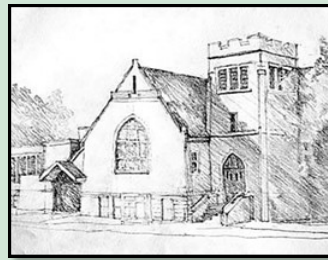


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

December – January 2020



## Pastorz Corner

Happy New Year!!!

Yes, indeed we are in a new year with the December/January 2020 newsletter. December 1 begins our new Christian liturgical year with Advent; waiting for Christ's coming. For reasons far too complicated for a church newsletter, the world Christian community established December 25 to celebrate the arrival of the Incarnate Son of the Eternal One. After the celebration of Christmas Eve, we enter into the twelve days of Christmas, December 25-January 6, Epiphany. During this Christmas period we reflect and continue to celebrate the meaning of the Christ Child and his eventual life on earth.

Perhaps your Christmas time looks more like this: begins in November right after Halloween and continues through December 25 and into January. Less reflection on the 'reason for the season,' to be trite, but on the bottom line, the number of family who will gather, anxiety over old and new family dramas, overwhelming fatigue from decorating, hosting, cooking and crafting, traveling and all the rest. And yet we live for the sheer joy of seeing a child's face on Christmas morning getting their first bike, the ornament with Baby's First Christmas and seeing family and friends who've traveled from distances, just to be with YOU.

Of course, I encourage you to choose the first version of Advent and Christmas, but there is no reason not to have balance in this special time of year. One less dish at the table in favor of more food at the food bank. One less gift under the tree in favor of a new coat for a child at Youth Dynamics. One less serving of grandma's special desert in favor of a robe for someone's grandma that doesn't have one. It works.

If we end our Christian year strong in our Savior it will start our secular year off with a bang.

I pray to see you all throughout this special time, especially in worship and other Advent activities here at the church. If it's been awhile since you've worshipped with your faith family, you are missed and are most assuredly welcome to come back and be with us.

Merry Christmas to all and a happy and safe New Year holy day.



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**2019 Advent Programs and Events**

**December 1**, First Day of Advent   Worship with Communion at Wibaux at 9:00 and Glendive at 11:00

**December 6**, Glendive UMC United Methodist Women Annual Christmas Bazaar 10:00-2:00 with lunch 11:00-1:00

**December 8**, Glendive UMC Children's Christmas program "*Convince Me Please*" at 11:00

**December 15**, Glendive UMC Choir Christmas Cantata at 11:00

**December 15**, Christmas Gala Concert – A Selection of Christmas Classics, 4:00-5:00. Voice and Piano, Mr. Jake Wilder, French Horn, Dr. TsaiYing Li, Soprano Ms. Karina Langlois Free will offering for the performers.

**December 21**, Glendive UMC Blue Christmas Service, 6:00

**December 24**, Christmas Eve Services   Wibaux UMC, 5:00   Glendive UMC 7:00 (candlelight) and 10:00

**December 29**, Glendive UMC 'Leftovers' Potluck at 11:00   No services at Wibaux UMC

Glendive UMC Advent Book Study, Almost Christmas, A Wesleyan Advent Experience, Sundays in December at 2:30 (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22)

Our Glendive and Wibaux neighbors are invited to attend all of our worship and special programs throughout Advent and the year.

**Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors**



# “Ring Those Christmas Bells!”

## BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

### Friday, December 6



United Methodist Church  
*(Corner of Towne and Kendrick)*

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lunch 11:00 am-1:00

Creamed Chicken 'n Biscuit  
or Beef Sandwich \* Salad, Pie



Crafts/Handmade Items



Homemade Goodies

### Other Church Events

- Finance Meeting– Dec. 11 at 6:00
- Ad Board Meeting– Dec.15 after church
- UMW Christmas Dinner– Dec. 19 at 6:00
- “Open House at Parsonage”- Dec. 21 at 2:30-4:30

### Our Sacred Stones workshop went well!





## “Convince Me Please”

Are you feeling rushed with Christmas preparations? Has the religious meaning of Christmas gotten lost in all the hoop-la that seems to go with the season?

You will want to be a part of the audience when UMSS presents a live production of its TV show, “Convince Me Please”, The show will be aired on Sunday morning, December 8, at 11:00 AM and will be filmed in our sanctuary. Can the panel members, chosen from our Sunday School, convince their audience that we can enjoy preparing for Christmas and still recognize the religious meaning of the holiday?

Will you be convinced?

Come and find out.



## Noisy Buckets

Clink! Clink!



Bring some coins to church on the first Sunday of every month so you can put them in the “noisy buckets” the Sunday School kids will be passing during the offering time.

We have chosen Intermountain Deaconess Home in Helena as our first sharing project.



# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A  
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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December

- Dec. 1 Todd Thompson
- Dec. 3 Scott Christianson  
Alley Skerritt
- Dec. 6 Pastor Carol
- Dec. 7 Dalton Kwasney  
Fern Bacon
- Dec. 8 Holly Skerritt
- Dec. 11 Erllys Neard
- Dec. 12 Robin Thompson
- Dec. 13 Greg Hunt
- Dec. 18 John Haas
- Dec. 19 Baylee Huschka
- Dec.21 Earlene Miller
- Dec. 26 Allison Skerritt
- Dec. 27 Billie Haag

January

- Jan. 1 Iris Milne
- Jan. 2 Brenda Herbaugh  
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. 23 Audrey Hunter
- Jan. 24 Velma Kinsey
- Jan. 26 Tsai-Ying Li
- Jan. 29 Melissa Skerritt
- Jan. 31 Tristan Alderman



December

- Dec. 7 Shawn & Laurie Mills
- Dec. 20 Greg & JoAnn Hunt

January

- Jan. 7 John & Brenda Herbaugh
- Jan 10 Jerry & Judy Dickhaut
- Jan. 14 Rick & Jan Kruger



to everyone who brought the  
November treats!

Tsai-Ying & Mike H., Andrine, Twylla,  
Roast Beef Leftovers, Leslie & JoAnn



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