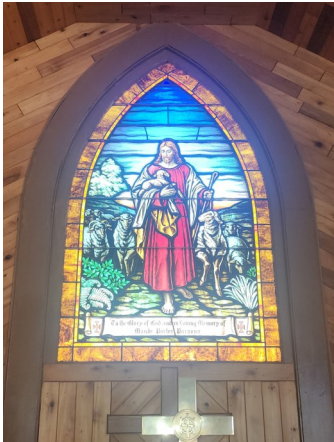


FORT HALL TRIP WITH RAP HOWELL

On October 3, Peggy Hess, Barbara Rogers, Joyce Orem and I visited The People of the Shoshone - Bannock Tribes. Rosemary Devinney, curator of the Shoshone - Bannock Museum, met with us and shared a great deal about the people of the reservation. Rosemary is an excellent historical resource and gladly shared her wisdom. We explored the museum and learned a great deal. We enjoyed a bag lunch that Barbara provided for us. Thank you, Barbara!

We then visited Ron Brennen and a member of his congregation at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on the Reservation. We explored the church's relationship with the People of the community and the history of the Episcopal church's role in the boarding school that children were required to attend.

I want to extend a word of gratitude to the individuals we met. They made our visit meaningful for all of us who attended. I look forward to future opportunities to build our friendship and a deep sense of connection with the People of the Shoshone – Bannock Tribes.



LOVE OFFERING TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AT FORT HALL

A love offering will be collected on Sunday, November 9, to support Good Shepherd Church located on Fort Hall. Each year Good Shepherd Church conducts a Turkey Basket Drive to offer food to the People of the Shoshone - Bannock in need. Supporting Good Shepherd from Rupert United Methodist Church is one way for us to provide a reminder to us that our church and our homes are on land that once belonged to these People. In the spirit of connection that the United Methodist Church promotes please consider a generous contribution to this effort. Thank you,
Rap Howell