



# Jason's Journal

Rev. Patti Money, Pastor

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**The purpose of Jason Lee Memorial  
United Methodist Church is to  
CONNECT people to Christ  
Help people GROW in Christ and  
Help people SERVE Christ**



*Jason's Journal* is a monthly newsletter of Jason Lee Memorial United Methodist Church,  
168 S. University, Blackfoot, ID 83221

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All persons are welcome to worship each Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 a.m. with communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month

Free child care is provided

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Office hours Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am–12 noon.

DATE	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST	USHERS & GREETERS	FELLOWSHIP	Sound and Power Point	Nursery
Sunday Jan. 6	Gracie Fitzgerald	Scott Fields	Gary & Karen McKenzie	UMCOR Potato Bar	Connor Martin/ Steve Martin	Alexandra Bolter
Sunday Jan. 13	Liam Martin	Diane Colson	Theresa Tominaga and Kimi Tominaga	Paul & Venita Fankhauser and Pete Fitzgerald	Chris Freeburne/ Ethan Freeburne	Alexandra Bolter
Sunday Jan. 20	Greg Money	Kathy Law	Tandy Shiosaki and Cary Shiosaki		Andy Fitzgerald/ Pete Fitzgerald	Alexandra Bolter
Sunday Jan. 27	Susanna Money	Marv Jones	Ray & Chelta Arens		Chris Nowacki/ James Money	Alexandra Bolter

If you are not going to be able to volunteer then please let the office know ahead of time

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 4 Patricia Loo  
 Jan. 8 Cari Garrett  
 Jan. 9 Ann Groutage  
 Jan. 10 Sam Mills  
 Jan. 14 Bev Cloward  
 Jan. 17 Sonja Durney  
 Jan. 19 Jim Elison  
 Jan. 20 Richard Stroh  
 Jan. 21 McKrey Davis  
 Jan. 22 McKenzie Blackburn  
 Jan. 22 Larry Eisenbarth  
 Jan. 23 Mary Winters  
 Jan. 24 Bobbie Drysdale  
 Jan. 24 Jordan Gingg  
 Jan. 25 Richard Ames  
 Jan. 25 Chandler Buck  
 Jan. 26 Sheryl Swanson  
 Jan. 27 Ray Brumfield  
 Jan. 30 Lynda Nowacki

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 5  
 Robert & Marilyn Colson (67 years)

January 27  
 Dan & Ann Groutage (51 years)

January 30  
 Dennis & Dixie Jacky



Friends,

Happy New Year! As a new year approaches, we get excited about the new beginning that it offers. Many of us make “new year’s resolutions” such as: raising our grades in school, exercising more, learning a new skill, etc. The New Year is also a great opportunity for us to renew our commitment to God and open our hearts wider to God’s transforming grace. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, so strongly believed this that he began the practice of having a “Covenant Service” on December 31 or January 1. That service, which is still practiced by Methodists all over the world, features a “covenant prayer.” I have included a contemporary version of this prayer, written by Rev. Craig Finnestad. I encourage you to keep it in a prominent place and pray it on a regular basis. Imagine the transformation that will happen in your life if you sincerely pray it on a weekly, if not daily, basis. Imagine the ways our church will be transformed if every individual fully re-committed themselves to God!

I was once mine. From this point forward, I am Yours.

Make clear my purposes in life.

Place me among my loved ones and expand my heart to love all.

Help me to think the things You want me to think,

say the things You want me to say,

and do the things You want me to do,

even if it means I am belittled, ignored, or criticized.

Give me people to encourage, serve, and love.

Give me times of peace and rest so I can love and be loved by You.

Let me be a light to a dark world so people can see You working in me.

Make me humble and remind me that everything I have is because of You.

Thank You for times of happiness and prosperity; they are a gift.

Thank You for Your presence and promise in days of sadness and hardship.

I emerge stronger and wiser.

Let me discover, embrace, and fulfill Your will for my life.

With joy and in fullness, I give my possessions, my time, and my energy to You and to Your purposes.

Almighty, holy, and blessed God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are my true love and I am Yours.

And so it is. Let the covenant I am making here on earth be acceptable and pleasing to You.

*Amen.*

Joy and peace,

Pastor Patti

# JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Sunday - 9:00 am AA

Sunday – 9:00 – 10:00 am – Small Group Study (beginning January 20)

Sunday - 10:30 am Worship – Sunday School

Sunday - 11:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday – 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (first Monday of month at 12 Stones)

Tuesday – 5:00 to 6:30 pm – Community Dinner Table

Wednesday – 10:00 am “Jesus – A Study” class (resume date TBD)

Wednesday – 11:00 am Knit Wits (resume date TBD)

Thursday – 6:15 pm Bell Choir (resumes January 10)

Thursday – 7:00 pm Choir Practice (resumes January 10)

Jan. 6 – 12:00 p.m. UMCOR Potato Bar

Jan. 9 – 6:15 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Jan. 9 – 7:00 pm Ad Council

Jan. 10 – 12:00 pm Monthly UMW Meeting and Luncheon

Jan. 20 to 25 – UMCOR Mission Trip

Jan. 20 – 9:00 to 10:00 am – Small Group Study starts

Jan. 27 – following worship – Information session on General Conference

Feb. 11 – 7:00 p.m. – Information session on General Conference

## UMCOR POTATO BAR

Our UMCOR potato bar fundraiser was on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Attendance was down due to snow. You can still make a donation to our mission trip to SLC on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Checks should be made out to JLMUMC with "UMCOR trip" written on the “for” line, and placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the office. Thank you to everyone who attended and for all the support for the UMCOR Mission Trip.

## NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

Beginning Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Patti will be leading a book study based on “We Make the Road by Walking” by Brian McClaren. It will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Books are \$13 each. You can pick one up in the church office, or order it from Amazon. If you need childcare, let Pastor Patti know.

# WORSHIP 2019

January 6 Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 Matthew 3:13-17

January 20 John 2:1-11

January 27 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a



## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Community Dinner Table Board for purchasing and installing the new refrigerator in the pantry to replace the one that wore out last week. Thank you so much.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Christmas Luncheon was held December 8 in the Fellowship Hall at noon. We enjoyed a lovely, relaxing luncheon of a variety of salads, rolls, coffee or tea, and dessert.

The officers for 2019 were installed and Pete Fitzgerald and Karole Honas were honored with the Special Mission Recognition for 2018.

Our next meeting will be January 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. I hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and has a blessed New Year.

Thank You  
Cheryl Connelly



## FLORAL OFFERINGS

January 16 – The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Shannon Jensen in honor of Virginia Patterson, her grandmother, on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing.

# **BINGHAM'S GOT TALENT**

Do you have a talent to show off? There's a place you can do it! The 10<sup>th</sup> annual talent show --Bingham's Got Talent-- will be here before you know it! It's Saturday, **February 16th** at 7:00 pm at the Blackfoot Performing Arts Center, with Karole Honas acting as emcee. The admission will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. The talent show is for any person or group to show off their talent in the area of singing, dancing, playing an instrument, juggling, doing magic, giving a comedy or drama routine, or anything else. It is for people of all ages and is not limited to Bingham County residents. The deadline to register is **February 8th** at 4 pm. The registration fee is \$25 per act. Prizes totaling \$250 will be awarded. Tell your family and friends about it, so they can enter. Contact Tom Drysdale, event chairman, at 208-785-3183 if you have questions.

This is one of several fund-raising events that our church's Relay for Life team, called Angels Among Us, sponsors. If you are interested in being a part of this fun team, contact Shirley Brumfield, team captain, at 208-317-7617. We welcome new people.

## **DONATE YOUR RIDLEY'S POINTS TO THE CHURCH**

**We have registered JLMUMC with the Ridley's Advantage Program so that you are able to donate your advantage points to the church. A paper explaining all the details is in the Narthex next to the bulletins. We have already received some checks from Ridley's from this program. What an easy and simple way to support the church! Thank you everyone for donating your Ridley's points to the church!**

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR JANUARY 2019**

**Jan. 6 – UMCOR Potato Bar Fundraiser**

**Jan. 13 – Paul & Venita Fankhauser and Pete Fitzgerald**

**Jan. 20 –**

**Jan. 27 –**



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Craig & Marge Atwood, Jennifer Connelly and children, Glenna Davis, Bobbie Drysdale, Edna Garrett Gyder, Debbie Hammett, Rita Jennings, Kristi Johnson, Mary Jones, the Loo Family, Pat Miller, Angelina Quilimaco, Juanita Rose, Jack Tominaga, members of the Armed Forces serving in harm's way, victims of violence, victims of natural disasters.

## **ENOUGH FOR ALL**

**“No one can help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”** Unknown

Enough For All is our fund that helps meet needs in the community. Donations to this fund can be made at any time, but are also collected on the first Sunday of the month during Fellowship Hour. Thank you for your generous support of this valuable ministry. Becca Freeburne, Enough for All Coordinator, 208-244-1843

## **IT'S TIME TO SING!**

If you like to sing and have fun with a dedicated group of people, then CHOIR is just the thing for you!

You don't read music? – Not a problem!

You can't attend all practices? – Not a problem!

Additional reasons to join?

You have reserved seating in church!

You don't have to decide what to wear under your choir robe!

You can be a part of the music ministry of the church!

Everyone 7<sup>th</sup> grade to adult is invited.

We will practice every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Choir room downstairs).

Questions: Randi Lemieux 208-785-4452 or any choir member.

See you there!

## **COMMUNITY DINNER TABLE**

Community Dinner Table has resumed every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. We are looking for people to act as hosts! The signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Linda Perry if you have questions.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on Dec. 5, 2018 at 6:15 pm. In attendance were: Pastor Patti, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Allen Hennebold, Jan Simpson, and Dorothy Hunter.

We are at 100% of the calendar year. \$300.00 was approved to send to apportionments for this month. At this time of writing this, the giving in December was above average. The committee is grateful for your giving.

The next meeting will be January 9, 2019 at 6:15 pm.

As chairman of the finance committee I thank you for your generous giving.

Blessings,

Dorothy Hunter

## Volunteer at UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church, working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States.

Our church is planning our 8<sup>th</sup> mission outreach trip to Salt Lake City to volunteer at UMCOR West Depot, leaving on January 20<sup>th</sup> and returning the 25<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for a commitment of \$50 from each person wishing to go. The rest of the cost will be made up from our potato bar fundraiser on January 6<sup>th</sup> and donations from our church family.

We had 2 interested people attend our meeting on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, so we may have 10 people going. If you would like to join us, we would love it! To get more details, just ask any member of our team.

Your UMCOR Mission Team

## INFORMATION SESSIONS ON GENERAL CONFERENCE

From February 23-27 the General Conference (the decision-making body for the UMC) will meet in St. Louis for a special session. The focus of the session will be the denomination's policies regarding the inclusion of GLBTQ individuals in the church.

***This meeting will decide the future of our denomination, and will impact every church.*** Pastor Patti will be leading information and Q&A sessions on the following dates:

**-January 27 following worship**

**-February 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please plan on attending!!! If you cannot attend, contact Pastor Patti, and she can give you handouts/links with more information.