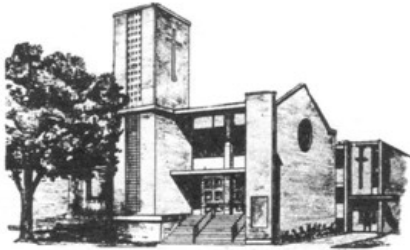


Celebration of Ministries November 17, 2024

Welcome



Mark your calendars and please join us for a churchwide hybrid Annual Charge Conference at 6:30 next Monday, November 18th via zoom (watch your email for the link) or in the KDM Library. Our

District Superintendent Lynn Miller Jackson will be presiding! Come hear about the business of the church and what the church is accomplishing! All are welcome!

Christmas Shoebox Ministry for the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish. Fill a box with goodies and gifts for boys or girls and then label your box with the gender and the age of the recipient. See a list of gift ideas below. The gifts will be brought up to the Blackfeet UMC for children and families to enjoy for the holidays!



Child: Boy or Girl

Ages 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-17

Or **Adult**

Gloves, hats, socks, personal hygiene items, art or home school supplies and toys are some suggestions. Wrap the shoebox and put a label on it with the age and gender of the recipient.

Bring your shoebox (or gift bag) to the church by December 5th. We will be delivering them to Browning as good roads allow. **BUMP is also asking for cash donations to their Winter Wood Fund.** You can mail your check with **WOOD** in the memo line to **BUMP, PO Box 3007, Browning, MT 59417.**

Thank you, Jim and Marilyn Olivarez!

Many thanks to First Church's Jim and Marilyn Olivarez for ensuring that our kitchen's grease trap is well-maintained!

The Olivarezes did their six-month check of the trap this week, and called in our contractor, Dirty Treasures, to clean out the accumulated grease. Their effort helps to keep the sewer line beneath our church open and prevents back-ups – a problem in recent years. They estimated we'll be able to go another eight months before we need to call in the experts – good news! Jim and Marilyn are doing important work to keep our building in better repair. We appreciate all you do! Thank - you to all of our Trustees whose hard work keeps our church in good repair!

**Thank
You**

Greetings, the Sunday School needs magazines. If you have any, please bring them to church. You can bring them to the office or the nursery. Thank you Cindy



New to FUMC? In Nov you can:

- ✓ Bring in treats for Fellowship Hour! - please call the office at 406-549-6118 or put in small kitchen freezer!
- ✓ Contact the office if there is a committee that you would like to join for the upcoming year! We would love to have your talent!

Ding Dong! Christmas Bells Are Coming!

Mark your calendars for **3 p.m. on Sunday, December 15** for the annual Christmas concert presented by First Church's JuBELLation Handbell Choir.

This year, our bell choir is joining with First Presbyterian Church's ringers to present an hour of holiday music. Each choir will play two solo numbers and combine for several mass numbers, with a holiday sing-a-long to end the afternoon.

On the program are "Home for the Holidays Medley," "Calypso Christmas," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "We Three Kings," "The First Noel" and "O Come Little Children."

We'll serve holiday punch and cookies in the Narthex following the program, so you have time to greet friends and neighbors. Spread the word! Admission is free. All are welcome.



FOSTERING CHANGES LIVES

LEARN MORE AT OUR WINTER FOSTER PARENT TRAINING

- Orientation & Foster Parent Panel: **January 14th**
- Family Systems & Attachment: **January 16th**
- Support Systems & Transitions: **February 13th**

All sessions are online from 6pm-9pm

Questions?

Contact Bianey
for more information.
(406) 541-1663

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go to our
website!





Green Notes: We're Grateful for You, Missoula!

How lucky are we to live in such a great, green community! Here are just a few examples from this week's news:

- Soil Cycles' collection of "used" pumpkins netted 4,000 pounds of yummy food for the animals at Turner Farms! In barely a week of collection, the effort kept all that food waste out of Missoula's landfill. Imagine what we could do if everyone started composting their food waste.
- Missoula city and county governments announced an impressive new conservation easement in the North Hills this past week. The Indreland Ranch will be conserved as open space in perpetuity, protecting its habitat, wildlife and current ranch operations. Bravo, Missoula, for working so diligently for so many years to protect open lands and agricultural operations in the face of extensive development.
- You can help shape the future of Missoula! On Thursday, the city launched a community survey open to all residents until Dec. 4. Questions seek your opinion on the economy, mobility, our natural environment, safety, inclusivity and other important issues. The results will be used to help Mayor Andrea Davis and the City Council align the city's goals with community priorities. Don't be left out of the conversation: [Take the survey here.](#)
- Are you already planning your Thanksgiving meals and visits? Be sure to "think local" as you shop for food. Missoula is home to a wealth of small farm and ranch operations that offer meat, poultry, vegetables and canned goods for sale. Turner Farms, for example, just restocked their delicious homemade apple pie filling. On the south side of town, Oxbow Ranch has a small ranch store with loads of meat cuts and poultry for purchase. Most Missoula groceries offer Montana-raised turkeys for sale. Ask your friends for suggestions, and do a little "Google searching" for local food sources. It's yummy AND environmentally conscious!
- This is also the time to join First Church's glass recycling and composting program. The cost is just \$4 a month. If that's too steep for your budget, let us know and we'll make it work for you. Our congregation already has kept thousands of pounds of waste out of the landfill – and every bit of it has been reused for other purposes or products!



Prayer List for November 17, 2024



◆ Prayers for safe travels as Todd and Cara go to AZ for the funeral of their niece Taylor who passed away recently. Prayers of comfort for Cara's sister Lianne and her family as they deal with loss of their daughter.

◆ Prayers of birthday celebrations for Phyllis W. who celebrates her 93rd birthday on Saturday.

- ◆ Prayers of quick healing for Jan B. as she recovers from surgery next on her hand.
- ◆ Prayers healing for Keith B. as he recovers in Village Rehab from his back injury.
- ◆ Prayers of continued comfort and healing for Teresa H. who fell and broke her shoulder.
- ◆ Prayers of healing and comfort for Emerson F., who is hospitalized.
- ◆ Prayers of joy that Elise will have a little sister next year.

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.