

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

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**January 25, 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
after Epiphany  
Worship Service  
10:00 A.M.**



Worship Leader:  
Rev. Sara MacGivra Branom

Scripture: John 6:1-14

Lay Reader: Dave Neagle

Ushers: Randy and Caroline Houtz

Accompanist/Music Director: Melissa Gilbert

Acolyte: Aalayah Dunn

Nursery: May Harris, Lily Yelvington

Fellowship Lunch: Hosted by the Fellowship Board

UCC Tellers: Steve Gettel, Carol Shipley

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.

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***In Our Thoughts and Prayers*** 

† Prayers for peace in our country, our world, and every weary heart.

† Ken Kirkmeyer is home following a hospital stay with heart issues and undergoing tests.



### ***Christian Education News***

**On Sunday, January 25, children will attend worship with their families. There is no Sunday School.** Nursery care will be available as usual. Sunday School will resume on February 1.

**Tackle Hunger with the Super Bowl of Caring offering February 8.**



### ***Call to Annual Meeting 136th Annual Meeting of First Congregational United Church of Christ / Christ United Methodist Church - Great Falls, MT***

The First Congregational United Church of Christ/Christ United Methodist Great Falls Council has announced the 2026 Annual Meeting for **Sunday, January 25 following worship**. We will **conduct the business** of the congregation, **vote on the 2026 recommended budget**, **install board members and officers**, and discuss other items of interest to the congregation. **Lunch will be provided by the Fellowship Board**. The annual meeting of the Memorial Fund Corporation will follow immediately after. All members and friends of First Congregational United Church of Christ-Great Falls are strongly encouraged to attend and participate, keeping in mind that only FCUCC members are able to vote.

***Annual reports will be available on the website later this week to view before the meeting.***

**To join the meeting on Zoom:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82340471662>**

**Meeting ID: 823 4047 1662**

**May and Lily will provide child care for the Annual Meeting.**

Kids will eat lunch, then watch a movie under the supervision of our wonderful nursery staff.

Location to be determined.



### ***Call to Church Conference***

Christ United Methodist Church and Rev. Dawn Skerritt invite you to this called Church Conference to **vote to move forward with Federation with First Congregational United Church of Christ**. The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall (2900 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S)**. *The meeting will be presided by Rev. Karen McRae, District Superintendent.*



### ***14<sup>th</sup> Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. Church Sanctuary (doors open at 1:15 P.M.)***

This non-denominational service celebrates the true story of four World War II U.S. Army Chaplains. **Sponsored by American Legion Post 341, this service honors those men who joined together despite their different beliefs.** In February of 1943, the U.S.A.T Dorchester sunk in the cold Atlantic. Lt. George Fox, Lt. Alexander Goode, Lt. John Washington, and Lt. Clark Polling, brought hope in despair and light in

darkness. Quickly and quietly, they spread out among the soldiers, trying to calm the frightened, tend the wounded, and guide the disoriented toward safety. When the ship went down, the four chaplains, who had given their life jackets to others, linked arms offered prayers. Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, only 230 survived. **Guest Chaplains will include Montana Air National Guard, the Jewish Community, and 341<sup>st</sup> Wing at Malmstrom Airforce Base.**

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### ***Thank You For Fishing***

Thank you so much, as always, to our amazing volunteers who worked at the Fish Food Pantry last week to help distribute food: **Jack Armstrong, Elaine Balzer, Harry & Connie Brauer, Carol Davidson, Syneva Heupel, KimKay McCarty Martin, Steve & Karen McElroy, Sandi Nicolai, Janet Olson, Dennis & Sue Turton and Nancy Zbinden.** You are so appreciated! Our next turn to work at the food pantry is March 23-27. Maybe see you then!

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### ***Coming Up***

#### **Thursday, January 22**

10:00 A.M. Grief Group, Fellowship Hall

#### **Sunday, January 25**

9:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 A.M. Congregational Annual Meeting

#### **Tuesday, January 27**

10:00 A.M. Mitten Makers, Fellowship Hall

#### **Wednesday, January 28**

10:00 A.M. Bible Study, Parlor

1:30 P.M. Pinochle, Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M. Youth Group, 2900 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S

6:00 P.M. Handbells

7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, January 29**

10:00 A.M. Grief Group, Fellowship Hall

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