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Joyful, Joyful

I see on the TV news, and read about it in the papers. Earthquakes and war; poverty and oppression. And I pray for those folks, and I know you do, too. And if I have my wits about me, I also say, "Oh, God, please don't let me ever complain or whine or feel sorry for myself again. Ever. Never."

But that's not the way it works out, is it? Daily life gets in the way, and we forget how blessed we are. And then a family comes to use the church showers, and I realize how much I enjoy a hot shower in the morning; OK, then, why don't I remember it every morning, especially every morning in January?

And the valley has never been more lush and lovely than it is today: how come I let myself forget that, and focus instead on minor problems that are just part of life? Why am I so blind?

Ah, well. Focusing on my failures isn't much help, is it? And I am thrown back again on how important it is to be grateful. To repeat, many times a day: "I am blessed, and I am grateful." It is true, after all: I am blessed, and I am (when my wits are about me) grateful. For this church, for how green the valley is, for the love of God that flows through us; for music and baseball and landscape paintings and lamb chops and friends and books and the opportunity to preach. And for, literally, more things and people than I can count.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Dave

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WEBS

Women's E cumenical
Bible Study

The Gospel of John

Mondays, 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM,
Sept. 20 - November 22
at Hope Lutheran Church

Our community wide Bible Study for women will begin again in September and we would love to have you be a part of the group.

The mission of WEBS is to offer all women a safe, engaging environment to nurture their faith through Bible Study and in relationship with others. WEBS seeks to provide a spiritual and scholarly environment in which each woman can live her own spiritual journey. WEBS also seeks to build connection – in the sharing of our stories as we explore God's story.

Beginning September 20, we'll spend 10 weeks exploring *The Gospel of John* using N.T. Wright's [John for Everyone](#). We'll meet Monday mornings from 10:00-11:45 at Hope Lutheran Church.

The morning includes small group discussion and learning, followed by a gathering of the large group for a time of "insights and inquiries" facilitated by a pastor. For this series our pastor will be Rev. Jennifer Wilson from Hope Lutheran, her email is:

jennifer@hopebozeman.com.

WEBS is for women from all around our community, so invite your friends! Childcare is available each week - what a great opportunity this is for you and your child to renew and reenergize!

We are sponsored by Bozeman United Methodist Church, Saint James Episcopal Church, Hope Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church.

If you have questions or want more information on the book, please call Katie Daughenbaugh: 570-4146; Meagan Newberry: 531-9539; or Kay in the BUMC office at 586-5413.

Sunday School

Would you like to be involved in Sunday School or Mid Week groups this fall? ... either participating or volunteering?

Please call Jill or Kay and we can talk about what's happening!
(586-5413)

If you already know you're willing to volunteer at some point this fall, we'd appreciate you letting us know – then we wouldn't have to bug you!! Z

Welcome Back Fair & Sunday School Kickoff Celebration & Registration

September 12th

Sunday School classes begin:

September 19th



Fall Planning

BUMC Staff will have our annual planning meeting on August 24th, and will coordinate our different areas and calendars for the fall. It would be helpful to know some of your team plans as well. If you have time to put some thought into what your team will be involved in this fall (Sept-Dec), as best you know it, and could make a list of your events, possible dates, room needs, etc., we would love to have it by August 23rd?

If you know some things, but haven't made all your plans, that's fine. Please email your ideas to jen@bozemanumc.org or bring a hard copy to the office.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Welcome Back Sunday is just around the corner ...

Is your team making plans to host an information table? Welcome Back Sunday is the perfect opportunity to introduce your team and its projects to our larger church community.

This is a fun time of gathering, renewing and preparing for a wonderful year ahead in our church home. Would you like to help organize this event, held on September 12? Please call the church office, 586-5413, if you are at all interested!

Opportunities for Mission in Haiti

Although Haiti is no longer in the news, the needs are GREAT. You have the opportunity to make a difference.

Debbie Irby, our Yellowstone Conference Volunteers in Mission Coordinator, returned June 1 from Haiti. She will lead a team back to Haiti, Oct. 29 – Nov. 6.

Registration deadline is August 15, 2010. Please contact Debbie if you are interested in joining the team or want more information.

dirby@stpauls-helena.org or call: 406-442-5643 ext.105.

Youth News *from Ann*



Mission 2010 to Rapid City, SD

We're back after a wonderful mission trip to Rapid City, SD. Twenty-nine youth and five adults spent the week, sleeping on the floor of Rapid Valley UMC, working in the community, serving people in a variety of ways. We spent two days painting and hanging sheet rock and siding at a Habitat house. We put on a day camp one day for Native American children, playing games, doing crafts and making bird houses. (Thanks to Frank Manseau and the Methodist men for providing the kits for us to bring!) On Thursday and Friday we split into smaller groups and worked in the food bank, the rescue mission thrift store, the Black Hills Workshop for the mentally handicapped, a woman and children's shelter and the Alzheimer ward of a nursing home.



Our youth worked hard, and their work and time spent with people in need was deeply appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and support for our mission. These mission trips make a difference in the lives of the people we touch and in the lives of our youth.

We're Looking for Meal Providers!



This year we have two opportunities for volunteer meal providers!

- Tuesday nights, we serve a meal to our Campus and Young Adult Fellowship which meets weekly at the Christus Collegium. You can expect to serve about 20 people.
- Wednesday nights, we serve dinner to our youth group in the Friendship room at BUMC. We have between 40 and 50 youth and 8 adult leaders each night.

Would you sign up to help us out this year?

The job entails buying food and drink and preparing and serving a meal. (Paper plates, cups and napkins are on hand in the kitchens.) We have money available to reimburse you for your expenses!

Sign up alone or with a friend to share the work (and fun)! Sign up posters will be located in the friendship room each Sunday after church, or you may call the church office and leave a message for Ann (586-5413 ext. 107). Thank you for your loving support of our youth and young adults!

Important Dates & Upcoming Events

August 21 Youth Camp to Lewis & Clark
September 9 Youth Group Begins!

Camping at Lewis & Clark Caverns: August 21-22

Summer is not over yet! Have fun with your youth group friends, camping at the Lewis and Clark Caverns. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am to carpool out to the campground. Bring your sleeping bag and mat, a swimming suit and towel, clothes for warm weather and some warmer clothes for evening, a rain coat, a lunch for Saturday, water and plenty of sunscreen. (We have tents.) While we're there, we'll have a private tour of the caverns, spend some time in the water, and enjoy star gazing Saturday night. We will be back to the church by 3:00 on Sunday. Parents and friends are welcome to join us! RSVP to Ann, (ann@bozemanumc.org or 586-5413).

Fall Youth Group Meetings Begin September 8!

Youth Group begins again September 8. We meet every Wednesday evening during the school year, from 6:30 – 8:15. Each night we enjoy a delicious dinner followed by singing, a story by Dave, games and discussion.

Our mission is to provide a safe place for our youth to meet and have fun, where they can express their thoughts and feelings and can experience the love of God. Our youth group is open to all youth, grades 6 – 12.

Call Ann or Dave with any questions (586-5413). We hope you'll join us!



Introduction to Handbells

Classes Offered in August

A handbells exploration class, open to all interested adults and older teens in the community, will be held on two Thursday evenings, August 12 and 19, 7:00 p.m., in the Music Room of Bozeman United Methodist Church, 121 S. Willson Ave. This will be exactly what the title suggests, a chance to explore what handbell ringing is all about and whether it is for you. Basic reading and ringing techniques will be taught in a relaxed, informal setting.

For those who would like more exposure following the two sessions, there are several church handbell choirs in Bozeman, including our Glory Ringers, who would welcome additional ringers. Musicians whose skills progress quickly may also be invited to ring with Bozeman's community choir, Bells of the Bridgers.

If you would like to get your hands on some bells and try it out, contact Wanda Myers, 587-3511. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Welcome New Members

Art and Thelma Milley have transferred their membership from Brewster, Massachusetts to BUMC. Please welcome the Milleys to our church family.

Sunday Fellowship Opportunities . . .

During the summer months we enjoy fellowship outside! We gather on the steps and patio area of the Olive Street entrance between the 8:30 and 10:00 Worship Services. This is a casual time for sharing simple refreshments, catching up with old friends and meeting new friends.

This Fellowship Time is hosted and organized by volunteers. If you would like to help set out refreshments, bake some goodies, or help clean up, please contact Loreene Reid at 600-6666 or loreener@yahoo.com.

We are so grateful to Loreene for organizing Fellowship Time. We also know she'd love to hear from you!

Ice Cream Social & Fundraiser for HABITAT for Humanity!



The Missions Team invites you to join us and families who are recipients of a home through our local Habitat for Humanity!

Sunday, August 15

5:00 to 8:00 PM

Christus Collegium, 714 South 8th Avenue

Donations of cookies will be accepted, contact Bonnie Hash, 587-7055. Beverages and a variety of ice creams will be provided. Games for children will be available.

BUMC Camping Weekend at Luccock

**PLEASE NOTICE: DATES HAVE CHANGED,
call 586-5413 for info**

It's time for our Annual Intergenerational Family Camp at Luccock Park in beautiful Paradise Valley. Join all ages from this church and other Methodist churches around Montana for a weekend of rest, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, and just plain fun. All are welcome.

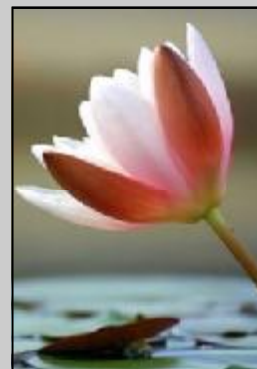
Questions? Grab the Crumrine's or the Harmon's after church and we'll fill you in on more details. Or you may contact Katherine Crumrine at kcrumtone@yahoo.com.



An Invitation . . .

Friends of Bob and Jan Remer are invited to attend their
**50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration,
Sunday, August 8, 2:00-5:00 PM
at the Bozeman Senior Center.**

Please... no gifts.
"Your attendance will be our gift to us!"





Campus and Young Adult News

As summer draws to an end, we look forward to another exciting year with Campus and Young Adult Ministry! Take a look at up-coming fall events!

- We will kick off the fall with Music-Paloosa, Thursday, August 26, at the Christus Collegium! The afternoon will feature live music from our music team, volleyball, and a BBQ dinner.

- Our Tuesday Night Fellowship will begin again on Tuesday, August 31, from 6:30 – 8:15. The evenings are a relaxed time for fellowship and include home-made dinners, music from our amazing band, and discussion time with Morie.
- Our Fall Retreat this year will be at Rock Haven camp, in Gallatin Canyon, beginning September 17 at 4:00 pm and ending the 19th at 11:00 am. The camp features a climbing wall, a zip line, the Gallatin River and incredible hiking. Join us as we get to know each other better and experience God in this beautiful mountain setting.

Please contact Ann for more information and to be included on our email list. (ann@bozemanumc.org or call, 586-5413)

Help care for God's good earth by recycling stuff!

UMW Rummage Sale

Weekend *Before* Labor Day Weekend

Set-Up: August 25-26

Sale: Friday, August 27, 9:00 - 6:00

Saturday, August 28, 9:00 - Noon

Please bring donations to the carpeted end of the Friendship Room by Sunday, Aug. 22, except large furniture which should be brought on the Wed. or Thurs. immediately prior to the sale. No adult clothing/shoes, computers, or TVs. No donations can be accepted on sale days.

If you would like to help, but haven't already signed up, look for the insert in the attendance registration pads at worship services or contact Virginia Manseau by Aug. 10 at 587-7769. There are many shifts for workers as well as opportunities to contribute to the food sale.

Remember that shoppers are needed, too! Lots of good "stuff" will be available for purchase at bargain rates. In addition, food available on Friday (and while it lasts on Saturday) will include pie, quiche, cookies, brownies, cinnamon/sticky rolls, bars, etc.

Proceeds help Bozeman United Methodist Women meet their pledge to mission to support projects across the U.S. and around the world – and support local ministries.

Questions or need pickup? Call Lee Allinger (586-5757) or Wanda Myers (587-3511).

Act Quickly to Get Into the

School of Christian Mission at Flathead Lake

While August 1 is the registration deadline for the Yellowstone Conference School of Christian Mission at beautiful Flathead Lake, you may still be able to get in by contacting the registrar as soon as possible. This year's School is August 18-22., the theme is: Faith In Action: All God's People in Mission Together In the World. Something different this year is an opportunity to put "Faith In Action" in the form of mission service at the camp. Campers able to come on the 18th or 19th can stay those extra nights at no additional charge while they perform service at the camp.

Studies include: *For the Love of God: The Epistles of John*, taught by Rev. Sue DeBree & Rev. Dave Greep; *Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*, taught by Sue King and Diane Martin; and *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible*, taught by Sally McConnell. There are also study sessions for Youth and Children.

Registration forms are available in the church office or on the Yellowstone Conference website, www.yacumc.org. Scholarships are available with preference given to first time attendees. For information about additional local scholarships, contact Gloria Zimmer 586-9152 or gloriazimmer@mcn.net. This camp is open to EVERYONE (men, women, and children) and no one leaves disappointed.

An Opportunity to Make a Difference!

Erick Diaz La Garza is a friend of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital who is looking for a temporary placement for his two boys for next year. Erick has been an important part of all medical campaigns that Bozeman Deaconess Hospital has done in Tula, MX over the

years. Erick and his family live in Mante, Tamaulipas, MX. Narco-violence has reached Mante and he is afraid for his sons to go to school in Mante. There have been several murders, and the drug cartels assassinated a gubernatorial candidate in Tamaulipas two days before the July 4th elections.

Erick is looking for a family or families to help take his sons for a year. His sons, Luis (12) and Erick (15), like

soccer, swimming and computers. They speak some English. Erick senior speaks English very well. He and his wife visited Bozeman two years ago. His e-mail: erickdg64@prodigy.net.mx. Rick Ojala is the medical campaign coordinator for Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, 556-2004 (w) or 586-2149 (h). or rojala@bdh-boz.com. Thank you all for your consideration and prayers.



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Remember the UMW Rummage Sale is August 27 & 28 !!



Worship Notes for August 2010

Summer Worship at 8:30 & 10:00

- Sunday, August 1 Holy Communion
- Sunday, August 8 Summer Worship
- Sunday, August 15 Summer Worship
- Sunday, August 22 Summer Worship
- Sunday, August 29 Election of officers will be held
 between services.

Join us for Fellowship between services. Refreshments
 are served under the trees at the Olive entry.

Church Office Summer Hours:

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Friday, 9:00 AM to Noon
 Office will be Closed on Monday, September 6, 2010

Please Note:

Due to Luccock Park scheduling
 conflicts, BUMC Family Camp will
 NOT be held August 27-29;
 new dates are being considered,
 including August 20-22.

If you would like to be involved
 in leading this event or have
 any questions please call the
 church office, 586-5413.

**September 2010 Chimes Deadline:
 August 20, 2010**