

Celebration of Ministries - August 30, 2026

Scripture Readers Needed

Scripture Readers for Worship Service in September and October are needed. Sign up in the Main Street entrance.



Sunday School begins on September 6 at 9:50 am. We will begin with Music. Our first day to sing in Church will be on September 27. We are still in need of ribbons for the children. We need these colors: indigo, blue, red, orange, yellow, violet, green.



New(er) to First Methodist?
You're invited to enjoy
Cheesecake & Coffee for
New Folks & Visitors

Questions and Conversation Sunday Sept. 6,
after Worship in the Library-
through the door by the Coffee Kitchen



First United Methodist – A
congregation of Open Hearts &
Minds in the heart of Missoula

Dear Friends:

If you're new(er) to our worship service, you're invited to come to a Cheesecake & Coffee in the Library right after worship Sunday May 3. It's an opportunity to ask about our congregation's mission and ministry in Missoula: Am I really welcome here? Is there a creed I must believe in to join? What are we doing as followers of Jesus in this community? Where do I fit in? You don't need to make a reservation, just come!

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 assist with the purchasing of kitchen supplies for FUMC's commercial kitchen. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

Volunteers needed to make sack lunches in
September and October!

When: Saturday 9am-10:30.

Where: FUMC basement

If you can serve on one of those Saturdays, please let Lorraine Carlson know – madamecarlson@gmail.com



Note from the Sweet Adelines—

Thank you, FUMC, for another great fair week using your kitchen! See you next year!

Cindy M and the kitchen crew



NEW Adult Discussion “Living the Questions” starts Sept. 13

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many of us feel that we’re alone in being a “thinking” Christian, with more questions than answers. And the meaning of “Christian” and “Christianity” has never been more in question than today. This fall, Faith & Justice is offering a 7-week discussion group exploring our questions.

Living the Questions is an opportunity to discuss beliefs we learned in childhood, and questions of life that Sunday school didn’t mention. The hour is built around short videos featuring leading progressive (and provocative) spiritual leaders of the 21 st century, with a lively discussion following. It won’t provide easy answers – it’s a resource for people in the midst of a life-long conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.

9:00- 9:50 Sundays in the Library (in hallway next to the Church office)

Part I, Invitation to the Journey begins September 13

Open to everyone

For more information, call Jana Staton 406-721-5558

Tzedakah Pocket Offers Hope

Once again you came through for us with donations which allowed us to provide needed assistance to those who contacted us for help and to be able to help more in the coming weeks. We are so grateful for your support. Thank you for your generosity.

A summary of assistance provided by our church’s Tzedakah Pocket Ministry for the month of August 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.



Tzedakah Summary

2026 Donations: \$8,963.27

Assistance Paid	August 2026			Year to Date 2026		
	Amount	Fam	Child.	Amount	Fam	Child.
<i>Lodging</i>	\$ 204.20	1	0	\$ 2,014.12	8	4
<i>Rent/ Sec. Dep.</i>	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 1,533.00	8	13
<i>Other</i>	\$ 606.95	4	1	\$ 4,757.78	47	42
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 704.20	5	1	\$ 8,304.90	63	59

Prayer List for August 30, 2026



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

- ◆ Strength and comfort for Pastor John's father, Dan, who is now in hospice care. Comfort and a smooth adjustment for his mother, Betty, as she transitions to memory care.
- ◆ Comfort for a parishioner's friend Kim in Colorado, whose mother died at Kim's birthday celebration.
- ◆ Joy for the new Sunday School bulletin board in the back hallway.
- ◆ That the deterioration of Megan's back due to her Crone's disease can be halted or reversed.
- ◆ Safety for Pastor John as he commutes back and forth to Colorado to help his parents, and strength as he helps them deal with their new situation.
- ◆ Safety for non-combatants during the current wars, especially children, and that we will learn to solve differences without violence.
- ◆ Safety for those in the vicinity of the wildfires this summer.
- ◆ Successful care for Brad, the new, prematurely born son of Nick's friends Kristen and Josh, who has been flown to Seattle for specialized care.
- ◆ Comfort and peace for Fred's cousin, who is going through a divorce, and his cousin's daughter, who is changing schools in the midst of the turmoil. Thanksgiving that the cousin and daughter will be living near grandma.

- ◆ Gratitude for the inviting makeover of the "back door" of the church. For so many people, this is the first impression of our beautiful building. A cheerful, friendly invitation to come in!
- ◆ Prayers of thanks for John's message last Sunday. Our congregation is indeed a second family.
- ◆ Gratitude to Steve E and Sherry D for coordinating and assisting with the carpet cleaning for the church.
- ◆ Comfort and a good financial outcome for Nancy's brother Bob, whose wife Sharon is now in memory care, and who has been the victim of financial exploitation.
- ◆ Comfort for the family and friends of Ellie's kind, loving friend Vickie, who passed away last week and whose service is today in Helena.
- ◆ Gratitude that Denalie's niece is dealing well with her breast cancer diagnosis and treatment and healing for her.



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.