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**ALDERSGATE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
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If you have been in my office lately, you will see in addition to the organized chaos of the meeting table a sign on the wall that reads, “Grow where you are planted.” As a Methodist pastor in the itinerant system of appointments made at the mercy of the Bishop and the Cabinet, I knew I had to have this message in my office. I want you to all know, though, that I specifically asked to be planted here in Butte with the Aldersgate family. When we saw Aldersgate UMC was up for appointment, we felt drawn to you and actively pursued you, asking for

the church profile, praying, discerning, and then finally sharing with members of the Cabinet the calling on our hearts. Imagine my absolute joy when I received the call telling me where we were appointed! (I had to hurry up and park the car since I received it just as I was pulling into the grocery store parking lot with Sophia!)

Now that we are here and settling, I feel that we are starting to put down our roots and sprout out of the ground. A way that I have done this that I have found very meaningful is to learn about Butte history, as you may have seen and experienced during the “Bless To Me” worship series through the Seasons of Butte Litany. Another way I do this is by spending time with you and hearing your stories. I look forward to more and more time with you all to deepen our relationships and connections. If I haven't made it your way and you are wanting to connect, please reach out and let me know.

The sign on my wall has got me thinking beyond myself as well. I have started to wonder about our Aldersgate family. How do we grow where we are planted: at 1621 Thornton in Butte, Montana, aka Butte, America? Why, as a church of faithful people with a building, were we planted here originally? What is our particular purpose now? Do we reflect our neighborhood? How do we grow to include them? To be a part of their lives? To grow and partner with our neighbors? These are just a few of the questions I have that I hope to explore as we continue to get to know each other and put down our roots together.

During the month of October, the newly-formed Aldersgate UMC youth group's scarecrow of John Wesley will be a part of the Scarecrow Stroll at the World Museum of Mining. We imagined what he would wear in Butte. We invite you to go check it out and continue to consider what it means for us to be the only United Methodist Church in Butte. In the meantime, as a part of the Academy for Clergy Young in Ministry, I will be attending a retreat in Denver, October 10-12, about missional identity so that we can begin to explore ours as a faith community.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03: Lynne Ayers	09: Lexi Brandon
03: Janet Ralph	21: Debbie Todd
03: Ole Wenger	24: Debbie Higbie
06: Daniel Peters	24: Tyler Kingsbury
07: Isaac Hoffman	



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

09: Burt & Debbie Todd
16: Barry & Lauren Kippen
27: Chuck & Vicki Kestle
27: Bob & Sheryl Tremis

Mt. View/Trinity UMW

The UMW met on Thursday, Sept. 7, at the home of Carolyn Goody. Joyce Clemo and Carolyn were the hostesses—delicious lunch. Thanks ladies.

After lunch Carolyn opened the meeting with a reading from 2 Kings, and a prayer for our joys and concerns. We closed the business meeting with the Lords' Prayer.

Shirley O'Neil presented a program on Everlasting Arms. It contained several readings from the Bible concerning strength, love, life, divine judgement, etc. It was very interesting. Thanks Shirley.

Our next meeting is Oct. 5, at noon at the home of Linda McElroy. Linda and Louise Flynn will be the hostesses. Lynn Laurendeau will present the program.

Susannah's will meet at Annie's on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 11:30. Also in October we will be hosting the annual Halloween party for the Mt. View Social Development Center. The clients there enjoy this so much, as do we. Anyone is welcome to come pitch in and have some fun.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Flynn, VP



Thanks to all who bring food and help at funerals. You are greatly appreciated!

Funeral Reception Committee



Thank you for all the excellent help on Field Day. A special thank you to Ed Banderob for removing all the curbside weeds in the street. Also, thanks to Burt Todd and Ed Dobb for relocating the two trees from the side garden.

Sharon Smith, Trustees Chair



Pasty Sale

The Trustees will have a pasty sale on Saturday, October 7. Help will be needed on Friday, October 6, at 6:00 pm and again on Saturday October 7, at 9:00 am. Please sign up Sunday, or call Sharon Smith, 490-0499, (or the church office) to place an order or volunteer to help.

Because of your previous generosity, we have enough flour and Crisco, but always accept monetary donations to help with the other expenses.



RICK HOLMAN HARVEST DINNER

THE ANNUAL RICK HOLMAN HARVEST DINNER (ORIGINALLY HELD AT TRINITY UMC) WILL BE OCTOBER 15, 4:00-6:00 PM HERE AT ALDERSGATE. IT WILL BE ROAST BEEF AND ALL THE FIXINS' - \$10 ADULTS AND \$5 KIDS UNDER 12.

PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR THE SANDWICH MINISTRY WHICH MEETS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO FIX SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR PREPARATION AND ALSO SERVING THE DINNER. IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE, SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON!



Thank you to the Pam Gilman for sponsoring the Saturday ads in loving memory of Vern Gilman during the month of October in the Montana Standard



Because of the generosity of our families at Aldersgate, we continue to support the Butte Food Bank by filling our tote with non-perishable goods. Traditionally, the first Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday, but you may bring your donated items anytime and put them in the tote. Volunteers from the Food Bank will pick them up.

Thank you for remembering those who are in need of our support.



*In Memory of
Gayle Esther Deringer*

*12/08/1935
09/14/2017*

October's Trumpet Call

*In loving memory of
Mary Rolich & Audrey Mortenson
from John & Becky Rolich*

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We were planted here with each other, in this community, and at 1621 Thornton for such a time as this, for a certain purpose. By exploring our identity and how we best grow in this particular season of our Aldersgate family, of our community, and of the world, we will be able to bolster each other up, encourage each other to live abundantly, play to our gifts and strengths, and be an authentic community of Christians that reaches the margins and serves from our hearts, just as Jesus did. After World Communion Sunday on October 1, we will be jumping into a new worship series called “Imitators of Christ” based on Paul's letters to the Philippians and the Thessalonians. What would the converted and convicted Paul write to our church?

Blessings,
Rev. Melissa