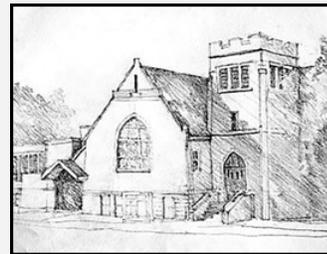


Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter

September 2020



Pastor's Corner

Greetings from Pastor Kevin!

This is my first newsletter and going into my third month in Montana. I am beginning to feel that Fall Festivities excitement as we approach the kickoff of our church calendar year! In this month's newsletter, I wanted to address a couple important issues pertaining to our church life and our church health. I told the leadership team at our last meeting that the conference is encouraging all their churches to do as much as they can and as safely as they can as we all kickoff our calendar years. Our Congregational Resource Manager, Rev. Patti Agnew, has encouraged us during our weekly conference meetings to hold our usual events if we are practicing safety measures and continue to follow re-opening protocols. We have a wonderful re-opening team led by Joan Haugeberg and Marlene Lindquist! Their committee not only put together our re-opening plan, but they also organize our ushers who help keep the church clean and safe previous to and following Sunday's services. Several members, myself included, have spoken highly of the job the ushers and the re-opening team continue to do as we continue to figure this out together! Thank you for all your hard work!

These are difficult times, folks. At least to me, each month that passes feels about like several months as we continue to navigate through uncharted territory in the midst of Covid-19. We are all trying to figure this out together, so I ask, how is your emotional and mental health right now? Are you feeling drained and how is it affecting you? I encourage you to support one another and be there for each other as teachers and students return to school. I encourage you to support one another as we return to some usual events in our church life with new ways of imagining them. I encourage us to press on as Paul says in his letter to the Philippian Church, ¹⁴ *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:14).

In conclusion, please be on the lookout for new ways of imagining how to be the church and support each other as you always have done! Our struggles and tribulations are certainly new to all of us, but the church has always had to find new ways to connect with one another, new ways to be relevant in an everchanging world, and has always had conflicts and tough discussions to discern. We will continue the journey of life together because that's all we can do, right?! Please reach out to me if you have any concerns or need to talk to someone.

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin



Pastor Kevin - Marlene and I planned something for Rally Day on September 13 - a gathering after church. Here's something for the newsletter or other mailing you might be doing. Some version of it could be put in the bulletin, too. Feel free to adjust the font/formatting as you need to. If you have questions/suggestions, let us know!



Everybody Come ... to Rally Day!

Sunday, Sept. 13
Church at 11:00 a.m.

followed by
Lunch at the Makoshika Park Pavilion

It's time for Rally Day. We're looking forward to rallying together because:

- We always have Rally Day the Sunday after Labor Day
- It's been a long spring & summer without coffee hour
- We can visit - outside and socially distanced!
- It will give Pastor Kevin a chance to meet & greet our congregation

A light lunch will be provided. We hope you will come right after church on Sunday, September 13. The Makoshika Park Pavilion is located about **3/4 -mile** past the Visitor Center and on the right-hand side of the road. The Pavilion is handicapped accessible.

*Thank
you*

Thank You!

A big, big thank you to Joan and Ron Haugeberg! They are here long before anyone ever gets to church on Sunday mornings cleaning the sanctuary, opening the doors to cool the church down, and coordinating all the ushers as they keep us safe and distanced in the era of Covid-19. We are all thankful for your service and love for others! Thank you!

Thank you to Lance Phinney for the beautiful flowers he tends to at our church entrance. Not being a native of Montana, I love seeing the different fauna as I walk into the church each morning for work. We are all grateful for your attentiveness and your love for creation! Thank you!



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Thank you!

Thank you to our musicians, Kathleen Linder and Jake Wilder! You both have been an absolute rock for me since my start in July! I know many people look forward to your music on Wednesday and Sunday. Your smiles and love for music have kept us all sane in these tumultuous times! Thank you!



Bible Study

Would you like to join a Bible Study in October? For my Local Licensing Pastor School, I had to create a hypothetical Bible Study to share with my congregation. Instead of letting that hard work go to waste, I wanted to use it here! Let me tell you a little bit about the study itself, how I think we can do it, and how you can get involved.

First things first, what is the Bible study about? I love the Book of Hebrews! It is a great book that is relevant to many of the issues the church faces today. The purpose of the study would be to understand the Book of Hebrews by reading through passages daily on your time, meeting via zoom every week to reach the most people, and meeting with a meeting/calling your prayer partner each week to hold each other accountable. It would be a four-week study throughout the month of October.

I would like to do this Bible study via zoom because some people are not comfortable coming to in person worship or being at the church in person. If technology is not your thing, then I will help guide you along as we figure out how to use it! We could make accommodations for those without internet or for those who do not have the capabilities, but we let's see who is interested first!

I will continue to post updates on our Facebook page and in the church service once I see who is interested. I would love to read, discuss, and learn about the Book of Hebrews with you



Bell Choir

I have found the Church Bells!!! Thanks to Greg and JoAnn Hunt the church bells have been found and it would be great to use them! If anyone is interested in playing the bells, then please contact me at pastorkevin89@gmail.com and we can start coordinating a group. I would love to hear from you if your interested!



Favorite Hymns

Do you have any favorite hymns that you want to hear on Sunday in person or in the Wednesday LiveStream? I would love to hear what your favorites are! I have just been choosing hymns based off my theme for my sermons, but I am not sure if they are hymns everyone knows. Are there any songs you like in the Faith We Sing? I would love to know your favorite tunes so we can hear and perform together on Wednesdays and Sundays!

Thank You

Contacting Pastor Carol

Hello everyone,

I wanted to pass some information along in the newsletter about reaching out to Pastor Carol. She has received several friend requests on Facebook and texts from multiple people over the past few weeks. People are just trying to check with her and Larry to make sure they are settling in and doing well, but it is a United Methodist practice not to contact former pastors. This is tough because you develop friendships with pastors and they are there for you in some of the most difficult times that you and your family face, but it is a practice we must respect and acknowledge. If you have any questions on why this is a practice, then we can chat more! My door is always open and I'm always open to a phone call!

Happy Birthday

September

15th– Jasmine Winchell

18th– Julie Austby

23rd– Allie Mittlestadt

26th– Verle Jones

28th– Mike Hunter

29th– Steve Rice

30th– Glenda LaBree

Happy Anniversary

September

1st– Doug & Kayrene Vashus

28th– Verle & Pat Jones



Dawson Community College Community Barbeque



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Information bags about our church



Social Holiness



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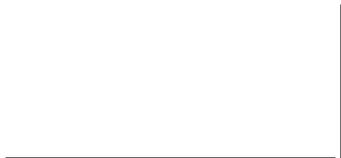
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