

# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

September 2021



## Pastoral Letter

Hello everyone,

Summer is coming to a rather abrupt end! It feels like June and July moved passed us fairly quickly, but the month of August has seemingly come and gone with the snap of a finger! This means it is nearly time for the new church year to kickoff with more of our annual church programming, Bible studies and small group meetings, and special Sundays and holidays in our church calendar. After being in this position and working with the administrative board through this time of Covid-19, I have learned a very important lesson from a year under my belt. We must safely and carefully provide programming for our church and our community, but we cannot let this hinder our planning for our future as a church community and how we serve our communities of Glendive and Wibaux. The board and I have discussed this multiple times throughout the spring/summer and here is what we have decided.

We cannot let Covid-19 stop us from planning future events. For example, we are planning the annual church auction at the end of this month, but we have no clue what will happen in between then and now. Will we require masks because of an unforeseen spike in Delta variant cases in our county/state? Maybe, but we will cross that bridge when we get to it. Will we be able to serve food and eat with one another in the fellowship hall at our annual Bazaar dinner around Christmas instead of online orders or takeout options? I am not sure which it will be, but neither option will stop us from holding the dinner. In other words, we are moving forward with planning programming, holding Sunday School, small group meetings, and in person worship until we as a Glendive/Wibaux community decide we can no longer safely gather.

I am aware that this probably does not assure some of us and give us any more peace of mind as the holidays rapidly approach and as Covid cases rise, but we cannot stop living our lives and we cannot hinder the work of the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our community. We must find new ways to engage with one another alongside the ways we are used to engaging with one another by providing a safe, protective environment as we continue the mission of the Gospel.

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You will find more information on the upcoming events in this newsletter and in the coming weeks, I will announce much more of our programming year as we attempt to provide more programming for all of our age groups this church year. Look for updates on youth and children events and Sunday School, Bible Studies both online and in person, fundraisers, community building, and much, much more! *Philippians 3:12 (CEB) It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Let's us press onward in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!*



**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**



**Makoshika State Park near  
the amphitheater**



## Rally Day is coming!!

We will celebrate the beginning of a new year for Sunday School on Sunday morning, September 12th.

Our theme this year is God's Word Is In Our Hands", and we will start our new year by making a commitment to our community and the world to nurture and take care of God's world.

Please come and help the children celebrate the beginning of a new church year. Apple pie and ice cream in the Fireside Room following church!!!

Do you remember our noisy buckets? The children will again be passing their buckets the first Sunday of every month, starting Sunday October 3rd, so start saving your coins.

Say tuned— more details to follow about the noisy buckets and about more fun that is being planned for October 3rd.



## September Happy Birthdays



- 15– Jasine Winchell
- 18– Julie Ausby
- 22– Mike Carlson
- 23– Allie Mittestadt
- 26– Verle Jones
- 28– Mike Hunter
- 29– Steve Rice
- 30– Glenda LaBree

## Happy Anniversary

15th Doug & Kayrene





**Harvest Festival Auction**  
**Sunday, September 26th**  
**Pie & Coffee sale starting at 2:00pm**  
**Auction starting at 3:00pm**



**This is a tentative date for our Auction depending on how Covid in our community affects us.**

It's time for our Annual Harvest Auction, so mark your calendar and plan to come for some pie and fun! A sign-up sheet for pies is on the bulletin board in the Fireside Rom.

What can you bring for the auction?

Are you a crafty person? Homemade quilted, knitted, crocheted, embroidered items are always good sellers.

Do you have a bumper crop of garden produce? September is a good time to sell those pumpkins, squash, apples, tomatoes, cucumbers and so on. Even zucchini can be sold here!

Are you a cook? Baked goods always sell well –bread and rolls; cakes, cookies, and pies; caramel corn, snack mixes and other goodies are always popular.

Have you been preserving some of the season's bounty? Bring your homemade jams & jellies, pickles or salsa!

Are you a painter or photographer? A framed item could be just one an auction bidder is looking for!

And...the most important thing you can bring is yourself to be a bidder/buyer!



## Cotton Candy Booth 2021



Dawson County Fair was just one event this year, from July 28-Aug 1 and there was no carnival. Attendance was down considerably. Our trailer was not in good shape having been stored uncovered for 2 years. It was dirty and had molded where it had leaked, so we decided to rent a booth under the grandstand. It worked out very well—*much* easier set-up and clean-up and it was a bit cooler. Eric Smeltzer of the Fair Board said he would put our name on it for next year if we want it. Weather was good, but extremely hot. Workers were difficult to find as many were out of town. We ran 12 hours instead of our usual times and did not run on Sunday. (4-8 on Thurs, Fri, and Sat.)

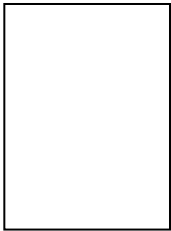
Millie chaired with Andrine and John Haas helping to set-up and take-down, and Anne Freistone helping clean up afterwards.

With expenses of \$295.15 and extremely generous donations of \$590., we finished with \$1155.85

Thanks to all who helped by working or giving a donation. And thanks to our great customers!

Millie Robinson

	2017 Aug	2018 (Aug— no carnival)	2019 (June-price change)	2021 no carnival
Expenses	\$320.93	\$306.26	\$311.81	\$295.15
Donations	\$126.00	\$220.00	\$129.00	\$590.00
Total profit	\$1,067.57	\$516.74	\$1,119.19	\$1,155.85



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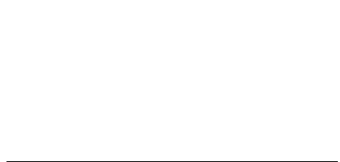
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