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November 2, 2025
All Saints Service of Remembrance
Holy Communion
10:00 A.M.

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Holland
Scripture: Romans 1:7, Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Lay Reader: Steve Gettel
Ushers: Dale and Nancy Dallmann
Communion: Lois Baker, Dale and Nancy Dallmann, Linda Grossman
Accompanist/Music Director: Melissa Gilbert
Sunday School: Janet Koostra
Nursery: May Harris
Coffee Fellowship: KimKay McCarty Martin, Doris Motley,
Peggy Seeley
Treats: Darlene Gardner, Syneva Heupel
UCC Tellers: Steve Gettel, Liz Lee
Christ UMC Tellers: Rosemary Neilsen, Jeanne Nobbs

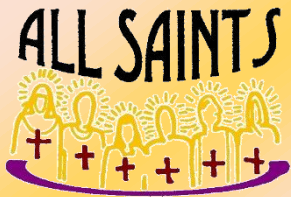
The service will be live-streamed on both church Facebook pages and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day and on the UCC website.

EMAIL CHANGE! Please use greatfallsucc@gmail.com for emails to the church office. Our bresnan.net email will no longer be supported.

Dear members of our congregation,

We want to share an update on our ongoing naming process for our church. The Council met on October 20 and discussed possible next steps following the congregational meeting on September 28. Choosing a new name is an important part of shaping our identity and reflecting our shared values. **The Council recognizes the need for a thoughtful and inclusive approach, and we deeply appreciate the enthusiasm and creativity many of you have brought with your suggestions.** Moving forward, the Council's consensus is to use the time between now and early January to reflect on what has been done to this point, and to seek out resources that help us both to clarify our collective vision and to define the process in the future. In doing so, we hope to create space for reflection and open conversation, ensuring the selection of a new name is guided by wisdom, love, and grace. **For those of you who have proposed names in the past or have new suggestions, we ask that you hold them until we re-engage in the vetting and selection process.** Over the next couple of months, we ask that you pray for our congregation and encourage you to continue sharing your perspectives and any concerns with the Council. **Your input and prayerful support is invaluable as we move forward together.**

Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued commitment to our congregation. We are grateful to each of you and look forward to moving ahead together in faith to the day we celebrate our new name as a unified church. With gratitude and hope, **The Church Council**



On **November 2**, the worship service will be led by **Rev. Paul Holland** and will focus on remembering those who have died over the past year. **Their names will be read, followed by the sound of a chime and silence.** There will also be a time to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of those who have died.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† A Memorial Service for **Rev. Joe Lawson** who passed away October 12 **will be held at our church (2900 9th Avenue S) on November 15, 2:00 P.M., with Pastor Dawn Skeritt officiating.**

† Our sympathy to **Jeanne Nobbs** in the death of her close friend, **Don Ekert.**

† Our sympathy to **Carol Shipley** in the death of her brother-in-law, **Dwayne Shipley.**

† **Peggy Floen** has been re-hospitalized following hip surgery.

† **JoAnn Gold** is in the hospital.

Grief Share Opportunities

Linda Redding with Christ United Methodist will be presenting two different seminars for those experience grief. Both will be held at the church in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Linda at (406) 868-1282 or lindakredding@hotmail.com.

Loss of a Spouse: Monday, November 3, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Your life has changed forever. Daily emotions and challenges seem too hard. This encouraging seminar provides practical advice from others who've been there and tools for coping with life without your spouse.

Surviving the Holidays: Monday, December 8, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss. This holiday seminar provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.



Christian Education News

This week, children will begin in Sunday School for a lesson called “*Jubilee*” with teacher **Janet Koostra** and helper. Students will join their families for the sacrament of Holy Communion and the conclusion of worship. **This week’s Sunday School offering will be donated to “Neighbors in Need”,** a fund of the United Church of Christ which provides resources to those in need. Nursery care will be provided for children through age 5.

Acolyte Training and Review

Calling all acolytes, new and experienced! Following worship on November 2, Janet Koostra will lead an Acolyte Training and Refresher Course for all interested children and youth aged 3rd grade and older. Children will learn the meaning of this important ministry, the timing for lighting and putting out the candles in worship and the proper use and care of the candle lighters. **Please RSVP to Janet (janetkoostra@gmail.com or 406-727-8443) if you plan to attend.** We’ll meet in the sanctuary immediately after worship for this fun and interesting class.

Thanksgiving Basket Update

All the turkeys from the “Turkey Board” have been adopted! Thank you to everyone who is participating! Many of the basket items have already been returned! Thank you for your speedy shopping! And there is more good news! **The local food bank will provide the 7 turkeys we will pass on to families at West Elementary School!** What a blessing!

Christmas Pageant Starting Soon!

Christmas Pageant rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 9 following worship and Sunday School. Children will receive scripts and will read through them. **Children may memorize their parts but it is not required**—they may use scripts during the performance if they wish. **Please contact Janet Koostra, janetkoostra@gmail.com or 406-727-8443 for questions or more information,** Come join the fun as we prepare to tell the story of Jesus’ birth.



Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 16, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Hosted by our unified Fellowship Board, turkeys and hams are provided. **A sign-up sheet with a potluck breakdown is on the table in the narthex.** Invite your family and friends and plan to join us!

Women’s Coffee



The Women’s Coffee group will meet at Wheat Montana (1116 9th St. S.) at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, November 8. All are welcome to attend!

Christmas Tea

First United Methodist Church (610 2nd Avenue N) is hosting their annual Christmas Tea on **December 6 at 1:00 P.M.**

Please **RSVP to Vibecka Olson at (406) 781-0297 by November 20.**





Reverse Offering Stories of Generosity

Amount of money in envelope: \$5.00 + I added more

What I did with the money: Contributed to a fund for a couple who were in a serious accident. The wife was moved to Billing for rehabilitation.

Why I chose this act of kindness: The couple is very active in the community, the school and their grandchildren's activities. They don't have the resources to deal with this kind of tragedy.

What did you gain or learn from this experience? A feeling of joy knowing that I can always do something to help. Small acts of kindness matter.

Amount of money in envelope: \$150.00

What I did with the money: Sent to "My Student in Need".

Why I chose this act of kindness: I was once a student in need.

What did you gain or learn from this experience? It made me thankful that I could give rather than receive.

Coming Up

Friday, October 31- Happy Halloween!

5:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat until 7:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church, 610 2nd Ave. N

Sunday, November 2- All Saints

11:15 A.M. Worship Board, Parlor

11:15 A.M. Acolyte Training, Sanctuary

Monday, November 3

11:00 A.M. Loss of a Spouse Seminar, FH

1:00 P.M. Christian Service, Parlor

Wednesday, November 5

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

10:00 A.M. Bible Study, Parlor

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. Youth Group, 2900 9th Ave. S

6:00 P.M. Handbells

7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 7

4:00 P.M. Fellowship Board, FH

Saturday, November 8

10:30 A.M. Women's Coffee,

Wheat Montana, 1116 9th St. S