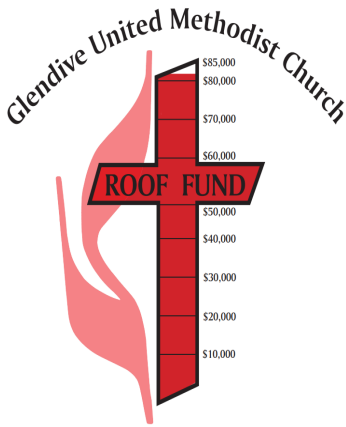


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter January-February 2024



Sometimes these things are hard to write. Not because I'm having a particularly hard month, or even because I'm so busy I can't do it. It's the hurry that often makes it hard. Pastoral work is pretty emotionally and mentally taxing, but I still find myself wrapped in hurry like I'm still working at Chickfila and it's my turn to run drive-thru (a frequent nightmare I had). In Ephesians 6, Paul wrote about putting on "the armor of God" as we go on living our lives (Paul lived in pretty violent times, so armor was good anywhere). Sometimes, I think hurry is its own armor. The helmet of hurry keeps my head down, nose buried in my schedules and routines. The breastplate of business knocks away slow moments of open hospitality. My sneakers of self-absorption will keep me walking in circles, when I need to be out and about. My shield of shame will keep me from being vulnerable or openly passionate about something. All these pieces of armor...and honestly I never remember putting them on. They find their way back into my life and I have to realize I have it on and begin trading out piece for piece: shame for faith, hurry for truth, self-absorption for peace, business for loving righteousness (not my own righteousness; then I'd be putting those pesky sneakers on again). It's hard work to realize I'm wearing it and harder still to take it off; especially when our world encourages the hurry armor. Encourages us to brag about it, devote our time and our lives and our families to it. So slow down; don't get too busy. Look around and breathe and see the truth that comes from looking folks in the eye, rather than down at our desks.

**May God bless each of you richly in 2024!**



## The Roof Fund keeps growing!

Thanks to many generous donors, our Roof Fund Campaign has now raised approximately \$82,000, so we are at about 97% of our goal.

The following new donors were added since the last newsletter:

Bill & Joanne Brenner

Todd & Collette Christensen

Darrel DeLange

Cullyn (& Padyne & Brittney) Huschka

Clint & Dawn Kingstad

Lawrence & Ruth McKelvey

Plus these memorials, designated for the Roof Fund:

In memory of Danny Peterson:

- From Guelff Lumber/Gerald & Janine Huschka

In memory of Harvey Cline and Justin Atwell:

- From Betty Shearer



### Coffee Hour Hosts

**December:** Andrine Haas, Leslie Hunter, Joan Haugeberg, Phyllis Engle, Joan Hunt, Betty Carpenter and Vernone Spencer.

**January:** Andrine Haas, Verle Jones, Millie Robinson, Leslie Hunter, Joan Haugeberg.

Host needed for coming Months!

Come Join us for this concert;



## Mission u Winter 2024

**Free Virtual Winter Mission u Adult Study** -- Sunday Afternoons, February 2024

**Dates/Times:** February 4, 11, 18, 25 – 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. (MST)

A time for informal conversation will be offered from 1:45 to 2:00 p.m., just prior to each study session.

**Study:** *Finding and Building Peace in Anxious Times*

This study will offer spiritual tools and actions we can take to calm anxieties and to employ our faith to serve as peacemakers in anxious times.

**Study Leader:** The Rev. Su DeBree

To access the online registration form, please click on this link: [online registration](#).

**Note:** The “recommended readings list” on the registration form is only a suggestion. It is okay to not read any of the suggested reading; just come prepared to learn and share!

**Questions?** Contact Kathryn Witte at [kathrynwitte75@yahoo.com](mailto:kathrynwitte75@yahoo.com)



*The Annual Christmas Bazaar held on Dec 1st was very successful thanks to the efforts of all those who worked, brought goodies and other items for sale, donated money, and all those who came and bought. We had generous donations of items for sale this year thanks to Milne Family, the Lindquists, Vernone Spencer and others. The goodies, as always, were delectable.*

*We made \$1275.75, a bit less than last year's \$146, but still very nearly we made pre-Covid when we also served luncheon. It will help us with meeting our annual Pledge to Mission, going to UWF projects for women and children, as well as allowing us to contribute a bit to local needs. Thank you!*

*United Women in Faith hosted a Women's Christmas Dinner on Dec 14. A very delicious meal was catered by Grant and Ally Aldinger, featuring smoked brisket and smoked cheesy potatoes along with Vernone's cheesecake. Great food and time together were enjoyed by 16 in attendance.*

*Lenten Soup Supper and Worship will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. We will be hosting this year, with Zion Lutheran Church and the UCC joining us. Our Church will be responsible for the nights of Feb 14 and March 20. We'll be looking for folks to help prepare and serve, make bars, and clean up those nights.*

*United Women in Faith will not meet in Jan or Feb. A date for March will be announced later.*

## Happy Birthday!



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|---------|------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Jan. 2  | David Skerritt   | Feb. 5  | George Skerritt |
| Jan. 9  | Kayrene Vashus   | Feb. 11 | Kim Vashus      |
|         | Dawn Kingstad    | Feb. 12 | Melissa Kwasney |
| Jan.10  | Jace Gentry      | Feb. 14 | Ruth Powell     |
| Jan. 11 | Jan Kruger       | Feb. 17 | Heather Haas    |
| Jan. 15 | Janine Huschka   | Feb. 18 | Anne Friestone  |
| Jan.19  | Kileaka Herbaugh | Feb. 22 | Cole Neard      |
| Jan. 24 | Velma Kinsey     |         |                 |
| Jan. 26 | Tsai-Ying Li     |         |                 |
| Jan. 29 | Melissa Skerritt |         |                 |
| Jan. 31 | Tristan Alderman |         |                 |



"We will open the book.  
Its pages are blank.  
We are going to put words  
on them ourselves. The  
book is called Opportunity  
and its first chapter is  
New Year's Day."

EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE

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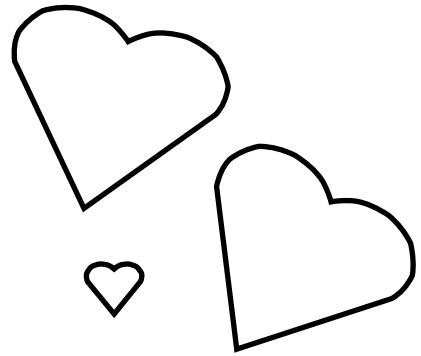


# January 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday</i>	16	17	18 <i>Prayer of Christian Unity thru the 25th</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <i>Prayer of Christian Unity</i>	26	27
28 <i>Pastor Logan Gone</i>	29	30	31			





# February 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				1 <i>Pastor Logan back</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday Lent Soup Supper 6pm and Service 6:45pm</i>	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Admin Board Meeting 7pm</i>	20	21 <i>Lent Soup Supper 6pm and Service 6:45pm</i>	22	23	24
25 <i>Pastor Logan Gone thru March 1st</i>	26	27	28 <i>Lent Soup Supper 6pm and Service 6:45</i>	29		



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