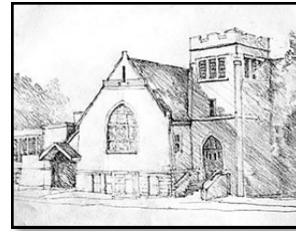


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter



**March 2021**

## **Pastoral Letter**

Hello everyone,

It has been great to see everyone again this past month, especially with all the “new” faces we have seen in the past few weeks. I wanted to inform everyone of my vacation time after Easter. I will be leaving Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and returning on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. I will be spending most of my time in Tampa, FL with family, however, I will spend a couple days camping in Denver before I return. My contact will be limited during that time, but I will make sure all is in order before I leave with sending out the April newsletter, making sure someone can access the Facebook page for our livestream, and having Sunday worship for April 11<sup>th</sup> fully planned and ready to go. I will make sure to take lots of photos and will share them with everyone upon my return! Also, as a side note, I will receive my second vaccination on Good Friday just before I leave to visit with my family!

As Easter approaches and we make final Easter plans for worship, I will make sure the Ranger Review and Wibaux Gazette have our worship times. We will have a sunrise service at Glendive, with Easter breakfast at Glendive most likely following (listen for updates in the coming weeks), our Easter service in Wibaux at 9 a.m., and then our 11 a.m. livestream and worship in Glendive. I will also be creating a social media post similar to what I did on Christmas to send out via Facebook for both churches. Are there other ways we can get the word out to folks in the community? As Easter people, rising with our risen lord, Jesus Christ, may we creatively and passionately find ways to be in relationship with our wonderful communities of Wibaux and Glendive!

As we move closer to “normal,” let us think of ways we can continue old traditions or create new ones throughout the remainder of the year. We will never be the same as we once were because none of us will ever be the same after Covid-19, however, as we are reminded throughout our Lenten season, the cost of discipleship is necessary in a world worth saving! The church has been through absolute dire times throughout its history. I have faith and hope that we will see this through, as well, and we will come out the other end an Easter people ready to tackle the issues of our communities, country, and world. May the Lord bless you and keep you!



## **Thank You's**

Thank you so much to all who have helped clean after the services. Three people who I know have been consistent with ensuring the Covid protocols for cleaning are met each Sunday are Joan and Ron Haugeberg and Millie Robinson. Thank you to each of you! Also, thank you to Phyllis Engle for making sure the sanctuary is ready before Sundays as Phyllis cleans the church on Saturday afternoons! Thank you to each of you for keeping the church clean and safe!

## **Care for Creation**

I have wanted to bring this idea to everyone's attention for quite some time, but Covid limited our abilities when I first arrived last summer. I would like to invite everyone to collectively engage in tending to God's beautiful creation this Spring, Summer, and Fall. There is a popular discipleship program spreading throughout United Methodist churches all throughout the country called Watershed Discipleship. Its main focus is to be active in our communities to care for the Earth as a way of discipleship and serving God. With the beautiful Makoshika State Park and Theodore Roosevelt National Parks nearby, I believe we have a wonderful opportunity to engage in God's wonderful creation!

I am going to speak further with the park rangers at Makoshika and T.R. National Park to see what projects they need volunteers for and how our churches can be a part of those efforts. I am right now working on organizing a group event for Earth Day and Arbor Day as they both approach on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. I know many of you are active in your own gardens, community gardens, and getting outdoors for hiking and many other outdoor activities, so let us all find ways we can collectively care for God's beautiful nature and be leaders in our community!

## **A Service of Hope and Healing**

On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Glendive UMC, we will have a brief 30-minute service of hope and healing for all of those in a space of grief and pain after losing a loved one due to Covid-19 or being unable to be with a loved one because of Covid-19 restrictions. This will be a service similar to the Blue Christmas service some churches will hold during the holidays. The community will be invited to participate either in person or online via our livestream. I am doing my best to reach out the Ranger-Review this week to



notify the community and will make a social media post similar to other posts of special services I have made in the past.

I am hoping to have some type of vigil, either a sign or place to drop flowers, near our church sign to remember the loss of our loved ones. Let us specifically remember the members of our own community we have lost in this time. Let us remember the Jones family, Herbaugh family, Kwasney family, Hunter family, Powell family, Neard and Hunt families and Kinsey families in particular, among the many others we have lost in Wibaux, Glendive, and all lost in both Dawson and Wibaux counties. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

## March



### Happy Birthdays

- Mar. 4th – Karin Chaffee
- Mar. 6th – Payden Huschka
- Mar. 14th – Danny Peterson
- Mar. 16th – Darlene Brown  
Eleanor Kuch
- Mar. 26th – Bill LaBree
- Mar. 30th - Andrew Barthel

## March Events

- Mar. 14th Daylight Saving Time
- Mar. 17th St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 19th Hope and Healing
- Mar. 20th Spring begins
- Mar. 28th Palm Sunday
  
- April 4th Easter  
Sunrise Service  
Easter Breakfast  
Regular Easter Service



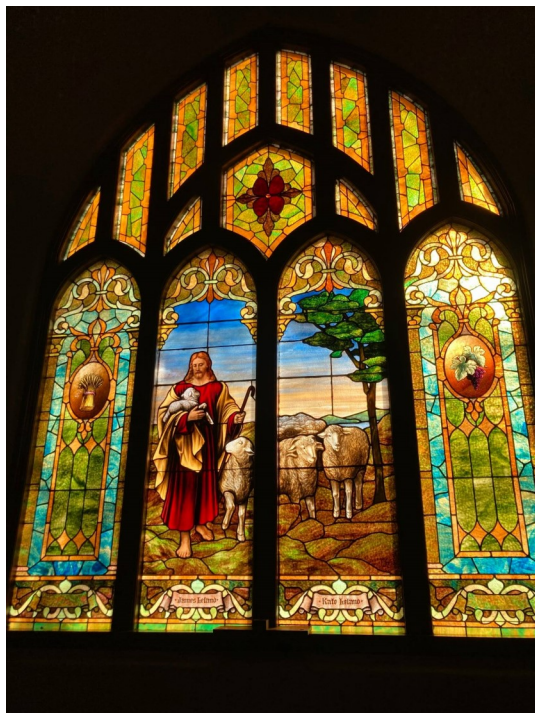
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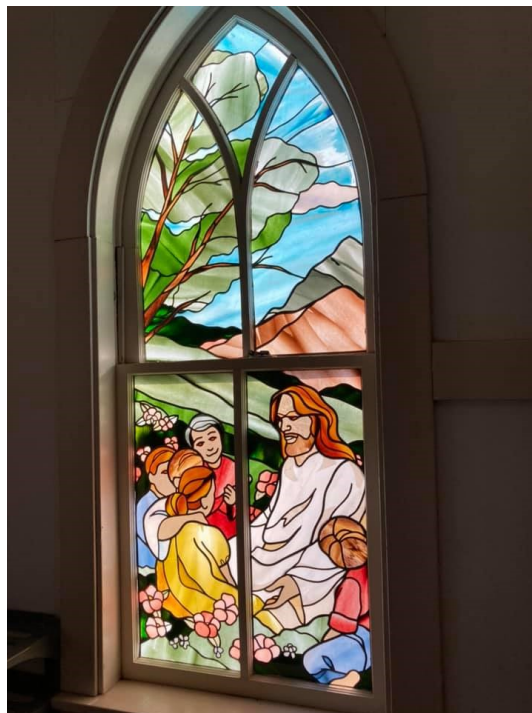
Pastor Kevin and Ryker are talking about the cross.



Pastor Kevin: " So Kasin and Ryker, what did you all have for breakfast this morning?"  
"We don't know, Grandma made it!"



Glendive's stained glass window



Wibaux's stained glass window



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