

Celebration of Ministries - February 8, 2026

Ruth Fellowship

Ruth Fellowship will meet February 12 at 10:00 in the Kay Duffield Library. Nancy Heyer will present a program about Hospice. Join us!

Vespers meets on February 18, 1:30 KDM Library



YWCA Women's Shelter Health Kits

Ruth Fellowship will assemble health kits for the YWCA. Please consider donating the following items and bringing them to the church. A box will be in the Narthex before church services or you can bring items to the church office. Here's what items are needed:

- ♦ Hotel sized Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, and Lotions
- ♦ Combs and/or Brushes
- ♦ Disposable Razors
- ♦ Deodorant
- ♦ Toothpaste/toothbrushes/ Toothbrush Covers/Dental Floss
- ♦ Note Pads and Pens (not personalized)



Become a Scripture Reader

We are looking for Scripture Readers for worship services in the months of February and March. Please sign up in the Main Street Entrance room for the date that works best for you. Enter the date you'd like to read and the scripture will be sent to your email. No email? There's also a printed copy. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor John upon receiving the 2025 *Mission Recognition Pin*, for his outstanding and continual support of our many endeavors, always with a smile!

GEMS Circle

ATTENTION! Calling all women of faith - especially working gals, moms, college students - United Women in Faith **GEMS Circle** is now gathering on Saturday mornings. If you'd be interested in coffee, conversation and community, please join us at Rosauer's Huckleberry Cafe. on **Feb 21, at 10 a.m.** Bring your hand work and your hopes for our current theme "**Mapping Our Way Forward.**" Got questions or comments? Text or call Tish at 406-370-6572.

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m.

Souper Supper Feb 18, ASH WEDNESDAY at 5:15 p.m. will be held in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a freewill donation for our mission work.

Committee organizers are Kathie Snodgrass (406-531-1569) and Denalie Bruins (406-549-9646).

Church Office Announcements

If you mail anything to First United Methodist Church, please use our Post Office Box address, otherwise **your mail will be returned.** >FUMC, P.O. Box 7646, Missoula MT 59807-7646
Our Financial Secretary, Leslie U. has a new email address: givingfumcmissoula@gmail.com. Please use this address for future Financial Secretary business. Thanks so much!

Altar Flower Fund

For those of you who would like to contribute altar flowers in memory of a friend or relative, a donation to the "Altar Flower Fund" would be very appreciated.

Arts & Environment would like to use fresh flowers on the altar throughout the year.

Thank you for your generosity.

Checks may be made out to: **FUMC, "Altar Flower Fund"**.

Please designate: "*In honor of*" and/or "*In memory of*" "*Given by*" and **phone number**.

You can also give online in Breeze, use the QR code below:



Volunteers Needed to Serve Communion

If you'd like to participate, visit our sign up sheet in the Main Street entrance (Narthex) or contact Marilyn by email at: qlttme@msn.com. Thank you.

Join us for Fellowship Hour!

Please join us for coffee and treats.

New to First UMC? Please fill out a blue slip in the pews or near the offering plates with your contact information.

We would love to get to know you better!

You can also email the church at fumcmissoula@gmail.com



Pancake Dinner & MAGIC SHOW

FAT TUESDAY FUNDRAISER

Join Emmaus Campus Ministry on **February 17th** for our Inaugural Annual **Fat Tuesday Fundraiser**, featuring a delicious pancake dinner and an exciting Magic Show from Evan Disney!

Tuesday, February 17th
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location:
St. Paul Lutheran Church
202 Brooks St
Missoula, MT 59801

Tickets:
\$25/each
Children (12 & Under):
\$10/each

To purchase tickets in advance, please click on the QR code to the right or go to:
www.emmausmontana.org

Magician, Evan Disney

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For questions, please contact Eric Hueth at eric@emmausmontana.org



Green Notes

Green Team Hosts Feb. 22 Potluck on Green Investing

Good food! Great conversation! Money! They're all on the agenda after church on Sunday, Feb. 22, when First Church's Green Team joins Missoula's Families for a Livable Climate for a presentation on "green investing."

Mike Wood and Keith Fichtner will introduce the topic while we eat lunch, then will open the floor to your questions. What is green investing? What's my first step? Will this cost me money or make me money? We know you have dozens of great questions for our presenters!

Mike is leading a green investment campaign for Families for a Livable Climate and is using our congregation for a trial run of a longer, more detailed workshop he and Keith hope to present for the larger Missoula community in March or April.

Keith is a financial adviser for Edward Jones in Missoula, and a graduate of the University of Montana. He works with retirement accounts, stocks and bonds, and the financial world every day, so he gives our program a dose of real-world know-how.

Sustainable investing allows each of us to support companies and projects that make a positive impact on the environment and society, ensuring our investments contribute to a better world. It aligns our money with our values.

There are, of course, many different ways to achieve this goal – and that's where Mike and Keith can help us during their Feb. 22 presentation. How can folks in Missoula, Montana, ensure that their investments go to eco-friendly corporations or projects that match their core values? How can we spot "green" trickery?

By directing capital toward responsible businesses, sustainable investing helps promote better corporate practices and funds critical projects that support the planet's future health and social welfare.

Watch the Green Notes column in each Sunday's announcements between now and then – we'll have additional information on sustainable investing, what it means, and how it happens. And check out our bulletin board just outside the sanctuary for even more details!

Reflect on what matters most to you – whether it's environmental sustainability, social justice or ethical governance – and how these values align with your financial goals. This will help guide your investment decisions.

Then bring a casserole, salad, vegetable or dessert to church on Feb. 22 and join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for lunch and this great program. Oh, and bring your questions and comments for Mike and Keith. They'll be ready with answers!



Prayer List for February 8, 2026



- ♦ Joy that Rocky is home from the hospital and a rapid return to normal colors for her shiner.
- ♦ Joy that Cheryl B. is healing from her surgery, and a continued rapid recovery.
- ♦ Safety for those who are getting “wintered” back east—weather they’re not accustomed to or prepared for, especially where there are power outages.
- ♦ Comfort and healing for Verle J. who recently suffered a fall.
- ♦ Prayers for strength and healing for Lou and Phyllis Whitsell who are currently having health issues.
- ♦ Healing for Linda J’s many relatives who have health issues.
- ♦ Comfort and safety for Kay and Ira’s Mexican daughter-in-law’s when she visits the immigration office in Seattle on February 5th to begin the legal steps to become a US citizen.
- ♦ Comfort for the family, friends, patients, and co-workers of Michael Prett, an ICU nurse who was killed by ICE in Minneapolis.
- ♦ Thanksgiving that Winton K is back home, the pain is apparently under control, and he is recovering.
- ♦ Thanksgiving that Brad W. is back home recovering from influenza looking much better



Lord in your Mercy...Hear our Prayers...

Please send your prayer requests in! E-mail Kathie Snodgrass at kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com with your prayer requests. You can also email or call the office at 549-6118.