



Glendive United Methodist Church

Newsletter

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As I begin writing this morning I wondered just what I would say.

I looked back at the past few years of church newsletters to see what

I had said before. Everyone had the same theme and that is that no matter what God loves us. And I found that my thoughts started drifting that direction which is not bad, but somehow I kept thinking that there should be something a little different.

One of my favorite part of the worship service is to talk to the children. I like to wing that part of the service and by doing that I know that I take my life into my own hands so to speak. And this past Christmas Eve was no different.

I thought I would talk to the children about the Baby Jesus in the manger and how the angels appeared to the shepherds, but things went a different direction very quickly and I was put on the spot. The children had some questions that they wanted an answer to. I tried but don't think that they got the answers that they were looking for so I sure I will be pressed again for better answers. I believe that the questions that the children have are probably questions that we as adults have, however they way we as adults try and make everything so complicated and the children just say it like it is.

Two of the questions asked were:

1. Why do we get presents on Jesus' birthday?
2. Why does Santa Claus and Jesus come at the same time?

Two good questions to ponder.

I would ask for some help and if you have some thoughts as to how to answer these very important questions let me know. The children deserve an answer.

God Bless and Happy New Year!

Pastor Ruth

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January 2017 Church Events

Food Bank **First Sunday**
Choir Practice **Wednesdays. at 7:00pm**
Joint Charge Conference **the 5th at 6:30pm**
"Open House" At Parsonage **the 7th at 200pm - 6pm**
Ad Board Meeting **January, 23rd at 7:00 pm**

February Church Events

Food Bank **First Sunday**
Choir Practice **Wednesdays. at 7:00pm**
UMW Meeting **Thursday, Feb. 16th at 7:00 pm**
Ad Board Meeting **Feb. 27th at 7:00 pm**

Note:

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain send your email address to: umcglen@midrivers.com Thanks



Coffee Hour Hosts



Jan. & Feb. Coffee Hour
Sign up

Jan 1 Jo Ann & Greg

Jan 8 Betty C.

Jan 15 Doris & Glenda

Jan 22 Joan H.

Jan 29 - Pot Luck!

Feb 5

Feb 12

Feb 19

Feb 26

You may call 377-5678
 or sign-up in the
 Fireside Room.



"Thank you!"
 to everyone who brought
 Treats!

In December!

Andrine, Leslie, and Choir
 Marlene, Jo Ann and Greg



Happy New Year! As we enter 2017, let's continue to focus on ministering on the margins. Gifts made on Human Relations Day on Jan. 15, one of the special Sundays in The United Methodist Church, will empower at-risk youth and strengthen community outreach.



Our Christmas Eve Worship!



We give Thanks for Memorials

- in memory of Leta Schlicht

Harold & Mary Kay Meili
Heidi Meili
Jean & Mack Smith
Carol M. Larkie
Donna Sherron

- in memory of Lorraine Haggerty

Richard & Doris Kruger
Andrine & John Haas

- in memory of Ty Milne

Darcy & Daryl Clingsmith



Spring 2017 -- Our next Church Rummage Sale

We are planning to hold another church rummage sale in the spring - possibly in April. So – when the cleaning bug bites you, box up those used goodies and save them for the church's sale! If you can store items yourself until sale time, that is great. But if you have to get them out of your house, they can be stored in the church basement in the room under the front stairs. Please do NOT bring large furniture items until close to sale time.

We probably will have coffee (and maybe bake sale items?) available again and we will encourage people to stop by to view our beautiful sanctuary and stained glass windows.

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, please contact Andrine Haas.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- **PLEASE – NO CLOTHING/SHOES.** Accessories like jewelry and purses are fine.
- **Only** items in good, clean, usable condition.
- **After** the sale, unsold items will be donated to the Attic or the Boys and Girls Club 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 know that such items will be coming.

So plan now to clean out your closets and we'll make a little extra money for the church!

Watch for more information later.

Children's Corner



The Sunday School Children
presented
their Christmas Program,
Jesus Is The Reason



Glendive United Methodist Church – Trustee's Report for 2016.

Education Wing Roof Repair

The roof above the Fireside Room was damaged by hail in July of 2013 and is over 25 years old. This is a thick white vinyl roof that is flat. A claim was made to our insurance company, Church Mutual, but not approved for this roof. Mark Anderson Roofing was hired to repair the seams and recoat part of this roof. This project was finished in June and cost \$5,000. The church paid half of this cost and the materials valued at \$3,000 were donated by Gerald Hushka of Guelff Lumber.

New Hand Rail for Parsonage Steps

A new brown metal hand was installed on the front parsonage steps in November.

The materials and installation was done by Gerald Hushka of Guelff Lumber.

New Handrail for Sanctuary Access.

A new brown metal handrail was added to improve access on the sloped steps leading into the sanctuary. Thanks to DCC Welding class for doing this project and Greg Hunt for coordinating this needed improvement.

New Lights in Fireside Room

Thanks to Robin Thompson Electric for installation of the 4 new lights in the Fireside Room. They were needed, are much easier to maintain and a nice improvement.

Thanks to Volunteers!

Thanks to the Hunts, Milnes for the lawn service, and many others for their work to help maintain the church throughout the year.

Glendive United Methodist Church Foundation.

The Trustees manage the funds of the Church Foundation which is invested by ED Jones.

The fund currently has a value of approximately \$62,000. Since 1993 this fund has generated \$65,000 in earnings. The original principal of this fund was \$51,500 and the church can vote to use any funds above the principal amount at the Annual Charge Conference. In the past income from this fund has been used for education, handicapped access (the elevator) roof repair and conference claims (mission shares).

It would good to increase the value of the Foundation to \$100,000 so the church would have a solid financial fund to depend on for needed projects that seem to come up all the time.

Please consider a gift or bequest to the Glendive United Methodist Church Foundation in your financial gifting or estate plan.

Hanging of the Greens!





United Methodist Women News



United Methodist Women's Christmas Bazaar, "Angels We Have Heard on High", went very smoothly this year, thanks to the help of many hands! We still have one bill to come in but it looks like we made about \$150 more than last year, with a total of \$1285.00. We served a few more meals,

but had a bit more in expenses. As always the Goodies sold well, exceeding last year's sales. With a generous donation of many Christmas things, the Hand-made and Christmas Items sold very well also. Thank you to everyone who worked, baked, gave items, and came to eat!

UMW hosted an annual Christmas Dinner for women of the church in December. Sixteen ladies enjoyed a wonderful meal together, and a break from holiday preparations!

We will try to meet again **Feb 16 at 7:00** to plan for Lenten Soup Supper and go over our budget for 2017.





Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.



**Financial Status
of the Church
2016 Year End
General Fund Financials**

**2016 General Fund Income
\$97,487.98**

(Includes \$5,000 from
Foundation Interest and
\$10,500 from Wibaux Church)

**2016 General Fund Expenses
\$100,334.52**

**Be a Foxy
Friend!**

Shop Reynolds!

Every time you shop
at Reynold's Ware-
house grocery, tell
the check-out clerk
you would like your
purchases credited
to the church's:

Account # 8000



In the past year, this
totaled around \$800!



**Thank you for the
continued support !**

New Handrail into the Sanctuary!



New Parsonage Handrail!



Our Newsletter is Online!

You may download it on our website:

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Or receive the newsletter by email:

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We save paper & postage.



January 2017

* Birthdays, # Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year! *Iris Milne	2 *Brenda Herbaugh *David Skerritt	3	4	5 <i>Joint Charge Conference at 6:30 in Fireside Rm.</i>	6 *Al Eidet	7 <i>"Open House" at Parsonage at 2-6 PM</i>
8	9 *Kayrene Vashus *Dawn Kingstad	10 # Jerry & Judy Dickhaut	11	12	13	14 *Janine Huschka
15 Human Relations Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 *Audrey Hunter Ad Board Meeting, at 7:00 PM	24 *Velma Kinsey	25	26 *Ruby Woods	27	28
29 *Melissa Skerritt	30	31 *Tristan Alderman				



February 2017

* Birthdays, # Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Basie Niehaus *John Herbaugh	2	3	4 *Dave Galusha
5 *George Skerritt	6	7 # Gerald & Janine Huschka	8	9	10	11 * Carol Tuner *Jasmine Evans *Chuck Powell *Kim Vashus
12 *Linda Galusha	13 *Ruth Powell	14	15	16 UMW Meeting at 7:00 PM	17 *Jim Bacon * Heather Haas	18 *Anne Friestone * Allen Altner
19	20 Ad Board Meeting at 7:00 PM	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



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