

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER



May 2019

Weekly Devotionals

May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30 (UMH 762)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 21, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 (UMH 754)

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26, 2019 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67 (UMH 791)

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29



Shepherd's Coffee Schedule

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo Potluck and Auction

May 12 – Ferndale, Swan Hill, Echo Lake

May 19 – Crestview, Lakeside, Holt

May 26 – Woods Bay, Eagle Bend

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF EASTER

Dear Friends,

We think of Easter as one great day, the 8th day of Creation, when Jesus Christ arose from the dead. But it is a whole season, the Great Fifty Days, running from Easter Eve until Pentecost.

It is the most joyous and celebrative season of the Christian year. It lifts up Christ's resurrection and ascension, and the blessings Jesus' followers (and all the world) received from the Holy Spirit on that first Easter morning, and the great power that came over them on that Pentecost when tongues as of fire rested on everyone, and everyone could understand everyone else even though they were all speaking in many different languages. It is a season of oneness in a multi-faceted world.



Our first readings every Sunday in Eastertide will come from the Acts of the Apostles rather than the Hebrew Bible because what they did, and what happened to them in that season, made the Holy Spirit manifest in the world and constituted the great witness to the world of power and truth of Jesus' teaching. We are not limited to one Sunday. Our faith stories are not confined to Sundays at all. The Great Event becomes the Great Transformation and we begin to see the world with new understanding, new hope and newly opened minds and hearts. Easter was 'late' this year because there was a long time between the first day of

Spring and the next full moon this year. The next Sunday after that was April 21st, Easter.

But for a church finding a new way in the world, a church like Community United Methodist Church of Bigfork, it is a blessing to have our budget-building, our mission-seeking, and our disciple-calling seasons come together in this season of renewal.

You have already advised the Administrative Council about your priorities for **Facilities** and **Missions** with **checklists** you have filled out the last couple of months. You will find a description of the Committees of the church and a little preference sheet advising your Church Leadership committee **where you feel called to share your gifts and graces** with the whole church community...and the community beyond our walls. Please take a prayerful moment to fill one out. (You will also find them in your bulletins this month.)

I look forward to another season of joy and service with you as we move through the Great Fifty Days of Easter Season together.



Onward and upward,

Kelly

CUMC CHURCH COMMITTEES

(NOTES: annotations using “¶” followed by a number are references within the 2016 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Members of committees preceded by a double asterisk are limited to a 3-year term.)

** **Church Leadership Committee** will guide the church council on matters of leadership of the congregation ... to focus on mission and ministry as the context for service; guide the development and training of spiritual leaders; recruit, nurture and support spiritual leaders; and assist the church council on assessing the changing leadership needs. The committee shall recommend ... the names of people to serve as officers and leaders of designated ministries of the church council. (See also ¶258 1 (a-e))

** **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** shall encourage, strengthen, nurture, support and respect the pastor, staff and their families; promote unity in the church; confer and counsel with the pastor and staff on matters pertaining to the effectiveness of ministry; relationships with the congregation; the pastor's health and self-care, conditions that may impede the effectiveness of the ministry; and to interpret the nature and function of the ministry. (See also ¶258 2 g)

** **Board of Trustees** shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the church and of all property and equipment acquired by the local church, except that the board of trustees shall not prevent or interfere with the pastor in the use of any of said property for religious services or other proper meetings or purposes ... of the United Methodist Church. . (See also ¶2533, 1-6)

The **Memorials Committee** shall oversee and recommend to the Board of Trustees the acceptance or rejection of legacies, bequests or devises, absolute or in trust

for the use and benefit of the local church.

The **Finance Committee** shall find ways to generate more resources for mission and ministry of the local church and beyond; collaborate with the church council to find creative ways to turn their congregations into tithing congregations with an attitude of generosity. All financial askings shall be included in the annual budget and shall be submitted to the committee; the committee shall compile annually a complete budget for the local church for review and adoption. The committee shall keep records of the contributions and payments; disburse money contributed to causes represented in the local church budget; establish written policies to document the internal controls of the local church; and shall make provision for an annual audit of the financial statements of the local church and all its organizations and accounts. (See also ¶258 4 (a-h))

The **Missions Committee** shall foster programs that respond to God's call to serve in mission through the body of Christ. The committee shall identify and clarify the needs of the community, the state, the country and the world and engage the congregation in mission opportunities that seek to address those needs.

The **Worship committee** shall review and advise the pastor of matters related to the worship service, and in cooperation with the pastor interpret worship matters to the congregation. Worship shall include all aspects of the worship service including music. The worship committee shall not interfere with the pastor's right and efforts to conduct an effective ministry.

The **Care and Nurture Committee** supports, and nurtures members of the congregation and beyond

as they deal with life changing events and traumas. In addition the committee works to cultivate a spirit of support and outreach within the members of the congregation for each other and beyond through such methods as physical supports like meals, clothing and rides. In addition, the committee encourages spiritual supports by all members of the congregation through prayer chains.

Care and Concerns Committee shall assist our church family, by volunteering their time and talents to assist those of our church who are in need. They may provide meals to church members while they are in need, visit those in nursing homes or in the hospital, assist in transportation needs as necessary, send care packages to students during final

exams for encouragement, are all examples of helping and encouraging those in need. The Care and Concern Committee supports wedding and funeral receptions. A prayer-chain ministry is made up of all individuals who have expressed a desire to pray when requested by the pastor, or a family member with prayers being lifted up in the privacy of each member's home.

Education Committee in conjunction with the pastor shall develop an effective program for enhancing the spiritual growth of all members (adult and youth) of the local church and beyond. The committee shall acquire and implement materials and methods that will provide for spiritual growth within the church.

MY GIFTS AND GRACES

I am a friend/member of the Community United Methodist Church faith community in Bigfork, Montana. I join in and renew my covenant to join in the ministries of this church.

_____ I wish to continue to serve on the _____ committee.

_____ I am on the _____ committee and would like to move to the _____ committee.

_____ I am not on a committee at this time but would like to serve on the _____ committee.

_____ I prefer not to be assigned to a standing committee this year.

Name: _____

Telephone no. _____

Email or USPS address: _____

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rotary 12pm Missions 4:00 AA 9:00	2 AA 7:00	3	4 AA 9:00
5 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Worship/Sunday School 10am Cinco de Mayo Potluck and Auction AA 7:00	6 King's Ringers 4:45	7 Finance 10:00 Rowdy Bunch 1:00 Bridge 9-3:30 AA 7:00	8 Rotary 12pm SPPRC 5:30 AA 9:00	9 AA 7:00	10	11 AA 9:00
12 4th Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Worship/Sunday School 10am 3:00 Wai and Friends Concert for the Food Bank AA 7:00	13 King's Ringers 4:45 Community Outreach and Education 10:30 Blood Drive 12:00-5:00	14 Rowdy Bunch 1:00 Worship 5:00 Bridge 9-3:30 AA 7:00	15 Rotary 12pm AA 9:00	16 CFBB 12:00 AA 7:00	17	18 AA 9:00
19 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Worship/Sunday School 10am AA 7:00	20 King's Ringers 4:45 Trustees 7pm Newsletter Deadline	21 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Bridge 9-3:30 Rotary Board 5:15 AA 7:00	22 Rotary 12pm AA 9:00	23 AA 7:00	24	25 AA 9:00
26 6th Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Worship/Sunday School 10am AA 7:00	27 King's Ringers 4:45 Ad Council 7:00	28 Rowdy Bunch 1:00 Bridge 9:00-3:30 AA 7:00	29 AA 9:00	30 AA 7:00	31	



May Church Events

May

Susan Kuhlman – 3rd
Mary Swier Bolhuis – 5th
Pastor Kelly Addy – 9th
Jack Ganiere – 12th
Marcia Jeffers – 17th
Donna Ganiere – 18th
Peggy Edgar – 29th
Barbara Athorn – 30th
Sue Mitchell – 31st



May

Larry and Barbara Athorn – 21st
Don and Lynda Willis – 23rd
Jim and Coleene Torgerson – 28th

Wednesday May 1 – Missions 4:00

Sunday May 5 – Choir 8:30, Worship and Sunday School 10:00, Cinco de Mayo potluck and auction after church

Monday May 6 – King's Ringers 4:45

Tuesday May 7 – Finance 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00

Wednesday May 8 – SPPRC 5:30

Sunday May 12 – Choir 8:30, Worship and Sunday School 10:00, Wai and Friends Concert to Benefit the Bigfork Food Bank 3:00

Monday May 13 – Community Outreach and Education 10:30, Blood Drive 12:00-5:00, King's Ringers 4:45

Tuesday May 14 – Rowdy Bunch 1:00, Worship 5:00

Sunday May 19 – Choir 8:30, Worship and Sunday School 10:00

Monday May 20 – King's Ringers 4:45, Trustees 7:00, **Newsletter**

Deadline

Tuesday May 21 – Rowdy Bunch 1:00

Sunday May 26 – Choir 8:30, Worship and Sunday School 10:00

Monday May 27 – King's Ringers 4:45, Administrative Council 7:00

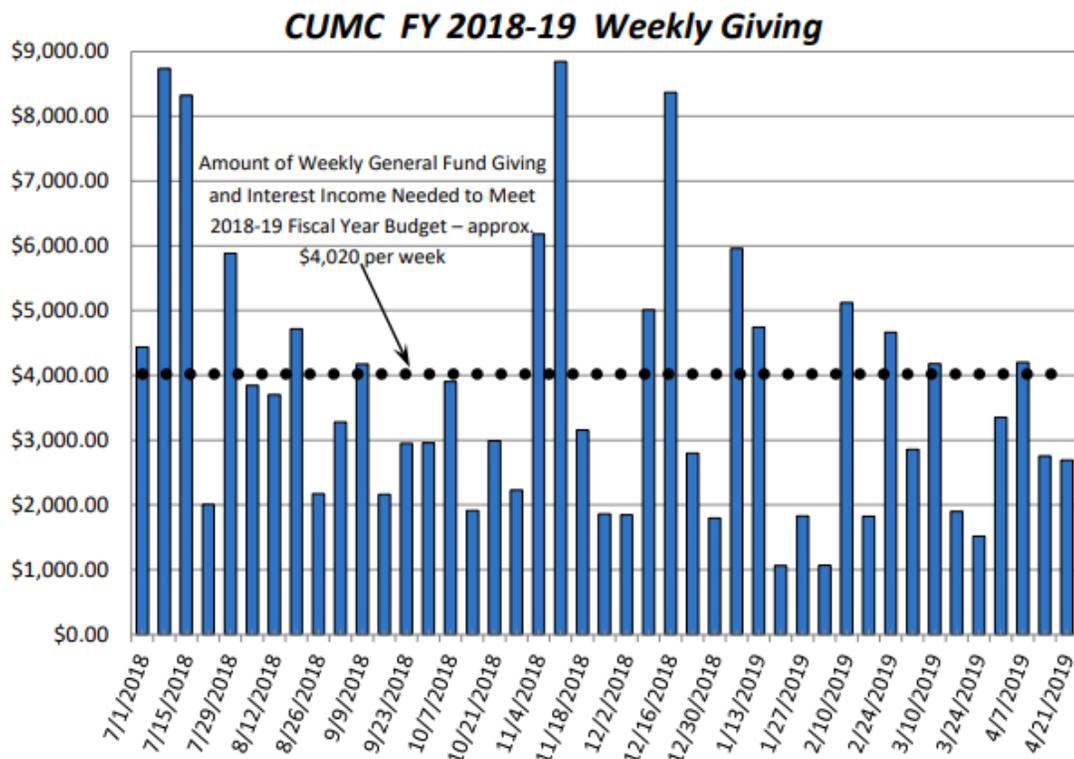
Tuesday May 28 – Rowdy Bunch 1:00

2 Corinthians 9:7

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Fiscal Year 2018-19 Total Budget Amount	Total Fiscal Year 7/1/18 – 4/21/19 Giving (43 weeks)	Yearly Balance Remaining (9 weeks)
<u>\$209,132.00</u>	<u>\$160,240.04</u>	<u>\$48,891.96</u>

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions. Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.



**Come celebrate
CINCO DE
MAYO!
May 5th after Sunday
worship!**

This mission project supports “Give Ye Them To Eat”, an Advanced Special Project of the United Methodist Church, located in South-Central Mexico. Our church has pledged to support the missionaries there for over 35 years. Our current goal to support them is \$1200. You can help by:

Preparing a basket for auction. (More about this in the heart of this article.)
Bringing a Mexican themed potluck dish to share. Enjoying the potluck.
Bidding on a basket.

Since 1977, “GIVE YE THEM TO EAT” has helped train disadvantaged villagers in skills to help them in their daily living; helping them to stay on their land, improving their health and increasing their agricultural knowledge, plus learning to pass on these skills to others. To learn more about this mission project I strongly encourage you to go to the web site www.gytte.org.

Now, more about the “BASKETS” to auction on May 5th! We ask the congregation to make up baskets to auction and affix a price to the basket. Examples of goods and services that have been auctioned in the past have been: plant starts, homemade jellies and jams or other goodies, Alaskan sour dough starter, rafting-canoe-boat trips, wine or other themed baskets, art work, quilts, golf clubs, white elephant objects or anything your imagination create. The auction is always fun!

Thank You!

Dear CUMC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt. It has been a whirlwind year. Edison learned to hold her head up by doing tummy time on her quilt, and now she can walk over and grab it to snuggle up when she’s cold. She will treasure the quilt forever.

Love,

Carinna, Chris and Edison

Summer Socials



We all are looking forward to our Summer Social dinners in homes. Alda Pierce will have sign-up sheets available after church on Sundays. Lynda Willis will do her computer magic to put groups together, and tell you what to bring! We have a remarkable congregation, so sign up for the fun!



The Trustees are looking for a Filing Cabinet and some shelving to help finish the insides of the five new basement storage rooms at church. Contact Rick Trembath if you can help us out with this request.

The King's Ringers



Our Bell Choir, The King's Ringers, is looking for old white T-shirts to re-use as bell polishers. If you have some you want to recycle, please bring them to the church office. Thank you for your support.

Recipe Corner

(New recipes are always welcome! Just email them or drop them by the church office)

Cheese Grits

1 ½ cup quick grits
1 stick butter
1 lb grated sharp cheddar cheese
2-3 tsp seasoning salt
1 can chopped green chilies
2-3 Tbsp chopped pimentos
Dash Worcestershire Sauce
Pepper to taste
3 eggs beaten

Bring 5 ½ cups of water to boil
Add 1 ½ cups quick grits
Cook until thick, about 5 minutes, stirring constantly
Add all other ingredients, except eggs
Fold eggs in last
Bake in 9 x 13 sprayed pan
Bake at 325 for 45 minutes to an hour.

Submitted by Sally Hamilton

Walk to Emmaus is this month!



While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" - Luke 24:15-17

The Western Montana Walk to Emmaus community will once again be holding our three day Walks to Emmaus on the beautiful Flathead Lake at the Glacier Camp in May 2019. The Men's Walk will be held May 16-19 and the Women's Walk will be held May 23-26 (Memorial Day weekend). We would love to have you join us!

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.

If you are interested in learning more about the Walk, or you think you would like to attend in the Spring, please talk with your pastor. Hope to see you there!

Shelly Brown
2019 Women's Lay Director

Dean Diers
2019 Men's Lay Director

Phoenix Group News



Phoenix is an organization of CUMC established to provide opportunities of friendship and fellowship among widows and single women of our community.

Since the last newsletter was compiled the Phoenix Group has had two events. One was a make-up day for a February cancellation and was hosted by Sharon Knauth. Sharon led a workshop in painting with water colors. Almost everyone was a total beginner and there was enough enthusiasm that a follow up session of plein air painting will be scheduled when the weather warms. The day also included a pot luck salad luncheon with wonderful choices. There were two new women attending, so we had some introduction time and interesting conversation about how we “reinvented” ourselves in response to new life circumstances – subtitled “How We Have Grown and Changed.”

On April 22nd, Nancy Harvey was hostess/coordinator for a supper gathering at Riley’s in the Mountain Lake Lodge complex. She carried out an Earth Day theme with take home copies of Prayer for Earth and the

Native American proverb: “We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”

There was another nice turnout of twelve attending, including two for their first time. This was an evening of enjoying a meal together and socializing time.

A get well car was sent around for Millie Axelband, one of our original members, who is facing carotid artery surgery April 30th. Please remember her in your prayers.

Save the date: 5:00 pm Tuesday May 28th The next Phoenix Group gathering is being co-hosted by Judy Meseroll and Laurie Heninger. It will be held at Judy’s home, 155 Golf Terrace, Bigfork. Parking space is limited, so plan to meet at the Post Office south parking area by 4:45 and we can carpool from there.

Please RSVP by May 24 to Judy 406-837-3505 or Laurie 949-873-3362 You have been doing a good job of calling ahead and that is very helpful. Thanks!

Thought for the day:
Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they also bless you, the giver.

As always, be alert to additional women who might enjoy being invited to join this group. Call Jean Randal 837-3117 for more information or to make a referral, or if you need a ride.

Wai Mizutani and Friends

Present a free-will offering Concert to Benefit
the bigfork Food Bank

Celebrating

Mothers

Grandmothers

Aunts

God Mothers

And all who've loved a child

At Community United Methodist Church
750 Electric Avenue

**On Sunday May 12, 2019 at
3pm**

College Care Packages!



What a blessing it was to watch loving hands and smiling faces, and hear spoken prayers as boxes were packed for college students to snack on during study and finals week. A hand written note was included in each box expressing prayers of support for the 15 individuals we sent packages to. Thank you for your generous support of this vital project to share God's love as students meet another challenge in their collegiate life away from home.

Care and Nurture Committee

FLATHEAD CAMP NEWS

There is still time to sign up for Work Weekend at Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp, May 3-5. 406-844-3483 or manager@flatheadcamp.org.



Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends will be hosting their annual luncheon on May 20th at noon in the Fellowship Hall at CUMC. This is a poluck salad luncheon. Charlotte Housel, Foundation director at Imagine If Library, and Connie Behewill be the guest speakers. They will be giving a presentation and providing information about the future of the the new Imagine If Library in Bigfork. Please join us in fellowship and delicious food. Contact Kay Gough 837-0771 or Susan Kuhlman 270-4626 if you have any questions.

Bigfork Town Hall

We appreciate the commitment of those who have built Bigfork into the place we love and we want to build on that foundation to maintain the legacy of a vibrant Bigfork.

This is your community and we need **YOU**.

May 11, 2019
From 9am to 12 pm

Bigfork High School Community Room
600 Commerce Street, Bigfork

Sadly, child care will not be provided; however, children are welcome.

Are you passionate about the future of Bigfork?

Last fall, Tracy Timmons of Red Lodge Area community Foundation and organizer of Roberts Community Council received rave reviews on her presentation for how residents of small towns can tackle challenges together.

We are bringing Tracy back **in-person** for an interactive session to help us come up with a road map to achieve our goals.

Attend to:

Choose a topic to discuss in small groups and plan how to be a part of a sub-committee to begin tackling the challenge.

Learn together – work together – plan together



BOY SCOUTS
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Mother's Day

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday May 12

8:00 to Noon

Bigfork VFW Post 4042



\$8 per person
\$25 per family
(max of 6)

*Children 6 and under
are FREE*

Hosted by Bigfork Boy Scout Troop #1923 and VFW Post #4042
(On HWY 35 across from Harvest Foods)

Please call 757 777 5941 for more information

Proceeds will go toward summer camp

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