

# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER



March 2021

# *Weekly Devotional*



## **March 7, 2021– Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalms 19 (UMH 750)  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

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## **March 14, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

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## **March 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalms 51:1-12 (UMH 785)  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

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## **March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday**

Mark 11:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

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# YOUR CHURCH GETS A PROMOTION

Dear Friends,

On February 17, 2021, you took a big step as a church. Making your pastor a full-time appointment and your local church a full-time charge was a daring decision, considering the fact that a pandemic was making it harder to do the things we used to do...like join together in worship once a week. It continued a long story of faith that the United Methodists in the Bigfork area began 119 years ago.

Here is a photo Rick Trembath shared with me last week showing some young people playing out in front of the first building to serve as our gathering place for worship and fellowship.



A few things have changed since then, but the Methodist presence in the Flathead Valley has only deepened in faith and grown in works. The potential for our church is limited only by our faith and our imagination.

The day I was introduced to your Staff Parish Relations Committee in February of 2015, I got a chance to see your church, walk around the village I had visited many times before, and meet many of you. As she was leaving that night, I told Kama Hamilton Morton, who was the District Superintendent at the time, that it seemed to me that our church should be a full-time charge.

Six years later we are there. I will begin another day (Thursday) of office hours next month and I hope some of you might be interested in a mid-week conversation by Zoom, looking at the scriptures for the

Sunday to come, and chatting about how the church and its members are doing. I am looking at Wednesday evening for that program. I hope you will join me.

I am looking at other changes hoping to schedule them in during the next few months. I believe this was a good decision, given all we have been able to do in our faith community and the community around us in the past six years, and especially in the past twelve months. I pray that it will unlock even more of the potential I saw that first evening getting to know a few of your leaders.

This is something you have done as a church and for your church. The joyful enthusiasm is still there, even after a hard, hard year. The work needing to be done in the community and around the world is still waiting for us and I know you are determined to do all you can to show the world what open minds and open hearts can do.

So let's have fun as we do good, speak good and pray good, accepting the tasks we have been given and thankful that we get to do them together.

When the time comes for you to receive a new pastor, a whole new band of candidates will see this not just as a beautiful place, although it is, not just a fruitful place, although it is, but also as a full-time appointment, with a lot of work to do and a lot of friends to do it with.



Onward and upward,

***Kelly***

# March 2021

(All events and activities are subject to change or cancelation)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Scouts 7:00	2 Tai Chi 10:00  Rowdy Bunch 1:00	3 Heats and Hands 10:00  Missions 4:00	4	5	6
7 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Worship 10am	8 Community Outreach and Education 11:00  Scouts 7:00	9 Finance 10:00  Rowdy Bunch 1pm  Tai Chi 10:00	10 Worship 4:00	11	12	13
14 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Worship 10am	15 Trustees 7:00  Scouts 7:00	16 Rowdy Bunch 1pm  Tai Chi 10:00	17 SPRC 5:30	18	19	20
21 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> Worship 10am	22 Scouts 7:00  Admin 7:00  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	23 Rowdy Bunch 1pm  Tai Chi 10:00	24	25	26	27
28 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship 10am	29 Scouts 7:00	30 Rowdy Bunch 1pm  Tai Chi 10:00	31			



# March

Francine Hagar – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Mary Whitney – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sharon Knauth – 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Matt Kurtz – 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Gary Bolhuis – 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Jim Torgerson – 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Steve Kamerick – 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Corrine Johnson – 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Gordon Graham – 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Nancy Harvey – 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Jay Whitney – 31<sup>st</sup>



# March

Candy and Orley Martin – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Larry and Mary Whitney – 26<sup>th</sup>

# March Church Events

**Monday, March 1** – Scouts 7:00

**Tuesday, March 2** – Tai Chi 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00

**Wednesday, March 3** – Hearts and Hands 10:00, Missions 4:00

**Sunday, March 7** – Worship 10:00

**Monday, March 8** – Community Outreach and Education 11:00, Scouts 7:00

**Tuesday, March 9** – Finance 10:00, Tai Chi 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00

**Wednesday, March 10** – Worship 4:00

**Sunday, March 14** – Worship 10:00

**Monday, March 15** – Trustees 7:00, Scouts 7:00

**Tuesday, March 16** – Tai Chi 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00

**Wednesday, March 17** – SPRC 5:30

**Sunday, March 21** – Worship 10:00

**Monday, March 22** – Admin Council 7:00, Scouts 7:00, Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, March 23** – Tai Chi 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00

**Sunday, March 28** – Worship 10:00

**Monday, March 29** – Scouts 7:00

**Tuesday, March 30** – Tai Chi 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00



# Church Finances

The Church is very blessed to have such supportive members. February income continues to be on pace and expenses are well under control. We have planned all year for our Pastor's position to become full time so the additional expense starting March 1 is budgeted. When we get the Church reopened, and have a music department up and running, we anticipate being able to fund those expenses with

increased plate offerings. The trustees are getting estimates to finish the necessary new siding for the church and seal the parking lot...both projects we delayed from last year. Funds for both projects are available in our Capital Campaign Reserve Account. Our PPP loan expenses were approved by the bank and we are waiting for SBA forgiveness approval. Thanks for all you're doing to support CUMC and the Bigfork Community.

Quote of the month: "Two kinds of gratitude: The sudden kind we feel when we take; the larger kind we feel for what we give." Edwin Robinson

# Thank You!

Thank you everyone for your prayers, concerns, cards and donations in memory of Rob's mother. She was a beautiful woman and will be missed after her sudden death. Our church family is wonderful and you are so appreciated. Thank you again.

*Debbie and Rob Petek*

# Recipe Corner

Scout Tested, Scout Approved – Dutch  
Oven Lasagna



Our Troop was generously donated cast iron for camp cooking, so we thought we would submit one of our favorite recipes that we made while using it! We are pretty sure all food made in cast iron just tastes better. You know you have one in the garage or basement, take a trip down memory lane, give it a try and let us know what you think!



What you need:

- 14-Inch Dutch Oven
- 28 coals (10 on the bottom and 18 on top)
- 1 package (16oz) lasagna noodles
- 1-1/2 lbs of browned and drained ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 quarts of spaghetti sauce
- 1 carton (32 oz) small curd cottage cheese
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 package (8 oz) softened cream cheese
- 2 lbs grated mozzarella cheese

Directions:

Cook lasagna noodles according to the package directions, then drain and set aside.

In a bowl combine browned ground beef with onion, garlic and spaghetti sauce.

In a separate bowl mix cottage cheese, eggs and cream cheese.

In the seasoned Dutch Oven, layer half the sauce mixture, then a layer of noodles, then a layer of cheese mixture.

Repeat layers and then sprinkle a little more mozzarella cheese over the top.

Place the covered Dutch Oven on top of 10 coals evenly spaced.

Then place 18 coals over the top, evenly spaced.

Let cook for 45 minutes, or until the cheese melts and is bubbly.

Makes 16 servings.

# Missions News



## Save the date for a Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 2, 2021

The CUMC Missions committee will be hosting a Cinco De Mayo fundraiser and celebration for *Give Ye Them To Eat*, our Mexico mission.

Things will be different this year. We will not be asking for 'auction baskets.' Thank you to all of you who have been so generous and creative in the past with your baskets!

More information to follow in the April Newsletter.



## HEARTS & HANDS!

Let's welcome the season of spring with joy and anticipation!

Join Mary Bolhuis at the house on the bay for laughter, food and devotions.

We continue with a firm and fast belief that God journeys with us every step of the way.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3,  
2021

10:00 am

Questions? Call 837-3403

"Hearts & Hands is church for me!"

-quote by a faithful attender and met with murmurs of agreement.

Social distancing required and in place

# Scout News



February is a special month in the Scouting calendar because it is our Anniversary Month, and we have lots of celebrations! We kicked it off with Scout Sunday, then we helped our Bigfork Cub Pack at their Blue & Gold Dinner (111<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the BSA), which was also the official date of Gabrielle's Eagle Rank, as part of the inaugural class of female Eagles, and then in honor Valentine's Day we decided to "do what we love" all month.



Who said earning merit badges can't be fun? Many of the requirements for Snow Sports and Fishing were completed when they learned how to cross country ski and took a second trip ice fishing out on Echo Lake. This time, the Perch were biting! Finally we headed off to Blacktail Mountain to use those newly gained skills and celebrate Scout Ski Day!



For community service we helped the Bigfork Elves undecorate downtown with the Bigfork boys Troop 1923.



**Camp needs slash burning help in March**

**Contact Gary Bolhuis 837-3403  
Or Rick Trembath 837-6298**



## **Notes from Upstairs:**

The team at Threads (and Bigfork Ladies Service Club) would like to thank all of you for welcoming us into our new space. We truly appreciate all your continuing support and donations.

We are currently serving 40-50 kids a week (open on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm) from Bigfork High School and Middle School. These students in need are referred to us and are accompanied by a Counselor, Teacher, or Parent.

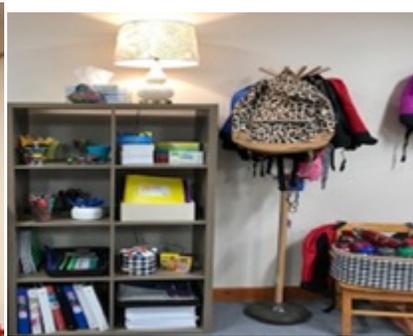
This past year and continuing into this year has been a difficult time for some of the kids so we are “spoiling” them a bit more than usual – making sure that they have a warm and positive environment to come to, plenty of snacks to eat, and celebrate all the fun holidays throughout the year!

Threads relies on donations from the community of gently used teenage appropriate clothing (all underwear, socks and personal care items must be new) as well as monetary donations to purchase much needed shoes and other supplies. The kids LOVE Little Debbie Snack Cakes and below you will find our additional list of items we are in current need of:

Sunny D, individual bottles, 11.3 ounces - Gatorade, individual bottles, 12 ounces  
-Water, individual bottles, 12 ounces

Personal Care items such as new disposable razors, shaving cream or gel, and deodorant for both girls and guys are always appreciated!

If you haven't checked us out, please stop by for a tour or find us on facebook and Instagram (search Bigfork Ladies Service Club). Again, a huge thank you all; we feel really blessed to be part of this community.





# COVID-19 Vaccine

## How to receive a COVID-19 vaccination:

### 1. Determine eligibility

Check out Montana's COVID-19 Vaccine Phased Distribution Plan to determine when you can receive the vaccine.

**As of 1/19/21, we are vaccinating Tier 1A and Tier 1B.**

### 2. Call to be added to the vaccine list

If you are eligible, choose **one** of the following methods to be added to the list to receive COVID-19 vaccine when vaccine becomes available:

1. Call our COVID-19 Vaccine Line at 406.751.8119 and leave a voicemail with your name, date of birth, and phone number to be added to the list. **OR**
2. Submit a COVID-19 Vaccine Request form on our website at <https://www.flatheadhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>

### 3. Check our website

If you are not eligible at this time, check back on our website <https://www.flatheadhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. We will update the site as we move into different vaccine tiers.

## Have Questions?

Contact Us:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Line: 406-751-8119
- Website: [flatheadhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/](https://www.flatheadhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Tiers

### Tier 1A:

- Frontline healthcare workers
- Healthcare workers who are patient-facing or have direct virus exposure
- Residents and staff of assisted living and long term care facilities

### Tier 1B:

- People aged 70 and older
- American Indians or other people of color who may be at elevated risk for COVID-19 complications
- People with any of the following high-risk health conditions
  - cancer, chronic kidney disease, COPD, down syndrome, heart conditions such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies, immunocompromised state from organ transplant, severe obesity (BMI  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>), sickle cell disease, type 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus

### Tier 1C:

- Frontline essential workers
- People aged 60 and older
- Individuals residing in congregate care and correctional facilities
- People aged 16-59 with medical conditions not included in 1B that may be at elevated risk:
  - asthma (moderate to severe), cerebrovascular disease, cystic fibrosis, hypertension or high blood pressure, immunocompromised state from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use or corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines, neurologic conditions such as dementia, liver disease, overweight (BMI  $> 25$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> but  $< 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>), pulmonary fibrosis, thalassemia

### Tier 2:

- All remaining Montanans aged 16 or older.

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