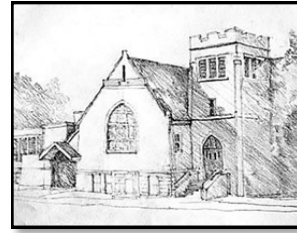


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

May 2022



Pastoral Letter

Greetings everyone,

As the spring flowers bloom and the ballads of the songbirds fill the air, we are reminded of the newness of life spring brings. As we continue on in the season of Easter, we are filled with this excitement in our worship as well, as some of our liturgies, stories, and relationships in the local church reflect this “fresh expressions” energy spring emboldens us to embody.

In his book, *Listening to the Heartbeat of God*, John Philip Newell says this,

“God’s healing and restoring powers are to be found in the goodness of the earth. Just as Pelagius emphasized our essential God-given goodness, so in the tradition of St. Patrick there is an awareness that all created things carry within them the grace and goodness of God” (Newell 24).

This God-given goodness is felt much more, at least from my perspective, in the spring as the newness of the earth blossoms and grows before our eyes through her dazzling display of beauty, her fragrant smells of healing and restoration, and her magnificent rays of sunshine, paired with her trembling cold, late-spring blizzards, Mother Earth is waking for a new year and a new dawning.

We, too, will begin new schedules and routines as summer approaches. We will shift into longer days, hopefully filled with plenty of time spent out in the sunshine and warmth spring brings. Throughout his book, John Philip Newell continuously asks his readers to shift their attention to listening to the heartbeat of God around them. Whether it be a swirling wind or a beautiful day, God is all around us. As we shift into a time of stepping back from our busier schedules and seemingly longer days, let us be reminded of that goodness that dwells in us, in those we interact with, and the creation singing her song of goodness and light around us. In those times where it is difficult to see the goodness around you and a part of you, be reminded of this prayer from St. Patrick’s hymn.

“I bind unto myself today the virtues of the star-lit heaven, the glorious sun’s life-giving ray, the whiteness of the moon at even, the flashing of the lightning free, the whirling wind’s tempestuous shocks, the stable earth, the deep salt sea around the old eternal rocks. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in the hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.”

May the Lord bless you and keep you! Amen.



Pentecost Potluck



1st Sunday in June

Following Sunday Service

Pentecost Potluck



In last month's newsletter, I introduced the idea of this event as a time for us to gather in a time of fellowship and remember the early foundations of the church being built. Pentecost is the moment where, theologically speaking, the Holy Spirit descends upon the people, fulfilling the promise Jesus gives them in the Gospel of John about the Spirit being their guide following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The flame on our logo above is inspired by this Pentecost celebration of the Holy Spirit providing a fresh new perspective, guidance for the trials ahead, and a newfound energy to put their faith into action. This is also a time where we welcome our UCC siblings in Christ to our June services, and it is the last special Sunday in our church calendar until we celebrate Rally Days in September and World Communion Sunday in October.

We will gather with a time of fellowship to eat, have some great conversation, and relax, but there will be a brief 15-20 minute presentation that will begin just after we have a chance to eat, clean up a bit, and relax. The presentation will be about the importance of forming a Vision Committee for our churches to specifically discuss and draft plans on what the future of these congregations holds, how we can engage in ecumenical work together to pool resources from all our congregations in town, and give us a specific direction to works towards as we set out to accomplish these goals. The mission of this committee will be to provide three different aspects of church growth in three phases.

The first phase being where do we see our church in a year, the second phase is where do we see our church in three years, and the last phase of brainstorming is stage three where we decide this is where we want to see ourselves in five years. The committee will consist of a few passionate people dedicated to trying to find solutions to our community outreach, in house congregational care and connection, and specific issues to how we will consider raising money for long term building projects and community projects that this church and community need. There will be more information to follow about the presentation, so stay tuned for more details.

My prayer is this gets a couple people involved in the life and community of the church. My prayer is this event gives you each some clarity on where this church hopes to see itself, and most importantly, it gives the congregation a direction in which you can all collectively work on building together.

I hope to see y'all there!



While countries around the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, several countries, including the United States, Italy, Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, and Turkey celebrate it on the second Sunday of May. In 1907, Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, began the campaign to have Mother's Day officially recognized, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson did this, proclaiming it a national holiday and a "public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers."

For all Women On Mother's Day

Did you know that as a woman, you are special to the Lord,
And you are valued in His eyes, for no one loves you more.

And mother's you surely know how blessed you really are,
For we know that it is never easy, as many years are quite hard.

Even as the years go quickly by, we believe that God is there,
Reaching out with loving arms, though we are often unaware.

And He is still beside you, longing to be a part
Of all the things that interest you, for you are special in His heart.

For even in the daily struggles that seems to be part of life,
The Lord longs to be involved to fill the void inside.

So to all women, on this special day, we just want you to know,
That you are always appreciated and that Jesus loves you so.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) will not meet in May. We are planning our annual June Coffee meeting for June 8th, 10:00 am at the church.

Looking ahead: We will be doing a Cotton Candy booth at the Dawson County Fair again this year. Volunteers will be needed.
Please mark July 28-30 on your calendar!



Our Church Rummage Sale

May 13th and 14th

Please bring your items as soon as possible so they can be sorted and priced!!!

Friday early evening (4-7) and Saturday morning (8-11)

Rummage sale items can be placed in the room in the southeast corner of the basement (the room used for dishwashing during the church dinner). We have already started marking, so bring things as soon as you can.

We will need people before, during, and after the sale to help with advertising, set-up and marking, working on sale days, and clean-up after the sale. If you can help with this project or if you have questions, please contact Andrine Haas or Vernone Spencer.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- PLEASE – NO CLOTHING/SHOES. Accessories like jewelry, purses, and scarves are accepted.
- Only items in good, clean, usable condition.
- After the sale, unsold items will be donated to the Attic or the Zion furniture room OR thrown away.
- If you have large items (like furniture), please wait until just a few days before the sale to bring them to the church. It would be helpful if you would let Andrine or Vernone know that such items will be coming.

So let's make a little extra money for the church while we clean out our closets!

BAKE SALE

**May 13th and 14th
in conjunction with the
Rummage Sale.**

- Bake sale items should be delivered to the church on the days of the sale.
- Please have items wrapped/packaged for sale.
























Hello Friends!

The Lonsdale United Methodist Church in Sidney, MT will be having a Luau Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14th 6-8:00 pm at the Elks Lodge 123 3rd St SW Sidney, MT.

Everybody is welcome!

There will be a Free Will Donation.
 Dinner and Entertainment will be provided by:
 Polynesian Dancers, "Ali'itasi Productions."
 Live Auction Items will be donated by Friends of Tonga.

Proceeds will go to relief efforts of Pastor Sione N. Fungalei's native country, Tonga. This will help rebuild after a massive volcanic eruption triggered a tsunami that swept across the chain of Pacific Islands.






















Welcome to our newest members,
 Scout Schaaf who was baptized March 6th,
 and Parker Winchell who was baptized May 1st.



Scout



Parker



Parker



Our Girl Scout Troop 2323 will be selling cookies after church on May 8th. If you are unable to make it on the 8th, you may leave a message at the church office if you would like to place an order .



We appreciate our Coffee Hour Hosts.

For the Month of April they were:
Millie Robinson, Leslie Hunter,
and Joan Haugeberg.


May 3	Lance Phinney
May 5	Twylla McPherson
May 5	Ashton Numberg
May 9	Averie Wilkerson
May 10	Kyle Milne
May 19	Dan Engle
May 19	Austin Numberg
May 21	Skylar Huschka
May 26	Hallee Gentry
May 27	Marlene Lindquist
May 29	Millie Robinson
May 29	JoAnn Hunt



May 10	Kyle and Eileen Milne
May 12	Cole and Adrianna Neard
May 20	Larry and Brenda Evans

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  Girl Scouts.	9	10	11	12	13 Rum- mage Sale	14 Rum- mage Sale Luau in Sidney
15	16 AD Board meeting 7 pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Summer Scheduling:

For the month of June:

The Glendive United Methodist Church will host the United Congregational Church at the 11 a.m. services.

For the month of July:

The United Congregational Church will host the Glendive United Methodist Church at their 10 a.m. services.



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