

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Worship Notes For February 2, 2025 9:30 A.M.



Minister: Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

Lay Reader: Noël Walker

Ushers: Hank Branom, Bill Tiskus

Acolytes: Chase Schrader, Lily Borland

Accompanist: Victor Tsai

Choir Director: Jason Webster

Communion Servers: Dana Kirkmeyer, Karen Spencer,  
Janet Koostra, Noël Walker, Carol Davidson

Sunday School: **Teachers Needed**

Nursery: Gracie Kuszmaul, May Harris

Coffee Fellowship: KimKay McCarty Martin, Verna Kessner

Tellers: Paul Haffeman, Carol Shipley

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.



### *Say Cheese!*

Come and get your picture taken for the **new pictorial church yearbook!** Starting this Sunday and continuing all four Sundays in February, **look for Eric in the fellowship hall after worship.** He'll be to your right as you come through the door. Sit and enjoy some fellowship while you wait! For those not in the area, watch for details on how you, too, can have your picture in the yearbook.

### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

† Ray & Colene Parker as Ray has been in the hospital with heart-related issues.

† Janet Koostra is on the mend from a respiratory virus. Get well soon!



## *Christian Education News*

February 2 is Communion Sunday so children will begin in Sunday School, then join their families for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the conclusion of worship. February 2 is also the day Sunday School families should let Janet Koostra know if they would like to help with the February 9 "Soup-er Bowl of Caring" bake sale. **Please also let Janet know if Sunday School families --both kids and adults-- would like to participate in a Secret Pen Pal letter exchange during March & April.**

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### *Fish Thank You's*

We had a short 4-day week at the FISH Food Pantry this past week. Thank you so much to these wonderful volunteers: **Jack Armstrong, Elaine Balzer, Harry & Connie Brauer, Lila Byers, Carol Davidson, Peggy Floen, Bev Harris, Mende Kloppel, Steve & Karen McElroy, Sandy Nicolai and Dennis & Sue Turton.** We gave out 1,307 pounds of food in those 4 days! Our next turn to work is April 7-11. Hope to see you then!

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### *United Methodist Confirmation*

Hello Youth! **What is church? Who was Jesus? Why should you be part of it all?** Designed to bring us together in conversation, Confirmation will provide space for you to explore your faith and ask big questions you have about God and the church (we all do no matter the age!).

Confirmation is the Christian Education required of youth who seek membership in the United Methodist Church. It's so much more than that. Sometimes youth participate in Confirmation courses without the desire or intention of membership and that's okay too. It's designed to give you a basic understanding of the history and theology of the church and navigate being a faithful follower of Christ and help you form a life-long walk of faith.

My favorite part is learning how to articulate our faith stories, so that we can share them with others! Ideally, this course is designed for 7th-10th graders, but will allow high schoolers of any age to join this year, as I haven't had a course offered for some of our juniors and seniors. **This course is 7 weeks long on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church starting on February 16 and running through the end of March. Attendance is required to complete the course.** Please email Pastor Dawn to register at [revdawnskerritt@gmail.com](mailto:revdawnskerritt@gmail.com).

Sending love and light, Pastor Dawn

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### *Search and Call Committee News Surveys Needed from Everyone!*

We've had a good return of the surveys but need more.

**If you haven't completed one, paper copies are available in the church office.**

**You may also use the following link for an electronic copy:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pk7YI5ni2MX1vmDFnYMFcQaljvEzfC6E/view?usp=sharing>

**Paper and electronic copies should be returned ASAP. Please bring paper copies to the church and send electronic surveys to Dale Dallmann, [dogger.drd@gmail.com](mailto:dogger.drd@gmail.com).** Since we are exploring unification, the committee needs surveys from members and friends of both congregations. It is important for the Search and Call Committee to get input from as many members and friends as possible so the profile is as accurate and transparent as we can make it. Please be sure to include your name so the committee can follow up with all members and friends of both congregations. Thank you for your cooperation and help with this survey.





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## *Coming Up*

**Rev. Lynne on vacation until February 3**

**Thursday, January 30**

5:30 P.M. Search and Call, Parlor

**Sunday, February 2**

10:45 A.M. Worship Board, Parlor

10:45 A.M. CE Board, Conference Room

**Monday, February 3**

1:00 P.M. Christian Service, Parlor

**Tuesday, February 4**

1:30 P.M. Grief Group, Parlor

**Wednesday, February 5**

10:00 A.M. Bridge Group, SS Wing

10:00 A.M. Book Study, Parlor

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. Youth Group

6:00 P.M. Handbells

7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 6**

4:00 P.M. Joint Facilities, Fellowship Hall

5:30 P.M. Search and Call, Parlor

**Saturday, February 8**

10:30 A.M. Women's Coffee Wheat Montana (1116 9<sup>th</sup> Street S.)