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UMAB Vision Statement

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Over the past several weeks, I've been asked by several people about the possibility of learning more about some of the other religions that we share our world with. The desire behind the question was to understand more about how other people experience the divine as they experience the world. That is the basis of all religious belief - encountering the divine while we encounter one another and the world around us.

There are lots of different understandings that we Christians have about our religion and about other religions. Sometimes our impressions of what others believe (or don't believe) are accurate, and sometimes they aren't so accurate. It is important to learn all we can so that we can discover our similarities, our differences, and ways to be in community with one another.

On Tuesdays beginning October 16 and continuing for six weeks, we will be doing a study called "Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with the Questions People Ask." The study was written by Adam Hamilton and is a DVD-based discussion study. We will be looking at four major world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. In learning more about these religions and their followers, we will hopefully build bridges with others so that we might grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Grace and Peace, *Sarah*

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FALL STUDY—

“Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with the Questions People Ask”

Beginning Tues. Oct. 16 at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Room.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board met on September 5th to attend to church business. It was reported from the Trustees that the parking lot was repaired this past month which everyone appreciates. Pastor Sarah gave us an update as to her travels preparing for her final steps toward ordination. The PPR Committee is working on a Holiday, Vacation, and Sick Leave Policy for the Pastor and the employees. Nickie also give a report on the congregation's donations to the school supplies that were give to the Washington School. Lucy received a special "Thank you" from them. This was a wonderful outreach project and we thank all who participated.

The elves are at it again and are cleaning the closets and cubby holes thru out the church. Their special finds will be sold at a Rummage sale they are planning to hold on Nov. 2nd and 3rd. If you would like to donate items to this sale, please contact Betty or Lucy. If you would like to assist in the preparation for the sale, they would really appreciate the help also.

After the cleaning project is finished, the Board would appreciate the cooperation of the Chairmen in placing items in the storage areas. Please label to whom the items belong and place items in the proper area. Please do not set items on the floors of the storage areas as there is plenty of shelf space. If you take it out, please put it back!! Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter. The elves would appreciate not cleaning the areas for several years to come!

Have a wonderful fall – hopefully the smoke will dissipate soon.

Blessings,

Betty Lund, Chairman

THANK YOU!

As I walked into my office after a long day of meetings regarding core standards, standards based report cards and grading I was overcome with emotion. Three boxes over flowing with school supplies. WOW! I can't tell you how grateful and appreciative Washington Primary is to have our community donate so much. At this moment I am feeling so loved and supported. As an educator, my philosophy has always been that it does take a village to raise a child. Your generosity is so genuine and heartfelt. The students here at Washington are so fortunate to have a village raising them.

Thank you for everything.

Angela Donder, School Counselor

UMAB Church donated: 9 backpacks, 18 boxes of crayons, 10 boxes of colored markers, 11 pairs of scissors, 10 packs of erasers, 16 packs of glue sticks, 16 packages of pencils, 1 package of ball point pens, 2 fabric pencil cases, 8 plastic pencil cases, 16 boxes of Kleenex, 29 folders, and 14 notebooks.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the caring gift you collected for us following the fire that took our home at the end of June. It was fun to pull each item from the box. There were exclamations of "Oh, my, we need this!" to "I forgot we had one of these!" We hope you know how much the little things mean to us. We feel very blessed. May God bless you and keep you, our Montana Connection.

Dale and Peggy Beck

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

The Stewardship and Finance Ministry are starting to work on our church budget for 2013 in preparation for the upcoming financial drive. It is important that all chair people of our different ministry areas turn in their budget requests for the coming year by Sunday, October 21. A proposed 2013 budget will be presented to the Administrative Board on November 7 and then presented to the congregation. Please see that your budget requests get to JoAnn Whitlock by the October 21 deadline.

UNITED METHODIST-AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

All women of the church are always invited to join us for a light lunch, business meeting and program. Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 11 at 11:30 in the Memorial Room. Please join us.

NOMINATIONS

If you are interested in becoming more active in your church and want to serve in any of our ministry areas, please contact JoAnn Whitlock, 363-1363 or email jawhit@q.com by Oct 9. A list of officers and ministry areas is found on a separate sheet in this newsletter.

Areas of ministry you have contributed to are: Haven House 65 pounds of food in the month of September. And 15 knitted hats have been sent to Washington School.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On September 30, we had a special fifth Sunday Blessing of the Animals service. It's safe to say the place really went to the dogs!



WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Health: John Savochka, Trudy Dickerson, Sue Majors, Dave Donkle, Bruce Daly, Bill Richard, Pat Orr, Carrie Spackman, Linda Springer, Sister Marie Geraldine, Donna Roth, Margaret Peterson, Michael Padmos, Bill Stewart, Patty Rennaker, Norma Secor, Carl Spoonheim, Susan Matthews, Carrie Madeen Benson, John Andersen, Stuart Donaldson, Carleen O'Connell.

Other Prayers: Our nation, rain to relieve drought, firefighters

Military Service:

Dan Decker

Matthew Vetch

Brian Ellinger, US Air Force

Jonathan Raymond, Stateside

Joseph Gleghorn (nephew of Millers serving in Afghanistan)

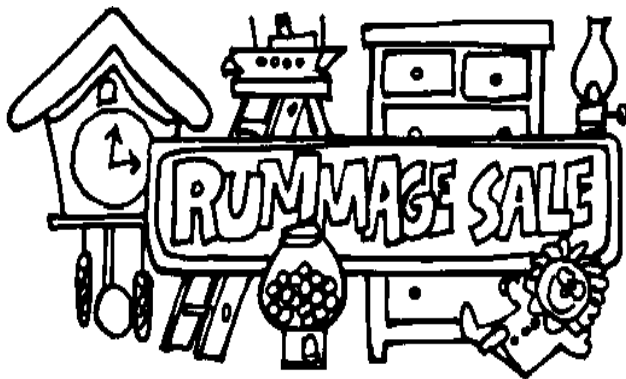
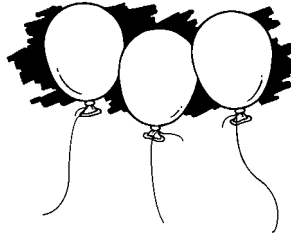
Eric Joiner

Daniel Morris, USMC- Afghanistan

PRC Tim Lane- Afghanistan

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/5 Boyd Cobb
10/9 Fred Burnham
10/14 Brianna Huggans
10/19 Bob Opitz
10/28 Ed Spannuth



Friday and Saturday, November 2 and 3, we will be holding an old fashioned rummage sale in the church basement. Closets and corners in the church have been cleaned out and YOU have an opportunity to bring your own "stuff" to donate to the sale. Please not clothing, shoes, or purses. Please bring them to the basement before October 29th and we will mark them and put them out for sale. Sale hours Friday 9-3 and Saturday 8-2. Anyone who can help please call the church office.

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October 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 6pm Administrative Board 7pm Choir rehearsal	4	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday	8	9	10 7pm Choir rehearsal	11 12:30pm UMAB Women	12	13
14	15 7pm Esther Circle	16 7pm Bible Study	17 7pm Choir rehearsal	18	19	20
21	22	23 5pm Liturgist Training 7pm Bible Study	24 2pm Worship and Music 7pm Choir rehearsal	25	26	27 9am Fall cleaning of church
28 Stewardship Campaign begins 12:30 pm Care ministers	29	30 7pm Bible Study	31 7pm Choir rehearsal			

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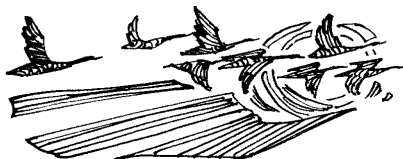
SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00
Adult Sunday School at 9:30
Children's Sunday School at 11:00

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