



# The Glad Tider

April 2014

STEVENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## *From the pastor's desk*

**E**aster egg hunts. Getting a picture taken with the Easter bunny. Getting ready for chocolate candy. Buying new spring clothes.

Chances are these are the responses most children (and more than a few adults!)

would give if asked how they were preparing for Easter. We are reminded, however, that Easter is coming, and that it is really about the sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us. His resurrection breaks the power of death.

During our worship services we have journeyed with Jesus, exploring the how the path Jesus took toward Jerusalem can still speak to us today in southwest Montana. We are always on a journey, we Christians: A journey of faith and reflection; a journey of hope and of life; a journey of sacrifice and service.

Lent is a time when we Christians are called to examine our lives and to pray for the forgiveness of our sins. Some have chosen during this time to “give up something for Lent,” as a sign of their unity with Christ who

sacrificed for us. Others took on something, perhaps attending the *Chocolate for Lent* study, or perhaps an added time of scripture reading each day.

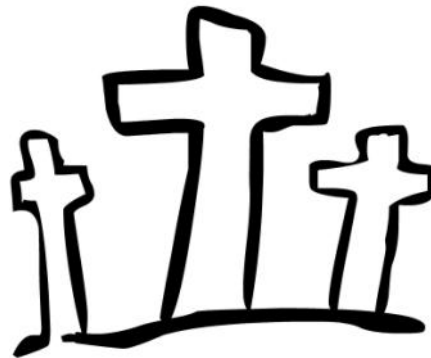
However we began the Lenten season, we have now arrived at the front porch of April, ready for Easter to come! Yet, there are several more weeks of Lent still to come, several more opportunities to “get it right this year.”

Just as we pray for God's help, as we participate in Lenten disciplines, we are asked, as the disciples were asked, to remain awake a little while longer. We must not run helter-skelter through April, rushing to get to Easter morning so we can then get ready for the next “big thing” on our calendar.

Early Christians savored the approach of the Easter celebration because it marked the gift of new life, of new relationships, of hope. Like those Christians of a by-gone era, we too can savor the richness of God in the faces of our brothers and sisters in the faith.

In our congregation, we have come a long way since I arrived here in last July. As people of “*The Way*,” we will continue our Lenten journey until it becomes our Easter dawn and the next chapter in our common life with Christ.

*Every blessing,  
Pastor Charles*



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## NEW MEMBER CLASS

Periodically, we hold new member classes for people who are interested in finding out more about the United Methodist Church and are considering joining Stevensville UMC.

If you have been worshipping with us and would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, please consider attending our upcoming new member class.

Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership, but is an opportunity to find out more about the life and ministry of our church, and to give prayerful consideration to whether you want to enter into membership. Childcare can be provided if that would make it possible for you to attend.

We'll meet during church school time (from 9 am to 9:45 am) for two consecutive Sunday mornings, April 6 and April 13. New members will be invited to join the congregation on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

If you have not yet talked to Pastor Charles about your interest in attending a membership class, contact him at church 777-5443, or email the church at [steviumc@gmail.com](mailto:steviumc@gmail.com) to find out more or to let him know about your interest.

## Celebration of 65

An invitation from Marcia Prather:  
This is the year I turn 65 (officially on April 12) ...  
and I would like you to come and celebrate with me!

**Sunday, April 13**

**Open house 4 pm - 8 pm**

**Mission Bistro in Stevensville**

In lieu of gifts,  
please consider a donation to a local charity.

Some of my favorites are:

- Pantry Partners
- The Clothes Closet
- The Stevensville Foundation
- SUMC Loaves and Fishes fund
- Habitat for Humanity
- Historic St. Mary's Mission
- Bitterroot Humane Society

**I hope to see you there!**



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

**April**

**April 6, 2014 [Purple]**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

**April 13, 2014 [Red or Purple]**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)  
*Liturgy of the Passion*  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)  
Philippians 2:5-11

**April 14, 2014 [Red, Scarlet or Purple]**

**Monday of Holy Week**

**April 15, 2014 [Red]**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

**April 16, 2014 [Red]**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

**April 17, 2014 [Red or Purple]**

**Holy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 18, 2014 [No Color]**

**Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

**April 19, 2014**

**Holy Saturday [No Color]**

Job 14:1-14  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 (UMH 764)  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66

**April 19, 2014**

**Easter Vigil [White or Gold]**

*Old Testament Readings with Psalms or Canticles*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21  
Ezekiel 36:24-28

*Second Reading and Psalm*

Romans 6:3-11  
Psalm 114 (UMH 835)

*Gospel Reading*

Matthew 28:1-10

**April 20, 2014 [White or Gold]**

**Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

**April 27, 2014 [White or Gold]**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16 (UMH 748)  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31



# Housekeeping

## April special days

## Last month's attendance & giving

### BIRTHDAYS

- April 05 John Soper
- April 06 Roy Haarman
- April 08 Roma Gum
- April 11 Emma Ludington & Daryan Riley
- April 12 Marcia Prather & Dan Severson
- April 18 Bill Gragg
- April 20 Janet Lonski

- April 20 Bonita Ziegler
- April 23 Rich Gray & Bill Lyon
- April 24 Amy Farrell

### ANNIVERSARIES

- April 07 Mary & Bill Lyon
- April 30 Brenda & Randy Bolton
- April 30 Mary & Harvey Hackett

Date	Attending	General Fund	Designated* Giving
Feb. 23	66	\$1,411.00	\$112.00
March 02	72	\$3,836.75	\$80.00
March 09	96	\$2,971.00	\$224.00
March 16	98	\$1,855.75	\$346.75
March 23	85	\$2,874.00	\$705.00
March 30	---	---	---

\*Designated or Second-mile giving (also known as Missions) means the giver has specified that the gift be used for a certain purpose, like Loaves & Fishes. Such money is *not* used to pay church expenses, which are paid out of the General Fund.

↪ You may find it convenient to donate to the church by direct deposit. If interested, contact the church office. ↩

*From the kitchen of: Marcia Prather*  
 Recipe for: FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE



- 10 cups cubed sturdy white bread
- 8 oz softened cream cheese
- 8 large eggs
- 1½ cups milk
- ¾ cup half & half
- ½ cup maple syrup
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 TBSP powdered sugar
- ¾ cup maple syrup

Put bread into a greased 9" x 13" baking dish.  
 Beat cream cheese with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add the half & half, milk, vanilla and 1/2 cup maple syrup, and beat until smooth.  
 Pour this mixture over the bread, cover, and refrigerate overnight.  
 Heat oven to 375° F.  
 Let the pan sit at room temperature for a half hour. Uncover pan.  
 Bake for 50 minutes or until set.  
 Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve with remaining maple syrup.  
 12 servings



### Prayer Chain

If you have requests for the prayer chain, please call Trudy Freeman at 370-9420, or email Gail Moshier at pray@steviumc.org. If you would like to be a member of either prayer chain, contact the church office.

### CHURCH INFORMATION

- Worship service 10:15 am
- Email
  - Church.....steviumc@gmail.com
  - Pastor Charles .....cjalkula@gmail.com
- Website
  - www.steviumc.org
- Phones
  - Church.....777-5443
  - Parsonage.....777-2077
  - Pastor Charles' cell .....363-8314
- Office hours
  - Tuesday - Friday .....9 am - 2 pm
- YAC Western District Superintendent
  - John Daniels .....396-8966
  - E-mail .....john@yacumc.org



Stevensville United Methodist Church  
 216 College Street, Stevensville, MT 59870

- Ben Longbottom ..... Trustees chair
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- John Fisher ..... Lay leader
- Marcia Prather..... UMW president
- Carol Goffe ..... Administrative assistant
- Hazel Smith ..... Organist
- Julie Ludington ..... Pianist
- Brenda Bolton..... Choir director
- Molly Hackett & Brenda Bolton ..... Chime choir directors
- Clay Freeman..... Brass ensemble director
- Mary Nelson ..... Librarian

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## Stewardship & our Souls

At this mid-point in Lent, perhaps you're yearning for things that you've "given up" for the season. It's easy to feel this yearning even if these "given-up things" are harmful to us or inhibit our enjoyment of "natural communion with God." In the absence of these things, Lent is – thank God – still very much a season to receive. *We can fill the void left by these given-up things with yearnings or other distractions, or we can view the void as holy space, wide open for receiving unexpected, un-earn-able Grace.* While

it's easy to think of stewardship only in terms of money and resources, let us not forget that it also has everything to do with our souls – specifically what we receive into our souls and what we share from them. May our empty, holy, Lenten places teach us better soul stewardship.

*From Bill Mullette-Bauer*



## Shepherding in March

The March meeting of the Shepherding Committee met at Ginny Mellgren's home. Due to inclement weather there was no February meeting. Thus there were many concerns to be addressed.

The endeavor of this committee is to be available to any of our church family in need of support or help in any way that we might be able to provide. Members are Pastor Charles, Carole Koval, Carol Varien, Ginny Mellgren, Lisa Menery, Marilyn Murphy, Janet Lonski, Kathy Buhler, Nilda Bishop and Cleo Guenther.

*Cleo Guenther for Shepherding*

providing a list of names and addresses for our recent high school graduates who are now away from home attending college. We hope you will consider supporting them with a card or a note. We want them to know that we think of them and that they are still part of our church family. The schools adjourn mid-May at the latest.

*Carole Koval for Shepherding*

Madison Bolton *Carroll College*  
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Shelby Murphy *Univ. of Montana*  
101 Knowles Hall, #257  
Missoula, MT 59812

## SUPPORTING OUR COLLEGE KIDS

The Shepherding committee is




## GARAGE SALE

Does the New Year have you thinking about reorganizing and getting rid of unwanted "stuff"? Stash that "stuff" aside and donate

it to the Giant Church Garage Sale" this June 21, the weekend of Western Heritage Days. The United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Men are combining forces to sponsor an all-church garage sale with proceeds to be used for their respective projects and missions.

*Marcia Prather for UMW*

## COWBOY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

From the kitchen of Marcia Prather


- 3 cups frozen shredded hash browns
- ¾ cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 cup cooked ham (or other meat), diced
- ¼ cup chopped green onion
- 4 eggs
- 12-oz. can evaporated milk
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper

Spray an 8" x 8" or 11" x 7" pan with nonstick cooking spray or grease lightly. Layer potatoes, cheese, ham and onions in the pan. Beat eggs, evaporated milk, salt & pepper, and pour over the potato layer. Let sit 30 minutes uncovered, or cover overnight in refrigerator. Bake uncovered at 350°F for 30 to 40 minutes, until knife inserted comes out clean.

Serves 6.  
Double the recipe for a 9" x 13" pan.

### Recipe: EGG BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

From the Kitchen of: Ginny Mellgren, via Mary Costello



- 6 to 8 slices white bread
- 1 cup fully cooked ham or sausage, cut up
- 1 large onion, minced
- 6 eggs
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2+ cups (8 oz.) cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup milk
- 1 to 2 cups cut-up veggies
- Olive oil

Remove crusts from bread & put in the bottom of a greased 9" x 13" pan.

Cut up the meat and sauté with 1 large minced onion in olive oil until onion is translucent. Layer on top of bread.

Mix eggs, soup & milk until smooth. Add cheese, & veggies if desired. Layer on top of ham mix.

Bake at 350°F for 50 minutes.  
Serves 12




## UMW's Coffee Brunch

### Tuesday, March 4



### Recipe: SCRAMBLED EGG & HAM CASSEROLE

From the Kitchen of: Sonia Henry



- 5 TBSP butter, divided
- 2½ TBSP all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. black pepper

In medium saucepan, melt 2 TBSP butter, blend in flour & cook for 1 minute. Gradually stir in milk, and cook until thick. Add salt, pepper & cheese. Stir until cheese melts, remove from heat & set aside.

- 1 cup (4 oz.) American cheese, shredded
- 1 cup cooked ham, cubed
- ¼ cup green onion, chopped
- 1 dozen eggs, beaten
- 1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained (optional)

In large skillet, sauté ham and green onion in 3 TBSP butter until onion is tender. Add eggs and cook over medium heat until eggs are set. Add the mushrooms and the cheese mixture. Spoon into 9" x 13" inch baking dish.

Combine the bread crumbs with the melted butter. Sprinkle evenly over the top of the casserole. Cover & refrigerate overnight.

Bake uncovered at 350°F for 30 minutes. Makes 10-12 servings

**TOPPING**

- ¼ cup melted butter
- 2½ cups soft bread crumbs

Ginny Mellgren & Phyllis Daniels sample the breakfast casseroles.



## UMCOR Health kits

The Yellowstone Annual Conference is collecting items for health kits to send to the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) Depot in Salt Lake City. Our delegates to the Annual Conference will take the items to Billings with them when they go for the June 5 through 7 meeting. Below is information about the health kits and materials needed for them.

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. They cost about \$12 each.

- 1 hand towel, 15" x 25" to 17"x 27" - Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb - Comb needs to be sturdy and at least 8" long; No pocket combs or picks please; Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable.
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers - No emery boards or toenail clippers please.
- 1 bath-size soap - 3 oz. and larger sizes only; No Ivory soap due to moisture content; Do not remove from original packaging.
- 1 toothbrush - Adult size only; Do not remove from original packaging.
- 6 adhesive bandages - ¾" to 1"-size; Common household Band-Aids.
- 1 plastic bag - One-gallon size sealable bag only.
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Set the \$1.00 aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

- All items must be new.
- *Do not wash* any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, unless otherwise specified.
- Emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it's important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.
- *Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional material in the kits.* These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

UMCOR is purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. *Do not put single dollar bills in each kit.* Collect all money for toothpaste and shipping, then place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.

Mary Nelson for Missions

## WALK TO EMMAUS

Made up of people from churches in western Montana, the 72-hour weekends are held each spring at the Presbyterian Glacier Conference Center on Flathead Lake near Lakeside. Our goal is to develop Christian leaders and revitalize participants' faith.

- Men's Walk is April 24-27, director Tim Moore
- Women's Walk is May 1-4, director Diana Gage

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to develop servant-leadership

skills for use in the local church and to strengthen discipleship. The Walk is *not* an evangelistic outreach to non-believers. You'll enjoy 72 busy hours of singing, learning, laughing, praying, worshiping and participating in small groups.

Why separate events for men and women? Separate events offer freedom for expression and sharing that some may not feel appropriate in the company of the opposite sex, and gives men an opportunity to express natural emotion, something many are reluctant to do in mixed company.

Emmaus is for people who

want to grow spiritually, who want to build up the church in love. The theological outlook is mainstream.

It is for building faith and discipleship, not for working through grief or psychological problems.

Emmaus is for fostering unity in Christ, not for theological debate and arguments about denominations.

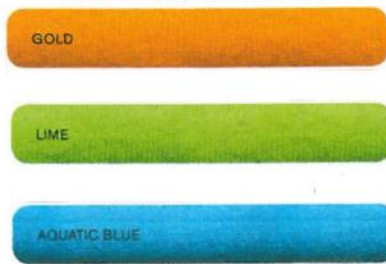
It's a concentrated three-day course in Christianity. Go with empty hands and an open heart; leave your world behind!



## T-shirts \$10



(This shirt is orange, not gold.)



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### TALL ESSENTIAL T-SHIRT

**PC61T**

TALL SIZES: LT-4XLT

(On back)



Yep, \$10 a shirt. The picture of the church will go on the back and the logo on the left chest.

I'm hoping to have samples after the services in April. I'm not sure a sign-up sheet is the way to go. I would like to have the cash in hand when we place the order.

We need to know, 1) men's, women's or youth; 2) size; and 3) color (gold, aquatic blue, or lime green). Long sleeve T's and hoodies are available, but I don't know about pricing.

*John Fisher for UM Men*



(On left chest)



# Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp

Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp (FLUMC) is working on a couple of large capital improvement projects.

Last summer, the camp had to use bottled water for campers after receiving several bad samples from an antiquated water system – some components have been in place since the 1930s. The Montana State Department of Environmental Quality has required we install a new drinking water system. This includes a new pump house that can store 4,000 gallons of water, a new pressure pump, a chlorination system, and new water distribution lines to all the buildings. The estimated cost of this project is expected to be in excess of \$300,000.



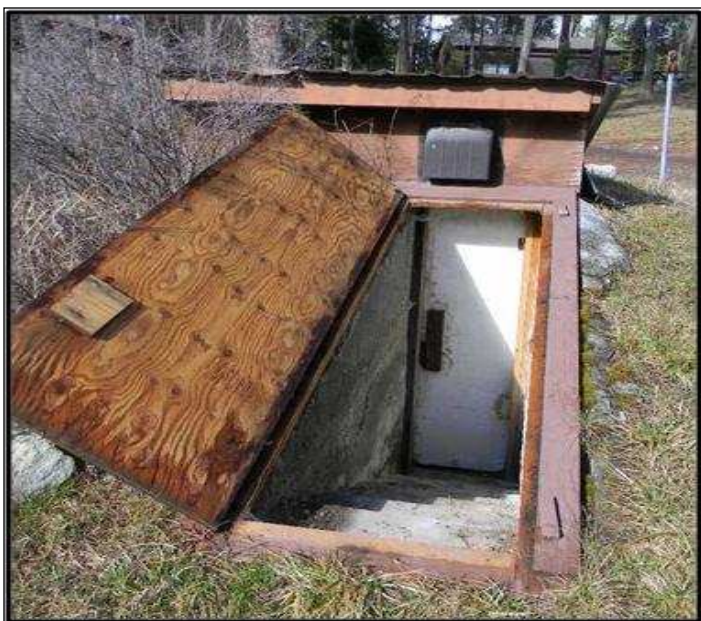
Before: Hi-Line cabin - April 2013



After: Hi-Line cabin - January 2014

Last spring, a wind storm blew the porch roof off the Hi-Line cabin. Besides repairing the damage, we're restructuring the roofline to keep this from happening again. We're also insulating the cabin for extended season use, adding a handicap-accessible bathroom and access features, and vaulting the living-area ceiling. Insurance has paid for about half of the \$85,000 cost, and we're about three-quarter done, but we've run out of funding to finish up.

FLUMC is *your* camp, funded entirely by camp fees and donations. We need your help paying for these expensive but necessary upgrades. Camp Trustees are asking the members of every Methodist



Existing pump house from the 1950's



New pump house - February 2014





church in the Yellowstone Conference to help fund a portion of our need. Thanks to some generous donations, we're already more than halfway to our goal. Many kids and grownups are looking forward to spending time at the camp this summer. We hope you take the time to join us, and see all the work supported by your contributions!

Donations can be given to your church, earmarked for the Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp, or mailed directly to the camp at 21339 Methodist Camp Road in Rollins, 59931. For more information, please contact Trustee Cammie Edgar at [edgar3mt@gmail.com](mailto:edgar3mt@gmail.com) or 406-360-3180.

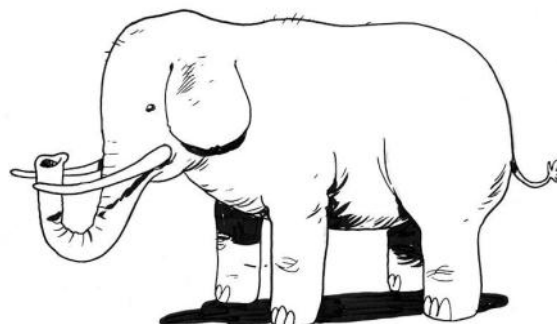
## Things you may not know about FLUMC

- The earliest version of FLUMC was held in 1923. Known then as Glacier Institute, it took place on church-owned property at Apgar, inside what is now Glacier Park. The original camp burned to the ground in the 1929 Half-Moon fire. The federal government ultimately bought that property for \$19,300.
- The camp began at its current location on Rollins Point in 1931, with an initial purchase of 8.25 acres for \$1.00 – the owner of the land was interested in youth work and gave us a wonderful bargain!
- Ultimately six parcels of land were acquired to form the 29.19 acres that comprise FLUMC today.
- In 1938, the then "Rocky Mountain Power Company" asked the camp to sign an easement releasing them from damages that might follow when the new power dam built at Polson raised the level of the lake. We lost half our swimming pier and the use of much of the rocky beach where campfires had been lit.
- The incorporated name of the camp was changed to Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp in 1942, following the period when Methodist denominations united.
- Early campers slept in tent-covered frames,



bathed in the lake, and bathroom facilities were, well ... primitive.

- Methodists from Helena built the Helena Chalet in 1945.
- In 1955, the Havre Methodist Men built the Hi-Line cabin, with help from churches in Kremlin, Hingham and Inverness.
- The water system dates from the camp's earliest days. At first, water was pumped from the lake into a cistern, and gravity fed around camp. In the 1970s, piecemeal improvements were made when a 900-foot well was drilled.
- During 2013, the camp logged 4,767 camper-nights, and was used for youth, families, retreats, reunions, and for specialty and training camps.
- Several cabins are heated and can be used during the "shoulder season" and winter. We continue to work on becoming handicapped-accessible.
- FLUMC receives *no* funding from the Yellowstone Conference or the larger Methodist Church. The camp budget comes entirely from user fees and donations from groups and people like you!





## How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!

Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp is working on an elephant-sized project: We need a new water system, and we need help paying for this expensive, but necessary, upgrade. The camp Trustees are asking every church in our catchment area to help fund this project, which is going to cost around \$300,000. Thanks to some generous donations, we're already

about halfway to our goal!

The good thing about eating an elephant, is that even though you eat just one bite at a time, with enough people eating enough bites, it can be put away fast! So, right now, we need you to "take a bite" – however big you choose – to help your camp deal with this elephant-sized project.

Below is a list of project costs. *Not all costs are shown and some are shown only as units, not as project totals.* Some of the items listed are more routine maintenance. But the routine items are serious, because any money spent on routine stuff, means *less* money available for the water project.

*Cammie Edgar for FLUMC*

New pump house (includes engineering the system)	Heated & insulated, and big enough to house a pressure tank, two-2,100-gallon storage tanks & a chlorination system	\$200,000
Buy water pipe	100 feet of 2-inch-pipe @ \$3.00/foot	\$300
	100 feet of 1-inch-pipe @ \$1.25/foot	\$125
Install water pipe	50 feet buried to a depth of 3 feet (for a seasonal system on one side of camp)	\$500
	50 feet buried to a depth of 6 feet (for a year-round system on the other side)	\$1,250
Buy electrical conduit	100 feet. of 1-inch-conduit @ 27¢/foot	\$27
	100 feet of 2-inch-conduit @ 56¢/foot	\$56
Install electrical conduit underground		\$1,200
Sewer line	190 feet @ 63¢/foot	\$120
Connect new water system, replacing water lines & faucets	14 cabins @\$100/cabin	\$1,400
Reseed & landscape disturbed areas		\$100
Hi-Line cabin	Replace deck ramp with level walkway	\$400
	Replace sink	
	Replace stove	
	Replace refrigerator	
Dining hall	Replace front steps	\$100
Bell tower	Replace roof	\$300

## FLATHEAD LAKE UNITED METHODIST CAMP ELEPHANT CAMPAIGN 2014

THANK YOU! Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Also very much appreciated is the support that your contribution demonstrates. Since 1931, people like you have donated money, time, labor and love to maintain and improve FLUMC. As a result, this camp has grown and nurtured the spiritual walk of several generations. Welcome to the list of givers, believers and lovers.

*The Trustees of Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp - John Weida, Chair*

## FLATHEAD LAKE UNITED METHODIST CAMP ELEPHANT CAMPAIGN 2014

Your name or group name: \_\_\_\_\_

If a group, name of a contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Full address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge amount: \_\_\_\_\_

And/or service pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

And /or materials pledge: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge focus (Please be aware that depending on how pledges come in, we reserve the right to move money within the project list. Thank you.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Cash or check enclosed? Yes  No

Please make checks payable to: **Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp**

Please mail pledge form to:

Karen Davison  
FLUMC Manager  
21339 Methodist Camp Road  
Rollins, MT 59931

FLUMC charitable tax exempt number: 36-2167731

## Save the date ... **WORK WEEKEND 2014**

**Mark your calendars – May 2, 3 and 4 – the dates for Flathead Lake Camp work weekend 2014.**

Gather your tools, expertise, and enthusiasm to join us for a weekend of work, fellowship, song, laughter and great food at this place we have all come to love and share. This May the camp needs your help more than ever!

For outside work, come prepared with shovels, rakes, and seeders to landscape after the backhoes have dug trenches for the new water distribution system. You can help spread grass seed and plant trees (larch, ponderosa pine and deciduous). We also need to remove debris accumulated around cabin foundations and roofs, burn slash,

and cut fire wood from the hazardous trees that were felled in March.

Inside work includes cleaning to make ready for the campers! The cabins' kitchenware also needs to be sorted and boxed to comply with a Lake County health regulation. New this summer, cabin guests will be issued dishes, utensils, and pots & pans when they check in so the camp can make sure the kitchenware has been sanitized.

We will be serving dinner on Friday evening at 6 pm, three meals on Saturday, and two meals on Sunday. In exchange for your hard work and participation, **meals and lodging are at no charge!** Lodging is on a first-come,

first-choice basis ... we do *not* take reservations for this particular weekend. Please come to the dining hall to check in and choose your cabin.

To help us plan for food, please let us know **by April 27** if you will be joining us, either by writing to the camp at 21339 Methodist Camp Road, Rollins, MT 59931, call 406-844-3483, or email [umcamp@montanasky.net](mailto:umcamp@montanasky.net).

We look forward to seeing and working with you as we prepare the camp for another great year of camping experiences for our youth and families.

*Karen Davison, Camp Manager*



## SPAGHETTI FEED/ SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars now for a Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 26. The funds raised will go toward camp scholarships. Doors open at 6 pm, and there'll be a live auction of select special items at 7 pm.

We are asking for donations of nice items for the Silent Auction. Think of the beautiful things you



make –  
woodworking,  
quilting,  
knitting,  
beadwork,  
paintings.  
Perhaps you  
have a  
beautiful vase  
that could go  
to a new

home. What about a donation of your time and skills? A dessert? Or a batch of cookies? Or a dozen cookies each month for a year? How about five hours of yard work – many people would be glad to bid on that! Use your imagination and get creative – we'd like to see robust bidding. This is *not* the place for bargains – we want to send as many of our youth to camp this year as possible!

As you look through your belongings for items to auction, please keep in mind the UMW/UMM garage sale on June 21. They will take anything you care to donate that might not be nice enough for this fund raiser.

If you have things to donate, please contact Julie or Paul Ludington at 777-4198, or Stacy Bartlett at 239-4678. We can arrange to pick up anything large.

Watch for an opportunity to donate the food that will be needed for the dinner. Questions about the meal should be directed to Dean or Joey Diers, 777-5376. The meal is a free will offering.

*Julie Ludington for Youth Ministries*

### Need a Ride?

One need identified at the January retreat, is that sometimes someone needs a ride to church events. The men's group will provide rides for people who need a lift on Sundays.

So, if you want to come to church but don't have a way to get here, call Carol in the church office and she'll get the ball rolling ... or the wheels turning? The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9 am to 2 pm.

Mickey & Becky Boykin have offered their van for anyone who needs wheelchair assistance.

*John Fisher for UM Men*

### LAWN MOWING HELP NEEDED

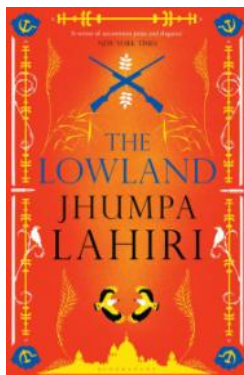
It will soon be that time of year and the grass will green up, and lawn mowing season will be here. Your Trustees are asking you to consider signing up to take a turn (or three) to keep our lawn looking nice through the upcoming summer season. We furnish all the equipment, you get to enjoy the fresh air! Available are:

- Riding lawn tractor
- Walk-behind trimming mower
- String trimmer
- Leaf blower
- Lawn sweeper

Friday or Saturday mowing is best, so it looks good for Sunday, but Thursdays will work, too. With two people, it's about a two-hour job; with just one person, it takes about three or 3½ hours.

If you are willing, signing up with someone with past experience is a great way to learn the ropes. I'll be glad to help you get started. As with most things, many hands make light work. Please give this stewardship opportunity serious consideration. For more information, I'd be glad to visit with you.

*Ben Longbottom for Trustees*



### Book club for April

For April, the book club selection is *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri. This book, which was on the 2013 Man Booker shortlist, is about two brothers who, to say that they're close doesn't begin to describe their relationship. But their lives

follow very different paths as one marries young and becomes a radical in India's Communist Naxalite movement, and the other leaves home for school in Rhode Island.

We hope you'll read it and join us Sunday, April 6 at 6 pm at the clubhouse in the Kootenai Village, across from Super One.

*Mary Nelson, librarian*



## UM Men in March

Pastor Charles opened the meeting with a prayer; 13 men attended. The great breakfast prepared by Dean Diers and John Fisher was pancakes, sausage, a fruit bowl, juice and coffee. Pastor Charles gave a short devotion.

Forty-five people came to the *Valentine Dinner*. The six tables in the room were each decorated with candles and bouquets of roses. At the end of the evening, each lady took home a rose from the large bouquet decorating the room. Helium balloons added to the festive decor. "Thanks" to Pastor Charles and Belinda for the roses and balloons. We're also indebted to Bonita Ziegler for arranging the bouquets and helping with the setup. Pastor Charles, Bill Gragg, Joey Diers and Dean Diers also helped set up. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dinner catered by Caffé Firenze of Florence.

Teresa Messerman of WIC will be buying supplies next week for her clients. (Note – On March 13, Teresa spent \$149.78 on diapers and toiletries. There's about \$170 remaining. She'll let us know when she needs more money.

*Transportation to church on Sundays* – The men will provide transportation. Anyone who needs a ride should call the church office by noon on Friday, then Carol will call John Fisher, or Bill Gragg as backup. John will either pick up the person himself or make calls to find someone to do it. Mickey Boykin will be on call with his van for anyone who needs special transportation. John Fisher will call Carol Goffe and ask her to put an announcement in the bulletin and in the Glad Tider as well. We will critique this arrangement at our next meeting.

John Fisher brought up the idea of the Methodist Men *selling sausages* at Super One as a fund raiser. We also talked about selling them on First Fridays, and at the Creamery Picnic along with the UMW apple dumpling stand. Proceeds could go either to missions or to a new roof. No decision was reached. We asked



John to come with a proposal based on the discussion and further research.

A *spaghetti dinner, silent and live auction* are scheduled for April 26, with proceeds for youth camp scholarships. Dean Diers, Paul and Julie Ludington, Cale Fisher and Pastor Charles are heading up this dinner and auction. The men were encouraged to consider donating items for the auction and helping out where needed.

Bob Edgar played a presentation about the needs and opportunities at the *Flathead Lake Camp*. A new water system is being installed at the cost of \$300,000, and they need more money to complete this project. The weekend of May 1 is a work weekend at the camp, and they would like people to come help out. The camp will provide the meals and a place to stay.

We're jointly sponsoring the *June 21 yard sale* as a fund-raiser with UMW. We were reminded to think about things to donate for the sale. People will need to help pick things up for the sale, arranging the items, and manning the sales tables and the cashiers stand. We'll need boxes and sacks for the sale. We need to decide what mission project we want to support with sale proceeds.

In other news:

- Ed Sperry and other church members are working on the May 1 National Day of Prayer.
- Our sponsorship of the Haitian boy, Renatho Oscar, is paid up through February 7, 2014.
- Greeters in the parking lot apparently are working well.
- We received a thank you for food donated to the Genesis House.
- March 30 is the Fifth Sunday sing-along at 6 pm
- April 20 is Men's Easter Breakfast

At our April 12 meeting, Bob Edgar and Lynn Moshier will be our cooks, with the coffee on at 8 am and breakfast at 8:30 am.

*Don Nelson for UM Men*



## Green was the theme for UMW in March

With Vice President Trudy Freeman presiding, 23 ladies and Pastor Charles enjoyed the Irish-themed décor and cake served by our hostesses, Claire Kelly and Carol Varien. Our guest, Billie Mercer, was introduced and made welcome. She later became a new member of UMW and was welcomed again.

Our devotions were presented by Judy Inslee, who related the history of the "Prayer and Self Denial Program" which was our theme for the day. The ladies give up something they would have otherwise done/purchased and the money that would have been spent is donated to the program. It goes to District for mission work.

Mary Costello introduced our program, which was one of our new members, Marge Wood, relating her years of mission work in Asia, how she got into it, and how her experiences led to her spiritual growth. She has had an interesting life. We appreciated knowing her background. I'm sure she would be glad to talk to you about it.

Looking ahead to graduations in June, if you know of an up-coming graduate within the church, please give Bonita Ziegler his/her name so they can be considered for a UMW Education Award. Time goes by fast and we don't want to miss anyone.

Even though our February Coffee/Brunch became a March Coffee/Brunch because of the winter weather, the weather *still* didn't cooperate, but the brunch went well regardless. Sonia Henry reported the food was delicious, and those who attended enjoyed it. We made almost \$250. The membership voted to send the money to the Flathead Lake Camp Water System Project. The vote was unanimous.

Every little bit helps.

Just a reminder of the up-coming joint UMW/Men's Group rummage sale on June 21 here at the church. Plans are



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moving ahead, and we're all saving things to make it a success. All members of the congregation are welcome to donate. More later.

The UMW Reading Group was also a victim of the snow and was postponed to March 24. This is becoming an active group. If you would like more information, please see Marcia Prather.

We are hosting the Spring District Meeting here on April 4-5 and plans are moving ahead. The theme for the meeting is "The Big Picture Today – Connecting the Dots." Speakers will focus on the Red Bird Missions and the McCurdy School UMW Mission Projects. We will also have speakers from Pantry Partners and The Clothes Closet. This is open to the ladies of the congregation as well. If you would like more information and a reservation form, please see Mary Lyon, who is in charge of registration.

Mission U will take place August 15-16 at Mission Valley UMC in Charlo. The issue study will be "The Church and People with Disabilities," led by former District Superintendent Su DeBree. The spiritual growth study will be "How Is It With Your Soul?" led by our own Pastor Charles Alkula. Registration information will be coming later.




The February 2014 issue of "Glowing Embers", the UMW Western District publication, featured an article on our Apple Dumpling Project that supports our missions. It was written by Belinda Alkula.

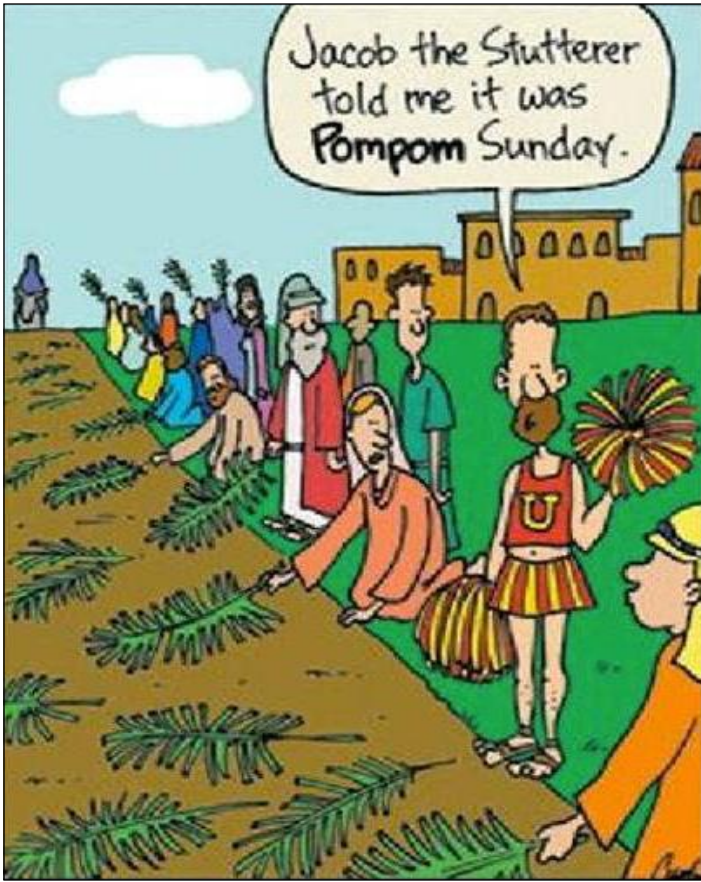
The highlight of the meeting was being advised that at the District meeting, our UMW Unit will be receiving three awards for our dedication in 2013: the Conference Mission Today Award, the District Honor Unit Award, and the Five Star Award. These will be accepted by Carole Koval who was President when they were earned. They will be displayed on the UMW bulletin board outside the office.

Birthdays were recognized, our prayer chain was updated, and we closed with prayer by Trudy. Guests are always welcome at our meetings. We meet the second Friday of each month at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Charles and Gail Moshier have the program next month so it should be interesting. Come join us!

*Fran Jackson, Secretary*

APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>  <b>9 am</b> Church school <b>10:15 am</b> Praise singing <b>10:30 am</b> Worship <b>11:30 am</b> Chime choir practice <b>6 pm</b> Book group <i>Lowland</i> by Jhumpa Lahiri at Kootenai Village clubhouse	<b>31</b> <b>7 pm</b> Brass ensemble <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>1</b> <b>7 pm</b> Brass ensemble <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>2</b> <b>8 am</b> WIC <b>10 am</b> <i>Chocolate for Lent</i> <b>12 pm</b> Main St. Association <b>6:30 pm</b> Middle School Youth <b>7 pm</b> <i>Chocolate for Lent</i>	<b>3</b> <b>7 pm</b> SPRC	<b>4</b> <b>10 am</b> Drop-in Bible Study <b>6 pm</b> UMW District Officer's meeting	<b>5</b> <b>8 am</b> UMW district meeting
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<b>13</b> <b>9 am</b> Church school <b>10:15 am</b> Praise singing <b>10:30 am</b> Worship <b>11:30 am</b> Chime choir practice 	<b>14</b> <b>7 pm</b> Brass ensemble <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>15</b> <b>7 pm</b> Brass ensemble <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>16</b> <b>8 am</b> WIC <b>10 am</b> <i>Chocolate for Lent</i> <b>6:30 pm</b> Middle School Youth <b>7 pm</b> <i>Chocolate for Lent</i>	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 am</b> Bitter Education Coop <b>7 pm</b> Maundy Thursday service	<b>18</b> <b>10 am</b> Drop-in Bible Study <b>7 pm</b> Good Friday service	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>7:30 am</b> Easter Sunrise service <b>9 am</b> Easter breakfast <b>10:15 am</b> Praise singing <b>10:30 am</b> Worship 	<b>21</b> <b>6 pm</b> Trustees	<b>22</b> <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>23</b> <b>8 am</b> WIC <b>10 am</b> <i>Wired Word</i> <b>6:30 pm</b> Middle School Youth	<b>24</b> <i>Walk to Emmaus Weekend (Men)</i> <b>7 pm</b> Ad Council	<b>25</b> <i>Walk to Emmaus Weekend (Men)</i> <b>10 am</b> Drop-in Bible Study	<b>26</b> <i>Walk to Emmaus Weekend (Men)</i> <b>6 pm</b> Spaghetti feed & silent auction
<b>27</b> <i>Walk to Emmaus Weekend (Men)</i> <b>9 am</b> Church school <b>10:15 am</b> Praise singing <b>10:30 am</b> Worship <b>11:30 am</b> Chime choir practice	<b>28</b> <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>29</b> <b>7 pm</b> Choir practice	<b>30</b> <b>8 am</b> WIC <b>10 am</b> <i>Wired Word</i> <b>6:30 pm</b> Middle School Youth	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



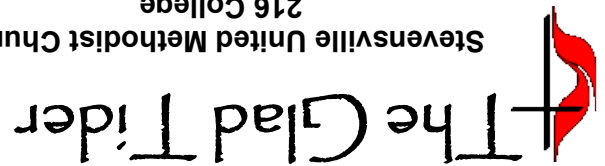
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