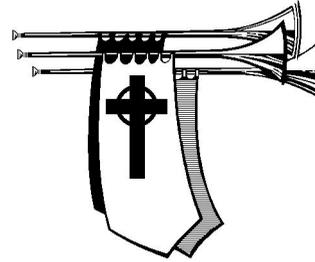


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# TRUMPET CALL

February 2019

ALDRSGATE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

1621 Thornton Ave., Butte - 782-2425  
Melissa Engel, Pastor 491-2146



But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. - 2 Peter 3:8

Zadie Smith says, "Time is how you spend your love." At Aldersgate, love is our Christian call and the virtue by which we are called to live. When you give of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, you make possible the sharing of love in this church, in our communities, in our denomination, and in the world.

With the intention of starting a new practice of sharing the missions and ministries you make possible with your gifts, I want to share with you a sample of how I spent my time and shared love as the appointed pastor of Aldersgate in January. I will also share a sample of how I saw you share your love and time this past month and what we have to look forward to together.

Weekly, I share love through pastoral care calls, visits, and communication with folks in the office, in nursing homes, in hospital, and homebound, lead midweek reflections, study and write a sermon for Sunday, write and prepare Sunday worship and the celebration of the sacraments, celebrate Sabbath, attend Exchange Club, and participate and lead in various committee meetings ordering the life of the church alongside you. I have set new office hours, which are Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM and I am always available by appointment.

This month brought particular shifts as we welcomed the new year. We thanked and honored outgoing leaders and welcomed and prayed over incoming leaders in January 20 worship, giving special recognition to Carol Brown as an exemplary servant leader. I have begun to write original worship series, something I have dreamed of doing for quite some time now. I co-wrote the Advent worship series, Rooted, that we just celebrated and wrote the current series, Guiding Star. With the help of the worship committee and staff, we have implemented these series and introduced a new part in worship: "Rooted" which roots us in our United Methodist tradition and history. I have the great joy of leading you in worship each Sunday.

## February BIRTHDAYS

01: Brad Belke	15: Marcus McCaughey*
03: Pat Gibson	16: Nancy Sullivan
03: Missy Robertson	19: Terri Belke
05: Vicki Stevenson*	19: Mary Lou Wolstein
06: Audrey Gelling*	21: Don Fisher
08: Jim Hash*	24: Steven Keckler
11: Lauren Kippen	25: Jackie Timmer
12: Justin Olson*	28: Will Brandon*

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I invite you to look for the Aldersgate constellation created by the Sunday School children and teachers that will be installed in our sanctuary on February 3! The writing and planning for the Lenten worship series is in the works in conjunction with clergy from the Mountain Sky United Methodist Conference and the worship committee.

This month, I introduced a Confirmation program to the youth group and parents this month. The youth who sign up will be assigned a Confirmation mentor from the congregation and will be confirmed (should they decide to be) on Easter Sunday. An important part of my role as pastor is to think forward and think beyond who and what I currently see with my eyes. I have been busy nurturing Christian unity in our community: accepting the position of Vice President of the Butte Ministerial Association (BMA), hosting the January meeting of the BMA, and organizing, hosting, and leading the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity. I also believe that community outreach is key to being effective in ministry and caring for the parish that is our neighborhood. On MLK Jr. Day, I read to a kindergarten class at Margaret Leary Elementary with the Exchange Club and served on a panel for the MLK Day Event for the Montana Human Rights Network, film: "From Selma to Stonewall" featuring 1 retired United Methodist pastor and a former United Methodist that showed at the Public Archives. I am now serving on the scholarship committee for the Exchange Club. I have been working to learn more about local resources, services, and programs for folks living with developmental disabilities, including Silver Bow Developmental Disabilities Council, BSW, AWARE, MILP, SPARCS, DPHHS Developmental Disabilities Program, and Gym Dandy. A big thanks to Lisa Kopp from the Mountain View Social Development Center for her help!

I also serve as the Circuit Elder for the Butte Circuit and in January, Aldersgate hosted the joined Butte and Helena Circuit meeting where we discussed the planning of a Lay Servant Training in our district and met with Special Guest: Congregational Resource Minister, Rev. Amy Strader. Thank you to the hospitality committee for helping with the hosting of the BMA and circuit this past month!

Part of my role as an appointed pastor is to serve in conference leadership. The board on which I serve is the Board of Ordained Ministry. I want to give you a heads up that this is the busy season of reading paperwork and conducting interviews of candidates for commissioning and ordination! Now, this is just what I'm up to that your generous gifts make possible. Let's talk about what I've seen you doing!

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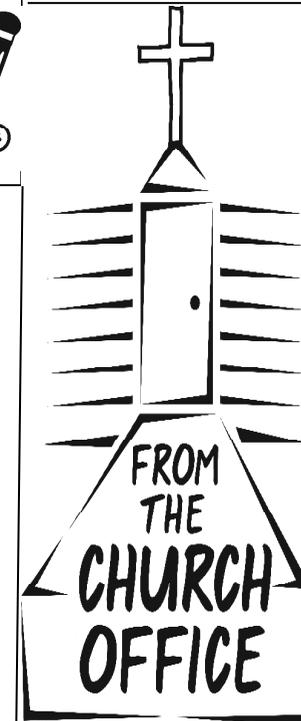
Its time to plan another craft night, and I am in need of some help to make this successful. If anyone has any wood pieces laying around, and would like to donate them to craft night please let me know. The last craft night was a huge success, and we went through every piece of wood that I brought. I can only imagine the turn out for this next night. We are in need of all sizes of wood. If you are able to help please call me at 438-1902.

Thank you,  
Lara Robinson



We are still in need of someone to take over Vacation Bible School. If anyone is interested and would like to help, or has any questions, please contact Sylvia Marcum at 494-3680. Thank you!

*Sing aloud  
to God  
our strength.*



Pastor "walk-in" office hours will be on Tuesday's from 1:30-3pm. She is always available by appointments on other days, to schedule please call the Church Office at 782-2425.



Tax Aid will be at the Church, every Thursday, from 9am to 2pm, Feb 7 through April 11.

# Youth Group News

Thank you for making our youth a church priority! Our program continues to grow and serve many youth. We had 14 youth spend the night at Aldersgate during New Year's Eve playing games, eating, worshiping, and growing. We have an exciting spring ahead of us full of events such as Youth Sunday (Feb. 24), a spring retreat, and serving at the Butte Community Café. As our program grows, our need for volunteers grows. Please contact Jill Graff (491-1650; jillgraff@gmail.com) if you would be willing to chaperone one of our many events with Jill or another experienced youth parent. We have meetings every other Sunday evening (6-8pm), every other Monday afternoon (3-5pm), and Sunday School (1st and 3rd Sundays during worship). Thank you for investing in our amazing young people and the future of our church!

- Jill Graff

THANKS  
— from the —  
HEART

How do you say "thank you" to a church who cheered me on and supported me with everything I did? I guess you just say a humble thank you Thank you for the gifts, cards, and all the kind words!

To my worship Group, we worked hard and had fun together. thank you for all your support and love, I will miss working with you. And to

Brad I've never had a Bible that beautiful..... you're the best, thank you for your encouragement and love.

I love you all, Carol

As a church, just in January, you have welcomed Fred into his position as Director of Music. You have been visiting our homebound (including those in hospital and nursing homes) members. You have been diligently preparing for Valentine's Day Meaderville Dinner. Folks on Trustees have been giving countless hours preparing for the upcoming construction on the wall and windows in the gymnasium and the windows in the kitchen, and other plans that are in the works. You have been praying with and encouraging one another as we walk with one another through the everyday joys, challenges, and the "norm." You have celebrated the life of member, Mary Venner. You have been diligently meeting in your committees, setting goals for 2019 and working toward them. You have been engaging in the spiritual practice of grounding yourself by reading a Psalm-a-Day. You have been centering yourselves and practicing beloved community in 4th Day groups and worship. You have been gathering youth for youth group, Sunday School, and TGIM. You have been educating and forming the faith of children through Sunday School and Intergenerational Sunday (4th Sunday every month). You have been communicating volunteer needs and stepping up to fill needs. You have been serving at the Heart of Butte Community Café in many ways. You have provided space for community events and organizations. You have hosted the first Skate Night outreach and fun event.

Wow! We accomplish so much together and it is because of you that it is all possible. Here is a glimpse at what we are looking forward to as a church:

Psalms 32-59 for Psalm-A-Day

Tax Aid begins Feb. 7, 9am-2pm

Valentine's Dinner on Feb. 16, 4:30 and 6pm (2 seatings), tickets: \$10

Mardi Gras Potluck & Variety Show, Sunday, March 3, 5pm

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 PM

Lent Worship Series

Lent Supper and Book Study, Wednesdays, March 13-April 17, 6-8 PM (no gathering on March 27)

Rummage Sale, Saturday, March 9, 9am-2pm

Craft Night, Tuesday, March 26, 6-8pm with soup supper

Committee and Ad Council meetings as scheduled

We are working to increase communication in and through the Church Office, so if you have a meeting or event, please let us know so we can communicate as effectively as possible. Thank you! And thank you for all you give through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Thank you for sharing your love. You make a difference.

Blessings always,

+ Pastor Melissa

### Mountain View/Trinity United Methodist Women

The UMW met in January at the rec room at Columbus Plaza. Carolyn Goody was the hostess. We had a wonderful lunch of ham and scalloped potatoes. Thanks Carolyn, it was delicious.

After lunch, Carolyn opened the meeting with a reading from the prayer calendar and she also read from Gen. 28:10-22. For joys and concerns she gave a reading from the book "Women's Prayers". The meeting was closed by the Lords Prayer.

Instead of a regular program, we did our yearly budget and planning. We plan to hold our bake sale at the church, on March 10, after services. That is the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day. Last year we did not have enough Blarney Stones, so we would like to take orders this year. You can specify if you prefer them with walnuts, peanuts, or coconut. They will be 2 for \$1.00. You may order by calling Carolyn G, (498-03140), Shirley O.(490-1371), Louise F.(565-6066), Lynn L.(498-3050) or Joyce C. (782-9230), or the church office. We will be meeting to make the Blarney Stones a couple days before the bake sale and would like to have the orders by the 3rd or 4th at the latest. We will also have a variety of baked goods, as we did last year. Funds raised from this go to our pledge and gifts to the church, and to local charities such as Food Bank, Safe Space, and the Rescue Mission.

The UMW will meet again at the Columbus Plaza rec room at 1515 Oregon Ave, on Feb.7 at noon. Hostesses are Louise Flynn and Joyce Clemo. Louise also has the program.

Susannahs will meet at Annies at 11:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Flynn VP



### Yearly Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 9

9:00 - 2:00

Please start bringing your items after February 18th, and place them on the stage neatly.

Help with setting up and tearing down is needed, as well as helping

with the sale throughout the day. Please contact Bruce Schuelke at 479-0038 for more information. Thank you.

*11th Annual Valentine's  
Dinner February 16th  
2 Seatings 4:30 & 6:00  
Reservations Requested*

Family-style Meaderville spaghetti & ravi's  
\$10 per person - \$5 children under 10  
Free to children under 2

Please call the Church or Marylyn Shovlin  
560-7421 to RSVP or Volunteer to help.



**Mardi  
Gras**



**Potluck & Talent Show  
Sunday, March 3rd at 5PM**

We are moving Fat Tuesday to Sunday March 3rd! Fat Tuesday is the intertwining of festivals and feasts that lead to a time of fasting and reflection. Also known as Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras, this enduring celebration has many traditions and deep roots around the world. Bring your favorite dish and join us for great fellowship and festivities! There will also be a Talent Show!! So if you would like to share your talent, please call the church office to let us know!



There are now **TWO** Community Café sign up sheets posted on the Bulletin. We are always looking for volunteers that are wanting to help serve.

**February  
Coffee Hour Hosts**

- Feb. 3 - Finance
- Feb. 10 - SPRC
- Feb. 17 - Member Nurture
- Feb. 24 - Ad Council



*February's Trumpet Call*  
In Memory of:  
Family Members  
From LaVerne Henrich & Family



The Saturday ads in the Mt. Standard for February are in loving memory of Tom Lane. Thank you Becky and John Rolich