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As I began to think about the Advent and Christmas Seasons, I thought of all the things that I could say or shouldn't say. I thought of the weather and snow or no snow. I thought a lot about

Christmas Carols and the smell of all that wonderful baking that gets done this time of year. I even thought about the Baby Jesus laying in a manger, the angels, shepherds, and wise men. Then I ran across the following poem Mary Kerr Danielson in "Chicken Soup for the Soul®: The Book of Christmas Virtues."

I WONDER

I wonder if that precious babe
were born somewhere today,
Would he recline on Bubble-Pak®
instead of straw or hay?

Would the message of the angel
be broadcast on TV—
Just one more televangelist
ignored by you and me?

Would the anthems of that heavenly choir
hit Nashville from the start?
With concerts, tapes and CD's
no doubt they'd climb the charts.
Would we confuse that glowing star
with satellites in space,

Or think it just a UFO
from a distant, cosmic place?

The "Jesus news" would travel fast
in this Information Age—
By phone, by fax, by e-mail,
perhaps his own Web page.

Would we gladly leave our tasks behind
and travel far and wide,
No hesitating in our quest
to worship at his side?

The answer lies with each soul.
Each year we get to choose
How we will celebrate his birth
and greet the wondrous news.

He comes! He comes! (though not a babe)
so softly none can hear,
And creeps into your life and mine
this joyous time of year.

And listen, Oh, just listen,
his sounds are all around—
The choir's song, the call of friends,
snow crunching on the ground.

The laughter of the children,
the ringing of each bell,
The stories and carols
we've learned to love so well.

So pause amid the craziness,
embrace each mem'ry dear.
Let tastes and smells and sights and sounds
delight nose, eyes and ears.

And welcome him this holiday
with laughter and with joy,
His gift of hope, his gift of life,
That blessed, holy boy.

*Merry Christmas and God Bless,
Pastor Ruth*

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Sunday School

News



The Sunday School children
will present
their Christmas Program,
“THE LITTLEST STAR”
during the worship service on
December 13.

December 13th will be the last Sunday of Sunday

School until after the new year.

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December ?

December gets its name from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar.

January?

January (in Latin, Ianuarius) is named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (*ianua*) since January is the door to the year.

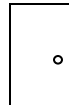
New Year

Traditionally, the original Roman calendar consisted of 10 months totaling 304 days, winter being considered a monthless period. Around 713 BC, the semi-mythical successor of Romulus, King Numa Pompilius, is supposed to have added the months of January and February, allowing the calendar to equal a standard lunar year (354 days).

Happy New Year!



Cleaning Out the Closets: A Church Rummage Sale is Coming



We're coming to the end of the calendar year. Are you, like me, already thinking about a New Year's resolution to clean out some closets? The church has a suggestion for you!

It's been proposed that we hold a Rummage Sale in the church basement sometime in the spring – possibly in April. Holding a rummage sale would allow us to clean out some corners of the church, help us all to clear out some things at home, and make a little money at the same time. According to Heather Haas, the Dillon United Methodist Church holds such a sale every year and it not only makes some extra money for church projects, it also brings some people into the church building who have never visited before.

So – when the cleaning bug bites you, box up those used goodies and save them for the church's spring rummage sale. If you have things you can't store until the sale, they can be placed in the room in the southeast corner of the basement (the room used for dishwashing during the church dinner).

PLEASE – NO CLOTHING. Accessories like jewelry, purses, scarves, etc. are fine. Only items in good usable condition. There will be more details in an upcoming newsletter. If you have questions, contact Andrine Haas.

**Rummage
SALE**

Christmas Eve Worship!

is

December 24th

Wibaux - 5:00 pm

Glendive - 7:00 pm



It Takes Us All – To Have Another Successful Church Dinner!



Our annual roast beef dinner on October 28 was another success – thanks to all those who prepared, sold tickets, cooked, served, and cleaned up. Everything went very smoothly this year.

The dinner is a lot of work and it takes many hands to get it done!! Many thanks to all those who were willing to come early and stay late to help.

At this point, the dinner receipts are \$4,467 and expenses are just under \$1,000. There may be a little change those amounts yet, but I estimate we will clear just under \$3,500, about \$170 less than last year.



I heard many compliments on the dinner – especially the variety of salads and pies. Some of our members who were unable to attend were very happy to receive take-out meals delivered to their doors. We had just enough leftovers to have beef salad sandwiches on dinner rolls and pies for coffee hour the following Sunday.

Patty Thompson, Leslie Hunter and Andrine Haas will be doing some evaluation in the coming week or two. If you have suggestions for the future of the dinner, please let one of us know.

- Submitted by Andrine Haas



Christmas Caroling Hayride!

Join us for our 2nd Caroling on a Hayride!

We will meet Friday, December 18th
at the church at 6:00 pm!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Fireside room bulletin board, for you to sign, or give us a call, if you plan to attend. We can estimate the number of carolers to serve chili and other goodies after we finish the hayride and caroling!



The 2014 Ride



Christmas In Song! Celebrate !

Christmas music, as a large part of the holidays, moved our choir to collect a set of Christmas songs to sing during the Worship Service on
December 20th !





Children's Corner

All Saint's Day

Pastor: All Saint's Day- all Christians are honored and remembered,

"Who should we honor and remember?"

Children: "Our neighbors and Moms"

Pastor: "Who should you love...?"

Children: "Love our neighbors"

"Love your Mom"



Coffee Hour Hosts



Dec/Jan Coffee Hour Sign up

Dec 6 Betty Carpenter

Dec 13 Millie Robinson

Dec 20

Dec 27

Jan 3

Jan 10

Jan 17

Jan 24

Jan 31

You may sign-up in
the Fireside Room.

December Church Events

"With These Hands" -1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Choir Practice - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon - Friday, Dec 4th

Sunday School Xmas Program, Dec.13 during worship

UMW Christmas Dinner -Thursday, Dec 17th ,6:00pm

Church Caroling- Friday, Dec. 18th at 6:00 pm

Choir presents "Christmas In Song" - Sunday,

December 20th, during worship.

Ad Board Meeting-Monday, December 21st, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Worship - Dec. 24, Wibaux at 5 pm

Glendive at 7 pm

January Church Events

Charge Conference - Jan. 7 at 7:30 pm

Ad Board Meeting -Jan. 18th, 7:00 pm

"With These Hands" -1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

**Thank you for your
November treats!**

**Doris, Glenda, Leslie,
and Marlene**



Are You a Foxy Friend?

Every time you shop at Reynold's Warehouse grocery, tell the check-out clerk you would like your purchases credited to the church's *Foxy Friend* account – Account #8000! Any purchase from the store can be credited to the church's account number. Every three months, Reynolds pays a percentage of such purchases to our church. In the past year, this has totaled around \$800!



A Cowboy Christmas

is the theme for the

Annual UMW Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon

to be held **Friday, Dec. 4th.**

From 10:00am-2:00pm

There will be homemade goodies, handmade & Christmas Items for sale.

Lunch is served from 11:00-1:00pm.

- Creamed Chicken 'n Biscuit or
Beef Sandwich with Salad and Pie.

-Donations of baked goods, treats,
handmade & Christmas items may
be left at the church.

We are also accepting donations of money to help pay for supplies for the luncheon.

Please note: NO Oldies-but-Goodies this year-unless they are Christmas items.



Ways to receive your Newsletter

The *Newsletters* may be:

- * Picked up during Sunday Worship
- * Have it sent by e-mail
- * Sent to you by mail
- * View on our website; glendiveunitedmethodistchurch.com

Just a reminder to turn in your pledge cards for the 2016 year.

December 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Todd Thompson	2 Choir Practice 7:00pm	3 *Scott Christianson *Alley Skerritt	4 UMW Bazar 10:00am to 2:00pm Luncheon 11:00am to 1:00pm	5
6 Sunday Worship Food Bank	7	8 *Holly Skerritt *Josie Wetz	9 Choir Practice 7:00pm	10	11 *Erllys Neard	12 *Robin Thompson
13 Sunday Worship Sunday School Play *Greg Hunt	14	15	16 *Michael Kelly Choir Practice 7:00pm	17 "Christmas Women's Dinner" 6:00pm	18 *John Haas All Church Caroling 6:00pm	19 *Baylee Hushka
20 Sunday Worship Choir presents: Christmas in Song # JoAnn & Greg Hunt	21 Ad Board Meeting 7:00pm *Earlene Miller	22	23 *Deb Brenner Choir Practice 7:00pm	24 Christmas Eve Worship Wibaux 5pm Glendive 7pm	25 Merry Christmas!	26 *Allison Skerritt
27 Sunday Worship * Billy Haag	28	29	30 Choir Practice 7:00pm	31 New Year's Eve !		

January 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year! *Iris Milne	2 *Brenda Herbaugh *David Skerritt
3 Food Bank Sunday Worship	4	5	6 "With These Hands" Choir Practice 7:00pm	7 Charge Conference 7:00pm	8	9 *Kayrene Vashus *Dawn Kingstad
10 Sunday Worship # Jerry & Judy Dickhaut	11	12	13 Choir Practice 7:00pm	14 *Janine Huschka	15	16
17 Sunday Worship	18	19	20 "With These Hands" Choir Practice 7:00pm	21	22	23 *Audrey Hunter
24 Sunday Worship *Velma Kinsey	25	26 *Ruby Woods	27 Choir Practice 7:00pm	28	29 *Melissa Skerritt	30
31 Sunday Worship *Tristan Alderman						



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