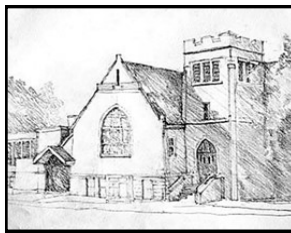


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

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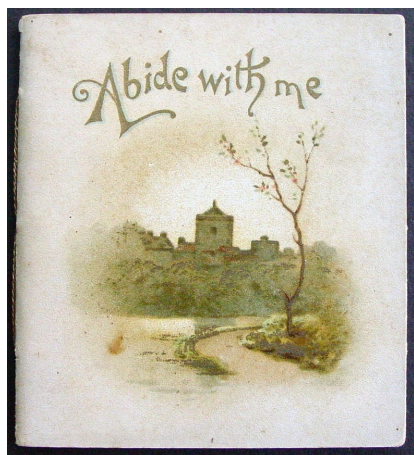
## Pastoral Letter

(excerpts taken from a letter written by Pastor Greg Leslie.)

Good May to you all,

Easter is a long season and believe it or not we do spend a larger portion of May still in the season. I do believe there is a song that maybe some of you have sung at one time or another called "Every Morning is Easter Morning." The chorus of the song begins with these words, "Every morning is Easter morning from now on" and do these words ever ring true.

But I have to say: do we ever grow tired of hearing the Easter story; does it leave with the celebration of Easter morning? I would answer this hopefully not. So how do we continue celebrating Easter every morning? Well, it is through **abiding** in the presence of Christ. So how do we do this; how do we encourage abiding behavior in a worshipping congregation?



And, really, what does **abide** mean?

This month I ask that you look at these three ways of **abiding** to help with your ability and your tendency and desire to abide in Christ.

First is **Silence**. Believe it or not, silence is a good practice, and for some, it is difficult to achieve. But silence is a space where we can let God take control. It allows us to surrender ourselves to the working of the Spirit and the voice of God.

The second might sound the opposite but it is another good way to abide in Christ and that is through **music**. Music fills us with sound instead of silence. And sometimes sounds, like a direct sound can lead us into deeper communion with Christ and with one another.

The third one is a bit different but allows a heightening of your focus, it is **paying attention to the Word**. Listen to the Word as if it is the very word coming from the mouth of Jesus. And if you take the time to read it, do it with intensity and with passion. Do not let them be words that you have read over and over again but allow them to be words that encourage life today and then lean on them.

Take time, pause often, and repeat the phrases that touch your heart and ring in your ears before moving to the next thought.

Do not be afraid to find new ways of **abiding** because every morning is Easter morning from now on. Blessing on the month ahead!



## His Mother

Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of His mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought - the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven.

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

### Our Church Rummage/Bake Sale Update

Thank you to everyone who donated goods for both the rummage sale and the bake sale. A special thank you to all the workers who donated their time to make this event possible and run so smoothly.

The current income so far is as follows:

Pre- Sales	\$ 260.00
Bake Sales	\$ 383.75
General	\$1,045.25
<u>On-line Sales</u>	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
Total:	\$1,959.00

It has been decided to keep the unsold merchandise and reopen the doors on May 13th in conjunction with the Glendive Community Wide Garage Sale. If you still have some rummage you are willing to share with us, please bring it to the church. If you need access to the building call Vernone (939-1933) or Andrine (989-1479).



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, May 10, at 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Bring your own dinner if you wish. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. All women of the church are invited.

And YES, we do plan to have our Cotton Candy Booth at the Dawson County Fair again! Be watching for sign-up sheets to help with set-up, cotton candy making shifts, and take-down/clean-up.



## Memorials

Memorials are a way to celebrate a significant occasion, remember a loved one, or honor someone special with an honor or memorial gift in their name. The Church uses memorial gifts for special items or projects that are beyond the annual budget.

These memorial gifts have been received in the last six months:

- *In memory of Iris Milne* – from Betty Carpenter, Darcy Clingingsmith, Emma Doty, Anne Freistone, John & Andrine Haas, Ron & Joan Haugeberg, Greg & JoAnn Hunt, Don & Adele Idso, Verle Jones, Glenda LaBree, Vern & Marlene Lindquist, Curt Milne, Milne Implement Co., Terry & Jean Mitchell, Irene Riedlinger, Judy & James Rouse, R.K. Schlicht, Betty Shearer
- *In memory of Jean Schlicht Smith* – from Verle Jones, John & Marla McCormick
- *In memory of Gladys Sather* (Andrine Haas's mother) – from Betty Carpenter, Terrance & Jean Mitchell, Vern & Marlene Lindquist
- *In memory of George Mitchell* (Terry Mitchell's brother) – from John & Andrine Haas, Greg & JoAnn Hunt, Terry & Jean Mitchell, Carol Stedman
- *In honor of the Glendive United Methodist Church* – from Steve Egli & Teresa Henry

To make a memorial gift to the church:

you can drop off the donation at the church office,  
 put it in the offering plate at a Sunday service,  
 on-line giving <https://app.easytithe.com/app/giving/glendiveumc> (click on memorials)  
 or mail your donation to the church at Glendive United Methodist Church, Box 200,  
 Glendive, MT 59330.

Please be sure to enclose information listing for whom the donation is in honor/memory and include a family name and address, if possible. You can specify a use for the donation if you wish (such as a particular building project or a program of the church). Acknowledgment cards are sent to the donor and to the honoree's family. The memorials are listed permanently in a Memorial Book at the church.



Marlene Lindquist has designed a new bulletin board for our front lobby. It is welcoming and supports the UMC philosophy to take care of God's creations, including our planet. In that endeavor we support GROW Glendive which is an all volunteer group that work at our recycling center. Several members of our church regularly volunteer to help.

Also, we donate money to the Glendive Food Bank to help our neighbors in need.

Once a month we have "Noisy Bucket Sunday" where people donate their change and we then use that money for these causes.



**Leaky Roof Update:**

We will be starting a capital campaign to raise funds for our roof repair. Information will be coming out soon.

May 3	Lance Phinney
May 5	Twylla McPherson
May 5	Ashton Nunberg
May 7	Chase Frost
May 10	Kyle Milne
May 19	Dan Engle
May 19	Austin Nunberg
May 21	Skylar Huschka
May 26	Hallee Gentry
May 27	Marlene Lindquist
May 29	Millie Robinson
May 29	JoAnn Hunt



We appreciate our Coffee Hour Hosts.

For the Month of April they were:

Joan Haugeberg, Leslie Hunter, Larry Meidinger, and Betty Carpenter

## May 13th

City Wide Garage Sale

UMC Rummage Sale

Spring into Summer Gift show 9am to 6pm

Chocolicious fundraiser at The Gallery 5pm to 8pm

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Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

	1	2	3	4 <i>Glendive Giving Day 4-7 at the Moose Lodge</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>U Win Faith 5:30 pm</i>	11	12	13 <i>See note above</i>
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 <i>AD Board 7pm</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>DCHS Graduation 2pm</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31			

### Summer Scheduling:

For the month of June:

The Glendive United Methodist Church will host the United Congregational Church at the 11 a.m. services.

For the month of July:

The United Congregational Church will host the Glendive United Methodist Church at their 10 a.m. services.



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