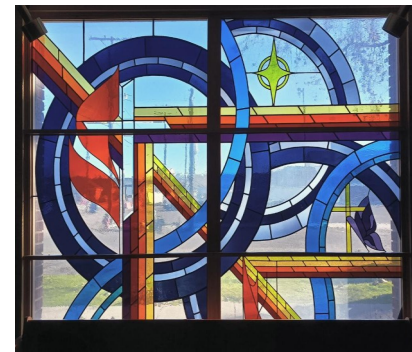


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Glad Tidings

October 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.

On Sunday, September 7th, Amelia Rae Irving was baptized here in Rupert. Her parents, Zach and Tully Irving, presented her for baptism and were joined by many family members and the Rupert United Methodist congregation.



RUPERT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAYS - ROCA FIRME PENTECOSTES - 2:00 PM

OCTOBER 5, WORLD COMMUNION DAY

OCTOBER 10, HARVEST DINNER AND BAZAAR - 4-7 PM

OCTOBER, CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

OCTOBER - SUNDAYS 9:45 AM
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL "SIMON PETER" BY ADAM HAMILTON
& CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rupert United Methodist Church is ADA Accessible



HARVEST BAZAAR AND DINNER

October 10, 2025 4-7 pm

featuring

Pulled Smoked Pork

Roasted New Potatoes,

"Methodist Squash",

Carolina Style Coleslaw,

Rolls and Homebaked Pie

To Go Orders

208-436-3354

FREE WILL OFFERING

Offerings



It's time to begin thinking about Advent and Christmas! You might be wondering if the church is joining department stores—talking about Christmas even before Halloween. But don't worry, we're not pulling out the decorations just yet. Planning a meaningful Advent takes time, and we want to make it special.

This year, we'll once again create our own Advent Devotional, centered around the theme: "The Drama of Christmas." I invite you to reflect on your favorite Christmas television special, movie, play, or opera, and consider how it connects to your faith. For example, I'll be writing about a sermon I heard in high school from Rev. Stan Tanner, a United Methodist minister in Northern New York, on "It's a Wonderful Life." I hadn't heard of the movie at the time, but after watching it a few years later, I fell in love with it. That sermon remains the only one I vividly remember from my childhood.

Don't be intimidated by the idea of writing a devotion. Just share your story. I'll gently edit it to correct any misspellings or grammatical errors, ensuring your voice and message shine through. If you feel comfortable, please include a verse of scripture or a prayer to accompany your reflection.

Please email or stop by the church office with your devotion by October 26. This will give me time to compile and distribute our devotional in time for Advent. I look forward to reading your stories!

Grace and Peace
~ Brenda

On Sunday, September 14, 2025 we welcomed seven people into the church. Lorraine Kelly, Jared and Monica Fessenden, Greg and Brenda Stromire, Cameron Sene, and Richard Jones. Be sure to welcome them when you see them.



Going the M.I.L.E.: Bishop Cedrick launches new podcast

Join Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area in conversation with others about calling on his new podcast: "Going the M.I.L.E.: Stories of Calling and Ministry in the Greater Northwest," which launches today.

Each episode features different clergy and laity and how they explore their callings, share their gifts and shape communities with courage and grace. The conversations include folks from the Greater Northwest Area, along with notable seekers and ministers in The United Methodist Church connection.

"From pastors and planters to chaplains, creatives, and everyday disciples—each episode invites you to listen in on the sacred stories of real people responding to a real God, in real life," said Bridgeforth.

The idea for the podcast came as Bridgeforth pondered the historic Wesleyan understanding that "all can serve." It also relates to the GNW practice of [going the M.I.L.E. through lay leadership enhancement](#). Doing this exploration through a podcast seemed a natural fit for conversations on how people can call out the gifts in each other and explore it together.

"It allows people to hear other stories and reflect on their own stories," he said.

Listeners will hear from people like EJ Ragual, a young adult involved with the Christmas Institute and youth ministry in the Pacific Northwest Conference. They'll also hear from Sally Vonner, General Secretary and Executive Director of United Women in Faith. Rev. Anna Hoesly from Storyline Community in Portland will explore her call to be in community.

"Whether you're in an active ministry, discerning your next step, or simply curious about how faith meets purpose, we're glad you're here," Bridgeforth said.

Each week for the next few months, a new podcast will be released.

To listen to Bishop Cedrick's podcast, you can [visit the Podbean hosting website](#) or search through your preferred podcast streaming platform on your phone/listening device and find "Going the M.I.L.E." Please like and subscribe.

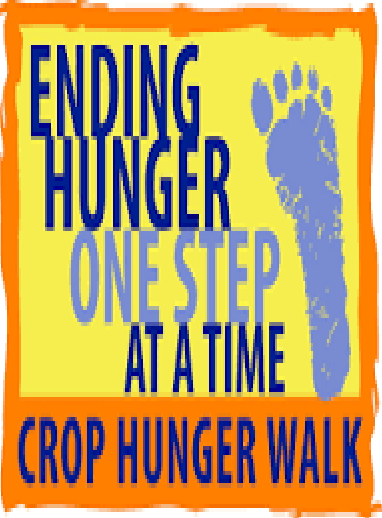
You can also listen [on the homepage of the Greater Northwest Area website](#) or your individual Conference website, too.



Church Happenings

The [Mini-Cassia CROP Hunger Walk](#) was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and supported the [Church World Service's](#) efforts to fight hunger. The event served as a fundraiser to provide food, seeds, tools, and other resources to families struggling with hunger in the local community and around the world. Local proceeds this year will be donated to Open Hearts Food Pantry; Rupert, Hope Community Food Pantry, Paul and Community Food Share, Inc; Burley.

Rev. Brenda Sene, Mary Beth Kraemer, Alice Sandman, Betty Lane, Vi Bloch and Barbara Ward walked as the Rupert UMC team. There was \$175 donated on the website and we had a special collection in church on Sunday, September 14, 2025 of \$520 and raised a total of \$695.00.

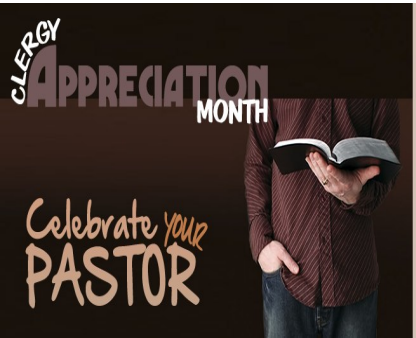


CULTURAL VISITATION TO FORT HALL RESERVATION

On Friday, October 3, a group, led by Rap Howell, will be going to Fort Hall Reservation. We will meet at 8:45 and leave RUMC at 9 AM. We will tour the Fort Hall museum and meet with Rosemary, the curator of the museum. Following this we will proceed to the Episcopal church on the reservation and have a picnic lunch to be provided by Barbara Rogers. If you would like to contribute to the picnic please contact Barbara. Following lunch we will meet with Ron Brennan for a tour through the church and a discussion of the reservation and the Shoshone-Bannock people today. We will return to RUMC by about 4 PM. If you would like to join us, please call Rap at 208-345-2109 or send him a text.



Church Community



October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

With the shepherd doing so much to encourage the flock, wouldn't it be nice if the flock returned the favor? As teachers, counselors, comforters and the ones who unselfishly serve, your pastoral staff and their families could use an extra pat on the back. So go ahead and find your special way to say thanks. You'll be glad you did.

PASTOR APPRCIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation month. It's a great time to let Pastor Brenda know how much we appreciate her! Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 12th.

HOME COMMUNION

Home communion is being offered to our congregation. If you are homebound, or just would like someone to bring you home communion, please call the church office: (208) 436-3354.

In addition, if you would be willing to take home communion to our shut ins and others, please call the church office to volunteer.



MOVIE NIGHT

For October's Movie Night, we will be watching the movie "Spirited Away" on October 25th at 6:00. The movie is a masterpiece, and what better time than October to get a little spooky and learn about a different culture? Bring a drink and a snack to share.

Autumn Haven Devotions



Autumn Haven Devotions were held on Monday, September 9, and were led by Pastor Brenda and Richard Jones, Marion Weickum, Joanne Clark and Brian Williams. Leo Ketterling was unable to join them but was visited in his room. The five residents who attended chose and sang classic old hymns, shared what gave them joy, sang some more, shared their concerns and a prayer, and sang again. Richard gave the opening prayer and Joanne gave the benediction. The scripture for the evening was from Psalm 71:17-18:

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me."

The United Women in Faith will be doing the devotion at Autumn Haven October.

Finance 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 the Finance committee know.

FINANCIAL REPORT - MONTHLY FINANCIALS 2025		
Item	August	Year to Date
Income	\$7,985	\$142,343
Expense	\$14,527	\$122,977
Income/Expense	-\$6,542	\$19,366

- August contributions to the operating budget are lightly lower for this time last year.
- Total expenses continue to be typical for this time of year.



Anyone who needs to use the new access door in the kitchen, please make sure that the deadbolt and the doorknob are unlocked before using the electronic door opener.

If the door begins to close on you just let it touch you and it will re-open. It is not necessary to push the handicap button again.



On Sunday, September 7, we wore hats in honor of Jean Bartlett. Jean was always elegantly dressed and wore a hat when she attended church here at Rupert UMC. Jean was a part of the Red Hat Ladies and many of them attended the service in their colorful hats and attire. It was a fun way to commemorate the loss of Jean.



The letter reads:

September 5, 2025
Rupert UMC

Dear members of Rupert UMC,
The OR-ID Connectional Ministries joyfully celebrate Rupert UMC for being honored with the One Matters Award!

This recognition reflects your openness, strong community involvement and the welcoming spirit that shines through your ministry. You embody what it truly means to be the church -- a place where all are embraced with grace and where Christ's love extends far beyond the walls of the congregation.

Along with this award comes a \$1,000 gift to help support and grow your faithful ministry.

Congratulations once again on receiving the 2025 One Matters Award.

Dylan S. Hyun
Changemaker & Empowerment Strategist
Connectional Ministries



Burley United Methodist Women of Faith invite you to the

Fall Luncheon

Please join them for Fellowship and Food,
The Guest Speaker will enlighten you with her
Mission to Liberia

Saturday, October 11, 2025
12:00 p.m.
450 East 27th Street, Burley, ID
RSVP: 208-678-2184

