

Nampa United Church of Christ

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NAMPA UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Mission of Nampa UCC is to be a community centered in the Holy Trinity that hears the still speaking God with an open heart and welcomes all.

Adult Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45am

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Heart Beat

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Small Gifts

I can remember as I was growing up hearing at Christmas, "The best gifts come in small packages." It just didn't register with me. Train sets came in big boxes, socks in small ones. BB guns came in great long packages, handkerchiefs in small ones. I didn't quite see the wisdom or practical application of this saying.

When I grew older I started to get a bit of comprehension of where this came from. It seemed to be mainly from those small jewelry boxes that were much more prominent in advertisements than they ever were under our family Christmas tree. I was still not convinced. Stereos and television sets came in much bigger packages and to me were the better present. But at least I could concede that at times, for some people, the best gift might actually come in a small package.

I have grown much older now. Maybe even just a tiny bit wiser and with that wisdom a little better understanding of many things. I have even come to understand the best of gifts do come in small packages, mostly they are so small they don't even have the physical presence to be placed in a package at all. That is not an idea that would have come to my mind as a youth.

As that Christmas song goes, "these are a few of my favorite things", I find now that they are not "wrapped up in brown paper and tied with string", but wrapped up in the emotions of my heart. At Christmas I am most excited, delighted and joyous is watching one of my grandchildren opening that special package. The one they have waited for months in hope Santa (or grandparents) would bring. Then in the noise of ripping paper their eyes gleam and shouts of joy erupt. That is the gift that cannot be wrapped in pretty paper. It is a gift of purity of emotion and happiness that is shared as it overflows their hearts.

That same gift expands as Diane and I share a knowing look, a small smile, that somehow we made a memory to be cherished not just this day, but many times over. In that small smile is another gift. A gift of love that I have for my wife and in these special moments that we share in a unique way of belonging only to us.

Moments that are gifts to us revealed in love that exists far beyond the present itself, but in a shared moment with our grandchild and each other.

I know Christmas brings very special moments to you. Ones that will come back to be enjoyed time and time again in your thoughts. Gifts that don't come wrapped in boxes and bows.

There is another dimension to these gifts. It is that they are gifts of the spirit. Somehow each Christmas as we gather around the tree with packages to be opened, there is something else in the room. Something that does not get lost in the wrappings strewn about or the gifts to be admired. There is the purest of essence of that once small package, the baby Jesus. For at Christmas, love is palatable in the air. We are not alone. Our family is larger by one. We are receiving the greatest of gifts, the chance to welcome that baby into our lives and receive the love of Jesus, now raised up to be in the eyes, voices and hearts of all gathered at Christmas.



In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chi Morgan

2011 Current Giving Budget Update!

\$3,900 is the amount needed monthly for the church loan and operating expenses. Below is the amount that was given this last month.

Nov 6th,	General Giving	\$ 1177.00
Nov 13th,	General Giving	\$ 1108.00
Nov 20th,	General Giving	\$ 954.00
Nov 27th,	General Giving	\$ 954.00

Total of \$ 4031.00

Monthly Expense \$3900.00

Difference of + \$131.00 this month

**Your generous gifts allow us to fulfill our mission.
Thank you from all members and friends.**

Greeters & Ushers
& etc. for January 2012

Communion Servers:

Jan 01 - Diane Morgan, Ed Roberts & Joseph Newcomer

Greeters:

Jan 01 - Phyllis Redifer & Ellen Fretz
 Jan 08 - The Robertson's
 Jan 15 - Melissa McDaniel & Valeda Garside
 Jan 22 - Marilyn Sartin & Janet Weise and Erika Coffin

Ushers:

Jan 01 - The DeGiorgio's
 Jan 08 - Lori Roberts & Paul Alberts
 Jan 15 - Joseph Newcomer & Paul Alberts
 Jan 22 - The Robertson's

Lay Readers:

Jan 01 - Ken Feaster-Eytchison Luke 2:22-40
 Jan 08 - Joseph Newcomer Mark 1:4-11
 Jan 15 - Peg Wolfe PS 139:1-6, 13-18
 Jan 22 - Lori Roberts Mark 1:14-20

Projector Media Operators

Jan 01 - Russell Morgan
 Jan 08 - Kari Williams
 Jan 15 - Russell Morgan
 Jan 22 - Kari Williams
 Jan 29 - Russell Morgan

Youth Sunday Service
January 29th

Greeters - Nate Feaster-Eytchison & Darby Culver

Users - Lilly & Michael Feaster-Eytchison

Lay Reader - Mikal Culver Mark 1:21-28

Song Leaders - Brittney Roberts & Ken Feaster-Eytchison



Deacons Meeting
Wednesday - January 18th
7-8 p.m.

Trustees Meeting
Wednesday - January 18th
8-9 p.m.

Council Meeting
Sunday - January 22nd
After Morning Worship Service

Annual Budget Meeting
Sunday - January 29th
After Morning Worship Service

Up Coming Events For: January 2012

Happy New Year Service

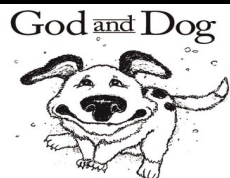
Sunday January 1st 10:45am

Office Closed

Monday January 2nd

Dog And God

Sunday - January 8th
 This will be a special service devoted to your best friend.... your Dog. We are encouraging everyone to bring your dog to church that day since the service will be about God and Dogs. You Don't want to miss out on this.



Youth Auction

YOUTH AUCTION
CAMP FUNDRAISER
JANUARY 15TH
2012

The youth will have several fundraisers this year to raise enough money to send our youth to camp this summer. We have more youth then we have had in the past years wanting to experience camp. For some, this is the only time that they can get away and be just a kid and for others it is away for them to find themselves and what it means to have God in their lives. Please be a support to our youth and help them to raise the money needed to send them to camp. Thanks for your continued love and support of our youth over the years.

Stone Soup

Sunday - January 22nd
 This is a great time to get together for soup, a story and a great time of fellowship. Come one, Come all.....
 Bring you favorite veggie to through in the pot before Worship Service. This will be held right after the morning service.

Youth Group Outing

Saturday - January 28th

The youth will be having a youth outing to the movies on Saturday January 28th. We will meet at the church around 3:45pm and will leave at 4pm, so don't be late or you will miss the ride over to the movies. The youth will need to bring spending money for snacks. Tickets and if we see a 3D movie that will be provided at no cost to the youth. So come out and enjoy a movie and enjoy the fellowship with one another. See you on the last Saturday of this month.



Annual Budget Meeting & Pot-Luck

Sunday - January 29th

It's that time again for the Annual Budget Meeting & Potluck. We will be having it right after the morning Worship Service. So bring you favorite dish to share. For those that have reports to do Steve Needs Reports In....Please get them turned in.



Funny Stories

ACTS 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop -Acts 2:38!' (.turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'

A CAT GOES TO HEAVEN

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears. A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?' The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

Happy Birthday & Anniversaries for January

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Charlotte Gunn | 18 Harold Henderson |
| 6 Clarita (Pete) Miller | 23 Paul Alberts |
| 9 Andrea Wilson | 29 Chi & Diane Morgan |
| 9 Steve Feaster-Eytchison | 30 Parker Foreman |
| 15 Doris Weaver | |



Please remember our members and friends who are living in retirement homes and those who just do not get out much anymore.

Grace Assisted Living

Glen Dittman
 1610 Sunnyridge Rd, Apt #135 Nampa, ID 83686 Phone:286-1705
Nampa Care Center
 Pete Miller Room #114
 404 North Horton Street Nampa, ID 83651 Phone: 466-9292
In Their Home
 Mary & Mary Jane Ferrera - 467-6015
 Helen Perry - 466-1294

Please uphold them in your prayers and help them stay connected by visiting them either in person or by phone. Their addresses are in your directory. If you know of a member or friend that should be included on this list please email or call the office with the information.

In Our Prayers

- Erika's son-in-law (Steve Smith)0-6 months to live
- Steve Smith friends and family
- Leaders of our country
- Chi & Diane - Chi's health & test
- Nephew Kevin & family in Uganda
- Grandson Aaron in Boise Penal Institution in grave danger - Ellen
- Healing and unity, earthly needs and heart felt fulfillment.
- Lori Roberts brother-Andy has skin cancer & Parkinson's
- Joy, who has cancer. Be with her and her family
- People who are struggling with health issues of all kinds.
- Robin Prince diagnosed with MS
- June's brother "Jim" Prostrate Surgery
- Coral-She has Cancer
- Clearance Costa Health
- Craig Diebolt Recovery
- Ed's Robertson's Health
- Lori's Roberts Health
- Lloyd Titus Health
- Harve Haskell Health
- Pete Miller Health
- Phyllis Redifer Health
- Judy Degiorgio Health
- Terry Short - Recovering from electrocution
- homeless & abandoned families

If you would like to be included on our prayer list, let us know.

Expressing Joys

- Our Loving Church Family
- Our Father's Unwavering Love
- Love-the best four letter word
- Friends and family
- The chatter and joy our kids bring into this building
- Thanks for all our adult children
- Rich has great faith
- Patricia Newcomer might be retiring!
- The life of our Messiah
- Kyle getting to come home for Christmas
- Life, Happiness and ability to love.