



**We are Disciples of Christ,**  
 A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.  
 • Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity

**MESSENGER**



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2018

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Text to Tithe: Text the word "give" to (253)201-4231

**Our Mission:** "Honor God, strive to be more like Jesus, love and welcome all, bring others to discipleship, and put faith into action locally and globally."

***LEARN CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, LIVE CHRIST***

**CHURCH STAFF:**

*Rev. David L. Carringer, Minister*  
*Dani Layes, Music Coordinator*  
*Cameron Layes, Pianist/Accompanist*

**CHURCH OFFICERS:**

*Linda Beck, Moderator*  
*Dani Layes, Vice Moderator*  
*Vicky Brooks, Secretary*  
*Julie Jackson, Treasurer*  
*Jean Nunn, Financial Secretary*

**MINISTRY CHAIRS:**

*Linda Beck, Administration*  
*Danette Layes, Nurture*  
*Lind Mael, H.O.M.E.*  
*Diaconate*  
*Linda Mael, DWM*  
*Elders*

**TRUSTEES**

*Linda Mael, Danette Layes, Roy Nunn*

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.-James 1:17*

**CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

Please remember to pray for all of our Home Bound members:

- Barbara Brown-Home
- Don Fuqua-Home
- Denise Kuntz-Prestige Care
- Myrton Foredyche-Evergreen Estates
- Dan and Iva Peer-Home
- John and Betty Nesby-Royal Plaza

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Bible Study***
- Every Sunday Morning @ 9:30 a.m.***
- Prayer Group Monday @ 10:00 a.m.*
- Bible Study Monday @ 6:00 p.m.***
- Bible Study Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.*
- Community Supper Thursday @ 5 p.m.***
- Music Practice Thursday @ 7 p.m.*
- Don't Miss Out***

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- New Sunday School material has been ordered.
- The sprinkler system has been repaired.
- The light bulb over the red doors was replaced.
- Youth Group and a new Bible Study begin in September.



This summer has been a great one. Filled with adventure and success. We have replaced the sod on the south side of our building with rock, participated in two church camps and a mission trip. We joined other churches in Vacation Bible School and Worship in the Park. We also held a carwash and benefit concert. All this in addition to our regularly scheduled worship, prayer and study. Everything has gone very well and rather than feeling exhausted I feel energized and renewed. I hope that all of you feel the same way about our church. When we serve God first, amazing things can happen. D.C.

### **REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS**

*“Called by God’s grace to do together that which by God’s design cannot be done apart, and led by the movement of the Spirit of God.”*

### **2018 Common Table Retreat**

Event:

Friday, September 7, 2018 -

4:00pm to Saturday, September 8, 2018 -

3:00pm

Becoming One: Designing a new Region and our life together.

September 7-8, 2018

Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center, Rathdrum, Idaho

We will begin with dinner on Friday evening and conclude Saturday afternoon at 3pm. We will be gathering in fellowship with members of both the Northwest and Montana regions to worship together, build and strengthen relationships and begin defining the structure, staffing, and naming of our new shared region.

Regional Leadership from both regions are urged to attend.

All members from both regions are invited and encouraged to attend!

*Pastor David will be representing us at this event. If anyone else is planning on attending please let him know.*

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Disciples News Service

### **Uesi becomes first ordained Tongan Disciples pastor**

The first Timothy from the first Tongan-American Disciples church has become the first ordained pastor of Tongan heritage in the Disciples. This summer, Rev. Tevita Uesi celebrated his ordination in his home church in Utah.

There are not many Disciples congregations in Utah, but the First Tongan Christian Church, co-located with Granger Community Christian Church in the Salt Lake City area, stands out. It is the only Disciples congregation with roots in the island nation of Tonga, located in the southern Pacific Ocean. With a population of about 100,000 who live on 36 of 169 islands scattered along a 500 mile stretch, the language and culture of the kingdom is a tightly woven tapestry in which Christianity and state are inextricably connected. “Faith is a part of Tongan society,” said Uesi. “There is no separation. Every meeting starts with prayer and a song of faith, even in the government.” He said the missionaries that brought Wesleyan

Christianity to the islands taught universal songs of faith that even those from the Mormon and Catholic communities share. In fact, the king and queen of Tonga are Wesleyans and the national flag features a cross.

Uesi is a second-generation Tongan, born and raised in the U.S., but he has a strong sense of his Tongan identity. This is what drew him to ministry. He said his call came when the regional minister at the time, Rev. Dr. Jose Morales, approached him about attending seminary. Uesi graduated from Claremont Theological Seminary in spring of 2018. "I saw a need in my community for competent leadership to help both generations. The first generation experiences difficulties navigating in the culture of the United States. They need support. The second generation needs to recognize the value of our Tongan roots," he said. Uesi did not go immediately into ministry. His first career as an adult was as a middle school music teacher. "I taught for three years outside Salt Lake and taught those kids the Tongan culture, clothing and all, that first year. By the second year, all the kids wanted to be in the band," he smiles. Rev. Vinnetta Golphin-Wilkerson has had a front row seat to seeing Uesi grow in the faith as pastor of Granger Community Christian Church. "Tevita has a strong commitment to family and they are close-knit. His two brothers and three sisters are all active at the church. His parents, Silia and Pastor Heamoni Uesi, have set a vivid example of love and service to the First Tongan Christian Church and Granger Community Christian Church faith families. Their openness to community extends to the wider ecumenical/interfaith church in the Salt Lake area. Watching Tevita as he grows and lives into his calling, has been a joy. I am grateful for the opportunity to see how God's design of Tevita's destiny will unfold," she said.

#### SCHEDULES, FACTS AND FIGURES

##### August Attendance and Offerings for Monday through Sunday

	Attendance		Offering
	C.E.	Worship	
Aug 5	20	95	\$1911.94
Aug 12	18	90	\$1044.00
Aug 19	22	93	\$1032.00
Aug 26	19	63	\$2646.72

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You will be prompted from there.

Offering needed each week is \$1,845.00 to support our approved spending plan.

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. -- Malachi 3:10*

#### Scripture Passages for the Sundays in September

Read ahead, pray, and ask questions of the pastor.

- Sep 2: Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Sep 9: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-17  
Mark 7:24-37
- Sep 16: Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38
- Sep 23: Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37
- Sep 30: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

#### September Birthday

- 9 Sue Fuqua
- 12 Cody Riggs  
Lynn Walter
- 13 Marcia Craddock
- 14 Josiah Wall
- 27 Amber Dixon-Skelton
- 29 Amanda Cox
- 30 Destiny Kinyon

#### September Wedding Anniversaries

- 19 David and Dixie Carringer

**If you know a name that is missing from this list, please call the church office at 758-2943.**

#### SEPTEMBER 2018 SERVING SCHEDULE

##### September 2:

- Communion Prep:
- Liturgist: Dixie Carringer
- Table Elder: Ruth Bosserman
- Homebound Elder: Julie Jackson
- Sanctuary Deacons: Melody Lynch / ?
- Homebound Deacon: Logan Jackson
- Worship/Wonder: Juanita Warnock

Nursery:

**September 9:**

Communion Prep: Savannah Carringer  
Liturgist Julie Jackson  
Table Elder: Winnie Packwood  
Homebound Elder: Linda Beck  
Sanctuary Deacons: Logan Jackson / ?  
Homebound Deacon: Amber Skelton  
Worship/Wonder Juanita Warnock  
Nursery: Savannah Carringer

**September 16:**

Communion Prep: Bailey Lohman  
Liturgist Julie Jackson  
Table Elder: Dixie Carringer  
Homebound Elder: Chuck Walter  
Sanctuary Deacons: Jasmine Carringer / Tiger Carringer  
Homebound Deacon: Melody Lynch  
Worship/Wonder Savannah Carringer  
Nursery: ?

**September 23:**

Communion Prep: Vicky Brooks  
Liturgist Bob Warnock  
Table Elder: Garrison Layes  
Homebound Elder: Lynn Walter  
Sanctuary Deacons: Vicky Brooks / ?  
Homebound Deacon: Linda Kramer  
Worship/Wonder Savannah Carringer  
Nursery: Sue Ward

**September 30:**

Communion Prep: Tiger Carringer  
Liturgist Linda Beck  
Table Elder: Keegan Layes  
Homebound Elder: ?  
Sanctuary Deacons: Logan Jackson / Savannah Carringer  
Homebound Deacon: Vicky Brooks  
Worship/Wonder Juanita Warnock  
Nursery: Savannah Carringer

**Our Partners in Service for Jesus**

Asotin County Food Bank  
Disciples Mission Fund  
Family Promise  
Snake River Community Clinic

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:30 am – Christian Education for children and adults.

11:00 am – Worship

**FELLOWSHIP**

There is always a time of fellowship in the Fireside Room in the basement immediately following worship.

\* An Elevator is available\*



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