

# The Good News Letter



July 2018

# Weekly Devotional

## July 1, 2018 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

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## July 8, 2018 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48 (UMH 782)  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

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## July 15, 2018 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24 (UMH 755)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

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## July 22, 2018 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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## July 29, 2018 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21



## Shepherd's Coffee Schedule

July 1 – Downtown Bigfork, Hwy35 North

July 8 – East Lakeshore

July 15 – Hwy 35 South

July 22 – Ferndale, Swan Hill, Echo Lake

July 29 – Lakehills, Lakeside, Somers

## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

Dear Friends,

### **Our mid-year Church Charge Conference has been postponed to August 5<sup>th</sup>.**

We are a special community with summer friends coming every year to join us in worship. We are a worldwide church with people from all across the nation and around the world.

This is an exciting time of year for us as we welcome back friends from Florida and Texas, Germany and Singapore. That is why we always try to schedule a Church Charge Conference in late June, when everyone is here.

Due to a misunderstanding on my part we got our signals crossed on how to convene this annual business meeting this year. Let me tell you how it happened so you can appreciate the uniqueness of our faith community and our Conference.

We have struggled to find a way to provide support to churches from the Conference office, which was in Billings when we were the Yellowstone Conference. We only had two District Superintendents to cover everything in the northern half of Wyoming and Montana.

The Conference created Clergy Circuits consisting of half a dozen or so churches in an area and Presiding Elders were designated by the District Superintendents. That way all local pastors get to conference with each other and their Presiding Elder about once a month. If issues arise requiring the District Superintendent to step in, the Presiding Elder could make that call.

Our Book of Discipline says the District Superintendent will set the time of the meeting and will preside at it or designate an ordained elder to do so. Since we went to clergy circuits I have contacted my Presiding Elder to set the time and arrange for that person or an ordained elder to preside at our meeting.

For a number of years now, I have not asked a District Superintendent to formally set the time of the meeting. There was no objection from the Conference and all our budgets have been set and reported to the Conference.

We did have a Charge Conference called by our new District Superintendent last November for all the churches in our Flathead Clergy Circuit and Jan presided as we all voted, local church by local church, to set our plans for this entire year. This was new and it gave many churches a chance to gather and see each other. I hope we do it again this fall.

But we still wanted to have our late June Church Charge Conference so everyone could see the plan, ask questions and participate in the future of our church.

I contacted Steve Hermes, our Presiding Elder. Because he was moving into his new job of Flathead Camp manager, he asked me to get another ordained elder to preside. I announced the Charge Conference for June 24<sup>th</sup>.

When our new District Superintendent Jan Witman saw that notice in an email to all of you she called and said she had to designate the time of the meeting and therefore we would have to set a new date.

She also indicated that she wanted to be present at the meeting and preside at our Conference. I advised that it would be best to do this on a Sunday right after worship. She has made an effort to be with us on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>.

I am grateful that Jan pointed this misunderstanding of mine out to me and that she can join us on Sunday August 5 to preside at our mid-year Church Charge Conference right after worship on that day.

I apologize to you for any confusion or any disruption in your plans that this may have created. I am happy to welcome our new District Superintendent back to the church where I first met her years ago when she was serving as your pastor.

**Please mark your calendars to join us for our summer Church Charge Conference after worship on Sunday, August 5, 2018.**

I am also happy to report that it has been a good year for us. We had an ambitious budget which we almost made at the same time we were conducting a three-year capital campaign to pay off our mortgage and free our giving to increase our local ministries.

Our mortgage balance has been reduced so much in the first year of that effort that we have been able to reduce the amount of interest we will pay on the mortgage from \$17,000 to \$5,000. The mortgage balance has been reduced from \$377,000 when we started the campaign to less than \$120,000 today.

Even more exciting to me is the outburst of new ministries that have taken root and blossomed in the past year. They are too many to list, but I want to mention two of them here.

Jean Randall started a group, called the Phoenix Group, as an opportunity for those who have experienced widowhood to gather and share problems and solutions with each other. I don't think there is anyone who could help people who have shared in that devastating experience of losing a loved one better than those who have experienced it themselves. The group has grown and the participants have found it a valuable place to learn and grow and help each other.

The other ministry is our community meals on Thursdays. Now that school is out the program is taking the summer off, but people who have served the ministry are using the summer months to invite more church and community groups to 'adopt a Thursday' to serve meals.

We think we can find enough volunteers so that each participating group will only be required to do three meals a year. Everyone who has served has loved the work, but we want to make this sustainable in the long run, and we want as many different members of the community as possible to share in the joy we are experiencing.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on August 5<sup>th</sup> to welcome Rev. Jan Witman back and I thank you all for a great year of worship and ministry. I feel like the luckiest pastor in the new Mountain Sky Conference.

Onward and upward,

***Kelly***

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Worship 10am</b>	<b>2</b> Hearts and Hands 10am @ Mary B's King's Ringers 5pm	<b>3</b> Bridge 9am Rowdy Bunch 1pm AA 7pm	<b>4</b> Rotary 12pm	<b>5</b> Community Meal 4:00 Judaism Conversation 5:30 AA 7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> AA 9am
<b>8</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> AA 8:30am & 7pm	<b>9</b> King's Ringers 5pm Education 10:30 Wheat MT	<b>10</b> Bridge 9am Finance 10am Worship 4pm Rowdy Bunch 1pm AA 7pm	<b>11</b> Rotary 12pm SPPRC 4pm Judaism Conversation 5:30 AA 9am	<b>12</b> Community Meal 4:00 AA 7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> AA 9am
<b>15</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> Emmaus Gathering 6pm Lakeside AA 8:30am & 7pm	<b>16</b> King's Ringers 5pm Trustees 7pm	<b>17</b> Bridge 9am Rowdy Bunch 1pm Rotary Board 5:15 AA 7pm	<b>18</b> Rotary 12pm Judaism Conversation 5:30 AA 9am	<b>19</b> Community Meal 4:00 CFBB 11am AA 7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Phoenix AA 9am
<b>22</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> AA 8:30am & 7pm	<b>23</b> King's Ringers 5pm Ad Council 7pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b> Bridge 9am Rowdy Bunch 1pm AA 7pm	<b>25</b> Rotary 12pm Judaism Conversation 5:30 AA 9am	<b>26</b> Community Meal 4:00 AA 7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> AA 9am
<b>29</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>Worship 10am</b> AA 8:30am & 7pm	<b>30</b> King's Ringers 5pm	<b>31</b> Bridge 9am Rowdy Bunch 1pm AA 7pm				



## July

4<sup>th</sup> – Rick Trembath  
10<sup>th</sup> – Larry Athorn  
14<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Gibson  
14<sup>th</sup> – Martha Pearce  
18<sup>th</sup> – Mildred Tarter  
20<sup>th</sup> – Riley Whitney  
30<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Yenne



## July

12<sup>th</sup> – Bob and Bonnie Chrysler  
27<sup>th</sup> – Harry and Holly Wilson

If you would like your birthday or anniversary added to the list, or you would like your information taken off the list to be published, please let Dana know in the office.

## July Church Events

**Sunday July 1** – Worship 10am  
**Monday July 2** – Hearts and Hands 10am at Mary B's, King's Ringers 5pm  
**Tuesday July 3** – Rowdy Bunch 1pm  
**Thursday July 5** – Community Meal 4pm, Judaism Conversation 5:30

**Sunday July 8** – Worship 10am  
**Monday July 9** – Education 10:30 Wheat MT, King's Ringers 5pm  
**Tuesday July 10** – Finance 10am, Rowdy Bunch 1pm, Worship 4pm  
**Wednesday July 11** – SPPRC 4pm, Judaism Conversation 5:30  
**Thursday July 12** – Community Meal 4pm

**Sunday July 15** – Worship 10am, Emmaus Gathering 6pm Lakeside  
**Monday July 16** – King's Ringers 5pm, Trustees 7pm  
**Tuesday July 17** – Rowdy Bunch 1pm  
**Wednesday July 18** – Judaism Conversation 5:30  
**Thursday July 19** – Community Meal 4pm  
**Saturday July 21** – Phoenix

**Sunday July 22** – Worship 10am  
**Monday July 23** – King's Ringers 5pm, Admin Council 7pm, Newsletter Deadline  
**Tuesday July 24** – Rowdy Bunch 1pm  
**Wednesday July 25** – Judaism Conversation 5:30  
**Thursday July 26** – Community Meal 4pm

**Sunday July 29** – Worship 10am  
**Monday July 30** – King's Ringer's 5pm  
**Tuesday July 31** – Rowdy Bunch 1pm

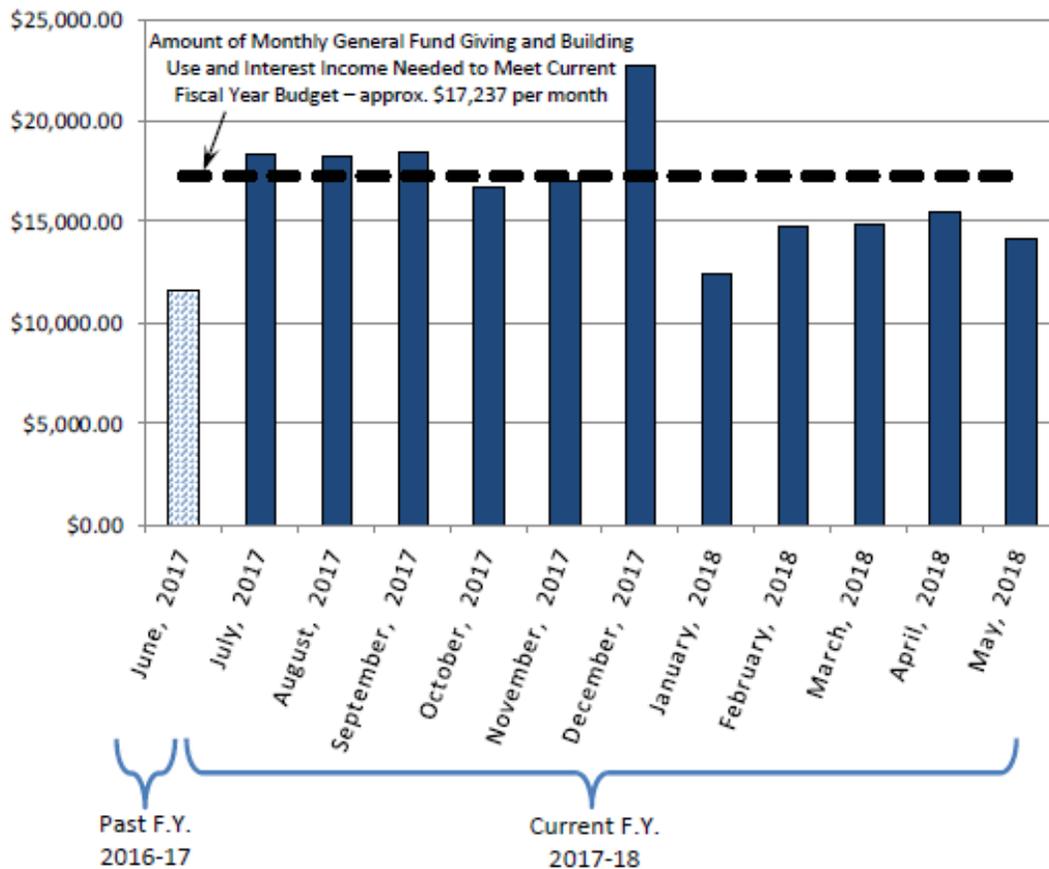
## 2 Corinthians 9:7

*"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 2017-18 Total Budget Amount	Total Fiscal Year July through May Giving	Yearly Balance Remaining	May Offering
<b><u>\$206,844.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$183,132.11</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,711.89</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,119.24</u></b>

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.

### June, 2017 through May, 2018 Monthly Giving



# What's Happening?

## **Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists and Flowers**

Please consider donating your gift of time by serving in one of these important positions. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex outside the church office. *"Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it."* 1 Cor. 12:27

## **Riverbend Concert**

Sundays at 7pm in Slitter's Park, bring a blanket, or lawn chair and enjoy a different performer or group every week. In case of rain, or bad weather, the concert will be moved to Community United Methodist Church

## **Bigfork Farmer's Market**

Tuesdays from 3pm-6pm and Fridays from 10am-1pm. The Bigfork Farmers' Market Cooperative is an association of local small business men and women, organized to provide an economical alternative venue for vendors to sell their products and for consumers to purchase locally grown manufactured, baked and processed produce, foods, arts and crafts. Located at the VFW.

## **Bigfork Village Market**

Mondays from 3-7pm at Brookside Yard. New Market in Downtown Bigfork, Connecting buyers to local produce, handcrafted goods and entertainment. Free yoga at 3 pm, vendors/bar/food trucks at 4 pm, and live music at 5 pm. The market

officially ends at 7 pm, but often there will be a speaker from 7-7:30 (ish) pm.

## **Bigfork Summer Playhouse**

The Bigfork Summer Playhouse is celebrating its 59th Season of live professional theatre in 2018 with another stellar season line up! The Totally Radical 80's revue, The Little Mermaid, Singin' In The Rain, All Shook Up, Into The Woods & The HITS of the 50's, 60's & 70's.

## **Preschool**

Stillwater Christian School is accepting applications for preschool enrollment. Contact Renee Wynne at 406-471-1177 or [rwynne@scscougars.org](mailto:rwynne@scscougars.org) for more information

## **Gospel Concert**

The group "2<sup>nd</sup> Generation" will be presenting a concert at Bethany Lutheran Church (Hwy 35 just north of Burgertown) on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## **Cruise Flathead Lake**

Come join the Flathead Lake Biological Station researchers and enjoy an afternoon cruise while learning about our ecological and water quality research! July 10th, 3:30-6:00 pm at Flathead Lake Boat Tours, Lakeside Marina in Lakeside, Montana. \$50/person, with proceeds benefiting Bio Station Research and Monitoring in the Flathead. Music by the "Bad Larrys." Appetizers and beverages will be served. Limited seating available so please RSVP to Tom Bansak at [Tom.Bansak@umontanaor](mailto:Tom.Bansak@umontanaor) 406-982-3301 x229.

Don't miss out on the best cruise of the summer!"

## The King's Ringers!



The bell choir is 11 members strong and has been making a joyful noise every Monday. We look forward to sharing our music, and joy, with the congregation very soon!

## Trustee News



We are looking for some basic tools for the Janitor Closet tool box to help with general maintenance of the Church facilities. If you have any extra screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers, etc. – consider donating them to the church. If we get extras, they will be donated to

the Flathead Lake United Methodist Church Camp.

## Thank you!

Dear Community United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during finals. The care package you sent was awesome!

Jackson Wynne

Thank you so much for the box of goodies you sent me. It was great eating the goodies while studying for finals. I am so blessed to have you guys thinking of me.

Sincerely,  
Hayden  
Johnson

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the love, support and prayers for Mom over the course of her final years. She really appreciated your visits and shared with me her continuing love for all of you. Please apply this gift to retiring the mortgage on the building. We look forward to a memorial service in the fall.

Love,  
Sharon Vonk

Dear Master Baby Quiltmakers,

Thank you for the darling hand-tied quilt you sent our baby girl, Mary Birdie! You all are so thoughtful and we are touched by this gift! Many blessings to you!

Francie Towne & Family (Frank Kuntz's daughter)



## Mission News

### Potato Bake

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed those wonderful Manhattan, Montana potatoes from the Bolhuis. The Potato Bake raised \$657.00 for Heifer International. (\$657.00 in 2017, a record \$752.00 in 2016) This year's total included the bunnies that Katie Railey donated. We now have \$3,225.97 toward the \$5,000.00 needed for our next Ark. While the name is Heifer International, people in the United States receive animals, bees, and trees. Just like on Noah's Ark, the animals are sent two by two. The first offspring of the pair are then passed to another family, who in turn pass on the first offspring. When we send an Ark,

the gift multiplies and multiples. Thank you.

### Coin Jars

Thank you for all those coins for UMCOR. United Methodist Committee on Relief is a fantastic organization. Due to the structure of UMCOR, often it is the first group to respond to natural disasters. Last winter the Blackfeet received UMCOR assistance as well as areas suffering from hurricanes. The due date for the coin jars is after the due date for this newsletter, so the total will be announced in church.

Please keep filling those coin jars for the Northwest Montana Literacy Program. If you would also like to donate gently used or new children's books, there is a basket in the church entryway. August 26 is Literacy Jar round up.

### Undie Sunday/Sundae Sunday and BUMP Boxes for the Blackfeet United Methodist Parish

September 2, 2018 will be Undie Sunday/Sundae Sunday. On September 2nd, please bring packaged undies (must be in original package, appropriate logos and no sport teams logos) to church, enjoy a sundae, and take home a BUMP BOX to fill. More information in the August Newsletter, but it is never too early to start collecting toothpaste, comb/brush, warm hats and gloves, and school supplies when items are on sale. Last year we sent 103 BUMP BOXES. Thank you for sharing with others.



## 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.*

The May meeting of Phoenix was postponed until June 19 due to illness. With Judy Meseroll as hostess, we welcomed one new member and two returning snowbirds for a total of 12 in attendance. It was an evening of lively conversation and laughter as we shared our original captions for a group of cartoons. Then we discussed a variety of upcoming area events of interest one might choose to attend. Some are still working to arrange their one on one time with a person they were paired with by a name draw at an earlier meeting. The June event wrapped up with a lovely meal prepared by our hostess. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday July 21, with Alda Pierce hosting at 101 Eagle Bend Dr in Bigfork. RSVP to Alda at 837-1151 or cell 1-239-398-6772

Thought for the day: Morning is God's way of saying one more time, go make

a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a soul, and enjoy the day! *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.*

## Community Meals

Our Thursday Community Meals are taking the summer off. There are fewer young people in our neighborhood when school is out and we are making use of this time to sign up other churches and groups to serve. The meals will start again on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m..



## Hearts and Hands

Before the Glorious Fourth...  
Join a gathering of Hearts & Hands  
AT: Mary Bolhuis' place porch-side on the bay [187 Tall Pines Ct., Bigfork](#)  
FOR: Food, fun and fellowship  
WHEN: Monday, July 2, 10 am -noon  
Walk right on in, help yourself to coffee/tea and an assortment of goodies, and visit with the greatest group of women you'll ever meet in Bigfork!

Pastor Shep



## Recipe Corner

### Breakfast Casserole

- 1 ½ lbs of regular or hot sausage
- 1 8oz pkg original crescent rolls
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese grated
- 4 eggs beatten
- ¾ cup milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Spray a 13x9x2 dish. Brown the sausage and drain excess grease. Lay rolls in bottom of dish. Sprinkle browned sausage over the rolls, next sprinkle cheese. Beat eggs and add to milk with salt and pepper. Drizzle egg and mild over casserole. Bake 15 to 20 minutes (watch and check for middle of casserole to be done). Remove from oven and wait 5 minutes before serving.

Serves 6-8, can be made a day ahead and baked when ready.

Submitted by Sally Hamilton

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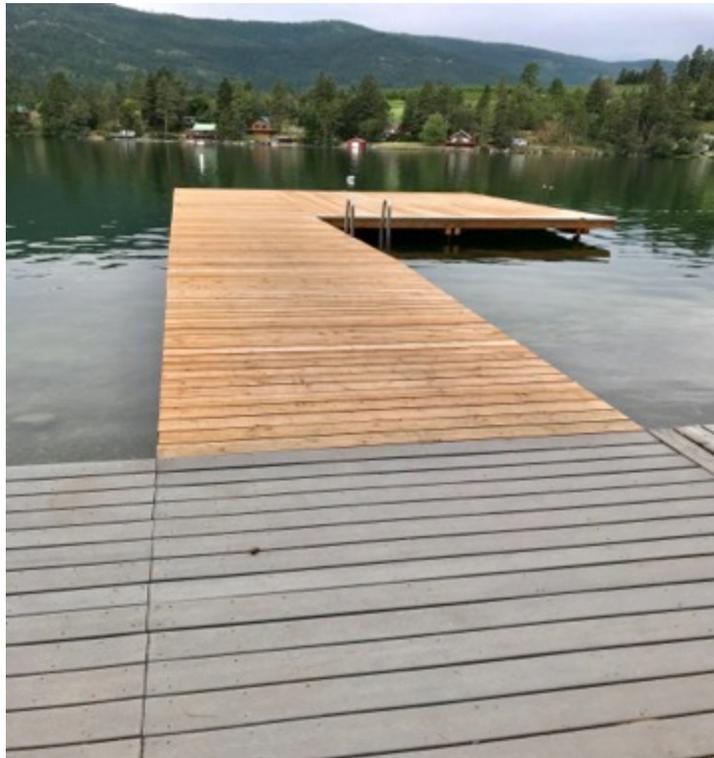
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**Worship: Sunday at 10:00am**



*The new dock at Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp*

*June 28, 2018*

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