

## Celebration of Ministries January 23, 2022

### Special Moment of Dedication for Kay

**Duffield** this Sunday during worship.

The Board of Trustees voted to name the church library in memory of Kay Duffield in honor of her devoted service

to the church in many different capacities. A new sign will designate the library as such. The UMW is donating both a shadow box and photo of Kay to be placed in the library.



“Siyahamba,” the South African Freedom Song, is being performed today by the JuBELLation Handbell Choir in honor and memory of Bishop Desmond Tutu, who died on Dec. 26th, 2021 in Cape Town, South Africa, and was known by many in Montana following his 1990 visit to Helena, hosted by Missoula First UMC’s pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes and other members of the Montana Logging and Ballet Company. Upon Tutu’s death, the Helena Independent-Record recalled the activist-theologian’s historic visit to the capital city: Bishop Desmond M. Tutu of South Africa, who died Sunday at age 90, came to Helena in late 1990 at the invitation of a Montana political satire singing group in an effort to raise money to help educate Native American and South African children in concerts that nearly 4,000 people attended. In 1987, members of the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, a quartet whose parodies had social and political messages, performed an anti-apartheid song, “Take the Barriers Down,” that Tutu heard during a UM Global Gathering in KY. Tutu, according to The New York Times, wrote notes for the album in which the song was featured. “Four white men from

Montana cannot sound like South Africans,” he said. “But they can sing about the justice that is God’s intention for us all.”



### The funeral service for Sonja

**Waldman-Bohn** will be held

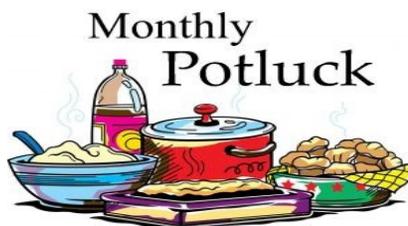
Saturday, January 29th, at 11:00 a.m. here at First UMC. There will be a reception with food served by UMW after the service. If you are unable

to attend in person, please use the Zoom link here to view the service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81473976564?pwd=VWxITlh4ZmFFenBjaVJmOSStRQ09ZZz09>

Meeting ID: 814 7397 6564

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Friday Night Out is looking to get started again in March (pending community Covid numbers).

Guests provide a potluck meal/side as they are able and the host typically provides a drink and bread. Clean-up is easy as guests bring their own place serving. It is always a fun time with great conversation and fellowship. Everybody is welcome! The more the merrier! If you are interested in hosting a Friday Night Out, please contact Genevieve at 406-549-6118 or 406-531-7379. I will send out a schedule as we have it filled up.

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**Food Bank Drive** - If you have already donated, we thank you. If you have not had a chance to donate but plan to, we have two weeks left in our January drive to help the Food Bank in these challenging times. Please take a look at our donation options and do what you can. Every little bit helps. Below is a check on our progress.



**Food Orders/ Cash Donations:** \$1,240.44 collected to date  
**Donated Food Items:** Items have been donated in the box outside the office. They will be collected, delivered to the Food Bank, and weighed at the end of January. Results will be reported when available.

**Birthday Kits:** Items have been donated in the appropriate box outside the office. Our Sunday School is again responsible for putting together Birthday Kits for the Food Bank. These Kits are very popular and can add a degree of normality for families who want to celebrate birthdays but find it challenging at this time. Results will be reported when available.

**Tzedakah Pocket Ministry** - We started off the new year with many requests to fill so we thank the First United Methodist Foundation and other church organizations that donated as well as our congregation members who included the Tzedakah Pocket in their year-end giving. It would have been difficult to help those in need without you. Under "Lodging" (in partnership with First Presbyterian Church) we were able to help a woman who has an apartment available this week get through the weekend with a roof over her head. Under "Rent/Security Deposit" we were able to help a man, with responsibility for 2 grandchildren, pay his rent and the family not have to sleep in their vehicle. Under "Other" we were able to help a man pay storage costs for his business equipment as well as his business insurance premium while he recovers from surgery, a single mother with 3 daughters pay her internet bill, and a father who couldn't work because of COVID 19 pay his car registration.

### Interested in ringing bells? Be a bell choir sub!

First United Methodist's handbell choir is looking for members interested in learning how to play bells with us, first as a sub during our practices, then as a choir member.



You don't need previous bell-ringing experience; very few of our current ringers knew anything about handbells when they joined. It is helpful to know how to read music, but that's not required either. We've taught many new ringers over the last 25 years!

To join us as a substitute ringer, filling in when we have absences, contact Sherry Devlin at 406-546-1016 or by email at [sherrydevlin@gmail.com](mailto:sherrydevlin@gmail.com). We'll get you oriented to bell ringing and invite you to one of our Wednesday night practices, so you can give it a try!

Assistance Category	Assistance Provided	# of Families	# of children
Lodging	\$170.32	1	0
Rent/Security Deposit	\$200.00	1	2
Other	\$631.46	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,001.78</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

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**Green Notes: Weekly tips for reducing your carbon footprint from First United Methodist's Green Team**

**Let's show downtown Missoula how to harness the sun!**

Some of the earliest photographs of Missoula show our church building, its elegant steeple presiding over the fledgling neighborhood just east of downtown. Outlined against the flanks of Mount Jumbo, the sanctuary built by Jeannette Rankin's father provided testimony to the Methodists' presence and power in the frontier town.

Now First UMC has an opportunity to once again inspire action with the installation of 80 solar panels atop our roof. Proposed by our Green Team, this array would provide a visible symbol to downtown Missoula that renewable energy is the key to our planet's future well-being.



By placing our solar array in the very heart of Missoula, we would hope to inspire similar efforts by downtown businesses, as well as city and county governments, churches and homeowners. We could provide a guide for subsequent projects. Every one of those 80 heat-collecting panels would shout out our congregation's commitment to climate action and a livable world.

In December, SBS Solar's Ralph Walters told members of the Green Team and Board of Trustees that the installation could provide 90 percent of our building's electrical needs. We would immediately see a significant impact on our monthly power bills; most solar systems pay for themselves in 10-12 years, Walters said.

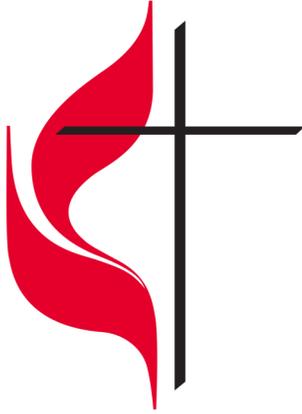
SBS Solar will provide us with a detailed proposal in February, showing the total project cost, payoff date, monthly savings, engineering report and project design. We'll share that information with you in our weekly Green Notes column.

Up to 70 percent of First UMC's estimated \$70,000 project cost could come from a NorthWestern Energy grant. SBS Solar will help us submit that grant application by May 1. In the meantime, we need to raise \$20,000 in pledges to account for the remaining costs.

You'll hear more about that pledge drive in church on Sunday, when Green Team leaders Jim Gillison and Carole Addis present our solar project to the congregation. They'll be available after church to answer questions and accept pledges (no actual money, at this point). Our goal is to receive enough pledges to purchase 80 solar panels at \$250 a piece.

Let's reassert our iconic presence in Missoula by leading the critical movement away from fossil fuels and into a 100 percent electric future. It's the right thing to do. For our grandchildren and their children's children. For future generations of Missoula Methodists. For the very survival of our planet. **To make your pledge, contact Green Team co-chair Jim Gillison at (406) 546-1359 or by email at [james.gillison@msn.com](mailto:james.gillison@msn.com), or talk to any other member of the Green Team, Pastor John or Genevieve in the church office.**

## Prayer list for January 23, 2022



- Prayers for a quick recovery for Jane K. who had surgery for a pacemaker this week.
- Prayers of healing and comfort for Steve C. who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Faye O.'s brother-in-law Bill Polete, who passed away from age complications and Covid in Missouri last week.
- Prayers of comfort and strength for Donna McC.'s nephew's wife Rebecca who has exhausted all her options in battling cancer. She will soon be entering into pain management and comfort care. They have two young boys.
- Continued prayers of comfort and healing for the family and friends of Sonja W-B, especially her husband John.
- Prayers for a successful delivery for Marie N's granddaughter Brittany and strength and energy for Marie as she caretakes her 3-year-old great grandchild.
- Prayers of comfort for the family and friends of Verle J's friend, Beverly who passed away recently.
- Continued prayers for those affected by Covid emotionally, physically, and financially.

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

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

