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Together in grace, service, community, and worship

Pastor's Corner: First Issue and Coming Events

Welcome to the very first issue of *Winning Winnemucca*, a monthly newsletter for our church family.

The purpose of this communication is to inform, inspire, and increase our faith, fellowship, and sense of family within our Northern Nevada community.

First of all, I want to tell you how happy Julie and I are to serve you in ministry here in Winnemucca. We appreciate the warm and loving welcome you have given to us and look forward to working with you to grow our congregation.

God has placed each of us here, at this time, in this place, to share His love, to work and to grow together in service to each other and to our community. We treasure the relationships we have with each of you and thank you for your love, prayers and support.

The past six months have been a delight! It is our hope that you have enjoyed reliving the joy of fellowship through the photos and stories on the previous pages. If you were not able to participate with us, please join with us in coming events for 2012.

Each issue of this newsletter will include a calendar for the month ahead. We want to make sure you don't miss anything this year!

Our first Sabbath of 2012 is starting with a 24-hour Day of Prayer. Evangelism goals for the new year include health outreach events, a two-week day camp for children this summer, and providing family finance education through the Financial Peace University seminar. If you have suggestions or ideas for other methods of ministry in our community, please come and share them with me--let's partner to share His love.

Your help will be needed in order to make each of these events a success. Please join us in fellowshiping each Sabbath, as well as participating in these and other outreach events throughout the year. Together we can impact Winnemucca with the grace and love of our Saviour.

If it has been a while since you have worshipped with us, I invite you to come and enjoy the fellowship. We have worked hard to create a safe and welcoming environment and would love to have you join us.

May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope. Rom. 15:13

Yours in His service,



Pastor Rob



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2011 Church Activities in Review

- Spring Rye Patch Retreat
- Summer campout
- Fall Picnic to Lamoille
- Fall Rye Patch Retreat
- Family Christmas Sponsorship/ Candlelight service
- Food Basket Coordination and distribution
- Christmas Gift Wrapping
- Soup Kitchen ministry

Candlelight and Christmas Cheer for Families

On Christmas Eve we gathered at the Church for a candlelight service to celebrate the joy of Christmas and the joy of giving!

Louisa Guest, director of the Department of Social Services



“Project Santa” provided us with the names of two families with small children who needed some help with providing Christmas

gifts for their children. Our church members selected names from stockings that were hung on a tree in the foyer, and brought back gifts for two moms and 9 children!

Christmas Eve both families came to the service and enjoyed the musical talents of Angela Ulloth, special guest soloist, and special Christmas readings. They then joined us in the fellowship hall for refreshments: cookies, hot beverages, and a special treat--fruit and other goodies to dip in the chocolate fountain!

The children were allowed to open some of their gifts, and we were all able to share in the joy and wonder of Christmas through the eyes of little ones!



Jose Roblero (above) and Guillermo Madrigal (below) enjoying the cookies and the chocolate fountain!



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Winnemucca Soup Kitchen Ministry

On December 29 Jim Frye, Donna Rogers, Janet Peterson, Mae Pearce, Jim McKillop, Pete and Vonnie Wool, and Pastor Rob gathered at the church and prepared salad, stew, and combread to take to the Community Soup Kitchen at the Methodist Church. The meal was well received by those who attended, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship.



Our next opportunity to serve will be March 29! Come join us!

Community Service - Food and Gifts!



As part of our outreach to the community, church members assembled at the Winnemucca Fairgrounds the week before Christmas to help assemble over 300 food baskets for needy members of the community.

Sponsored by the Winnemucca Ministerial Association, volunteers from the Food Bank joined in the project and helped to make Christmas better for over three hundred families.

Head elder, Pete Wool, and his wife, Vonnie, are active members of the Food Bank staff and have had many experiences to share with us from their interactions with members of the community. Pete recently shared a story where a shopper recog-

nized a need, and dropped cash into another shopper's purse, unnoticed until the shopper came to the checkstand and found extra money in her purse. True love in action!

Over 150 gifts for needy children were wrapped after Prayer Meeting and at our Sabbath Evening Vespers the week before Christmas.

What fun it was to spend time together helping to make Christmas better for members of our community!



Fall Retreat at Rye Patch - October 1-3, 2011

Our Fall Rye Patch Retreat focused on the Sermon on the Mount. An Agape Feast opened the weekend of fellowship as members and friends gathered to share in the blessings, prayer, music and family fun.



Fall Picnic at Lamoille

One of the highlights of the fall season, aside from the retreat at Rye Patch, was our day trip to Lamoille Canyon. Three cars left from the Church and made the two-hour journey to Lamoille to see the fall colors, and we weren't disappointed!

They say one picture is worth a thousand words, so here are two or three to give you a flavor for the fun we had hiking, picnicking, and fellowshiping.



Church Work Bee



They say the family that prays together stays together--well, so does the family that works together! We had a great work bee in September and accomplished much in a few short hours! Then we topped it off with pizza and salad!

Water Canyon Campout - Fun and Fellowship!

Mid-October the weather was still quite nice, so we pitched our tents and parked our trailers up at the end of Water Canyon to enjoy Friday night, Sabbath, and Sunday in God's outdoor cathedral built of quaking aspen. Music was provided by the rushing stream and a few chords from Pastor Rob's guitar!

