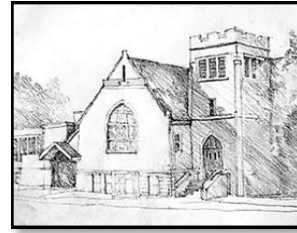


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

June/July 2023



Pastoral Letter (written by Pastor's Charles Simpson and Stephen Simpson of the Charles \ Simpson Ministries)

Dear Friends in Christ:

My purpose in this letter is to share with you what the Lord has placed on my heart. I was recently sitting with four pastors and two of them were pastoring churches begun by their fathers. One of the pastors had recently lost his father. One of the other pastors had his father sitting with us. Then these two younger pastors, in their 40's, asked me this question: "What was it that our father's received in the revival that we need to pass on?"

Suddenly I realized that I had never been asked that question before. Yes, I thought of several things associated with the move of the Holy Spirit and the powerful revival that moved through many nations in the 1960s and 1970s. But I had not intentionally thought about specific issues, principles, and revelations that must be transmitted by faithful stewards to future generations. It had to be even more than the emotions, excitement, or the miracles that we saw.

I replied, "Let me think more about this question." And I have been thinking about this question almost daily. The question has led me to focus on our broken "generational bridges," the failure to pass the truth on to future generations. Churchill wisely said, "If we lose the past, we lose the future." When I was a senior in high school, our class in 1955 was asked to create a motto; my motto was, "***Upon the past, we build the future.***" The class adopted it as our motto.

What if we forget the past or were never taught it? The Bible is filled with warnings about that. Malachi 4:5-6 warns that if fathers and sons hearts are not turned toward each other, a curse will follow. My friend, Derek Prince said, "Were it not for the New Testament, the last word in the Bible would be "curse;" a curse caused by our broken generational relationships.

WANTED: BRIDGE BUILDERS

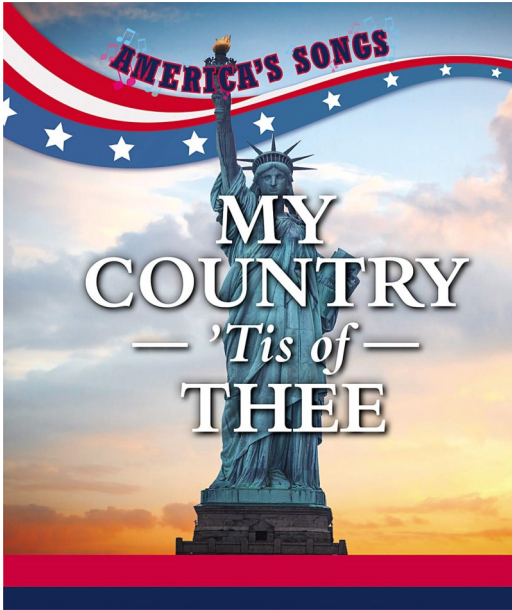
The haunting question for me is this: Can we restore the broken bridges? Can we reconnect the generations that have been torn apart? It is getting late, many remain asleep, and many cannot answer the question these two young pastors asked me: "**What did our fathers receive that we must pass on?**"

I have personally witnessed the depression, suicide, drugs, gender confusion and other issues that confront the emerging generations. Then I look at the rapidly emerging artificial intelligence that threatens our very humanity. The challenges are formidable as social media too often becomes the "parent" in this storm. Is there hope? Yes, if we take responsibility to rebuild because **truth in love** is powerful! So, how can we go about this sacred task?

BUILD BRIDGES

If you have not already, I urge you with all my heart to commit yourself to building a strong bridge with children and young people by relating with them, **listening**, and speaking the truth in love (see Ephesians 4:15). Remember, as President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care."

Prepare the next generations to take up the treasures as good stewards and pass them on. Our Lord holds us accountable (see 2 Timothy 4:1). Please do not put your responsibility on someone else or some institution. If we do a good job, our older years can be Golden Years! May it be!



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ...

Psalm 33:12

This patriotic hymn was written by Samuel Francis Smith, from Boston. While he was attending the Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts, he met Lowell Mason who published hymns. Mason asked Samuel for help. He has a stack of German songs and materials needing translation. He recruited Samuel for that task.

According to Samuel, on a cold February afternoon, about a half hour before sunset, he was sitting in his sparsely furnished room, pouring over the materials. He was struck by the words of "Gort segne Sachsenland", ("God Bless our Saxon Land"), set to the tune we know as "America" (used in Great Britain for "God Save the Queen").

"I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own adapted to this tune," Samuel later said. "picking up a scrap of paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn, "America" as it is now known."

A friend, William Jenks, took a copy to the pastor of Boston's Park Street Congregational Church. There, "America" was first sung by the Juvenile Choir at a Sunday School Rally, on July 4, 1831. The first publication of "America" was in 1832.

In the years that followed, Samuel Francis Smith grew into a powerful Baptist preacher, pastor, college professor, hymnist, linguist, writer, and missionary advocate. He traveled the world in support of evangelism.

But, he has always been most revered for the patriotic hymn he wrote as a 23 year-old student. As his friend and Harvard classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes, put it at a class reunion:

And there's a nice youngster of excellent pith,
Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith:
But he shouted a song for the brave and the free,
Just read on his medal, "My country, of thee!"

[Marian Anderson](#) performed the song at the [Lincoln Memorial](#) on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939. Anderson, an African American singer, had been forbidden to perform at the [DAR Constitution Hall](#) due to its racist whites-only policy. After a national outcry, and with support from [Eleanor Roosevelt](#), the concert was held on the steps of the memorial, and attracted a crowd of more than 75,000 in addition to a national radio audience of millions.

Martin Luther King Jr. recited the first verse of this song toward the end of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963.

What does "my country tis of thee" really mean?

According to Dan Minkin, "by itself it doesn't really mean anything; it is a sentence fragment. It should really be written "My country, 'tis of thee". Tis is a contraction of "it is", and "thee" is an old-fashioned second person singular pronoun that means "you". So by itself it means, "my country, it is of you". Words were adjusted to fit the melody, but the meaning is profound.

"It means we should do things that help and improve our nation by our participation, rather than doing nothing and expecting the government and others to do things for us."



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will host their annual June Coffee at 9:30 am on June 7th at the church. Please come join us for coffee, rolls, and conversation! All women are invited. UW in F will meet again in September.

The Cotton Candy Booth at the Dawson County Fair will be in business this year, Women in Faith will be looking for volunteer sign-ups next month. Donations for sugar always accepted!

Please mark July 26-29 on your calendar!

Mountain Sky Annual Conference

Mountain Sky Annual Conference will be held in Colorado Springs June 23-25. Millie Robinson will be representing Glendive UMC via zoom. One item of discussion: The Conference voted in October to reorganize from 7 Districts to 6 due to rising costs. A vote will take place at Annual Conference. They will present the plan to Conference members in a zoom conference on June 6th. if you would like to listen in, Millie has a registration link.



“Noisy Buckets” will be on June 11th. Please remember to bring your change. All noisy bucket proceeds are donated to the Glendive Food Bank. There is a great need in our community and we encourage you to help support this cause.



Summer Sunday Services 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.

CONGRATULATIONS



- Mike Hunter and Lance Phinney on their retirement
- Ardelle Smith for becoming a 50-year member of the Glendive United Methodist Church
- Scottilee Mills on her graduation from DCHS

BAPTISM

Hugo Steven Grant Aldinger
Born: December 8, 2022
Baptized: May 21 2023



- June 2 Jim Gentry
- June 3 Ardelle Smith
- June 4 Denise van Leeuwen
- June 6 Jason Stanfill
- June 15 Mary Brown
- June 16 Leslie Hunter
- June 18 Ron Haugeberg
- June 28 John Wesley



We appreciate our Coffee Hour Hosts. For the Month of May they were:

Marlene Lindquist, Andrine Haas,
Allie Aldinger, and members of the Ad Hoc
Committee

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Medical Ctr fund-raiser</i>	3 <i>Medical Ctr fund-raiser</i>
4 <i>Peace with Justice</i>	5	6	7 9:30 am <i>Women in Faith</i>	8	9 <i>Buzzard Day 1 pm</i>	10 <i>Buzzard Day 2pm Quilt Show</i>
11 <i>Noisy Buckets</i>	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 <i>Ad Board 7pm</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Mtn Sky Con</i>	24 <i>Mtn Sky Con</i>
25 <i>Mtn Sky Con</i>	26	27	28 <i>John Wesley's BD</i>	29	30	

June 2-3 **Glendive Medical Center Fundraiser**

Family BBQ at the fairgrounds exhibition building Friday, 5 pm to 9:30 pm.

June 7 **Special Musical concert at the high school 7 pm**

July 4th **Parade 10 am**

July 21-23 **Glendive Triathlon, Vendor Fair, Crazy Days.**

July 26-29 **Dawson County Fair,**
United Women in Faith candy booth. Volunteers needed.



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