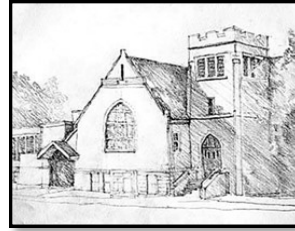


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter December 2021



Pastoral Letter

Hello everyone!

The holiday season is upon us whether we are prepared or not! It seems as if time is beginning to slowly speed up with each passing day as our schedules continue to fill up, last minute shopping lists are checked off our to-do lists, last minute preparations for family/friend gatherings or travels are being made, and all around, it is simply a busy time of the year. I encourage you to enjoy your time away and enjoy the time you receive with loved ones. We have all been extremely busy as of the past couple months with annual events, seasonal community events, and grief filled moments as loved ones have fallen ill or passed, which have forced us to take a minute out of those prescribed schedules and slow down. I encourage you to continue trying to slow down in the midst of this tumultuous season.

It is a good time to ponder on how your soul is being filled considering the end of the year, but what spiritual disciplines are a part of your routines to fill your soul. Since I am posing the idea, I will give my answer! I have a few different tasks which feed my soul. The easiest time is play time and cuddle time with my cat, Nefertiti. Our pets remind us we need to take time for ourselves and relax. I also spend at least one night a week for a couple hours chatting with friends online as we play video games together or separately, but it is a time to remind myself I am more than just a pastor, I am also Kevin Garman with a life outside the church and my job. Lastly, I meditate and pray. There is no set time in my schedule or routine, but I pray and meditate for a few seconds or ten to fifteen minutes each day at some point during my day. Find a spiritual practice that fills your soul and do your best to remain consistent with it by building into your already existing schedule or removing something that is no longer life giving.

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To wrap up this month's letter, we will be busy this month with a few specific events in the works and those already set on our church calendar. Firstly, do not forget about the annual Christmas dinner hosted by the United Methodist Women on December 15th at 5:30 p.m. (don't forget to sign up in the Fireside Room so they can plan accordingly) On Saturday, December 18th, we are currently coordinating a caroling group to sing carols at a couple church members' homes and visit some members who we don't get to see regularly at the nursing home. If you are interested in singing, then please let me know. Also, we will hold two Christmas Eve services at Glendive at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and our Wibaux Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 p.m. We will sing carols and have a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Christ this Christmas season. Until we meet again, take care of yourself, do as much good as you can, and just remember to breathe! Merry Christmas!



Annual Christmas Bazaar



Other UMW news:

United Methodist Women will hold the Annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec 3 from 10 am to 1 pm, with a few changes. There will be no luncheon this year. We hope to have our Creamed Chicken and Biscuits meal later after the holidays. Watch for announcements! We DO need LOTS of goodies to sell on Dec 3. Christmas décor items and hand-crafted items are wanted as well. Items for sale may be brought to the church on Thursday, the day before the sale.

United Methodist Women will enjoy a Christmas meal together on Wednesday, Dec 15 at 5:30 pm. The meal will be provided and a free-will offering collected to help cover the cost. All church women are invited to attend—please sign-up in the Fireside Room so we have an accurate count.



Christmas Dinner

United Methodist Women will have our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 15, at 5:30 PM. The dinner will be catered and information/cost will be coming soon. Please sign up on the sheet on the Fireside Room bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.

This dinner is open to ALL women of the church. It does not matter if you do not regularly attend UMW meetings. Plan now to join us for a time of food, worship and fellowship that evening.

G.R. .W.

Glendive UMC is supporting the efforts by GROW (Glendive Recycles Our Waste) to keep cardboard and plastic out of our landfill and recycle it for use elsewhere.

There are now containers downstairs at the church marked for cardboard and recyclable plastics. If you have a few items, you can bring them with you to church and they will be picked up by GROW. We hope this will make it easier for some of our members to participate.

Accepted:

Corrugated cardboard: all boxes flattened, no oil, grease or paint.

#1 and #2 plastic bottles: usually with a symbol and number on the bottom. (Please rinse and let dry)

#1 are clear, screw-top (discard the lid), have a dimple on the bottom.

Examples -water, juice, Power-aid, soda, hand soap, coffee creamer, syrup

#2 are translucent (a finger inserted in the container can be seen through the plastic), have a screw-top, have a seam across the bottom.

Example - milk



Christmas Program

The Sunday School children and members of the Congregation will present a Christmas Program, "Will There Be A Christmas This Year?" during the regular 11:00 church service on Sunday, December 19th. We hope you will bring your families and join us for this special Christmas celebration and for the social time in the fireside room after the service.

All-Church Dinner Report

Our annual roast beef dinner on November 17 was a success!

Planning the dinner as take-out was very different from our usual sit-down dinner. The emphasis on early pre-paid orders worked so well that we cut off orders on the Sunday before the dinner because we had only purchased 200 take-out containers. We had orders for 194 dinners – 177 adult and 17 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, potatoes, gravy and pie after the dinner

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

Our income total was around \$3,000 and expenses were about \$900, so we should have cleared about \$2,100.

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. After many months of social distancing and limiting our gatherings, this dinner brought us together. It took many people planning, taking orders, cleaning, chopping cabbage and carrots, cooking and slicing the meat, peeling and mashing potatoes, making the (yummy!) gravy, baking and cutting pies, serving the dinners into containers, filling orders and washing dishes. And we had fun doing it!

Special thanks to Greg and Joan Hunt for the office help. The spreadsheet they made was very helpful in the planning and the pie container labels were a nice touch.

We have heard many very nice comments about the dinner. Will we do it again as a take-out? We don't know that. But if you have suggestions for something that could be done differently to improve it in that format, write it down & give or email it to Andrine.

Thanks for all your help!



Getting Ready for Our Roast Beef Dinner!



Potatoes are ready!



Ready to serve.



We were peeling many potatoes!



Happy Birthday

December

Dec. 1st Todd Thompson
 Dec. 3rd Scott Christianson
 Alley Skerritt
 Dec.7th Dalton Kwasney
 Fern Bacon
 Dec.8th Holly Skerritt
 Dec. 11th Erlys Neard
 Dec. 12th Robin Thompson
 Dec. 13th Greg Hunt
 Dec. 18th John Haas
 Dec. 19th Baylee Ware
 Dec.21st Earlene Miller
 Dec. 23rd Deb Brenner
 Dec. 26th Allison Skerritt
 Dec. 27th Billie Haag

January

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

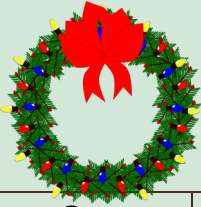
Happy Anniversary

December

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

January

Jan. 10 Jerry & Judy Dickhaut
 Jan. 14 Rick & Jan Kruger



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Christmas Bazaar 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	4
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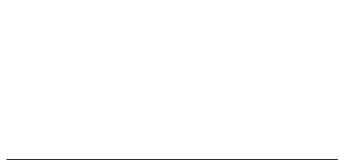
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