

Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

April 2022



Pastoral Letter

Greetings to all,

16 But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. (NRSV Acts 26:16)

These are the words of Paul in Rome as he defends himself on trial in the final chapters of the Book of Acts. Why is he on trial? The Jewish courts are outraged by Paul and these followers of Jesus' interpretations regarding the law and the Roman authorities are upset because it is causing turmoil and dissent among a group of people they are attempting to control. Paul makes his defense on why he is not a threat to the Roman authorities, and in the midst of his defense, he begins sharing the story of his baptism, which is where this passage is taken from. Verse 16 is the voice of Christ calling Saul to become the apostle Paul, who he was always born to be.

On the precipice of Easter, we hear these words, **RISE UP**, as Jesus is resurrected from the dead and as a new year in our faith begins. What are we being called to rise up and respond to in this world we see today? What purpose have we been working towards as we live out our callings in the world? In this passage, Paul is speaking to the ways that this new group of Jewish followers, the Followers of the Way, are only calling their people to bring about a new way of seeing and being in the world through coming together as Gentiles and Jews in this new world to work together. This is the ethos of what Paul is referring to in this speech he gives.

I share that same sentiment as Paul does and pose the question to us, what does a resurrected church, an Easter people, look like today? I think it must involve a moral revival of this nation that we have not seen the likes of previous to this nation's history. We will have to fight for the poor, like Christ calls us to, as we fight for workers and laborers' rights all across the world. We must fight for our neighbors' well-being as we have seen the powerful exploit the sickest and most vulnerable age groups who need more quality and affordable access to healthcare. We must fight for the equity of all our neighbors as we build a world more compassionate, more just, and creating a space to be better listeners.

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We must call out the powers that be that tell us our neighbors should be feared because of their cultural beliefs, their skin color, their sexuality or gender identity, and their sex. If nothing else, then Christ calls us to be the Easter people and to **RISE UP** in order to reveal the atrocities in our world and do something about it.

Christ calls us all to be a part of this collective uprising. It will not be a revolution of violence and political upheaval that our ancestors have called for because this is a new way of being in the world. We will rise from the ashes of this old world, embracing the new world, not because we have learned to rough it and tough it on our own, but we will rise up because we are interlocked in arms with our neighbors and our neighbors' neighbor to rise up to bring about the name of love, compassion, justice, and mercy that our God calls us to become.

Let us **RISE** together on Easter as an Easter people who are ready to live out our calling of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



A great big thank you to the United Congregational Church for hosting our Wednesday night Lenten Services.

The soups and desserts provided by them as well as the Zion Lutheran Church and our very own United Women in Faith were exceptional and added a nice touch to this solemn time of the year.

Appreciation goes to Twyla McPherson, Vernone Spencer, Betty Carpenter, Millie Robinson, and the PPRC committee for hosting the coffee hour after Sunday Services in March. This is a special time for members to have time to socialize with each other. The treats, punch, and coffee provide an atmosphere of welcoming that is pleasing to all.





Vision Committee/Potluck

I was a trained historian in my undergraduate studies, so I do not possess any skills in creating exciting and engaging titles for new groups. The Vision Committee is exactly what it sounds like, and

WE NEED YOU!

On June 5th, Pentecost Sunday, the mighty rushing spirit of the Lord will sweep through Glendive and help us envision what our future holds! The purpose of this committee is to discuss what you as a church community want and need this church to be and also the direction you think the church is going. This meeting will directly follow the church service and we will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall where we will share good food and fellowship together, discuss as a church some of the tasks the vision committee will seek to answer, and conclude with the formation of this group and the volunteers who will take on this task of brainstorming and visioning.

I am going out on a limb with this because I haven't asked a single person to be on this new committee! I am hoping some of the questions we will bring up will be questions you have been asking as well and that this event will generate some energy from a group of folks that isn't from the administrative board on what to do for our vibrant and wonderful future of this church!

Everyone is welcome to join, even board members, but I would like to encourage those of you who aren't board members but have considered getting more involved in an official way to be involved in this group. We will meet quarterly to give updates on our individual efforts and make sure we are on task.

More information will follow after Easter, but if you are interested in something like this, please let me know!



"Happy Easter..May the renewal of life
At Easter bring new
Blessings of love, hope,
Peace, good health &
Happiness to you and
Your loved ones..
Embrace the renewal of life."
-Babz



There will be a few events of noteworthy importance coming up this month, during holy week, and leading up to Easter. I wanted to give a schedule of the events taking place for the next few weeks.

Easter 2022 Schedule

- April 10th** - Palm Sunday (We will process into the sanctuary together)
- April 12th** - 6:30 pm Fireside Room, The Chosen final episode Season 1
- April 14th** - Maundy Thursday service at Glendive UMC 6 pm
- April 15th** - Good Friday service at UCC church 12 pm
- April 17th** - Easter Sunrise service 7 am
 - UMC Breakfast (hosted by UM Men) 8 am
 - Wibaux Easter service 9 am
 - Glendive Traditional Easter service 11 am(no Sunday School today)
- April 18th** - Administrative Board meeting 7 pm
- April 20th** - United Women in Faith (Bring your own supper) 5:30 pm
- April 24th** - Lay led service with Pastor Kevin as liturgist



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith—formerly United Methodist Women—

Meeting Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30 pm. Bring a little supper for yourself; dessert will be provided! We need someone to volunteer to do that dessert. We also need someone to share a short devotion or program—could possibly be a reading you especially like (just a suggestion).

Please let Millie Robinson know if you can do either. We will review our 2022 budget report and consider whether we want to do cotton candy this year.

Visit the new website at <https://uwfaith.org/>



Life is like a rummage sale. You never know what you are going to get but you know it will be good for you.

Coming soon! -- Our Church Rummage & Bake Sale

We have scheduled our rummage/bake sale for May 13-14 (May 14th is the Community-wide Garage Sale day). Tentative times are Friday: 4-7 pm and Saturday: 8-11 am.

Please bring rummage sale items as soon as possible, since we will start marking soon. Items can be placed in the room in the southeast corner of the basement (the room used for dishwashing during the church dinner). If you need help getting things to the church, call Andrine or Vernone.

We will have a bake sale along with the rummage sale, so please be planning for goodies you can bring on the sale days.

We will need people before, during, and after the sale to help with advertising, set-up and marking, working on sale days, and clean-up after the sale.

If you can help with this project or if you have questions, please contact:

Andrine Haas or Vernone Spencer.

Old Rugged Cross

GEORGE BENNARD, 1873- GEORGE BENNARD, 1873-

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Old Rugged Cross'. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The score includes a list of four verses, a refrain, and a concluding line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won - drous
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its shame and re-

suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

REFRAIN
For a world of lost sin - ners was slain,
To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
To par-don and sanc - ti - fy me. cross, the
Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

cross Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
old rug-ged cross,

old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown,
cross, the old rug-ged cross,



George Bennard, author of this most beloved hymn, was born shortly after the Civil War ended. After his father died, he became responsible for the welfare of his mother and sisters. He had to go to work and put on hold his plans to study at a school of theology. Eventually he was able to begin his studies and was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church, becoming a travelling evangelist.

On one occasion, after a difficult season of ministry, George realized he needed to better understand the power of the Cross of Christ. He later said, "I was praying for a full understanding of the Cross . . . I read and studied and prayed...The Christ of the Cross became more than a symbol... It was like seeing John 3:16 leave the printed page, take form, and act out the meaning of redemption. While watching this scene with my mind's eye, the theme of the song came to me."

It took him several months to formulate the words, but once he was finished the Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Boswick were so moved by this song they helped pay the fees to have it printed and soon it began to appear in hymnbooks all across the United States. (info from the book "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan)



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5 6:30 pm <i>the Chosen</i>	6 <i>Lenten</i> Service 6 pm	7	8	9
10 <i>Palm</i> Sunday	11	12 6:30 <i>The Chosen</i> Final episode	13	14 <i>Maun-</i> <i>dy Thursday</i> 6pm at UMC	15 <i>Good</i> <i>Friday at</i> UCC 12 pm	16
17 7am <i>Sunrise brk-</i> <i>fst at 8</i> <i>No Sunday</i> <i>School</i>	18 <i>AD Board</i> 7pm	19	20 <i>UWF</i> 5:30 supper meeting	21	22	23
24 <i>Lay</i> <i>Led service</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30

April Birthday's and Anniversaries

April - 1-Stacey Stanfill

April - 4 Patty Steer

April - 5 Hailey Stanfill

April - 6 Sari Hunter

April - 7 Wei Pai

April - 13 Keith Clingingsmith

April - 17 Emma Doty

April - 22 Diana Notis

Ivan Pai

April - 24 Karmen Neard

April - 25 Jean Mitchell

Anniversary April 23

Dave and Linda Galusha



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