## Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church December 2023







Thanksgiving is almost here! I know I'm looking forward to good food, good music, and good times with my family (and they're looking forward to having me back with them for a week)! In the spirit of being thankful and expressing gratitude, I wanted to offer this space as a thank you to someone who has worked exceptionally hard for our church.

Brenda began working here about two years ago, as COVID continued keeping us under lock and key. During that time, she organized our sheet music, organized several sections of our secretarial office, created an updated church directory, dealt with conferences and two-three pastors, created and printed our bulletins, and donated her time and resources to helping our church do ministry more effectively. I am incredibly sorry to see her go because of the days of laughter she and I shared and her incredible work at helping me get oriented when I started here. She has helped Glendive UMC in some ways that many of you will never see, so I wanted to make sure that we thank her for what she has done and how much she's helped out here. Our new secretary Nikki and I have both been absolutely amazed at how much Brenda handled administratively and both of us are finding out firsthand how good she was at her job. Please make sure you express thanks to her, because it is very likely that without her, our church would be in a much worse place administratively, financially, and even spiritually (after all, she made some of those bulletins entirely by herself!). Very few folks would consider so crucially helping a church that is not their home church, so her generosity and kindness should not go unnoticed. We're going to miss her and I hope she has plenty of time and rest now that she's away from us crazies.

Of course, with Brenda moving out of the position, we have Nikki Claussen moving in! Brenda and I both have said to one another on multiple occasions that we love Nikki already and are beyond excited that she's here because we are both confident she will do great here. Here's Nikki to introduce herself to you all!

Stop by and say hello when you have time!

#### **Glendive & Wibaux UMC Newsletter**





Hello Everyone!! My Name is Nicole Claussen I also go by Nikki. I am so excited to be a part of your team and thankful for the opportunity. Just to give a tad bit about myself I am from the western side of the state born in Missoula grew up in Whitefish. I moved to Glendive to be closer to family in

2009 in that time I worked at Mental Health and became a Foster Parent. I was blessed to receive five amazing boys. I am also a mom of 2 special needs kiddos I have adopted all of them and we were able to become a family. I look forward to meeting all of you!!

That's all from us! Make sure to stop by and thank Nikki when you get the chance! She's doing awesome work!

I'll leave you all with this joke Andrine brought by the office. A masterclass in visual humor featuring some of our tallest folks! I'll talk to you all soon!

How many Methodists does it take to put a new battery in the smoke detector?



#### Children's Christmas Program 2023



#### What is Christmas?

That is the question the children will be helping us answer when they present their Christmas program on December 17th during the regular 11:00 worship Service. Highlighting the children and telling the Christmas story is always a special part of our Advent season, and we are hoping you can join us that morning. There is even a place for some audience participation!. Following the program please join us for cookies and cocoa( and of course, coffee) in the fireside room. Bring a plate goodies to add to our table. You may fill your plate with an assortment of leftover cookies at the end of coffee hour. A built cookie exchange!!



#### Glendive United Women in Faith Meeting

The Women's Annual Christmas Dinner will held Thursday, Dec 14 at 6:00 pm.

Our annual Christmas Dinner is always a fun time of fellowship, food, and worship!

All women in the church are invited, but we ask that you please sign up in the Fireside Room by Dec 10 if you plan to attend. The dinner will be catered by Grant Aldinger. There is no charge a freewill offering will be accepted. Come join us for a delicious meal and a joyful break from your holiday preparations!

gn up on the Fireside Room bulletin board or call the church office to ask to be added to the list. We do need a number of attendees so we know how many dinners to order from the caterer. Please sign up by December 11.

Hope to see you there



# Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Annual Christmas Bazaar by the United Women in Faith will be
Friday, Dec 1 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will have MANY
Christmas items for sale as well as handcrafted items and our everpopular holiday goodies. We can always use lots of wonderful
homemade treats to sell. If you are bringing items to sell please
try to bring by Thursday afternoon if possible. Remember the
money from this event goes to help us meet our yearly Pledge to
Missions that supports programs and facilities for women, children,
and youth around the world! There will be a sign-up sheet in the
Fireside Room for those who can help finish set-up on Thurs Nov 30
or work on Fri Dec. Mark your calendar now to come check it out!
We will, of course, be looking for lots of homemade goodies, crafts,
and Christmas items to sell! So, if you can help fill up the tables by
donating any of the above we would appreciate it very much.









#### December

Dec. 27th Billie Haaq

Dec. 1st Todd Thompson

Dec. 2 Parker Winchell

Dec. 3rd Alley Skerritt

Dec.8th Holly Skerritt

Josie Wetz

Dec. 12th Robin Thompson

Dec. 13th Greg Hunt

Dec. 18th John Haas

Dec. 19th Baylee Huschka

Dec. 23rd Deb Brenner

Dec. 26th Allison Skerritt





We appreciate our Coffee Hour Hosts. For the Month of November they were: Millie Robinson, Phyllis, Cayson & Ryker and Andrine Haas.

A special thank you to Glenda LaBree for keeping the Fireside Room stocked with coffee supplies.



A special thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Thanksgiving and who are busy decorating it for Christmas. We are so appreciative of your efforts and hard work.



#### Thank you

#### To These Roof Fund Donors!!

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Tammy Milne

Terrance and Jean Mitchell

& sons

Cindy Mullet

Nash family - Amy (Haas) & Rob

Daryl & Paulette Northup

Diana (Schuett) Notis

Sally (Schuett) Paulos

Bruce & Sue Peterson

Danny Peterson

Terry & Nancy Peterson

Lance Phinney

Steve Rice

Ilene Robins

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Esther Shearer

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Tom & Dawn Skerritt

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**Patty Steer** 

Nikki (Lindquist) Stephens

Stockman Bank

Gayle Stroud

Jim & Carol Swanson

Amy Temple

Robert & Carol Turner

Connie Undem

Bill Waite

White Chapel Mennonite Church

Mary (Nellans) Whysong

Reuben & Shirley Wilbur

Jasmin (Gentry) Winchell

Donette Zuroff



#### **Recent Memorial Gifts:**

In Honor of George & Terry Skerritt: Tom & Dawn Skerritt (Roof Fund)

In memory of Ardelle Smith: Betty Carpenter, John & Andrine Haas, Greg & Jo-Ann Hunt, Lance Phinney, George & Terry Skerritt, Ron & Joan Haugeberg, Verle Jones, Betty Shearer, Don & Val Franz (Some designated as Roof Fund)

In memory of Charles "Danny" Peterson: Betty Carpenter, John & Andrine Haas, Greg & JoAnn Hunt, Verle Jones, Patty Steer, Betty Shearer, George & Terry Skerritt, Ron & Joan Haugeberg, Lance Phinney, Terry & Nancy Pederson, Judy Rowse, Gert Kolberg (All designated for Roof Fund)

In Memory of Chuck Powell: Twyla McPherson, Patty Steer, Greg & JoAnn Hunt, Andrine & John Haas (Roof Fund)

In Memory of Gladys Sather: Patty Steer (Roof Fund)

In Memory of Judy Rice: Patty Steer

In Memory Harvey Cline: Patty Steer

In Memory of Jack & in honor of Jack & Betty's Family: Betty Shearer (Roof Fund)

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					1 Christmas Bazaar 10am-1pm	2
3 Communion Noisy Buckets	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 U.W in Faith Christmas Dinner 6:00pm	15	16
17 Children's Program	18 Admin Board Meeting 7:00pm	19	20	21	22	23
24 Evening Service 7pm  31	25 Pastor Gone 25-31	26	27	28	29	30





#### Newsletter

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