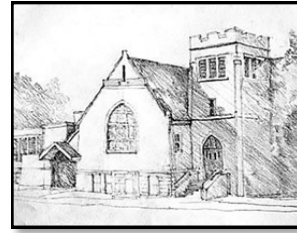


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

July - August 2021



Pastoral Letter

Hello everyone,

It seems as if summer has just begun, but at the same time, at least for me, it feels like time is rushing ahead and leaving us in the dust! It was great to have our friends from the UCC church join us this month at Glendive UMC, and it will be great to join the community church service this Sunday in Wibaux! It is a blessing to experience the Body of Christ in different ways in our community, as we all work to build the Kingdom of God in Glendive and Wibaux. I'm glad we had that time together as a church body, but it was also important and significant for me, as still feeling "new" to the community. I have officially been a Montanan resident for a year. This time last year, my mom and I were pulling into the parsonage from our three-day drive from Tampa, Florida to Eastern Montana! Hard to believe in some ways it has only been a year, at the same time it feels like I just arrived.

July will certainly look different for both churches, but especially those at Glendive UMC. Since the Glendive folks will be at the UCC church this month, do not forget the UCC service meets at 10:00 a.m. instead of our usual time at Glendive. Wibaux folks, do not forget we will not have a service on July 11th as I am taking some vacation time this month to travel Montana and see Denver friends. July will not be a break for me, although I will certainly receive some respite, because I will be planning for the remaining calendar year and gearing up for the church, "busy season," from Rally Days in September 2021, all the way through Easter in April 2022. In saying that though, I will not hold my typical office hours this month since I will be taking some time to work remotely from home or camping throughout the area. Please feel free to email me and or call me if you need anything. My email is pastorkevin89@gmail.com and my cell phone is (276)-451-8509.

The last agenda item I would like to address in this letter is me getting out into the community. I have talked to both Wibaux UMC and the leadership of Glendive about this already, but starting in August, my office hours will be spent less in the office and more in the community. You will see more updates on the Facebook page as I go to the Wibaux and Glendive Libraries to work on worship services. I will stop by Cravings for iced coffees and stay a couple hours, and I will attend Bloom Wednesday discussions at 10 a.m. to be out in the community more. You may even catch me at Cross Country Brewing or Beaver Creek Brewing in the evenings after a bike ride to Makoshika or a hike on the Ponderosa Trail. All this is to say, I want to be more visible in the community as I am able to do so now after being fully vaccinated.

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I know all the Glendive folks are in good hands with Brother Guy for worship, and I know we will enjoy the service, parade, and our time spent together in Wibaux this Sunday and this month. As a favorite hymn of mine goes, “God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again” (UMH 672). Blessings friends, may you continue the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank You's

Thank you to Lance Phinney because the flowers out front are beautiful! Lance does such a great job ensuring the flower beds look great. You will see those photos at the end of the newsletter! Thanks, Lance!

Thank you to each of you who volunteered for Colleen Peterson's funeral. Whether you prepared food and served folks at the funeral, whether you coordinated supply runs or organized people power for the luncheon, or whether you simply showed up in support for a dear friend, thank you for making Colleen's life celebration special for the family and friends. We certainly honored her commitment, presence, and gifts to this church and community. Thank you to each of you!





Rummage Sale – a Success!

We had another very successful church rummage and bake sale in May. Not only was the basement dining room filled with sale items, but we also had multiple tables with rummage plus the bake sale items in the area outside the kitchen. Church members must have cleaned out a lot of closets because we had TONS of wonderful sale items!

The rummage and bake sale brought in \$1,466.75. We had expenses of \$179.93, so our profit was \$1,286.82. That's a very nice addition to our church income! Expenses were a little higher this year because we decided to run the sale an extra day, so that added an advertising cost.

It takes a lot of work and time to do the sale. This year was a little different because of the circumstances. We had not used the basement for church activities for a year because of COVID. And it was not used for some months before COVID because of the damage done in the basement on Christmas Eve of 2019. So there was a lot of set-up and cleaning to be done.

Many thanks to all the people who came to clean, set-up and take down, mark items, bake goodies for the bake sale, work before, during and after the sale, and transport the leftover sale items to the Attic. Many hands make light work.

Andrine Haas and Vernone Spencer, Rummage Sale co-chairs



The transport of leftover sale items to the Attic.
Thanks to Greg, Ron, John, Jake and Pastor



Cotton Candy

COTTON CANDY - 2021

Cotton Candy will be back! Plans are being made to have the cotton candy booth at the Dawson County Fair this year—July 29 -Aug 1. We will most likely run Thurs-Sat or Sat-Sun from 4-8 pm (1-2:30 on Sun).

If you'd like to make cotton candy or make a donation for sugar, contact Millie: Call or leave message at 377-2017 or call, text, leave message at 989-0742.



We sang "Happy Trails" to Jake during the church service. Thank you for all the wonderful music!



July & August Happy Birthday's

July

- 3 Scottie Lee Mills
- 8 Amanda Mittlestadt
- 13 Erica Kwasney
- 14 Judy Dickhaut
- 15 Dawn Engle
- 19 Darcy Clingingsmith
- 23 Ginny Brown
- 24 Norma Jean Peterson
- 30 Richard Kruger

August

- 1 Mike Skerritt
Vernone Spencer
Andrew Powell
- 5 Gordon Turner
- 6 Curt Milne
Justin Atwell
Angie Mittlestadt
- 11 Joan Haugeberg
- 13 Terry Skerritt
15 David Bertelsen
- 18 Mary Alice Barthel
- 19 Tori Engle
Kileaka Herbaugh
- 21 Brenda Evans

Happy Anniversary's



July

- 1 Jim & Hallee Gentry
- 23 Steve & Angie Mittlestadt
- 25 Pat & Patty Steer

August

- 1 Jean & Terry Mitchell
- 10 Andrine & John Haas
- 25 Joan & Ron Haugeberg
- 29 Danny & Norma Jean Peterson



Sunday Photos



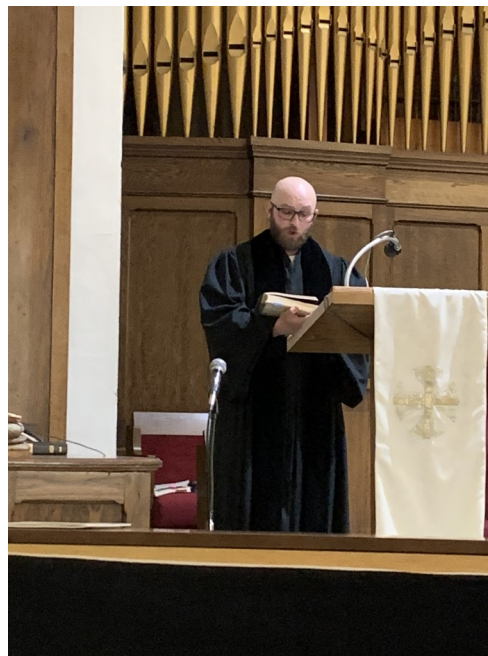
Zara's Dad is holding her during the service for her baptism.



Zara is enjoying treats after her baptism.



Zara's Grandfather is serving the



Pastor Kevin's first baptism.



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