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08: Tom & Katelyn Hoffman
 08: Ed & Mary Lou Wolstein
 11: Rick & Beth Powers


22: Bob & Barbara O'Brien
 28: Doc & Cookie Jordan

04: Jake Olson
 06: Carol Rhoads
 06: Isla Rose Thomson
 10: Cherilyn Lambert
 12: Kathy Bechtle
 20: Larry Davis
 20: Belinda Muth
 21: Janet Helfrich



Birthday Blessings

23: Carol Brown
 23: Bev LeProwse
 23: Dena Hamry
 26: Bob Tremis
 27: Mickey Quilici-Lawrence
 28: Richard Haedt
 29: Julie Kruger Tresidder
 30: Julie Brandon



BRAWL OF THE WILD mission offering

On the playing field it will be the Montana Grizzlies against the Montana State Bobcats; this event takes place Saturday, November 23rd. The Sunday before, November 17th will be our annual mission offering. Two jars will be placed in our overflow room. You decide which team you want to win ... the Cats or the Griz! The winner will be announced on the 24th and the pastor will wear the winning colors during his sermon.

We know you are passionate about this game and your team but that is not why we do this. We raise money for two mission projects. Yes, we announce the winner, but we split your mission dollars. This year we have chosen the 4-C organization of Butte and Big Brothers, Big Sisters mentoring group. Come and cheer on your favorite team and donate to two great causes.



Seth's Message

We continue our series of articles about how our church works. Each month we will look at one of the ministry teams, who is on the team, what they do, and how often and when they meet.

Last month our focus was the Barnabas Committee. This month our attention is on the Member / Nurture Team.

The focus of this group is on the members of Aldersgate. We are always looking for ways to enhance the communal "feel" of the congregation. Member / Nurture organizes our coffee hour; members distribute bulletins and communion to those in our nursing facilities, and they organize special meals to bring our community together. When we have cake (i.e. to celebrate our graduates) after church it is often at the direction of Member/Nurture. We work closely with other ministry teams to make sure that everyone feels Welcomed Home to Aldersgate.

The group only meets as necessary or when getting ready for an event. Members of the team are Peggy Ryan and Debbie Higbie (co-chairs); Terri Belke, Kathleen Finch, LaVerne Henrich, Lauren Kippen, Barbara O'Brien, Marilyn Parrett, Georgia Quilici, Donna Shovlin, Marylyn Shovlin, and Fran Warner.

Next month we will look at the ministry brought to us by the Committee on Missions.

Seth

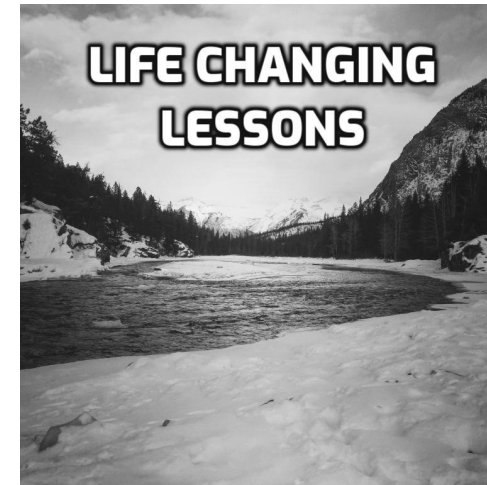


Midweek Lipreaders

Midweek Lipreaders – a Lay-led Bible study – meets Thursday morning at 10:00 AM to continue our study of the book "Growing Fruits of the Spirit". The study is comprehensive treatment of Paul's concept of the "Fruits of the Spirit", but draws heavily from all parts of Holy Scripture. Anyone who enjoys good conversation and hot Methodist coffee is welcome to attend.

Sermon Series

LIFE CHANGING LESSONS ... Brene Brown and Leah Pritchard are the authors of our bible study for Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon and also play a pivotal role in developing our November sermon series. Each Sunday we share a quote directly from Brene Brown's extensive work on shame, emotions, and helping us understand ourselves better. These lessons are a direct result of the popular series on FEAR that we featured last year. We offer them these lessons during the month of a contentious election season.



LIFE CHANGING LESSONS

November 3rd – "Faith is a Place of Mystery", using Luke 24.13-35

November 10th – "Setting Boundaries", using John 10.1-10

November 17th – "Vulnerability is Courage", using Acts 7.55-60

November 24th – "Shame is the Master Emotion", using 1 Peter 3.13-22



CHRISTMAS GIVING AT ALDERSGATE

On December 1st, you will see a small Christmas tree set up in the back of the church. It is very special and is called the **GIVING TREE**. Each round bulb on the tree has the name of a resident in a home/facility in Butte who has no relative to bring him or her a Christmas gift. We wish to fill that void so we ask that able members of our congregation take a name from the tree and find a gift for the person, wrap it and identify the person's name on the gift. This way these residents without relatives will be blessed by your Christmas thoughtfulness and will have a gift to open on Christmas. There is a "wish" suggestion and sizes listed with each name to be helpful in gift selection. The newspaper lists many ways to give at Christmas and the Aldersgate congregation has blessed our elders with giving from our hearts to those never mentioned and may otherwise be forgotten at Christmas. Please place your gift under the Giving Tree on or before December 15th, so they may be delivered before Christmas Eve. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS!**

CHARGE CONFERENCE

In the early years of the Methodist movement, conferencing was vital. It was a time for preaching, witnessing, baptizing, and communion. As the Methodist's moved westward this Conference turned into a Quarterly Conference. This was to accommodate the schedule of the traveling preacher who often served many churches; but once-a-quarter it was guaranteed that the pastor would be there to conduct business, to lead worship, and of course, serve communion.

The Quarterly Conference is now held yearly and we call it Charge Conference (sometimes also called Church Conference). This year the Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, November 26th at 5:00 pm. It will be a time for worship, listening to our new Bishop, celebrating our past, and gearing up for the future. Every full member of the congregation can vote, but anyone is welcome.

WORTHY IN JESUS BIBLE STUDY

This month we invite you to a bible study called Worthy in Jesus. This is the title of a study written by Leah Pritchard. Leah is a Christian, a mom, and a wife of a missionary. When she was in Asia she found herself in a very lonely position. She picked up one of Brene Brown's books, The Gifts of Imperfection, and was transfixed. The book seemed to answer so many of the difficult questions she was asking. Brene Brown is a Christian and one can find references to scripture and God and a relationship with Jesus throughout her work; but that is not Brown's entire focus. Pritchard decided to take Brene Brown's important work and turn it into a Bible Study. In fact, the study book is called Worthy in Jesus: Unofficial Study and Discussion Guide for the Gifts of Imperfection.

In the month of November (and maybe more) we will be studying lessons from Pritchard and Brown. Classes will take place during our regular Sunday School hour from 9:00 to 10:00 and then we will offer the same course immediately after church and end around 12:45pm.

Upper Room Update

You may have noticed that our Upper Room Daily Devotionals have been arriving late or, in some cases, not at all. I've reached out multiple times and received mixed responses—some indicating that the devotionals would be arriving soon, while others went unanswered.

As of October 24th, I was informed that replacements for the November/December devotionals will be sent out. While I still don't have a clear answer as to why we haven't been receiving our orders on time, please know that I am actively working to resolve the issue and get the devotionals to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. - Kariann

September Financials

Total Spending:

Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual Spending
\$145,664	\$164,369

Total Giving:

Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual Giving
\$143,552	\$113,268

Spending continues to excel income, impacted in part by boiler expenses last winter, insurance and administrative costs. Please remember your church home and consider an extra gift to help out with our deficit.



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES


“You have heard that it was said, ‘love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:43-48.

In his book *“The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory,”* Tim Alberta noted that in 1975 the pollsters reported that two-thirds of Americans expressed a lot of confidence in the Church, and Gallup said in 1985 that the Church was still our most revered institution. By the end of Trump’s presidency in 2021, just 36% of Americans has confidence in the church. What happened? And who was at fault? And what if the truth of the matter was that the public turned against the church, because of our conduct, our lack of faith and our failure to love, not some other issue?

Pastor Laurel Bunker stated that God doesn’t simply treat sinners with grace; He commands us to do the same. She went on to paraphrase Martin Luther—*“One plus God is a majority,”* and that promoting unconditional grace is the defining challenge of the Church. She asks us to remember that we were once a mess, lost sinners who found our way and were redeemed by the love of Jesus. And then she says, *“So listen, make a little room for a child of God. Make a little room for a misfit. Make a little room for that single mother; Make a little room for that kid who is mentally burdened with their sexuality. Because here is the reality; We can be mad all we want, at the quote-unquote liberal agenda, but unless the people of the gospel have a better way, we have nothing to talk about.”*

Pastor Bunker goes on to say, *“The work of the kingdom can’t be hit-and-run evangelism. If Christians want to win souls for Jesus, they can start by showing grace to those who don’t deserve it; by showing kindness to the culture; by seeing in everyone, especially our enemies, the image and likeness of God.”* I think Pastor Bunker has hit the nail on the head. I was sitting at lunch recently with brothers in Christ listening to them rehash the election and the state of the union, with no sign of love for their neighbor or enemies. In retrospect I am not surprised we are at 36%, we are probably lucky to be there given our rhetoric as the church. Because if we can’t love a person whose color is different, who is suicidal, or is gay, or confused about their sexuality, or who is a prostitute, or an immigrant or an addict, or a democrat or a republican, then we have failed, and it is time to stop talking about Christianity and start practicing it.

Brad Belke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00 Adult SS 10:30 Worship –All saints Day 11:30 Coffee & Conversation 11:45 Bible Study 4:00 Kids Group/Dinner	4 11:00 Barnabas	5 7:00 Mining City Choir	6 8:00 Women's 4th Day 9:30 Sandwich Ministry 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Mens 4th day	7 10:00 Midweek Lipreaders	1 Women United In Faith	2 Women United In Faith
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24 9:00 Adult SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee & Conversation 11:45 Bible Study	25	26 5:00 Change Conference 7:00 Mining City Choir	27 8:00 Women's 4th Day 5:30 Choir Practice 6:30 Mens 4th day	28 	29 7:00 Mens Breakfast	30

