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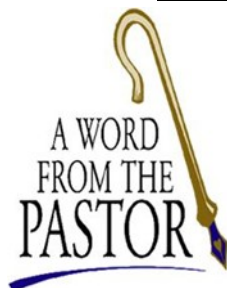
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As I began thinking about the Advent Season and the preparation and waiting that we do in our homes and our churches for Christmas I became a little sad. We get excited to decorate and plan for Christmas Day, but as we wait the arrival of Christmas and the babe in the manger we tend to forget that Jesus is always there for us. No matter how many times we are told that Jesus is always there for us somehow during Advent we tend to forget. We get so caught up in what is to come that we neglect the real reason for Advent. It is not just the season prior to Christmas, it is the season when we are to reflect and prepare our minds and hearts for Jesus' Second Coming.

John the Baptist told us to prepare the way of the Lord. He was not talking about the baby in the manger for Jesus had already been born.

Friends, Jesus told us that he would be back and we are still waiting. We do not know when that time will be, however Advent gives us a chance to

reflect and prepare for that event. Even in our preparation to celebrate the birthday of the King we should rejoice for He is always near.

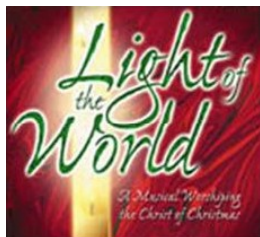
Praise Be To God!
Merry Christmas,
Pastor Ruth



**Choir Cantata and Children's Christmas Program
on December 14**

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Our church choir will perform the cantata, *Light of the World: A Musical Worshiping the Christ of Christmas* on Sunday, December 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The cantata, arranged by Gospel Music Hall of Fame songwriter Mosie Lister, includes original songs plus traditional favorites.

Our Church School children will present a program during a break in the cantata.

So...mark your calendar for December 14 as a time to celebrate the Christmas season with song and children!

CHILDREN'S CORNER FOR THANKSGIVING

Marlene Lindquist & the Sunday School girls had the folks at Coffee Hour write on leaves their personal —

Thank - you for:

The elevator, children in our church, beautiful windows, Pastor Ruth, choir, Carol our organist, All the help for the All Church Dinner, Sermons, music,

fellowship, youth group and promoter, good medical care for Mike Hunter & decorated cookies



Thank You Tree!

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!



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.

December starts on the same day of the week as September every year and ends on the same day of the week as April every year.





**Thank you !
November Coffee
Hosts:**

Glenda LaBree
Doris Kruger
Marlene Lindquist &
Sunday School Girls!
Millie Robinson



Coffee Hour Hosts



Sign up for December

Dec. 7 Lance and Patty
Dec. 14
Dec. 21
Dec. 28



Our Christmas Cactus !

**United Methodist
Women News**

United Methodist Women will host a **Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing for all women** of the church on **Thursday Dec 18 at 6:00 PM.**

Join us for a fun, festive celebration!

Please sign up in the Fireside Room or call the Church Office before Dec 15 if you plan to attend.

United Methodist Women will *not* meet in January.



Calling All Kids

Sunday School will meet at a new time this year and is open for ages 4-10.

Our new time will be during the regular 11:00 AM church service immediately following the children's service.

We will meet downstairs in the Sunday School room. The session will conclude at 12:00, so the children can meet their parents after church.

The teachers are excited about this new schedule and are looking forward to seeing all the kids.

Submitted by Marlene Lindquist



Thank You !

Betty Shearer

The Administrative Council and members of the Church would like to thank Betty Shearer for her Service and Dedication to the Memorial Committee.

Betty has served on the Memorial Committee since 1995 when she took over the responsibility of sending out the Memorial Cards. Betty has decided that it is time to turn the reigns over to someone new.

Betty's heartfelt messages of thanks and appreciation have been warmly received by many.

Please take a moment to thank Betty when you see her.

Church Events

Choir Practice -Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

"With These Hands" 1:30 PM Dec. 3rd & 17th

**Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon Dec. 5th
at 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Food Bank on Dec. 7th

**Christmas Cantata and Children's
Program during worship on Dec. 14th**

Ad. Board Meeting - Dec. 16th 7:00 PM

**Youth Group - Christmas Caroling
Dec. 17th at 6:00 PM (Chili to follow)**

Women's Christmas dinner – Dec. 18th,
at 6:00 PM

**Christmas Eve Worship – Dec. 24
Wibaux at 5 PM - Glendive at 7 PM**



Glendive United Methodist Church

Trustee's Report for 2014.

Parsonage Roof Replacement

The parsonage roof was damaged by hail in July of 2013. We also had other small wind and hail damages. A claim was made to our insurance company, Church Mutual, and approved. Numerous contractors were asked and none responded. In November a contractor agreed to do it in the spring of 2015.

An extension by the insurance company has been granted. The insurance payment so far has been \$9,140.

Parsonage Garage Door

The garage door on the parsonage garage is badly in need of replacement as it is worn out, loses heat as it is not insulated, is on the north side and has to be opened manually. Big Sky gutters and doors have been hired to replace this door in November at a cost of \$1,535. Installed will be a brown insulated door, opener and 2 remotes.

Bell Tower Roof

The roof above the bell at the top of the tower needs to be completely replaced.

The wooden joists also need to be replaced. Two contractors were contacted for bids and these came in very high. All replacement material will have to be lifted up there by crane due to the height. The top roof is only 11 foot square. However there is also a second roof below the top roof by the bell that needs to be replaced also. These are the original roofs from over 100 years ago. This summer Thiel Brothers Roofing of Sidney agreed to repair this roof. Cost is estimated at \$187,000

New Lights in Fireside Room and Pastor's Office

Thanks to Robin Thompson Electric for installation of the new lights in the fireside room and the pastors office. They were sorely needed, easier to maintain and a nice improvement.

Thanks to Volunteers!

Thanks to the Hunts and many others for their work to help maintain the church. Thanks to Greg for painting the sanctuary door and trim.



The Reason for the Season

"The Reason for the Season"

is the theme for the

**Annual UMW Christmas Bazaar
and Luncheon**

to be held **Friday, Dec .5th.**

From 10:00-3:00

there will be homemade goodies,
handmade and Christmas Items for
sale.

Lunch is served from 11:00-1:00

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

Donations of baked goods, treats,
handmade and 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.



December 2014



* Birthdays, # Anniversaries

Sun

Mon

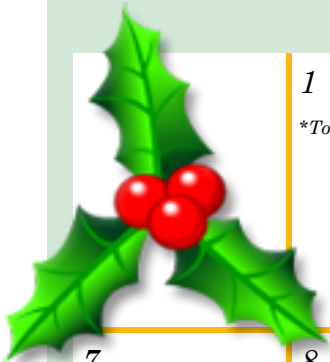
Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1

*Todd Thompson

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*Scott
Christianson and
Alley Skerritt

With These Hands,
1:30 PM

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Christmas
Bazaar
Luncheon at
10:00-3:00 PM

6

*Garth
Clingingsmith

7

Sunday Worship
2nd Advent

Food Bank

8

*Holly Skerritt
*Josie Wetz

9

10

11

*Erllys Neard

12

*Robin Thompson

13

*Greg Hunt

14

Sunday Worship
"Choir Cantata" and
"Children's Christmas
Program"
3rd Advent

15

16

*Michael Kelly

Ad Board Meet-
ing at
7:00 PM

17

With These Hands,
1:30 PM

Youth Group-
Christmas
Caroling, 6:00 PM

18

*John Haas

Women's Christ-
mas Dinner
6:00 PM

19

*Baylee Huschka

20

#Greg & Jo Ann Hunt

21

Sunday Worship
*Earlene Miller

4th Advent
Winter Begins

22

23

*Deb Breanner

24

Christmas Eve
Worship
Wibaux-5:00PM
Glendive-7:00PM

25

Merry
Christmas

26

27

*Billie Haag

28

Sunday Worship
No Sunday School

29

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New Year's Eve !

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

