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

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**January 11, 2026
Baptism of Christ
Worship Service
10:00 A.M.**



Worship Leader:
Dr. Kelly Quick

Lay Reader: Keith Storle

Ushers: Bill Tiskus, Susan Thomas

Accompanist/Music Director: Melissa Gilbert

Acolytes: Aalayah Dunn, Jaycee Storle

Sunday School: Janet Koostra, Betsy Rogstad

Nursery: May Harris, Lily Yelvington

Coffee Fellowship: Bill Tiskus, Dennis & Sue Turton

Treats: Judy Feiden

UCC Tellers: Carol Shipley, Nancy Zadick

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.

A Note of Thanks

To Our Community for our Thanksgiving Food Box,

We share the same local community, and **it is with heartfelt gratitude that I want to thank whomever you are for providing us with food during an especially challenging holiday season.** Your food box generosity for our family has also renewed our faith in Jesus during our family's season. With warm regards and much blessings.

(other notes of thanks and gratitude are displayed on the kiosk in the narthex)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



† **Gary Wyman**, long time member of First Congregational UCC, died on December 29, 2025. A memorial service will be held at the church on January 17 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Sara officiating.

† Prayers and sympathy for the families of **Mike Smith** and **Josy McLean** who died on Sunday as the result of a serious car accident near Lincoln, MT. Also, prayers for two people who are hospitalized in Missoula with injuries from this accident. The four individuals have been actively involved with hiking in our community, and they were headed to participate in a snowshoe outing sponsored by Wild Montana at Flesher Pass. Members of our congregation that have been deeply touched by this incident are: **Karen Spencer**, **Peter Johnson**, **Betsy Rogstad**, and **Carol Shipley**. Please keep them in your thoughts as well.

† **Marge Kline** is recovering from hip replacement surgery.



Fishing for Volunteers

Hey all you FISH volunteers! I'm so sorry this is last minute, but I've been gone and I just got the new schedule in the mail, so it kind of crept up on me! **First Congregational UCC and Christ UMC's next turn to work at the FISH Food Pantry is next week, January 12-16 from 9:00-11:00 A.M.** If you'd like to volunteer and distribute food to families in need, please call **Carol Davidson at (406) 836-1862**. Thank you so much if you can help!



Christian Education News

On January 11, children will begin in worship. The Sunday School lesson will focus on Epiphany and the three stories associated with this holy day. **Children age 5 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday School.**

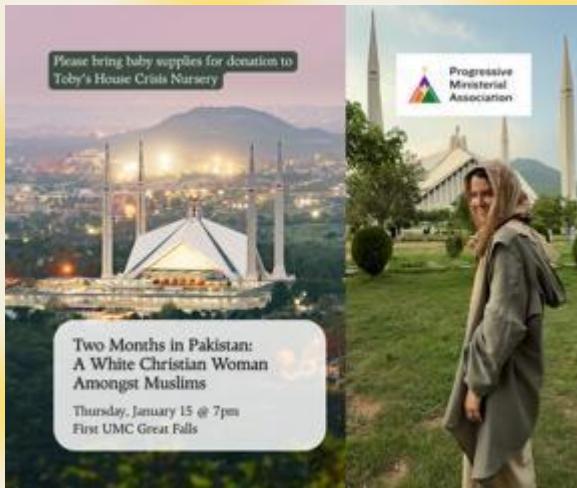
Nursery Update

Nursery care has been unpredictable for the last several weeks due to staff illness. **Prayers for speedy recoveries for both May and Lily!** Hopefully, nursery care will soon be back to normal!

Youth Group Hopes for Snacks

The first Youth Group gathering of the new year will be Wednesday, January 7 at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. **This is a joint ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, First Congregational UCC and First United Methodist Church.** In addition to camaraderie, service, discussions and more, one of the happiest elements of youth group is SNACKS! If you would like to donate to a youth group snack roundup, you can drop treats off at the church office. **Chips, popcorn, granola bars, fruit snacks, cheese sticks** and anything else you think always-hungry teens would like would be appreciated!

**I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season.
Office hours are back to a more regular schedule,
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.**



Pak Talk

Leigh Larson is completing her Master of Divinity degree and will be continuing for a Doctorate in Public Theology. Leigh spent two months in Pakistan in an immersive experience. She will discuss misconceptions Christians and Muslims have of one another and where these faiths agree and overlap.

The talk is sponsored by the Great Falls Progressive Ministerial Association and will be at First Methodist Church (610 2nd Ave. N.) on January 15 at 7:00 P.M. There will be a free will offering in support of Toby's House or bring baby supplies to donate.

Coming Up

Thursday, January 8

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

Friday, January 9

4:00 P.M. Fellowship Board, FH

Saturday, January 10

10:30 A.M. Ladies Coffee, Wheat Montana

Sunday, January 11

8:45 A.M. Christian Ed. Board, Parlor

9:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, January 12

1:00 P.M. Church Growth & Vitality, FH

6:30 P.M. Business Affairs Board, Zoom

Tuesday, January 13

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

12:00 P.M. Joint Facilities, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 14

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

Thursday, January 15

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

1:00 P.M. United Women in Faith, FH

5:00 P.M. Memorial Corp., Parlor

7:00 P.M. Pak Talk, 610 2nd Ave. N