

February 2019

Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter



Pastorz Corner

As I write this, it dawned on me I have been serving here in Glendive and Wibaux for about six months. It's an odd amount of time to get your mind around: 6-months. Not long enough to grow a baby. Too long to be on vacation. Not long enough to become fluent in a new language. And, way too long for house guests!

All new pastors are led to new congregational growth, renewal and bringing forth new life in the family of God. And, even though I am experiencing new things every day; new adventures and meeting new people, I am not really on vacation. However, because one of my gifts is languages, I feel like I am making progress on learning the language and culture of my new churches and their communities. But I am not fluent yet. I like the idea of United Methodist ministers staying in church appointments for three to five years. So, I haven't reached the 'stayed too long' state yet. (I'm sure someone will let me know when I have.)

My six months stay so-far has taught me the following about the folks here in Glendive, Montana: they are pretty much like people everywhere, in every culture and every village and town. Hoping for a better life for their kids and their community. Steeped in traditions longer than the present generation, they are also open to changes that may provide that better future. Seeking a deeper understanding of God's plan for them while also trying to get through what can be a very difficult human world to navigate. They have welcomed this stranger in a strange land given me the opportunity to be part of the community, warts and all.

As we celebrate Black History Month, it's appropriate to read again the words of Harriet Tubman, "I have crossed de line of which I had so long been dreaming. I was free: but dere was no one to welcome me to de land of freedom, I was a stranger in a strange land."

My hope and prayer is that no one ever experiences being a stranger in a strange land, even if you have lived in Glendive all your life!

History and Polity

So, you signed up to be a trustee at Glendive UMC. What a great title, Trustee! You can just visualize your name listed on church letterhead. Maybe you'll get a business card too? Uh, not so fast.

As a trustee, you will supervise and maintain all property belonging to the congregation. * Why do this? So that the ministries of the congregation can be effective. So, we can make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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The basic responsibilities of trustees are:

- Make an annual report to the charge conference on the state of church proper, equipment, investments and resources. *
- Receive and administer all gifts made to the congregation and ensure all trust funds are invested properly.
- In conjunction with the pastor, be responsible for all uses of church buildings and grounds.
- Ensure all articles of incorporation are kept up to date, if applicable.
- Maintain adequate insurance coverage on all properties and develop risk management policies.
- Be accountable to the charge conference and ad council.
- Submit an annual budget to the committee on finance for insurance, maintenance and improvements.

*The Parsonage Committee is responsible only for parsonage related issues, including maintenance and submitting an annual budget.

Please note. Nowhere do these responsibilities expect you to turn a screwdriver or get on a ladder.

The Chair of Trustees guides the work of the trustees, plans the agendas and presides at meetings. This person should also become knowledgeable of legal and insurance requirements. She/he keeps in close communication with the pastor and church council. There is currently no Chair of Trustees.

The members of the Glendive UMC board of trustees are: Verle Jones, Greg Hunt, Gerald Huschka, Mike Carlson, Erllys Neard, Shawn Mills and Susan Ceynar. If you see a maintenance issue or have other concerns, please bring these to the attention of one of these servant leaders.

In your March 2019 newsletter, read all about your Staff Parish Relations Committee.

February Church Events

Food Bank Sunday,	Feb. 3
Conformation Class Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Feb. 6,13,20
Youth Group Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Feb. 27
“With These Hands” Wednesdays at 1:30 pm	Feb.13 & 27
Faith Fellowship 3rd Sunday, in Wibaux	Feb.17
UMW Meeting, at 2:00 pm.	Feb.21

Financial Status of the Church

General Fund Financials for
December:

Income:	\$9156.97
Expenses:	\$9490.32



Glendive United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon was held Dec. 7th.

Amanda Mittlestadt's loan of a wonderful collection of about 50 nutcrackers for decoration created our theme for this year of **"A Nutcracker Christmas"**. Thank you, Amanda! We served 104 meals, down from 137 last year, but our goodies and other items sold very well. After expenses we cleared \$1450.00. Thanks to everyone who cooked, brought items to sell, helped set up and take down, and of course came to eat and buy goodies!



Eighteen women attended a Christmas meal hosted by United Methodist Women on Dec 13. We followed with some Christmas Carol puzzle activities rather than a carol sing—we missed our church pianist Wei Pai—but great food and fun made a delightful evening.

United Methodist Women's next unit meeting will be **Thursday Feb 21st at 2:00 pm** rather than our usual evening meeting. Please come and help us review and adopt our budget for this year. Your input welcome and needed! Millie Robinson



Spring AND the Rummage Sale are coming!

We are planning another church rummage sale this spring, so keep that in mind when you're cleaning out closets on these cold, winter days! (NO CLOTHING/SHOES). The sale will be scheduled at a later date. We will also have a bake sale and will have coffee available. It's a good time to encourage people to stop by to view our beautiful sanctuary and stained glass windows.

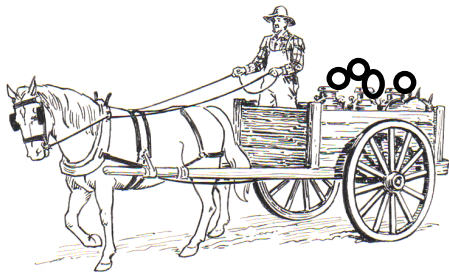
Remember - if you have things you can't store until the sale, they can be placed in the room in the southeast corner of the basement. Thank you.



Children's Corner



The Sunday School
Christmas Program,
“The Gifts of Christmas”
went very well !



Thanks to everyone for going out on the hay ride **Caroling Tour of Glendive**. We stopped and sang to friends and families. We celebrated the season and had a “cool” and wonderful time!



Our Christmas Eve Worship!



Memorials

Memorials are a way to celebrate a significant occasion, remember a loved one, or honor someone special with gift in their name. The Church uses memorial gifts for special items or projects that are outside our annual budget.

Memorial gifts received:

For:	From:
Kay & Dick Schuett Tom Paulos	Sally Paulos
Mary Trafton	Alvin Trafton
Leta & Bartly Schlicht and her grandparents: Florence & Elmer Halsey	Jean Smith

February Coffee Hour Sign up



February 3 Millie Robinson
 February 10 Joan Haugeberg
 February 17 JoAnn Hunt
 February 24

You may call in or sign-up
 in the Fireside Room.
 377-5678

Be a Friend!

Every time you shop at Reynold's Warehouse grocery, tell the check-out clerk you would like your purchases credited to the church's

Account #8000

Thank you for the continued support!



Thank You

to everyone who brought the December / January treats!

Glenda & Doris, Millie, Marlene & Dawn, Leslie, JoAnn Hunt, Andrine, Betty C., Pastor Carol & Larry.

Note:

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain send your email address to:



umcglen@midrivers.com

Thanks



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Basie Niehaus *John Herbaugh	2 Groundhog Day *Norlene Niehaus
3 Worship Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM Foodbank	4 *Dave Galusha	5 *George Skerritt	6 Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 PM	7 #Gerald & Janine Huschka	8	9
10 Worship Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM	11 * Carol Tuner * Jasmine Evans *Kim Vashus	12 * Charles Powell * Melissa Kwasney *Linda Galusha *Jasmine Evans	13 "With These Hands" at 1:30pm Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 PM	14  Valentine's Day *Ruth Powell	15	16
17 Worship Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM * Jim Bacon * Heather Haas	18  President's Day * Anne Friestone * Allen Altner	19	20 Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 PM	21 UMW meeting 2:00 PM	22 * Cole Neard	23
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