

The Good News

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February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent Camp Sunday Worship Service 11:00 A.M.



Minister: Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith

Lay Reader: Joan Duncan

Ushers: Dale and Nancy Dallmann

Accompanist: Marge Kline

Acolyte: Ellie Bucher

Nursery: Mackenzie Noble

Fellowship Board providing hot dogs, beans, chips

Debbe Rothweiler: Rice Krispy treats

Bruce Cole: cake

Tellers: Steve Gettel, Carol Shipley, Noël Walker

The service will be live-streamed and a recording of the livestream service will be available on YouTube later in the day.



Camp Sunday

Wear your favorite camp shirt or hat to church this Sunday! Hear camp stories! Sing camp songs! **This Sunday we celebrate, you guessed it, CAMP!** Gather in the fellowship hall after worship for a lunch of hotdogs, beans, chips, and dessert- provided by the Fellowship Board.

Don't forget about the silent auction, happening now! Have a peek in Fellowship Hall at all of the items on display and write down your name, bid, and contact information. There will be a final countdown for bidding on Sunday. **All proceeds will be used towards camperships for the 2024 season.**



Christian Education News

Camp Sunday is February 25! And what a busy worship service it will be! All Sunday School children will attend worship with their families to hear camp stories and sing camp songs. **Acolytes will be commissioned. Bibles will be presented to 4th -9th graders.** And don't forget to check out the Silent Auction Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall to help provide camper tuition for summer 2024!

Lenten Sunday School Offering

This year during Lent all Sunday School offering will be used to support our mission sponsor child, VJ Antonette Benarao. And we are off to a great start! The February 18 offering totaled \$20! Thank you! First Congregational UCC sends \$25 / month to aid VJ with food, clothing, health care, education and even college savings! **100% of our monthly gift is used for her support.** Funds are distributed through Global Ministries. Our church changes lives –not just for VJ, but for her entire family—as we reach across the world with our sponsorship.

Soup-er Bowl of Caring Another Big Win!

Many thanks to all who helped make the 2024 Soup-er Bowl of Caring another big success! **This year's total reached \$441.50**, only a few dollars shy of last year's record-breaking total, \$472. In addition, several dozen cans of food were also gathered! But the big winners are the FISH Food Pantry and our hungry neighbors whom they serve. The FISH Pantry can buy many food items for .37/pound, so our gift translates to nearly 1,200 pounds of food to fill the shelves and the clients. Once again, because of you, our church changes lives! Many thanks for your caring generosity.

Loaves & Fishes

The 19th Annual Loaves & Fishes dinner is on **Friday, March 15 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (1326 1st Avenue N.)**. Come for an evening of good food, a silent auction, and raffle drawings. **This year there is ONE SERVING, from 4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.** Free will offering. All proceeds support our local FISH Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your support.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† We celebrate the **Installation of Rev. Laura Folkwein** as pastor and teacher of Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in Bozeman, February 25, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Reception to follow. Please RSVP to Brianna at 406-587-3690.

† The Montana-N. Wyoming Conference sadly announces the death of **Rev. David Munson**. Pastor David peacefully passed away on February 17. He served many churches in the Conference, including his interim ministry at First Congregational United Church of Christ. Please keep his wife Kathy and family in your prayers as they grieve and remember their beloved husband, father, and grandfather. **A celebration of life will be held later in the year.**



Coming Up

Friday, February 23

1:30 P.M. Widows Support Group, Parlor

Sunday, February 25

3:00 P.M. Stewardship Board, Zoom

Tuesday, February 27

10:00 A.M. Sewing, Fellowship Hall

12:45 P.M. Reading, West Elementary

Wednesday, February 28

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, FH

6:00 P.M. Youth Group, SS Wing

6:00 P.M. Handbells, Choir Room

Friday, March 1

1:30 P.M. Widows Support Group, Parlor

Sunday, March 3

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

12:15 P.M. Worship Board, Parlor
