



The Cross and the Flame



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Dear Church Family,

Welcome to October! As cooler days arrive and the season begins to change, I thank God for each of you. Your prayers, service, generosity, and care for one another are a blessing to Mesquite United Methodist Church.

Seasons change, but God remains faithful. Whether this month brings joy, a new beginning, or a difficult day, we can trust that God walks with us. October also gives us opportunities to gather at the Lord's Table, welcome guests to our church, and give thanks for the ministry of our lay members.

October Worship Theme: Living Our Faith Each Day

Throughout October, our Scriptures call us to keep growing in Christ, welcome God's invitation, put our faith into action, and love God and our neighbors. May what we hear in worship shape how we live each day.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

October 4 – World Communion Sunday

Christ, Our Cornerstone

Acts 4:5–12; Matthew 21:33–46

Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith and the source of salvation. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we remember that Christians around the world are united as one family in Christ.



October 11

Receiving God's Invitation

Acts 8:14–25; Matthew 22:1–14

God invites us into a life of faith and grace. These Scriptures remind us to receive God's gifts with sincere hearts and faithfully respond to His invitation.



October 18 – Laity Sunday

Serving God Faithfully

Exodus 33:12–23; Matthew 22:15–22

God goes with His people and calls us to live faithfully. On Laity Sunday, we celebrate the gifts and service of laypeople who help carry out Christ's ministry in the church and community.

October 25

Love God and Love Others

Acts 10:44–48; Matthew 22:34–46



God's Spirit reaches people beyond the boundaries we sometimes create. Jesus reminds us that loving God and loving our neighbors are at the heart of faithful Christian living.

Church Family Highlights:

World Communion Sunday – October 4

We will join Christians around the world at the Lord's Table and celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ.

District Women's Meeting – Saturday, October 10

MUMC will welcome women from across the district for fellowship, learning, and encouragement. Please keep this gathering in your prayers and help us offer our guests a warm welcome.

Laity Sunday – October 18

We will give thanks for the faithful ministry of our lay members. Their prayers, leadership, service, and care strengthen our church and community.

Welcome Back, Seasonal Members and Friends

We look forward to seeing familiar faces return to Mesquite. Whether you are returning after time away or joining us for the first time, you are welcome here.

Please Keep in Prayer:

- Those who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering
- Those who are grieving or facing difficult circumstances
- Our homebound members and those we have not seen recently
- Our church leaders, ministry teams, and volunteers
- The District Women's Meeting and everyone traveling to attend
- Our families, community, nation, and world



A phone call, card, visit, or word of encouragement can remind someone that their church family cares for them. Please continue to look out for one another.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of our church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Every act of kindness and every gift of time or resources helps us share the love of Christ.

As we journey through October, may we keep growing in faith and showing God's love in the way we welcome, serve, forgive, and care for others. May God bless our church family throughout this month.

With Grace and Peace,
Pastor Malakai Pahulu



Faithful Financial Stewardship



We are so glad to welcome our snowbirds and fellow summer travelers back for many special services and activities throughout the fall and winter months. Worship attendance began to increase again in September after the lower summer months.

The summer months are also traditionally lower months for contributions in support of our budgeted missions and church operations. Unfortunately, the last three months (July-September) were even lower by \$10,000 than prior years for the same period. We were 29.5% below our estimated giving levels for those three months. This puts us 8.4% below our estimated giving thus far this year.

Ministry leaders have been asked to avoid any non-essential expenditures. There have been some unexpected repairs needed at the parsonage due to a leak which must be completed. We are continuing to fund our mission projects as planned and pay all of our other required expenses.

Your help is requested to meet the church's needs in support of our mission and ministries. Please review how you might help in October, November and December through your giving. Those of you who must take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA or retirement funds can lower your taxable income by directing them as contributions to the church. Just ask your financial advisor or IRA advisor about how this might be done.

Together, we can meet this challenge as we steward our resources as Christ's disciples in our communities and the world.

Thank you, Pat Harger, Chair, Stewardship and Finance

Welcome Back, Snowbirds...Sunday, October 18th

Potluck immediately after

the morning service Laity Sunday

Everyone is invited to Fellowship;

Bring a side dish to share

with your church family!

Chicken & beverages provided.



Let's Be Healthy Together!



Did you know that preventive healthcare screenings are typically a reimbursable expense through your FSA plan? Follow the same procedure as if you were filing any other reimbursement item.

Life Line Screening even accepts flexible spending debit cards right at the site!

Several Life Line Screening events are happening in YOUR community, including one at Mesquite United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 20, 2026!

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-800-324-9458** or visit our website <https://www.lls> **Available Screening Package. Call for your special pricing.**

- **Carotid Artery Ultrasound:** Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque-one of the leading causes of strokes.
- **Peripheral Artery Disease Ultrasound:** Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of cardiovascular disease. Pre-registration is required.
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Ultrasound:** Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm that could lead to a ruptured aorta.

Atrial Fibrillation: A quick and easy test, using 6 - lead EKG placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat. [a.social/HALife Line Screening](https://www.llsa.social/habcBC)



Phone: (210) 274-0377

Mobile:

Fax: (806) 626-4857

Website: <https://www.llsa.social/habcBC>

Samaritan Purse

Christmas Shoebox

Packing Party

Wednesday

November 18



National Collection Week
November 13-20



Fellowship Meeting
Monday, October 5
9:30 AM



Security & Safety Meeting



October 5
4:00 PM

Join the Prayer Meeting
with Larry Lycan
Wednesday
October 21
3:00 PM

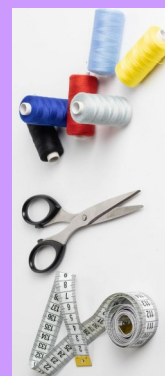


Sewing Circle

Monday
9:00 AM

October 12

NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED!



Plan to help the United Women in
Faith with some sewing projects!

Monday
October
19

9:30 AM



Finance
October
29
2:30 PM



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Virgil Mink



We are continuing the next four lessons in our overview of the Old Testament. This is our story and that's why we need to know it. Many Christians have too little knowledge of the Old Testament because they don't know how relevant it is to us. Just a little historical understanding opens resources for understanding the New Testament.

You don't have to grasp all the Old Testament to gain an appreciation for its continuing importance. You don't have to memorize the list of kings who ruled in Israel and Judah. You do need a sense of the main storyline.

Our first lessons in October will be roles of the Prophets Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. After that we will dive into the Psalms and the Wisdom Literature, (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes). The whole Bible could be called "a book of wisdom" in the sense that all of Scripture can make us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15). For the third week in October, we will study the Exile and the Return, along with Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Then on the fourth Sunday in October, we will cover the unfinished story (Ezra, Nehemiah and Malachi).

The Old Testament ends with the story unfinished, with God's people waiting for fulfillment. The New Testament also ends with the story unfinished. But the perspective on the end of the story is different in the New Testament, which bears witness to Christ's resurrection, which is the beginning of the new creation. What God has started in Jesus will be completed also in us and in the new heavens and new earth. Remember God's promise to Abram, that his family would be a blessing to all the nations, and Jesus's final command to his disciples (also known as the Great Commission) "Go and make disciples of all nations".

The LORD be with you, Virgil





United Women in Faith
Monday, October 26
Sign up for the upcoming fundraiser!



United Women in Faith

Help us with our Bake Sale and Ministry

Prayer Shawl
Thursday
October 22
9:30 AM
@ the home of
Nancy Mae Rowe
496 Chalet Drive
Join us and relax!

To date, we have made—

2 Prayer Shawls

457 Hats

11 Scarves

13 Headbands



Coffee & Conversation
with Pastor Malakai.
We meet every Wednesday @
9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Discussion led by Larry Lyman.
Everyone is welcome to discuss
the Sunday lectionary.
No experience is needed.
You don't have to be
here every week.



Come and let God
pour His spirit on
you!

Sign up for a floral arrangement at the Information Station today. The suggested donation is \$40.00. Just drop a check in the offering plate and designate "flowers" on the memo line.



Thanks to Marta Brookhart for her lovely creations! Don't forget to return the floral base or vase, so it can be reused. Sign up for a floral arrangement at the Information Station today.

Spotlight on the Work of Samaritan's Purse in Nepal...



DEAR FRIEND,

The images of flooding along the Nepal-Tibet border shocked the world. A terrifying wall of water rushed down through deep river gorges in the Himalayas at speeds over 100 mph.

The torrent, heavy with mud, ice, and debris, wiped away multistory buildings and continued to destroy village homes for many miles downstream. More than 1,400 people are confirmed dead, with thousands still unaccounted for. It is heartbreaking.

We quickly sent an airlift to Kathmandu with nearly 85,000 pounds of relief, including heavy-duty shelter tarp, solar lights, blankets, hygiene kits, household water filters, and more. These emergency items, along with food and kitchen kits, were distributed by our trusted Christian partners on the ground, among them churches we worked with after the devastating 2015 earthquake in the same region. More than 3,000 families received assistance after the recent flooding.



Maya lives in Nuwakot, a town in central Nepal right in the path of the disaster. Nine of her family members died, including six grandchildren swept away when the Trishuli River crashed through their school. Maya was grateful to receive urgently needed relief from Samaritan's Purse as she must now start over after losing nearly everything.

Farther downstream, Rameswori lost two relatives in the flood and her home was destroyed. "It's hard for me to get through this suffering," she said. Rameswori thanked Samaritan's Purse for the emergency supplies provided to her. "The support I received today has given us hope."

The Gospel call is urgent. Among those who perished in Nepal were people from all over the world, including the United States. Many had come to see massive Mount Kailash, which Hindus, Buddhists, and others consider the home of gods. These men and women, waiting to enter Tibet, were swept off the face of this earth in a few seconds.

As our Christian partners distribute life-saving aid, they have opportunities to share about the one true God. People need to know the Gospel: that their sins can be forgiven, and they can have everlasting life. Jesus' death and resurrection give us hope for this life and beyond the grave.



Nepal is just one of more than 100 countries where Samaritan's Purse is at work through Operation Christmas Child. This project is all about Jesus, and each shoebox is an opportunity to share the Good News that Jesus Christ died on the cross to take away our sins and then God raised Him from the dead as Lord and Savior. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

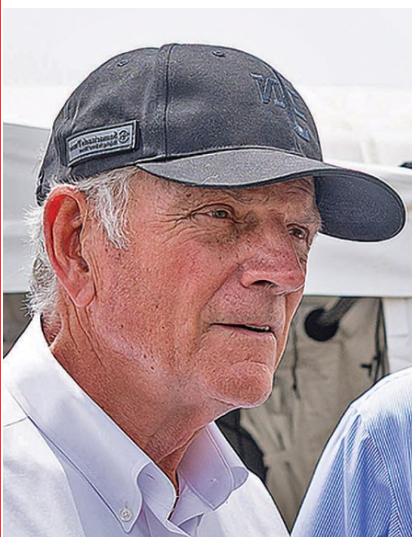
Operation Christmas Child has been at work in Nepal for many years. In partnership with local churches and Christian groups, Samaritan's Purse has given out more than 500,000 shoeboxes to children across the South Asian nation since 2003. Nearly 70,000 Nepali boys and girls have been discipled over those years, with 7,500 children enrolled last season in *The Greatest Journey*, our 12-lesson follow-up program. The Christian church in Nepal is growing, but there are still so many people who need to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for the very first time.

Our ministry has distributed more than 244 million shoebox gifts worldwide since 1993 and discipled more than 52 million children. We praise God that each year millions of children around the globe are coming to faith in Jesus Christ.



Will you lift up this season's Operation Christmas Child outreach? Please pack shoeboxes and bring them to a drop-off location during **NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK, NOV. 16-23**. We are praying for over 12 million shoeboxes this year—each one a Gospel opportunity!

Salvation is found only in Him. *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household"* (Acts 16:31). Please pray for those recovering in Nepal and for churches there to boldly proclaim the Good News.



Thank you for all of your support for Samaritan's Purse. May God bless you and your church family.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham



Please help...

we are looking for folders for the Sunday bulletins for the following months: October, November, and December between 9:30-11:00 AM on Friday morning. It takes just a small amount of time, and you can bring along a friend



or two to be much more fun for you!



COMMIT TO
PRAY:
OCTOBER
2026

PAHRUMP VALLEY UMC
PAHRUMP, NV

PARKER UMC
PARKER, AZ

PAYSON UMC
PAYSON, AZ

Homebound Communion



The first Sunday of the month is the time for our regularly scheduled communion; however, if you can not make it here then, please call the church office (702-346-4663), and we will make arrangements for communion to be brought to you!

**Game Night
Friday,
October 30**



**5:00
PM -
7:00
PM**

**Bring a dish
and a game
to share!**



Lydia's Circle

October 13
9:30 AM



**At Barbara Schlesinger's home:
1079 Bunkhouse Court (Sun City)**

**All ladies are invited to join us for our first gathering
for fellowship and sharing;
please let Barb know if you plan to attend
(702-345-5013) sponsored by
United Women in Faith**

Keeping Watch



These two proud young men in service-related jobs received their first watches ever from our missionaries, Tom & Cheryl Martin, in Uganda.



Silent Auction



Coming Soon... **October 1-18**

- 2 Rounds of Golf at Beaver Dam Lodge
- 2 golf lessons from Kathy Cho Golf Academy
- Danielle's Chocolates Gift Basket
- Coffee Lover's Gift Basket
- Massage from Gentle Hands of Faith
- 2 Diamond Dot Art Pieces
- Time Share Offering
- Picture Afghan
- Queen-Size Homemade Quilt
- Game Basket and more...

Proceeds to benefit the outreach work of missions for the Missions Team & the United Women in Faith.

Order a name tag for \$11
cash, so everyone can
address you
correctly... pick up an order
form at the
Information Station today!

Remember to include cash,
please!

Sponsored by
Men's Group-
Burrito Sunday
Fellowship
October 25
After morning
service
Donations
appreciated!



Men's Group

Coffee @ 7:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting

@ 8:00 AM

Saturday,

October 3



The Congregational Care Ministry at Mesquite UMC seeks to provide
Christian Care to our Mesquite UMC friends and members.
Our pastors, congregational care staff and volunteers connect
with others to help them through various life situations.

**We are here if you need
help...**

Congregational

care

October 26

1:00 PM



Contact Sue Taylor at 307-690-0601

if you are interested in being a part of this
new Ministry Circle.



Veterans...

Mesquite United Methodist Church will be honoring Veterans on Sunday, November 8, with a Veteran's Recognition video display. If you or a departed loved one would like to be acknowledged at this time, please submit a photo in uniform along with the Branch of Service and dates of service. Photos may be emailed or given to Sue Compton or Bonnie Mink.

Please submit all information by Friday, October 30.



By Virgil Mink

We have a small safety/security team within the Mesquite United Methodist Church. Managing our worship services safety and security is no small task. In Genesis 4:6–7, God's intervention with Cain is the earliest example of divine oversight before sin is committed. After Cain and Abel brought their offerings, God accepted Abel's but rejected Cain's. Cain's reaction—anger and a “fallen” face—revealed a wounded heart, but God did not wait until after the murder to act.

God's immediate confrontation. God asked Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?” This was not out of ignorance; God knew Cain's heart. The question was designed to draw him into self-examination, slowing the impulse toward violence and creating space for a different response.

God then said, “If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?” This emphasized that rejection was not final. Cain still had the choice to respond rightly, and God was offering reconciliation rather than despair and violence.

The Bible frequently illustrates God's persistent care for His people. In the Old Testament, God's vigilance is evident in His covenant relationship with Israel. Deuteronomy 31:6 reassures the Israelites, “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” This promise of God's constant presence underscores His commitment to care and protect His people.

In the New Testament, Jesus embodies divine care and vigilance. In John 10:11, Jesus declares, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” This metaphor highlights Jesus' sacrificial care and His role as a vigilant protector of His flock and His security.

Our small team is continuing to remain faithful to the care and protection of our congregation. We need more volunteers. Stay safe!

October Birthdays &

1	Everett Binkley
8	Dawn Norton
10	Reg Montgomery, Gaylon Bratland
12	Kay Nielson
14	Miriam Brandt, Don Wamre
17	Diane McClure, Betsy Augustine
18	Dave Compton
19	Sherry Heilman
22	Faith Davis
24	Don Upton, Lavinia Tupou
26	Lenore Elberg
31	Vika Pahulu



October Anniversaries



2	Gary & Ann Williams
11	John & Sandy Williamson
12	Sue & Bruce Wunder

Outdoor Market/Bake Sale

Saturday, Oct. 24

8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Join us for a day of shopping with local vendors...stay for lunch sponsored by the Men's Group and support many local causes.

United Women in Faith

420 West Pioneer Blvd.

For more info. contact: Sue @

702-346-4663

mumcmesquite@gmail.com



Five

Methods of Giving to the Church

- **Join us for services at the church (Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM).**
- **Use Bill Pay from your own bank to send it to the church.**
- **Use your own credit card or PayPal on our website.**
- **Mail your envelope to the church:**

**420 W. Pioneer Blvd.,
Mesquite, NV 89027
or drop it off in our
church mailbox.**

- **Drop off your envelope TUES. - FRJ. from 8:00 AM-NOON while Sue Compton, the church secretary, is in the office.**

Pill Bottle Ministry:

Bottles need to be clean, free of residue, and with their caps! I just mailed 168 bottles! Thanks, Cindie Selbo



Secretary Snippets:

By Sue Compton

1. Thank you to everyone who stayed and helped for the Church Conference on September 6. Thank you to Fellowship for providing lunch for all of us.
2. Thank you to Reg Montgomery and his neighbor, Jim Middaugh, for all of their work to make an informative video with a drone about the size, shape, and details of the columbarium, a burial site for the ashes of those who have been cremated, which the trustees and council are considering. Much more information is forthcoming for the entire church soon.
3. Thank you to Wally and Diane McClure for providing the church with our church bulletins which change seasonally. They are a joy and a source of information for all of us. Diane, you always select the most interesting and colorful choices.
4. Thank you to Nia Tupou and family for providing food for fellowship the last time that the youth presented the service on our fifth Sunday, August 30. You are such a good cook! Thank you for providing such a treat to your church family.
5. In this season of harvest and beautiful color changing displays, we thank you Lord for your bounty and goodness...

