

The Good News of First Congregational UCC and Christ United Methodist Church

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Worship Notes For October 27, 2024 9:30 A.M.



Worship Leaders:

Revs. Lynne Spencer-Smith
Rev. Dawn Skerritt

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

Lay Reader: Peter Johnson

Ushers: Dale & Nancy Dallmann

Acolytes: Lily Borland, Jullian Valley

Accompanist: Victor Tsai

Sunday School: Erin Boarland, Sue Turton

Nursery: Gracie Kuszmaul, CJ Mollohan

Fellowship: Lois Baker, Carol Davidson,
and the Christian Education Board

Tellers: Paul Haffeman, Nancy Zadick

The service will be live-streamed on both church Facebook pages and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day and on the UCC website.



This will be Rev. Dawn's last Sunday to participate in worship. Beginning November 1, her ministry with Christ UMC will encompass administrative needs only. Join us as we give thanks for her worship and pastoral ministry among us over the last four years.

*The Offertory this Sunday is Love Through Me,
Mosie Lister's most popular gospel song.*

***Performed by The Triple Trebles-
Carol Davidson, Joan Duncan, and Liz Lee***

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference of the United Church of Christ and Billings First Congregational Church invite you to the **Ordination & Installation Service of Barbara Gulick**. This is a sacred time where we ordain and install Barbara Gulick to the ministry of Spiritual Direction at Billings First Congregational Church. **This service will be in-person & online starting at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 26th.**

New Format for Children's Messages

Beginning this Sunday, October 27, a Brown Bag (BB) will contain the item used for the Children's Message. Each week, one child will be chosen to take the bag home and bring it back the following week with an item they would like to have Rev. Lynne use. The child will:

- Take the BB home after church
- Before the next Sunday, put an item in the BB that they'd like Rev. Lynne to use in the Children's Message
- Bring the BB and special item back to church and give it to Rev. Lynne at the beginning of the Children's Message
- The item has to fit in the BB
- The item cannot be a weapon or anything that can be used to hurt someone
- You'll get the item back so you can take it home with you
- Please don't take the BB home with you if you know you won't be back the next week

Ready.... Set.... Go!

Mental Health is a Universal Human Right



Those struggling with mental health are your sibling, the person across the street, the person next to you in church. In a given year, one in every four people (26.2%, according to the National Institute on Mental Health) is dealing with a mental illness, also known as a brain disorder.

Rosalynn Carter said: "People with mental problems are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, members of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action."

We invite you to join God's mental health justice work and that of First Congregational United Church of Christ by supporting NIN this October. Please mark your check in the memo line with NIN or follow the prompts in the QR code. Imagine Together Our Efforts in Building a More Just World.



Time to Pick Your Turkey!

For nearly a decade, we've had the opportunity to help food insecure families at West Elementary School by filling seven Thanksgiving Baskets with traditional fixings – and more! If you would like to participate, look for the "Turkey Board" in the narthex. Choose one or more turkeys, purchase the listed items, **then return the items to church by November 10.** May we bless these 7 families with food and God's love!



Christian Education News

On October 27, **children will begin in worship**, share the children’s message with Pastor Lynne, then go to Sunday School to learn about Queen Esther. **Erin Borland** will be the teacher and **Sue Turton** will be her helper. **Kids are invited to wear Halloween costumes to church, then join the fun following Sunday School at our annual intergenerational all-church Halloween Party!**

Happy Halloween Hoopla! 

Church members and friends of all ages are invited to join the fun of our annual Halloween Party in Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, October 27! Costumes are encouraged but not required. With festive decorations, fun food and Halloween goodies, everyone can have a spook-tacular celebration! Kids can color a treat bag, make a spider with google eyes and trick-or -treat from table to table before taking a swing at a well-stuffed piñata! A photo backdrop will be set up for pictures. Plan to come for a fun-filled event!

Upcoming Events

Service of Remembrance	November 3	9:30 A.M.
Spaghetti Dinner	November 8	5:30-7:00 P.M.
Thanksgiving Potluck	November 17	5:00 P.M.
United Women In Faith	November 21	1:00 P.M.
Christmas Pageant	December 15	9:30 A.M.
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	4:30 P.M.



Town Pump Challenge 2024

Town Pump has again selected FISH to be part of the "Be a Friend in Deed, Help Those in Need" campaign. Town Pump will match every donation given to FISH up to \$25,000.00, through November 30, 2024. Please consider sending your gift now to arrive before November 30 to help reach our goal. When sending your check, make it out to FISH and send your donation to **FISH P.O. Box 662 Great Falls, MT 59403**. Thank you for your support. FISH Board of Directors

**CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT
OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.**

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



Imagine
Together

64/137 pledges received for a total of \$164,500

Of those 64:

33 increased	\$14,400
21 same	\$31,000
8 decreased	\$3,742
2 new from last year	\$1,400

Last year's totals were 83 pledges totaling \$187,162.00

Coming Up

Thursday, October 24

5:30 P.M. Meet/Greet Rev. Lynne, Parlor

Friday, October 25

1:30 P.M. Grief Support, Parlor

Monday, October 28

10:00 A.M. Safety Meeting, Parlor

4:30 P.M. Planned Giving Team, Parlor

7:00 P.M. UMC Leadership, FH

Wednesday, October 30

10:00 A.M. CUMC Bible Study, Parlor

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, FH

6:00 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:00 P.M. Youth Group Halloween Party

7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, November 1

1:30 P.M. Grief Support, Parlor

Family Promise from Afar

Stacy Pollard, Regional Director (West) of Family Promise responded to requests of how best to support colleagues in the South that were recently affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Below are the affiliates most impacted by the storms, and opportunities for support:

Family Promise South Sarasota County

- Mailing address: 850 Cockrill Street, Venice, FL 34285
- Their top ten items that they would love to receive are as follows:
 - Shampoo/Conditioner
 - Body Wash
 - Lotion
 - Bath Towels/Hand Towels/Wash Cloths
 - Hand soap
 - Toothpaste
 - Trash bags
 - Bed Sheets (twin)
 - Throw Blanket

Family Promise Martin County:

- Amazon Wish List
 - https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/218HJUFSOSAG8?ref=wl_share

Family Promise Sarasota Manatee

- Mailing address: 8499 Tamiami Trail PMB 267, Sarasota, FL 34238
- They have said that grocery (Target/Publix) gift cards would be beneficial

Family Promise Hillsborough County

- Mailing address: Attn: Edwina Reddick, 201 E Morgan Street, Brandon FL 33510
- Their top ten items that they would love to receive are as follows:
 - Gas Cards - \$25 increments (WaWa, Speedway, Thornton's, RaceTrac & Mobile)
 - Batteries (double & triple A)
 - Flashlights w/batteries (Large for power outages)
 - Toilet Paper
 - Copy Paper
 - Non-perishables such as chicken in the can, individual spam slices, tuna, etc)
 - Variety of cleaning supplies.
 - African American Body & Hair Products (Olive Oil Shampoo & Conditioner, Africa's Best Super Gro Hair & Scalp Conditioner, Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion, Vaseline, Africa's Best Instant Oil Moisturizer, etc)
 - Women's deodorant
 - Clorox or Bleach

