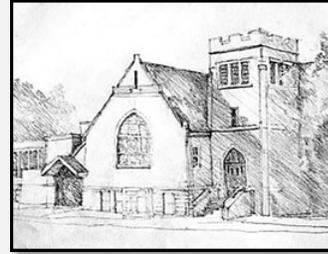


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

October 2020



Pastoral Letter/Pastorz Corner

Hello everyone,

Over the past several weeks, one particular scripture has continued to guide me through my transition into pastoral leadership. I always remember the NIV translation as this was the translation of the Bible I received following my baptism and confirmation at First United Methodist Church of Surgoinsville, Tennessee. However, the verse that has continuously run through my mind is, "Come all who are weary and burdened..." (Matthew 11:28 NIV). The verse comes after Jesus has traveled all throughout the region of Galilee. He has healed several people, given the Sermon on the Mount, and commissioned the disciples to preach the good news to the people of Israel.

Chapter 11 is labeled, at least in my Common English Study Bible, as *Ministry to the People*. Jesus begins the chapter by talking about John the Baptist and answering folks' questions regarding who Jesus and John the Baptist are. In verse 28, and in my Common English Bible (CEB), it reads, "²⁸ Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Put on my yoke and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. ³⁰ My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30 CEB).

Although this translation is slightly different from my beloved NIV translation as a youth, this translation provides a different perspective on the message of Jesus. In verse 28, Jesus invites us to come and rest with him. It is not a demand, nor is it a requirement, but it is an invitation to be welcomed to a space where we can find comfort. It is also interesting the translation says those, "who are struggling hard." We have all been in situations where our burden seems too large to bear. This is an invitation to those who are not only tired, but it is for those who are mightily struggling in their lives.

Jesus also says, "Put on my yoke, and learn from me." This speaks to me because Jesus is asking us to be empathetic to one another's struggles. He tells us in this passage that he, just like us, has struggles of his own. He asks us to learn from this experience of empathy, humble ourselves, and learn to develop gentleness (Matthew 11:29). He concludes with helping us understand we bear the weight of one another together (Matthew 11:30). - Continues next page



This is what community is about friends. I have certainly experienced this as each of you have welcomed me to the community. I have seen you take one another's yokes and place them on your shoulders as we have seen our family struggle. I know as we continue our work together, we will take each other's yokes, place them on each other's shoulders, and carry each other to the end of our journeys. May the Lord bless you and keep you in the midst of this journey!

Thank You

Thank You's

Thank you to Marlene Lindquist for all the work she has put in over the past several weeks! From the minute she returned to Montana from summer vacations, she has hit the ground running. From coordinating ushers for cleaning and Sunday's services to youth/children visits to Sunday School, Marlene has been working hard to prepare us all for our reopening process.

Thank you to JoAnn and Greg Hunt for all the work they have done in the office! When I first began, I looked at piles of papers Pastor Carol had left for me to review and stressed over all the work I had to complete for LLP School. JoAnn and Greg walked in the office and began helping immediately. They have sent out newsletters, sent memorials, made additions to the website and much, much more. I would have lost my mind without their help in the office and the daily work the church needs to remain open!

Thank you to the Leadership team! I could list each of your individual contributions, but this section would fill up the entire newsletter! You each have been a blessing as you have used your gifts and talents to be the church in these confusing times. Thank you!



Pledge Reminders

In the coming weeks, we will be sending out information regarding our pledge drive for this year. It will certainly be different given our circumstances, but it is important we continue to commit to our pledges we have made and renew our pledges for next year. We will send more information in October regarding renewing your pledges and the information we have on hand. Vernone will also include a financial statement to provide us context on how we are doing thus far, what our financial future entails, and why our pledges are so important to the life of the church! Thank you for your contributions throughout the year!



Bible Study

We will be holding a Bible study on the Book of Hebrews starting on Tuesday Oct. 6th at 4:00 p.m. It will be a five-week study covering the entire book. We will discuss theology, history, and the various themes throughout the Book of Hebrews to better our understanding of the book. We will meet in the Fireside room for our weekly discussions and readings on Tuesdays. I'd love for you to join us!

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin this Sunday on October 4th! Marlene Lindquist will be leading Sunday School as she did before with the help of Jean Mitchell. Youth and Children will be encouraged to attend following the Children's Sermon in the service. Sunday School will conclude at 11:45 a.m. after a brief lesson.

The Leadership Team approved the reopening of Sunday School following the reopening of schools across the county. We will continue to monitor the school system protocols as we have done with Covid-19 protocols in general. The Sunday School room has been thoroughly cleaned and arranged to practice social distancing. Please contact Marlene Lindquist or Pastor Kevin for more information.



Bucket List

There has been some confusion following the bucket list. I certainly take blame for this as the information I originally gave was not entirely accurate. There were several different lists on various websites when I gave the information, but the UMCOR website is the best place to find all the information regarding the buckets. Please continue to bring in your buckets of cleaning supplies, and please drop them off in my office or in the sanctuary in the labeled box for cleaning supplies. If you decide to only bring certain items on the list, then that is perfectly acceptable! We will have an extra supplies bucket that we will fill with extra supplies. The deadline for bringing your bucket materials is Sunday Oct. 25th. I will take the supplies following the Sunday service to Shiloh UMC in Billings. If you have any further questions, then feel free to contact me!

The link to the UMCOR website is below where you can type or copy into your preferred search engine.

<https://www.umcmision.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network/cleaning-kit>

Happy Birthday

October

- Oct. 2 Darrell DeLange
- Oct. 15 Andrine Haas
- Oct. 16 Marla Robinson
- Oct. 17 Gerald Huschka
- Jewel Gentry
- Oct. 24 Doug Vashus
- Oct. 26 Larry Evans

Happy Anniversary

October

- Oct. 2 Bill & Glenda LaBree
- Oct. 23 Jason & Stacey Stanfill

Be a Friend!



Every time you shop at Reynolds Warehouse grocery, tell the check-out clerk you would like your purchases credited to the church's **Account #8000**.

Thank you for the continued support!



Rally Day! in Makoshika Park Pavilion





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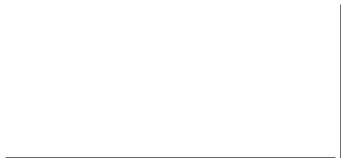
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