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Father's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service

10:00 A.M.



Worship Leader:

Pastor Laura Ymker

Lay Reader: Dick Kloppel

Ushers: Jenn & Zurie Goss

Accompanist/Music Director: Melissa Gilbert

Nursery: May Harris, Lily Yelvington

Coffee Fellowship: Bev Harris, Terry Roemmich

Treats: KimKay McCarty Martin, Susan Thomas,
and Maxine Schilling

UCC Tellers: Dick Kloppel, 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.



From the Pastor

What a joy it was to celebrate the incarnation of God into the human race this past Sunday! The service wrapped up our celebration of the Pentecost season, and now we move into “ordinary time,” **but there will be nothing ordinary about it because God is leading us on an adventure.**

This coming Sunday we begin a series on prayer. If you are wondering how Cats/Griz Sunday can tie into an illustration for a sermon on praying in the name of Jesus, you won't want to miss the service this coming Sunday. Hopefully we will have a lot of fun, a good laugh, and a lesson we remember.

May you be blessed this week as you open yourself to the fullness of Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Pastor Laura

In Our Thoughts and Prayers 

† *Our sympathy to Bonnie Warren and Bruce Grossman in the death of Bonnie's brother and Bruce's uncle, Jerry Townsend.*

† *Maxine Schilling's grandson, Garrett, 32, is being treated for possible cancer and leg amputation.*

Jesus Loves the Little Children...



Christian Education News

As usual during the summer, **Sunday School aged children will attend worship with their families. Children through age five are provided care in the nursery.** Resources for children to use during worship are found in the brightly-colored *Christ's Kids Bags* on the rack near the back of the sanctuary and in the *Pray Ground* area along the far-right wall of the sanctuary. **If your children use the *Pray Ground*, please sit nearby to supervise them if necessary.**

Read With the Pastor

This summer I will be reading *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer to inspire my own faith and spiritual growth. Palmer is a popular Quaker writer, and there is much to learn from his thinking. **We'll get together sometime in early September to discuss the author's vision for a journey toward wholeness and how we can incorporate what we learned into our own faith.** In the meantime, feel free to begin mini-discussions about this topic (or anything else) when you see me around. Happy reading!

Pray With the Pastor

During the worship series on prayer, Pastor Laura will be praying in the sanctuary beginning next week on **Monday evenings from 5:30-6:00 P.M., Wednesday noon hours from 12:30-1:00 P.M., and Thursday mornings from 8:00-8:30 A.M.** You are welcome to join her. **This is meant to be a quiet time during which conversation is directed toward God not each other.** There will be a basket in the foyer during this worship series to put prayer requests in that Pastor Laura will pray for throughout the weekend. **Please provide feedback on the times of the prayer sessions if shifting the time by 15 minutes or half an hour would allow you to come.**

Requesting Plastic Grocery Bags

Two of our local food ministries, the **Sack Lunch Ministry at First United Methodist Church and Helping Hands at the former First English Lutheran Church,** need plastic grocery bags. If you have bags to spare, please bring them to the church office and we'll get them delivered! Thank you!

A Reflection from your Stewardship Board

God gives where he finds empty hands.

-Saint Augustine

Cucumber and Dill Pinwheels

Recipe from Allie Storle

INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 oz dry ranch seasoning packet
- 4 large flour tortillas
- 2 tsp fresh chopped dill
- 1 medium cucumber, sliced thin

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start by chopping your fresh dill and thinly slicing the cucumber. Aim for thin, even slices so they roll up nicely in the tortillas.
2. In a small bowl, mix the softened cream cheese with the dry ranch seasoning until smooth and well-blended.
3. Lay out your flour tortillas. Spread about a quarter of the cream cheese mixture evenly onto each tortilla, making sure to cover the whole surface.
4. Sprinkle about ½ tablespoon of chopped dill over the cream cheese mixture on each tortilla for that fresh, herby kick.
5. Now it's time for the crunch! Arrange the cucumber slices evenly over the cream cheese and dill.
6. Starting from one end, roll the tortilla tightly into a log. Make sure to roll firmly so the pinwheels hold together well when cut.
7. Wrap each tortilla log in plastic wrap and pop them in the fridge for at least an hour. This helps them firm up, making them easier to slice.
8. When you're ready to serve, unwrap the logs. Using a serrated knife, cut about 2 inches off each end (those pieces tend to be uneven). Then, slice the remaining log into 6 equal portions.
9. Lay your beautiful pinwheels flat on a platter, and voila! You've got a fresh, tasty appetizer that's ready to impress.



Costa Rica

The Latin American Biblical University (Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana, UBL) in Costa Rica is an ecumenical and intercultural theological institution dedicated to preparing church leaders, pastors, and laypersons across Latin America and the Caribbean. Founded in 1922 as a women's Bible training school, it has evolved into a fully accredited university offering bachelor's, licentiate, and master's programs in biblical sciences and theological studies. UBL emphasizes contextual theology- engaging issues like gender justice, ecology, social justice, and human rights- and blends classroom study with distance learning to reach students across many countries.



Feeding our Neighbors Grant

Following an overwhelming response to its November 2025 Feeding Our Neighbors grant program, the General Board of Global Ministries is relaunching the initiative in 2026 with a revised application and granting structure. For the 2026 grant cycle, applications will be accepted from United Methodist annual conferences rather than local congregations. Global Ministries will award up to 10 grants of \$20,000 each to conferences across the denomination's five U.S. jurisdictions. Conferences may apply on behalf of local congregations or establish their own process for distributing funds to eligible ministries within their annual conference. Originally launched in November 2025, Feeding Our Neighbors awarded 150 grants to United Methodist-affiliated food pantries and ministries serving



communities experiencing food insecurity. Hundreds of applications were received within the program's first month, highlighting both the urgent need for hunger relief support and the strong commitment of United Methodists responding in their local communities. The revised structure is intended to streamline administration while ensuring broader geographic distribution of resources and stronger coordination of efforts. Annual conferences are encouraged to prioritize support for both rural and urban congregations operating established food pantries and feeding ministries within local churches.

Ready to serve at North Star UMC in Nikiski, Alaska, on the Kenai peninsula. Church members open the pantry even at -28 degrees and in 8 foot of snow. Photo: North Star UMC

A Summer Celebration of Culture

Saturday, June 20

Noon to 3 pm

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FREE EVENT

Gibson Park Bandshell

400 Park Dr. N, Great Falls, MT

-  Free Food
-  Family Friendly
-  Live Music
-  Dancing
-  Stories and Speakers
-  Games

Coming Up

Saturday, June 20

12:00 P.M. Juneteenth Celebration,
Gibson Park Bandshell, 12:00-3:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 21

9:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
11:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship
11:15 A.M. New Member Class, Parlor

Monday, June 22

5:30 P.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 24

12:30 P.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary
1:30 P.M. Pinochle, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 25

8:00 A.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 27

2:00 P.M. Installation Service for Pastor Laura,
Pie Social to follow