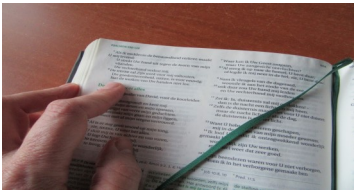


Celebration of Ministries October 8, 2023



Curious about First UMC, what kind of church, congregation? If you're new to our Service, and have questions about our church, about why we're "Methodists" (kind of an odd a name), why we're so involved with the Missoula community, you're invited to have coffee with Pastor John in the Fellowship Hall (on Sunday, Oct. 15 right after Service. We'll have a stack of cookies (yes, equal shares! Ha!) and coffee waiting. Come with your questions and share your interests!

The United Women of Faith will have Holiday Apple Pies for sale in the kitchen after the church service. The apple pies (frozen) are \$20.00 each. UMF thanks you for support of community of women, to know God, of fellowship and expand concepts of missions.



Scripture Readers Are Needed

Are you interested in being a Scripture Reader and sharing God's word with others? If so, there are open dates in October. Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Please help if you are able. Thank you!



New to First UMC? Would you like to be on our mailing list? Please email the office at fumcmissoula@gmail.com with your name, email, and address. You can also use one of the blue slips of paper in the pew holders or by the offering plates and put it in the plate! We would love to add you to our lists and get to know you better!

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Green Notes: First Church Marks 3rd Month Powered by Sunshine!

Thank you, September sun! Once again, First United Methodist's monthly bill from NorthWestern Energy showed 0 electricity usage.

The solar power plant atop our Education Annex continued producing more energy than our building used from mid-August to mid-September.

As was true in June and July, the excess electricity flowed from First Church onto NorthWestern's grid, providing clean electricity for other downtown Missoula buildings.

AND for the third month running, our utility bill showed \$0 as the cost of our electric supply service and 0 kilowatt hours of electricity used off the grid. (A photo of the bill is attached to this story.)

What a way to celebrate the one-year anniversary of our church's 66 solar panels!

In other local solar news:

SBS Solar, the contractor that installed First Church's system, issued a recent warning to Missoula residents. Here's what the company said:

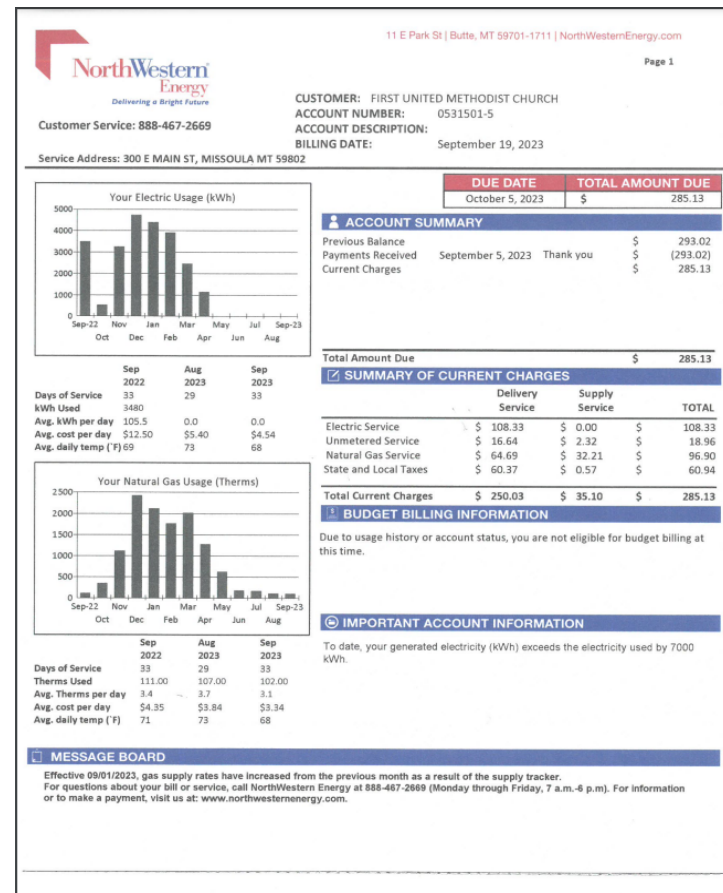
"We are hearing from our concerned neighbors and community about door knockers that may have misleading claims about solar. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. We always suggest getting multiple quotes from your local solar contractors and installers before signing any contracts with "solar" companies trying to convince you solar is free or that they need you to sign a contract to see if you qualify.

"If you own a home and pay taxes, you can take advantage of the current rebates and incentives. You don't have to live in a specific neighborhood, your roof doesn't have to qualify. Solar is either a good fit for your property or it is not.

"Most every solar company we know in the Missoula and Ravalli areas have free quotes. Legitimate companies shouldn't have a timeline to get a response from you or to push you into a contract you don't understand or aren't sure of. Getting multiple quotes can help you make the best decision for you.

"Don't forget, there are great local options to finance your solar project. You have choices for your financing and your installation, and you should explore what option is best for you.

"And remember, solar is never free, unless it's your birthday and your family pitched in to get you a new solar array."



Prayer List for October 8, 2023



- ♦ Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Chris McAdams who passed away on Wednesday.
- ♦ Prayers of joy that Tish and Dave H. will be out of COVID quarantine in time for Tish's birthday!
- ♦ Prayers of success for Fred and Jennifer in locating a new apartment before they lose their current one.
- ♦ Continued prayers for Faye Olsen who is recovering from a broken pelvis.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort for Verle J. and her family with the passing of her husband Doug.
- ♦ Prayers of comfort for Luan A.'s family with the loss of her brother Brett.
- ♦ Prayers of joy for Ellie B., who celebrated her 86th birthday. Hope you had a great day!



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

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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.