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# Glendive UMC Newsletter

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## Lent: A Time to Fast and Pray

Article From: (UMC.org) The People of the United Methodist Church

Lent is the time of year when many Christians seek the truth behind the paradox of subtraction equals addition.

Fasting, practiced faithfully by biblical figures, is coming back into vogue. More and more Christians find the spiritual discipline brings enlightenment and enrichment to their lives.

"I'm not skipping a meal because in place of that meal I'm actually dining with God," says the Rev. Jacqui King, pastor of Nu Faith Community United Methodist Church in Houston.

Fasting has long roots in many Christian traditions, including Methodism. John Wesley fasted twice a week when he was young and called fasting one of the "acts of piety," along with praying and studying the Bible.

Wesley's example inspired the Rev. Holly Boardman, a retired United Methodist minister now living in Or-

lando, Fla. In the traditional vows taken at her ordination, she promised to practice fasting and to recommend it to others.

"There have been times I'd be wrestling with some issue in a church," Boardman said, "and when I fasted and prayed about it, I felt like I heard an answer from God," Boardman said. "God speaks sometimes when you're open, when you're listening. Fasting sets the stage for hearing God."

King says preparation is all-important to conducting a fast. She prepares her house "by removing those things from which I'm fasting" She also prepares her family. Her children are grown now, but when they were young the Kings had a family meeting to talk about what each would give up for a fast. The children were athletes and could not eliminate meals, but they had other options, she said, such as removing certain foods from their diet.

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## Wednesday Lenten Services and Soup & Bread Suppers

Our United Methodist Church is hosting the Wednesday Lenten Services and Suppers this year. The Suppers will be at 6:00 PM and Worship will follow at 6:45 PM. The Zion Lutheran Church and the UCC will be joining us. We will be taking turns on meal preparation. Here is this years schedule.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Meal prepared by:</u>
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	UMC
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Zion
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Zion
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	UCC
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	UCC
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	UMC





## Did you know?

The 114th Congress has  
43 United Methodists

(Summarized from the online article by Albert J. Menendez at this website: <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/114th-congress-has-43-united-methodists>)

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There are 43 United Methodists serving in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. In the Senate, United Methodists increased from nine to 10, while the denomination's presence in the House decreased from 36 to 33.

Texas has the largest number of United Methodists with eight, followed by five from Georgia, four from Kansas and three from Florida and Ohio. Kansas has the highest Methodist percentage in its delegation (four out of six). Both U.S. Senators from Georgia and Kansas are United Methodists.

The South and its border states are home to 27 Methodists, while 10 represent states of the Midwest and five in the West. There is one United Methodist member in New England. There is at least one United Methodist member in 21 states, while 29 states have none.

United Methodists remain in third place in congressional religious affiliations, behind first place Roman Catholics and second place Baptists, which has been the pattern since 1994.



## Children's Corner

**The Sunday School  
kids were asked:**

"What does fishing  
for people mean to  
them?"

**They paused... looked  
at each other , and  
with Pastor talking  
about it as the Love of  
Jesus and telling oth-  
ers of their love to oth-  
ers around them...**

**They said,  
"Ya!"**




**Thank you !  
January Coffee  
Hosts:**

Doris Kruger, Glenda LaBree,  
Andrine Haas, Patty Thompson  
and Potluck hosts

**For Wonderful Treats!**



**Coffee Hour Hosts**




**Sign up for February**

**Feb. 1 Betty Carpenter  
& Norma Jean Peterson**

**Feb. 8**

**Feb. 15 Lance Phinney**

**Feb. 22**





**February**

The Roman month *Februarius* was named after the Latin term *februum*, which means *purification*, via the purification ritual *Februa* held on February 15 (full moon) in the old lunar *Roman calendar*.



**Join the Church's Prayer Chain**

The Glendive United Methodist Church believes in the power of prayer! We maintain two methods for distributing prayer chain requests: by telephone or by e-mail. The phone list works as an old-fashioned telephone tree. The first person on the list calls the next person, who calls the next, etc. So...if you are on the phone prayer chair, you will be responsible for calling the next person on the list. If you are out of town (or can't be reached), the person who is to call you will go on to the next person on the list. Those on the e-mail prayer chain list are notified of a prayer request by email.

If you would like to help others through prayer by being on either the phone or email Prayer Chain, contact the church office. Tell them your preferred phone number or email to use for contacts.

Prayer requests can be concerns or needs of our members, friends, family, and community. Remember, if you are asking for prayers for someone, you should be sure it is all right with the person/family to share that information. You do not need to include details.

To have a prayer request posted to the Prayer Chain, contact Pastor Ruth or the church office.



## Calling All Kids

Sunday School meets at a new time this year and is open to children ages 4-10.

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

We 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 look forward to seeing all the kids.

Submitted by Marlene Lindquist

## Church Events

**Food Bank** First Sunday of every month

**UMW Meeting** Feb. 12th at 7:30 pm.

**Ad Board Meetings** will be on the 3rd Monday of each month during 2015. The next meeting is Feb. 16th at 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday Lent Services** at GUMC

Feb. 18th – March 25th

Soup at 6:00 pm & Service at 6:45 pm

# Thanks to All

From Marlene Lindquist

I would like to thank the choir for their cooperation in combining the Sunday School program with the cantata. The wonderful music, the nativity portrayed so beautifully, by our three Sunday School girls (Tianna Engle, Tori Engle and Scottilee Mills) and Leslie Hunter's lovely coffee hour treats all went together. This made the whole morning a truly inspirational time.

I will be gone for a couple months, but I am leaving the Sunday






School in the very capable hands of Andrine Haas, Millie Robinson, and Dawn Engle. I thank them for their willingness to fill in for me.

Other good news to report is that Leslie Hunter has agreed to act as choir organizer while Andrine is away in February.

I am sure I speak for the entire congregation when I say thank-you to everyone who works to make each program of our church the success that it is.

# February 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Bank Sunday  *Nolene Niehaus	2 Ground Hog Day  	3	4  *Dave Galusha	5  *George Skerritt	6	7  # Gerald & Janine Huschka
8	9	10	11  * Carol Tuner *Jasmine Evans *Chuck Powell *Kin Vashus	12 UMW Meeting @ 7:30 PM  *Linda Galusha	13  *Ruth Powell	14 Valentine's Day!  
15	16 Presidents' Day   Ad. Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM	17  *Anne Friestone * Allen Altner * Heather Haas	18 Ash Wednesday  Lent Service @ our UMC We prepare  *Anne Friestone * Allen Altner	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Lent Service @ our UMC Zion Prepare  * Ty Milne	26	27	28

## 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!

