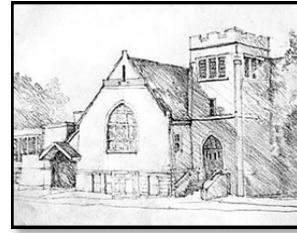


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

October 2021



Pastoral Letter

In the love and peace of Christ,

As I said on Sunday, I would include the list of practical ways we can practice Radical Hospitality together. Here are several of the suggestions by Bishop Schnase! By no means do I expect us to tackle all of these recommendations, but these are here for your inspiration. Maybe some of these same ideas are things you have been thinking of as well. Pray over this list, meditate on how we can organize these ideas, and be moved into action by the Holy Spirit to practice our discipline of Radical Hospitality!

- Upgrade livestreaming services to reach more people
- Volunteer and organize groups of ushers to welcome people on Sundays
- Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you!
- Give guests space and don't overwhelm them, but assure them they're welcome at our church and all our activities
- Become Safe Sanctuary certified
- Ensure your facility is wheelchair accessible in multiple ways
- Invite people to use their strengths in worship and leadership to build community
- Build small groups within the congregation to meet for spiritual growth
- Build a system to contact all guests and visitors that is lay lead since they will know you longer than they ever will know the pastor if they join your community
- Invite other businesses and organizations to use your space in the community
- Find ways to be visibly hospitable in the community (giving flowers, delivering food to shut-ins, give cards to people in nursing homes and hospitals etc)
- Have community dinners to welcome those who won't come on Sunday mornings
- Don't let fear paralyze your creativity!
- Offer ministries that are contextual and needs of your community
- Build your programming around your community for back-to-school drives, town festivals and events, and community organizations that are unique to your neighborhood and context
- Go out as a congregation and meet your neighbors (residential and business neighbors)
- Love, love, love each and every person!



From Gayle Stroud

Dear Friends!

Sometimes we humans take things for granted. They think others don't notice, don't care, or simply think that everybody already knows everybody else, and so we go along our merry little way. That's not the case at Glendive UMC. I don't think it ever has been.

I have had an almost fifty year history with this church and community. I have left for long periods of time, but when I "show up," I am taken in by this congregation and the city. You simply don't know how much that means to me, and I want you all to know how much I thank you for your graciousness and hospitality. I know you extend the same welcome to newcomers.

For over a hundred years this building stood on this corner and has been a symbol of openness and care. It's beautiful interior in the sanctuary; a place that offers a feeling of peace in a sometimes worrisome world, but it is also a place to hear the Word spoken in song, sermon, prayer, and praise in keeping with the Wesleyan spirit and unique Montana Methodism.

As I leave for home, know that in my Texan accent I'll be praying for all of you and your ministry. (Isn't it nice that God recognizes all accents and languages?)

Thank you again for your love and kindness. Continue to do good and stay in love with God.

Sincerely,
Gayle Stroud



Glendive United Methodist Women Meeting
Wednesday, October 13 – 5:00 pm
Fireside Room - Bring-your-own-dinner!

Continuing the Rally Day theme of caring for God's world, we will have a brief devotional and Millie Robinson will present a program on the recycling efforts at G.R.O.W. - Glendive Recycles Our Waste. Bring your dinner. Coffee, tea and a light dessert will be provided.

NOTE: We are holding the October and November meetings just a little earlier than we had planned so that those who wish can attend the Bible Study later that evening. If you can't come right at 5, come when you can! Questions? Ask Andrine or Millie.

October Happy Birthday



Oct. 1 Elizabeth Robinson Dikoff
 Oct. 2 Darrell DeLange
 Oct. 15 Andrine Haas
 Oct. 16 Marla Robinson
 Oct. 17 Gerald Huschka
 Jewel Gentry
 Oct. 24 Doug Vashus

Happy Anniversary

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



Church Prayer/Information Chain

The past year has emphasized the importance of having methods to stay in touch with one another. Hearing announcements during a Sunday church service isn't always the most efficient way to pass on information! Our church newsletter gives a lot of information, but it is only once a month.

Many of you are on the church's email list and we use this list to send prayer requests and also to send occasional announcements about upcoming events. The email list is usually maintained/sent by Andrine Haas. If you are not already on this email list and you would like to be added, please let Andrine know (andrinehaas@gmail.com or 377-4793). You can ask to be removed from the list any time you wish. A few people have requested receiving church messages via Facebook Messenger and Andrine can send those, also.

For those who do not use email or Messenger, we also have a telephone prayer tree. If you would like to be added to the phone Prayer Tree, please contact the church office.

Questions? Ask the church office or Andrine Haas.

Recognition Sunday - October 10

We will be giving recognition to some very special people on Sunday, October 10. We have a number of new people to add to the list of Glendive United Methodist Church's 50-year members! We will recognize these people during the worship service and at coffee fellowship time after the service. Join us for the service that day and to say thank you to these new 50-year members for their faithfulness to the church.



T - Shirts

We are all proud to be United Methodists and the Administrative Board at their last meeting decided we need to show that to our community by wearing t - shirts with our Methodist logo on them.

The shirts will be ordered through Squad Sports and will be available to anyone who wants one. They are gray and will have the flame and cross and the words United Methodist Church in black and red as a pocket logo in the upper left of the shirt. The shirts are a 50/50 blend polyester and cotton. There will be order blanks available in the church office for anyone who would like to order a shirt. You will have the following choices:

Short sleeves, \$ 14

Long sleeves, \$ 18

Adult sizes, small, medium, large, and extra large

3x is also available at an extra charge of \$2.50

Children sizes small, medium, large

Toddler sizes are not available

If you need assistance with sizing, stop in at Squad Sports and they will help you.

Order blanks & an example of the shirt without a logo will be available in the church office.

To get the shirts at this price, our order must be for at least 24 shirts. Remember, Christmas is coming— is there someone on your list that would like a Methodist t - shirt?? We would like to have all the orders in by Sunday, October 30th.



All-Church Dinner -- To be or not to be?

Will our annual roast beef church dinner be held this fall? Last year we cancelled the dinner due to Covid concerns. It was the first time in decades that we did not hold this dinner and we missed having it (and eating it)!

Leslie Hunter and Andrine Haas have been presenting thoughts about the dinner to the Administrative Board. With Covid cases still rising in the community, we think serving a crowded sit-down dinner would not be safe for our workers or those who come to eat. But ... we do think we can safely produce a take-out version. It will not include all the parts of our traditional meal. It will probably be a much pared-down version featuring the delicious roast beef and gravy we all love.

This take-out dinner will probably be scheduled in late October or very early November. Talk to Andrine or Leslie if you have thoughts/ideas. We'll keep you posted as the plans develop.

Nursery

The nursery next to the Fireside room is being cleaned and refreshed. We are looking for both a pack and play and a changing table to replace the crib that is in the room. If you know of either of these items that is in good shape and available, please call the church office or talk to Jean Mitchell or Marlene Lindquist.



Children's Corner

This was read by Duncan Kingstad before the noisy bucket collection on Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

This year the money we raise with our noisy buckets will be donated to the our recycling center, **GROW**, which stands for Glendive Recycles Our Waste. Did you know that you can now recycle milk jugs like this one, water bottles, and corrugated cardboard?

A card in your bulletin explains what you can save and take to **GROW**, which is located in back of the old K Mart building. The location of the site and the times it is open are on your handout. (Drop Off Days: Tues. 5:00– 7:00 & Wed. 10:00– 4:00)

This week Marlene watched them make a plastic bale, which will be hauled to a recycling center and reused– that bale contained an estimated 3000 water bottles. That is plastic that was kept out of our landfill and will be reused. Truck loads of cardboard from Glendive businesses, collected by volunteers; like Greg Hunt, are sorted and cut to size and made into bales each week by volunteers, including Millie Robinson, and Leslie Hunter. These bales are then taken to a recycling plant to be processed for reuse. You can help **GROW** by putting coins in our buckets the first Sunday of every month AND by saving and delivering your cardboard and the qualifying plastics to the center to be baled and reused.

We've got God's World in Our Hands. Thank you for helping us keep this world a healthy and beautiful world for us to grow up in.

Harvest Auction



Thanks to all that brought items to the auction, that bid, and those that donated Pies!

Pie and Coffee	\$ 181.00
Auction	<u>\$ 1675.50</u>
	\$ 1856.50

Church Photos



Children's Corner



Harvest Festival Auction





October 2021

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**Elizabeth
Robinson
Dikoff*

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**Darrell
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#Bill & Glenda
LaBree*

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Social
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12:00 pm
(weekly)*

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*Bible Study
7 pm (weekly)*

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*Recognition
Sunday
50 year
members*

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*Columbus
Day*

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*UMW
5:00 pm
Fireside Room
Bible S. 7:30pm*

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**Andrine
Haas*

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**Marla
Robinson*

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**Gerald
Huschka
*Jewel
Gentry*

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*Ad. Board
Meeting
7:00 pm*

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*Bible Study
7:00 pm*

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Stacey
Stanfill*

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**Doug Vashus*

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**Larry
Evans*

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*Bible Study
7:00 pm*

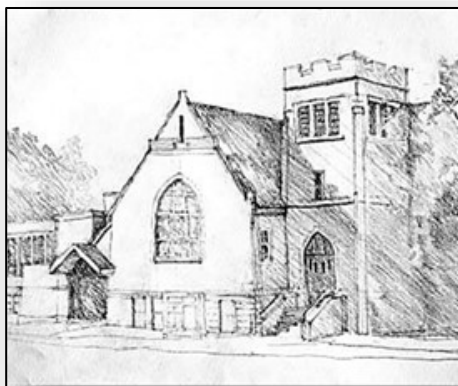
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