

**Glendive & Wibaux  
United Methodist  
Church  
December 2022**



**A short story to help us remember the value of family and friends and the true meaning of Christmas**

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and discuss great art. When a conflict broke out the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

A month later there was a knock on the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you do not know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day and as he carried me to safety a bullet struck him and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love of art. The young man held out the package and said, "I know this isn't much, I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would want you to have this."

The father opened the package and found a portrait of his son the young man standing before him had painted. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured his son's personality. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. The young man refused and was happy his gift had been so well received. The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Each time visitors came to his home he showed the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. A few months later the father died.

Many influential people gathered at the auction house with eager anticipation of perhaps purchasing one of the great paintings to add to their collection. On the platform the first painting up for bid was the portrait of the father's son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel and said, "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this portrait?"

There was total silence.

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." The auctioneer persisted asking, "Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice angrily yelled, "We do not want this painting, we came for the Van Gogh's and the Rembrandts. Get on with the REAL bids!"



But still the auctioneer continued, “The son! The son! Who will take the son?” Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the father and his son. He had no children of his own, but through the years had treated the son as if he was his. “I would like the painting. I can give \$10.00. Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

The auctioneer attempted to get \$20.00. The crowd was angry about the time being wasted on what they considered to be a worthless portrait. Finally, the auctioneer pounded the gavel, “Going once, going twice, SOLD for \$10.00.

A man sitting in the 2nd row shouted out, “Now let’s get on with the collection!” The auctioneer laid down his gavel and said, “The auction is over.” Somebody in the audience shouted, “What about the paintings?”

The auctioneer stated, “I was called to conduct this auction. I was told of a secret stipulation in the will that I was not allowed to reveal until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything:!”

Over two thousand years ago, God’s Son, Jesus Christ was born. God’s message is the same as the auctioneer's; “The Son, the Son, who will take the Son?”

For those who accept the Son get everything!



May this season of great joy bring wonderful blessing to you, your family, and your friends.



## All-Church Dinner Report

Our annual roast beef dinner on November 9 was a lot of work, but it was a success! So many church members presold dinner orders that we had to cut off orders almost a week before the dinner. We had set our maximum at 250 and we had prepaid orders for 248 dinners – 233 adult and 15 child (age 12 and under).

In addition to the ticket sales, income included:

- additions to the ticket price

- extra donations to cover the cost of dinner ingredients/supplies

- sale of leftover meat after the dinner

- donations at Sunday's coffee hour fellowship time when we served the leftover pie

Our income total was over \$3,800 and expenses were about \$1,000, so we should have cleared close to 2,800. We all know that food prices are high right now, but Reynolds managed to give us a good price on the beef and we shopped sales as much as possible to keep the prices down. The take-out containers increase the total dinner costs. We experimented with some dinner containers that were more environmentally-friendly this year.

As always, the church dinner is about more than making money. It's the ALL-CHURCH Dinner because it takes all of the church to make it happen. This dinner brings us together - to do the planning; take orders; clean the kitchen; cook and slice the meat; peel and mash potatoes (80 pounds!); make the gravy; bake and cut pies; serve the dinners into containers; fill orders; and wash the dishes. And – although it's hectic on the dinner night - we have fun doing it.

One interesting side note is that a church member made a donation to pay for some dinners for some persons in need. Just a week before the dinner, we had someone stop by the church – a grandmother of a family of five who were in need. We were able to give a little help to that family by providing them with a hot meal on the night of our dinner. God pointed them in our direction!

We have heard many very nice comments about the dinner. If you have suggestions for something that could be done differently to improve our annual dinner, write it down and give or email it to Andrine Haas.

Thanks for all your help!

### Some of the Cheerful Cooking Volunteers:

From left to right:


Phyllis Engle, Marlene Lindquist, Andrine Haas, Leslie Hunter, Glenda LaBree, Ron & Joan Haugeberg, Patty Steer, Millie Robinson, and Susan Atwell





## **Whistling While You Work, Dishwashing Volunteers:**

From left to right:  
Gerald Huschka, Rick Kruger, Bill LaBree,  
and Verle Jones



### **Noisy Buckets**

The first Sunday of every month will continue to be our “Noisy Bucket Sunday.” Four children passed around the little buckets this month and were quite excited to do it. They knew their job, collected lots of noisy money, and brought a smile to everyone’s face while doing it. We have collected a total of \$232.35 for the food bank!

Again we are so lucky to have all our services planned for the month of December. Thank you to everyone who is doing their part to make this happen.

December 4th      Pastor Avis Anderson will give the message and will offer communion.

December 11th      Larry Meidinger will deliver the message.

December 18th      This will be a special Christmas Celebration. Both adults and the children will help to celebrate “The Most Wonderful Story.” Please plan to gather with us for this special Christmas service and to share cake and ice cream and Christmas fellowship in the fireside Room after the service.

December 24th      Our traditional candle light service will be at 7 p.m. Paster Avis Anderson will lead this service. The Christmas Eve offering will be shared evenly by our local food bank and the Intermountain Deaconess Home.

**There will be no service on Sunday the 25th.**





**Glendive United Women in Faith Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 14th**  
**5:30 pm Fireside Room**  
**Annual Christmas Dinner**

Our annual Christmas Dinner is always a fun time of fellowship, food, and worship!

Sign up on the Fireside Room bulletin board or call the church office to ask to be added to the list. We do need a number of attendees so we know how many dinners to order from the caterer. Please sign up by December 11.

Hope to see you there



**Christmas Bazaar**

**Friday, December 2**

We will be doing the Bazaar very similar to last year - no lunch served - just sale tables of food goodies, handcrafted items (we have some lovely knit items from our District Superintendent!), and Christmas items (including things from Erlys's estate and from Angie McPherson's Exchange Paperie store. Thanks Angie!)

**If you have non-food items to bring for the Bazaar, please bring them earlier in the week so we can get them marked.**

If you have fresh food items to bring on Bazaar day, please have them there by around 8:30 am, if possible.

If you can help work on Bazaar day (or a day before), please let Millie Robinson know. Workers should be there around 8:30 am on sale day, Friday, Dec. 2.



## December

Dec. 1st Todd Thompson  
 Dec. 3rd Alley Skerritt  
 Dec. 8th Holly Skerritt  
           Josie Wetz  
 Dec. 12th Robin Thompson  
 Dec. 13th Greg Hunt  
 Dec. 18th John Haas  
 Dec. 19th Baylee Huschka  
 Dec. 23rd Deb Brenner  
 Dec. 26th Allison Skerritt  
 Dec. 27th Billie Haag

## January

Jan. 2 David Skerritt  
 Jan 4 Judy Rice  
 Jan. 9 Kayrene Vashus  
           Dawn Kingstad



We appreciate our Coffee Hour Hosts. For the Month of November they were: Marlene Lindquist, Brenda Wolfe; Twylla McPherson, Patty Steer and Andrine Haas, Betty Carpenter, and Andrine Haas.

A special thank you to Glenda LaBree for keeping the Fireside Room stocked with coffee supplies.



A special thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Thanksgiving and who are busy decorating it for Christmas. We are so appreciative of your efforts and hard work.

"Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

To all, charity."

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2 <i>Christ- mas Bazaar 10am to 1 pm</i>	3
4 <i>Communion Noisy Buckets</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Women in Faith An- nual Christ- mas Dinner 5:30</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>"The Most Wonder- ful Story" Charles Wes- ley's BD</i>	19 <i>Ad Board meet- ing 7 pm</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>7 pm Christmas candlelight service and song fest</i>
25 <i>Christ- mas Day (no church ser- vices)</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31



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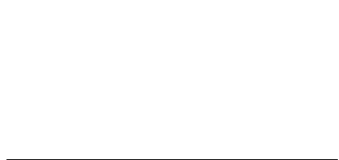
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