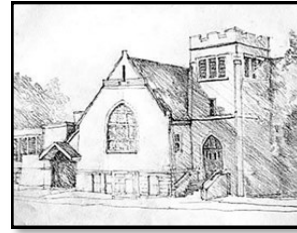


# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

June 2025



## Pastoral Letter

Tonight, I marvel at the roaring rivers, their danger and beauty. They attract life, like the foxes we saw earlier. One was happily nipping at bugs, playfully jumping back and forth. The other limped in the dark, alone and constantly looking over its shoulder. For both foxes, I wonder: how can they survive in the same environment as bears, wolves, bison, and moose? They are so tiny! Cunning or not, a wolf is a wolf, repeat with emphasis for bears and bull meese. How can they live and play, limp and hide surrounded by so much beauty and danger? God is also described as beautiful and dangerous. The OT features many direct encounters with the Divine that leave humans hurt, scarred, or dead! For the people's enemies, too, there was death, plague, ruin, and chaos. This doesn't seem to jive with Jesus, at least not at first. Jesus left people better than he found them: healed, grown, loving disciples where once there were ordinary people. There's certainly beauty; where is there danger? For us, there is danger in the change, the interruption, the metamorphosis. We won't be who we were before, and that scares us! But really, the danger isn't exuded by Jesus; he faces it. Humans prove ourselves, our institutions, our governments are the predators of God's good work and will. They "come like a thief in the night to steal, to kill, and to destroy." But Jesus faced it, sometimes joyous and sometimes limping, knowing that a beloved, loving community would be worth it all.



## Aloha



Is used in Hawaii; as a versatile greeting and goodbye, but it also signifies love, respect, and a way of life. Its appropriate use it when meeting someone; as a gesture of respect & gratitude, and when saying goodbye, especially to friends, relatives and **Pastor Logan**

Respond back **Aloha** means **"Thank you"**



## June & July Services



Starting June 1st, the Congregational Church will join our church for the five services. The time of the service will be at 11:00 a.m.

In July the United Methodist Church will join the Congregational Church for four services at 120 W. Power St. The time of the services will be at 9:45a.m.

Our fellowship together is magnificent!



## The annual Rummage Sale was a great success!



Everyone working together made this happen and we were able to give half the amount of money raised to the United Women in Faith and half to the General Fund of the church. The total amount of money raised was \$2100.00. It was through a united effort that we were able to accomplish this. People donated items, brought items to the church, categorized and priced the items, bought items, and spread the word of our sale. Many hours of hard work went into making this sale so successful and we thank everyone who contributed in any way.





United Women in Faith will meet Wed., June 18th at 10am in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome to come and enjoy a breakfast of coffee, rolls, and fruit. If



## **Cotton Candy at the Reynolds Open House Event**

UMW will be serving cotton at the event on Saturday, June 21!

Please reach out to Millie or Leslie if you are interested in volunteering to serve our community!

## **Dawson County Fair**

The Fair is July 24th-26th. The Cotton Candy Booth is pending.  
We will notify you when we know.

## **Join Us At Griefshare - An Evening Grief Support Group**

We would like to invite you and/or anyone in your congregation to our grief Support ministry, held at the Glendive Public Library, supported by New Life Glendive. This is a positive, uplifting, caring group in which participants can learn how to deal with the emotions and challenges that come when a loved one dies.

Date: Thursdays, June 5– August 28, 2025

Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Place: Glendive Public Library

200 S. Kendrick Ave. Glendive, MT.

Contact # 406-377-5161

Email: [newlifegriefshare25@gmail.com](mailto:newlifegriefshare25@gmail.com)



We appreciate our Coffee Hour Hosts. For the Month of May they were: Andrine and Verle, Joan and Jo Ann, Funeral Leftovers, Sue, Phyllis, and Betty



June 2	Jim Gentry
June 6	Jason Stanfill
June 15	Mary Brown
June 16	Leslie Hunter
June 18	Ron Haugeberg
June 28	John Wesley



**Thank You Lance!**

We all appreciate the flowers you provide and care for, in the front of our church.



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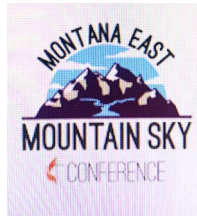


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 UMC Service Congregational join us!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 UMC Service Pentecost Sunday	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 UMC Service "Father's Day"	16	17	18 United Women in Faith 10:00am	19	20 First Day of Summer	21 Reynolds Open House 1:00-5:00 Cotton Candy
22 Past Logan's last service <u>Aloha</u> Potluck 12:00pm	23	24	25	26	27	28 John Wesley's Birthday(1703)
29 UMC Service	30					

## New Pastor

Bishop Kristin G. Stoneking intends to assign Pastor Phillip "Phil" Spicer; as pastor of our churches effective July 1, 2025.

The following pages were sent to our United Methodist Church.



May 25, 2025

Dear Friends at Glendive UMC and Wibaux UMC:

I celebrate with you that Bishop Kristin G. Stoneking intends to assign Pastor Phillip “Phil” Spicer as pastor of your churches effective July 1, 2025.

A Lay Supply Pastor, Pastor Phil comes to the Montana East District from Rye Home UMC in Rye, Colorado, where he has been an active member.

Committed to practicing the presence of God every day, Pastor Phil says:

I know the power of being forgiven and the joy of being changed. God’s grace continues to shape me, so I am becoming more present, willing, and trusting of God’s leading.

Pastor Phil completed the UMC General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Licensing School for Pastoral Ministry in October 2024. In Licensing School, he studied United Methodist tradition, spiritual formation, pastoral care, leadership and administration, Christian education, mission, evangelism, and worship – including the sacraments, funerals, weddings, and preaching.

Pastor Phil is on the way toward becoming a certified candidate for a local pastor license with the District Committee on Ministry in the Eastern/Southcentral Colorado District of the Mountain Sky Conference.

Pastor Phil’s strengths include administration, communication, and teaching. Pastoral care and hospital visitation are fulfilling for him, as he is honored to be present with people in times of life transitions. Connecting with people one-on-one is important for Pastor Phil. A “people person,” he enjoys getting to know who people are and what matters to them in their faith journey and daily life.

Pastor Phil shares about his own faith journey:

I have faced hardships and moments of uncertainty, yet I have seen how God has been working through it all. Over time, I experienced renewal and growth, realizing God had been shaping me through every trial.

Growing up on a farm, Pastor Phil knows the hard work of raising crops, cattle, goats, and chickens. Rural life is in his blood.



About God's call to pastoring, he says:

God's call for me has been more than a nudge. It has been a persistent tug.

I realize God's call does not wait until we feel ready for the next step.

It comes in the middle of life.

Pastor Phil is certified with the Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA), currently working as one of the assistant golf pros and as a cook in the restaurant at Walking Stick Golf Course in Pueblo, Colorado. Before that, he worked as an assistant golf pro and as the head pro at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City, Colorado.

In this capacity, Pastor Phil has had experience with marketing and budgeting, business skills that are also important in the local church. Besides teaching golf to people of all ages, Pastor Phil has coached girls and boys high school golf, and he has organized golf tournaments and community fundraisers.

I give thanks for the spiritual gifts and life experience you will share with each other, as you continue making a positive difference in your communities. May the Holy Spirit open new ways for you to make disciples of Jesus Christ as you partner in transforming the world.

I hold you all in prayer, along with Pastor Phil and Pastor Logan, in this transition.

With Christ's peace,

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