

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER



April 2021

Weekly Devotional



April 4, 2021– Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133 (UMH 850)

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

April 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts: 3:12-19

Psalms 4 (UMH 741)

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalms 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Dear Friends,

You may not have heard this news, so just in case, below you have a copy of the email/letter from our District Superintendent, Jan Witman that Carol Bertram read at the beginning of worship yesterday morning. You will have a new pastor July 1st of this year. If you have questions, Jan asks that you call her (406-696-9090), or Carol Bertram (218-839-5158).

Thank you for the most spiritually and personally rewarding years of my life. It has been a dream to live in Bigfork and to serve a rowdy – faithfully rowdy – congregation like you.

I will need to stay away for a year to honor our church's polity, but I suspect it will be longer. With what has happened to land prices in this area for in the last nine months it is unrealistic to think I can afford to live here, and maybe that is best in many ways. All I am

saying is that at the moment, that is the way it is.

It is my prayer, that just as you have been an inspirational model of a United Methodist church in the face of great challenges, we can make this a very smooth pastoral transition so your new pastor is informed and equipped to be your spiritual leader on Day One, July 1, 2121. I suspect that whoever it is will feel a little like Pogo when he said, "Let me pass. I have to follow them. I am their leader." You are that kind of "followers," and that is a good thing. Be kind to your new leader. You are awesome, you live in an awesome place and you do awesome work to make a great place even greater...and the awesome work you do makes you even greater, too. In the meantime, we still have a lot of work to do before July 1st. Let's get to it.

Onward and upward,

Kelly

From: **Jan Witman** <jwitman@mtnskyumc.org>

Date: Sat, Mar 27, 2021 at 10:24 AM

Subject: letter for congregation

To: Carol CUMC Bertram <cbertram5158@gmail.com>

Members and friends of Community UMC in Bigfork,

Greetings to you at the beginning of this Holy Week. I pray for your health and well being in these challenging days.

I am writing to share the news that Kelly Addy's appointment to CUMC will conclude on June 30, 2021, in accordance with the United Methodist mandatory retirement policy. I am grateful for his leadership there, and for the ways in which you have grown during his time with you. I know that you will find ways of thanking him for his ministry as he says farewell.

I will be meeting with the Staff Parish Relations Committee to discuss the church's profile and consult with you regarding the gifts and skills needed to build on Kelly's legacy and your long and faithful tradition in the Bigfork community. The Bishop and Cabinet will then meet to discern the next appointed pastor for this chapter of your life as a congregation.

Please contact Carol Bertram as Staff Parish Relations Committee chairperson or me if you have questions about the appointive process.

With gratitude and blessings,

Jan Witman

District Superintendent

Montana West

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April 2021

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Easter Sunrise Service 7am at Wayfarers boat launch Worship 10am	5 BSA Eagle Court of Honor 7:00	6 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Tai Chi 10:00	7	8	9	10
11 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship 10am	12 Community Outreach and Education 11:00 Scouts 7:00	13 Finance 10:00 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Tai Chi 10:00	14 Worship 4:00	15 Missions 4:00	16	17 District Gathering via Zoom 9:00
18 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship 10am	19 Scouts 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Newsletter Deadline	20 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Tai Chi 10:00	21 SPRC 5:30	22	23	24
25 4th Sunday of Easter Worship 10am	26 Scouts 7:00 Church Council 7:00	27 Rowdy Bunch 1pm Tai Chi 10:00	28	29	30	



April

Diane Pearson – 1st
 Coleene Torgerson – 4th
 Nanci Bain – 4th
 Terry Krutzler – 4th
 Ramona Boyton-Logan – 14th
 Kathy Truzzolino – 16th
 Vera Roth – 26th
 Erin Willis – 30th



April

Gary and Mary Swier Bolhuis – 11th

April Church Events

Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunrise
 service 7am at Wayfarers, Worship
 10:00

Monday April 5 – Scouts 7:00

Tuesday April 6 – Tai Chi 10:00,
 Rowdy Bunch 1:00

Sunday April 11 – Worship 10:00

Monday April 12 – Community
 Outreach and Education 11:00, Scouts
 7:00

Tuesday April 13 – Finance 10:00, Tai
 Chi 10:00, Rowdy Bunch 1:00

Wednesday April 14 – Worship 4:00

Thursday April 15 – Missions 4:00

Saturday April 17 – District Gathering
 via Zoom 9:00

Sunday April 18 – Worship 10:00

Monday April 19 – Trustees 7:00,
 Scouts 7:00, **Newsletter Deadline**

Tuesday April 20 – Tai Chi 10:00,
 Rowdy Bunch 1:00

Wednesday April 21 – SPRC 5:30

Sunday April 25 – Worship 10:00

Monday April 26 – Church Council
 7:00, Scouts 7:00

Tuesday April 27 – Tai Chi 10:00,
 Rowdy Bunch 1:00



Church Finances

The finance committee is pleased to report that as our third quarter comes to an end, our revenues continue above expectations and our expenses below. In addition, we have received notification from the State that our grant funding expenses were approved and

our PPP loan forgiveness request was approved by the bank and forwarded to SBA. We anticipate a favorable response in the next six weeks.

Our discussions are starting to focus on how we best fund our music program as we eagerly anticipate our reopening as well as assisting those in need within our Community. Through your generous support, we have weathered our shut down extremely well and have been able to help those in need. We are fortunate to have an early Spring and look forward to more sunny days for all.

Quote of the month: “The daily grind of hard work gets a person polished.” Author unknown

Recipe Corner



Rocky Road Fudge Squares

2/3 cup butter
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup flour
2 oz unsweetened chocolate melted
1 cup nuts (optional)
20-30 large marshmallows
1 cup chocolate chips

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add eggs, salt, vanilla and flour and beat until fluffy. Add melted chocolate and nuts if desired. Spread in a greased 9 x 13 pan and bake 25 minutes (or until a toothpick comes out clean) at 350 degrees. Remove from oven and top immediately with enough marshmallows to cover. Put back in the oven until marshmallows are soft. Remove from oven and press marshmallows with the back of a spoon to spread and flatten. Sprinkle with chocolate chips and again use the back of a spoon to spread the chocolate as it melts.

Worship Notes

Starting on Easter Sunday we will be able to meet in person!

There will be a Sunrise Service at 7am at the boat launch at Wayfarers State Park and regular in person worship at the church at 10am. **If you choose to worship in person we ask that you still wear your mask and maintain social distance to protect your friends who have not been vaccinated.**

We are also grateful that we will be able to continue our ministry via live streaming on YouTube for those who aren't comfortable in person yet and those who are far away. Dale, Ward, Rick, and Dana (who prepares the slides) have all been instrumental in making this happen each week.

Nanci has served as service pianist, liturgist, and has performed several anthems live which has been a welcome addition to our services. Continued thanks to Beth, Ruth, Coleene, Solveig Munson, and John for their musical contributions as well as Mary Bolhuis for serving as liturgist during many of the services.



Sunday, May 2, outdoors at the Eagle Bend Pavilion at 11:30am

Come together for a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser for our Mexico Mission, Give Ye Them To Eat (GYTTE). Why is it important? Because poor health, malnutrition and limited resources are a chronic, daily reality. The GOOD NEWS is that the development opportunities offered through GYTTE's programs help people to gain knowledge and acquire new skills which empower them to find solutions to family and community problems that once seemed insurmountable. And YOU CAN HELP!!!

We will not be having our usual potluck and basket auction to raise funds for GYTTE. This year we are asking you to send in a donation

instead of buying or making a basket. Please put Cinco de Mayo in the memo line of the check, or attach a note with your name and Cinco de Mayo for a cash donation.

Everyone who makes a donation will be entered for a drawing for a two night stay at a cabin at the Methodist Camp. The cabin sleeps up to 10 people and has a kitchen and a bath. Great for a family reunion or an overnight with friends! The drawing will be held at the Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 2nd. You need not be present to win.

Bring a sack lunch and drinks, take a swing at the pinata, enjoy being together and participate in the live auction for a custom made birdhouse by Montana Artist, Steve Hermes. There will be music, trivia games, sweet treats and more! But, head's up.....There will be no running water.....so no bathrooms. Questions? Call Susan at 270-4626.



Cinco de Mayo

Thank You!!

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. I have used it already. Had chills on Saturday so I covered up with it. Also, what helps a lot of pain in my legs etc.? I covered the pain with the love from the quilt. I know it takes a lot of time to make them, but I do appreciate it and I am certainly using it. Much love and thanks to you for doing the quilts.

God Bless,
Ruth

Lighthouse Christian Home

The cabinets are finished! Attached is a picture of residents in front of the newly renovated kitchen. The Lighthouse is delighted with CUMC's generous gift that made this possible.



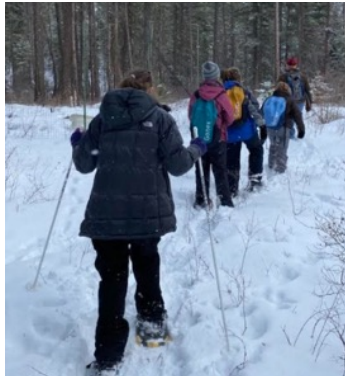
Thank you!



Food Bank Requests

Sugar
64oz juice jugs (any flavor)
Apples
Snacks
Cereal
Hearty soups
Toilet paper

Scout News



This past month we really focused on rank advancement. With three new scouts we wanted to be sure that we got them up to speed on the basics, and find a way to make skill building requirements like the proper care, handling and use of knives, saws and axes, fun! Of course Rick knows how to make it fun! He actually felled a tree just so the ladies could practice liming, bucking and spitting wood.



First overnight campout with the new unit was very successful. Dutch oven cooking, practicing our first aid and building personal first aid kits, completing Totem' Chit and Fire'm Chit awards, and pretty close to all the Tenderfoot requirements out of the way. The last one to finish is sometimes the hardest. Scouts need to track their exercise activity for 30 days, and take regular measurements of push ups, sit-ups, timed mile and flexibility (how far your fingers can go

past your toes). Since we have had fabulous weather for winter, we also got in a snow shoe hike that included plant, tree and animal identification.

We were so ambitious and still loving being outdoors during winter that we took on the challenge set to us by Gary Riecke to build an igloo. So having done the math with our Patrol Leader, we set out to his property in West Glacier and with LOTS of help from the adults, it took 4.5 hours to build.



We thought you might like to see what happens at the Church when we have meetings. Typical meeting is an opening flag ceremony, an activity (could be planning a campout or working on skill building), announcements/reminders about what's coming up.

For community service we helped the Bigfork Cub Pack run their annual Pinewood Derby Car Races. Ireland Rose won 1st place with her derby car in the Outlaw Class! Congrats Iro!



College Care Boxes



It's time to share our love with out college students as they prepare for finals this spring. We will be packing boxes for them on Monday April 19th at 9:30. We welcome helpers to spread out and social distance in the fellowship hall.

Please contact Nancy Trembath or Dana if you need to update an address for a college student, we want to make sure we get the packages to the correct addresses so no one misses out. Of course we're always looking for dontations of snacks and goodies to add to the boxes. If you'd like to contribute please bring donations to the church before the 19th, and make sure there is a note attached so we know it's for the care packages. Thank you for your help with this important service!

Trail mix

Tuna & cracker packages

Fruit leather

Instant individual soup packages

Gum

Cheese & cracker packages

Oreo cookies

Red licorice

Microwave popcorn

Postage for mailing write checks to:
CUMC footnote college care packages

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:

SunnyD, 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.





WALK-IN SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

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