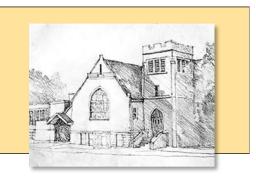


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter





An Open Letter To The People of the Mountain Sky Conference

Mountain Sky Cabinet and General Conference delegates endorse One Church Plan

#### October 24, 2018

#### From the Cabinet and the delegates to General Conference 2019

We write in a time when our denomination and nation feel helplessly divided. In political, social, and religious arenas we've seen mounting problems, and when we've sought leadership we've only found division. In times such as these we need leaders to come together, engage in authentic, grace-filled, challenging dialogue and present a path forward.

It is against this backdrop that we, the Mountain Sky Cabinet and General Conference Delegation, write to express our support for the One Church Model, as presented by the Commission on a Way Forward. We believe that the One Church Model is a reasonable compromise that aligns with our Wesleyan heritage, allowing us to live in unity without requiring uniformity, and allows for the least disruptions of vital ministries throughout the Mountain Sky Conference.

We, the people of the Mountain Sky Conference, know the value of unity even in the midst of disagreement; we've lived into this model for many years. Go to any UMC from Trinidad, CO to Columbia Falls, MT, from Wheatland, WY, to St. George, UT and you're likely to find people living in community despite disagreement about any number of divisive issues. Despite these disagreements, United Methodists have welcomed, supported, and loved each other as they have lived out a shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our theological diversity has created increased empathy, conversation, and growth. It has helped us to live in community with each other thus making us better prepared to live in harmony with all of creation.

To be clear, the One Church Model is not perfect. The One Church Model does not completely live into the values of full inclusion for our LGBTQ sisters and brothers; instead, discrimina-



tory practices are allowed to persist within the United Methodist Church. Although we support the One Church Model, we also reaffirm our continued commitment to further the cause of equity and justice for all of those who have been disenfranchised in our Church.

While we acknowledge these imperfections in the plan, we also recognize that the One Church Model provides a significant gift to our conference and the entire denomination: the ability to live in unity without requiring uniformity. The One Church Model invites us to be united across our difference – a difference found in almost every congregation. Unity is difficult but unity teaches us empathy; it challenges us to reconsider the preconceived notions we have about others and ourselves, to grow a deeper understanding of ourselves and others, and to practice loving our neighbor always.

In the interest of unity, we, the Mountain Sky Conference Cabinet and Delegation, offer our prayerful support for the One Church Model as it has been presented by the Commission on the Way Forward. Recognizing its significant challenges, we accept the invitation to live into better community and to increase our love and empathy for each other, and to grow together in the likeness of Christ. Further, as leaders of this conference, we commit ourselves to working diligently to support and serve the conference as it continues to strive to live into God's vision of Beloved Community.

Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ,

Doug Palmer, Don McCammon, Kunle Taiwo, Harvey Tukutau, Peg Plimpton, Margaret Hotze, *lay delegates and first alternates;* 

Tyler Amundson, Kent Ingram, Jeremy Scott, Brad Laurvick, Megan Armstrong, Cathie Kelsey, *clergy delegates and first alternates;* 

Bishop Karen Oliveto, Jeff Rainwater, Youngsook Kang, Margaret Gillikin, Paul Kottke, Marv Vose, Jan Witman, Tezenlo Thong, Deborah Christine, Amy Gearhart, *MSC Cabinet* 

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## November Church Events

Charge Conference meeting Nov 3 - Potluck at 12 and meeting at 1 PM.

Food Bank Sunday, November 4.

Roast Beef Dinner, November 7 5:00-7:00 PM.

Chrismon workshop & potluck Thur. Nov 15 5:30-8:00 PM.

"With These Hands" Wed. Nov 14 & 28 at 1:30 PM.

Faith Fellowship 3rd Sunday, November 18 in Wibaux.

Ad Board Meeting, Monday, Nov. 26 at 7:00 PM.

Adent Study "Redemption at Scrooge" Nov. 28 6:05 –6:55 PM.

UMW meeting Thursday Nov. 29, at 7:00 PM.

## Upcoming in December

Annual UMW Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon Friday Dec 7

# November Coffee Hour Sign up

Nov. 18 open

Nov. 25 open

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

Thank You

to everyone who brought the October treats! Andrine, Angie, Leslie, Betty C. & JoAnn, and Tsai Yy



#### On Coving Memory

## Memorials

Memorials are a way to celebrate a significant occasion, remember a loved one, or honor someone special with gift in their name. The Church uses memorial gifts for special items or projects that outside our annual budget.

#### Memorial gifts received:

For:	From:
Clarence Esser	Dick & Doris Kruger
Steve Mittlestadt	James & Carol Swanson
Jeff Dykeman	Betty Shearer
Gordon Turner	Bill & Glenda LaBree
	Dick & Doris Kruger
	Verle & Pat Jones
	Anne Freistone
	Betty Shearer
Dorothy Graves	Mike & Bonnie Rieger
	Joyce B. Devoy



## Ways to receive the Newsletter:

Picked up during Sunday Worship. By e-mail & get it first! Sent to you by mail. View & download it on our Website: glendiveunitedmethodistchurch.com Thank you!



#### Financial Status of the Church

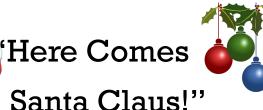
General Fund Financials for September:

Income:	\$10,651.45
Expenses:	\$9,028.62









## Annual UMW Christmas Bazaar

to be held Friday, Dec. 1st.

From 10:00am - 2:00pm There will be homemade goodies, handmade & Christmas Items for sale. Lunch is served from 11:00-1:00.

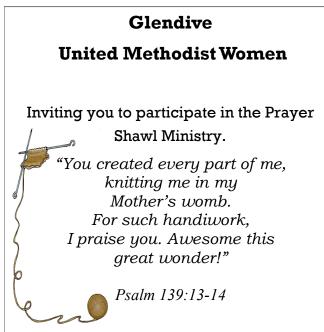


- Creamed Chicken 'n Biscuit or Beef Sandwich with Salad and Pie

-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.





Ways to participate:

**Make a shawl**—knit, crochet, sew, create with fleece. There is no set pattern. Many patterns are available on the Internet, or you may use any that you have.

#### Donate yarn, knitting needles.

We will keep a supply of donated yarn, needles, and patterns at the church as they become available for any who need supplies.

Shawls may be kept at the church until given to a recipient.

You do not have to be a UMW member to participate. Anyone who is interested in this ministry of comfort and love is welcome to help.



#### **2018 Harvest Festival Auction**



The September 30 Harvest Festival Auction and Pie Sale was successful and fun again this year. Many thanks to those who brought auction items and pies and to those who bought (and ate) pie and purchased auction items. Ron Granmoe sure knows how to get bids for auction items! The sale brought in \$2,135 - \$1,966 for auction items and \$169 in pie sales.





## **United Methodist Women**

Thursday, Nov 29 7 pm UMW will meet. We will celebrate World Thank Offering and Pastor Carol will join us with a program.

Friday Dec 7 Annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon We will be looking for workers and things to sell! Sign-up lists will be posted after the All-Church Dinner.

Thurs. Dec 13 UMW Tentative—watch for further information! Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing---all women are invited!

## **World Thank Offering**

The World Thank Offering is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of undesignated Mission Giving. Traditionally this offering is collected during a special service or program during the fall season.

This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world.

The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for almost 150 years.



Many UMW members remember World Thank Offering Banks from years past. We used to collect all year with these, and many units still do. While our unit has not done the banks for some time, we DO collect a World Thank Offering in November which goes to UMW missions for women and children. If you would like to contribute, but cannot attend our November meeting, please leave your gift with Millie Robinson or the Church Office.

#### "I love putting coins in my World Thank Bank!

It's a jar I covered with pictures from response magazine of women, children, and youth. It's part of my spiritual discipline that helps me express my gratitude to God.

"When I'm thankful for something I search my purse for a coin to drop in as I offer a prayer of thanksgiving. But just as important to me is the time I find a coin in the washer or on the floor. Seeing those coins reminds me to be grateful. I think about my life in that moment and thank God for one of my many blessings.

"Like I said, I love my World Thank Bank. It helps me remember all those we are in mission with represented in the photos on my jar; and it helps me both celebrate the blessings of my life in Christ and remember to always be grateful."



#### **Children's Corner**

## Duncan Kingstad Received His Bible!





This picture was recently found. Can anyone identify the time, place or kids ? Call our office 377-5678 Email umcglen@midrivers.com



## Our Church

Invites you to an evening of Chrismons and Potluck!



Crismons, or Christian Monograms, are handmade, white and gold, ornamental symbols of Christ to adorn your Advent decorations and Christmas Tree.

They remind us that Christ is central to our Christmas celebrations.

When: Thursday, November 15, 2018

Time: Potluck: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Chrismons: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: Glendive United Methodist Church, at Towne and Kendrick

What: Everyone will be able to make at least three Chrismons: one to take home, one to share and one to leave.

Cost: Absolutely FREE. Just bring your joy and Crafty hands.

Contact 377-5678 or 540 692-5117, Glendive United Methodist Church Montana, <u>umcglen@midrivers.com</u> or <u>pastorCarol@midrivers.com</u>.

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\* Birthdays, # Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Charge Conf. Meeting at 12:00 PM Potluck 1:00 PM *Betty Shearer *Betty Carpenter
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Food Bank Sunday Worship Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM	5	6	7 Roast Beef Dinner 5:00 PM -7:00 PM	8	9	10
<b>11</b> <b>Worship</b> Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM	12	13	<b>14</b> "With These Hands" at 1:30 PM	15 Chrismon potluck 5:30-6:30 workshop 6:30- 8:00 PM # Dick & Doris Kruger	16	17
18 Worship Faith Fellowship in Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM	<b>19</b> *Kaitlan Neard	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24
25 Worship Wibaux 9:00 AM Glendive 11:00 AM	26 Ad Board Meeting at 7;00 PM * Pat Jones	27	28 "With These Hands" at 1:30 PM Advent Study Be- gins 6:05 - 6:55 PM	<b>29</b> UMW Meeting at 7:00 PM	30	

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