

Pastor Tony's Invitation to Membership

Old-time preachers used to say, "Be sure to open the doors of the church every Sunday."

I try to do just that. You may be familiar with my usual words of invitation, "If you are worshiping with us for the first time or the thousandth time, and you are looking for a place you can call home—a place where people will journey with you, support you, encourage you, and even sometimes hold you accountable—this is that place."

I think that commitment is important, and I believe God does too. We have seen quite a few people join CVUMC lately—some after worshiping for very few times and some long-time worshipers—and that is very encouraging. I think it is part of God drawing people to this place—this family of faith called Carson Valley UMC.

Here are some ways to join Carson Valley UMC when the invitation is given:

- As an Associate Member—maintain membership in another denomination while making a commitment of membership to this United Methodist Church. This is great for seasonal residents in the valley.
- As an Affiliate Member—maintain membership in another United Methodist Church while making a commitment of membership to this UM Church. Again, this is great for seasonal residents who are United Methodists in another location.
- As a Full Member—by 1) making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ for the first time and be baptized, 2) transferring membership from another United Methodist Church or any other Christian denomination, or 3) renewing your covenant with Christ in this church (Sometimes people feel the need for this type of renewal, and it is not followed by baptism).