



FRUITLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weekly Announcements Feb. 25, 2026



March 1, 2026

Preaching: **Rev. Jorge Rodriguez**

Liturgist:

Sermon: "At the Doorway: Like Abraham, Like Nicodemus"

Scripture: Psalm 121, Genesis 12:1-4, John 3: 1-17

Worship service begins at 9:30 am.



FEB-MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 25 – Galen Lee

Feb. 28 – Leonard Mess

Mar. 04 – Leslie Ward

Mar. 05 – Ellie Garcia

Mar. 06 – Holly Hutchinson

Mar. 10 – Katarina Hempstead

Mar. 14 – Merle Schmelzel

Mar. 15 – Debra Street

Mar. 16 – RJ Hrizuk

Mar. 18 – Zoe Essinger

Mar. 30 – Coy Johnston

Fruitland UWF are collecting boxed cake mixes and frosting for Maple Tree House. When families take shelter there, they'll have supplies available to bake a birthday cake on short notice.

May God bless you on your special day, and throughout the year!



Fruitland United Methodist Church
Church Calendar

March 2026

Feb. 25 - Zoom Bible Study 10 AM

Mar. 1 – Communion Sunday

We expect a visit from DS Karen Hernandez

Mar. 4 – Zoom Bible Study 10 AM

Mar. 11 – Zoom Bible Study 10 AM

Mar. 15 – UMCOR Sunday

Mar. 18 – Zoom Bible Study 10 AM

Mar. 21 – Fruitland United Women in Faith 10 AM Program: Jann
Refreshments: Mary

Mar. 25 – Zoom Bible Study 10 AM

Mar. 29 – Palm Sunday

Please send new items and announcements,
by 11:00 on Wednesday, to the church email.

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Pastor: lorova59@gmail.com



Spring is on
its way!

Prayers for **Kathy Day**, recovering after a fall at home.

Prayers for healing and relief from pain for **Trina Baines**.

Prayers for several who have been sick with colds and flu: **Bill Tolbert Miah Pacheco Ian Fortin**

Say a prayer for healing for **Letha's sister-in-law, Linda Ross**, who has two broken femurs.

Prayers for those who wish they could be in church with us, but are not able to attend: **Vernita Crowley, Dorothy Bivins, Edith Gist**.

We pray for **residents in our NE states**, who've been hit by severe winter weather.

Rick and Holly Hutchinson are thankful that their son, **Doug**, made it across wintery Wyoming, Nebraska, and Kansas without mishap and will start his new job in Florida on Friday.

Prayers for the work of the **Committee on Relief**, that their work can bring relief to those most in need.

Prayers for **high school counselors**, this week, as they offer comfort, support, information, and help students to cope with the pressures of being young adults.

Feel free to call celebrations and concerns in to the office by 11:00 on Wednesdays.

208-452-3260.

Or email them to officefruitlandumc@gmail.com

Kathy Day is now at Karcher Post-Acute Recovery Center in Nampa. If you wish to send a card, it can go to her daughter's address: c/o Sherry Turner
18410 Admiral Way, Nampa, Idaho 83687

Reminder: Our congregation collects for Grizzly Corridor – both non-perishable foods and hygiene items – on the table at the back of the coffee area. November – March are the months when the need is greatest for our local families.

Upcoming Signups Reminders:

Coffee Hour Provider:

Mar 1– Jann and Dave Bell

Mar 8 – Roxie and Bill Tolbert

Mar 15 – Freezer cookies!

Mar 22 – Tami & Letha Essinger

Mar 29 –



Liturgist:

Mar 1 – **Liturgist and server needed!**

Mar 8 – Letha Essinger

Mar 15 –

Mar 22 – Leona Whitcomb

Mar 29 – Holly Kerfoot

Greeters/ Ushers:

Mar. 1 –

Mar. 8 –

Mar. 15 –

Mar. 22 –

Mar. 29 -

Communion Supplies:

Mar. 1 – Tolberts

Apr. 5 – Tami and Letha Essinger

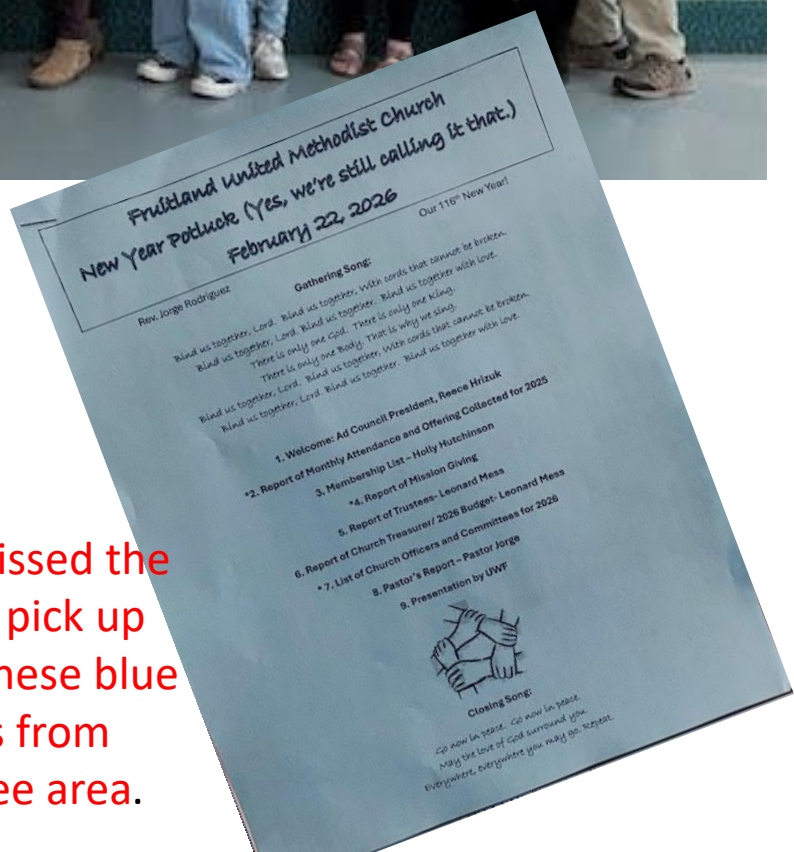
New from the Worship Committee:
If you sign up for communion duties, you are not asked to provide bread. The committee has bakers who are willing to provide gluten-free communion bread each month. They do hope that you will be willing to

- *set-up the altar for communion
- *help the pastor serve communion during the worship service
- * take charge of washing and putting away the communionware afterward.

Would like to expand the list of people willing to serve as liturgists, since Leslie, Holly, and Roxie are teaching Sunday School.

NEW YEAR POTLUCK AT FRUITLAND UMC- Our 116th year!

Lots of food to choose from, great conversation – How many were up early to watch the U.S. Men's Hockey Team win gold?!! Reports on how things are going and what to expect in the year ahead. Pastor Jorge also gave an update on the activities of his quarter-time position in Ontario. At the end, Fruitland UMW presented **Leonard Mess and Ramona Lee-Mess**, and **Holly Hutchinson** with special mission recognition pins for their contributions to the life of the church.



If you missed the potluck, pick up one of these blue booklets from the coffee area.

SOME THOUGHTS

The Oregon Trail hike and visiting the Vale UMC! ★

Contac con

A thoughtful send-off for Pastor Clynton.

Coffee Hour Fellowship time

The beautiful music of and my fantastic "Church Family"

Coffee breaks with Joan, Dorothy, Verneta & Edith.

Fellowship

Pastor Jorge's enthusiasm!

Amazing music and such talented musicians!

UWF Christmas Luncheon

Such a loving & supportive church family.

George singing with us!!!

Over 80's Celebration

2025

What was good? What was satisfying? What was effective? What brought you joy?

PAUL'S SERVICE + ALL THE LOVE FROM CHURCH

Thanks For your Support!

Las Posadas

The welcoming of our new pastor!

Christmas on Main Street

A Welcomes Lasting Community of Faith

Dave's service

Pastor Jorge and Rosie brought us joy!

I LOVE CHRISTMAS EVE.

Opportunities to support & care for each other in times of need. The love of our congregants for each other is strong!

Guitar music during worship.

Learning a little Spanish & singing in two languages

Hot Pizza

Comic Con

EZMAY

WE SHARED

Successful Arts School in Ontario.

2026

What do you hope for in the year ahead?

Creating more opportunities to share God's word w/ those who need it.

"Open Our Door To All People"

Ramp access to the basement - Art

PEACE + NO DIVISION IN OUR WORLD

Comic Con III

Listen to the desires of our youth, and work to meet their needs.

More guitar!

inviting in our neighbors

Speaker from Oasis House during our worship time.

Another Youth group outing to another church and picnic!

Community partnerships

- Grizzly Corridor
- Senior meals
- Comic Con

Worship service in the Park!

Peace, love and compassion in our world

Appreciation event for foster parents.

Opportunities for regular attendees to join the church

Palm Sunday procession outdoors in the neighborhood.

Spiritual growth (classes?)

Continued response to needs as they arise.

first grade

Thanks to our Fruitland Methodist **Trustees** and **Finance Committee** for taking care of our church. The Trustees keep the building, the grounds, and the parsonage looking good and in good working order.

The Finance Committee juggles the money so we can cover expenses and keep the lights on. It's not always easy. We appreciate your thoughtful patience and diligence.

"The Green Church" loves you!



John and Holly visited the Statehouse on Monday as participants in the Idaho Legislative Advocacy Day. They attended committee hearings, sat in on House and Senate sessions, toured the Capitol, and had lunch with the legislators – an opportunity sponsored by United Women in Faith.

For those of you who prefer not to tithe with cash or checks, or are unable to do so, our church treasurer has established an online giving option. A QR code will be available on the back of your bulletin and below. To use the QR Code, open up your smartphone camera app and look at the code with the camera. Once it has been able to read it, a link should appear below the code that can be tapped to send you to the donations page. If you have any questions, please ask Leonard Mess.

Offerings given in this manner will be recorded for tax purposes, just as if you had written a check.

Collections for General Fund



FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTHLY GIVING FOR OPERATING BUDGET:

Monthly offering goal- \$8000.00

Month of **February** received - \$6512*



* Updated Weekly

**The Greeter/Usher & Liturgist Sign Up Sheets
are Posted for March, April, May.**

**We need Liturgist sign-ups from people who
are not Sunday School Teachers. It's hard to
be in two places at once!**

No Experience Needed!

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any announcements to be published.



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Email or Leave a voicemail anytime.

To reach Pastor Jorge directly, email jorova59@gmail.com

If it is an emergency, his phone number is (971) 217-3221.