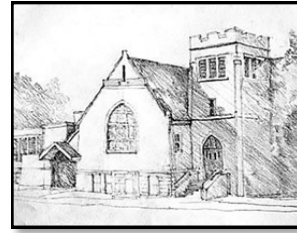


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

May-June 2021



Pastoral Letter

Greetings,

May the peace of Christ be with you! I cannot believe it is already May and we are writing another newsletter. Brother Guy and I spoke this past Sunday about our June/July gatherings between the two churches, and the Administrative Board and I spoke about our gatherings at our last meeting as well. Brother Guy, myself, and the Ad Board all agree it would be great to continue the tradition as long as each church follows the regulations each congregation has put in place to stay safe. I know there have been some time changes in services in the past, but at the current moment, we will continue meeting at our regular time at 11:00 a.m. until I let you know otherwise. Although I will not have my regular Sunday duties at Glendive in the month of July, I am planning to continue services at Wibaux and my office hours, albeit they will most likely be abbreviated office hours. This does not mean our church is closed! Although our calendar year is coming to a close in regards to our most significant church holidays, it does not mean we are stopping church for the summer.

Do not forget we will have our Rummage Sale coming up as a way to finish our calendar off strong and propel us into our summer schedule. Summer, regardless of your profession or time in life, is the season of relaxing and regrouping for the upcoming year as well as a time many families and individuals take time off for vacations or family trips. Although this doesn't mean we halt participating in our normal routines, it does mean we tend to focus on ourselves and our families during the summer months. This summer will still be filled with plenty of community events we can all be involved with, but I encourage each of you to take some time for yourselves this summer too!

Covid-19 has been emotionally debilitating, forcing us to become physically homebound, spiritually transformative, and mentally draining with information and changes to our lives, so I encourage us to be intentional about our self-care this summer. Please do not feel guilty or shameful for taking time for yourself to enjoy hobbies, be in company with family and friends, taking time to relax, and rejuvenating yourselves for the remaining year. Covid has taken a toll on everyone, but we have all become more thankful, observant, and resilient because of it.

May is also the month for graduations, so congratulations to all those graduating this May! May we each find ways to be thankful and find ways to recuperate this summer! Blessings to each of you and blessings until we meet again.



Mother's and Father's Day

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Thank you to all the Mothers and Fathers out there who love, support, nurture, and guide their children. Mothers and Fathers put so much work into parenting and ensuring the best for their children as they grow. Y'all know I love blessings and the practice of blessing each other! In my book of blessings from John O' Donohue, he has two blessings, a blessing for a mother and a blessing for a father. May all the Mothers and Fathers of our congregations, friends, families, and communities be blessed!

For the Mother

"Mother, your voice learning to soothe your new child was the home-sound we heard before we could see. Your young eyes gazing on us was the first mirror where we glimpsed what to be seen could mean. Mother, your nearness tilled the air, an umbilical garden for all the seeds of thought that stirred in our infant hearts. You nurtured and fostered this space to root all our quietly gathering intensity that could grow nowhere else. Mother, formed from the depths beneath your heart, you know us from the inside out. No deeds or seas or others could ever erase that." -By John O' Donohue

For the Father

"The longer we live the more of your presence we find, laid down, weave upon weave within our lives. The quiet constancy of your gentleness drew no attention to itself, yet filled our home with a climate of kindness where each mind felt free to seek its own direction. As the fields of distance opened inside childhood, your presence was a sheltering tree where our fledging hearts could rest. The earth seemed to trust your hands as they tilled the soil, put in the seed, gathered together the lonely stones. Something in you loved to (continued on next page)



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inquire in the neighborhood of air, searching its transparent rooms for the fallen glances of God. The warmth and wonder of your prayer opened our eyes to glimpse the subtle ones who are eternally there. Whenever, silently, in off moments, the beauty of the whole thing overcame you, you would gaze quietly out upon us, the look from your eyes like a kiss alighting on skin. There are many things we could have said, but words never wanted to name them; and perhaps a world that is quietly sensed across the air in another's heart becomes the inner companion to one's own unknown."

-By John O' Donohue

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone involved with the planning, organizing, volunteering, baking, coffee-making, and much, much more for putting together our fellowship time so wonderfully these past few Sundays! It has been delightful being able to spend more time with folks following the service for a little coffee and appetizers. At least for me, it has given me a refreshed perspective of what this community looks like and how you each take care of one another. Continue your radical hospitality as we practice our discipleship!

Care for Creation

Makoshika State park is such a gem of this community! It was marvelous to volunteer in remembrance of Earth Day on April 24th as we cleaned up the disc golf course and the main roadway. As a couple of us said at the cleanup, people love and respect Makoshika so much in this community, we have hardly seen any trash lying about on our hikes! The trash we were able to pickup certainly helped keep the land looking beautiful and pristine as we tended to our wonderful corner on the world by practicing our Care for Creation!

The next volunteer day is National Trails Day on Saturday June 5th with the time to be determined. This might be a little more rigorous work as it sounds like we will be doing maintenance work on the trails, but if you would like to volunteer, then I will be there like last time! Hope to see you there!



Coming soon! -- Our Church Rummage Sale

The rummage sale will take place soon, so it's time to clean out your closets (and basements and garages and ...)! We're tentatively planning to hold the sale on May 14-15 - Friday early evening and Saturday morning. So – when the cleaning bug bites you, box up those used treasures and bring them for the church's sale. Rummage sale items can be placed in the room in the southeast corner of the basement (the room used for dishwashing during the church dinner). We have already started marking, so bring things as soon as you can. We will be having a bake sale along with the rummage sale.

We will need people before, during, and after the sale to help with advertising, set-up and marking, working on sale days, and clean-up after the sale. If you can help with this project or if you have questions, please contact Andrine Haas or Vernone Spencer.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- PLEASE – NO CLOTHING/SHOES. Accessories like jewelry, purses, and scarves are accepted.
- Only items in good, clean, usable condition.
- After the sale, unsold items will be donated to the Attic or the Zion furniture room OR thrown away.
- If you have large items (like furniture), please wait until just a few days before the sale to bring them to the church. It would be helpful if you would let Andrine or Vernone know that such items will be coming.
- Bake sale items should be delivered to the church on the days of the sale. Please have items wrapped/packaged for sale.

We are making plans to do the sale with safety precautions – wearing masks; limiting overcrowding by directing traffic, limiting the number of shoppers and having extra cashier stations.

So let's make a little extra money for the church while we clean out our closets!



May- June Happy Birthday's

May 2nd- Doris Kruger

May 3rd –Lance Phinney

Mar 5th– Ashton Numberg
- Twylla McPherson

May10th– Kyle Milne

May 19th– Dan Engle
- Austin Numberg

May 21st– Skylar Huschka

May 25th- Colleen Pedersen

May 26th– Hallee Gentry

May 27th– Marlene Lindquist

May 29th– Millie Robinson
- Jo Ann Hunt

June 2nd - Jim Gentry

June 3rd - Ardell Smith

June 6th - Jason Stanfill

June 15th - Mary Brown

June 16th - Leslie Hunter

June 18th - Ron Haugeberg

June 23rd - Ezra Herbaugh



Happy Anniversary's

June 4th– Dan & Dawn Engle

June 11th– George & Terry Skerritt

June 14th– Judy & Steve Rice

June 27th– Marlene & Vern Lindquist

June 29th– Curt & Iris Milne

Children's Corner

Our Last Sunday
School Class will be on
May 16th.



Sunday Photos

A Celebration of Our After Service Fellowship
“Have a Ice Cream Sundae in the Fireside room!”





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