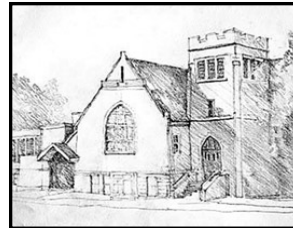


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter January 2023



May YOU shine the light of Christ in the New Year

Thoughts taken from PaulandMyrna.org

Starting a New Year is a great opportunity to ask ourselves if there are changes we need to make in our walk with the Lord. A.W. Tozer said, "We are as close to God right now, as we want to be." The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:5a, "Examine yourself as to whether you are in the faith."

It's a good thing to stop every once in a while and take a personal inventory. "Am I where I want to be with God?" "Have I reached my potential in Him?" "Have I discovered my divine destiny?" "How can I glorify Him more in this coming year?" Here are four possible New Year's Resolutions we can consider to help us in our mortal journey.

Prayer: Leonard Ravenhill once said, "A man is no greater than his personal prayer life." Our prayer life needs to begin with us. Our entire spiritual walk flows from our personal prayer life. If I'm not spending time talking to God about me, I won't be talking to God about others. George Mueller was asked shortly before he died if he had anything to say to the Church. Here is his answer: "Learn to persist in prayer." Keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking until you receive. We could challenge ourselves to commit some time every day to ask, seek, and knock.

Scripture Study: Spending regular time in the Word of God is a must for every believer. Jesus said it best, "Man does not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4) Reading, studying, and meditating in the Word of God will feed and satisfy our souls. We could challenge ourselves to study our scriptures daily by finding a reading plan that works for us— and maybe a reading buddy, if you can.

Service: Serving is vital to our spiritual growth. Jesus told us to give and it will be given to us. (Luke 6:38) When we take the initiative to give of our time, money, and energy, it will open the flood gates of heaven for God to pour back into our lives. It makes sense; we have to give and serve to make room for more. Ask the Lord, "How can I serve You more?" He'll show us.

Fellowship: This may be more important than we realize. The Bible says we need to edify, exhort, and encourage one another. We all need encouragement, edification, and to be exhorted, at times. However, the Bible warns us that in the Last Days many will forsake gathering together. (Hebrews 10:24-25) Satan knows that if he can scatter the sheep, they will become vulnerable to every form of temptation and deception known to man. True fellowship happens when we come together with Jesus. (Matthew 18:20)

May God bless each of you richly in 2023!



ADVENT

The Advent Services at our Glendive United Church transpired because of the individuals that stepped up to the pulpit. The Sunday Advent Services started on November 27th and continued through December 24, Christmas Eve. Our guest speakers contributed a great part in the services.

November 27th Dawn Kingstad spoke about “Hope.” She was looking for the perfect church and came to realize that our church was accepting to all her needs for a church family. Mike Hunter and Chase Frost lit the candle of “Hope.” Bill LaBree read the scriptures.

December 4th Avis Anderson was the guest speaker. Morgan and Jesse Schaaf lit the candle of “Peace.” George Skerritt read the scriptures.

On December 11th, Larry Meidinger was our guest speaker . George and Terry Skerritt lit the candle of “Joy.” Twylla McPherson read the scriptures.

December 18th, Marlene Lindquist directed the Sunday School Christmas Program with children and adults contributing to the program called “A Wonderful Story.” It was magnificent! Dawn and Duncan Kingstad lit the candle of “Love.” Duncan Kingstad read the scriptures.

December 24th, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was presented by Avis Anderson. Ron and Joan Haugeberg lit the Christmas candle, and the culmination of the Advent Candles of “Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.” Ron Haugeberg read the scriptures. We had 52 people in attendance.

Thank you to all individuals that made the Advent Season truly successful !



Coffee Hour Hosts for December

Andrine Haas, Joan Haugeberg, and members of the Ad Hoc Committee.



December 18th was our special Christmas program

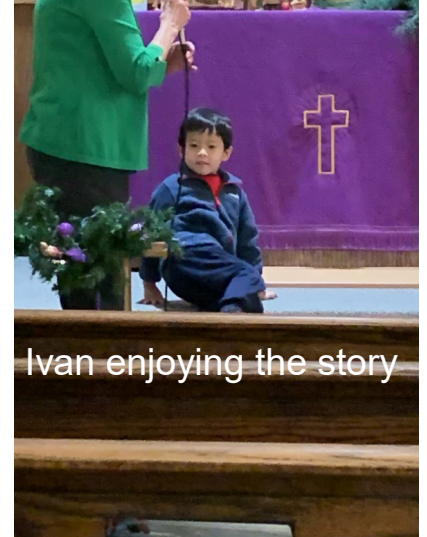
“A Wonderful Story”



Aubree Aldinger sharing her singing talent to help tell the story.



Duncan Kingstad helped with the readings of the program.



Ivan enjoying the story



Parker Winchell showing her delight at being part of the Christmas Eve Service.

Hattie Ruth Aldinger, Aubree Aldinger, and Jasmine Winchell with her daughter Parker,



Cayson Ripley and Ryker Lee Engle following Marlene Linquist as she guides us through the Wonderful Story.



United Women in Faith held the Annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec 2. It was a great success with lots of donations of Christmas goodies and many other hand-crafted and holiday items to sell, as well as some generous donations. We made \$1535.50! Many thanks to everyone who donated their time and money and brought items to sell, as well as all those who shopped-- we couldn't do it without you!

Sadly, the Annual Women's Christmas Dinner was cancelled due to a pending nasty blizzard and icy roads.

A date has not been set for a January meeting of United Women in Faith. We are looking at possibilities and watching the weather before setting any plans. *Watch for a possible announcement by email and in church*

Happy Birthday



Billie Haag
celebrated her 100th birthday, December 27th at the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home.

- Jan. 2 David Skerritt
- Jan 4 Judy Rice
- Jan. 9 Kayrene Vashus
Dawn Kingstad
- Jan.10 Jace Gentry
- Jan. 11 Jan Kruger
- Jan. 15 Janine Huschka
- Jan.19 Kileaka Herbaugh
- Jan. 24 Velma Kinsey
- Jan. 26 Tsai-Ying Li
- Jan. 29 Melissa Skerritt



"We will open the book.
Its pages are blank.
We are going to put words
on them ourselves. The
book is called Opportunity
and its first chapter is
New Year's Day."

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

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January 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>New Year's Day— Epiphany Sunday</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Human Relations Day (offering)</i>	16 <i>Board meeting 7pm</i>	17	18 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	19 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	20 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	21 <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
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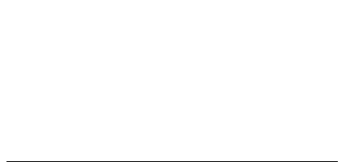
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