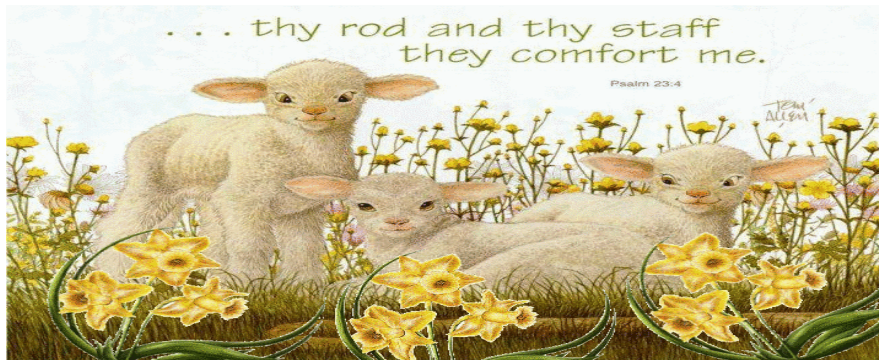
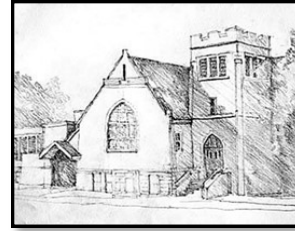


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter March 2024



Can I be honest with you all for just a moment? I can't stand waking up early. It used to drive me nuts that so many Christians I knew would wake up early in the morning to read Scripture and engage with God in some meaningful way. While they're having a blissful 7:00 am with coffee, I looked and sounded like a goblin trying my hardest to

make a 7:30 wake-up time work. Completely non-verbal until 9:00 at the earliest. A steady job has changed that some, but I still can't in good conscience wake up before 8:00 unless I have some appointment or trip planned. I always felt guilty, like I wasn't trying hard enough; should force myself to drink coffee; like I was lazy and this was a symptom of that laziness. It took years for me to finally realize there's a reason "night owl" and "morning people" are terms to begin with; there are sometimes that we're just going to be different. We can bend ourselves to breaking time and time again trying to be something we're not.

Paul encouraged a theology that accepted differences, rather than throwing them out and ignoring them. "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5:18). Paul writes that to the Corinthians because they rejected his first letter (1 Corinthians). That letter is split up into 16 chapters by our Bible-builders in the late 300s and onward. Can you imagine writing that much to someone and hearing back that they threw it all out??? To make matters worse, the reason they rejected him was because he was poor, constantly suffering, and not the best speaker around. In other words, because some other folks came to town looking better and talking better, they accepted them over Paul as spiritual leaders—folks they would listen to about how to live this Christ-like life. All of this might stoke insecurity, anger, coldness in our hearts and it probably did for Paul too; but Paul went after God's way of seeing and loving these people rather than his own. That's why he opens and closes this letter by acknowledging the distress he caused—even though he was doing the right thing—and expressing love and forgiveness. Paul proves to us that Jesus' way of loving us doesn't keep score; it doesn't demand perfection or constant loyalty; it doesn't hold our mistakes over our heads to make us feel small; and it certainly doesn't demand morning people. "True love doesn't keep score," as a seminary professor once told me. Jesus's love exemplified that and as those called His hands and feet in the world today, we are called to show that love and forgiveness in this ministry of reconciliation.

God, thank you for your example of reconciliation and self-giving love. Help me and our community live that example, even when we have to swallow our pride, even when hospitality is hard, even when we must take up our crosses to follow you. Amen.

The Glendive United Methodist Church recently received a generous bequest from former member, Jean Schlicht Smith. Many of our church members have fond memories of the Schlicht family – Jean parents, Bartly and Leta Schlicht (who could forget Leta’s wonderful butterscotch pie?) and her grandparents Florence and Elmer Halsey. They were all very loyal and active church members.

**This is a portion of Jean’s obituary:**

Jean (Schlicht) Smith passed away peacefully in her home in Missoula, MT, January 24th, 2023 after a valiant battle with cancer. Born February 2, 1938 in Glendive, MT, Jean was the daughter of Bartly and Leta Schlicht. She graduated from Dawson County HS, in Glendive, MT in 1956. Jean went on to further her education at the University of Montana, graduating in 1960. After attaining her degree Jean moved to California, where she worked for the San Diego County Probation department in Juvenile Supervision. While in CA Jean met and married Mack Smith. Jean retired as a Senior Probation Officer and Mack retired as a Sergeant in the San Diego County Sheriff’s office.... After retiring in 1991, they bought a home and settled in Missoula MT. Jean was active with her PEO group, the Methodist church and they both were avid supporters of the U of M Arts and Athletic department. GO GRIZ! (The Missoulian)



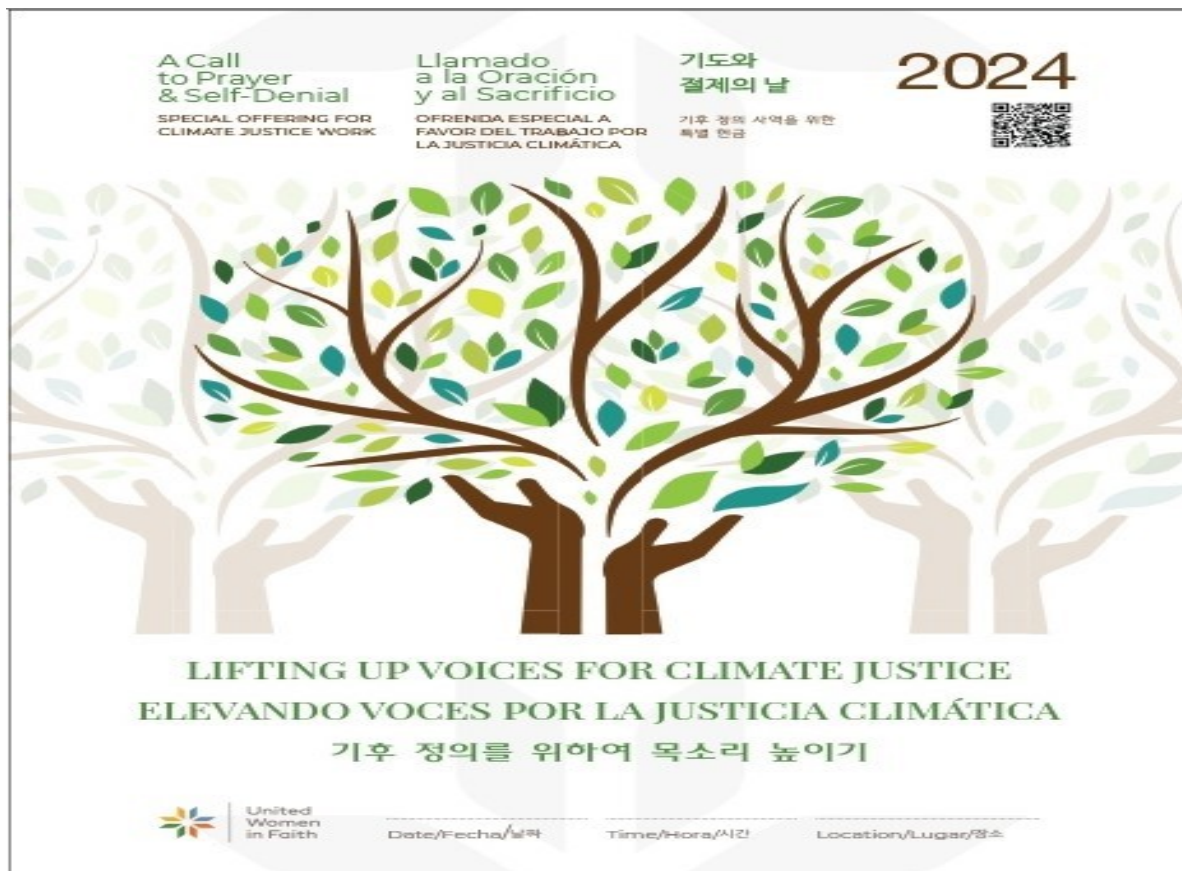
The addition of Jean’s bequest will be a strong boost to our church budget. The church Finance Committee and Administrative Board will be studying how to use this wonderful gift from Jean.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Thursday March 14 at 5:30 pm. We will observe A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial with a short program and a special offering, which will support Climate Justice Work .

Please bring a little something for your supper if you wish. Coffee, tea and a treat will be provided. We hope you will join us for fellowship and worship!



Our church is hosting the Wednesday night joint UMC, UCC, and Zion ELCA Lenten Services this year . Soup supper is served at 6 pm (freewill offering) with worship following about 6:45 pm.

We will be preparing and serving the meal again on the last night, March 20th.

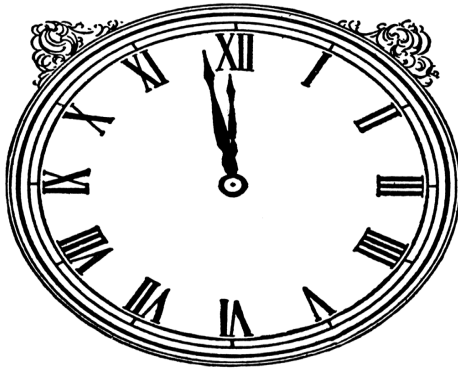


*Happy Birthday!*

March

6th Payden Huschka

26th Bill LaBree



Don't Forget to Spring Forward your Clocks



THANK YOU to Joan Haugeberg for buying and labeling a bunch of new dish towels for our church kitchens (just in time for the Lenten soup suppers)!

THANK YOU to Millie Robinson and others who helped with the food for the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Thank you to every who served coffee in the month of February



**Be a Friend!**



If you have not already done so, please consider stopping at the Courtesy Counter at Reynolds and have your telephone number registered to our **Account #8000** .

**Thank you for the continued support!**



# March 2023

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					1 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	2
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10 <i>Daylight Saving</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
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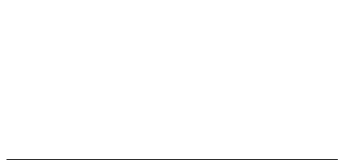
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