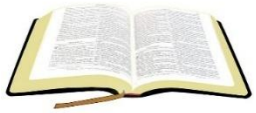
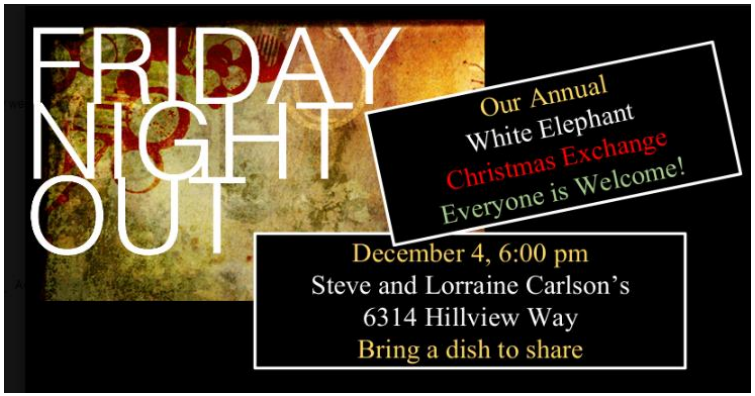
Celebration of Ministries November 29, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed



Scripture Readers for Worship Service in **December** and **January** are needed. Sign up in the Narthex for a date that works best for you.

December 3 is the Christmas party for United Women of Faith. We'll meet in the library at 1:30pm. The theme is "Following a Star." Pastor John will give a program, and there will be the annual Chinese gift exchange. All women and friends are invited to come and join in the festivities. For further info, call Tish, (406) 370 - 6572



Weekly Snapshot

12/02 – Lectionary Group, Library, 10:00 am

12/03 – UWF Christmas Party, Library, 1:30 pm

12/03 – Covenant Group, Moore Room, 10:30 am

12/04 – Friday Night Out, the Carlson's, 6:00 pm

12/05 – POV Lunch Team, Clara Smith/Kitchen, 9:00 am

12/06 – Jubellation Holiday Performance, Sanctuary, 3:00 pm

Each pew now has a **Welcome** clipboard. Thank you for passing it along to the folks in your pew! We hope newcomers and visitors will sign up for our weekly announcements. And remember, everyone is invited to share coffee, tea, treats and conversation after the service!

Volunteers needed to make sack lunches December and January!

When: *Saturday 9am-10:30.*

Where: *FUMC basement*

Reduce Your Plastic Bag Use This December!

First Church's Green Team will host a reusable bag swap and share in the Narthex on Sunday, December 6! The goal: Reduce the number of single-use plastic bags each of us collects this holiday season.

Here's how it works: We will help you make use of reusable bags this shopping season by sponsoring a "swap and share" event. If you have extra **reusable** bags, bring them to church on Dec. 6 and add them to the collection we will have for sharing in the Narthex. Only **reusable** bags will be part of this event – cloth bags, heavy duty plastic or recycled plastic bags. None of those single-use bags that are filling landfills worldwide!!

Then stop by our table in the Narthex – before or after church – and claim a new bag or bags for your own use this December and beyond. We will have plenty of bags to share, so please grab several and help save our landfill and planet! Merry Christmas from the Green Team!



Sunny Offices for Lease at First Church!

Missoula First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St., in the heart of downtown Missoula, is offering a pair of bright, spacious rooms (649 ft2 + 363 ft2) for lease as a single office space.

Rent is $2,000 a month ($24/ft2/year). Contact Stephen Egli, Chair, Trustees via segli2@gmail.com with questions or to schedule a showing or call the First United Methodist Church office at 406-549-6118 to leave a message.

Beginning Nov 29th, and through Advent, there will be a giving tree in the Narthex of the church. The decoration on the tree will be tags with gifts you can contribute for the Graham House. This house is for families leaving the Family Housing Center, who need more time and support before moving into their own permanent homes. Items should be new or nearly new and have a descriptive tag. Place your donation under the tree. If making a monetary donation, please mark it for the Graham House. All donations must be received by Jan. 4th.

Christmas Shoebox Ministry

It's time for the **Christmas Shoebox Ministry for the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish**. Bring your shoebox to the church office by December 2nd. Please designate the age and gender of the person (note) and make a shoebox full of goodies for them. Gloves, hats, socks, personal hygiene items, art or school supplies and toys, are some gift suggestions. Wrap the shoebox and put a label on it with the age and gender of the recipient. This year there is also a need for diapers, they don't need to be gift wrapped. *Boys and Girls: 0-3, 4-7, 8-12, and 13-17.

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

With the change of season, we have received a flood of requests for assistance. Some requests we were able to satisfy and some we weren't, either because we didn't have the money or because the request was for something we couldn't handle. Turning someone away is not something we do without considerable soul-searching and prayer, but it's necessary at times. We do our best and help as many as we can.

A summary of assistance provided by our church's Tzedakah Pocket Ministry for the month of October 2026 and Year to Date 2026 is shown below. We help whenever we can with as much as we can. Please continue to donate whenever you are able. We can, and do, make a difference for those who come to us for assistance.



Tzeddkah Summary

2026 Donations: $12,180.71

Assistance Paid	November 2026			Year to Date 2026		
	Amount	Fam	Child.	Amount	Fam	Child.
Lodging	$ 178.64	1	0	$ 2,332.60	10	4
Rent/ Sec. Dep.	$ 0	0	0	$ 2,762.00	14	28
Other	$ 406.98	5	2	$ 6,971.10	63	57
TOTAL	$ 585.62	6	2	$ 12,065.70	87	89

Celebrate the Season!

Please join First Church's JuBELLation Handbell Choir at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 6 for our annual holiday concert. This is a free and festive occasion. Among the Christmas favorites on this year's program are "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," "Gloria Hodie" and "What Child is This?" Everyone is welcome!



Prayer List for November 29, 2026

Lord in your Mercy...Hear our Prayers…

- Successful eradication of the infection that has Jerilee M back in the hospital.
- Comfort and courage for Pastor John's father Dan, who is mostly bedridden now, continued contentment for his mother Betty in memory care, and strength and comfort for the rest of the family.
- Traveling mercies for all those who will be on the road or in the air this holiday season.
- Safety and a quick return to normal for those affected by floods and other disasters.
- A new job and car, and improved health for Fred R.
- That a woman who recently left an abusive situation will find good housing.

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 fumcmissoula@gmail.com or (406) 549-6118.

- Comfort for Helen (Rocky's friend at Beehive) who is failing fast, and strength and comfort for her daughters Kathy and Karen as they go through this difficult transition.
- Healing for Jody, who has been hospitalized with afib and serious water retention, and strength for his sister who looks after him at home.
- Prayers for Aaron Blu who committed suicide recently and for his parents, his uncle, and his grandmother (who now has no grandchildren and no likelihood of having any).



From the United Woman in Faith Prayer Calendar

Please pray for the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, and for the Dec 2 birthday of Cecil Bucud, Deaconess Home Missioner in California.