



Igniting Transformation under God's Direction
UMAB Vision Statement

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

You all amaze me. I've been saying that to people all over the place about you, and it's time that I said it right to you. Over the past few months, as we have navigated through this time of change as a congregation, I have been amazed over and over again by your generosity toward one another, your care and concern for each other, your openness to the Spirit of God, and your willingness to experiment and to envision new possibilities for our life together as a congregation. In these last months, you have ministered each other through something that not every church is willing to do - make changes (big changes) - and you have done it with grace, love, and open hearts. That is a big deal. That is something that you should be proud of and thankful for. I know that I am.

We are at the very beginning of this new experiment with worship. There are still kinks to be worked out, things to improve, and ideas to try or to refine. I encourage you to continue to reach out to one another as you have been during this time of change, and to continue to speak as openly and honestly as you have been, and to listen to one another with the same openness and concern. I truly believe that in this process of discernment and change, you demonstrated the best of what church can be - a community of faith dedicated to following God's call and caring for one another. As we move forward in the same spirit, as we continue to listen for God's voice among us and do our best to serve God and to serve one another, I believe that there is no end to the possibilities that God has in store for us!

Grace and Peace,



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you have memories of a Sunday school teacher expecting you to memorize all of the books of the Bible in order? Can you still recite them?

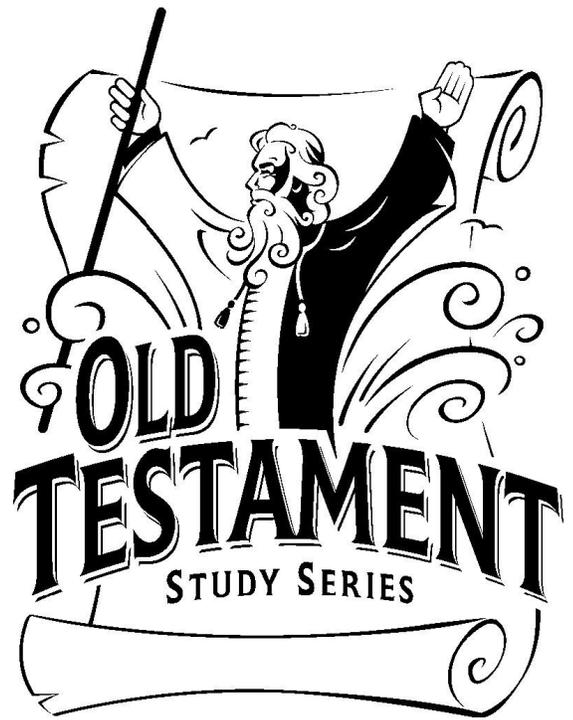
Have you ever been in conversation with someone who quotes so many Bible verses that you wished you knew more about the Bible?

Were you ever in a Bible study when the leader asked everyone to look up a Bible passage and you weren't sure where to look?

Have you ever avoided going to a Bible study because you were sure you would feel out of place?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this summer's class, "The Bible from Scratch" may just be for you.

Beginning on Sunday June 23 and continuing through August, Sarah will be leading a basic overview of the Old Testament during the Sunday school hour. The class will give an introduction to the scriptures and will help you to see how the different parts of the Bible fit together, as well as help you to place the events and characters of the Old Testament in their historical and cultural context. We will be using the book *The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament For Beginners* by Donald Griggs. The cost for the book is \$9, and you can pick one up in the office beginning Sunday June 16. Whether you are brand new to Bible study, or you would like to see the Old Testament from a new perspective, we hope to see you on Sunday June 23 at 9am in the basement Fellowship Hall!



SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN JUNE

While Sarah is gone to Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Annual Conferences in Billings and Denver, we will be blessed to have two members of the church lead us in worship. On Sunday June 9, Jo Ann Whitlock will lead us in a service that will connect us with other congregations throughout Montana and to the goings-on at Yellowstone Annual Conference (including a special address by Bishop Elaine Stanovsky). Fred Weisbecker will lead worship and preach on Sunday June 16.



SUMMER CHOIR

This summer, the choir will be offering special music in worship several Sundays a month. We'll be going "unplugged" and "robe free" - just us, the piano, and some of our favorite (familiar) songs. In June, the choir will be singing on the 2nd, the 16th, and the 30th. If you would like to join us, come to the Memorial Room at 9:30am to rehearse on the Sundays we sing.

OLD FASHIONED SUMMER PICNIC

Join your neighbors and INVITE your friends to the second annual Old Fashioned Sunday Picnic sponsored by the Ravalli County Ministerial Alliance. The hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled to perfection by the pastors, but please bring your own side dishes and desserts. This is a picnic, not a potluck, so bring what you would like for your own group. Enjoy a bouncy house for the kids and live music for everyone. And we will end the afternoon with community worship and praise.

Sunday July 7 from 2-4pm at the Daly Mansion.



HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH WORSHIP?

There are lots of ways that you can use your gifts and graces in our worship time. Could you sing in the choir or offer special music? Would you like to read the Scripture or lead the prayer time? Could you greet people as they come to worship? Could you make goodies for fellowship time after worship? All of these jobs are important to our worshiping community. Please prayerfully consider how you can help, and then call Lucy at the office (363-2465) to volunteer!

SARAH IS BEING ORDAINED IN JUNE...WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN?

On Saturday June 15 in Denver, Sarah will be ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church. The process toward ordination in the United Methodist Church is a long process of discernment, education, and evaluation. It involves approval and recommendation from the local congregation, the district Committee on Ministry, the conference Board of Ordained Ministry and the conference clergy. After discerning her call to ordained ministry, Sarah entered the process in 2006 when she was first recommended to be a candidate for ordained ministry by her local congregation.

In the United Methodist Church, an elder is called to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. What that means is that an elder has primary responsibility for preaching and teaching,

administering the sacraments (baptism and Holy Communion) and ordering the ministry of the local congregation. An elder is called to be a servant leader - to equip the people for their ministry in the world, to which all Christians are called through their baptism. At the ordination service, which begins with a recognition and reaffirmation of the baptismal vows, the elder is granted authority by the Spirit and through the church to preach and to administer the sacraments in the name of God.



Sarah's ordination will take place on Saturday June 15 in Denver. We will celebrate her ordination as a congregation on Sunday June 30.



MISSION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

Once again this summer, we will be giving out bottles of ice cold water at the Hamilton Farmer's Market. Last summer, we gave away over 1,000 bottles over three Saturday and one Wednesday market. This year, our goal is to make it to five Saturday markets. In order to do that, we need your help in the form of both water/monetary donations and volunteers. You can help out with the

Water Outreach Project by:

- **Donating cases of water.** We estimate that we will need about 2,000 bottles this summer. Please pick up a case (or two or three) when you are out and about and bring it by the church. You can put your water bottle donations in the Memorial Room.
- **Donating some money for ice.** It takes a whole lot of ice to keep the water nice and cold on a hot Saturday in July! If you would like to give money for ice or to buy extra water, please put your donation in the offering basket. Be sure to designate "Water Outreach Project" on your check or offering envelope.
- **Volunteering your time.** Volunteers are needed to help load up the water and transport it to the market, to give out water at the market, and to pack up and transport back to the church. Dates for this summer's project are June 29, July 13, July 27, August 10, and August 24. You can sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary or by calling Martha Hayes at 821-4573.

HELP FOR OKLAHOMA TORNADO VICTIMS

This past month, a massive tornado tore threw the town of Moore, Oklahoma and surrounding suburbs of Oklahoma City, damaging homes, businesses, and elementary schools. As we continue to lift up the victims of the tornado in prayer, our denominational bodies are also bringing the love of Christ to those who have been affected in the form of much needed aid. Both the United Methodist and American Baptist Churches have joined with others to respond with emergency relief funds and continue to work with local partners to bring ongoing help. Our special offerings such as One Great Hour of Sharing and America for Christ help to make these funds available when they are needed. If you would like to give to the Oklahoma relief efforts through one of our denominations, you can give online or put a special donation in the offering basket at church.

To give online through the American Baptist Church, visit www.abc-usa.org and click "Give Online" at the top right of the page. In the "Comments" section, type "OGHS Oklahoma Tornadoes." To give online through the United Methodist Church, visit www.umcor.org and click on "Give Now for Tornado Response" in the middle of the home page. There are links to both of these sites on the "Mission and Outreach" section of our church website (www.umabchurch.org).

To give at church, put your check in the offering basket and designate either "AB Tornado Response" or "UM Tornado Response" in the memo section of your check.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH

those dealing with health issues: Jim VanSickle, Dave Donkle, John Savochka, Michael Padmos, Laurie Burnham, Tom Sayer, Dave Guiland, Ken Graybeal, Bob Fowler, Bruce Daly, Bill Richard, Pat Orr, Linda Springer, John Andersen, J.C. Holland, Sister Marie Geraldine, Saxton Crump, Donna Roth, Margaret Peterson, Bill Stewart, Patty Rennaker, Norma Secor, Carl Spoonheim, Stuart Donaldson, Sandy Goodwin.

those living in care facilities: Jessie Faye McEntire, Donna Hosko.

those serving in the military: Matthew Vetch, Tim Lane, Brian Ellinger, Daniel Morris, Vladamir Gartner

other prayers: our nation, Middle East conflicts, tornado victims, those traveling, graduating seniors, Heather Burnham (for guidance)

If you have a prayer or praise you would like to add to the Prayer Chain, please call Lynette Donkle (363-1360, Jo Ann Whitlock (363-1363), or Helen Buker (363-1371)



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



6/4	Lucille Lind	6/2	Dave and Lynette Donkle
	Vicki Lyngstad	6/4	Francis and Leola Dean
6/5	Verna Scott	6/15	Morris and Peggy Andersen
6/10	June Howe	6/16	Bill and Nickie Goss
6/12	Clark Lund	6/17	Lee and Ruth Casey
6/13	Jim Whitlock	6/21	Darrel and Sharon Holland
6/15	Phyllis Wolfinbarger		
6/16	Judy Stewart		
6/19	Tim Lund		
6/20	Chet Angel		
	Morris Andersen		
6/29	Norm Boyd		
6/30	Evelyn Spoonheim		

SARAH'S "OFFICE" HOURS

Sarah invites you to join her for a chat at her office. No, not *that* office...her other office...also known as River Rising Coffee Shop. Come for a cup of coffee or tea and a talk about whatever is on your mind (can be church-related, but it doesn't have to be). from 10:30 to noon at River Rising. This month Sarah will not be able to meet on June 11th or June 18th.



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:00AM
Worship Service 10:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.– Noon

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



HAVEN HOUSE:

1st SundayCanned fruit
2nd Sunday.....Canned vegetables
3rd Sunday.....Packaged, boxed or other canned goods
4th Sunday.....Coffee, tea, juices
5th Sunday..... Paper products

On the fourth Sunday items may be brought for the Bread Basket in Darby