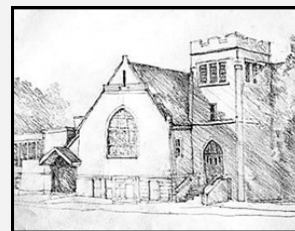


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter



**December 2020, January 2021**

## Pastor's Corner

Hello everyone,

As it was announced on Sunday, we will be halting all in person worship and gatherings until further notice. We do not know when we will be reinstated for any in person gatherings, but the administrative council and I will monitor the situation to determine what is safest for our community moving forward. It is important to note that I will primarily work from home during this halt of in person gatherings while only being in the office sporadically to drop off mail, scan documents, etc. The best way to contact me is by phone 276-451-8509 or by email at [pastorkevin89@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkevin89@gmail.com). Through the remainder of this letter, I will explain the ways we can stay connected with one another virtually. Whether you have Facebook or don't, whether you are internet savvy or not, or whether you prefer mail, we have options for people to remain connected.

### **Sermon by Phone**

I recently subscribed to a service called Sermon-by-Phone. Sermon-by-phone works by you calling this phone number, 1-406-203-4495, each week as described below. This service will include a few weekly updates like, the audio version of Jake's Wednesday concerts, Pastor Kevin's weekly reflections, and our weekly service. You will have to call at a specific day to hear each of these events because I can only upload one file at a time. In other words, once I upload my reflection on Fridays, Jake's concerts will no longer be available to listen to via phone. Below is when each event will be available and at what time.

Call 1-406-203-4495 for each event

Jake's Concerts	Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. until Friday 3:00 p.m.
Pastor Kevin's reflections	Friday 3:15 p.m. until Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Weekly Worship Service	Sunday 12:30 p.m. until following Thursday 9:00 a.m.

### **Facebook Live and Zoom**

Our Facebook Livestream is how most of you have connected when you have not joined us for in-person worship. Facebook Live will remain on the same schedule at our 11:00 a.m. gathering time. We may pursue using an-



other option as well to make the services a little more interactive. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, I am going to try and have some people be readers for scripture and offer prayers during our service using Zoom. We would still watch the service on Facebook as we normally do but Zoom has an option to connect to our livestream services to have more people gather in a meeting. If you would like to be a reader or read a prayer during the service via zoom, then contact Joan Haugerberg or Pastor Kevin by Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Using the Website & Christmas Eve**

Our website will have weekly updates as well. Greg has uploaded last week’s concert and pastoral reflection from Facebook to the website. We will continue to do this along with posting a copy of my sermon, which will include an order of the service for those who would like to follow along during the live service at 11:00 a.m. on Facebook. If you can get to our website, at <http://glendiveunitedmethodistchurch.com/> then you can find all our weekly videos, sermons, and updates as well from one quick and easy to find location.

Until further notice, our Christmas Eve service will be online via Facebook Live on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. If the administrative council and I decide we can return to our in-person gatherings before Christmas Eve, then we will notify everyone and the community. However, I am planning to hold the service online at this point due to the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

We will still hold our weekly livestreams as we have in the past with Jake’s concerts on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Kevin’s weekly reflection Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., and our worship service Sundays mornings at 11:00 a.m. We will certainly be celebrating Advent and Christmas differently than years past, but I am thankful we live in a day and age where staying connected provides us with multiple options of meeting virtually! Advent isn’t cancelled but merely celebrated in a new way and with a new presence! The Light of the World and the Prince of Peace will still be born on Christmas day as we celebrate Love being born into the world! May we continue to prepare our hearts and minds for this wonderful season of Peace, Hope, Love, and Joy.

*Merry Christmas*

*Thank you*

**Thank You’s**

Thank you to the Administrative Council! Each of you has been such a wonderful help, especially these past several weeks. We have had Charge Conference, emergency meetings, and some pretty big questions to wrestle with since I started nearly six months ago, but each of you still comes prepared ready to do what is needed. I am grateful for each of you and the strengths you bring to our church!



## Christmas Eve Offering

Although we can't predict what a Christmas Eve service will look like this year, we can participate in one of our long-time church traditions during this Christmas season. During our candlelight Christmas Eve service, we have always taken a special offering to be passed on to a charitable cause in the state and/or community. In order to continue this tradition, the Church Administrative Council has decided to split this year's offering between Montana's Intermountain services and the local Dawson County Food Bank. Many of you recognize Intermountain (formerly called Intermountain Deaconess) as a place to which we have given donations for many years. Located in Helena (and with services in other areas), Intermountain was founded by Methodism's own Brother Van in 1909 and provides residential and other services to Montana children and youth.

**If you would like to contribute to this special offering for Christmas Eve, mail your donation to the Glendive United Methodist Church, PO Box 200, Glendive, MT 59330. Please be sure it is clearly designated as Christmas Eve Offering.**

If you would like to know a little more about Intermountain, you can visit their website at <https://www.intermountain.org/home/> Under *Who We Are-History*, you can read and watch a video about Brother Van and the beginnings of this important state institution.



## We are selling 2021 Calendars & Note Pads

You may purchase a 2021 calendar for \$8.00 and note pads for \$4.00. You may place an order by calling the church office at 377-5678 (you may leave a message), or call Vernone Spencer at 377-3925, and she will be glad to deliver to you.

In January the price of the calendars and note pads will go down to \$5.00 and \$3.00.



## Happy Birthday

### December

Dec. 1st Todd Thompson  
 Dec. 3rd Scott Christianson  
 Alley Skerritt  
 Dec. 7th Dalton Kwasney  
 Fern Bacon  
 Dec. 8th Holly Skerritt  
 Dec. 11th Erlys Neard  
 Dec. 12th Robin Thompson  
 Dec. 13th Greg Hunt  
 Dec. 18th John Haas  
 Dec. 19th Baylee Ware  
 Dec. 21st Earlene Miller  
 Dec. 23rd Deb Brenner  
 Dec. 26th Allison Skerritt  
 Dec. 27th Billie Haag

### January

Jan. 1 Iris Milne  
 Jan. 2 Brenda Herbaugh  
 David Skerritt  
 Jan 4 Judy Rice  
 Jan. 9 Kayrene Vashus  
 Dawn Kingstad  
 Jan. 10 Jace Gentry  
 Jan. 11 Jan Kruger  
 Jan. 15 Janine Huschka  
 Jan. 19 Kileaka Herbaugh  
 Jan. 24 Velma Kinsey  
 Jan. 26 Tsai-Ying Li  
 Jan. 29 Melissa Skerritt  
 Jan. 31 Tristan Alderman

## Happy Anniversary

### December

Dec. 7 Shawn & Laurie Mills  
 Dec. 20 Greg & JoAnn Hunt

### January

Jan. 7 John & Brenda Herbaugh  
 Jan. 10 Jerry & Judy Dickhaut  
 Jan. 14 Rick & Jan Kruger



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